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William Byrd Class of 2021 surmounts challenges to graduate

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The William Byrd High School Class of 2021 faced many challenges in the past year due to the pandemic. Sports seasons were curtailed or cancelled. Homecoming, prom, and many traditional senior activities were revamped due to ever-changing guidelines and restrictions from the state. But the administration, faculty, and staff at WBHS did everything in their power to make Graduation Day 2021 for the seniors one to remember. Instead of the usual ceremony at the Salem Civic Center, graduation was held at Patterson Stadium at Byrd so that families could attend, seated outside in pods, without masks—and attend they did. Families were instructed to join the admission line at 9 a.m. for the 10 a.m. ceremony—and the line was long of

those waiting to celebrate the accomplishments of their children. Seniors and faculty entered the stadium through a balloon archway, then divided into two lines and walked both sides of the track to their seats on the field. Senior Council President and Valedictorian Natalie Mullins led the crowd in the Pledge of Allegiance. Dog Pound leaders Caroline Gibbs and Keaton Band led students in the traditional “Hum” played at games and pep rallies. Valedictorian Urunna Anyanwu welcomed the graduates with “we all wondered if this day would ever come. As Terriers we are capable of big dreams and even bigger futures, but only as long as we remain convinced that the impossible is possible.” Principal Tammy Newcomb noted that

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William Byrd administrators wait under the balloon archway to lead the Class of 2021 onto the field at Patterson Stadium for their graduation ceremony. Shown left to right are Assistant Principal Travis Anderson, Vinton’s School Board representative Tim Greenway, and Principal Tammy Newcomb with the school mascot.



Several student leaders spoke during the Class of 2021 graduation ceremony including (left to right) Valedictorian Urunna Anyanwu, Dog Pound Leader and Valedictorian Keaton Band, Dog Pound Leader Caroline Gibbs, Valedictorian Elizabeth Recktenwald, Valedictorian and Student Council President Natalie Mullins, and Top Terrier and Valedictorian Dylan Hatfield.



WBHS Senior Choir members performed “Rainbow” during the graduation ceremony. Shown left to right are Michelle Price, Bayla Kessler, Kamryn Dodd, Zach Minter, Tess Griffin, Haleigh Bush, and Arielle Price with their Choir Director Matt Bartley (front).

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Vinton Public Works adopts new logo

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The Town of Vinton Public Works Department has designed a new logo for the department representing the services it provides to the town. Public Works Director William “Bo” Herndon presented the concept for the new logo to Town Council at its meeting on May 18. The logo is based on the Town of Vinton Seal and includes several of its features. The top half of the circular logo continues the traditional

colors of the Town Seal—maroon and gold. The bottom half of the logo is gray and gold, featuring the gray the department has adopted in its new paint scheme at the facility on Third Street. The logo is encircled in gold. Herndon says the department came up with the logo to establish its own identity within the town, similar to what the Vinton Police Department and Vinton War Memorial have done. Symbols on the new

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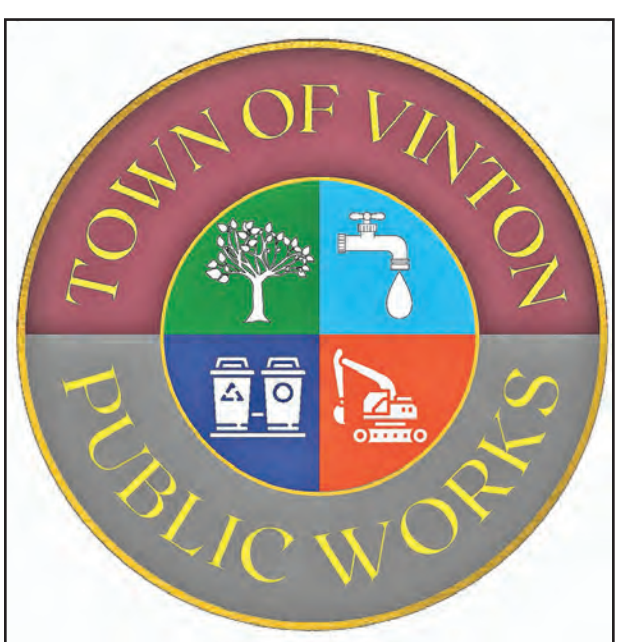


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Gauntlet Competition celebrates 2021 winners

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The Gauntlet Business Program and Competition held its seventh annual Awards Ceremony and Graduation on May 27, distributing over \$300,000 in cash and in-kind prizes to new small business entrepreneurs and some expanding existing businesses. The ceremony was held at the Vinton War Memorial. The winners advanced to the

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PHOTO BY DEBBIE ADAMS

Candace Monaghan of Beaver Dam Farm Sunflowers won first place in the 2021 Gauntlet Competition, earning \$23,925 in cash and in-kind prizes.

Twin Creeks debuts Business Window Decal Program



PHOTO BY PETE PETERS

The Town of Vinton has established a Business Window Decal Program to “dress up” the windows of the businesses in the downtown area undergoing expansions. First up is Twin Creeks Brewing Company. The window mural was created by John Comstock. SunSolutions will be working with the town to create other window decals.

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Town Manager Pete Peters has been working with Twin Creeks Brewing Company and Sun Solutions to create a Business Window Decal Program in order to better “dress up and communicate the positive energy and growth within downtown Vinton.” The decals will be perforated vinyl window statics, featuring both the business and the “InVinton” branding.

“While locals may be aware of the activity, it occurred to me that we have so many commuters and visitors coming through town, that perhaps they wouldn’t know what Twin Creeks, the Dogwood, or Star City Playhouse and others are up to

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Carilion Clinic Ironman bicycle course coming through Vinton June 6

The 2021 Carilion Clinic Ironman 70.3 Virginia's Blue Ridge is scheduled for Sunday, June 6. The cycling portion of the triathlon event will pass through Vinton and Washington Avenue will be closed for much of the day (approximately 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.).

Race weekend activities will officially begin on Friday, June 4, with athlete check-in at Roanoke's River's Edge Park-North. On Sunday, June 6, athletes will begin their Ironman 70.3-mile journey—a 1.2-mile swim, followed by a 56-mile bike ride, and then a 13.1-mile run through Roanoke and the surrounding areas.

The race begins at Carvins Cove Reservoir on Sunday at 6:30 a.m. for the swimming portion of the event. (Average water temperatures at Carvins Cove in early June are in the 70s.) The event begins with a rolling start, where athletes self-seed based on anticipated total swim time.

Once out of the water, athletes will take on the 56-mile bike course that is surrounded by the Blue Ridge Mountains. Athletes will depart from Carvins Cove in Roanoke

County and continue east into Botetourt County towards the Town of Buchanan. It is the starting point for an epic five-mile climb on Route 43 to the Blue Ridge Parkway.

Athletes will ride and descend 21 miles of completely closed roads to the Town of Vinton at Route 24/Washington Avenue. They will follow Washington Avenue, the main thoroughfare of the town, until they reach Maple Street. Bicyclers will turn left onto Maple, right onto Lee Avenue and then left onto Walnut Avenue at the Vinton Farmers' Market. They will continue on Walnut until it exits Vinton and becomes Wise Avenue in Roanoke.

The bicycle ride will end at River's Edge Park, next to Carilion Roanoke Memorial Hospital, in the heart of Roanoke.

Athletes will close out their 70.3-mile journey when they take on a 13.1-mile run. The run course follows the paved Roanoke River Greenway path along the banks of the Roanoke River. This provides athletes shade while running through several parks along the course. The finish is conveniently in River's Edge Park.

Carilion has released "Road Impact" information for the Ironman Triathlon as follows:

The portion of the Ironman Cycling Route within East Roanoke County/Town of Vinton will be as follows and will take place between approximately 8:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.:

- Exit Blue Ridge Parkway at Washington Ave/Rte 24.
- Follow Washington Ave, turn left on Maple
- Turn right on Lee Ave
- Turn Left on Walnut Ave
- Follow Walnut until exits Vinton and transitions into Wise Avenue

Road closures as a result in and near Vinton include:

- Blue Ridge Parkway between Rt. 43 (Buchanan) and Rt. 24 (Vinton) will be closed 5 p.m. June 5 through 2 p.m. June 6.
- Beginning at approximately 8 a.m. on Sunday, June 6, the westbound exterior lane (right lane) of Rt. 24/Washington Avenue will be closed from the Blue Ridge Parkway interchange to Bypass Rd in Vinton. Lane is expected to reopen at 2 p.m. Vehicles will be allowed to travel within interior (left lane) throughout the



event. Cross traffic will only be allowed to cross closed lane of Rt 24 at the discretion of police officers stationed along the route when a natural break in the athletes will safely allow.

- Beginning at approximately 8 a.m. on Sunday June 6, the Interior Lane (left lane) of Washington Avenue will be closed. Only westbound traffic existing onto Washington Avenue will be allowed to travel on exterior lane (right lane). No cross traffic will be permitted.
- Beginning at approximately 8 a.m. on Sunday June 6, both Eastbound Lanes of Washington Ave/Gus Nicks Boulevard will be closed from King St. to Bypass Rd. Lane is expected to reopen approximately at 2 p.m. There will be no cross traffic permitted.

• Beginning at 8 a.m., Maple Street between Washington and Jackson will be closed, expected to reopen at 2 p.m. No cross traffic permitted.

• Beginning at 8 a.m., Lee Avenue between Walnut and Poplar will be closed, expected to reopen at 2 p.m. No cross traffic permitted.

• Beginning at 8 a.m., Walnut Avenue will be closed to the Town Limits by Cargill (formerly Southern States), expected to reopen at 2 p.m. No cross traffic permitted.

Carilion has released some human-interest stories involving the triathlon.

Stoney "The Skuller" Hale, age 41, from nearby Goodview, is a professional Mixed Martial Arts fighter supporting a re-

cord of 12-3 and 68-9 in Welterweight boxing. He has been looking for a new challenge to scare him. The distance of an Ironman triathlon appeals to him because he has completed multiple Ultra marathons and 24-hour races, so he feels he can handle the distance with the right training. Stoney believes that this new opportunity will help make him a better person while taking his talent out of the ring and onto Virginia's Blue Ridge.

Robert Reid, age 42, of Goodview, is a firefighter for Roanoke City. He is racing to promote better physical fitness for a job that requires it, yet surprisingly has a high obesity rate and death rate due to cardiovascular events. He is showing his colleagues that with a little work, big things can happen.

Logo from page 1

Logo represent the core services provided by Public Works:

Trees represent the grounds work and landscaping completed by the Public Works crews and town arborist

A faucet symbol signifies the town's water system

Refuse and recycling containers symbolize

those vital services provided to the citizens and businesses

The fourth symbol is an excavator, representing the construction projects Public Works crews complete—replacing and maintaining lines, streets, sidewalks, and other building projects.

While the official

Town Seal is labeled "Town of Vinton, Virginia, 1884" the new department logo will include "Town of Vinton Public Works" in the design.

Herndon said the town and department have talked for years about establishing its own symbol or logo, which will be placed on

employee uniforms, vehicles, and letterheads.

CARES Act funding allowed improvements to the Public Works facility in the past year, and it seemed an appropriate time to adopt the new logo as well, especially since new uniforms are being purchased for the first time in 10 years.

