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Vinton receives \$4.2 million in ARPA funding

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The Commonwealth of Virginia has distributed approximately \$304.5 million in federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding to 190 towns. These payments represent the first half of funding provided by the U.S. Treasury for Non-Entitlement Units of local government, with the same amount to be provided in June 2022.

These funds are in addition to \$2.3 billion available to Virginia's 133 counties and cities directly from the federal government, as well as \$4.3 billion that Gov. Ralph Northam and the General Assembly will allocate during a special session beginning August 2.

"Our administration is committed to ensuring that communities of all sizes get the assistance they need to recover from the impacts of the pandemic—that's why we expedited the distribution of funding for Virginia's towns," said

Northam in a press release on July 6. "These federal dollars represent an unprecedented opportunity to meet local response needs while also making transformative investments to support broad-based, equitable growth in every corner of the Commonwealth. We encourage collaboration across localities to maximize these funds for the benefit of all Virginians."

"ARPA funding will provide significant assistance to state and local governments in a wide range of areas," said Secretary of Finance Joe Flores. "We have worked diligently to ensure that all localities receive the funds designated for them, and we are excited to see the positive outcomes that will result for communities across Virginia."

The ARPA established the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (CSLFRF) to assist states and eligible units of local and tribal government with COVID-19 recovery and infrastructure improvements. Within the categories of eligible uses, recipients have broad flexibility to decide how best to use this funding to meet local needs.

Eligible uses of CSLFRF funds include:

- Supporting public health expenditures, including COVID-19 mitigation efforts, medical expenses, behavioral health care, and certain public health and safety staff;
- Addressing economic impacts caused by the public health emergency, including to workers, households, small businesses, impacted industries, and the public sector;
- Replacing lost public sector revenue, providing government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue experienced due to the pandemic;
- Providing premium pay for essential workers, offering additional support to those who have and will bear the greatest health risks because of their service in critical infrastructure sectors; and

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Whitney Pugh is the founder and CEO of Agenacare Housecalls, PLLC, a mobile 24/7 healthcare service which treats patients in their homes or workplaces.

Agenacare revives long ago practice of house calls

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Long ago it was the norm for doctors to make house calls—in a time when medicine was more hands-on and personal. Whitney Pugh, founder and CEO of Agenacare Housecalls, PLLC, believes that "not-so-modern approach" of "healthcare that comes to you" needs to be revisited and may be the best way to provide excellent quality medical care in this day and age.

"We're kind of filling that gap in the community that instead of having to go to the office or to a waiting room and wait for hours, patients tell us what time they want us to be there; we show up right there at their door or their business and take care of them and we're done," Pugh said. All it takes is a simple phone call by the client to schedule an appointment.

She describes her business as a "Concierge Urgent Care and Primary Care Service" which allows patients to control their own medical care.

Pugh was one of the entrepreneurs this spring in the 2021 Gauntlet Business Program and Competition and one of its top winners—on the Platinum Level, with \$10,905 in cash and prizes.

She is a Board Certified Nurse Practitioner. Her medical staff at Agenacare includes other nurse practitioners, physician's assistants, and

paramedics, along with a collaborating physician who doesn't see patients, but works with the company.

Pugh grew up in Rural Retreat, entered Radford University immediately after graduating from high school, and earned her Bachelor of Science in Nursing. She "absolutely loved" the emergency room and urgent care work.

After a year of working in a Trauma 2 unit in Bristol beginning in 2003, she moved to "the big city" of Roanoke to work in a Trauma 1 unit at Roanoke Memorial. (Level 1 Trauma Centers are required to have immediately available all resources to stabilize and definitively treat even the most complex traumatic injuries. Trauma 2 centers typically have resources to stabilize and treat most patients but will have to transfer patients for more in depth or specialized care.)

Pugh and some friends—looking for adventure—decided to become traveling nurses for a time, signing 13-week contracts to work in Tucson, at Duke University, and then in the ER at ECU. She decided to settle down in the valley when she met her husband Joey, now the acting fire marshal for Roanoke City Fire and EMS. She worked in the ER at Carilion Franklin Memorial Hospital and then returned to school to become a nurse practitioner, licensed in 2009.

Over time she came to feel disheartened about the work she was doing. Although she loved urgent care and emergency room work, she began to feel that with the current corporate medical system, patients have become mostly numbers. She was expected to see 60-70 patients a day with about four minutes allot-

Roanoke County School Board meets in work session



Dr. Rhonda Stegall has been named Assistant Superintendent of Administration for Roanoke County Public Schools.

Members of the Roanoke County School Board met in a work session on July 13. Topics discussed included:

An update on the renovation project at William Byrd High School.

- The upcoming Open House at Cave Spring High School on July 31.
- Changing guidelines for the reopening of schools on August 12.
- The appointment of Dr. Rhonda Stegall to a new position.
- The release of a statement on the School Board's stance on equity in the schools.

The equity statement, read by School Board Chairman Jason Moretz, said, "Over the past several weeks, citizens and parents in Roanoke County and across



The Roanoke County School Board received an update on the progress of renovations at William Byrd High School at their work session on July 13. "Learning cottages" are being installed in the back parking lot outside the cafeteria entrance.

Virginia have expressed concern about news they are hearing at a state and national level related to public schools. As members of the Roanoke County School Board, we want to collectively assure the citizens of Roanoke County that our schools continue to be committed to being welcoming and safe places where all students and staff are valued and respected. We embrace equity of opportunity for all students and staff as we work hard together to advance and support student learning and be the best we can be as a community."

"To be clear, Critical Race Theory is not included in the curriculum for Roanoke County Public Schools and is not included in current state standards of learning. History and social studies must be studied honestly

and accurately, but students are not judged by the color of their skin under any circumstances. We must all be accountable for our actions as individuals, correct wrongs where they exist, and work together, united rather than divided, for the good of our community."

"Likewise, Roanoke County Public Schools has not changed its policies regarding transgender students. We do not discriminate in our schools and will continue to work with students needing support on an individual basis and respect their privacy, in an environment that is safe and respectful of all students."

"Having worked through the incredibly challenging past year of the pandemic, our schools and

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Roanoke welcomes Miss and Mister Abilities Pageant

The Miss Abilities Organization creates accessible pageants and community service opportunities for individuals with disabilities ages 4 and up. Their aim is to “help young men and women put the ABILITY in disability.” Their hope is to build confidence and teach strong social and life skills, adapted to meet the special needs of the participants.

Cynthia Groseclose of Roanoke is the Miss Abilities Organization Southwest Virginia Area Coordinator. She lives in Roanoke and became interested in the pageants through her son who has a disability. She and her daughter volunteered a couple of years ago for the Miss Abilities Pageant in Winchester. Now she is hosting the first Miss and Mister Abilities Southwest Virginia Pageant in the Roanoke Valley on October 23. In light of the global pandemic, the event will be virtual and live-streamed on the Miss Abilities Facebook page at 2 p.m. that afternoon.

“We didn’t have anything like this, and I thought it would be a great addition to our community,” Groseclose said.

Registration is now open through September 10 at <https://missabilities.org/contestant-registration> for those interested in entering the pageant. Only 45 contestants will be accepted. There is a \$40 fee to register with limited scholarships available.

