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Byrd Band is back!

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There is another indication that life might be returning to normal for students in the upcoming school year-the William Byrd Marching Terriers are back!

The Byrd band rehearsed the program for the upcoming season at home camp at William Byrd High School during the week of July 19 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. (outside in the mornings, inside during the scorching heat and high humidity of the afternoons). Practice continued in the parking lot in the evenings from 6 to 9 p.m. once things had cooled off somewhat.

They have spent this week at away camp at

Camp Bethel. The plan is to perform their program for their families on August 31. This year's program is entitled "Escape of the Mind."

The Marching Terriers are led by Dan Plybon, assisted by Denise Aspell. Keagan Vickers is the color guard coach.

Plybon told students at their Thursday night home camp practice that he was proud of their accomplishments week, with rehearsals "as good as any" he has ever seen and heard at this point in camp. That's despite having two new classes to learn marching routines—freshmen and sophomores—since there was no marching band for sophomores last year.

Student band officers

this year are:

Jonah Bowser, Corps Commander and Drum

Johnathan Ham, Brass Captain

Latriva Pierce, Woodwind Captain

Tre Cossaboon, Percussion Captain Ema Fay, Color Guard

Captain It takes the support of band families to help all the pieces fall in place activities. Band Booster officers for 2021-2022

President Suzanne

Bowser Ham

Treasurer Heather



PHOTO BY DEBBIE ADAMS

for performances and The Marching Terriers prepare for the fall season at home camp at WBHS the week to raise funds for band of July 19.

Fundraising Coordinator Erica Jones

In school year 2020-2021, there was no fall Vice President Troy football season, no fall marching band season. Plybon described the first semester of last year Secretary Amy Trog- as "challenging," to say

Secondary students were only attending school in person two days a week for most of the first three nine weeks; some were taking band classes virtually. When they did play, students were wearing face masks or shields,

depending upon their instrument, and were socially distanced at six feet apart. Even at the time of the annual Spring concert in May, eight students were still working online.

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Arabella Permanent Makeup and Advanced Esthetics opens in Vinton

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Arabella Permanent Makeup and Advanced Esthetics, LLC officially opened in Vinton on July 22 with a ribbon-cutting ceremony with the Vinton Area Chamber of Commerce. Melissa Dillon is the owner and sole employee of the business, located at 1211 Hardy Road.

She offers many services to her clients:

Esthetic Services including chemical peels, dermaplaning (exfoliation), facials, tinting, facial waxing (lip, chin, and brow), lash lifting, lash and brow tinting, and cosmetic teeth whitening.

Permanent makeup services including: micro-bladed eyebrows, permanent eyeliner, and permanent lip color. Permanent makeup is done with the use of a penlike tool containing cosmetic pigments that tattoo the skin to create the look of makeup.

She encourages classic styles and neutral, flattering colors that enhance a person's natural look.

Dillon first opened her studio at The Hair Co. in Vinton in December 2019. Shortly afterwards, in March 2020, the pandemic struck, and hair salons were near the top of the list for closures due to COVID-19 and the personal nature of services rendered. Most salons remained closed for several months and were slow to reopen due to health guidelines and re-

Dillon says she is grateful to The Hair Co. for the opportunity they gave her.

She relocated in September 2020 to her current location, just across from W.E. Cundiff El-

ementary School. Dillon grew up in the area and graduated from Staunton River High School with the Class of 1988. (Her son is a junior at Wil-

liam Byrd High School.) She worked for several years at Precision Fabrics Group (PFG) in Vinton and then earned her

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Arabella Permanent Makeup and Advanced Esthetics LLC held a grand opening and ribbon-cutting ceremony on July 22 with the Vinton Area Chamber of Commerce. Shown left to right are Chamber Executive Assistant Kathryn Sowers, Chamber President Justin Davison, Arabella owner Melissa Dillon, Chamber Executive Director Angie Chewning, and Andrea Milliron of Member One.



Before and after treatments at Arabella. PHOTO COURTESY OF ARABELLA

School Board does not plan mask mandate, except on school buses



Tim Greenway, Vinton's representative to the Roanoke County School Board, School Superintendent Dr. Ken Nicely, and school administrators from the Vinton area schools meet each summer for a luncheon prior to the opening of schools. This year they met at Joe Goodpies restaurant in downtown Vinton. Administrators from William Byrd High School, William Byrd Middle School, Bonsack Elementary, Herman L. Horn Elementary, W. E. **Cundiff Elementary, and Mount Pleasant Elementary**

2021-2022 school year recommendation.

begins on August 12. Roanoke throughout the summer year. under orders from the health commissioner.

state health commis- portation,

students and sioner have decided to staff of Roanoke County not mandate mask wear-Public Schools will not ing in schools for the be required to wear a coming school year, but mask indoors when the currently have left it as a

At this time the School County Board does not plan to Public Schools will com- make any additional reply with all federal and quirements above state state mandates regarding and federal requirements mask wearing and did so regarding mask wearing this past school year and for the coming school

Federal transportagovernor and the state tion requirements do currently mandate mask The governor and the wearing on public transincluding school buses. Masks will, therefore, be required on RCPS school buses as long as the federal mandate is in effect.

Cooperation with the regional health department for contact tracing and quarantining will continue, and face masks, though optional, are encouraged for unvaccinated individuals.

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Board of Supervisors approves Vinton hotel MOU

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The Roanoke County Board of Supervisors approved a resolution authorizing the county to enter a Memorandum of Understanding with the Town of Vinton to support the Vinton Hotel Redevelopment Project at its meeting on July 27.

According to Roanoke County Economic Development Director Jill Loope, the town requested financial assistance for the hotel project.

The town and county have been working jointly to secure a hotel project since 2016 when they partnered to retain Hospitality Marketers International Inc. to complete a hotel market feasibility study. The study indicated a "very good to excellent potential" for a hotel project in Vinton, due to multiple wedding and special events venues, proximity to Explore Park and the Blue Ridge Parkway, regional sporting events, and other successful redevelopment

The town issued a Request for Proposals in 2021 to attract a developer to redevelop six parcels purchased by the town for a hotel. Vinton Town Council approved a sales contract with Soundvue Development, LLC/ McDevitt Company on July 20 to develop the property into a mid-scale, nationally branded hotel with 90-120 rooms and limited services.

The property is located at a highly visible gateway entrance to the town in downtown Vinton within the intersection of Pollard Street, Cedar Avenue,

Virginia Avenue, and 1st Street. The project involves an estimated investment of \$12 million.

According to Loope, the project is expected to generate up to 30 new jobs, \$3.7 million in anticipated gross revenues, and \$490,000 in annual tax revenues for the town. Annual Roanoke County tax revenues are estimated at \$150,746.

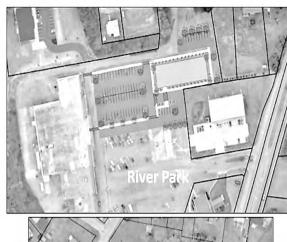
To make the project viable, financial assistance is needed to offset redevelopment costs and improve public infrastructure. The town itself has committed to provide a Local Economic Development Incentive Grant in the amount of \$888,750 to Soundvue Development/ McDevitt to redevelop the properties, to provide gateway improvements, and to facilitate public infrastructure improvements associated with the development. Those could include pedestrian accommodations such as sidewalks, streetlighting, and underplete corridor upgrades.