Herndon, graphic designer Sherri Winkler of Nite Owl Artz, and Chasity Barbour, Vinton Director of Community Programs, "bounced around ideas" about the design of the logo. They decided they wanted to keep parts of the Town of Vinton Seal, but add some elements exclusive to Public Works.

Herndon says that the new logo will contribute to building morale among employees, giving them recognition as their own department providing their own vital and specialized services to the residents.

"Our Public Works crews are special because they get to touch nearly every aspect of

the town," said Assistant Town Manager Cody Sexton. "From roads and sidewalks to water and recycling, the job that Public Works does every day makes Vinton a community of which we can all be proud."

The Vinton Public Works Department is currently advertising for new employees, especially interested in hiring operators with CDL licenses.

Herndon points out that working for a government body has many attractive benefits for employees not found in private industry, in particular the free (\$0 monthly premium) health insurance option for employees.

Human Resources Director Donna Collins lists benefits for Town of Vinton Public Works employees as:

Free health insurance coverage offered for employees, which includes medical/dental/vision

Automatic enrollment in the Virginia Retirement System (VRS). The town currently contributes 12.46 percent per pay period to the employee's retirement fund.

2x salary in life insurance coverage—free to employees

24 days of Paid Time Off (PTO)—which increases after one year of service

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Starting Pay: Equipment Operators, \$14.32/hour; Crew Leaders, \$18.27/hour; Assistant Mechanic Position, \$16.58/hour

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The town will also provide training and pay to assist employees in obtaining their CDLs that might be helpful as well. Contact Collins at 540-983-0604 or email her at DCOLLINS@vintonva.gov for more information on employment.

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The focus has been on recognizing high school graduates in the past few weeks, but there also have been quite a few college graduates with connections to our area to honor.

College graduates recognized by Vinton Baptist Church include:

- Madelyn B. Gibbs is graduating Cum Laude from Roanoke College with a B.S. in Elementary Education; she plans to teach elementary school locally.
- Drew Hayden has graduated from Virginia Tech with a Master's Degree in Engineering Mechanics.
- Nicole Olsen will graduate August 14 from

Shenandoah University with her Doctor of Physical Therapy degree.

• Stephen Olsen has graduated Summa Cum Laude with Honors from Virginia Tech with a B.S. in Computational Modeling & Data Analytics and minors in Math, Statistics, and German.

• Chad Michael Robertson has graduated from James Madison University with a Bachelor of Business Administration in Management.

• Joanna Leigh Williamson has graduated from Radford University with a Master of Social Work.

College graduates recognized by Thrasher Memorial United Methodist Church include:

- Reid Clark is graduating from Radford University with a BS in Psychology
- Paige Crocker is grad-

uating from Ohio State University with a Doctorate in Occupational Therapy

• Cassi Folks is graduating from Liberty University with a Juris Masters in Compliance

• Macon Hale is graduating from JMU with a degree in Health Science Administration, employed by LewisGale Medical Center

• Will Hale is graduating from VCU with a Masters of Social Work; will be working full-time at the VA Hospital in Richmond

• Alex Heck is graduating from Montreat-Anderson College with a BS in Psychology and Human Services; attending Liberty University in Fall 2021 to pursue a degree in Clinical Health Counseling

• Katherine Stanley is graduating from the Uni-

versity of Lynchburg with a BS in Interdisciplinary Studies, employed as an elementary teacher

• Brittany Sutton is graduating from Virginia Tech with a Master's of Education

• Gwynne Warren is graduating from Pima Medical Institute with a BS in Healthcare Administration

If you have a graduate you would like to recognize, a wedding, shower, or birthday celebration you would like to share, PLEASE send it to me at angie@vintonchamber.com. I would love to share your stories!

With the easing of COVID-19 restrictions, the Vinton Chamber is very excited. It looks like our upcoming Mingle at the Markets will be a perfect time for folks to get out and enjoy some music and fun. We have a great line up this year. We hope you can join us.

Mingles are held at the

Vinton Farmers' Market in downtown Vinton. Each concert lasts from 7 to 10 p.m. with great bands and food trucks available. Here's what's coming up:

- June 12: The Odd-fellows Band, with Ken & Jayne's Burgers & Dogs
 - June 26: Vinyl Nation, with Mountain Grille Food Truck
 - July 10: Five Dollar Shake
 - July 24: Five Shades of Grey, with Munsey's Smoke House
 - August 14: Adam Rutledge, with Mountain Grille Food Truck
 - August 28: On Common Ground, with Yani's Hot Kitchen
 - September 11: Hardrive Crew, with Mountain Grille Food Truck
 - September 25: Five Dollar Shake, with the Lazy Bull Dog Food
- The always popular and repeatedly postponed (due to COVID-19) Se-

nior Expo has been rescheduled for September 21 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Vinton War Memorial.

Fall Festival/Oktoberfest is coming up on Saturday, October 2, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in downtown Vinton and at the Vinton Farmers' Market.

The Vinton Christmas Parade is scheduled for December 2 at 7 p.m. in downtown Vinton.

To end up 2021, the Chamber's Holiday Open House will be at the Charles Hill Community Center on December 16 from 5 to 7 p.m.

Call the Chamber office for more information, 540-343-1364, on these events or visit our Facebook page.

The Vinton Area Chamber of Commerce has a new website— thanks to Sherri Winkler of Nite Owl Artz. Take a look at <https://www.vintonchamber.com/>.

What's ahead for the William Byrd Class of 2021?

William Byrd High School students in the Class of 2021 are headed in many different directions after their graduation on May 26. Here's where some of them will be going:

- Apprenticeship: Tyler Roseberry
- Bluefield College: Hallie Cox, Hayden Lyle, Luke Taylor
- Central Virginia Community College: Timothy Turner, Jr.
- Converse: Hanna Chappell
- Davidson: Isaac Fix
- Eastern Kentucky University: McCaffrey Simmons
- Emmanuel College: Arielle Shiloh
- Emory and Henry: Ashlyn Harris, Bryson Lutz, Blake Sankbeil
- Ferrum: Joshua Barker
- Hollins University: Haileigh Bush, Cabria Mutz
- James Madison University: Preston Fleitz, Seth Hodges, Brooke Johnston, Bayla Kessler, Kassity Morris, Ethan Powell, Sarah Stanley, Taylor West, Madisin Witt, Ainsley Young
- Liberty University: Hunter Harris, Isaac Roth, Kelsey Roth
- Old Dominion University: Erin Kirtley
- Randolph Macon:

El'Amin Shareef, Ethan Tinsley

Massachusetts Institute of Technology: Taylor Dawson

New River Community College: Payten Richardson

Oklahoma State University: Dylan Wimmer

Radford Carilion: Christopher Blankenship, Kamryn Dodd, Emma Roberts

Radford University: Morgan Bohon, Nick Boksa, Derek Burton, Sarah Butterworth, Erin Courtemanche, Olivia Darnell, Kerrigan Ferguson, Kara Harvey, Carson Jernigan, Joseph Johnson, Mack Johnson, Carson Leonard, Hannah Martin, Tyler Martin, Jackson Meador, Kyla Murray, Faith Parrish, Michelle Price, Haley Rogers, Haley Thomas, Megan Thomas, Katie Wheeler

Rappahannock Community College: Felicia Davis

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute: Joseph Sandzimer

Roanoke College: Cade Hanson, Alivia Paradis, Morgan Witt

Seton Hill: Nic Clements

Shenandoah: Ellen Frary

United States Air Force:

Donald McCadden, Seyannah Quiles-Sisk

United States Army: Gavin Ellis, Zachary Minter

United States Marine Corps: John Belcher, James Cawley, Craig Hall, Kollin Slusher, Tanner Smith

United States Navy: Zariah Turner

UTI: Edward Kubik

University of Chicago: Urunna Anyanwu

University of Mississippi: Nicholas Colvin

University of Virginia: Elizabeth Fedor, Hailey Ramsey, Elizabeth Recktenwald,

Virginia Commonwealth University: Augustus Blake, Andrea Gonzalez, Matthew Murray,

Virginia Tech: Keaton Band, Amna Becirevic, Tyler Buxton, Grayce Dantzler, Tyler Dean, Caroline Dullaghan, Dylan Hatfield, Hanna Howell, Adi Iyer, Ryan Krawczyk, Autumn Krebs, Kasey McKee, Kaitlyn Morgan, Natalie Mullins, Emily Summey, Erin Taylor, Stella Taylor, Reagan Tuck, Faith Turner

Virginia Western Community College: Alayna Abdelhadi, Brandon Acker, Luis Alatorre, Emily Andrews, Noe Bautista-Cardenas, Dylan

Beckner-Pollard, Garrett Belcher, Morgan Booth, Kaylynn Bryant, Samuel Bunn, Nicholas Carter, Landon Cobble, Aaliyah Cochran, Darion Coleman, Rachel Cruff, Kenneth Davis, Kinsey Dollberg, Leighton Doss, Gracie Fairbanks, Dane Gabris, Savannah Gantt, Kevin Genaro, Aaron Germano, Tess Griffin, Emily Hale, Emily Hodges, William Howell, Nollan Kern, Andrew Krose, Zaylee Lopez, Alyssa Macauley, Jaden Marsh, Amelita Martin, Isaac Masanja, William McBride, Cheyenne McCoy, Erica Meador, Wyatt Milton, Eh Tha Moe, Zachary Moore, Katelyn Morgan, Naliyah Moyer, Spencer Naff, Christopher Nutter, Tyler Oliver, Emilie Pennington, Dillon Peters, William Pickeral, John Rusinak, Silvia Saad, Madison Saunders, Andrew Scott, Tristan Shanks, Noah Shoemaker, Andrew Sorial, Annie Stevens, Emily Sutphin, Autumn Thompson, Steven Tingle, Brooklyn Tinsley, William Trail, Mya Travis, Dakota Turner, Julie Wang, Jerze Webb, Andrew White, Christine Widener, Bryce Williams, D'aja Williams, Jeffrey Williams, Alexia



Wills, Ethan Wray, Abigail Wright, Hollie Yates, Landon Young

West Virginia University: Ryan Garland

William and Mary: Catherine Dullaghan and Athena Liao

Wingate: Caroline Gibbs

Workforce: Marcus Anderson, Christopher Beckner, Kenneth Blankenship, Josiah Bommer, Jenna Boyette, Robert Brown, Kerion Carter, Dustin Clark, Dylan Daniel, Natalie Ferguson, Hunter Flynn, Mason Gibson, Rafael Gonzalez, Blaine Hall, Isaiah Henegar, Dominick Hilligsberg, Jason Hollingsworth, Andrew Jenkins, Andrew Krebs, Dylan

Marron, William Marsh III, Miranda Meador, Chase Miles, Matthew Miller, Nicholas Neifert, Donovan Nolan, Joshua Owen, Bailey Palmer, Matthew Paul, Konnor Phillips, Nicholas Reedy, Dia Reeves, Ethan Roberts, Ashlyn Robinson, Elise Schneider, Darian Simpson, David Smith, Tyler Sowers, Cameron Strauss, Tristan Stull, Evan Vaught, Eben Webster, Christopher Williams

Other graduates: Kayla Asbury, Summer Bell, Kian Bradac, Autumn Brockerman, Taylor Gibson, Kalynn Postles, Aaliyah Rodgers, Charlotte Rose, Chase Siebert, and Sean Sowers

Decal

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with regards to expansions," said Peters.