Miss & Mister Abilities Southwest Virginia is for residents who live within a 75-mile radius of Roanoke. Additionally, until the organization offers Miss Abilities events in Tennessee, Kentucky, North Carolina and southern West Virginia, residents of those four states may compete in Miss & Mister Abilities Southwest Virginia.

The youngest age category is 4 to 6 years old and the oldest is ages 36 and up. Participants must meet the legal definition of an individual with a disability under the Disability Discrimination Act of 1995.

- Age categories are:
- 4 to 6--Little Miss/Mister
 - 7 to 9--Tween Miss/Mister
 - 10 to 12--Preteen Miss/Mister
 - 13 to 17--Teen Miss/Mister
 - 18 to 24--Miss/Mister
 - 25 to 35-- Elite Miss/Mister
 - 36 & up-- Classic Miss/Mister

Contestants in the pageant will participate in four categories:

- Interview: Before the pageant is broadcast, contestants will meet with the judges for a brief 3-5 minute interview via Zoom. Questions for the interview will be chosen from the list of questions answered in the registration form. Examples of these include: What grade are you in? What are your favorite hobbies/interests? Who do you admire the most

and why? Buddies/Aides are welcome to answer questions on behalf of nonverbal contestants.

- Why this category? It allows contestants to practice their one-on-one conversational skills as well as social and interview skills!

- Showcase: Each contestant will submit a video up to 90 seconds long to perform or show something that makes them special. In years past, contestants have showcased abilities such as showing off their artwork, reading their favorite book, showing off their spelling skills, singing, dancing, and even stand-up comedy!

- Why this category? It allows the participants to show the judges one of their abilities that make them unique.

- Runway: Each contestant will submit a video of themselves wearing their favorite outfit and strutting their stuff. Evening gowns or tuxedos are not required for the Runway. They are encouraged to wear what makes them feel beautiful and confident—whether that means an Elsa costume, a sports jersey, evening gown, Sunday best, etc. is up to them! If a contestant wishes to wear a gown however, the organization has connected with wonderful organizations that can donate dresses. However, make-up should be kept to a minimum. No flippers, hair extensions, or false eyelashes are allowed, even for virtual.

- Why this category? It helps contestants show their confidence through poise.

- Virtual Question: After the Showcase and Runway videos have been presented during the live stream of the pageant, contestants will be introduced by the emcee and a judge will ask the contestant a question from the registration form for them to answer.

- Why this category? It encourages contestants to practice public speaking.

Contestants who are non-verbal can participate in the verbal components of the event in multiple ways. Pageant officials encourage the use of communication devices but also offer a parent/guardian or their assigned Buddy participate in the interview and on-stage question to answer on their behalf.

All contestants must submit a high-resolution photograph of themselves to be used for social media pages to introduce each contestant. This does not need to be a professional photo.

Each contestant is required to raise \$100 for Miss Abilities separate from the entry fee. This presents an opportunity for contestants to build their communication skills, meet business people in their community and learn how to present themselves to others.

Awards will be presented in each age



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The Miss and Mister Abilities Southwest Virginia Pageant will be held virtually on October 23. This is the first year for the event. Cynthia Groseclose is the area coordinator. Register online by September 10.

group to the young man or woman who raises the largest amount of money through sponsors in their age group and the overall sponsorship winner from all age groups who collects the largest dollar amount in sponsorships will be named Sponsorship Queen/King and receive a sash, pin, scepter, and a cash prize.

Other than first place winners who receive the title of Miss Abilities King or Queen for their age category, there are several other awards available to win.

You won't hear the term “runner-up” at a Miss Abilities pageant. Each contestant will leave with the title Miss Abilities Prince or Princess. All Princes and Princesses will also receive an additional award determined by the judges for each age category including but not limited to: Best Dressed, Best Smile, Best Interview, and Most Photogenic.

A confirmation email will be sent once the registration form and fee have been completed and accepted.

Jessica Edwards founded the Miss Abilities LLC in October 2015. She was inspired by her oldest child's dream to become the first Miss America with autism, and also by her own personal pageant

experience. She is passionate about creating opportunities for individuals with disabilities to shine. Miss Abilities LLC became Miss Abilities Organization in March 2017.

The first pageant took place in Winchester. Six years later it is expanding to multiple regions including Southwest Virginia.

The organization welcomes volunteers of all ages and abilities to participate in their events.

All entrants will receive the royal treatment, a T-shirt and will be virtually teamed up with their Buddy. Buddies must be 18 and older because they will be responsible for their contestants.

In addition to volunteers, individual or business sponsors are needed for contestants' fees and awards.

Businesses can also help by offering their product, services or they may choose to sponsor one of the pageants. Learn more by visiting <http://missabilities.org/sponsor-info/>

For more information on the Miss Abilities Organization Southwest Virginia visit the website at: <https://missabilities.org/miss-abilities-southwest-va>.

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Investing in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure, making necessary investments to improve access to clean drinking water, support vital wastewater and stormwater infrastructure, and expand access to broadband internet.

Vinton Assistant Town Manager Cody Sexton says that the press release presents the governor's perspective on the ARPA money and helps provide “another piece of the big picture” which localities

are trying to figure out this summer.

The Town of Vinton has received the first payment of approximately \$4.2 million.

Sexton says the town received the money the week of June 28, and it's “in the bank.”

“The next half will come in one year,” Sexton said. “Our goal is to hold a public hearing on July 20 to amend the budget and appropriate the full \$4.2 million for the year

and then make transfers of the money to the appropriate funds as projects become available. This will give us the maximum flexibility moving forward once we know what the state is doing in August. We have lots of possibilities available, but we want to be able to spend state money first— if at all possible— before dipping into ours.”

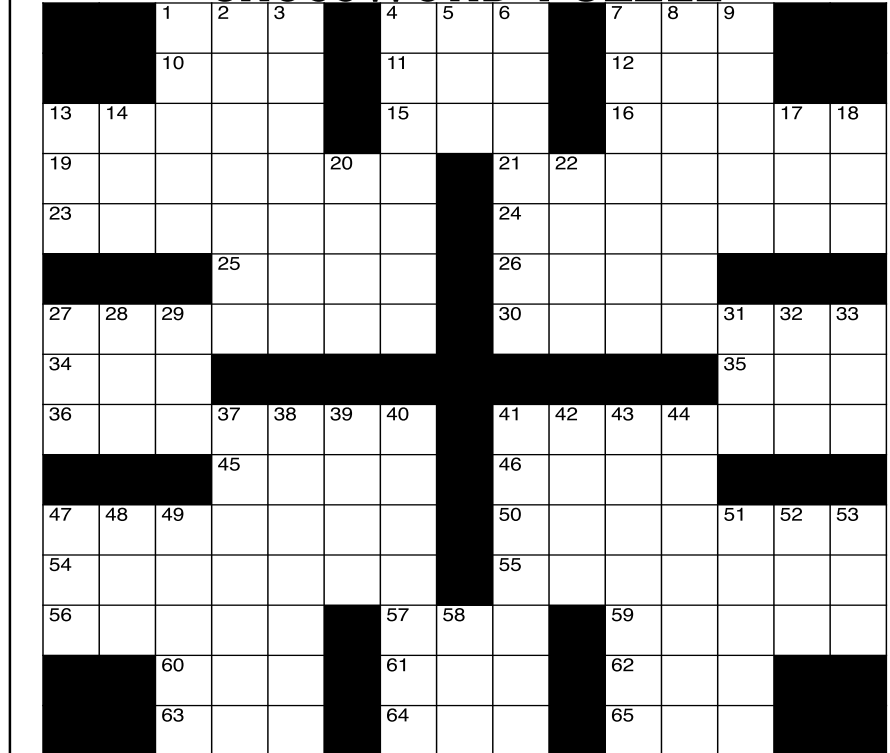
Sexton says the town will find out in August if there is additional funding coming

from either the reallocation of localities who did not accept the money or from allocations from the General Assembly.