The incentive from the on Pollard Street. town will be provided in the form of a Public Private total of \$480,000. If rev-Partnership and Perfor- enues generated are less, mance Agreement between the grant for that year will the town, the developer, be less. The three-year peand the Roanoke County riod will begin on January Economic Development 1, 2023. Fiscal impact for

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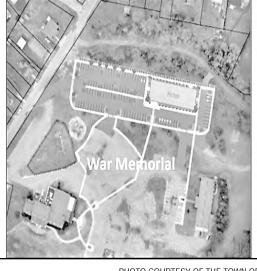


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Eight hotel sites were originally evaluated in Vinton in the hotel market study, including the Vinton War Memorial, ground utilities to com- River Park Shopping Center, the Vinyard Station location, and the chosen site downtown at the intersection of Pollard Street, Cedar Avenue, Virginia Avenue, and 1st Street. It will complete bookend redevelopment projects

the county is in the form The town has requested of foregone revenue.

three-year period—for a entire county by helping

Vinton and East Roanoke County," Grose said. He emphasized that the town and county work together on a daily basis on a variety of projects and issues.

According to Assistant Town Manager Cody Sexton, Town Council will consider the next steps in the process for the hotel redevelopment project at its meeting on August 17.
Board of Supervisors

Chairman Jason Peters, who represents the Vinton Magisterial District, praised the ongoing redevelopment of the Vinton area, beginning with the

Vinton Library back in 2015 and gathering speed ever since.

In other business involving Vinton, the Board of Supervisors approved a revised resolution declaring its intention to reimburse expenditures from future bond proceeds for financing costs associated with William Byrd High School renovations.

A contract was awarded for the William Byrd renovations in November 2020. A revised contract was approved in June by the Roanoke County School Board upping the cost of the project by \$7.4 million due to construction cost increases. On June 10, the School Board revised its Capital Improvement Plan reducing bond proceeds allocated to W.E. Cundiff and Glen Cove Elementary Schools to be able to increase bond proceeds for William Byrd renovations.

The board also passed an ordinance approving a public utility easement to Roanoke Gas in the Vinton Industrial Park to extend gas service to the Montgomery Village subdivision.

Bank of Botetourt now open in Vinton

The Bank of Botetourt opened its newest branch office on July 26 in Vinton—far ahead of the predicted schedule of "before year's end 2021."

The new branch office is located at the 410 South Pollard Street downtown, across from the Vinton Library and the Municipal Building, and next door to Cundiff Drugstore.

Their lobby hours are Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Friday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Drive-though hours are Monday through Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Bank of Botetourt in Vinton has a 24-hour ATM machine with deposit capabilities, located in the vestibule. Night deposit is available.

Ground was broken for the new branch on November 24, 2020.

During the ceremony, Bank President and CEO G. Lyn Hayth III, said, "This office will be the bank's third new office in four years, something that is unprecedented these days. As the largest

community bank head- lins, and Mike Stovall. quartered in the Roanoke of consolidation in the rethe kind of business we gion's financial industry. look for here in Vinton." print to better serve the provided architectural and former High's Ice Cream community, residents and businesses.

Vinton Mayor Brad Grose participated in the groundbreaking ceremony, along with Vice Mayor Sabrina McCarty, and Town Council members Keith Liles, Laurie Mul-

"This is an exciting day Metropolitan Statistical here in Vinton," Grose Area, we are pleased to said. "Bank of Botetourt continue the expansion of is big in customer service our services during a time and community service—

We are looking forward Hughes Associates Ar-

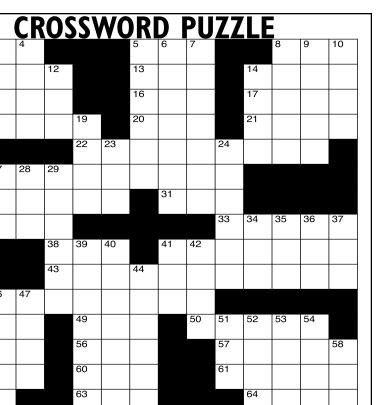
civil engineering services for the project. G&H Contracting Inc. was the general contractor.

Bank of Botetourt was chartered in 1899. The corporation announced in February 2020 that it would be expanding into to expanding our foot- chitects and Engineers the Town of Vinton in the

location. Demolition of the long-vacant building

began on March 9. information about Bank of Botetourt is available by calling 540-

Details will be forthcoming next week on the grand opening event planned for August.



CLUES ACROSS 1. Language group with Iranian influence

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30. Major nerve in human

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53. Actor Idris 54. Those who resist authority



The new Bank of Botetourt Vinton branch located on Pollard Street in downtown Vinton opened for business on July 26. Shown left to right are: Phillip Tingler, Alyssa Osorio, and Paula Robins (Assistant Vice President and Bank Manager).



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The Bank of Botetourt Vinton branch is opening well ahead of time, and expects to hold a grand opening celebration in August.

PEOPLE, PLACES AND THINGS

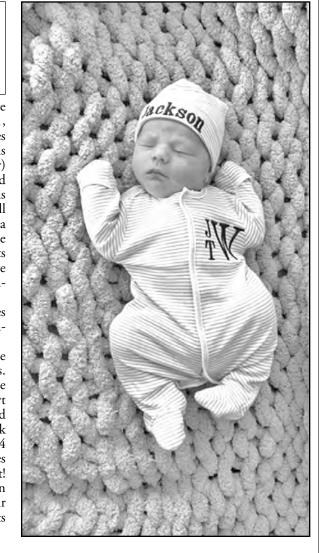
Angie Chewning

Filling in for Bootie

Jackson Thomas Wallace was born on July 6, 2021, weighing 7 pounds, 9 ounces and was 21 inches long. His parents are Katlyn (McCarty) and Brady Wallace. Proud grandparents include: Chris and Sabrina McCarty, Bill and Kerin Flattery, Angela Meador McCarty and the late Rick Wallace. Our hearts are bursting with joy and we are looking forward to watching this little sweetie grow.

Birthday wishes to James "Hoolie" Childress, his birthday is August 1.

Another awesome Mingle at the Market in the books. Many thanks to everyone who came out to support our efforts. I hope a good time was had by all. Mark your calendars for August 14 when Adam Rutledge takes the stage to rock the market! Come hungry, Mountain Grille will be there with their famous butter burger and lots more!! See you then.



Band

from page 1

In addition to being unable to rehearse and perform together as a to perform for," Plybon

group, "We really have missed having someone

said. Hopefully this year that situation is remedied.



The Color Guard rehearses.

PHOTOS BY DEBBIE ADAMS



Jonah Bowser is Byrd Band's Corps Commander and

Arabella from page 1

certification in massage therapy in 2008. In 2010, Dillon became the spa manager at the prestigious Primland Resort in the Blue Ridge Mountains of Patrick County, where she led the spa team to achieve a Forbes Four Star status. She remained there for five years.

In 2015, Dillon moved back to Roanoke to be closer to her family and completed her Master Esthetics and Permanent Cosmetic licenses. She is a state-licensed Master Esthetician and Permanent Cosmetic

She trained at the Belle Sante School of Esthetics in Roanoke for her esthetics certification. Her training in Permanent Makeup comes from Samira's Permanent Makeup Center in Greensboro.

Once pandemic restrictions were lifted, Dillon said, things became very busy with clients eager to spruce up their appearances and get back to normal life.

While the term "permanent makeup" implies a one-time procedure, Dillon emphasizes that hers is not a transient business. She sees many repeat clients on a regular basis for facials, waxing, and other esthetic services, along with many new

customers who have discovered her through social media and word-of-mouth recommendations.