"With so much going on, but in various stages of construction, I felt we were missing an opportunity to show off that growth in a more attractive and consistent manner," Peters said. "My hope is to continue to provide this assistance and work with each property owner to design a highlight to showcase their business, incorporate the "InVinton" branding, and accurately communicate that something new and exciting is in pro-

duction. These aren't meant to be permanent—just a temporary solution until they are ready to open and show off what's inside.

"Twin Creeks used their own artist to design their mural and the town's Facade Improvement Program covered the expense," Peters added.

Twin Creeks co-owner Andy Bishop says that John Comstock with the Comstock Design Group is the artist who created their mural. Comstock and Bishop both work at

Magnets USA in Vinton as well.

"He is a huge proponent of local businesses in the valley and as he puts it, 'a raving hockey fan,'" said Bishop. "He also designed the new Railyard Dawgs logo.

"We wanted a window covering to act as a mural," Bishop said. "John took our basic logo and expanded it across the entire front of the building and added rich colors that look like the Blue Ridge. The guy pouring the beer has a thick beard made of hops and

a stalk of grain to give him almost a Viking look. The hand in the image is in fact mine pouring a beer. We wanted to make a bold and modern statement about Twin Creeks Brewing Company with this mural and we hope it attracts lots of folks to take selfies in front of our brewery."

Prior to the painting of the mural, Twin Creeks, on Pollard Street in the heart of downtown Vinton, had a fairly mundane gray tarp in the window.

Sun Solutions was

delighted to take on this unique business decal project with the town.

The company, owned by Jeff Belcher and located on Walnut Avenue in Vinton, specializes in vehicle wraps, window tinting, and graphics. Belcher has developed a reputation for his innovative designs throughout the valley.

If you have been on the streets and highways of the Roanoke Valley and found your attention drawn to vehicles

that look like "moving billboards," wrapped vividly with advertisements, chances are they were created by Sun Solutions. The company recently wrapped a vehicle for the town, driven by Chasity Barbour, Director of Community Programs.

The town is next working with Jeff Janney of Vinton Appliance on a design by Sun Solutions for its warehousing space at 121 West Lee Avenue.

Vinton History Museum hosting ice cream social

The Vinton History Museum will host an ice cream social on Saturday, June 5 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the museum, 210 East Jackson Avenue in downtown Vinton, featuring free ice cream and free admission.

In addition to the free ice cream, the museum will be open for viewing historic artifacts in the Sight and Sound Room, School and Church Room,

Gish's Corner, Vinton Room, Children's Room, Victorian Bedroom, Quilt Display, Tools and Trades Room and Vinton Room.

Community Scavenger Hunt Packs and the Little Free Library will also be available.

The Vinton History Museum is generally open Monday, Wednesday, Fridays and the first Saturday of each month from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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Vinton will host a Fourth of July celebration

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Vinton Town Council had serious issues to discuss at its meeting on June 1—public hearings on the proposed budget for FY2022, adoption of a new Paid Time Off (PTO) policy for employees, and a resolution adopting the Performance Agreement and Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on the Gish Mill Redevelopment Project. However, the best news of the evening might have been the announcement by Director of Community Programs Chasity Barbour that there will be a Fourth of July celebration in Vinton this year, complete with fireworks at the Vinton War Memorial.

Details on the event will be forthcoming, but those attending the council meeting (via Zoom) were excited to hear the news that more normalcy is returning to the town after many cancellations this past year due to COVID-19.

Barbour also announced a new partnership with Roanoke City with “Ridin’ to the Market.” On Saturday, July 3, shoppers will be able to take a bus from the Vinton Farmers’ Market to downtown Roanoke to shop at its City Market—and vice versa. Buses will run on the hour, from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m.

In other news, Town Council will return to in-person meetings in Council Chambers at the Municipal Building beginning on July 6 and the time of those meetings will switch to 6 p.m. permanently. Council traditionally meets on the first and third Tuesdays and that schedule will continue. Council meetings will continue to be streamed live on Facebook and recorded for on-demand playback on the Town

of Vinton website.

Council held a public hearing on appropriating funding for the proposed transition from the current employee leave benefit plan to an employee PTO benefit and adopted a resolution for that purpose. Funding is not to exceed \$280,000.

At the direction of Town Council, the administration developed the PTO Policy to replace the town’s existing Vacation and Sick Leave Accrual Policy. Council and the administration did not want to adversely impact any employees transitioning to the new plan and included a payout calculation for any current balance that would cause the employee to exceed the maximum leave limit within the following 13 months.

The draft plan was presented to town employees who were each given three options to choose to transition from the current leave plan to the new PTO plan. Each of the three options will permit town administration to meet the transition objectives while preserving, to the extent possible, the employee’s tenure and service with the town within the new paid leave plan, which takes effect on June 1.

Later in the meeting, council adopted a resolution approving the new PTO Policy as explained by Human Resources and Risk Management Director Donna Collins.

As with virtually all issues that come before Town Council, council members had been briefed thoroughly in previous meetings on the topic before action was taken.

Council held a public hearing on the proposed FY2021/2022 budget. Town Manager Pete Peters noted the proposed budget “represents a balanced budget

with an optimistic outlook despite the lingering impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on our locality.”

The FY2021/2022 proposed budget for all funds totals \$14,179,981: approximately \$8 million for the General Fund, \$384,800 in the Grant Fund, \$4.5 million for the Utility Fund, \$835,000 for the Capital Fund, and \$414,328 in the Stormwater Fund. The proposed budget represents an increase of 21.57% (\$2.5 million) over the current budget, but that figure is misleading in that the FY21 budget was significantly reduced due to fears over the effect of the pandemic on the economy.

Personnel costs make up 40% of the new budget, followed by operating costs of 27.89%. Sixty percent of general revenue funds go to the Public Safety and Public Works Departments.

The budget includes increases in planning and zoning fees, which have not been adjusted since 2005 and will now be in line with surrounding localities.

Under the proposed budget the town will have 73 budgeted full-time employees, with one added in Planning and Zoning and one in the Finance Department.

Proposed budget highlights include a 1% cost of living adjustment for all employees, implementation of a new classification plan, continuing to offer a free employee health plan, funding the first year of a seven-year Capital Improvement Plan, and continued economic development.

The budget, for the first time in a decade, includes the funding for a Capital Improvement Plan. In FY21-22, those capital projects will include traffic signal improvements at various intersections, ERP software

replacement, Gish Mill parking and façade improvements, gateway signs, the Glade Creek 2B grant match, a worksite and work zone safety package, history museum repairs, and body cameras for the Vinton Police.

Finance Director Anne Cantrell told council that the town’s total debt across all funds—General, Utility, and Stormwater—is approximately \$12 million. The town has a per capita debt of \$1,369—quite an achievement.

Council will take action on the budget at their meeting on June 15. Town Charter requires that a budget be adopted by July 1 for the new fiscal year.

Town Council also adopted a resolution authorizing the town manager to execute a Performance Agreement between the Town of Vinton, the Roanoke County Economic Development Authority (EDA) and Gish Mill Davii, LLC for the Gish Mill Redevelopment Project.

The agreement is valued up to \$910,000 over a 10-year period, which is intended to incentivize the redevelopment of the historic Gish Mill property to encourage the mixed-use commercial, residential and retail development.

The financial terms of the agreement include:

- A single lump sum payment at closing for public infrastructure, gateway and parking improvements in the amount of \$250,000
- Reimbursement of all permitting and utility connection fees paid to the town by Gish Mill Davii, not to exceed \$40,000
- Reimbursement of all building permitting fees paid to the county by the company, not to exceed \$20,000

• Five equal payments of \$80,000 each year in the initial five years of the agreement

• Five equal payments of \$40,000 each year in the last five years of the agreement

• Providing a \$468,500 Industrial Redevelopment Loan (IRF)

The performance terms of the agreement include: minimum investment of \$2,700,000, creation and maintaining at least 37 new jobs for 10 years, generating and paying at least \$40,000 annually in meals taxes to the town for 10 years, and repayment of the IRF loan in full to the town.

Council was briefed on the Performance Agreement at the meeting on May 18; the Roanoke County EDA unanimously approved the Performance Agreement at its meeting on May 19.

Vinton Town Council also adopted a resolution authorizing the town manager to execute an MOU between the Town and Roanoke County. Roanoke County has agreed to a funding agreement in the form of an MOU to reimburse the town for a portion of the Incentive Grant for Gish Mill in the amount of \$40,000, which is to be paid in annual installments over a five-year period.

The installments will be based on the net revenue that the county expects to generate as a result of the redevelopment project. The MOU will also reimburse up to \$20,000 of building permit fees paid to the county. The Roanoke County Board of Supervisors unanimously approved the MOU on May 11.

Information on the proposed FY2021-2022 budget is available online at <https://www.vintonva.gov/100/Budgets-Reports>.

School Board briefed on construction cost increase for WBHS renovations/additions

The Roanoke County School Board was briefed on increased construction costs for the William Byrd

High School renovations project at its work session on June 1. Final guaranteed prices were recently

received and upped the cost of the project.

RCPS Director of Facilities and Operations Chris Lowe informed the board that due to rising costs in the construction industry the WBHS project has increased from approximately \$20 million to \$27.5 million. That figure represents no cut in the scope of the project.

The cost per square foot has risen from \$201 per square foot to \$265 per square foot. Lowe advised the board that those prices were probably good for the next seven to ten days, but that they needed to make a quick decision on whether to sign a revised contract with Avis Construction and Hughes and Associates Architects and Engineering so that the project can get underway.

Asked by the board for line-item increases, Lowe said that the cost of masonry for the project has increased from \$422,000

to \$750,000; metals have increased from \$437,000 to \$967,000; woods, plastics, composites prices have increased from \$51,000 to \$113,000; the price of doors/windows/etc. has increased from \$1 million to \$1.25 million; HVAC and plumbing have increased by \$2.5 million. The is no increase in “soft costs” such as furniture and testing with prices already locked in.

Finance Director Susan Peterson said that the increase in costs can be covered in the short term by shifting bonds from the Glen Cove and W.E. Cundiff construction projects in order to sign the contract, with final approval by the Board of Supervisors.

The School Board voted to approve signing of the contract.

Lowe also asked the board to approve a request to expand the scope of services for RRMM Archi-

itects to analyze the current Burton Center for Arts and Technology (BCAT) program and determine multiple conceptual footprints for a new Burton (one with wings, one compact, two in the middle). This information will allow RCPS staff to access the feasibility of different sites for the Burton project. No additional funds are required.

Recently RRMM was commissioned to provide a feasibility study for the relocation of the Burton Center of Arts & Technology facility to the Central Office Cove Road location. During that presentation it was determined that one of the next steps in the Burton process is to determine potential conceptual Burton square footage footprints that could be utilized to determine suitable site acreage needed for a relocated Burton.

Lowe also requested \$10,000 from Minor Cap-

ital funds to hire Balzer & Associates, which is on a Roanoke County contract, to locate and assess properties in Roanoke County for a potential BCAT location. Balzer’s scope of work would include properties owned by Roanoke County Public Schools and other potential properties in Roanoke County. Balzer will evaluate multiple properties and give a report on the feasibility and costs for developing a site for a Burton school by August 1, 2021.