He believes it is possible that some smaller localities may turn down the funding because they are “not going to have the administrative capacity to actually spend the money. There are quite a few strings and strict guidelines associated with the money, so I could see some localities saying ‘thanks, but no thanks.’”

“Town leadership have conversations and learn more information every day regarding the ARPA money,” Sexton said. “We know there are many opportunities in the community for this funding, and we want to ensure that we are good stewards of the money. We are striving to be Goldilocks, moving neither too quickly nor too slowly, but finding the situations that are just right to maximize the benefits for our community.”

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 4. Payroll firm
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 11. Cow sound
 12. Hairpiece
 13. Spoon-shaped surgical instrument
 15. Mother
 16. Remove from record
 19. Foolish
 21. Mailman
 23. Unit of data size
 24. Stirred
 25. Deceptive movement
 26. We all have one
 27. Direct from pasture beef animal
 30. A person's own self
 34. Helps little firms
 35. Deep, red-brown sea beam
 36. Tumbler
 41. A short section of a musical composition
 45. Young woman (French)
 46. Wings
 47. Wine bottles
 50. Thin layers of rock
 54. Opposite to
 55. American state
 56. Uncertainty about something
 57. Basics
 59. Indian seaport
 60. Owed as a debt
 61. Buffer solution
 62. Unit of work or energy
 63. Soviet Socialist Republic
 64. One point south of due east
 65. Born of
- CLUES DOWN**
1. Small stem bearing leaves
 2. Female Bacchanalians
 3. Mediterranean city
 4. Measures electric current
 5. Arrived extinct
 6. Edible butterflyfish
 7. Causing wonder or astonishment
 8. Behaviors showing high moral standards
 9. Ancient Irish alphabets
 13. Footballer Newton
 14. Utilize
 17. Sum of absolute errors
 18. Opposite of the beginning
 20. Shoe company
 22. Algerian port city
 27. Girls organization (abbr.)
 28. Type of cell (abbr.)
 29. Swiss river
 31. When you hope to get there
 32. Fall behind
 33. Expresses distaste, disapproval
 37. Volume containing several novels
 38. Less sharp
 39. Food for the poor
 40. Having made a valid will
 41. Royal estates
 42. Relating to wings
 43. Japanese three-stringed lute
 44. Taking something through force
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Wow! What a night Saturday night's Mingle at the Market was. Fantastic. Yes, it was touch and go for minute or two. But the rain moved out and the night was perfect.

Five Dollar Shake never disappoints. Blue Ridge Beverage always has the right beverages. Delicia's saved the day. And The Conner Group were stellar volunteers with some folks from Bank of Botetourt on stand by.

Thank you to everyone who makes nights like this happen. And thank you to all of you who support our work.

Mark your calendars for July 24. Five Shades of Grey will take the stage; Munsey's BBQ will be cooking up some yum-

miness. Delicia will have something delicious. And, of course, BRB will have cold beverages. See you then.

Congratulations to Jodi (Overstreet) and Bobby Estienne on the birth of a beautiful baby boy. Welcome, Colson Thomas. I know Grandpa Tommy is beaming, I wish we could see his face. I know Grandma Betty Jo sure is.

Another beautiful baby joined us this week, too - Suttan Grace Crosswhite. Congrats, parents Rachel and Micheal Crosswhite! I hope you know grands Shelia and David are gonna do some spoiling. I'm sure Rachel's parents will as well.

Have you, family or friends done something fun this summer? Is or has someone gotten married? Celebrated a birthday or anniversary? A business anniversary? Please, let me know. I'd love to share your stories.



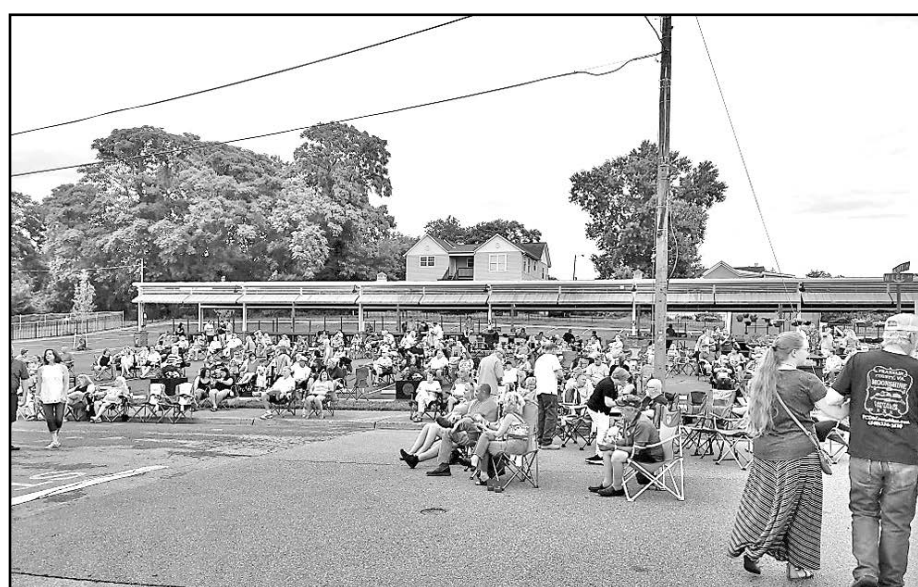
Colson Thomas Estienne



Suttan Grace Crosswhite



Mingle at the Market on July 10.



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Agenacare

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ted per patient and encouraged to focus on just one symptom to treat. Patients had to be pushed in and out as quickly as possible.

She came to hate not the work, but the system. She and her husband were on vacation in Nashville when she told him she needed to make a change. "I want to make a difference, and this is not it," Pugh said. "We are just putting a Band-Aid over a cut. I can either complain or be the change," and announced her intention to establish an urgent care concierge house call practice.

Pugh wanted to give the patients the experience that she would want if she were a patient herself.

"When I opened this business I said, 'What would I want as a mom? What would I want as a citizen that if I was having a company come to me, what would make me happy?'"

Her theory was that "people love house calls" and want the mutual respect relationship and trust that develops between a client and medical professionals.

In July 2019, Pugh met with Tom Tanner, Senior Business Advisor at the Small Business Development Center in Roanoke, telling him about her dream- "this is what I want to do; I have no idea how it needs to be done."

With his help setting up the PLLC (professional limited liability company) and connecting her to resources, she launched Agenacare Housecalls in December 2019. Her goal was to "change medicine in my area," which then was mainly Franklin County.

