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WBMS introduces new faculty and staff for 2021-2022

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William Byrd Middle School has welcomed several new faculty and staff members for the 2021-2022 school year and moved some returning employees to new positions.

Tiffany Adams is not new to William Byrd, but she has been promoted to attendance administrative assistant this year. She is from Vinton and graduated from Staunton River High School with the Class of 1999. She was hired as an instructional assistant last year for WBMS and trained in the Attendance Office.

Adams taught preschool for 22 years at Parkway Preschool before coming to WBMS. This will be her 24th year working in education.

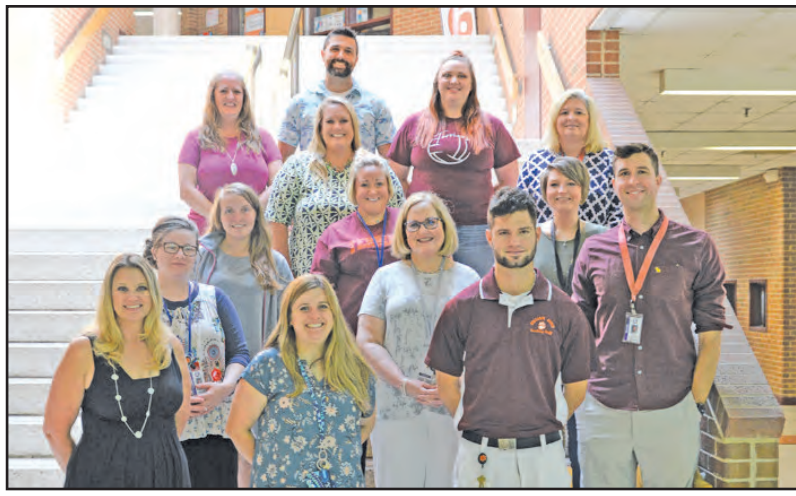
"I love this school, its staff, and being close to home and my two kids who are both at WBHS," Adams said. "I love spending time with my family, going on road trips, being outside—and if I have to be indoors, I enjoy working puzzles."

Nick Deel was promoted from instructional assistant to teacher during the last school year. This year he is teaching seventh grade US History II—1865 to the present. He is from Roanoke and a graduate of William Byrd. He studied Criminal Law at Virginia Western Community College and then History/Middle School Education at Mary Baldwin University. This is his fourth year in education.

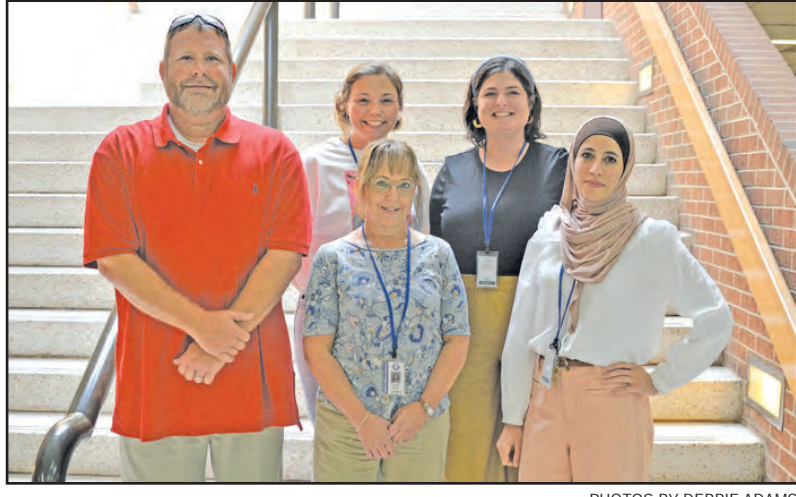
Deel says the staff and students at WBMS are "enjoyable to work with and I love the content I teach."

A fun fact about Deel is that "I can rip a deck of cards in half."

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William Byrd Middle School has several new faculty and staff members this year and some who have changed to new positions. They include (from left): front row, Tiffany Adams, Shana Patterson, and Christian Moore; second row, Mickaella Porterfield, Traci Wren, and Ryan Hutchison; third row, Haley Leftwich, Mandi Holterman, and Julia Stafford; fourth row, Bonnie Reedy, Holley Scheffel, Sammi Webster, and Gloria Harris; and back, Nick Deel.



New teachers and staff and those who have new positions at WBMS include: front row, Brian Jones, Diane Heim, and Amney Qawasmeh; and back row, Megan Herndon and Sarah Weber.

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William Byrd High School senior Chloe Harrilla has been chosen as the Top Terrier for the 2021-2022 school year. She is shown with her parents, Sharon and Joe Harrilla. Her award was announced at an assembly on the first day of school.

Harrilla named Top Terrier at WBHS

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Chloe Harrilla has been named Top Terrier at William Byrd High School for the 2021-2022 school year. The Top Terrier Award is a proud tradition at the high school and the single highest honor bestowed on a student at WBHS. It is awarded to a senior who is academically strong and involved in the school—someone who best exemplifies the qualities of integrity, loyalty, and courage of character, and who serves as a role model for everyone. According to William Byrd Principal Tammy Newcomb, the Top Terrier is a "person you immediately think about when you think of school pride."

The announcement was made at a school-wide assembly in the football stadium on August 12, the opening day of school.

Newcomb described Harrilla as "a dedicated student and athlete with strong communication and interpersonal skills, who remains poised and grounded in stressful situations."

Academically, she has maintained a 4.0 GPA throughout her high school career and served as Junior Marshall at graduation for the Class of 2021.

She is a member of the WBHS volleyball team and an award-winning athlete in indoor and outdoor track and field. She was named the Indoor Track All State Athlete in 2021 in the 4 by 1 relay and the long jump. She also was named Outdoor Field Athlete of the Year for the Blue Ridge District in the spring of 2019 and Indoor Field Athlete of the Year for the Blue Ridge District in Winter 2019-2020. She is a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and played travel volleyball with Roanoke United Volleyball from 2016-2019.

Harrilla won first place in the regional DECA competition in selling in 2018.

In addition to her studies and participation in sports, she has been employed since 2018 on the Child Care Staff at the

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Happy 105th birthday, Mrs. Hamric!



Janelle Hamric, formerly of Sugar Grove and now of Vinton, celebrated her 105th birthday on August 18.



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Janelle Hamric is shown with her mother, Donna Hamm Keesling, when Hamric was 2 years old. The photograph was meant to be of her alone, but she misbehaved and the photo had to be taken with her mother holding her.

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Janelle Keesling Hamric celebrated her 105th birthday on August 18. She was born in 1916 and spent most of her life in the small community of Sugar Grove located near Marion in Southwest Virginia. Hamric moved to Vinton this past May to live with her nephew and his wife, Don and Carol Beville.

Her parents, Charles and Donna Hamm Keesling, also grew up in Sugar Grove as did her husband, Herbert. Hamric says she knew him most of her life and although they weren't exactly childhood sweethearts, "he was a good man, and I didn't let him get away."

She was a toddler during the Spanish influenza pandemic of 1918. She was too young to remember the experience, but her mother told her about what a "bad, sad time" it was and, at its

See **Mrs. Hamric!**, page 5

Working from home not working out for you, try @It Offices



Mitchell and Suzanne Tyler have opened @It Offices on Hardy Road in Vinton for entrepreneurs and small business owners who want to work remotely, just not from home.

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In March 2020 with the arrival of the pandemic, almost overnight there was a drastic change in how people work. Many who worked in offices were suddenly forced to work from home. Now that the novelty of being able to work in your pajamas has worn off, many employees are struggling with figuring out how to separate work from home when you never really leave the office—when

work is at home.

Mitchell Tyler has opened a new business on Hardy Road in Vinton which he says provides "a great opportunity for folks to put the 'balance' back in 'work/life balance.'" As telework is likely here to stay, we believe people are looking for convenient locations to work in an office setting outside the home."

Also, while some have enjoyed the autonomy of working from home, there are challenges, such as the need for office amenities—high-speed Internet, for technology for Zoom meetings, hot spots, and for privacy to meet with clients without the family interrupting.

Tyler discovered for himself that it is "hard to disconnect from work when the phone and computer are right there next to you 24 hours a day," putting you in an always-on-duty workplace.

He began to think about developing something people could afford—offering them alternate office space where you "can work remotely without working from home."

"You can now have an affordable Dedicated Desk (co-working space) or Private Office to use as your corporate home, then go back to your real home," Tyler said. (A Dedicated Desk means it's not

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Tuesday Town Council meeting all about business

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The Vinton Town Council meeting on August 17 was fully focused on business and finance.

The meeting opened with the introduction of the town's newest employee, Tiffany Stewart, by Finance Director/Treasurer Anne Cantrell.

Stewart will be working in the Finance Department as senior financial analyst. She was born, raised, and currently resides in Roanoke City but has roots in Vinton. Her grandfather, John A. Brown, a fallen Vietnam veteran, was born and raised in Vinton and lived most of his life in the area surrounding M.A. Banks Park.

Stewart graduated from American National University in 2011 with a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration in Accounting. She then received her Master's of Accounting at Liberty University in 2014. In between degrees, she married her husband Chris Stewart, who is a probation and parole officer for Virginia. They have been married for nine years and have four children— three boys and a girl.

Stewart has been working in finance for over eight years. During 2020, she took time away from work to support her children while they attended school virtually during the pandemic. She is excited to be starting a new career, new experiences, and gaining more knowledge on governmental accounting. When she is not at work, she is studying for the CPA exam, but finds time to relax with her family, to shop, and to play Sims.