During the work session, the School Board interviewed four applicants for the Catawba School Board seat being vacated by Don Butzer—Brent Hudson, Deneen Evans, Tyrel Tullis, and Patricia Wood. The new board member will serve until voters choose a new representative in the November elections. The board will announce the selection on June 10.

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Vinton area schools bid farewell to retirees



WBHS retiree Julia Link



WBHS retiree Billy McBride



WBMS retiree Cynthia Bushnell



W.E. Cundiff retiree Donna Dewease



Bonsack Elementary Principal Leanne Leftwich and retiree Kathleen Lunsford

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Several faculty and staff members at Vinton-area schools are retiring at the end of the 2020-2021 school year. Julia Link and William McBride have retired from William Byrd High School.

Link, a biology teacher, has spent her entire teaching career of 27 years at WBHS.

"WBHS has been a great place to teach because of the amazing faculty and staff as well as wonderful students and parents," said Link. "I have never wanted to teach anywhere else."

Her plans for retirement include "beach trips and traveling to new places, spending more time with family and friends, catching up on reading, and so many possibilities I haven't even thought of yet."

Link says she will miss the daily interactions with students and her "coworkers who are like family."

Link is a graduate of William Byrd High School as are her three children.

"Teaching this last year during a pandemic was challenging in many ways, and yet I enjoyed my students so much," Link said. "We have all had to be flexible, and adjust to social distancing, virtual learning, new technologies, eating lunch together, cleaning and mask protocols, and just not getting to 'do school' like we have always done, but students were understanding, respectful, and appreciative. While I wish the pandemic had not happened, I will remember this as a very special year that we all managed to survive together!"

Billy McBride is retiring as a building operator at WBHS. He has spent 25 years working with Roanoke County Public Schools.

Cynthia Bushnell and Becky Reed are retiring from William Byrd Middle School.

Bushnell, administrative assistant, has worked at WBMS and in Roanoke County Schools for 15 and a half years. Prior to coming to Roanoke County, she worked for fifteen years in the finan-

cial industry with J.C. Bradford & Co.

Bushnell says that she would like to spend some time in retirement "enjoying nature a little more by visiting some nature trails, and maybe do some hiking." She plans to substitute teach for Roanoke County, as well.

"The best thing about my years at WBMS—I appreciate all the support I've received over the years working here," Bushnell said. "We have supported each other in many ways. Helping others is something I enjoy doing."

She says she will miss the adult and student interactions.

Bushnell and her husband are awaiting the birth of their first grandchild in November. "We are so excited. My son returned home from Houston, Texas, where he attended and graduated from Universal Technical Institute, just last week. My daughter works at UVA. She's a PICU RN. She has recently gone back to school for her degree as a Nurse Practitioner. My son-in-law teaches at a private school near Charlottesville and, is working on completing his doctorate degree. My husband has been in the tire repair industry for many years. It is his hope to retire in the near future. We have an upcoming wedding anniversary on June 1, 36 years.

"I love my family so much," Bushnell said. "I really don't know what I'd do without them. I love animals, which comes from growing up on a farm; I have my parents to thank for that. Family is important to me and as I retire, my hope is to spend more time with them. I would also like to be more involved with my church."

Becky Reed has worked at WBMS for 16 years and for 20 years with Roanoke County. She teaches Special Education.

She previously taught in Bedford County Schools for five years and at the Minnick Education Center for five years.

Reed plans on volunteering as a campground host

for federal and state campgrounds upon retirement. She says the best thing about her years at WBMS was the "feeling of being family with my colleagues." As for what she will miss most in retiring, "it's the kids."

She plans to continue as Ham Radio Club sponsor at WBMS and as a minister to children at Parkway Wesleyan Church.

Sandra Hogan, Linda Hughes, Kathleen Lunsford, and Jenny Stallard are retiring from Bonsack Elementary School.

Sandra Hogan has worked for nine years at Bonsack and for Roanoke County Schools. She is an instructional assistant. Her plans for retirement are spending time with her family.

Special Education teacher Linda Hughes has taught for 34 years in Roanoke County Schools in several schools. She will be enjoying her retirement on her land in a neighboring county.

Kathleen Lunsford has taught at Herman L. Horn and Bonsack Elementary, for a total of 12 years with Roanoke County, in Grades 1 and 3, and art. She has been a RCPS employee for 13 years.

"I came to public education late and worked in many places," Lunsford said. "I've been a professional artist all my life and I am looking forward to creating new works."

Her plans for retirement are "making art and spending time with my family. We are a family of creative people who enjoy work and creative activity."

"My years in Roanoke County Schools have been one of the highlights of my life," said Lunsford. "I have loved the staffs and the students. They have made each day an adventure. I will miss the people—the kindness of those I have worked with and for has enriched my life."

Jenny Stallard was one of the original staff members at Bonsack Elementary, coming to Bonsack with several others from Roland E. Cook for a total of 29 years with Roanoke County Schools. She says she "loved working in

the cafeteria with the little ones" and was an office IA. She plans to enjoy retirement with traveling and her family.

Phyllis Satterfield and Ronda Wickham are retiring from Mount Pleasant Elementary.

Satterfield has been involved in the field of education for 42 years, 22 of them in Roanoke County. She has served as a guidance counselor at Mount Pleasant.

"I have been blessed to work with many wonderful educators, parents, and supportive communities," Satterfield said. "The children have taught me so much and will forever be in my heart."

Wickham has worked at Mount Pleasant for 32 years, the last 27 in kindergarten. Her years in Roanoke County Schools total 38, including teaching at Burlington, Glenvar, and Bent Mountain Elementary Schools.

As for her retirement plans, "I will be doing the extended work plan, so I'll still be able to hang out at school here and there! I want to spend more time with my grandchildren as well as older family members who need care and assistance."

Wickham says the best things about her years with Roanoke County schools is "the sense of purpose and accomplishment I have felt. What a privilege it has been to shape young minds and watch them learn and to help them feel loved and worthy. It has truly been a calling in my life."

As for what she will miss, "In addition to the children, I will miss my colleagues. It has been a blessing to work in a school where everyone is family. When one hurts, we all hurt, and when one has victories, we all share in the joy."

Wickham has served on Mount Pleasant's PTA board for many years, contributing to the planning of events and activities for their students.

"I have been married for 37 years to my wonderful husband, Roger," Wickham said. "We have three grown children—Steven, Daniel, and Jenna. We have two daugh-



Mount Pleasant Elementary retiree Phyllis Satterfield



Mount Pleasant Retiree Ronda Wickham

ters-in-law, Kaitlin and Kristin, and we're blessed with four sweet grandchildren.

"There is no greater gift than knowing that I have somehow touched lives and made a difference in the world," said Wickham. "I sincerely hope that every single person who works in Roanoke County Schools feels the same."

Donna DeWease has retired from W.E. Cundiff Elementary as an instructional assistant. She spent her first two years with Roanoke County working at Herman L. Horn Elementary and then at Cundiff for 30 years. She says she will miss the children and the friendships she has made. As for retirement, "I plan to spend a lot more time with my family."

Herman L. Horn Elementary did not have any retirees this year.

Roanoke County Public Schools had 72 retirees for the 2020-2021 school year with an accumulated 1,583 years of service.

Churches sponsoring yard sale on June 5

Under the Bridge Ministries on Walnut Avenue in Vinton is joining with Roanoke Avenue Baptist and Christ Temple to host a yard sale to benefit their

ministries on Saturday June 5.

Pastor Frank Broughman says the yard sale will take place at Under the Bridge Ministries, located at 421 Walnut

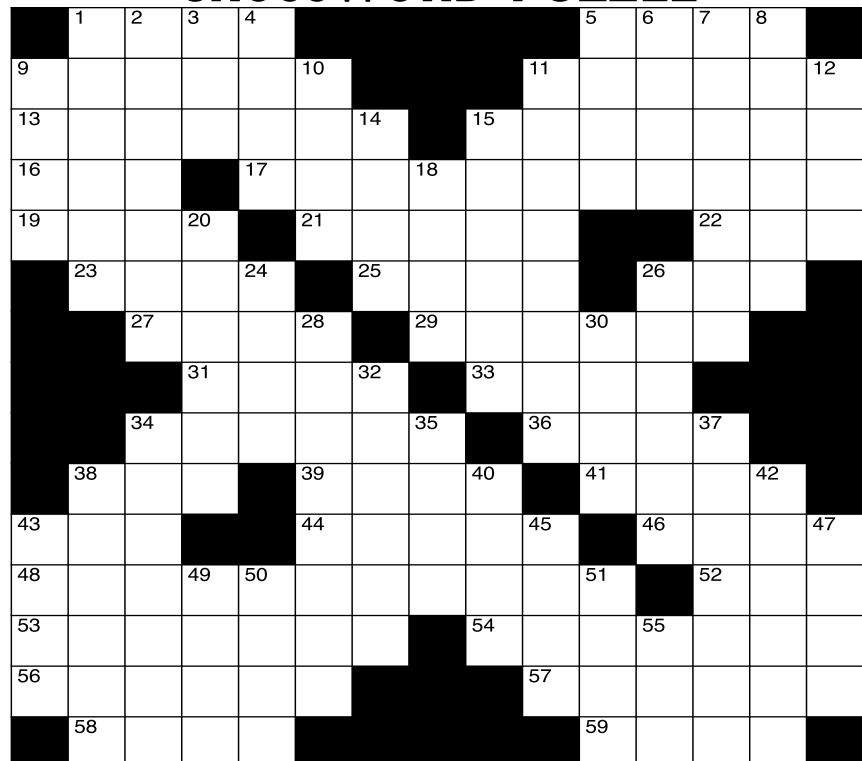
Avenue, beginning at 8 a.m.

Items for sale include household items, clothing, some furniture, Hot Wheels, paintings, and more.



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CROSSWORD PUZZLE



- CLUES ACROSS**
- 1. Partner to "flows"
 - 5. French industrial city
 - 9. Diagrams
 - 11. Diplomat
 - 13. Hires
 - 15. Hawaiian island
 - 16. Set aflame
 - 17. Very happy
 - 19. Blue dye
 - 21. Small terrier with short legs
 - 22. One thousand cubic feet (abbr.)
 - 23. Northern pike genus
 - 25. Expression of annoyance
 - 26. Female deer
 - 27. Casella and Kellerman are two
 - 29. Actor's lines to audience
 - 31. Days (Spanish)
 - 33. Close a person's eyes
 - 34. Cloaked
 - 36. Comedic actor Rogen
 - 38. It's all around us
 - 39. Neutralizes alkalis
 - 41. Native people of New Mexico
 - 43. No seats available
 - 44. Famed "Air Music" composer
 - 46. Fit of irritation
 - 48. Psychic phenomena
 - 52. Knicks' first-rounder Toppin
 - 53. Seed used in cooking
 - 54. "WandaVision" actress
 - 56. Samples food
 - 57. In a lucid way
 - 58. Stair part
 - 59. Adieus
- CLUES DOWN**
- 1. Type of moth
 - 2. A Christian sacrament
 - 3. It lends books to Bostonians (abbr.)
 - 4. Turn away
 - 5. Impersonal
 - 6. Shortly
 - 7. Indigenous Alaskans
 - 8. Subtle difference of meaning
 - 9. Sicilian city
 - 10. Put in harmony
 - 11. Administrative divisions
 - 12. As happily
 - 14. Horse mackerel
 - 15. Muddy or boggy ground
 - 18. Monetary unit of Italy
 - 20. Construction site
 - 24. 22
 - 26. Tracts at the mouths of rivers
 - 28. Earnings
 - 30. Insect repellent
 - 32. Runner-up
 - 34. Musician
 - 35. Serious or urgent
 - 37. Esteemed one
 - 38. Where rockers play
 - 40. Work furniture
 - 42. Greek prophetesses
 - 43. Quantitative fact
 - 45. Missing soldiers
 - 47. Minute
 - 49. This (Spanish)
 - 50. Maintain possession of
 - 51. Assault with a knife
 - 55. Holiday text message greeting

Gauntlet from page 1

final competition after 10 weeks of business development classes.