When she started, she was the only employee and worked out of the back of her car, seeing a couple of patients a day.

Early on a friend cut a finger; she was there quickly and as a result he missed only a few minutes of work, not hours spent in urgent care or a doctor's office. Her repu-

tation spread by word-of-mouth. Then the pandemic hit, and April 2020 was "mostly silent."

But suddenly, with the isolation of the pandemic, word-of-mouth and social media began bringing in 5, 10, 15 patients a day. Business has continued to evolve over time and is now booming with 20-30 patients a day.

Agenacare Housecalls has an administrative office on Electric Road in Roanoke, a marketing team, a social media team, multiple vehicles (small SUVs stuffed with everything needed for urgent care), and multiple medical providers. They offer mobile health services 24/7 all over the valley, in Franklin, Botetourt, and Henry counties, and as far away as Abingdon.

Pugh says they mainly provide urgent care, primary care visits, and telehealth, but they offer a wide array of other services as well, including annual wellness check-ups, flu and COVID-19 vaccines (2,200 to date), functional medicine, treatment of upper respiratory infections, lab draws, pre-employment physicals, Rapid COVID-19 testing, strep testing, suture and wound care, and much more. (Agenacare does not offer orthopedic, women's health, or chronic pain services.)

The Agenacare team refers complicated cases on to physicians; they call 911 for emergencies if needed, as they do not transport patients.

Pugh describes her typical clients as "middle class business people with a lot going on who don't want to take a day off work for a medical appointment, or adult caregivers taking care of elderly parents" who they don't want sitting uncomfortably in a waiting room exposed to illness. Some are parents who don't want to take all of their children with them to the ER or urgent care if one is ill.

Agenacare places a big emphasis on continuity of care and follow-up care. Eighty percent of their business is from returning clients,

Making an appointment with Agenacare is a simple three-step process: call the dispatch number to make an appointment (same day service); a certified healthcare provider comes to you and examines your illness or injury; the healthcare provider provides necessary treatment.

Agenacare does not accept insurance; they charge a flat fee which is posted on the Agenacare Housecalls website. Cost-saving memberships are available.

Pugh says she is still "working in the trenches" and "always plans to be."



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Whitney Pugh of Agenacare Housecalls won cash and prizes valued at \$10,905 on the Platinum Level in the 2021 Gauntlet Business Program and Competition.

She answers night-time medical calls and does her CEO work during the day.

As for the Gauntlet experience, Pugh says someone mentioned the Gauntlet in conjunction with learning how to run a business; she signed up and that knowledge is exactly what she gained, along with the networking opportunities made available through the 10

weeks of classes and the final competition.

Pugh is now well on her way to quickly becoming the change she wanted to see in the world of medicine.

More information on Agenacare Housecalls, PLLC and their services may be found at agenacare.com or by calling 540-529-5692, 24 hours a day, except Christmas and Easter.



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WBHS Back to School Night scheduled for August 10

Roanoke County Public Schools reopen on August 12 for the 2021-2022 school year.

William Byrd High School will be holding their Back to School Night on August 10. An open house for freshmen and students new to William Byrd High School is scheduled from 5 to 6 p.m. followed by a general meeting for all students at 6 p.m. in the auditorium. Fees may be paid that evening.

Principal Tammy Newcomb commented on the upcoming school year in a letter to parents:

“William Byrd High School is the fully accredited best high school around because of the wonderful students, parents and staff. I am excited for the new year to begin. William Byrd’s mission is to prepare our students to be opportunity ready in the workforce. We emphasize the skills needed to be a successful employee. Many of our academic assignments and rules are put in place to help achieve these skills:

Self-Representation: Personal Habits, clothing, grooming

Productivity/Accuracy: Level of satisfactory output generated

Honesty: trustworthiness and personal integrity

Reliability: Dependability and responsibility

Attendance: Almost never late nor absent

Attitude: Disposition, manner, outlook

Initiative: Self motivator: acting without having to be told

Enthusiasm to learn: exhibits drive and determination

Job Knowledge: Blending of job-related education, skills and experience

Communication Skills: effectively communicates

with others... being able to listen

Flexibility/Adaptability: Manage many tasks and adapt to changing work conditions

Reasoning/Problem Solving-ability: to quickly understand new information

Self Confidence: Belief in one’s abilities/assurances

Teamwork: cooperates with others to achieve company goals

Diversity Awareness: works well with all customers and coworkers

Conflict resolution: manages emotions, negotiate solutions interpersonal conflicts

Follows company policy: adheres to the rules of the business

Safety is top priority. Being able to identify a person is critical. Students will be expected to follow the Roanoke County School’s Conduct Code and Dress Code. Headgear including hats, hoodies, and caps are not allowed unless permitted for religious, medical, or other reason by school administration.

Roanoke County Public Schools respects students’ rights to express themselves in the way they dress. All students who attend Roanoke County Public Schools are also expected to respect the school community by dressing appropriately for a K-12 educational environment. Student attire should facilitate participation in learning as well as the health and safety of students and the adults that supervise them. This policy is intended to provide guidance for students, staff, and parents.

Dress Code Minimum Requirements:

1. Clothing must cover areas from one armpit across to the other armpit,

down to approximately 3 to 4 inches in length on the upper thighs. Tops must have shoulder straps. Rips or tears in clothing should be lower than the 3 to 4 inches in length.

2. Shoes must be worn at all times and should be safe for the school environment (pajamas, bedroom shoes or slippers shall not be worn, except for school activities approved by the principal).

3. See-through or mesh garments must not be worn without appropriate coverage underneath that meet the minimum requirements of the dress code.

4. Headgear including hats, hoodies, and caps are not allowed unless permitted for religious, medical, or other reason by school administration.

5. Specialized courses may require specialized attire, such as sports uniforms or safety gear.

Additional Requirements:

1. Clothing may not depict, imply, advertise, or advocate illegal, violent, or lewd conduct, weapons, or the use of alcohol, tobacco, marijuana or other controlled substances.