Cantrell announced that for the 26th consecutive year, the Town of Vinton has qualified for the GFOA (Government Finance Officers Association) Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting—this one for the fiscal year which ended June 30, 2020.

This is the highest form of recognition in governmental accounting and financial reporting,

and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management. It indicates a "spirit of full disclosure" by the town. Cantrell thanked Lydia Verdillo of the Finance Department in particular for her efforts on the financial report.

Next up was a public opening of bids for the granting of two easements to construct, install, operate, repair, replace, and maintain a gas pipeline over, under, through and across 2121 and 2131 Cardinal Park Drive in the Vinton Business Park.

The purpose of the easements is to expand gas service to the Montgomery Village subdivision located in the Vinton Magisterial District of Roanoke County.

Town Clerk Susan Johnson opened the lone bid received—from Roanoke Gas. There were no comments from the public during the hearing. Town Council voted to approve the ordinance granting the easement, previously approved by the Roanoke County Board of Supervisors.

Council was briefed on the updated and state-mandated Emergency Operations Plan for the Town of Vinton by Public Works Director Bo Herndon and Human Resources Director Donna Collins. Herndon said that since the last update, a new generator has been installed at the Vinton War Memorial, making it the primary shelter in the town, where citizens could be housed during an emergency situation. He informed council of other generators which have been installed at the town's water tanks and pump stations, and mobile generators as well.

Planning and Zoning Director Anita McMillan briefed council on the purchase of portions of three properties located along Walnut Avenue for the Walnut Avenue Bicycle and Pedestrian Accommodations Project from 5th Street to the town's west limits.

The project will improve pedestrian access and safety along Walnut Avenue, provide safer bike

accommodations, and complete a connection for the town's Glade Creek Greenway and Roanoke City's Tinker Creek Greenway. The project is being funded by VDOT's Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funds.

Additional right-of-way and temporary construction easements are needed that involve the properties owned by Viking Fence Company (Bob's Restaurant and the Viking Fence office building), and the Nilam Corporation (Alvaro's Market). The properties needed run for several hundred linear feet and about 10 feet in width.

Cantrell returned to the microphone to brief council on proposed new grant policies and procedures for the purpose of ensuring proper oversight of all funds appropriated to the town, of minimizing the town's risk of non-compliance with grant requirements, and of ensuring proper administration and accounting of all grants. With American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) grants being appropriated, Town Manager Pete Peters said the town wants to get "ahead of the curve." Town Attorney Jeremy Carroll said the plan developed is "a good policy providing clear guidance."

Council took action to adopt a resolution authorizing the town manager to execute a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the town and Roanoke County for financial support from the county for the Vinton/East County Hotel Project. The town and the Roanoke County Economic Development Authority have proposed to enter a performance agreement with McDevitt Company to redevelop several parcels for the "Vinton Hotel" to be located at the intersection of South Pollard Street, 1st Street, and Cedar Avenue.

The Board of Supervisors approved the MOU at its meeting on July 27, agreeing to reimburse the town for a portion of the Incentive Grant for the hotel project in an amount not to exceed \$450,000 in total, and paid in in-



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Tiffany Stewart was introduced to Vinton Town Council at the August 17 meeting. She is the new senior financial analyst in the Finance Department. She is shown with her husband, Chris Stewart, and their children.

stallments not to exceed \$150,000 annually over a three-year period. The MOU will also reimburse up to \$30,000 of building permit fees paid to the county.

According to the town manager, the hotel project would not be financially feasible without the financial support from the county.

After a presentation by Assistant Town Manager Cody Sexton, council adopted a resolution creating three new positions (Capital Projects manager and utility clerk in the Public Works Department, and a customer service representative in the Finance Department), approving changes to the FY2022 Classification Plan, and approving the restoration of an additional Police Officer I position. That position was lost due to budget adjustments made during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Council previously held two public hearings on July 20, 2021, to amend the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 (FY2022) budget and appropriated funding from the General Fund, Utility Fund, Capital Fund, and the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) grant to

fund three positions in the Town.

Due to moving the utility billing function from the Finance Department to the Public Works Department and other staff reorganizations, town staff determined there is a need in the Finance Department for the reclassification of an existing position to create the customer service representative position. This will allow for a realignment of responsibilities of existing administrative staff in the department to provide a higher level of service to the public and to other town departments. The funding for this position is already in the FY2022 budget.

The approval of the new positions does not bind town staff to immediately fill these positions.

Council began meeting again in person in chambers in July; the set-up was a little different for the August 17 meeting with more social distancing than the July meetings due to an uptick in COVID cases in the area. Meetings remain accessible on the Vinton Facebook page and on the website at <https://www.vintonva.gov/>.

PEOPLE, PLACES AND THINGS

Angie Chewing

Filling in for Bootie

Check this out... Adam Rutledge, Cary Rutledge, Abbey Dillard joined them on stage as well; Mountain Grille with their amazing Butter Burgers, Blue Ridge Beverage – as always with cold beverages; Bank of Botetourt volunteers; our ride or die crew of volunteers that are always there to work so very hard, rain or shine – Drake Lewis, Hannah Jones, Steve and Tara Jones; our sponsors, the VIP Lawn sponsors – Mountain View Real Estate – Greenway Boothe and Alcova Mortgage/ Jason Jelmitoller and all of the awesome people in the crowd. The crowd was full of energy. That all makes for one heck of a

great night. Thank you all so much. Mother Nature held off till the very end and, yes, the cleanup crew got a little wet (okay, a lot wet) but oh what a night.

Looking forward to the next one August 28. On Common Ground will be our band and Yani's Hot Kitchen will be on hand with some good food! See ya there.

Happy Anniversary to Sabrina and Chris McCarty on August 22 – I can't believe it's been six years. Cheers to many more

Vinton Moose Lodge 1121 collected and delivered school supplies for Vinton schools (WB Middle & High, W.E. Cundiff, Herman L. Horn, Bonsack, and Mt. Pleasant). We know many families strug-

gle to get the needed school supplies.

The Vinton Chamber has collected items for area businesses to send goodie bags to all the teachers at these schools to welcome them back to another school year (some still have to be delivered). Many thanks to the Steppin' Out dancers for all their help in stuffing over 650 goodie bags!

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BCAT Citizen Advisory Committee named

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The Roanoke County Board of Supervisors and the Roanoke County School Board have named 10 citizens to the BCAT Citizen Advisory Committee, officially known as the Career and Technical Education Citizen Advisory Committee.

“Roanoke County’s Burton Center for Arts and Technology (BCAT) is a vital asset for the students and citizens of Roanoke County as a centralized educational space providing skilled workers to meet the needs of the region’s businesses and industry as well as specialty centers for Roanoke County’s five high schools in the areas of engineering, mechatronics and robotics, cybersecurity, mass communications, performing arts, and visual arts,” said School Superintendent Dr. Ken Nicely. “Students in BCAT’s motorsports and engine building program have received national recognition. BCAT is home to one of the first Governor’s STEM Academies in Virginia and also houses adult education programs, VWCC classes, English Learner programs, and Special Education transition programs.

“BCAT’s award-winning programs are currently housed in an aging facility that is in need of replacement as identified in the RCPS Capital Improvement Plan,” Nicely said. “The Roanoke County School Board and Roanoke County Board of Supervisors are working collaboratively to further define future programming for this community asset, determine possible sites, and identify

capital funding mechanisms to accelerate the construction of a new, modern facility.”

Many in the community consider the building of a new BCAT to be an urgent need. The current facilities were built piecemeal beginning in the early 1960s.

At a joint meeting of the Roanoke County School Board and the Roanoke County Board of Supervisors on August 10, a resolution passed by the Board of Supervisors established the BCAT Citizen Advisory Committee with five members appointed by the Board of Supervisors and five to be appointed by the School Board.

“We asked each member on the Board of Supervisors and School Board to pick one person to represent their district on the citizens committee,” said Jason Peters, chairman of the Board of Supervisors and Vinton’s representative to the board. “My desire was to have someone familiar with BCAT, in the business community, or just with the overall desire to create a better technical center for our school system. We did not set qualifications, rather we allowed the board member to vet their own appointment. It was my desire to have a good mix, and I believe we have achieved that.”

The citizens named to the committee by the Board of Supervisors are Mike Altizer, Max Beyer, Lynn Carroll, Jean Hopstetter, and Gene Rose.

Altizer (Peters’ pick for the Vinton District) has previously served on the Board of Supervisors and the School Board and is employed by the Western Virginia Water Authority (WVWA). He was instrumental in establish-

ing and growing the county schools’ apprenticeship program which started out with the WVWA as a stakeholder.

Beyer (Hollins) serves on the Roanoke County Economic Development Authority. Lynn Carroll (Catawba) is a retired school employee. Jean Hopstetter (Cave Spring) works with Member One. Gene Rose (Windsor Hills) is a retired businessman.

The five members to the committee appointed by the School Board are: Craig Balzer, Wayne Bower, Todd Foutz, Troy Henderson, and Steve Spangler.

School Board Chair Jason Moretz, who represents the Windsor Hills District, selected Balzer of Balzer & Associates.

“I selected him for his long-time commitment to the Roanoke Valley, his service on the CTE General Advisory Committee, and his years of experience as an architect/business owner,” Moretz said. “Craig cares deeply about RCPS and I consider him a friend that will put the best interests of our students first.”

Tim Greenway, who represents Vinton on the School Board, invited Todd Foutz of Siddall Communications to join the committee.

“I wanted someone in the Vinton District I thought knew a good deal about BCAT or at one time was a part of BCAT,” Greenway said. “Todd was my choice because we had spoken many times before and he understands the importance BCAT can be to our community. Also, with his marketing background, I think he brings a unique skill set to help us move this project forward.”