Recently, two women who learned about her services on social media traveled from Washington, D.C. for her procedures. While they were here, they spent some time looking around the town; and eating at Joe Goodpies restaurant, which Dillon had recommended.

Dillon says the reasons clients seek esthetic services and permanent makeup are varied. She sees:

People with sparse or no hair in the brow region due to prolonged waxing or tweezing, age-related hair loss, or hair loss due to medical conditions and treatments.

Those who have trouble applying makeup due to vision loss or motor skill impairment so that it has be-

come a physical challenge. Some with asymmetrical areas which they want to

appear balanced. Athletes who perspire heavily, beach-goers, and swimmers who find maintaining makeup an incon-

venience. People who want a flaw-

Those who are allergic to

less, polished makeup look.

traditional makeup.

Some with active lifestyles, like business professionals, with limited time for makeup application.

Services and pricing are available on her website at www.arabellapmu4u.com/. Prices include an initial consultation, the procedure itself, follow ups, and potential touch-ups.

Dillon offers discounts for multiple permanent makeup services and gift certificates.

She says the procedures permanent makeup application are "not painful, but not entirely painless." She uses appropriate numbing when indicated for comfort. She insists on strict aftercare for her clients, providing instructions and needed products. Dillon says she loves her

work and finds it extremely rewarding to provide treatments that help her clients boost their confidence, improve their self-esteem, develop a healthy body image, and "leave them smiling in

the mirror." For more information or to make an appointment with Dillon, call or text her at 540-761-8177, contact her through her Facebook page, or email her at melissa@arabellapmu4u.com.



With summer progressing in all its sweltering glory, staff at the Vinton Library hope you are all keeping cool and continuing to read for our Summer Reading Program! The program ends on August 6, so be sure to add your books into your account on the website or pick up a paper reading log at the library.

As a reminder, if you read three books, you'll win one of our completion prizes, plus you will automatically be entered to win more prizes. Visit our website for a full list of what is up for grabs.

Although we have already met our reading goal (Yay!), you can keep reading. Let's see how many books we can read together as a community. The Friends of the Library will be donating \$1,000 to Feeding Southwest Virginia towards the end of summer.

Mark calendars for August 5 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. for the Friends of the Librarysponsored Kona İce Truck visit for free snow cones in the parking lot for all patrons!

We are also celebrating National Book Lovers Day. Join in to Read on the Patio on August 9 from 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. and 4:30-6 p.m. We will have snacks available for participants. If there is inclement weather, this event will be inside of the library.

Adults will have plenty to do this August. Sign up for Creations and Temptations, August 2 at 6 p.m., to make sun catchers with crystal beads. As the Page Turns will be reading The Book of Lost Names by Kristen Harmel on August 11 at 2 p.m. Our new book club, Plot Threads, has an interesting twist! This club focuses on fiber crafts of all kinds. Bring a fiber craft project you are working on and come and chat about a craft book you've read recently, fiction or nonfiction.

There are also several opportunities to advance your genealogy skills. We now have the two Genealogy Clubs each month. Meetings will be on August 4 at 10 a.m. and August 17 at 6 p.m. There will also be a presentation on How to Use Fulton Newspaper for your genealogy research on August 19 at 2 p.m. Sign up to attend these Zoom programs.

Looking for something fun for teens? Register for Anime Night on Zoom, August 3 at 7 p.m., to discuss your favorite anime shows and manga. Cosplay is optional for a prize. On August 25 at 2:30 p.m. teens can come into the library to make Rainbow Macramé Earrings. We also have our the Vinton Library

Mad Scientist Kits full of experiments and lessons all about color science. Kits are available monthly with a different topic. Teens can join us on Zoom to explore the Mad Scientist kits on August 17 at 5 p.m. We will have plenty for

kids to register for as well. The Baby-Sitters Club Graphic Novel Club will meet online every Thursday in August at 4 p.m. On August 11 at 3:30 p.m., you can use the sun to create Sun Prints. Bring leaves, flowers, and other small objects to create your piece of art.

If you love roller coasters, then join us for National Roller Coaster Day to learn about gravity and inertia on August 17 at 4 p.m. at STEAM: Marble Roller Coasters. There will be a Lego

Challenge on August 21 at 1:30 p.m. and a virtual Paint Along on August 30 Young kids can also

show off their pets on a virtual Pet Show for Kids on August 24 at 4 p.m.

Storytime sessions will begin in person starting in September. Spread the word and visit our website to find the session for you and your little ones.

There are plenty more programs going on at Roanoke County Public Library. Check out our calendar at rocolibrary.org to see what else there is to do!

Of course, we hope to see you at the Vinton Library - our hours are 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. on Friday and Saturday.

By Caitlin DeMarco, Senior Library Assistant at

Vinton National Night Out is scheduled for August 3

The Vinton Police Department will sponsor its National Night Out celebration on Tuesday, August 3, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Charles R. Hill Community Center at the Vinton War Memorial, 814 Washington Avenue.

The police officers will be offering a free hot dog, drink, and snow cone to those who attend. There will be a bounce house and sidewalk chalk activities for children.

National Night Out is a community-building event generally held across the United States on the first Tuesday in August. It is meant to enhance the relationship between law enforcement and citizens while bringing back a sense of

It has been almost 40 years since the event was founded in 1984. The first annual National Night Out involved 2.5 million neighbors across 400 communities in 23

This year, an estimated 30 million paracross 16,000 communities from all 50 states, U.S. territories and milithis year.

Some neighborhoods host block parties, festivals, parades, cookouts and various other community events with safety demonstrations, seminars, youth events, visits from emergency personnel, exhibits and much, much more.

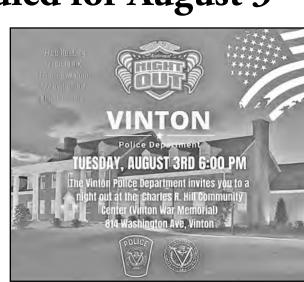
The Vinton Police Department made the best of a bad situation last year during the pandemic in continuing the National Night Out tra-

While some communities turned to virtual events, the Vinton police served up free popcorn

drinks, and a movie on

bagged),

(individually



the front lawn of the Vinton War Memorial-on October 6 at the request of the National Night Out organization rather than in August, with more fistbumping than hugging between neighbors.

The War Memorial community, at a positive lawn was marked off with wooden stakes and tape, socially distanced for families, and fenced off to create an entrance to the site.

But this year, the always popular grilled hot dog cookout returns. Look for Town Manager Pete Peters manning the grill.

Vinton officers and Vinton Town Council will ticipants will take part be on hand to talk informally with citizens at National Night Out. Town Council traditionally tary bases worldwide. In cancels their first meeting Virginia, 128 cities and in August to attend the towns will be taking part event, which is seen as an

opportunity for the police department, town council, town staff, and the Chamber of Commerce to greet the public in a relaxed set-

Vinton officials and citizens often express their appreciation for the Vinton Police Department, its philosophy of community policing, and involvement in the community. Police officers are familiar faces at all special events in the

At last year's event, Councilman Mike Stovall, said, "Our police department goes out of its way to be involved in the community with their strong policy on community policing. They support the community by getting to know people-citizens, business owners, and students in the schools."

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Alternate recycling truck looks a little different, but still does the job

Don't worry, your recyclables are still actually being recycled by the Town of Vinton. The collection vehicle has changed, not the service.