The Gauntlet was founded by Annette Patterson and The Advancement Foundation. Participants from across the region participate. Over 650 Gauntlet participants have completed the program in since 2015, assisted by 250 mentors.

"The Gauntlet is the best of the American dream," said Patterson.

Nearly 150 entrepreneurs, representing 104 businesses participated in the business program this year, with 56 businesses competing for cash and in-kind prizes.

Patterson and TAF Board Chair Becky Freemal presided over the awards ceremony. Guest speakers included Brent Hershey of State Farm Insurance, the lead sponsor for the Gauntlet.

Gauntlet alumni Andy Bishop of Twin Creeks Brewing, Richard Mansell of IVO, and Carrie Poff of Brown Hound Tree Services shared their experiences with the Gauntlet program and their successes which they attribute to the program.

WSLS-TV anchor Rachel Lucas, a Gauntlet alumni, hosted Facebook Live coverage of the event.

The Gauntlet first place winner for 2021 is Candace Monaghan of Beaver Dam Farm Sunflowers in Buchanan with winnings of \$23,925 in cash and prizes (\$8,500 in cash). The festival at the farm began in 2016 with 20 acres of sunflowers and, capitalizing on their unique beauty, now hosts everything from craft/food vendors, to sunset dinners, and goat yoga. The annual Sunflower Festival has grown to tens of thousands of visitors over its two-weekend period.

Second place went to Cynthia Forbes of Fyvie Farms, who won \$20,540 in cash and prizes (\$7,750 in cash). Fyvie Farms is a 135-acre event venue in Alleghany County near Covington, featuring weddings, meetings, parties, outdoor concerts, car shows, and craft fairs. Future outdoor activities will include access to the Jackson River, biking, glamping, a nine-hole disc/golf course, ATV trails, and paintball.

Allyson Davoll of Inspired to Enhance in Roanoke won third place and \$18,185 in cash and prizes (\$5,750 in cash). This is a new beauty and grooming salon featuring services for all hair textures and styles, as promoted by Davoll's passion for diversity and inclusion.

Other Platinum level

winners included:

Tamara Dennis, of Priss E. Nerd, creating unique, themed jewelry and accessories to bring out everyone's inner nerd, winnings \$17,050 in cash and prizes

John Tucker, On Course Ratings Systems, LLC, allows you to run safely on your own in nearby parks and compete virtually for your rank with others around the country, \$18,850

Daryanne Neilson, Bluebell Bakers homebased-bakery moving into commercial space in Buena Vista, \$17,575

Virginia Barkett, The Pie Shoppe, sells chicken, vegetarian, breakfast, and dessert pies, \$12,550

David And Cecilia Fencer, Great Tables by Reclaimed Innovations, family-operated business in Shenandoah Valley reclaims, recycles, and repurposes old barn wood by making hand-crafted tables and other furniture, \$12,000

Callie Altman, North Mountain Candle, hand-crafted high quality fragrance products, \$11,785

Kimberly Whiter, Elder Care Solutions, consultation and coordination to assist with bridging the gap to long-term care, \$11,850

Ryouga Kasper, Kasper UAV, commercial drone service offering roofing inspections, mapping, cinematography throughout Virginia, \$11,910

Whitney Pugh, Agenacare Housecalls, medical care at convenience of client, \$10,905

Kim Nicholson, Signature Stager, specializing in-home staging preparation, \$11,185

Laurie Andrews, LAT Personal Training, synergistic approach between exercising the mind, body, and spirit through integrative practices, safe and effective exercise for all walks of life, \$8,780

On the Gold level: Chris and Marie Shiraki, White Tree Inn, turn of century (1896) Victorian home being restored, boarding house and Airbnb in Buena Vista, \$11,680

Dorothy Mitchell, Mountain Edge Adult Day Care, structures activities to keep aging adults and mentally disabled adults engaged and living life to its fullest, \$13,600

Rolando Holmes and Alaina Ledyard, The Foundry, a company devoted to unlocking human potential, help people discover and develop their strengths and talents to impact the world profoundly, \$4,580

Mickey Cowden, Cowden Family Farms vine-

yard and small-scale premium winery in Grayson County, \$4,725

Teresa Lyons, Roanoke Teach, a start-up non-profit agency addressing readiness for underserved school-aged children in Roanoke Valley through application of the science of learning, \$3,880

Dana Long, Let's Party Creatively, innovative and custom-designed events which include team building and fundraising, workshops, public parties, and private parties for special occasions, \$3,050

Bonnie Chavez, Building Beloved Communities, a consulting business for small business owners, non-profits, and individuals seeking business consulting and executive coaching, \$3,110

Brooke Buehring, Welcome Basket, delivers housewarming gifts to people who purchase homes in Roanoke, Salem, Vinton, Botetourt, Franklin County, Smith Mountain Lake and the NRV, \$3,205

Tina and Paul Brockman, the Grandin Pharmacy independent community pharmacy in Grandin Village, \$2,900

Wendy Witt, Electrico Art, a full-service restaurant, wine and beer garden with live music, \$2,750

Chis and Lynette Romero, Romero Albums, hand-made wedding albums, \$2,600

At the Silver Level: Michael Clark, Cornell Business Services, managing employee relations, team building, and taking challenging operations in need of improvement and implementing changes to provide quality and customer service, \$1,955

Robin Poteet, Poteet Studios, creates whimsical home goods with meaningful connection to animal welfare, \$1,810

Anthony Giorgetti, Power Up Online Promotions, makes business POP by telling their stories to people looking for them, \$1,455

Jaclyn Nunziato, Huddle Up Moms, non-profit dedicated to empowering women through support, connection, education, \$2,225

Paul Welsch, The Vinton Nest Co-working, provides remote working space for professionals, affordable option for start-ups, \$2,255

Carol Joy Smales, Personality, LLC, network of companies integrating different strengths to create content, tools, and products for entertainment, healthcare, and education industries, \$1,755

Angie Hernandez, Gardner's Frozen Treats, ice cream retail, \$2,235

Tim Miller and Lisa Moyer, Muddy Squirrel, adventure sports through Virginia's Blue Ridge, \$1,700

Jon and Rebekah Foster, Foster's Home Improvement, family-owned company performs all aspects of home improvement from simple paint jobs to kitchen and bath remodeling, \$1,830

Dr. Melinda Hall, Wellness Matters, science-backed, heart-centered program that helps reduce stress and/or PTSD, helps tap into power of brain for wellness, \$1,800

Laurie Munoz, Drink Chaos, purchased Miami Ice Snowcones in Cave Spring area, \$2,255

Judah Clements, Judah Bug Lemonade, making the world a better place through lemonade, \$1,760

Anthony Mitchell, A&D Blessed Varieties LLC, d/b/a Sassy Beauty, retail beauty supplier and clothing store, catering to minority community in Southwest Virginia, \$3,920

Josephine Arbaugh, Women Artisan Gallery, creating digital channel to showcase Ecuador's rich culture abroad while promoting emerging artisanal brands, \$1,825

Bonnie Cranmer, B. Green Show, supports growth of cannabis industry, member of Hemp Mill, \$1,655

Daniel Brooks, Motivate the Game, therapeutic sports training program mixing mental health techniques and self-awareness

with sports specific skills and drills, \$1,800

Brent Styler, Coiner Country Store in Buena Vista, \$2,570

Johanna Shiraki, Scattered Sunshine Therapeutic Massage, structural and Ido massage for stress reduction, pain relief, increased mobility and general well-being, \$2,670

Bronze Level awards included:

Garrett English and Jessica Downs, Peer Journey's, creating a peer communal living program for supportive housing in a single-family home, facilitated by regular peer support from professionally certified Peer Recovery Specialists in 1-on-1 sessions and groups, \$1,550

Patrice Freeland, Wonderful Land of Oils, prepares individual wellness plan, essential oil application treatments, full line of essential oils, \$1,575

Julie Beckner, Meadow Spring Hideaway, four luxury yurts and amenities with view of Blue Ridge Mountains, access Appalachian Trail or fish in spring-fed pond, \$1,500

Amanda Bocchi and Alex Wood, Appalachian Vibes, a show challenging expectations and highlighting diversity of music in Appalachian region, \$1,400

Andreas Panagore, Ecoscape landscaping and sustainable installations to run more self-sufficient homestead in modern setting, \$1,550

Breyton Fraction, Strata-mas Group, helps organiza-

tions create thriving corporate cultures, \$1,605

Mary Rosser-Furr, Fetal Anticonvulsant Syndrome USA, non-profit support organization to bring national attention to FACS by education, awareness, and campaign advocacy, \$1,490

Katrina Robinson, BHWD Wellness, spreads awareness about importance of self-care for mind, body, soul, a more holistic lifestyle, \$1,595

Mary Jo Boone, The Well, natural health and wellness retail store in Bedford, adding a variety of natural health modalities, \$1,450

Shay Brown, Nubian Messy Bun Momma, variety of sweet treats, custom-made candy, \$1,435

Beth Davidson, Why Not Workshop, non-profit serving at-risk students by providing primary and supplemental educational services in non-traditional setting, \$1,550

Latoya Johnson, LJ's Delicious Delightz, cupcakes, cookies, brownies, cakes, pies, puddings, \$1,420

Shannon Dominguez, Director of Business Development for The Advancement Foundation that facilitates the Gauntlet program, was recognized, along with staff members Kelly Turner, Judy Wood, Missy Paxton, and Kiki Scott.

A Gauntlet Business Showcase, featuring this year's Gauntlet entrepreneurs, was held at the Vinton War Memorial prior to the awards ceremony.



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Over 140 entrepreneurs participated in the 2021 Gauntlet Business Program; 56 of the businesses moved on to the competition with the final awards ceremony held at the Vinton War Memorial on May 27.

Luttrell named to Union University President's List

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Class of 2021 from page 1

this was the 98th annual commencement ceremony for William Byrd High School. She was the principal for most of the students in the Class of 2021 at William Byrd Middle School and then at WBHS.

"This has been a fast seven years," Newcomb said. "As freshmen you were present for the dedication of this field and now you are the only class to graduate in the stadium. I have treasured our time together."

She spoke of the "abrupt closure" of schools last spring with the pandemic and the "trials and tribulations" which followed. However, students bonded together, persevered, and learned to adjust. In that experience, "everyone came to value the little things we had always taken for granted."

"Graduation is a milestone and just a beginning," she told the Class of 2021. "Always strive to achieve; always be kind to one another; help those less fortunate; and remember, it's never wrong to do the right thing."