School Board member

Mike Wray, who represents the Cave Spring District, selected former Cave Spring Principal Steve Spangler to serve on the committee, “based on his knowledge of BCAT. He knows the curriculums offered at BCAT and serves on the General Advisory Committee for BCAT. Steve retired as principal of Cave Spring High School after 13 years on June 30 this year. He has the time to devote to the committee.”

David Linden, who represents the Hollins District, asked Wayne Bower of Bower Heating and Air to serve the community on the committee.

“Wayne Bower was selected as a small business owner and community-minded citizen who I believe has a keen understanding of the need for CTE training and getting students workforce ready,” Linden said. “Having known Wayne for many years, he is always thoughtful and deliberate in his approach, and also fantastic at analyzing options for making improvements. Wayne’s knowledge of the current programs we offer at BCAT along with his understanding of what the businesses in our area need will certainly help us better understand what our new BCAT should look like.”

Troy Henderson of G&H Contracting was also named to the committee.

“Troy Henderson has a variety of experience with county government with his work on the Zoning Board and his participation in the apprenticeship program in the construction programs at Burton Center,” said David Wymer, who is the interim representative for the Catawba District.

“While he was selected by Don Butzer before he left the School Board, I highly agree and would have selected him given the opportunity. He will provide excellent advice regarding the size of the facility and the scope of programs for the new center.

“It is important that this project be well researched and designed, and that the public is provided information as the process unfolds,” Wymer said.

“We have had good discussions with the Board of Supervisors over the last several months including two joint meetings and two meetings between Jason Peters, Dr. Nicely, (Roanoke County Administrator) Dan O’Donnell, and myself,” said Moretz. “Good communication is the cornerstone to advancing any agenda and I’m proud to say that both boards understand the pressing need to deliver a new BCAT to the students and citizens of Roanoke County.”

“BCAT is not only an educational tool but can be a catalyst for economic growth and job activity in our entire region,” said Greenway. “Jason Suhr and his group are second to none in Virginia in getting our kids ready for a career. Awards are dished out regularly to the students and teachers of BCAT.” Suhr is the director of Career & Technical Education for RCPS, and a former BCAT principal.

A history of BCAT and a vision for its future are articulated in the “Burton Center for Arts and Technology: Moving Forward” document which may be viewed on the RCPS website at <https://www.rcps.us/Page/4528>.

From the Pulpit

‘Learners’

“41 Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. 42 And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. 43 When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. 44 Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day’s journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. 45 When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. 46 After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. 47 And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers (Luke 2:41-47).”

Earlier this week, Whitney and I attended kindergarten orientation and meet-the-teacher night at Herman L. Horn Elementary School. It was an exciting night for our family, filled with a lot of butterflies. While we are eager for the new school year to begin, and thankful for the wonderful teachers, administrators, and staff at Horn, it is a new beginning for all of us.

For our family, this will be the first year both of our boys are together in “big school.” For Parker, this means a whole new school; for both boys, this means new classrooms, teachers, classmates, routines, expectations, and subject matter. As great as all of this will be, it is a lot to learn; there is so much to take in. And yet, there was a noticeable difference between the way adults and students received all of this information during orientation.

While sitting in the cafeteria with all of the other adults, the school’s

administration gave a brief presentation about the schedule, expectations, rules, and regulations of Horn. Afterwards, the adults were given an opportunity to ask questions. To the administration’s surprise, no one asked a question. Despite all of the new information that was shared, not one person indicated their need for clarification or further explanation. When provided a space to ask questions, the room of adults was silent.

However, while spending time in each of our boy’s classrooms, this was not the case. The children were asking their parents and new teachers all kinds of questions: Where is my desk? Where do I leave my school supplies? Did you know this was my brother’s classroom? Why do you have baby shrimp in your fish tank? Will we eat lunch in our classroom? Where is the bathroom? Will breakfast still be offered? How will I find my classroom? What time will we get to go on the playground?

In both of the classrooms we toured, the questions were endless. Even in the hallways, children could be heard in all directions asking questions. They were

curious and inquisitive. They wanted clarity and understanding. They sought answers to the questions rising up from within, and they were not afraid to ask them. Through their questions, the children demonstrated their desire to be learners. I am sure there were some adults in our meeting in the cafeteria who had questions. I am sure there were some who needed clarity on certain aspects of the presentation. However, unlike the children, not one adult dared to ask a question.

According to Luke, after the Passover Festival, Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem after his parents began their trip home. After a day’s journey, they realized he was not with them, so they traveled another day’s journey back to Jerusalem. After arriving in the city, it took them another three days to find him. When they did, Jesus was in the Temple “sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions.”

As a young boy, Jesus had stayed in the Temple for a total of five days. After all that time (almost a week), when his parents found him, he was still asking questions. Even at twelve years old, Jesus

understood the need to be a learner—one who is not afraid to ask, seek, and knock. According to Luke, at the close of the chapter, “And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor (Luke 2:52).”

As a new school year begins for many, and teachers prepare for all the many questions they will be asked, may we all remember the importance of continuing to be learners who are willing to ask questions when it comes to our faith.

One of the ways that Jesus was able to grow and become what God

had ordained him to be was through his commitment to learning from the questions he dared to ask. As an adult, some of the most powerful truths he revealed were offered as a question: Are you not of more value than they? If you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith? But who do you say that I am?

Maybe that was one of the qualities Jesus had in mind when he said: “Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven (Matthew 18:3).”

In the days ahead, may we learn from children and become more like children through our willingness to keep learning—asking, seeking, knocking—by asking questions with boldness and courage. Our questions may not lead to the answers we seek, but through the gift of the Holy Spirit, God will use our questions to help us “increase in wisdom and divine favor,” and ultimately grow closer to him.

By The Rev. Travis Russell, Vinton Baptist Church

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Midway between east and southeast
4. Sun up in New York
7. Japanese honorific
8. Czech name for Prague
10. Ochocinco’s first name
12. Steep cliffs (Hawaiian)
13. Scots word for “home”
14. Upper class young woman (abbr.)
16. Monetary unit of Albania
17. Raise
19. Drain of resources
20. Uncultured, clumsy persons
21. Hikers use them
25. Retrospective analysis (military)
26. Tibetan form of chanting
27. Influential European statesman

CLUES DOWN

29. Soluble ribonucleic acid
30. Monetary unit of Romania
31. Round green vegetable
32. Well acquainted with
39. Ribosomal ribonucleic acid
41. Basics
42. “The Godfather” actress Keaton
43. Snake-like fish
44. Tall deciduous tree
45. Russian river
46. Long Balkans river
48. Ancient Greek coin
49. Senegal’s capital
50. Unwell
51. Snout
52. Low bank or reef of coral

CLUES DOWN

22. Innate
23. Investigative body for Congress (abbr.)
24. Soda receptacle
27. Spanish stew: ___ podrida
28. Viet Cong offensive
29. Large body of water
31. Beginning military rank
32. Dissimilar
33. Counteroffensive system (abbr.)
34. Shows who you are
35. Chinese dynasty
36. Type of verse
37. African nation
38. Quite
39. Former Bucks star
- Michael
40. Showed again
44. Body part
47. Steal

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New Staff

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Gloria Harris has switched roles at WBMS and this year is the administrative assistant for the Counseling Department. She worked previously in attendance for six years. Before joining the school system, she retired from Carilion Healthcare System as a senior programmer/analyst with the Patient Access, Patient Accounting and Emergency Department computer systems.

She was “born and bred in Roanoke.”

“I came to William Byrd Middle during the terminal illness of my husband, Troy,” Harris said. “I have two children, Kelsey and Noah, who both attended William Byrd Middle and High Schools.

Harris currently serves as vice president of the Terrier Lacrosse Club.

“I love working with WBMS and the Vinton community,” Harris said. “The staff truly are like family. There are not many parents and grandparents that I do not know due to my time in attendance. I look forward to serving in my new role and the challenge that it brings.”

Diane Heim is a new instructional assistant at WBMS for the 2021-2022 school year.

Megan Herndon will be teaching Advanced Civics at WBMS. She will also be teaching World History II (11th grade) at William Byrd High School, and teaching at Cave Spring Middle School. She is from Salem and a graduate of Salem High School. She earned her undergraduate degree from the University of Virginia’s College at Wise, and her graduate degree from Arizona State University. This is her sixth year of teaching.

“I’m looking forward to working with a spirited and hardworking staff in a wonderful school district,” Herndon says. “I am passionate about history from all angles. I am also pas-

sionate that a well-rounded education, including social/emotional education, provides students with the tools to be active in their communities and to bring much needed change.”

Amanda Holterman will be working as a new Special Education teacher with sixth and seventh grade math students. She is from Roanoke and graduated from William Fleming High School. She is a graduate of Warner University.

“I have worked at William Byrd Middle School for five years with the TDT (Therapeutic Day Treatment) program and decided to switch to Special Education,” Holterman said.

Ryan Hutchison will be teaching Technology Education. He is from Salem and a graduate of Glenvar High School. He earned his BA from Roanoke College, his MBA from Syracuse University, and his Certification in Education from Virginia Tech.

“The greatest thing any individual can be a part of is a team or community,” Hutchison said. “William Byrd Middle School places an emphasis on many attributes, but most importantly, being in a community—that’s why I’m happy to be here.”

Brian Jones is an instructional assistant working with students in sixth grade history. He is from Vinton and a 1996 graduate of William Byrd High School. He attended Averett University.

“I have lived in this area my entire life, and I am a Byrd guy through and through,” Jones said. “It’s in my blood. I am the baseball coach here at the middle school and love being around the boys—hopefully teaching them life lessons, and some baseball along the way is a bonus!”