Recyclables are now being collected by a used refuse truck the town purchased from Roanoke City. The schedule for recycling collection remains every two weeks.

Public Works Director Bo Herndon says the truck is much larger than the previous recycling trailer and allows the town to deliver recyclable materials collected to RDS (Recycling and Disposal Solutions) once a month instead of an average of eight times each week as had been necessary previously. Each trip takes about an hour, so the town is saving staff time, which can be used for other tasks.

Utilizing the old trash truck for recycling has been a big success for the Public Works crews," said Assistant Town Manager Cody Sexton. "Instead of having to spend time emptying the former, smaller truck multiple times a day, we are able to spend more time focusing on collecting the recycling and emptying the truck only a few times a month. This means our crews are more efficient at collecting recycling and can provide a The Town of Vinton is now using a refuse truck to



better service to the citizens and collect recycling instead of the recycling trailer used

Time to 'Load the Bus for Kids,' August 6-8 at area Walmarts



Roanoke County Public Schools is joining with Roanoke City, Salem City, and Craig County Public Schools to Load the Bus for Kids. They'll be collecting school supplies for students in need across the Roanoke Valley now through Virginia's Tax-Free Weekend, August Come out to any of the Roanoke Val-

ley Walmart stores (in Bonsack, Clearbrook, Salem and Valley View) to donate school supplies for students who might not be able to afford the tools they need to be successful in school. Supplies will be collected at the registers and at bins in each store throughout the day.

The school divisions will be accepting donations of back-to-school supplies and/or monetary donations for students in need. Any money collected at the event will be used to purchase school supplies. Every item and every cent of your donations will go to help students

What kind of supplies are needed?

They need backpacks, glue sticks, notebooks, 3-ring binders, crayons, colored pencils, notebook paper (college and wide-ruled), pens, pencils, highlighters, rulers, folders, scissors, and construction paper. They also need classroom items like tissues, hand sanitizer, printer paper, dry erase markers and more.

The official hours that volunteers will be at the stores and a bus will be on site

- Aug. 6: 3-7 p.m.
- Aug 7: 9 a.m.-6 p.m.
- Aug 8: Noon-6 p.m.

However, anyone can put donations in the bin located in each store if Load the Bus representatives are not on site at that particular time.

"Each year, thousands of children across the Roanoke Valley begin school without the supplies they need to be successful," said Roanoke County Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Ken Nicely. "Walmart is teaming up with area school systems to work together to provide the tools our children need in school. Every single donation will help a student learn and achieve, especially this year when so many families are in need because of the

Town of Vinton encourages online utility payments

check

The Town of Vinton is encouraging its customers to pay utility bills online. The process is simple, plus it saves postage for the town and customer, saves paper for the town, and saves staff time. Finance Director Anne

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• Payment online.

Signing up for online avments is very easy. Simply go to the Town of Vinton website at https://www.

vintonva.gov/119/Pay-Bill-Online. Choose "pay online" which will redirect you to the secure Payment Services Network (PSN) site used by the Town of Vinton where you can register for an account or select the "Quick Pay" option.

When you register for an account with the payment service, you can:

- Pay by checking/ savings/ credit card
- Make payments in three quick steps
 - View your electronic
- payment history View eBills
 - View balance due
 - Manage multiple billing

 Set up Auto-Pay, recurring payments, and

Save payment methods

 You can download the PSN Payments App from the App Store or Google Play

This is a free service which reduces paper clutter when you opt out of paper bills. With the price of postage stamps continually increasing, you will be spared the cost of purchasing stamps.

The town currently has about 5800 utility customers. About 36% of them are choosing online payments.

Recent data in an annual review by PSN estimates that the town saved about \$1,750 in postage when those customers opted out of paper billing and chose online payments. Their data also shows that 31% of Vinton customers are utilizing online Bill Pay, 48% are using credit cards, and 21% are paying by check.

The town is working to add text payments to the options, especially helpful for those who lose track of time and forget when a bill is due. With text payments, customers will receive a text that their bill is due and then be able to pay via text as well.

If you have questions about signing up for online payments, you may call the staff in the Town of Vinton Treasurer's Office (540-983-0608) for assistance.

Mandate from page 1

Absent a mandate, students' choice about mask wearing (or not) will be fully supported

person learning becomes

significantly impacted

for large numbers of

In the event that conditions change and in-

within the school envi-

students, additional mitigation strategies and requirements will be considered by the school board.

Continued mitigation strategies in place include:

 increased air flow for indoor spaces accordance with CDC guidelines,

encouraging students and staff to stay home if symptomatic,

· contact tracing,

 continued enhanced cleaning,

 observance of threefeet distancing,

possible within the classroom with all students present.

For additional details, refer to the RCPS district health plan, which can be found at www.rcps.us/21-22 (click on health and safety).

Celebrating The Town of VITON!

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

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

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

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

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of belonging, yet progressive enough to provide the facilities, services, and conveniences that are necessary to make a community feel like home to its citizens.





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Herman L. Horn hosts 'Books and Ice Cream' night

Herman L. Horn Elementary School in Vinton hosted a "Books and Ice Cream" night on July 21, inviting students and their families for free ice cream donated by Freedom First and free books courtesy of the school's Title One program.

Families gathered under the picnic shelter to select their books, lined up for free ice cream bars, and then, in most cases, hit the playground.

HLH will be hosting "Back to School Night" to meet staff and drop off supplies on Monday, August 9 on a staggered schedule:

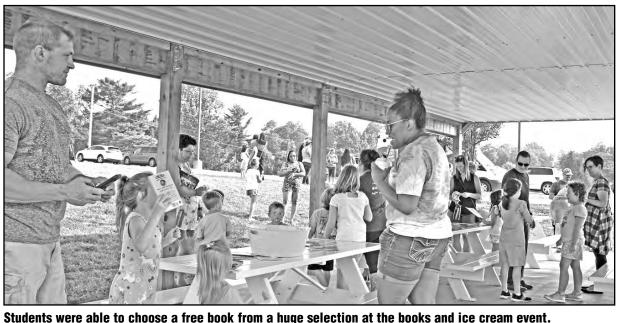
Students with names beginning with letters A-M, 6 to 6:45 Kindergarten and new

Students with last names N-Z, 7:30 to 8:15

The first day of school for Roanoke County students is on August Horn are from 7:45 to 2:25 this year.



12. Hours at Herman L. HLH teachers and administrators joined the free books and free ice cream festivities. Shown left to right are Assistant Principal Theresa Kabath, Title One teachers Sandy Hunt and Emily Murray, and Principal Julie





Freedom First and the Herman L. Horn Title One program treated students and families to free ice cream and books on July 21.



From the Pulpit

He is our Shepherd, and we are His sheep

We often confess saying that Jesus is our Shepherd. Even David brought the same confession in Psalm 23, saying "the Lord is my shepherd." I hope and pray this would be our confession as well.

When I was 15 and living in Kenya, it was a deserted place, literally like a desert, a wilderness. People who lived there were shepherds who took care of goats and sheep. I was told that there are 10 characteristics of sheep:

1). Sheep have poor eyesight. When they see something and it moves in front of their eyes, they follow it. So, when dogs run around with them, they think dogs are the shepherd and chase after them.

2) They are easy to be tricked. Wild dogs were well-aware of the poor discernment of sheep. So, from the past, wild dogs clever enough guided wild sheep, driving them into narrow valleys to hunt and eat them. It is said that humans used this point to train shepherd dogs

3) They fall easily. Their legs are not hard or strong, so they are not quick. Therefore, they often fall. Since they run so slowly, if wild animals chase after them, they are mostly eaten.