She told the audience that of the 245 graduates, 168 were wearing gold tassels, indicating that they had earned GPAs of 3.0 or higher and thus were designated as honor graduates. Forty-five had GPAs of 4.0 or higher, qualifying them as valedictorians. One hundred thirty-one were wearing gold pins, indicating they had earned Advanced Study Diplomas; 116 will be attending two- or four-year colleges or universities, or technical trade schools.

She named 11 graduates who will be entering the Armed Forces and thanked them for their commitment: Gavin Ellis, Will McBride, and Zach Minter entering the U.S. Army; Madison Crowder and Zariah Turner enlisting in the Navy; John Belcher, Jamie Cawley, Kollin Slusher, and Tanner Smith joining the U.S. Marine Corps; and Donald McCadden and Seyanah Quiles-Sisk entering the Air Force.

Newcomb introduced the 13 student athletes who will be furthering their athletic

careers and education: Dylan Hatfield and Tyler Dean who will be playing baseball at Virginia Tech; Luke Taylor and Hayden Lyles who will be playing baseball at Bluefield College; Isaac Fix who will play baseball at Davidson College; Cabria Mutz who will play basketball at Hollins; Nic Clements who will play soccer at Seton Hill University; Hanna Chappell who will play soccer at Converse College; Blake Sankbeil and Bryson Lutz who will play football at Emory and Henry; and El'Amin Shareef and Ethan Tinsley who will play football at Randolph Macon College.

She applauded Faith Parrish who earned her Associate Degree at Virginia Western while earning her diploma at WBHS.

In addition, Newcomb recognized National Merit Scholar Taylor Dawson who will be attending MIT this fall—where the admission rate is 6.7 percent.

She also introduced Robert Brown and Kevin Genaro who completed apprenticeships while they were full-time students at Byrd.

Sixty-seven graduates have already secured full-time employment in the workforce.

As a whole, the Class of 2021 has accepted \$534,311 in scholarships and grants, not counting financial aid.

"Each student graduating is a symbol of success," Newcomb said. She paid tribute to families and especially the WBHS faculty for their support for students—"job well done."

She said goodbye to retiring biology teacher Julie Link who has taught for 27 years.

"Continue to work hard, just like you have for the past four years," Newcomb told the graduates. "Be productive; be honest; be thankful and be kind."

She quoted from Aristotle saying, "happiness depends on ourselves."

Top Terrier and Valedictorian Dylan Hatfield delivered the Top Terrier Address. He asked his fellow students, "What is your passion now as you leave Patterson Stadium? What will be your driving

force in life?"

As a future Virginia Tech baseball player, he talked about his passion for baseball, commenting that when he was 8 years old, he joined a competitive traveling team, assigned to right field.

"At that age there aren't many balls hit to right field, so it was the best spot for me," Hatfield said. "My mom and sister say they would sit in the stands and pray no one would hit a ball in that direction because I probably wasn't going to catch it. Truth is, I prayed a ball didn't come my way, too."

Hatfield said he loved the game and wanted to get better, so his dad started working with him outside of practices and taught him he "did have talent in baseball; I just had to work to develop it. If I had a passion, I needed to go after it and make my dream a reality."

"Each of us has a passion or gift. Will you pursue that passion and more importantly, will you do it well?"

Hatfield quoted from a speech delivered by Martin Luther King to junior high school students.

"When you discover what you will be in your life, set out to do it as if God Almighty called you at this particular moment in history to do it," King said. "Don't just set out to do a good job. Set out to do such a good job that the living, the dead or the unborn couldn't do it any better."

"If it falls your lot to be a street sweeper, sweep streets like Michelangelo painted pictures, sweep streets like Beethoven composed music, sweep streets like Shakespeare wrote poetry. Sweep streets so well that all the hosts of heaven and earth will have to pause and say: 'Here lived a great street sweeper who swept his job well.'"

"Let's leave this place and pursue our passion," Hatfield said. "Let's be the best at what we do. Don't let anyone out-work you, out-hustle you. The days you do not feel motivated, be disciplined enough to keep pushing through."

Hatfield thanked New-

comb and the faculty at William Byrd for being people who did find the passion and did their jobs well, and helped the Class of 2021 get through the challenges of the year.

"They went above and beyond to give us as much normalcy as possible," Hatfield said.

Senior members of the William Byrd Choir—Haleigh Bush, Kamryn Dodd, Tess Griffin, Bayla Kessler, Zach Minter, Michelle Price, and Arielle Shiloh—performed "Rainbow" by Kacey Musgraves with the lyrics, "The sky has finally opened, the rain and wind stopped blowin', there's always been a rainbow hangin' over your head. It'll all be alright."

Graduate Elizabeth Recktenwald read a poem she composed for graduation, which described the challenges of the past year during the pandemic. COVID has "added value to our time together and it has made a bond between us that is more tightly tethered."

The Class of 2021 graduates were then called to the stage to receive their diplomas from Principal Tammy Newcomb, along with Assistant Principals Marcee Cook and Travis Anderson, Dean of Students Phillip Martin, and members of the Guidance Department.

The 45 valedictorians led the way: Urunna Anyanwu, Keaton Band, Amna Becirrevic, Christopher Blankenship, Sarah Butterworth, Tyler Buxton, Erin Courtemanche, Grayce Dantzler, Olivia Darnell, Taylor Dawson, Kinsey Dollberg, Caroline Dullaghan, Catherine Dullaghan, Elizabeth Fedor, Isaac Fix, Preston Fleitz, Ellen Frary, Andrea Gonzalez, Cade Hanson, Hunter Harris, Dylan Hatfield, Hanna Howell, William Howell, Adithya Iyer, Brooke Johnston, Bayla Kessler, Autumn Krebs, Athena Liao, Kasey McKee, Natalie Mullins, Mathew Pampley, Faith Parrish, Dillon Peters, Michelle Price, Hailey Ramsey, Elizabeth Recktenwald, Emma Roberts, Charlotte Rose, Joseph Sandzimier, Annie



School Superintendent Dr. Ken Nicely greeted Class of 2021 graduates as they exited the stage with their diplomas. They were also greeted by Vinton's School Board representative Tim Greenway and David Linden who serves the Hollins District on the board. Shown left to right are senior Kamryn Dodd, Dr. Nicely, Tim Greenway, and David Linden.



The Class of 2021 performed "The Hum" for the last time as seniors at WBHS.



William Byrd High School seniors took a trip down memory lane with visits to their elementary schools the day before graduation. These students spent their elementary school years at Bonsack Elementary.

Stevens, Emily Summey, Erin Taylor, Mya Travis, Reagan Tuck, and D'aja Williams.

Roanoke County Schools Superintendent Dr. Ken Nicely, Vinton's School Board representative Tim Greenway, and Hollins' School Board member David Linden waited at the bottom of the steps to congratulate each graduate. (Dr. Nicely shook the hands of about 1,100 Roanoke County graduates at ceremonies for all five high

schools.)

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Worship Directory

Looking for Wisdom

Read Esther 1:1 through 3:15

When the turn came for Esther (the young woman Mordecai had adopted, the daughter of his uncle Abihail) to go to the king, she asked for nothing other than what Hegai, the king's eunuch who was in charge of the harem, suggested. And Esther won the favor of everyone who saw her (Esther 2:15).

What do you do when you're a young woman vying to be the king's next queen?

We don't know much about Esther's personality or feelings. But the Bible does give us some clues about this young heroine of the faith. From this passage, it seems Esther was wise enough to seek—or at least listen to—and follow the

advice of more experienced people.

First she listened to Hegai. We don't know what he told her about winning the king's heart, but it worked! And other Scriptures tell us that Esther repeatedly asked for and followed Mordecai's advice.

God often places other people in our lives to give us counsel. We're wise when, instead of trying to go it on our own, we ask for help from others who are godly and have more life experience.

Prayer Suggestion: Ask God to send you wise counselors.

Quicklook: Esther 2:15-19

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

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

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

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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

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

Legals - City of Radford

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.

Legals - City of Radford

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

Legals - City of Salem

PUBLIC HEARING
The City of Salem School Board will hold a public hearing for comment on the Plan for Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services on Tuesday, June 8, 2021. The hearing will begin at 6:30 PM at South Salem Elementary School, 1600 Carolyn Road, Salem, VA 24153.

Any citizen of Salem who wishes to address the Board should contact Kathy A. Jordan, Clerk of the Board, at 389-0130 by Monday, June 7, in order to be placed on the agenda. Individuals who plan to address the Board are requested to bring copies of their remarks for the record. In accordance with Board Policy KD, Public Participation in Board Meetings, individuals who plan to address the Board are requested to:

- provide their name and address,
- address their remarks to the Board,
- be brief and address all stated concerns to the chair,
- A time limit of three minutes per speaker is allotted,
- Provide 8 copies of their remarks for the record, and
- be prepared to answer questions from the Board,
- In unusual cases or cases of emergency, the Board, by consensus, may allow an individual or organization to speak if not on the agenda.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Total Action Against Poverty, Inc. is preparing to carry out the INDOOR PLUMBING REHABILITATION FLEX PROGRAM, through the use in whole or in part of HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM FUNDS.

The implementation of this project will require the use of General Contractors, Septic Contractors, and Well Drillers, for housing rehabilitation and the installation septic systems and wells. These projects may occur in any of the following jurisdictions; Counties of Allegheny, Bath, Bedford, Botetourt, Craig, Floyd, Franklin, Giles, Henry, Montgomery, Patrick, Pulaski, Roanoke, and Rockbridge.

TAP is soliciting the participation of Minority and Female owned businesses, contractors and suppliers in carrying out this project. Contractors must have at least a Virginia Class B License, proper insurance, and be eligible to work in the designated areas. Such business may be included on appropriate bid and procurement list by submitting a written request within ten (10) days of this notice.

Requests should include name, address, product or service and how the firm qualifies as a Minority or Female concern.

Such requests should be addressed or faxed to:

Total Action For Progress
ECHR Department
P.O. Box 2868, Roanoke, VA 24001
Attn: Lee Lovern (540) 353-2961
Or Attn: Liz Puckett (540) 283-4882
TTY: Dial "711" (540) 283-4897
Fax: (540) 777-4833

All contracts will be made on a competitive basis. TAP is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Business and Employment Notice

Total Action For Progress is preparing to carry out the Indoor Plumbing Rehabilitation Program through the use of federal HOME grant Funds. In the implementation of this project the following job types may be available:

- Carpenter
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- HVAC
- Other Construction Related Jobs

In carrying out this project, Total Action For Progress its contractors and subcontractors will, to the greatest extent feasible, will utilize qualified persons who permanently reside within the Counties of; Rockbridge, Botetourt, Roanoke, Bath, Alleghany, Henry, Franklin, Floyd, Pulaski, Patrick, Giles, Montgomery, Bedford, and Craig for employment and training positions.

All job openings will be listed with the local office of the Virginia Employment Commission. Persons qualified for the jobs listed should register at the following location: 3601 Thirlane Rd NW suite 2, Roanoke, VA 24019 Additionally, the following contracts and procurements will/may be made: General Contractors, Septic System Contractor, Well Diggers and HVAC Constructions materials, building supplies, appliance suppliers and HVAC suppliers. Total Action For Progress will, to the greatest extent feasible, use businesses located in and owned by persons residing in Section 3 in the Counties of; Rockbridge, Botetourt, Roanoke, Bath, Alleghany, Henry, Franklin, Floyd, Pulaski, Patrick, Giles, Montgomery, Bedford, and Craig.