As for how he came to be at WBMS this year, “I started off as a baseball coach and then lost my job of 17 years during Covid last year

and started off subbing. The staff here is second to none. I have built some awesome friendships in the short time I’ve been here!”

Haley Leftwich is teaching eighth grade advanced algebra and advanced geometry. She is from Salem and a graduate of Glenvar High School. She graduated from James Madison University in May 2020 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Mathematics and in May 2021 with her Master of Arts in Teaching.

Leftwich originally started teaching in Roanoke County in January 2020 at Hidden Valley Middle School. Not even two days in, she was contacted about an opening at WBMS, interviewed, and was hired the following week.

She has had experience in both middle and high schools while at JMU through practicums.

“Since I decided that I wanted to become a teacher in middle school, I knew I wanted to teach in Roanoke County,” Leftwich says. “When I found out that I was hired at Byrd, I was so excited. I am very happy to be here because all of the eighth grade teachers pulled me under their wing and helped me with everything they possibly could, being a first-year teacher thrown into the middle of the school year. I cannot wait to get this year started!”

Leftwich has family in Vinton and her aunt is the principal at Bonsack Elementary.

This will be her second year as assistant coach for the middle school volleyball team.

Christian Moore will be an instructional assistant in the FAACTS program. He is from Vinton and a 2012 graduate of William Byrd High School.

Moore just graduated from Virginia Western Community College with an Associate Degree in Social Sciences: Education Specialization. He plans to attend either Radford, Liberty or Roanoke College to pursue a Bachelor’s in Physical Education.

“I have been at WBMS since 2013 as an assistant soccer coach for the boys soccer team,” Moore said. “This year I have been given the opportunity to take over the team as the head coach and I feel very excited about the chance to use everything I have learned from sitting behind some great head coaches like Matt Doss and Tyler Goodman.

“This will be my third year with Roanoke County Public Schools,” said Moore. “My first two years were at Penn Forest Elementary School where I was able to work under Robyn McDaniel. She taught me a lot about working with children and helping guide them.

“I attended WBMS, so to me William Byrd has always had a special place in

my heart,” he said. “It helps that I have a great relationship with some of the staff that are already here and, of course, I will miss my kids and the staff at Penn Forest. I feel that working at William Byrd will give me an opportunity to expand my abilities to work with children at an age where they experience so much change in their lives.

“While at Virginia Western in 2012, I played on the inaugural men’s soccer team where we went on to win the state championship,” said Moore. “I have coached soccer since I got out of school, including coaching one year at Staunton River as both the boy’s middle school coach and the JV assistant coach. Following that year, I have stayed at William Byrd. I have also coached in the Vinton Rec league—I have coached boys U-16 to U19 and one year of U-10. I have also gotten the opportunity to coach a group of girls from U-12 up to U-14 over the last three years. This will be the first year since graduation that I am not coaching for the Vinton Rec league. Each group has had their quirks and things that make them special, but I feel I was able to take something away from each group that helped me to grow as a person and a coach.”

Shana Patterson is a Special Education teacher working primarily with seventh graders. She is from Daleville and a graduate of James River High School. She graduated from Liberty University with a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice. Last year, she worked at WBMS as an instructional assistant, received her provisional license, and is now a teacher.

“I am happy to be working alongside a great group of individuals (at WBMS) who come from all different walks of life,” Patterson said. “I love to do anything outdoors,” Patterson said. “If it involves making a difference, I’m there!”

Mickaella Porterfield is teaching English 8 and English 6 Pre-AP at WBMS this year.

“I was an Army brat, so I moved around growing up and have lived in five different states; however, I’ve called Roanoke home for the past 14 years,” Porterfield said.

She graduated from Northside High School, then earned her Bachelor’s in English and her Master’s in English with a Teaching License from Radford University.

“This will be my first year teaching; however, I was a teaching assistant and later a teaching fellow at Radford University for two years,” Porterfield said. “Prior to attending RU for my master’s, I worked with RCPS as a substitute teacher for one year.

“I’m happy to be joining the RCPS team and

I’m excited that I get to be a part of the Terrier family as well,” she said. “William Byrd Middle School has a wonderful atmosphere with fantastic students and staff, so I am looking forward to being a Terrier!”

She and her husband’s families live in Roanoke, and they look forward to starting their own family here.

As for her special interests outside of school, “I am a competent baker and novice woodworker. I love baking cakes, cookies, breads, and pastries and love even more to share them with others. In addition, I’ve been doing woodworking for four years. I’ve managed to perfect smaller objects such as cutting boards and trivets, but last year I made a bed and am looking forward to learning to make larger pieces of furniture and even a clock!”

Amneh Qawasmeh will be working as an instructional assistant with seventh grade Special Education students one-on-one, helping with different subjects. She has lived in Vinton for seven years and has “two beautiful daughters. Mariam is 6 and Sarah is 2.”

She is from Jordan and graduated from the Kufu Yuba Secondary School for Girls there. She earned her Master of Arts in Teaching degree from Hollins University, majoring in Education: Secondary English. She has a Bachelor’s Degree in English Language and Literature from Yarmouk University and has three years of teaching experience working with students as an English teacher.

“At the beginning, I worked as a lunch lady at WBMS’s cafeteria for two years, and I was a student at Hollins University pursuing my Master’s Degree in Education,” Qawasmeh said. “During my graduate studies at Hollins University, I have had the privilege of observing and working with teachers and students at WBMS. I have seen teachers make real differences in students’ lives, and I know that I have the skills and attitude necessary to help students build character through mastery of the English curriculum. That’s why I wanted to interview at WBMS because this position seems like a great opportunity to advance my skills and continue building my career as a teacher and a role model for my students and challenging myself.

“My love of learning makes me passionate about teaching,” she said. “I grew up with educators (my mom and my four siblings) whose love of children draws them to teaching. We enter the teaching profession because we are eager to make a difference in students’ lives, even long after school is over.”

Bonnie Reedy is teaching sixth grade US History I at WBMS. She is from Metro

Atlanta, but moved to Roanoke last year from Austin, Texas. She graduated from Brookwood High School in Snellville, Ga., and then from Georgia State University with a B.S. in Political Science and her Master’s of Education in Social Studies Education. She has taught for 13 years. She, her husband, and two children moved to Roanoke when he took a job with the Kirk YMCA.

“I’ve heard such wonderful things about WBMS,” Reedy said. “Most people tell me about the amazing community/family feel and sense of pride.”

As for her other interests, “I rescue dogs; currently we have a retired racing greyhound and an Airedale terrier. I play and coach tennis and serve on the board for the Roanoke Valley Tennis Association. I am a cellist and play with my church worship band.”

Holley Scheffel is teaching seventh grade English in a team-teaching setting. She is from the Haymarket area of Northern Virginia. She graduated from Garfield Senior High School in Woodbridge and then earned her B.S. in Criminal Justice from Old Dominion University. She went on to receive her M.A. from Virginia Tech in Adult Learning and Human Resource Development, her M. Ed. from George Mason University in Education and is working to complete her endorsement in Supervision and Leadership from Longwood University this month.

“This is my 21st year in the classroom,” Scheffel said. “Prior to teaching, I was the assistant director for Training and Outreach with the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children in Alexandria, Va.”

Scheffel says she finds “the school ‘vibe’ at WBMS very family-focused. Everyone seems so welcoming and friendly.”

Her son graduated from Liberty University in May 2021, “so we have spent a great deal of time in the general area supporting LU athletics and hosting LU students at our home.”

The family lived in a fifth wheel at Mitchell’s Point Marina in Huddleston this summer (with their two Labrador retrievers) while their house was being rented.

Julia Stafford is teaching eighth grade physical science at WBMS. She was born in Pittsburgh and graduated from East Alleghany High School. She majored in chemistry and minored in physics at Hollins University, graduating in 2011. She has been working in education in some capacity for 10 years.

“I taught for several years in Roanoke City Public Schools before joining the

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@lt Offices

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shared; you set up the space and it's yours alone to use.)

After several months of planning and remodeling, @lt Offices is now accepting co-working and Private Office partners at their its. Tyler and his wife Suzanne purchased the former dental offices of Skaff and Law at 1337 Hardy Road and converted them into six private offices and six co-working desks. They opened in late July.

While traditional office space is available throughout the valley, @lt Offices offers the unique concept of providing a business all the tools that might be needed in one place for one price with no variables, and Tyler is there to take care of issues that might arise.

There is no long-term lease; there are no fees; rental is by the month. @lt Offices offers a predictable flat-rate fee that includes all utilities, mailbox services, and even furniture. The only additional cost is a business license from the Town of Vinton. (You also need a no-charge zoning permit from the town to be "legal." There are some restrictions put in place by the town due to zoning—retail sales, personal services, manufacturing, and warehousing are not permitted at @lt Offices.)

Small businesses or entrepreneurs will have a physical address instead of a post office box number to receive correspondence and deliveries. Tyler even offers private mailboxes as

a separate service for those who don't want an interior space, just the physical address.

He says @lt Offices can usually get someone set up and started the next day.

Here's an example of what they have to offer:

Suite 1 is their premium private office which includes a desk, mounted bookshelf, whiteboard, desk chair and side chair. It has windows facing the back parking area and the side of the building which flood the room with natural light.

(That's the first thing you notice when entering the building—the bright interior—since all of the offices have windows.)

Suite 1 also features a dedicated private entrance, private restroom, and numbered hard-surface parking space with easy access to the rear entrance.