4) When they fall, they cannot get up by themselves. Sheep literally get turned over when they fall. Overturned sheep cannot stand up on their own no matter how hard they try. So, they are overturned until the shepherd comes and stands them up.

5) They cannot balance easily. Overturned sheep won't be able to balance quickly, so after standing them up, the shepherd must hold them still for a few seconds to allow them to walk upright.

6) They are selfish. When the lambs are hungry and approach their mothers to get some milk, the mothers relentlessly reject them and walk away. Sheep seems to be gentle, but actually, they have a selfish side. Without a shepherd, each sheep just goes on their own way to search for their food.

7) They have no sense of direction. Because their eyesight is so bad, they just walk without even knowing whether there is a forest or a cliff in front of them. So, the sheep must have a shepherd next to them to

8) They go back the way that they came. They always are given eternal life. return the way they came. strong homing instinct.

ity to defend themselves. tioned--that's us. They are easily tricked or protect them.

close to them, they be- relationships. come gentle. Animals such as they have given up on ev-

teristics seem very similar what He does. with someone, right? Yes,

Those 10 characteristics default without the shepherd, without Jesus in us and our lives.

the world and God's king- we praise and glorify.' dom; we are self-centered our Savior; we cannot de- just because of who He is. fend ourselves; and there is fore death.

That's who we are with- day in our lives? out our shepherd, Jesus

evil; we can stand back up eyes and ears are. and continue to walk with earth; we can consider and love others same as ourselves; we can walk straight towards the path that Jesus walked; we won't be going back to be sinners again; we can defend ourselves wearing the armor of God (the belt of truth, the breastplate of righteousness, the shoes of the gospel, the shield of faith, the helmet of salvation and the sword of the spirit), and now we have no fear in

death because through Jesus Christ we are saved and we

Mark 6: 34 says that the They are animals with a crowd who came to see Jesus are like sheep without 9) They have zero de- a shepherd. They seem like fense. Sheep are animals sheep who have those 10 that have absolutely no abil- characteristics that I've men-

We often come to the deceived, have a bad eye- church expecting some mirsight, and run slowly, so acles--our own definition there must be someone to of miracles, such as solving financial issues, healing dis-10) When death comes ease, or recovering broken

Yes, the Lord can make as goats and pigs kick and that happen. However, my scream right before they die, point is that we come to the but sheep become gentle church ultimately because and silent in front of death of God, to experience God and His presence in our lives, family, church, and the Sheep and their charac- community, not because of

Isn't God enough reason for us to come to the church, be, and do church? It is all of sheep that I mentioned about our priority and the are our human and spiritual intention of coming before

God together as a whole. Last week, I prayed, "God is the way-maker, miracle We are blind; we are easy worker, promise keeper, and to be fooled and tricked by the light in the darkness," evil; we are easy to fall; we and then, "that's who our cannot get up by ourselves; God is, that's who we come we fail balancing between to worship, and that's who

In other words, I conand egocentric; we don't fessed God is worthy to be know if we are going in a praised and worshipped not right path or into the dark- because He makes the way, est valley; we tend to go does miracles, keeps promback to the time before we ises and is the light in the met and received Jesus as darkness of the world, but

Isn't that enough reason nothing that we can do be- for us to praise, worship, and glorify Him today, and every

When we put God in first priority, then He will But by God's supervi- make the way, do miracles, sion, through Jesus Christ keep promises and be the and with the Holy Spirit, light in the world, and the we are no longer slaves of only hope in our lives. It's sins and evil, so we can open all about where the center our spiritual eyes. We don't of our heart, the direction of fall into the temptation of our faith, and focus of our

When we confess that Jesus; we can distinguish the Lord is my shepherd, we and sustain in the world don't need anything else but bringing heaven down to Jesus, because then God pro-

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vides everything for us, not our eyes on Jesus, and the lacking anything.

proclamation, and declara- rest for us. tion of David in Psalm 23:1 with him no matter what. I pray, that we would be That is God's goodness and mercy that will follow us in our lives when we dwell in the presence of God.

It starts from acknowledging who God is for us and whose we are first, rather than focusing on and giving God thanks just because of what He does for us.

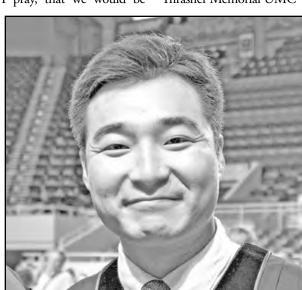
It starts from confessing that the Lord is enough for us, and that God is worthy of praise first, rather than worshiping God just because of what He provides.

I'm not saying that it is wrong to expect something from God, but it is all about our priorities, who we chose first in our lives. If we put Pastor Seong Jae Jo

center of our heart on God, That's the confession, then God will provide the

Therefore, I hope, in our that we all know. David spiritual and faith journey, chose the Lord as his first and we give thanks for who God top priority walking through is and whose we are, and the darkest valley, because he confess, proclaim and deknows and believes that the clare that Jesus is our shep-Lord will guide, lead, and be herd, and we are his sheep. able to live a victorious life in faith in the presence of the Lord, in His care, and in His sovereignty, to spread the gospel, make many people into disciples, and share the love of God to all nations through us, starting from where we are standing

By Pastor Seong Jae Jo, Thrasher Memorial UMC



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Dog waste left on streets and lawns does not just go away or fertilize the grass; it washes into storm drains, ditches, streams, and lakes and can travel for miles in the water. When present in large concentrations, the harmful bacteria in dog waste (fecal coliform and E. coli) can contaminate receiving waters and make them unfit for human contact. That's the message in the June 2021 Roanoke County Stormwater Guide for Homeowners, published by the Roanoke County Department of Development Services.

While it may not seem like a big deal if a pet "contributes" some waste to the environment, think about how many animals are out there. According to the guide, in Roanoke County alone, it is estimated that there are more than 22,000 dogs that generate about 1,686 tons of fecal material per year. That is a lot of poop-and left unscooped, an unsightly mess and a danger to children.

The county has taken proactive steps to limit the amount of dog waste that directly enters waterways by installing dog waste stations along its greenways and in most of its parks, including those in Vinton. These stations contain

"Mutt Mitt" bags and a trash can, giving pet owners the supplies needed to "bag and trash" their dog's waste while walking in parks or along the greenways.

Each dog waste station also has a coordinating sign reminding owners of their responsibility to pick up after their dogs. According to the storm guide, this might seem like an insignificant step in limiting bacteria from entering the already bacteria-impaired local waterways-but every little bit helps.

An online map shows the location of all Dog Waste Stations in Roanoke County and in the Town of Vinton. It is annually updated by the Department of Development Services and may be accessed https://www.roanokecountyva.gov/2594/GIS-Mapping-Support. Town of Vinton dog waste stations are listed at https://www. roanokecountyva.gov/DocumentCenter/View/17698/ $DogWasteWebsiteList_$ TOV.