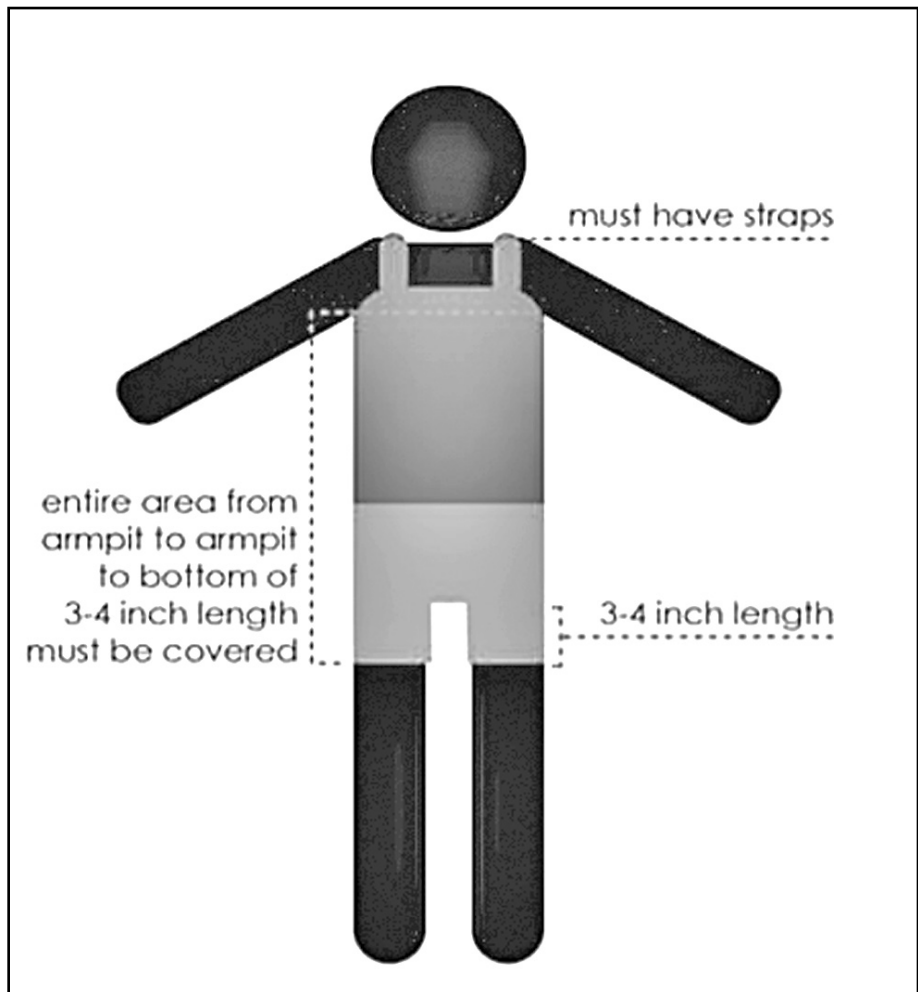
2. Clothing may not depict or imply pornography, nudity, or sexual acts.

3. Clothing may not display or imply vulgar, discriminatory, or obscene language or images.

4. Clothing may not state, imply, or depict hate speech/imagery targeting groups based on race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, religious affiliation, or any other protected classification.

5. Sunglasses may not be worn inside the building.

6. Clothing and accessories that endanger student or staff safety may



Roanoke County Public Schools Dress Code Guidelines.

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not be worn.

7. Apparel, jewelry, accessories, tattoos, or manner of grooming that, by virtue of its color, arrangement, trademark or any other attribute, denotes membership in a gang that advocates illegal or disruptive behavior is prohibited.

The administration at each school reserves the right to determine what constitutes appropriate dress. Students who do not adhere to these guidelines will not be allowed to attend class. Parents will be called if appropriate clothing is not available or the student refuses dress-code appropriate clothing.

Students may carry their phones. The phones must be put away in the

backpack/purse or in the student’s pocket during class. Phones can be a distraction to learning. Earbuds will be put away during class. This policy will be enforced.

Newcomb also noted that graduation for the Class of 2022 is scheduled by May 25 at 3 p.m. at the Salem Civic Center.

The WBHS PTSO makes many contributions to After-Prom Party, teacher appreciation, matching funds to the school, supporting the school, students, and staff, including sponsoring the After-prom party, teacher appreciation, matching funds to the school, supporting Senior Day and the Senior Etiquette Banquet, as

well senior scholarships. Parents are invited to join on Back to School Night.

PTSO officers for William Byrd this school year are:

Kori Webb, President

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The first day of school for students will be on August 12. This year all students will receive free breakfast and lunch—the federal program has been extended to cover the entire 2021-2022 school year.

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Osborne named to Hollins Dean’s List

Rose Osborne of Goodview earned Dean’s List honors during the spring 2021 semester at Hollins University. To attain this distinction, students must earn at least a 3.5 average on a 4.0 grad-

ing scale.

Hollins is an independent liberal arts university offering undergraduate education to women, selected graduate programs for men and women, and community

outreach initiatives. Its distinctions include a nationally ranked creative writing program, one of the oldest study abroad programs in the country, and extensive internship opportunities.

Programs return to Charles R. Hill Community Center

Chasity Barbour, Community Programs/Facilities Director for the Town of Vinton, has announced that many programs at the Charles R. Hill Community Center are returning as COVID-19 restrictions have been lifted.

The Monday Music Jam has returned on the first and second Mondays from 3 to 5:30 p.m.

Line Dancing classes with Shelly McCallum have resumed on Tuesdays at 10, 11:15, 12:30, 4 and 6 p.m. for both beginners and advanced students.

Tai Chi has returned on Thursdays from 9 to 9:45.

Card games have returned on Thursdays from 10 to 1:30.

Email Chasity Barbour at cbarbour@vintonva.gov or call 540-983-0645 for more information about all classes.

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Celebrating The Town of VINTON!

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

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

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

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community are stronger than ever, and there is nothing we cannot face working together. We value all our students and families and look forward to having everyone back for the coming school year in August.”

Stegall, the steady source of factual information and reason for the school system during the COVID pandemic, was named by the school board as Assistant Superintendent of Administration, effective immediately. She has been serving as the Executive Director of Administration.

Stegall joined Roanoke County Public Schools in 2003 as the assistant principal at Northside High School. In 2006, she was named the principal at Hidden Valley High School. Ten years later, she moved to the RCPS Central Office as the director of secondary instruction. In 2018, she was named the executive director of administration. Before joining Roanoke County Public Schools, Stegall served as a teacher in Carroll County and Roanoke City.

Stegall holds a bachelor's degree and two master's degrees in Administration/Supervision and School Counseling, all from Radford University. She also received a Doctor of Education with a concentration in Educational Leadership from Liberty University.

“Under Dr. Stegall's leadership, we have remained resilient throughout this pandemic,” said School Superintendent Dr. Ken Nicely. “She has been vigilant in promoting the safety and security of our students and staff and was a key leader in helping us provide as much in-person instruction as we could while adhering to state and federal guidelines.”

Chris Lowe, Director of Facilities & Operations for RCPS, updated the board on renovations at WBHS. The installation of “learning cottages” in the back parking lot behind the cafeteria entrance to the school will be complete by August 4, a week before schools open on August 12. Lowe said that skirting of the cottages is in progress, with the installation of decks to follow. The renovations will proceed in phases.

He reaffirmed that with the “design/build” model in place for the William Byrd project—unless the school system requests some type of change itself—the prices are in place. He confirmed that with the delays in acquiring construction materials, the projected completion date has moved to the summer of 2023.

Lowe also briefed the board on the costs of high school game field maintenance county-wide and ventilation mitigation.

In recent months, staff increased the minimum outside air intake in buildings from 10% to 20%, mainly as a mitigating strategy due to the pandemic. Filter change intervals have increased. When replacing filters, they are sprayed with a biocide. Staff installed air purifiers with bipolar ionization in each classroom in the system. HVAC systems operating times have been increased by 30%, leaving the buildings running in their occupied schedule mode to allow the buildings to have more air changes each day to “purge” the buildings. Lowe said this extra time in operation causes more wear and tear on the systems and thus more maintenance and repair.

About 30 rooftop units have been or will be replaced at several elementary schools (including W. E. Cundiff Elementary), Northside Middle and High Schools, and Central Office. A massive HVAC renovation is in the works at William Byrd Middle School.