The other office suites are similar, minus the private bathroom, but including parking. One of the suites will comfortably accommodate two desks. Most of the offices occupy about 100 square feet.

There's a small breakroom and restroom, a coffeemaker, copier/printer/scanner, shredder, laminator, and access to basic office supplies and equipment. The reliable high-speed Internet is with Cox Communications—wi-fi or hardwired.

The private offices have 24-hour electronic access to the building (digital keypad) as well as app access to exterior cam-

eras.

The building is ADA accessible from the front parking lot.

Tyler notes that @lt Offices has a great accessible location on Hardy Road, just across from what used to be the Best Little Hair House, on a four-lane road with a turning lane in a 35mph zone, located in close proximity to both Roanoke and Smith Mountain Lake.

Tyler has been an entrepreneur since he was a kid and a third generation Roanoke Catholic School student. He was involved in Junior Achievement in high school and president of their student company over 20 years ago. He attended Full Sail University in Florida and studied Entertainment Business. He worked for Stage Sound until he married (his wife is a nurse) and started a family (two children, ages 7 and 9) and being on the road six days a week was not the best option. He worked from home as a consultant for years and continues some consultation work with automation systems.

The Tylers live in Bedford County, and he has been driving past the Hardy Road property for many years. When he came up with the idea of @lt Offices, he noticed the vacant dental office building, and thought the dental exam rooms would be perfect for his concept and an office layout. He worked very amicably with Dr. Zachary Law to purchase the building and



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The new @lt Offices on Hardy Road in Vinton offers dedicated desks, in addition to private offices.

spent three months doing renovations.

He says most of the renovations to the 40-year-old modular building were "upfittings." They painted, replaced floors and trim, installed a new roof, and added LED lighting. Vinton's W. C. Butler company cleaned the ductwork.

Bug Man Exterminating was hired to complete the most extensive part of the remodeling project—encapsulating the crawl space to make the building more energy efficient and to provide moisture control.

Mitchell says his typical customer is usually either a sole entrepreneur or small business

owner who finds their home environment is not conducive to business, or a person who works for a larger company and can't go into the office due to a situation such as COVID. Some might need office space briefly if their home is being remodeled, if they need a home base, or if they are working here from out-of-town in a short-term situation.

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Mrs. Hamric

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peak, seeing mourners coming down from the cemetery while other families were going up for burials.

Hamric does remember the polio epidemic of 1950, which left her husband's niece and nephew crippled from the disease. She recalls nearby Wytheville as the epicenter of the epidemic and everyone cutting a wide swath around the town for fear of being exposed. She remembers the mass community administration of oral polio vaccines in sugar cubes, which virtually stopped polio in its tracks.

Now Hamric has survived another pandemic with COVID-19 in the past 18 months, with its masks, social distancing, and isolation. She did not hesitate to be vaccinated for COVID in recent months, took the Pfizer vaccine, had some mild side effects with the second dose, but says getting it was simply "the right thing to do."

Hamric says the passion of her life has been music. She grew up in a musical family. Her mother played the pump organ and piano and taught music; her dad sang tenor in the church choir and played the violin. She is the oldest child, with two brothers and a sister, and they were all musical as well—"everybody played something."

She remembers spending her childhood days wrapped up in music, being taken across the mountain to Marion by her cousin for piano lessons and practicing so much that her brother begged their mother to "make her stop practicing."

The Bevelles reminded her that she played keyboard—standing up—at Thrasher Memorial United Methodist Church in Vinton where Don leads the

Humble Praise Worship Band—when she was about 97 years old.

Her parents farmed and owned a small general store. Her father had eight beehives and sold honey. They ate what they grew, just like most everyone else in those days, with lots of canning and preserving, and lots of hard work in general.

As the oldest, Hamric took care of her younger siblings, including one she "wouldn't put down."

While Hamric says her memory is spotty—understandable at 105 years of age—she remembers a time when her mother lost a precious watch. This was in wagon days; it had poured rain all night, but they went back and eventually found the watch in the muddy wagon tracks. The family keeps it on display today.

She also remembers her mother's patriotism. In 2019, Hamric talked with Margaret Linford of the Smyth County Genealogical Society for a newspaper article entitled "String of Pearls: Sugar Grove resident is keeper of WWI quilt." She told Linford about a quilt her mother made in honor of local men who served during World War I.

"My mother traveled the length and breadth of Teas and Sugar Grove, known as Rye Valley, in a buggy drawn by a horse named 'Joe.' She visited families who had relatives or friends in World War I who might contribute to the American Red Cross. As I can recall hearing Mama's story, she designed a quilt made with a red cross appliquéd on a white square. The squares are joined with small red crosses. A square represented a \$1 donation and a service man's name was embroidered on the square.

Each small red cross joining the quilt represented a 10-cent donation."

"The total amount collected for the Red Cross was \$111.50 (in Mama's writing on the back of the quilt). The same buying power today would be \$1,868.65."

"After the signing of the 'Armistice,' Mama embroidered a 'gold star' on any name of a service man's square who had been lost in action."

In 2015, Hamric donated her mother's quilt to the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C.

Hamric remembers well the lean years of the Great Depression and then the even rougher years of World War II. She and Herbert were married on July 10, 1937. When her husband served in the military, she became a "camp follower" wife, following him from base to base during his military training, "because there might not be any tomorrow."

She would find a place to live and a job in each location. They spent quite a while in Abilene, Texas, where she remembers "wrapping suckers at a candy factory," and learning the skills of being a seamstress altering military uniforms at a dry cleaner's.

Her husband eventually was deployed as a medic on a hospital ship, caring for wounded soldiers. Hamric says he never would say much about the war, except that the ship had made three trips across the Atlantic to Europe. She moved back to Sugar Grove and lived with her family while he was gone.

The Hamrics had been living in Rural Retreat before the war but moved to Sugar Grove when the war ended. He served for many years as the community's postmaster. She worked a variety of jobs including styling hair in their basement and doing office work for the town and at Marion

College. However, her main focus throughout the years was music. She taught music at Sugar Grove School and piano to most children in the community. For 20 years, she was the pianist and organist for Elizabeth United Methodist Church.

She and her husband were known for their hospitality (and her good cooking) and sometimes guests—friends and family—came to visit for days and even weeks.

Hamric credits her longevity to her happy marriage of 51 years, her faith and work in the church, and her lifelong love for music. She looks decades younger than her age; she is mentally alert and can still recite poetry she learned in school.

She hasn't wasted much time in her life fretting over the hardships but has always "gone with the flow and taken what life dishes out."

Carol Beville thinks Hamric's good health over such a long time is also

connected to "keeping her mind engaged."

She still keeps up on the news, the headlines, and politics. She has gotten her ID card to vote here in the November election. She talks regularly with friends from Sugar Grove. The family watches "Jeopardy" and "Wheel of Fortune" in the evenings. They play Zingo and cards. She enjoys having lunch outside under the umbrella when the weather is good. She claims she spends her time "sitting here and letting them wait on me."

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Northside Middle School family," Stafford said. "I enjoyed my time there, but last school year I had to travel to a few different middle schools, one being William Byrd. I taught seventh grade life science for one block first semester, and by March, I was informed that I was being transferred permanently to WBMS for this upcoming school year.

"While I have not been in WBMS for long, and the time I spent here last school year was brief, I absolutely loved the students in my classroom!" Stafford said. "They were a fun group, some of which I have the pleasure of teaching again this year in physical science."

She met her husband about seven years ago and they have been

married for four. He attended WBMS and graduated from William Byrd High School in 2007, so "needless to say, he is a Terrier through and through and is very excited for me to be joining the William Byrd family."

Sarah Weber is an instructional assistant working with students in Civics & Economics and US History. She is from Roanoke.

"I am very passionate about the subjects and content I get to assist with at WBMS and am excited to share this passion with the students, and about the opportunity to learn and grow from knowledgeable lead teachers," Weber said. "I am also very encouraged by the strong sense of community."

Sammi Webster is teaching Special Education, working with sev-

enth grade math and eighth grade English. She is from Roanoke and a William Byrd graduate. She earned her Bachelor's Degree in Recreation and Tourism Management from Concord University in West Virginia and her Master's in Sports Management from East Tennessee State University.

She began subbing in Roanoke County after graduating from ETSU and worked frequently at WBMS. When a position opened as an instructional assistant, she took the job "because I fell in love with the school, administration, and the students here."

Webster is currently coaching volleyball and basketball at WBHS. She played college basketball at Concord University.

"I've been working here for the

last three years, and the administration and staff are incredible," Webster said. "Everyone is so supportive and will roll up their sleeves and help wherever is needed."

Traci Wren is teaching seventh grade English at WBMS. She grew up in Salem and graduated from Salem High School. She majored in Communications and minored in Journalism at Radford University. She completed her coursework for teacher licensure through the University of Virginia.

"I began teaching as a substitute teacher for Roanoke County in 2005, when my son entered kindergarten," Wren said. "This led to my desire to become a full-time teacher. I have been teaching second, and most recently third grade, for 10 years at Her-

man L. Horn." Her love for English and interest in teaching middle school brought her to WBMS.

"I'm excited to be at William Byrd Middle School," Wren said. "Everyone is so friendly and welcoming. I'm looking forward to teaching English and fostering a love of reading with students in the classroom! I think it will be very exciting to see the faces of students I have previously taught."

Wren has lived in Vinton for 20 years. She has two children who went to Vinton schools and are WBHS graduates.

Outside of school, "I love spending time with my family and friends. My first class of second graders will graduate this year!"

Harrilla

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Kirk Family YMCA, since 2015 with a professional cleaning and organizing company, in 2020 as a team member at Tropical Smoothie Café, and for the past year has been a patient screener at the Vistar Eye Center. She is also certified in CPR and AED.