In the Town of Vinton dog waste stations are located

 the Wolf Creek Greenway Kiosk on the Wolf Creek Greenway Trail by the Pedestrian Bridge, across Route 24 (Washington Avenue) from Goode Park

• the Wolf Creek Greenway Kiosk on the Wolf Creek Greenway Trail adjacent to Hardy Road parking areas

 the Vinton Farmers' Market located at 204 W. Lee Avenue

· the Glade Creek Greenway Kiosk on the Glade Creek Greenway Trail installed at the greenway sign located off Walnut Ave and 5th Street

• the Gladetown Trail Kiosk on the Gladetown Trail located to the south of the Craig Voting Center

Other dog waste stations in the Vinton area include:

 Goode Park on the Wolf Creek Greenway

 Stonebridge Park on the Wolf Creek Greenway Vineyard West between

the parking lot and creek Mount Pleasant Park

Jae Valley Park

Mayflower Hills Park

Dog waste stations with Mutt Mitts can be found in Roanoke County parks and on the greenways, like this one on the Wolf Creek Greenway in Vinton.

at Explore Park

– Parking Lot E, Rutrough Point; Parking Lot A; Kiosk between Visitor Center and Taubman Center; and Parking Lot D, Journeys End Kiosk.

The entire June 2021 Stormwater Guide for Ho-· And at three locations meowners may be found at https://www.roanokecountyva.gov/DocumentCenter/ View/21422/Stormwater-Newsletter-JUNE-2021website-version?bidId=.

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

Writer nearing a century; remembering Frosty Landon

Another birthday has come and gone. I'm now two years into my 10th decade. It's something to be thankful for.

About 20 years ago I interviewed noted watercolorist artist Harriet Stokes, who died a few vears later weeks before her 100th birthday. A regular attender at my Salem church, Stokes formerly did not tell her age, but as she grew closer to the century mark, she revealed it proudly. A long-time friend who lives in

retirement home in Lexington turned 99 the past April 15. She's still good for a 15-minute conversation and told me of her late mother-in-law who died at 102 but unable to see or hear.

"That's not living," my friend said. I'm inclined to agree.

I've been blessed to know two men who celebrated their 100th birthdays though they did not long survive them. Melville (Buster) Carico, a long-time political reporter for "The Roanoke Times," was honored by his Fincastle church on his July birthday several years ago. He could still reminisce a bit about his difficulty in covering objectively civil rights struggles affecting friends of faith.

The other centenarian was George Overstreet, once a furniture sales representative of a Roanoke industry and in retirement a bass soloist in my church's choir. He, like Carico, had outlived his

writers Musicians, artists, whose greatest satisfaction in life comes from within may be at least somewhat productive into their

I've seen at lot of history, all of it in Virginia, to which my ancestors on both sides came in Colonial

One of my earliest memories is going with my mother to a bank in our small Piedmont town. Around its walls were colorful red, white and blue posters bearing a Blue Eagle and NRA. When I asked my mother what it was for, she responded "Something about the government."

No, it wasn't the National Rifle Association but that the bank was cooperating in the National Recovery Act, a Franklin D. Roosevelt initiative to bring the nation

Frances Stebbins

Correspondent

out of the Great Depression.

We got our mail in a Rural Free Delivery box on the highway after walking across two fields and crossing a small creek on a footbridge, for our "farmhouse" style frame home, like several others, was on a slight rise away from the highway. Six days a week, a copy of the earliest edition of "The Richmond Times-Dispatch" was always there. When World War II broke out in Poland in 1939, my mother and I learned of it in the

Fast-forward to my young adult years and a summer job at the daily Richmond newspaper, not as a writer, but as one of six women in the Reference Department, a boring but indispensable place for writers to find information in precomputer days.

I spent long hours that summer as the clipping file envelopes on obscure "Korea" suddenly grew from one to a dozen. The conflict ended three years later; by then my news reporter husband Charlie Stebbins and I were married and starting our many years of writing for the daily Roanoke papers. Political conventions, heard on

small radios, were fascinating in the 1950s when we began voting and even shook the hand of famous General Dwight D. Eisenhower when he visited Virginia. We were Republicans then, as many were in the Commonwealth. Various changes came later.

Our daughter of 7 came home from her Hollins school early to tell us of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. The 1964 Civil Rights legislation gave our youngest child a dedicated Black teacher.

Newly-wed niece of my husband had married her Richmond sweetheart, he got a job in the new State of Hawaii, and in 1982 they made a weeklong visit to the islands possible. I flew for the first

From 1985 to 1999, with children grown, Charlie and I flew to the British Isles four times, a thrill of my life. After the World Trade Center disaster, we stayed on this side of the Atlantic, touching nearly every state and five Canadian provinces by bus and train tours. His death in 2008 confined me to several interesting Western Virginia day trips. Always I wrote of them. For many of our adult work-

ing years, Charlie and I benefited at the daily newspaper from the editorship of Forrest M. (Frosty) Landon, who died earlier this month at 87. Parkinson's Disease, which usually kills slowly, was revealed in his obituary as might be expected in an excellent newsman knowing readers would want to know. Much, naturally, has already been published about this active member of Roanoke's Unitarian-Universalist Church whose commitment to representing people in fairness marked his many years. He made it possible for us to continue to do work we loved so long as he was able. I still

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DEALING WISELY

1 Samuel 18:1 through 20:42

"In everything he did he had great success, because the Lord was with him" (1 Samuel 18:14).

If ever there were ample reason to justify retaliation, David certainly qualified. Repeatedly wronged by King Saul, David always responded with respect and love. Even when he had the opportunity to kill the treacherous king, David restrained himself. Because of his willing submission to Saul's God-given authority, David was crowned king over Israel. There are times when we too are wronged by those in authority over us. At such times, we often feel justifi ed in rebelling, thinking that we are simply standing up for ourselves. But rebellion will only reduce us to the spiritual maturity (or immaturity) level of the authority who is hurting us. Instead of rebelling, we should seek to discuss any problems with our abusive authority (Romans 12:18). If our authority continues in the abuse, then we, like David, must do all we can to protect ourselves by leaving the abusive situation. Leaving, however, does not imply license to judge our abusive authority. Only God has the right to judge and to vindicate.

Thought for Today: Abusive people are wounded people, and wounded people often hurt others.

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interested persons that the Board of Appeals (Building) of the City of Salem, Virginia will hold public hearings, in accordance with the provisions of Section 18-38 Code of City of Salem, Virginia, on August 4, 2021, at 3:00pm in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 114 North Broad Street, in the City of Salem, Virginia. The purpose of the meeting and hearings shall be to determine if a certain structure is dangerous to the inhabitants of the City and whether such structure should be ordered to be repaired or demolished. The structure is located as

(1) A dilapidated structure located at 17 7th Street Street, Salem, Virginia (Tax Map # 184 - 2 - 2).

All parties in interest at the public hearings will be given an opportunity to be heard, present evidence, and show cause why action by the City and Board to remedy a potential dangerous situation should or should not be granted. For additional information contact the Building Official's Office, 21 South Bruffey Street, Salem, Virginia (Phone 375-3036).

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BY Troy D. Loving Troy D. Loving, **Building Official**



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1. Hold public hearing to consider the request of Layman Candy Company, Inc., contract purchaser, and Lewis-Gale Medical Center, LLC, property owner, for rezoning a portion of the property located at 2105 Apperson Drive (Tax Map # 281-1-2) from BCD Business Commerce District to LM Light Manufacturing District.

2. Hold public hearing to consider the request of Roanoke College Trustees, property owner, for rezoning a portion of the property located at 232 North Broad Street (Tax Map # 87-7-7), from CUD College and University District to RSF Residential Single-Family District.