“We have identified approximately \$5 million in repairs and maintenance scheduled to take place with incoming CARES Act Funds,” Lowe said.

Dr. Stegall presented a COVID update to the board, and the news was good. The transmission rate is now on the “Moderate” level, with a positivity rate of 4.1%. Data shows that 68.1% of the adults in Roanoke County have received at least one dose of the COVID vaccine; 41.3% of children ages 10-19 received their vaccination.

Dr. Nicely and Dr. Stegall noted that regular phone conversations continue with Dr. Morrow from the Virginia Department of Health for updates on the COVID situation.

“What we know now for the 2021-2022 school year,” Stegall said, “is that the CDC's Federal Order applies to all public transportation, including school buses, regardless of the mask policy in place at school. Passengers, aides, and the driver must wear a mask—even if fully vaccinated.”

Vinton's representative to the school board, Tim Greenway, expressed concern about traffic safety at schools—especially Herman L. Horn Elementary. If students are required to wear masks on buses, it may result in parents driving them to school. The drop-off and pick-up lines have caused traffic problems at HLH this past year.

The CDC recommends three feet of physical distancing in schools—but not at the expense of not being able to accommodate all students in-person for classroom instruction.” Stegall noted that in most cases, RCPS would not be able to accommodate three feet distancing.

The school system is waiting on guidance from the VDH and CDC, but “from what we currently know, we are not expecting a mask mandate for schools except for transportation,” Stegall said.

If transmission increases within a school or across the division, additional prevention strategies may be needed, such as wearing masks, and Stegall added in discussing COVID variants. There was some discussion of screen testing (not recommended by staff), quarantine policy changes reducing required time at home to seven days after exposure (if not vaccinated), and contact tracing. She reminded the board that all it takes is two individuals with connectivity testing positive to shut down a classroom.

Stegall explained that the CDC's priority is “to get all students back into the classroom for in-person instruction, regardless of whether all prevention strategies can be implemented.”

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Vinton Wesleyan honors first responders on July 4

Vinton Wesleyan Church honored first responders at the worship service on July 4 for their “unselfish service to protect and serve our hometowns and nation, sometimes at the risk of their own lives. Thank you all for your service. May God bless and keep them all.”

Several members of the Vinton

Police Department were able to join the congregation for the service and a celebration luncheon. They included Cpl. Dustin Bray, Officer Justin Baker and his wife Mandie Baker, who is the executive assistant to the chief of police, Police Chief Fabricio Drumond and his wife Julianna.

The Rev. Ricardo Rodriguez

welcomed them in front of a gigantic American flag at a drive-in service in the church parking lot on Jefferson Avenue in downtown Vinton. He commented that he always feels secure being just moments away from the police department.

Vinton Wesleyan celebrated its 85th anniversary in 2019.



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Vinton Wesleyan Church in Vinton honored first responders from the Vinton Police Department on July 4. Shown left to right are Cpl. Dustin Bray, Executive Assistant to the Chief of Police Mandie Baker, her husband Officer Justin Baker, Chief Fabricio Drumond, and his wife Julianna.

Come celebrate National Hammock Day on July 22

July 22 is National Hammock Day. The Town of Vinton will be celebrating the occasion on the front lawn of the Vinton War Memorial from 5:30 to 8 p.m.

Chasity Barbour, Vinton's Director of Community Programs and Facilities, invites everyone to “bring your free-standing hammock or comfy chair and listen to music by DJ Flex—plus some Karaoke.

Deb's Lemonade and Delicia's Gourmet Ice will offer their delicious treats for sale.

National Hammock Day is celebrated every year on July 22 to commemorate the universal symbol for relaxation. Developed by the Mayans of Central and South America for sleeping or resting, a hammock is a sling made of fabric, rope or netting suspended between two points: posts or trees. Most often, Mayans created hammocks from the woven bark from the Hammock Tree.



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Construction moving quickly at new Bank of Botetourt branch in Vinton

Construction is moving along quickly at the new Bank of Botetourt branch on Pollard Street in downtown Vinton. Bank officials are targeting for a grand opening in late summer/early fall, depending upon weather and continued progress of construction.

“Last week, the Vinton office had electrical, plumbing and mechanical installation along with the arrival of their teller equipment,” said Mary Ann Miller, vice president of Business Banking and

Community Relations. “Final painting is taking place and the ATM and drive-thru system were installed.

“Landscaping is beginning to make headway, too,” Miller said. “The bank’s IT Department is working on installation for security and operations. Each week more and more is happening to help finish this new office!”

The new building will be approximately 2,700 square feet and will include an ATM with deposit capabilities. This office will also house the bank’s

mortgage company, Virginia Mountain Mortgage.

The groundbreaking ceremony for the new building was held on November 24, 2020.

Hughes Associates Architects and Engineers provided architectural and civil engineering services for this project. G&H Contracting Inc. is the general contractor.

Bank of Botetourt will host a formal ribbon-cutting celebration with the Town of Vinton and the Vinton Area Chamber of Commerce upon completion of the new offices.



PHOTO BY DEBBIE ADAMS

Construction is moving quickly at the new Vinton branch of Bank of Botetourt.

Balloons can be deadly—don’t let them go!

A new Virginia law banning the release of balloons took effect on July 1, 2021. The law “prohibits the intentional releasing, discarding, or causing to be released or discarded any non-biodegradable balloon outdoors and provides that any person convicted of such violation is liable for a civil penalty of \$25 per balloon, to be paid into the Game Protection Fund.”

The new law applies to anyone 16 or older; if an individual under the age of 16 releases a balloon by arrangement with, or at the instruction of an adult, the adult is liable for the civil penalty assessed.

The balloon law previously in effect prohibited a person from knowingly releasing 50 or more balloons within an hour with a penalty of \$5 per balloon.

An article by Cindy Linkenhoker in the June 2021 Roanoke County Stormwater Guide for Homeowners (mailed to 35,000 addresses in Ro-

anoke County and the Town of Vinton targeting homeowners) says that “warm weather days bring cookouts, weddings, graduations, pool parties, and more. With all of this fun, balloons are often part of the festivities. They add sparkle, flair, color, and joy to almost any event. But, when released into the sky, balloons provide a serious source of pollution for creeks and streams.” All released balloons become litter.

“Balloons and all of their attachments (plastic ribbons, valves, tie-off disks, and clips) also present a threat to birds, horses, cows, turtles, and other animals, which may become entangled in or ingest these products.” Sea turtles are especially susceptible because they surface to breathe and eat where deflated balloons float on the water. To sea creatures, balloons often resemble jellyfish.

A study conducted by the Clean Virginia Water-

ways of Longwood University states, “Latex balloons, foil balloons, and plastic ribbons are deadly forms of litter, and they are a top source of debris found on Virginia’s remote beaches.”

In fact, the study states, “Litter was surveyed on Virginia’s barrier islands, Fisherman Island National Wildlife Refuge, Back Bay National Wildlife Refuge, and other beaches between 2013 and 2020 revealing that balloon-related litter items are often the No. 1 most frequently found type of debris.”