Harrilla is the daughter of Sharon and Joe Harrilla.

Members of the Class of 2022 nomi-

nated five students for the award. Those students submitted resumes to the WBHS staff, who chose the Top Terrier. (The name of the Top Terrier remains a secret until the assembly each year.)

On August 12, freshmen, sophomores, and juniors were seated in the stadium as the seniors in the Class of 2022 entered the track for the Senior Walk to their seats in the Dog Pound section of

the stands.

Newcomb welcomed the student body back for a new year, commenting that this was the first "normal" year for the freshmen class since they were in sixth grade due to the pandemic.

During the assembly Newcomb introduced the teachers who are sponsors for each class this year: Hannah Blais, senior class; Cherry Damasco-Farrington, junior class; Sherri Mays, sophomore class; and Lauren Keesling, freshman class, who all encouraged students to become active in school and extracurricular activities.

She introduced this year's Dog Pound leaders, Madison Tuck and Landon Niday, who led the assembly in performing the traditional spirit song, the "Hum."

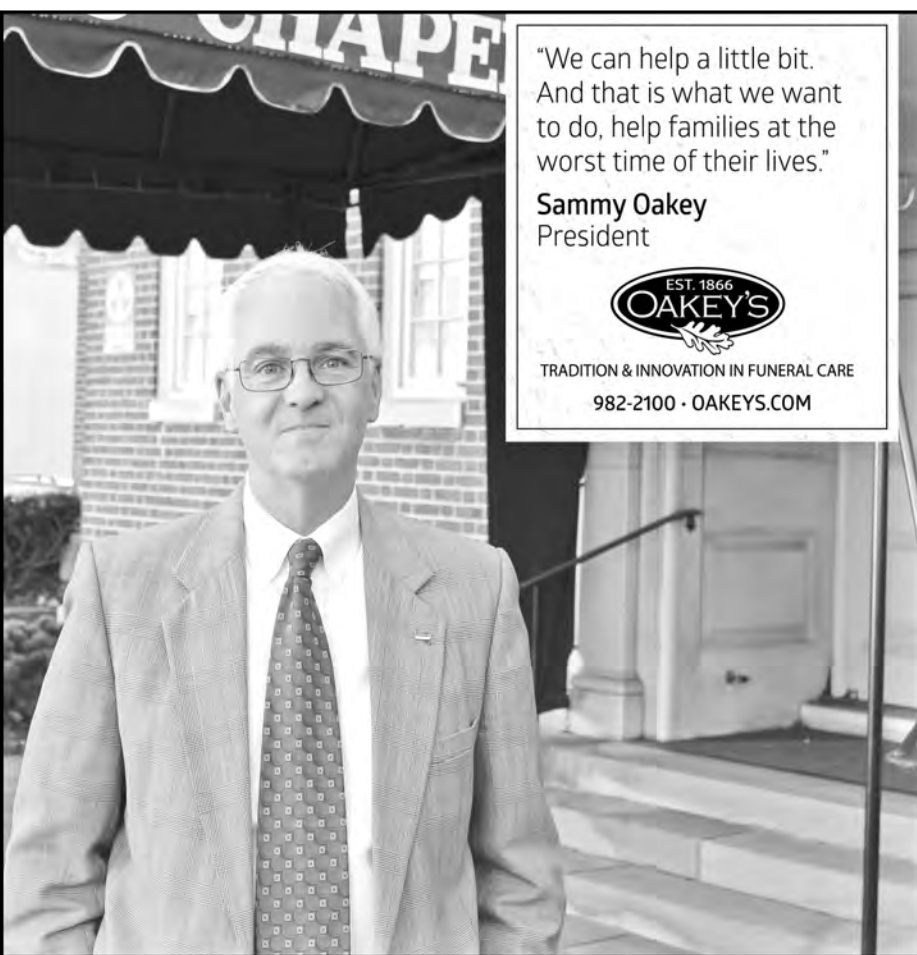
Newcomb introduced SCA President

Emily McCaskill, along with SCA officers Grace Saunders, Ella Ashworth, Claire Wray, and Lexie Aquino, and sponsor Madison Weisenborn.

Newcomb then invited several faculty members to the field to unroll the banner, revealing the name of the 2021-2022 Top Terrier.

The Top Terrier tradition began in the 2016-17 school year, established by Newcomb in her first year as principal at William Byrd.

Harrilla is the sixth WBHS senior to be honored as Top Terrier. The first Top Terrier in 2016-17 was Stephen Olsen, followed by Abby Spotswood in 2017-18, Megan James in 2018-19, Emily Nicely in 2019-20, and Dylan Hatfield in 2020-2021.



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At the August 12 school-wide assembly in the football stadium, Dog Pound leaders Madison Tuck and Landon Niday, the Terrier Mascot, and Principal Tammy Newcomb led the students in the traditional spirit song, "The Hum."

ANGLICAN
ST. THOMAS ANGLICAN CHURCH - located at 4910 Hubert Rd, NW Roanoke, Va. Traditional Liturgical Lenten Services, Sunday at 10:30 am. Call (540) 589-1299 or visit www.sttofc.org for midweek masses and events. (In Roanoke, go E on Hershberger, L on Hubert to 4910).

BAPTIST (SOUTHERN)
MINERAL SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH & CHRISTIAN SCHOOL - 1030 Bible Lane, Vinton, Va. 24179. Church Phone 890-4465. Rev. Jason Gault. Sunday Services: Traditional Service, 8:45 AM, Sunday School, 10:00 AM, Contemporary Service, 11:00 AM, Evening Worship 6:00 PM, Wednesday Services: AWANA 6:30 PM, Bible Study 7:00 PM

BAPTIST (COOPERATIVE)
VINTON BAPTIST CHURCH - 219 Washington Ave., Vinton, Virginia. 343-7685. Rev. Travis Russell. Sunday Services: Contemporary Service 8:45 a.m., Sunday School 9:50 a.m., Traditional Service 11:00 a.m., Wednesday Services: Family Dinner: 5:30 p.m., Bible Study 6:15 p.m., Children's Ministries 6:15 p.m., Youth Ministry 6:30 p.m. www.vintonbaptistchurch.org.

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
CHURCH OF CHRIST VINTON - 2107 Feather Road, Vinton. Terry Hodge, Minister, 540-890-1170. Sunday Bible Study 9:45 a.m., Sunday Morning Service 10:45 a.m., Wednesday Bible Study 10 a.m.

ECKANKAR
Eckankar, the Path of Spiritual Freedom, is located at 1420 3rd St. SW, Roanoke, VA 24016. However, due to COVID-19, the Light & Sound Services and other ECK programs are currently available online through Zoom. Visit www.eck-va.org for program listings, www.meetup.com/Roanoke-Spiritual-Experiences-Group, or call 540-353-5365 and leave a message. We will return your call. Also visit www.eckankar.org for more information about how the teachings of Eckankar lead you to spiritual freedom.

FOURSQUARE
EVANGEL CHURCH - 2360 Hardy Road, Vinton, (corner of Hardy Road and Feather Road), 982-3694. Pastor-Tim Wright. Sunday, 10 AM - Worship Service, SuperChurch for Children; Wednesday 6:30-8PM - AWANA Clubs for ages 3-5th grade, Adult Bible Study.

LUTHERAN
ST. TIMOTHY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH, "The Church Under The Cross", 1201 Hardy Rd, Vinton VA 24179, Pastor, Rev. Dr. James B. Davis (540) 342- 1715, Sunday School 10:00am, Worship 11:00am, sttimothy1201@verizon.net.

Vinton Worship Directory

Baruch's Message

Read Jeremiah 44:1 through 46:28

Baruch was Jeremiah's faithful assistant. When Jeremiah was persecuted, Baruch was persecuted alongside him. He recorded Jeremiah's prophetic words and often read them to the people in spite of great danger.

Not only did Baruch share Jeremiah's persecution, but he also shared the prophet's inner turmoil at the judgments God announced. Jeremiah is the "weeping prophet," so Baruch could be called be the "weeping assistant."

"You said, 'Woe to me! The Lord has added sorrow to my pain; I am worn out with groaning and find no rest'" (Jeremiah 45:3).

Sometimes it feels like God

adds sorrow to pain. But just as God gave Baruch a word of comfort, we can be sure that God's heart is to comfort us when we find ourselves in sorrow and pain.

In verse 5, God promised Baruch that He would personally protect him. Even though trouble seemed to follow him through life, the presence of the Lord would protect him wherever he went. This same promise of protection is also for us in our times of grief.

Thought for Today: God will comfort us.

Quicklook: Jeremiah 45:1-5

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

NAZARENE
FIRST CHURCH OF NAZARENE, 728 Highland Ave., SE, Roanoke, Virginia. 342-4003. Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 a.m., Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Wednesday Night Bible Study 7 p.m.

PRESBYTERIAN
CAMPBELL MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1130 Hardy Rd, Vinton, VA, 540-343-1842; cmcp2verizon.net Sunday school 9:45am, Worship 11:00am; Communion 1st Sundays; 2nd Sunday Session; Monday Noon Bible School; Tuesdays & Thursdays Yoga 9:00am; 1st Tuesdays Deacons; Tuesday Evening Bible Study 6:45pm; Wednesday Choir 7:00pm; Thursday Girl Scouts 7:00pm; 2nd Monday Supper with Rev. Skip at Fa-

mous Anthony's 6:30pm; 2nd Tuesday Luncheon with Rev. Skip at Famous Anthony's; 3rd Saturday Men's Breakfast 8:00am. Rev. Skip Hastings-Interim Pastor.