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

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

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ORDER OF

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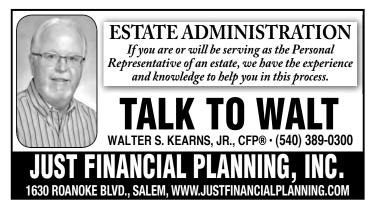


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2001 state championship is a highlight of Young's 24 years of coaching

It was 20 years ago this summer that the Vinton 14 and under all-stars traveled to Louisiana to play in the Dixie League Baseball World Series. Vinton won the state championship that year, and it was a highlight for long time recreation coach Steve Young.

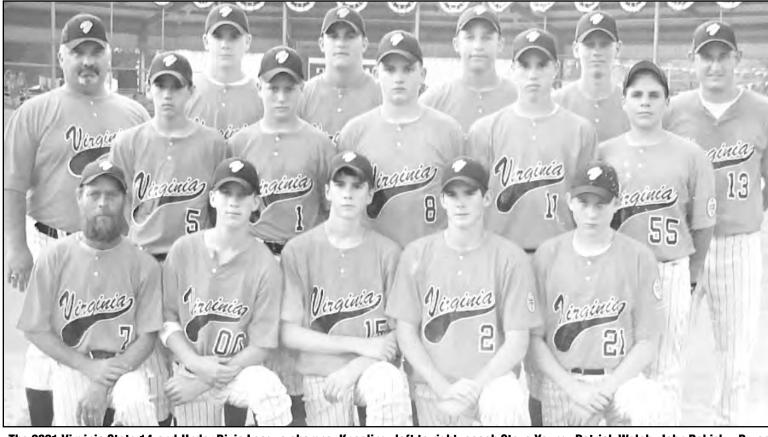
"We'd been to the state the year before and lost to South Boston," said Young. "We had some really good boys and in 2001 we won the district at Maher Field, beating Salem in the championship game."

The state tournament was in South Boston that year and the host team had a future big league pitcher in Jeremy Jeffress. After one time through the field Vinton, Nottoway and South Boston were all tied with one loss, so straws were drawn for who would play in the semifinals and who would get the bye to the final.

"Steve got lucky," said Brad Greenway, who played on that team and is now a baseball assistant and head boys' basketball coach at William Byrd High School. "He drew the short straw and we got the bye. South Boston had to play Nottoway and they used Jeffress. They won, but they used up their ace and we were fresh for the final."

"We finally got our revenge on South Boston in 2001," said Bruce Janney, another member of that 2001 team who now coaches youth sports in Vinton himself. "They had eliminated us in the state tournament two years in a row leading up to this one, but we were able to beat them in the championship game that year. We had such a great time that summer winning the state championship and playing in the World Series down in Louisiana."

The 13, 14 and 15 year old state tournaments were all in South Boston



The 2001 Virginia State 14-and-Under Dixie League champs. Kneeling, left to right: coach Steve Young, Patrick Welch, John Rokisky, Bruce Janney and Matt Bird. Standing, left to right; assistant coach Jeff Stovall, Scott Entsminger, Thomas Haden, David Childress, Joel Brooks, Josh Stovall, Brad Greenway, Mark Nester, Drew Kahle, Andy Adldoost and assistant coach Kenny Rickerson.

that year and the 15 year olds, coached by the late GG Terry, also won the state. Steve Young's son, Michael, was on that team that advanced to the World Series in South Carolina. The 14 year olds went to Lake Charles, Louisiana for the World Series.

"The name of the town where we played was actually named Vinton, Louisiana," remembers Greenway.

Representing Virginia, Vinton opened with a 7-5 loss to Alabama. They bounced back to beat Tennessee in a thriller, 12-11, but were eliminated by the host Louisiana team in the double elimination tournament, 5-3.

"I was proud of our boys," said Young. "The Virginia team hadn't won a game in the World Series in a couple years. We had four or five really good pitchers that year."

Young was still coaching right up until a couple years ago. Steve is a familiar face to Vinton citizens as he not only coached baseball, boys' and girls' basketball and softball for 24 years, he's also worked at the Post Office for just under 40 years. Most of that time was delivering mail.

Young is currently taking a leave of absence from the Post Office as he was recently diagnosed with liver cancer, but he is adamant that he is not retired.

"I'm battling a little cancer and I have some eye issues, but I'm not retired," he said. "I want to come back and go out on my terms, even if it's just for a month."

As for coaching, that's still up in the air. Young is now 64 years old and grew up a Yankees fan, rooting for stars like Mickey Mantle and Whitey Ford as a kid, then Reggie Jackson and Thurman Munson in the '70s. His baseball teams were almost always named "Vinton Yankees."

"Coaching was like a hobby to me," he said. "I got in it when my kids(son Michael and daughter Kasey) played baseball and basketball. When they got out, I just stayed."

Steve has touched many lives over the years, and he's left his mark on many. Michael notes people still ask him about his dad and talk about what a fun time they had playing for him.

"Steve was a great coach," said Janney. "He was patient, selfless, and was always smiling and fun to be around. His love for the game is undeniable as he continued to coach after I played. He has given a lot back to the community over the years and I am proud to have had the opportunity to play for him. He has always been my favorite coach to take BP off of because he served it right up."

Greenway echoed those sentiments.

"He devoted a lot of time to the kids in Vinton," he said. "As someone who grew up in Vinton, I appreciate the fact that we have people like Steve here."

One can say that either on the diamond, on the court or on his mail route, Steve Young always delivered.

Brian Hoffman



It seems like football season just ended, but it's right around the bend again. Opening preseason practice for William Byrd High School begins this afternoon with the season opening games just one month away.

Actually, it should seem like football season just ended, because it wasn't that long ago. Due to the pandemic the past season was played in the spring. Virginia High School league championship games were played on May 1, and that was just 90 days ago. Normally there's a span of about eight months between the end of the season and the start of summer practice, or approximately 240 days. Of course, these are not normal times.

William Byrd will open practice today, beginning at 3:30 pm and running until about 7:30 pm. The Terriers will go on that same schedule on Friday and through next week.

Byrd's first scrimmage will be on Friday, August 13, at 5 pm at Glenvar. The Terriers will open the season on Friday, August 27, at home against Liberty.

INTERESTING FIND FOR 5 BUCKS

I was killing time browsing the Charlotte's Web antique mall in Salem recently when I came across an item that caught my eye. It was a copy of "Sports Review" magazine, previewing the 1959 football season.

The magazine cost 50 cents at the time and was in a plastic sleeve and marked \$5 at the antique mall. I figured that was a fair price taking inflation into account, and I love looking at old magazines. I had a subscription to "SPORT" magazine growing up in the '60s and still have them in a box in my basement. I pull them out every once in a while when I'm bored(see pandemic). I still remember how excited I was when my first issue came in the mail. The cover had pictures of Johnny Unitas and Jim Brown and the lead story was about whether the pass or the run was more effective.

I had never heard of "Sports Review" magazine, but upon further examination, after purchasing it of course, I discovered it was established in 1941 and was published five times a year. A year's subscription was two dollars, and with my Roanoke College education kicking in I concluded that was a savings of 50 cents a year over the newsstand price.

Each issue had a certain theme, with a basketball issue in January, a Motorspeed issue in March, a Fishing issue in April, a Baseball issue in May and the Football issue in September. There's an address in Illinois listed where you could subscribe, and I might just send them two bucks to see if the offer still stands.