More than 11,400 balloons, balloon pieces and attachments were found on Virginia’s most remote beaches by Clean Virginia Waterways’ researchers as part of the five-year study of balloon litter in coastal environments of Virginia.

The new law specifies a ban on non-biodegradable or non-photodegradable balloons or any material that requires more than five minutes’ contact with air

or water to degrade. Note that even if a latex balloon is labeled as biodegradable, it may take several years for that to occur, leaving plenty of time for them to injure or kill.

Another alarming fact about balloons, and their attachments, is that they can travel hundreds of miles before bursting or deflating, which means their negative impacts to the environment may occur great distances from their point of release. A balloon released in Vinton may eventually end up in the Chesapeake Bay.

Not only is wildlife affected by balloon release, but foil balloons are known to disrupt power lines as well. The metallic coating—or Mylar—on the balloons conducts electricity, so when it meets a power line, it can not only cause an outage in your neighborhood but can even spark an electrical fire.

With the new legislation, “Virginia has taken a proactive approach to address

balloon pollution,” the Roanoke County Stormwater guide states.

Environmentalists aren’t urging the banning of balloons, just prohibiting their release into the air—don’t let them go. They offer some alternatives for celebrating occasions like weddings, memorial services for loved ones, and parties, including blowing bubbles, waving

flags or glowsticks, or releasing balloons inside venues. One organization suggests giving everyone at a memorial service a balloon—and a pin. Make a wish for your loved one, then pop the balloon, sending wishes to heaven.

Based on an article by Cindy Linkenhoker, Roanoke County Stormwater Program Manager



Don't Let Go

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CHRISTIAN CHURCH
BELMONT CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST), 1101 Jamison Ave. SE, Roanoke, VA 24013, 540-343-7502, Worship Services every Sunday at 11:00AM, Pastor Terry Brace. We look forward to seeing you this Sunday!

CHURCH OF CHRIST
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LUTHERAN
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Worship Directory

Been There; Done That

<p>Read Ecclesiastes 1:1 through 4:16</p> <p>The familiar phrase “been there; done that” is often said by those who feel they’ve seen it all and done it all, and they’re bored by it. This appears to be the outlook of the author of Ecclesiastes.</p> <p>He concluded that everything he had experienced was meaningless, including the pursuit of wisdom and pleasure—things many in our modern culture seek. Even the hedonistic lifestyle of “wine, women, and song” proved to not be satisfying. These indulgences created only fleeting enjoyment.</p> <p>Much of happiness depends on attitude.</p>	<p>I know that there is nothing better for people than to be happy and to do good while they live. That each of them may eat and drink, and find satisfaction in all their toil—this is the gift of God (Ecclesiastes 3:12–13).</p> <p>Once we determine to find satisfaction in life’s simple things, including what God has given us to do, we will no longer base our worth or our hope in the accumulation of more things.</p> <p>Thought for Today: “People are just as happy as they make up their minds to be.” —Abraham Lincoln</p> <p>Quicklook: Ecclesiastes 3:1–13</p>
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The Blacksburg sessions will be held on July 22, 2021 at The Inn at Virginia Tech (901 Prices Fork Road, Blacksburg, VA) – Cascades Room C309; 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

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Legals - City of Salem

Notice is hereby given to

all interested persons that the Council of the City of Salem, at its regular meeting on Monday, July 26, 2021, at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 114 N. Broad Street, in the City of Salem, Virginia, will hold a public hearing, pursuant to Sections 15.2-2204 and 15.2-2285 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, to consider approval of the following requests relative to the CODE OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA:

1. Hold public hearing to consider the request of the Salem Historical Society, property owner, for rezoning the property located at 1936 West Main Street (Tax Map # 138-2-7) from CBD Community Business District with proffered conditions to CBD Community Business District without conditions.
2. Hold public hearing to consider the request of Property Catalyst Group, Inc., applicant, and Layman Candy Company, Inc., property owner, for rezoning the property located at 1637 East Main Street (Tax Map #77-3-13) from LM Light Manufacturing with proffered conditions, to HBD Highway Business District without conditions.
3. Hold public hearing to consider the request of Property Catalyst Group, Inc., applicant, and Layman Candy Company, Inc., property owner, for rezoning the property located at 23 Dalewood Avenue (Tax Map #77-3-12) from HBD Highway Business District with proffered conditions, to HBD Highway Business District without conditions.
4. Hold public hearing to consider the request of Property Catalyst Group, Inc., applicant and Layman Candy Company, Inc. and George W. Givens Jr. & Susan K. Givens, property owners, for the issuance of a Special Exception Permit to allow personal storage on the properties located at 1637 & 1641-1647 East Main Street, and 11, 15, & 23 Dalewood Avenue (Tax Map #s 77-3-13, 77-3-16, 77-3-15, 77-3-14, and 77-3-12).

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 COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA
BY
H. Robert Light
Clerk of Council

Legals - City of Salem

ABC NOTICE

Showtime Catering LLC, trading as Gina's "Food With Flavor", 311 West Main Street, Salem, Virginia 24153.

The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) AUTHORITY for a Wine and Beer On Premises license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages.

Peggy Fleming

NOTE: Objections to the issuance of this license must be submitted to ABC no later than 30 days from the publishing date of the first of two required newspaper legal notices. Objections should be registered at www.abc.virginia.gov or 800-552-3200.

Legals - Montgomery County

ABC NOTICE

SANDROCO, LLC, trading as Sandro's Pizzeria & Italian Restaurant, 2775 Market St. NE, Christiansburg, Montgomery County, Virginia 24073.

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Alessandro Pugliese, Owner

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Legals - Town of Vinton

TOWN OF VINTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 15.2-1800 (B) et seq., of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, the Town Council of the Town of Vinton, Virginia, hereby gives notice of a public hearing to be held on Tuesday, July 20, 2021, at 6:00 p.m., or immediately thereafter, in the Council Chambers of the Vinton Municipal Building, 311 South Pollard Street, Vinton, Virginia.

The purpose of the public hearing is to receive public comments on the proposed conveyance of six parcels of real property located within and adjacent to the intersection of South Pollard Street, Cedar Avenue and 1st Street, identified as Tax Map ID 060.15-06-38.00-0000, 060.15-06-39.00-0000, 060.15-06-40.00-0000, 060.15-06-41.00-0000, 060.15-06-42.00-0000 and 060.15-06-43.00-0000 in the Town of Vinton, upon certain terms and conditions.

Any additional information on this public meeting is available in the Town Manager's Office, located in the Vinton Municipal Building, (540) 983-0607. Persons requiring special assistance to attend and participate at this public meeting should contact the Town Manager's office at (540) 983-0607.

Susan N. Johnson
Town Clerk

Town of New Castle

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In execution of a Deed of Trust in the original principal amount of \$107,100.00, with an annual interest rate of 4.250000% dated April 30, 2014, recorded among the land records of the Circuit Court for the County of Craig as Deed Book 192, Page 584, the undersigned appointed Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction all that

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Brian Hoffman



Death on the field still stings 47 years later

Thanks to Staley Hester for bringing to my attention an article that appears in the current edition of Sports Illustrated magazine.

On page 40 of the July, 2021, edition you can find a terrific story by Tom Verducci about Pablo Cruz, who is a member of our Salem-Roanoke Baseball Hall of Fame. Pablo was inducted into the third class of the Hall of Fame, which was founded in 1992.