UNITED METHODIST
THREE OAKS FELLOWSHIP UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - 1026 Gravel Hill Road, Vinton, Va. 540-512-8070. Pastor: Rev. Dr. Rob Colwell. Sunday School - 9:45 a.m., Worship 11 a.m.

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



Yard Sales - Botetourt County

MOVING SALE
Saturday, Aug. 21,
101 Lenox Circle,
Roanoke.
8 a.m.-2 p.m.
Lots of dishes, glassware,
furniture, miscellaneous
items.
Rain date
Saturday, Aug. 28

Yard Sales - Craig County

New Castle Estate Sale
At the Historic Home of Senator George W. and Addie Reynolds Layman, Daughter Kate Layman, 17 Main Street New Castle, VA 24127 Saturday, August 21 8am-4pm Sunday, August 22 1pm-4pm Layman/Reynolds Family Items Antique Beds, Tables, Mission Oak Furniture, China, Books, Bottles, Glassware, Pictures, Linens, and many other items. Additional info on EstateSale.net. Sale Conducted by and for the benefit of the New Castle United Methodist Church Parking available in church parking lot.

Yard Sales - Salem

Estate Sale
1804 Carleton Dr Salem, VA Fri-8/20 10am-2pm Sat-8/21 10am-2pm Sun-8/22 1pm-4pm House is loaded Top to Bottom. Furniture, Fenton Holiday décor, Gym Equip, Bikes, John Deer Rider & self-propelled. Such a Variety! See Pictures and info Estatesales.net Pamela C Graham

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For Sale - Firewood

FIREWOOD
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Call 540-529-2745
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For Sale - Furniture

Beautiful 4 piece
Mahogany queen size bedroom set in exquisite condition. \$2000. (540)230-1366.

For Sale - Misc

FOR SALE
Unprinted end rolls of newsprint. Great for packing & shipping, moving & storage and for art projects. Various sizes available. Stop by the Salem Times-Register 1633 West Main St. or call (540)389-9355 for details.

Help Wanted - General

Part Time Newspaper Production Help
The Salem TimesRegister has openings for afternoon/evening shift work inserting, labeling and bundling newspapers for delivery. No experience necessary. Hours may vary. Will train. \$7.50 per hour. Contact Lynn Hurst, General Manager, Salem-Times Register (540)389-9355 or email lhurst@ourvalley.org

Quality Inn Radford
Hiring Full-Part Time Front Desk Clerk and Housekeeping. Apply in Person. Ph-540-639-3000



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

The following position is open with TAP:

Enrollment Specialist
The Enrollment Specialist shall assist the ERSEA Supervisor and Enrollment Coordinator implementation of ERSEA (Eligibility, Recruitment, Selection, Enrollment and Attendance) Area. Implements and follows all Head Start Performance Standards, Policies and Procedures shall be followed in accordance with the Department of Health and Human Services and TAP.

Help Wanted - General

Demonstrate ability to communicate both orally and in writing with staff, parents, and the community
 Demonstrates ability to develop trusting professional relationships with families.
 AS or AA degree in Social Work, Psychology or Health Science or related fields preferred.
 2 years' experience in a social services agency.
 Experience working with families.
 Knowledge of ERSEA (Eligibility, Recruitment, Selection, Enrollment and Attendance)
 Gain/Obtain an ERSEA accredited within a year of hire.

For a full job description please visit Indeed.com or at our website www.tapintohope.org

Must be able to adjust work schedule as needed. Complete background check required. FT, w/competitive benefits. Salary: \$11.00- \$15.86 per hour. Submit cover letter and resume to: TAP, Human Resources, Job Code: ES-EHS/HS, PO Box 2868, 302 2nd St., Roanoke, VA 24001-2868 or fax to 540-345-1944

Applicant email address is required for response concerning this job. For more information about this job and to apply online: See our website: www.tapintohope.org TTY: 540-345-4096 AA/EOE/Drug Free Workplace Bilinguals encouraged to apply.

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For elderly women Experience preferred And references required Contact mdolwen@verizon.net or Call 540-961-3310 And Leave message

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Legals - Botetourt County

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF PROPERTY
400 Quail Ridge Road, Fincastle, VA 24090
Tax Map No. 72(8)28, Parcel No. 23467

In execution of an Amended and Restated Credit Line Deed of Trust dated October 6, 2014, in the principal amount of \$1,086,105.42, recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Botetourt County, Virginia, of record as Instrument Number 140003493, Woods Rogers PLC, Substitute Trustee, will offer for sale at public auction outside the main entrance of the Botetourt County Circuit Court, Courthouse, Main Street, Fincastle, VA 24090, on August 24, 2021 at 11:00 a.m., the property described in said Deed of Trust lying in the County of Botetourt, Virginia, and more particularly described as follows:

All that certain tract or parcel of land designated as TM #72(8)28 and containing 17.614 acres, more or less, all as shown on that certain "Boundary Line Adjustment & Family Subdivision, Plat of the Property of Kendall W. & Ann P. Austin", dated August 11, 2011, prepared by McMurtry Surveyors, Inc., of record in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Botetourt County, Virginia, in Plat Book 52, page 44.

TERMS: Cash - Bidder's deposit of ten percent (10%) of the sales price by cashier's or certified check may be required. Balance of purchase price shall be due and payable not later than ten (10) days after sale.

WOODS ROGERS PLC, Substitute Trustee

For Information Contact: Woods Rogers PLC, P.O. Box 14125, Roanoke, VA 24038-4125 Telephone: 540-983-7729

Public Notice - Environmental Permit

PURPOSE OF NOTICE: To seek public comment on a draft Virginia Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit from the

Legals - Botetourt County

Department of Environmental Quality that will allow the release of industrial wastewater and stormwater into a waterbody in Botetourt County, Virginia PERMIT NO.: VA0072397 NAME AND ADDRESS OF FACILITY: Roanoke Cement Company LLC, 6071 Catawba Road, Troutville, Virginia 24175 DEQ CONTACT: Becky L. France, 540-562-6793, becky.france@deq.virginia.gov, 901 Russell Drive, Salem, VA 24153 The full public notice is available at <https://www.deq.virginia.gov/permits-regulations/public-notices/water/virginia-pollution-discharge-elimination-system-vpdes>

Legals - City of Radford

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE CITY OF RADFORD

THE CITY OF RADFORD, VIRGINIA, a political subdivision of the Commonwealth of Virginia, **Case No. CL21-6456** Plaintiff, v. COLE-PHILLIPS BUILDING CO., and MICHAEL H. COLE and PARTIES UNKNOWN, any heirs, devisees, and successors in title, including Successors in interest of Cole Phillips Building Co., A General Partnership collectively made Defendants, Defendant(s).

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

The object of this suit is to order abatement of nuisance or allow for razing of a structure owned by Cole Phillips Building Co., and located at 103 Polk Street in the City of Radford, Virginia, and enforce a lien for the costs of the same. An Affidavit having been filed stating that due diligence has been used, without effect, to ascertain the location of the named Defendant(s), that the Defendant(s) may be non-residents of Virginia and maintain no domicile within the borders of the Commonwealth, or are deceased, or that there may be parties who have an interest in the property but are unknown, namely, the heirs, devisees, and successors in title of the named partnership, made Defendants by the general description of Parties Unknown, it is hereby ORDERED that the named Defendant(s) and all Parties Unknown appear on or before September 24, 2021, and do what may be necessary to protect their interests in this cause.

Entered: 7/22/2021 Melissa White Circuit Court Clerk/Judge City of Radford, Virginia

I Ask For This: Michael R. Bedsaul, Esq. (WSB # 41273)

Legals - City of Radford

Mary Foil Russell (VSB No. 46440) Sands Anderson PC P.O. Box 2009 Christiansburg, Virginia 24068-2009 540-260-9011 (phone) 540-260-0022 (facsimile)

Legals - City of Salem

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA VA. CODE §§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316, -317, 20-104 **Case No. CL21-888** ROANOKE COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT 305 E. MAIN ST SALEM, VA 24153 ALTIZER, ZANDER LEE v. MCGUIRE, CONNER LEE The object of this suit is to: NAME CHANGE OF MINOR It is ORDERED that Ashley Altizer appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on 8/27/21 @ 11:00 AM Enter 7/16/21 Judge Dorsey

Pursuant to the Single Family Mortgage Foreclosure Act

of 1994, 12 U.S.C. Chapter 38A and the Secretary's Foreclosure Commissioner designation, a COMMISSIONER'S SALE of 1407 Longview Avenue, Salem, VA 24153 (Short Legal Description: LT 6 BLK 3 SEC 1 MIDDLETON GARDENS) will occur at public auction outside the main entrance to the building of the Circuit Court of Salem, VA located at 2 East Calhoun Street, Salem, VA 24153-7933 on September 9, 2021 at 11:00 AM, pursuant to a default of a note secured by a deed of trust executed by Calvin C. Overstreet by Nellie C. Overstreet, his attorney in fact, and Nellie C. Overstreet recorded 2/10/2012, in the Circuit Court for Salem, VA, as Instrument No. 120000317, and the Assignment in favor of the Secretary of HUD recorded 1/18/2018, in the Circuit Court for Salem, VA as Instrument No. 180000119. TERMS OF SALE can be reviewed by the recorded notice of default on file with the Salem Circuit Court for which all terms are incorporated herein into this notice. A 10% deposit is immediately required for winning bidder in certified funds. Anderson Law, 2492 N. Landing Rd, #104, Va Beach, VA 23456, <http://www.virginialawoffice.com/hud> Run date 8/19/2021, 8/26/2021, and 9/2/2021

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to all interested persons that the Board of Zoning Appeals of the City of Salem, Virginia will hold a public hearing, in accordance with the

Legals - City of Salem

provisions of Sections 15.2-2204 and 15.2-2309 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, on August 26, 2021, at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 114 North Broad Street, in the City of Salem, Virginia, to consider the following applications.