Any person residing or firm located in the above named localities may request to participate in procurement opportunities associated with this project by contacting the following person within ten (10) days of this notice.

Liz Puckett
302 2nd Street SW, Roanoke, VA 24011
Phone: 540-283-4882
Virginia Relay: 711
Fax: 540-777-4833

Written requests should include the name, address, product or service and phone number. All above-referenced procurements will be made on a competitive basis. The names of businesses who respond to this notice will be included on procurement lists for this project. Names of job seekers will be given to contractors.

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TAP will carry out this project with contractors qualified to work in the designated program area. Any contractor may request to be added to the contractors list for this program by contacting TAP at the information below. Contractors must have at least a Virginia Class B License, proper insurance, and be eligible to work in the designated areas.

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Notice is hereby given to

all interested persons that the City of Salem Planning Commission, at its regular meeting on June 16, 2021, at 7:00 p.m., in the Community Room of the Salem Civic Center, 1001 Roanoke Boulevard, in the City of Salem, Virginia, will hold a public hearing, pursuant to Sections 15.2-2204 and 15.2-2285 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, to consider the following requests relative to the CODE OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA:

1. Consider the request of Bethel Baptist Church, Inc., property owner, for rezoning the property located at 6 Front Avenue (Tax Map # 234-6-2) from RSF Residential Single-Family District to HBD Highway Business District with proffered condition.

2. Consider the request of Peter R. Fields and Vivian D. Fields, property owners, for rezoning the property located at 303-305 South Colorado Street (Tax Map # 121-10-4) from RMF Residential Multi-Family to TBD Transitional Business District.

3. Consider the request of MCLIP Properties, LLC, property owner, for rezoning the property located at 901 South Colorado Street and 110 7th Street (Tax Map # 184-4-8) from LM Light Manufacturing District to CBD Community Business District.

4. Consider the request of Timothy J. Toohig and Lonzie L. Linkous, Jr., property owners, for the issuance of a Special Exception Permit to allow a two-family dwelling on the property located at 335 Roanoke Boulevard (Tax Map # 146 - 1 - 3).

5. Consider the request of Total Motion Performance, lessee, and 751 Union Station, LLC, property owner, for the issuance of a Special Exception Permit to allow athletic instruction services on the property located at 773 Union Street (Tax Map # 183 1 1).

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

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

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

Tips for family camping trips

For nature lovers, perhaps nothing is more enjoyable than packing up the camping gear, traveling to a favorite campsite and getting away from it all while sleeping under the stars. Such an experience can be transformative, turning first-time campers into lifelong enthusiasts.

The opportunity to turn youngsters into nature enthusiasts who can't wait to spend time outside may be one reason why so many families go camping. A 2018 report Kampgrounds of America found that 52 percent of campers have children, making camping among the most popular and family-friendly ways to enjoy the great outdoors.

Camping with youngsters can help families make lasting memories. Parents who have never before taken their children camping may benefit from employing a few strategies to make the trip as fun as possible.

- **Make a trial run in the backyard.** A night camping in the backyard won't be exactly the same as a night in the woods, where wildlife, and particularly insects, may be less welcoming hosts. But a backyard camping night can acclimate children to their sleeping bags and their tents. A fun night sleeping under the stars in the backyard also may make kids more enthusiastic about an upcoming camping trip in the woods.

- **Go over safety early and often.** Use every opportunity to explain camping safety measures to youngsters in advance of your trip. Emphasize the importance of staying together in the woods, and teach youngsters how to identify potentially harmful plants like poison ivy, making sure they know to avoid coming into contact with these and other poisonous plants. Contact your local parks department, or the campground where you will be staying, for some additional advice on camping safety.

- **Let kids help when choosing camping equipment.** Youngsters may be more excited about camping if they're allowed to choose certain equipment, including their sleeping bags and tents. Before visiting your nearby camping retailer, explain to kids that tents come in various styles because they're designed to protect campers from certain elements that may be more common in certain areas than others. Such an explanation can make it easy to explain to youngsters why you're



purchasing certain items, even if those items weren't kids' top choices.

- **Plan the family menu in advance.** Plan the menu in advance so you can ensure everyone will continue to eat healthy. But make sure to include a few kid-friendly camping classics, like s'mores, in the meal plan as well.

- **Prepare a camping-friendly first-aid kit.** Bandages and topical antibiotic creams are part and parcel of any first-aid kit, regardless of where you're going. But the elements pose a different set of challenges that require a more extensive first-aid kit. When designing a first-aid kit for your camping trip, be sure to include all the usual items but also over-the-counter medications that can treat pain, allergies, constipation, and diarrhea. An extra gallon or two of water also makes for a wise addition to campers' first-aid kits.

Family camping trips can instill a lifelong love of the great outdoors in youngsters. A few simple strategies can help parents make such trips safe and memorable.

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Strategies to spend less time on your smartphone

Smartphones are a significant part of life in the 21st century. According to the technology, data and analytics experts at Zenith, in 2019 the average American adult spent three hours and 30 minutes using mobile internet every day, with estimates suggesting that number could increase to more than four hours per day by 2021.

It's no secret that many people struggle when it comes to putting down their smartphones. The secret lies in learning how to unplug from smartphones, especially for the millions of people who are spending untold hours on such devices every day. A strong will to put smartphones down can help people do just that, and some additional strategies might make it easier to unplug as well.

- **Keep your phone in another room.** Many people are drawn to their smartphones by a seemingly endless stream of notifications. The addictive nature of notifications is debatable, but blaming notifications and merely turning them off may not be as effective a means to reducing smartphone reliance as you think.

- **A 2020 study by researchers at the London School of Economics and Political Science found that 89 percent of interactions with phones were unprompted.** That suggests people are simply picking up their phones even when notifications or incoming calls aren't making them do so. Keeping a phone in another room when dining, reading a book, engaging with family members, or participating in other activities can help people avoid that familiar urge to pick up their phone.

- **Utilize apps to curtail your usage.** Various apps allow users to block their own access to other apps and websites. These apps, which include Flipd and Freedom, are designed to help smartphone users regain productivity they might have lost due to their smartphone usage. The apps can be utilized in various ways, and one such way is to restrict access to games and websites during the workday. They also can be used to restrict access during family time or other hours of the day when people don't want to be distracted by the internet.



- **Set up auto reply.** Many professionals set up out-of-office messages to notify colleagues and clients when they're on vacation or engaging in projects that will prevent them from answering emails. The same principle can be applied to text messages. According to a 2019 survey from CTIA, which has tracked the evolution of the United States wireless industry since 1985, two trillion text messages were exchanged in 2019.

That's a lot of messages, and texting is a significant reason why so many people have problems putting down their phones. An automatic response informing friends, family and colleagues that you're away from your phone can be a great way to spend less time texting.

Smartphone usage is on the rise, even among people who want to put their phones down more often. Such users can try various approaches to spend less time on their phones.

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Legals - Craig County

Public Notice Code of Virginia, Title 58.1 Section 3911

Craig County 2021 1st half real estate taxes are due on Monday, June 7, 2021. Taxes must be paid or postmarked by midnight on this date. Penalty will be assessed on June 8, 2021 and interest will be assessed beginning July 1, 2021.

If you have not received a tax notice or have questions call 540-864-5641. If you have questions concerning the assessments on your notice, call the Commissioner of the Revenue at 540-864-5641.

Jackie M. Parsons
Craig County Treasurer

Legals - Montgomery County

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 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.

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
Christiansburg, VA 24073
VADEN, 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

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Case No. CL21000845-00
Montgomery County Circuit Court
55 East Main Street Suite 1
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MASTROGIOVANNI, JENNIFER v.
EVANS, MICHAEL TAHIR
The object of this suit is to: NAME CHANGE ON A MINOR
It is ORDERED that MICHAEL TAHIR EVANS appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before JULY 20, 2021.

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VA. CODE §§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316, -317, 20-104
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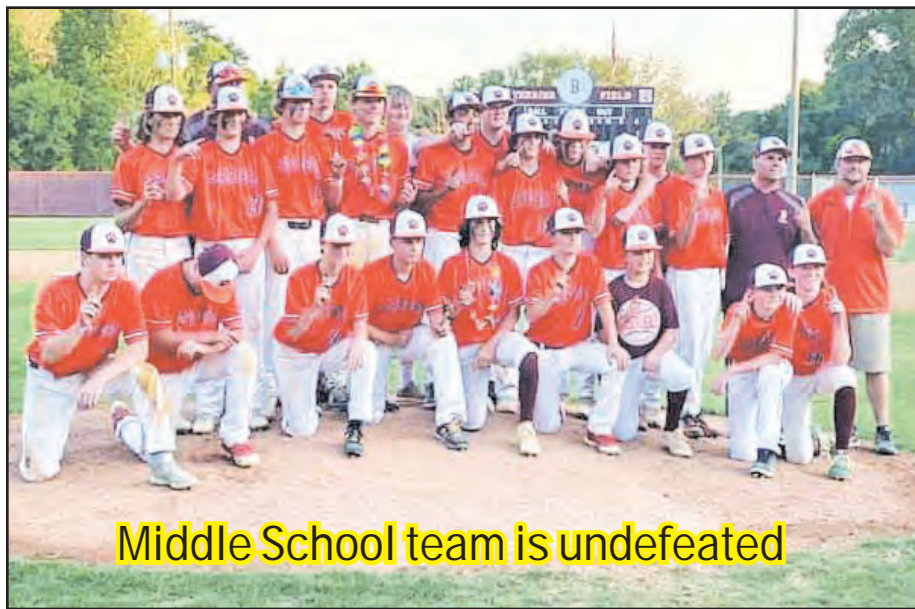
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TERRIERS PREPARE FOR REGION TRACK MEET

Left, William Byrd's Isaac Roth is up and over the bar in the pole vault competition in a recent meet at William Byrd High School. Right, Terrier sprinter Sela Beatty comes flying down the stretch on the track at Patterson Stadium. The Terriers were scheduled to wrap up the regular season with a Wednesday morning meet in Vinton this week, then get ready for the Region 3D meet, which will be held at Christiansburg High School next Wednesday, June 8.

PHOTOS BY JEFF MARVIN



Middle School team is undefeated

The William Byrd Middle School baseball team recently completed a perfect season. The Terriers won all nine of their games with 10 eighth graders and 11 seventh graders on the team. Bottom row, left to right, are Ethan Powell, Conner Amos, Landon Haithcock, JW Vaughan, Tyler Harris, Payton Steahly, Andrew Carter, Tyler Chambers and Torin Bundy. Back row, left to right; Kam McKee, Hayden Eads, Cannin Lutz, Head Coach Brian Jones, Hayden Eads, Ryan Hurley, Hunter Obenchain, Connor Jones, Jarrett Shepherd, Aidan Robbins, Tate Kotz, Brogan Dent, Jake Courtemanche, Kyllind Spence, Cason Nichols, Asst.coach Kevin Witcher and Asst coach Justin Dent.

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Byrd lax to host Glass tonite



Jerze Webb has had a good season for the Byrd lacrosse team.

PHOTO BY JIM DEVINNEY

The William Byrd boys are scheduled to complete the regular season tonight with a home game against E.C. Glass, but that will be a game time decision. With school completed for the summer coach Truman Farmer isn't sure if he'll have enough players to play.