Cruz is a long-time Major League Baseball scout who has signed some of the top stars in the game, and the story chronicles his work bringing talented Latin American players to the Pittsburgh Pirates and other big league teams. However, the crux of the story is about how he has dealt with an episode that happened in Salem in August of 1974 when he was playing for the Salem Pirates of the Carolina League.

Cruz was involved in an outfield collision with a budding young star from the Dominican Republic, then 20 year old Alfredo Edmead. It was one of a very few incidents in the history of baseball where a player died playing the game, as Edmead suffered head injuries from the collision and died on the way to the hospital.

I remember it, I was there.

I started working for the Salem Publishing Company the second week of July, 47 years ago. I was in the press box with Bob Teitlebaum of the Roanoke World-News, Doug Doughty of the Roanoke Times, who had started there just a few weeks after I started, public address announcer Dickie Walthall and scoreboard operator Richard Epperly. It was 47 years ago next month, but I remember it like it was yesterday.

I won't go into the story of how Cruz was on the team to be a "father figure" to the young Spanish speaking players, or the details of the accident. You can read all about that in the Sports Illustrated article, which is complete and quite detailed. I will say that the five of us in the pressbox received a call from the hospital telling us Edmead had died, but not to say anything as the Pirates' manager, John Lipon, wanted to break the news to the club before it spread around what was then called Salem Municipal Field.

Edmead was a very talented and popular player, and I can remember many fans coming up to the press

box at the top of the bleachers and asking if we'd heard anything about his condition. We knew he had died, but didn't say a word in respect to the team. It was a very difficult night.

Cruz was one of the all-time most popular players to have played for our local team. He played here in 1968, then rose to Class AAA before returning to Salem in 1974 to mentor the young players. He was on our team through the 1977 season

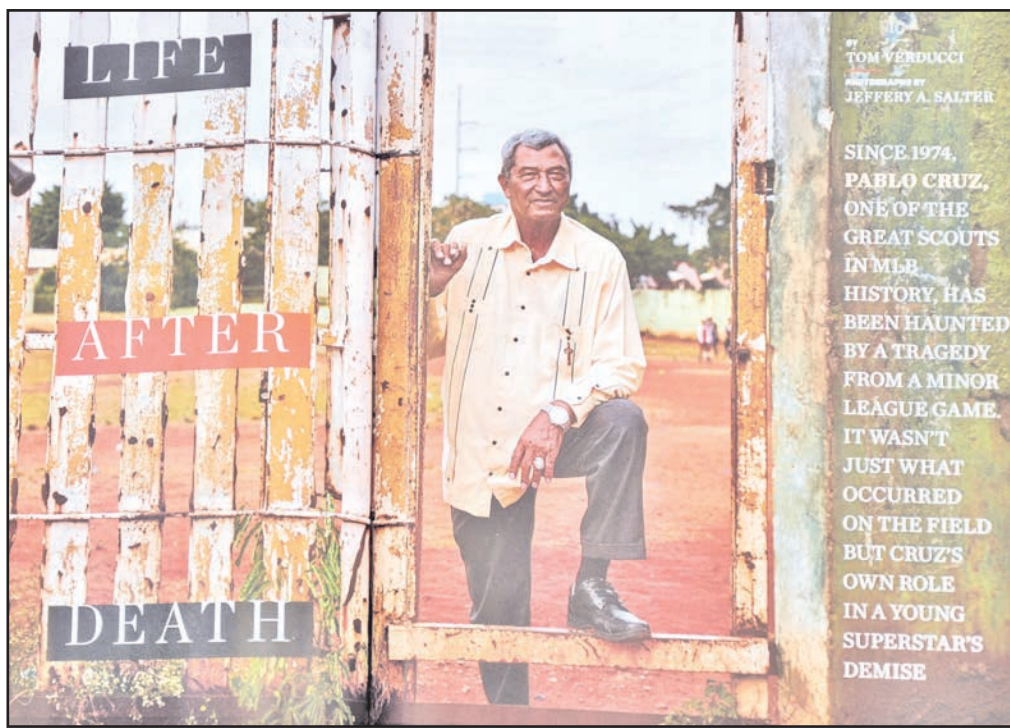
as a player-coach and became quite involved in the community. In the article Cruz is quoted as saying, "In Salem people are good. If I can't go to the big leagues I prefer to stay here all my life."

Dan Kinder, the 1974 general manager of the local team, is quoted in the story as well as several players, including some who went on to big league careers, like Miguel Dilone and Steve Nicosia, and some who didn't, like Tom Prazych who lived in the apartment next to me. Many of the players lived there and 21 year old Brian Hoffman, fresh out of Roanoke College, was a willing party mate for the ballplayers that summer.

Murray Cook was a 14 year old clubhouse attendant and "ballpark rat" during the 1974 season. He went on to international fame as one of the top turf and ballfield consultants in the world, and is now the president of BrightView Sports Turf Division, the official field consultant for Major League Baseball. Murray is also a member of our Salem-Roanoke Baseball Hall of Fame, and he's quoted extensively in the Sports Illustrated article.

"It was a great article for Pablo," he wrote to me in an e-mail regarding the story. "The writer and SI did some crazy homework for this article. I have no idea how they found all those guys. I received a call out of nowhere one day a couple months ago and talked to Verducci. I have no idea where he got my number."

I can go on and on, but it's all in the article that



Former Salem Pirate Pablo Cruz is featured in the current issue of Sports Illustrated magazine.

covers 10 pages of the magazine with many photos. In fact, there's a photo of Edmead batting in Salem with Cruz in the on deck circle that first appeared in the Salem Times-Register. I assume Robert Downey took the photo, as he was our main photographer at the time, but I have no idea how Sports Illustrated managed to get ahold of that picture.

"That caught my attention because there's a sign in the background for Hester Coal & Oil," said Staley Hester, as that was his family business. You can also see the old Andrew Lewis High School football scoreboard in the background, as that's where the Wolverines played when the Pirates left town.

Thanks to Staley's call, this was the first time I looked at Sports Illustrated in some time. With all the sports sites on the internet I get plenty of sports news to read, and I'm sure the magazine is affected just like the print newspapers these days. In fact, I had to hunt to find a copy. I went to two drugstores and two supermarkets that didn't carry "SI" before I finally found it at Wal-Mart. I didn't know that it only comes out monthly now, except for a couple special issues.

One thing I did discover is that the swimsuit issue comes out next in late July, so you still have time to pick up the copy with the Pablo story before it goes off the newsstands that still carry it.

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Last week, on July 6, the Vinton team competed in a three team meet at the Roanoke County Club and finished second. Spring Run won with 1,210 points while Vinton had 528 and the host RCC team had 235.

Gold time winners for Vinton included Russell Fischer in the boys 9-10 50 Freestyle, Jocelyn Start in the girls' 11-12 50 Free, Austin Nielsen in the men's 17-18 50 Free and 100 Individual Medley, Laura Schneider in the women's 19-24 50 Free, Colton Cunningham in the boys' 7-8 Individual Medley and Bryce Woodford in the boys 11-12 100 IM.

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