Whatever, the magazine I bought previewed both the college and pro football seasons for 1959. The college got a little more attention with 60 pages of previews while the pros had about half that many. That was interesting since this was the year after that famous overtime game in '58 between the Colts and Giants that is credited with propelling the NFL into

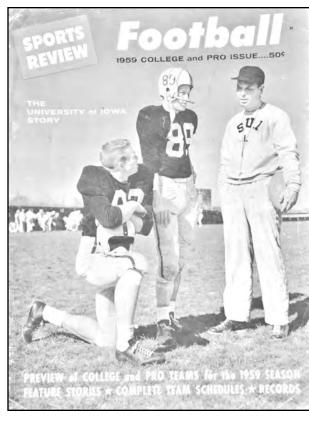
High School football practice begins today

a new age of excitement.

Back in 1959 there were only a dozen NFL football teams and the AFL was yet to be founded. Each team played a 12 game schedule. There were two divisions of six teams each named the Eastern Conference and the Western Conference, and the team with the best record in each conference played for the champion-ship. That was it, one playoff game!

So, you ask, how did two east coast cities, Baltimore and New York, play in the championship game? Well, Baltimore happened to be in the Western Conference, sort of like when the Atlanta Braves were playing in the National League West and the Dodgers were their big rival. Go figure.

It was interesting to look at the final stats listed from the '58 season, and you can see how different



a game it was back then. Unitas led the NFL with 19 touchdown passes that year, and that's not even a good season now. Granted it was a 12 game season, but that averages out to 25 TD passes over a 16 game schedule. Last season Aaron Rodgers led the NFL with 48 touchdown passes, and 25 would have been 17th in the league.

John Brodie of the 49ers had the best completion percentage at 59 percent(.599) in 1958. That would have been 24th in the current NFL with only Carson Wentz(.574) and Drew Lock(.573) under 60 percent among the top 25 quarterbacks. Again it was Rodgers on top at .707.

Jim Brown had already established himself as a future Hall of Famer in just his second year with the Browns. In '58 he ran for 1,527 yards, almost twice as many as the Colts' Alan Ameche, who was second at 791 yards. Projecting Brown over 16 games, he would have had 2,036 yards and 23 touchdowns. That speaks well for Derrick Henry of the curret day Titans, who led the league with a comparable 2,027 yards last year. Henry also led in rushing touchdowns with 17.

The college section of the magazine had a lot more pictures than the pro section. There was a very interesting story on SMU quarterback Don Meredith, who would go on to more fame on the field with the Dallas Cowboys and in the TV booth with Monday Night Football. The theme of the story was that Meredith was not only a great player but a brilliant leader in student activities, civic programs and religious work. Take that Howard Cosell.

There was also a story on the Miami of Ohio football team, and of the many successful coaches the program produced. It had a picture of the seven man coaching staff in 1950, and now most high schools have more than seven coaches. Woody Hayes, who went on to coach Ohio State, was the head coach at Miami of Ohio in 1950 and one of his assistants was Ara Parseghian, who became a famous head coach at Notre Dame. Another assistant was Bill Arnsparger, who would be Don Shula's defensive coordinator for those great Dolphin teams in "the other" Miami. . .the warmer one. Arnsparger would go on to become head coach of the New York Giants.

The Sports Review magazine listed complete season records of all the major colleges for the '58 season. Virginia Tech, under coach Frank Moseley, was 5-4-1 that fall while the University of Virginia was 1-9 under coach Dick Voris. Tech beat UVA, 22-13, in Richmond in '58 and the Hokies beat VMI, 21-16, at Victory Stadium.

The magazine certainly provided me with five bucks worth of entertainment as I sat on my porch on a sunny Virginia Sunday afternoon. And, it got me even more anxious for the coming football season than I already was, if such a thing is possible.

I need to get my two dollars in the mail this week so I can get the new edition, even if I did miss the fishing preview.

GUARDIANS OF LAKE ERIE

My wife and I just happened to be in northeast Ohio to see some baseball last weekend when the new name of the Cleveland franchise was announced. The team that has been known as the Indians for longer than anyone who is alive can remember will be known as the "Guardians" beginning next year.

My first impression was, "why that?" I had heard several suggestions, among them "Rockers" and "Spiders." Apparently Spiders was the name of the team long, long ago and "Rockers" was in reference to the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame being in Cleveland.

I sort of liked "Rockers." I could see a logo of a ballplayer swinging a guitar and it would be something that might appeal to younger fans. They could play "Cleveland Rocks" prior to the games and have concerts in the stadium and all kinds of tie-ins. The guy who comes to the game and beats a drum could dress up like Ringo Starr.

However, once I got a little history on the "Guardians" it didn't seem as bad as it did at first. I discovered the bridge heading in the direction of Progressive Field is flanked by four "Art Deco Statues" named the "Guardians of Transportation." The statues are pretty cool and they've been there since 1932. Guardians doesn't say much about baseball, but then neither did Indians. "Native Americans" played lacrosse in the spring.

I get it. The team had to do something because the term Indians was seen as offensive to many, just like the Redskins in Washington. Cleveland did away with the grinning "Chief Wahoo" a couple years ago and that logo is no longer found on the uniform or team merchandise, replaced by a block "C". Of course, you don't have to look far to find Wahoo as

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Copening wins three events for VAST in City-County Swim Meet

Olympic Park finished the season at the top, unseating perennial champ Hunting Hills with a strong performance in last weekend's Roanoke Valley Aquatic Association championship meet. The annual "City-County" meet was held at the Christiansburg Aquatic Center.

Olympic Park finished first with 14,457 points, adding 60 percent of the regular-season total to 40 percent of the City/County total. Stonegate finished second with 12,221 points, passing defending champion Hunting Hills on the final day. The Vinton Area Swim Team finished ninth among the 13 teams competing with 6,351.5 points.

Evan Copening of Vinton won three first place golds in the boys' 13-14 age group. He won the 50 yard Backstroke in 29.9, the 100 Individual Medley in 1:06.34 and the 50 Butterfly in 28:39.

Colton Cunningham took first in the 7-8 boys' 25 yard Backstroke in 18.31 and the 25 Freestyle in 16:09 and Austin Nielsen won the men's 17-18 50 Breaststroke in 28.84.

In the women's events Laura Schneider of VAST won the 50 Free in 27:13 and the 100 Free in 1:00.32.







These young swimmers were among the group that competed for the Vinton Area Swim Team in last weekend's City-County meet in Christiansburg. Left to right above Kieran Wilhelm and Evan Foley compete in the breaststroke. Below, left to right, Reece Brady and Jalen Smith swim the Butterfly.



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he's still on most of the clothing worn by Indians fans.

The team kept the traditional red and dark blue colors and they can use the same hats, with the C. In fact, the font for the front of the artist's rendering of the new uniforms is the same, with "GUAR" replacing "IN" in front of the "DIANS."

My wife and I and my friends who live outside Akron attended Saturday night's game against Tampa Bay, and many people were taking photos of the Guardian statues that are easily seen from the walkways around the upper deck of the stadium. Progressive Field has a giant, lighted "Indians" logo above the scoreboard and I wondered aloud what they were going to do with that? My friend Craig's wife, Debbie, surmised, "they'll probably just knock off the I and the N and put GUAR there instead."

That would work, but what about my friend from Roanoke College, Bob Bower, who grew up in Youngstown and now lives in Warren, Ohio. A life long Indians fan, he had Chief Wahoo tattooed on his calf years ago and I don't think long socks will cover it.

Then again, from the feedback I heard last weekend most of the fans in



One of four "Guardian" statues at the Hope Memorial Bridge in Cleveland.