"We are scheduled to play Glass Thursday but this will depend on the number of players," he said. "We will not be playing in post season, due to not having enough players."

The girls have completed their regular season and they're expecting to compete in the region tournament. That will begin on Monday, June 14, against an opponent still to be determined.

Girls shut out Fleming on pitch

Eight different girls scored as the William Byrd soccer team shut out William Fleming on Tuesday night at Patterson Stadium. With the win the girls improved to 6-2 overall and trail only Lord Botetourt in the Blue Ridge District standings.

Hanna Chappell scored the first goal of the night off a cross from Maddy Simmons, then Simmons scored the second off an assist from Riley Firebaugh. Sarah Stanley and Briannah Hall scored the third and fourth goals, both assisted by Ella Ashworth.

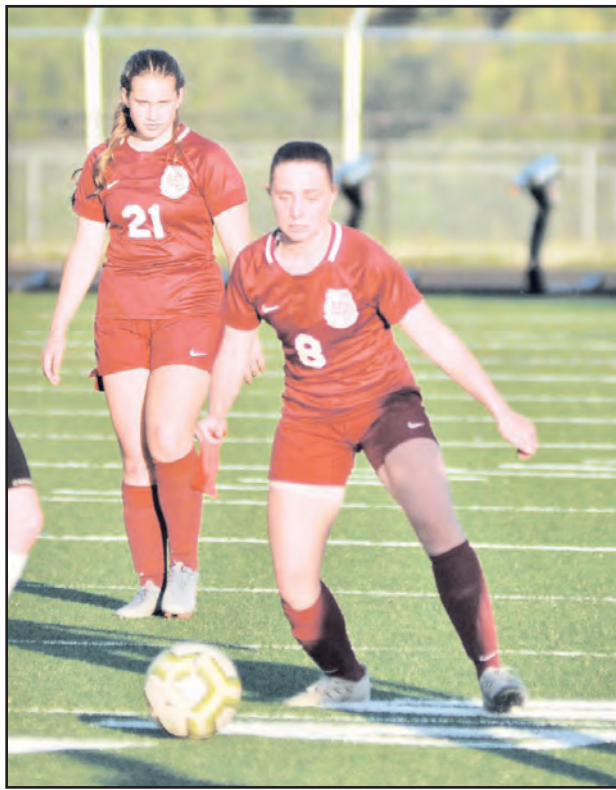
Addisyn St. Clair scored the fifth goal off an assist from Hall. Claire Glover joined in the fun with the sixth goal of the night off a pass from Maci Glass, and Glass finished the scoring for the first half, making it 7-0 at the break.

The second half goal scorer was Madeleine Wolters-Argenio off an assist from Hannah

Sutton. That ended the game by slaughter rule, 8-0.

The girls are back in action Friday at Northside, and they're

back home next Tuesday, June 8, to host Staunton River in a girls-boys doubleheader, with the girls opening the twin-bill at 5:30 pm.



Hanna Chappell(#8) and Anna Martin(#21) control the ball for the Byrd girls.

PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN



Tee it Up!

Carson Greenway of the Tee-Ball Vinton Orioles smacks a hit in a game at the Bonsack Elementary School Field.

PHOTO BY PAULA GREENWAY

Boys have "Sr. Nite" Tuesday

The William Byrd boys hope to end their regular season soccer schedule on a high note when they play the second game of a varsity doubleheader with the girls next Tuesday. The girls will open the twin-bill at 5:30 pm against Staunton River with the boys to follow, both at Patterson Stadium in Vinton.

It's been a tough year for the Terriers, who have lost seven straight since beating Northside, 4-1, in their second game of the season. Byrd has lost two overtime games in that streak, including a 5-4 loss to LB in Daleville last Friday. That followed a strong effort in a close loss to Franklin County, the first place team in the Blue Ridge District.

"We had what was probably our best performance of the season at LB," said coach Russell Dishman. "It was unfortunate that we lost, but they guys played well and put it together throughout the match. It was a back and forth match and it was very noticeable to watch how the momentum swung through the match. I thought we were able to move the ball well through the middle of the field and create some quality chances."

Landon Niday had two goals for Byrd while Ben Guertin and Braden



Byrd's Josh Roop pushes the ball down the field for the boys' soccer team.

PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Crossan had one each. Bricen Lancaster had seven saves in the goal.

"I was proud of the guys for keeping their heads up and sticking to what we worked on," said Dishman. "There were a lot of great individual performances, but the guys were able to make everyone around them better as the match went on."

On Tuesday Byrd played at William Fleming

Bricen Lancaster had 7 saves on the night and goals were scored by Landon Niday (2), Ben Guertin and Braden

Crossan.

On Tuesday of this week the Terriers played at William Fleming and dropped a 4-0 decision.

"We struggled to build off the momentum we had gained the previous matches," said Dishman. "I thought the start of the match we did well to deny them chances and build forward. As the match drew on we struggled with organization and we tried forcing the ball forward at times and we were not successful."

Next Tuesday's match with Staunton River is "Senior Night."

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Big week for Byrd baseball team

The William Byrd baseball team can make up some ground in the Region 3D rankings with four games in as many days this week. The Terriers already had two wins on Tuesday, and were scheduled to play a big game with Lord Botetourt in Vinton Wednesday.

The Botetourt game was originally scheduled for last Friday, but a late afternoon thunderstorm postponed the game and it was rescheduled for Wednesday of this week. Botetourt had beaten Byrd the first time around, 14-3 in Daleville, and the Terriers were hoping for some revenge with Tyler Dean on the mound.

With a 7-2 record after sweeping a doubleheader from William Fleming Tuesday, the Terriers are hoping to solidify a spot in the top four of the region. As of today Abingdon and Tunstall hold the top two spots and Byrd can finish as high as third by winning out, but Wednesday's game with Botetourt was a big one. The Cavaliers were 7-2 prior to Wednesday's action and they still have 9-1 Franklin County to play on Friday in Rocky Mount.

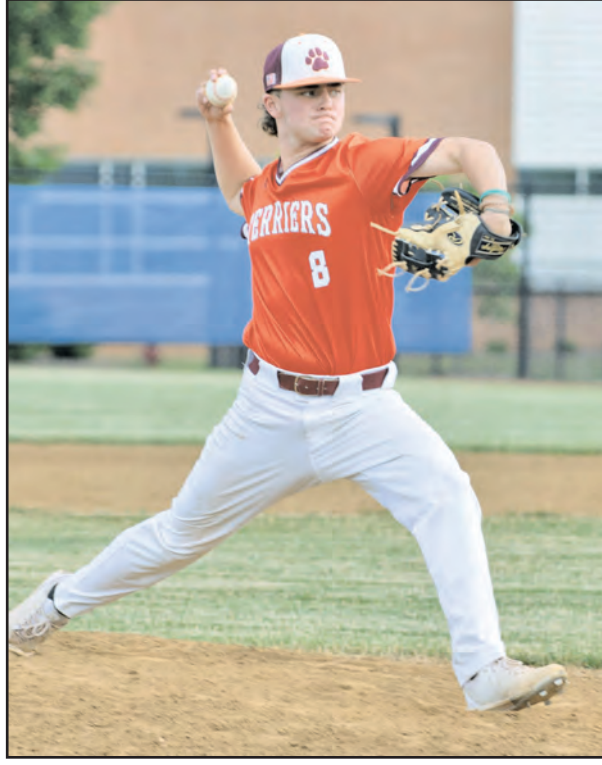
Byrd's doubleheader with Fleming, in Roanoke, was little more than a tuneup for the important stretch drive. The Terriers won 12-0 and 11-0 and in four games with Fleming this season they outscored the Colonels a combined 50-0. None of the four games went close to going the distance.

On Tuesday Ethan Tinsley pitched the first game and shut out Fleming on two hits. Hunter Harris was three-for-three with two doubles and three runs batted in, Hayden Lyle was two-for-two and Hunter Sipe had a double and two RBIs.

In the second game Trenton Sayers pitched a one hit shutout, fanning five. Bryson Lutz had two runs batted in.

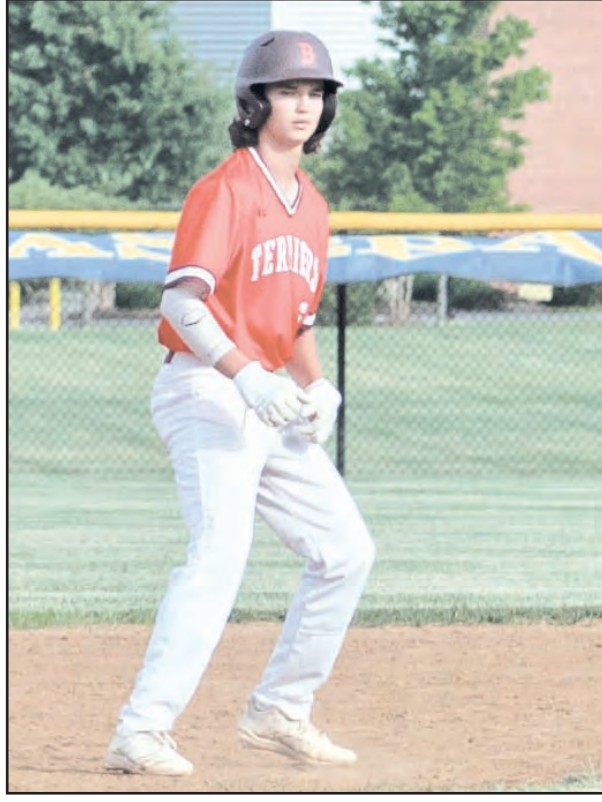
Now the easy games are over as Byrd travels to Northside Friday, then wraps up the regular season with a 5:30 pm game at Walthall Park next Tuesday. Isaac Fix is slated to start against Northside with Dean back on the bump for Staunton River.

The Region 3D playoffs will include 10 of the 12 teams in the region. It will begin on Saturday, June 12, with the seven through 10 seeds playing and the top six getting a bye to the next round.



Above, Byrd's Trenton Sayers is on his way to pitching a shutout against William Fleming Tuesday. Below, Hunter Harris is on second after one of his two doubles.

PHOTOS BY BILL HOAL



Ross Divers stretches for a putout against Fleming.

PHOTO BY BILL HOAL

Wm. Byrd softball looks to bounce back

The William Byrd softball team will try to get back on track Friday when the Terriers play host to Northside in a Blue Ridge District softball game.

The Terriers were scheduled to play at Northside Wednesday, hoping to bounce back from last week's 7-0 loss at Lord Botetourt. It's been a while since the 2019 state champs have been shut out, and in fact in their other two losses this season they scored seven runs in both, losing

both times to Class 6 Franklin County.

Botetourt pitcher Rhyann Jones held the Terriers to just two hits, singles by Maddy Tuck and Sydney Bewett. She struck out five and walked none.

Hallie Cox took the loss for Byrd, pitching five innings before Chloe Varney pitched the sixth. Botetourt had nine hits.

With the loss Byrd fell to 6-3 overall and 4-3 in the Blue Ridge District. Staunton River leads the BRD and the Terriers will host the Eagles next Tuesday, June 8.



Above, Byrd firstbaseman Rachel Cruff stretches to nail a Lord Botetourt runner in last week's game. Below, catcher Maddy Tuck blocks a ball behind the plate.

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