The request of Matthew and Kathryn Cookston, property owners, for a variance from Section 106-202.3(B)(1) of the City of Salem Zoning Ordinance pertaining to site development regulations, for the property located at 436 Westland Street, Tax Map # 171-2-13. The petitioners are requesting a variance of 8.2 feet of side-yard setback and 25 feet of rear-yard setback to allow an addition. Section 106-202.3(B)(1) states that a side-yard setback of ten percent (8.2 feet) and a 25 feet rear-yard setback is required.

At this hearing, all parties in interest will be given an opportunity to be heard, present evidence, and show cause why such requests should or should not be granted. For additional information, contact the Office of the Zoning Administrator, 21 South Bruffey Street, Salem, Virginia (Phone 375 3032).

THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS OF THE CITY OF SALEM BY: Mary Ellen H. Wines, CZA, CFM Zoning Administrator

AT&T Mobility, LLC

is proposing to modify an existing wireless telecommunications facility on a building located at 220 East Main Street, Salem, Roanoke County, VA. The modifications will consist of the addition of remote radio units at approximately 70 feet above ground level on the 61.7-foot building. Any interested party wishing to submit comments regarding the potential effects the proposed facility may have on any historic property may do so by sending such comments to: Project 6121005335- MAB EBI Consulting, 6876 Susquehanna Trail South, York, PA 17403, or via telephone at (617) 909-9035.

Branch Civil, Inc. invites all DBE and SWaM subcontractors and vendors

to attend an Outreach Meeting pertaining to the upcoming project to widen 7.4 miles of Route 58 over Lovers Leap Mountain in Patrick County, VA:

Route 58 Lovers Leap Project

From: 0.7 mile north of Stuart To: 0.3 mile east of Route 610 (Cloudbreak Road) in Patrick County, VA State Project No.: 0058-070-E18, P101, R201, C501

Patrick Henry Community College 645 Patriot Ave Martinsville, VA 24112 Frith Hall: Exhibit Hall Tuesday, August 24, 2021 / 10AM - 2PM

Courtyard Roanoke Airport 3301 Ordway Drive Roanoke, VA 24017 Appalachian Room Wednesday, August 25, 2021 / 10AM - 2PM

The Branch Civil team will be available to answer questions regarding the plans, specifications, and requirements of the project. This is a drop-in event open to any and all contractors interested in participating in the project, you do not need to attend the entire time.

We are soliciting quotes for the following selected items of work: Surveying, Demolition, Earthwork, Blasting, Erosion Control, Seeding, Dust Control, Hauling, Retaining Walls, Storm Sewer, Box Culverts, Curb and Gutter, Miscellaneous Concrete, Guardrail, Marking, Paving, Pavement Barriering, Signs, Fueling, and Traffic Control.

We encourage Minority, Women, Disadvantaged and Small Businesses to participate.

For information about the project, contact Branch Civil, Inc., Chad Wirsig, Senior Estimator at email: chad.wirsig@branchcivil.com

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The Virginia Department of Transportation invites heavy equipment owners to sign up for the rental of their equipment with operators for SNOW & ICE REMOVAL purposes in Christiansburg Residency which includes the counties of Floyd, Giles, Montgomery, and Pulaski during the winter of 2021-2022. Price per hour shall include operators, fuel, tire chains, supplies and required insurance. VDOT will need dump trucks, pickups with plows, motorgraders, backhoes, dozers, track loaders, tractors, rubber-tire loaders and farm tractors. All equipment shall be equipped for night work and be in good mechanical condition to ensure a safe and dependable 24/7 operation. VDOT reserves the right to determine acceptability of equipment size and condition for the task. Contractors submitting prices meeting the requirements of the Agreement may be contracted with and may be eligible to receive a mobilization payment.

Contractors must submit their application on the electronic M7B bidding site at <https://www.plow4va.com/>. All new and returning Contractors must be active in the Virginia eProcurement Portal (eVA) in order to do business with the Commonwealth of Virginia (<https://eva.virginia.gov>).

Applications received by 7:00 PM on Friday September 24, 2021 may be eligible for a mobilization bonus. See the EVA posting for additional information, including contract requirements.

Questions can be directed to the Christiansburg Residency from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM Monday – Friday. Phone: 540-381-7201 Email: SalemDistrictSnow@vdot.virginia.gov

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How to create your own sunroom

Spring, summer and fall provide ample opportunities to enjoy the great outdoors, but such chances are few and far between once the winter freeze settles in. Though winter might compel the masses to huddle up inside, there's still a way to take in the great outdoors on cold winter days and nights.

It might not prove an exact substitute for summer nights around the firepit, but a sunroom affords homeowners a chance to marvel at snowy winter landscapes without venturing out into the cold. Sometimes referred to as "all-season rooms," sunrooms can make for a great retreat on quiet summer mornings or crisp autumn afternoons. Sunrooms can be treated as blank canvases, which makes decorating them more fun. But a few tricks of the trade can help homeowners turn their blank canvases into welcoming spaces to take in all that nature has to offer throughout the year.

- Define the purpose. The experts at Better Homes & Gardens recommend homeowners decide how they want to use the sunroom before they begin decorating it. When the weather gets too chilly to dine

outside, will the sunroom serve as an alternative dining space in the same way patios and decks do during the warm weather? Or do homeowners want to turn their sunrooms into reading rooms? Though it's possible to make sunrooms multipurpose spaces, it may be hard to create a relaxing vibe in rooms that are too crowded with furnishings or too busy. Defining how the space will be used also makes it easier when shopping for furnishings.

- Define when the room will be used. In addition to defining how the room will be used, homeowners should give ample consideration to when the room will be used. A year-round sunroom will need to be heated, while a three-season sunroom likely won't require heating. Cooling might be a concern on hot summer afternoons, but many homeowners will likely spend such days outside anyway, so cooling the room may be as simple as installing a ceiling fan and ensuring windows can be opened to let fresh air in. Homeowners who want a year-round sunroom should install insulated glass to keep the room even warmer when the mercury dips.

- Opt for bright colors. Bright colors can make sunrooms feel all the more inviting and make for a perfect match with all the natural light already in the room. The renovation experts at HGTV note that white walls and ceilings can maximize the warm illumination of the natural light that will be pouring in from the floor-to-ceiling windows. Better Homes & Gardens adds that brightly colored cushions, pillows and area rugs with similarly hued colors and patterns can add visual interest and texture to a sunroom.

- Make use of a view. Homeowners needn't direct too much of their focus on decor if their sunrooms come with a view. Art on the walls and other decorative items around the room are less important if a sunroom affords a view of the ocean or a lake or dense woods that attract local wildlife. In rooms with a view, arrange furniture so residents and guests can comfortably look outward and take in all the surround landscape has to offer.

Sunrooms are a great place to take in nature no matter the weather.

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Campsite planning and safety tips



Camping has long been a popular pastime for outdoor enthusiasts

The appeal of camping is undeniable. According to The Business Research Company, a market research and intelligence company, the global camping and caravanning market is expected to grow from just under \$40 billion in 2020 to more than \$45 billion in 2021. Estimates suggest the market will grow even more in the coming years, reaching \$56.6 billion by 2025.

Camping has long been a popular pastime for outdoor enthusiasts, but it may have developed an entirely new group of devotees in 2020. Traditional vacations may not have been possible in 2020, when governments across the globe urged citizens to avoid conventional travel as the world found itself in

the throes of a global pandemic. In an effort to overcome cabin fever, many people viewed camping as a safe way to get out of the house while still limiting contact with people from other households. That no doubt inspired new generations of camping fans, many of whom will continue to pitch their tents and sit around campfires long after the pandemic has ended.

The National Park Service recognizes the popularity of camping and urges people to stay safe. Veteran campers and novices alike can benefit from reviewing these safety tips, courtesy of the NPS.

- Plan ahead. Camping trips may not require hours of scouring travel websites in an effort to find the best deals on

flights and hotels. But camping trips still require ample planning. When planning a trip, take into account who's coming along. Assess their camping skills and physical fitness to determine the most appropriate place to camp. Campers with limited mobility may be best suited for accessible campsites. The NPS urges campers to consider if everyone in the group will be able to make a long hike from the parking lot to the campsite. If not, choose a site that you can pull right up to or is just a short, easy walk from the parking lot.

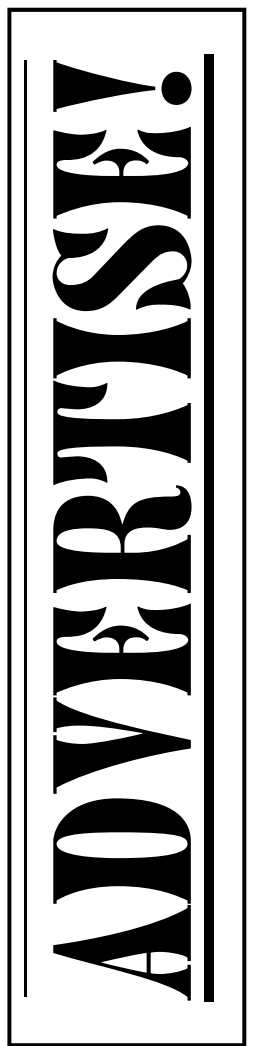
- Research the campsite and surrounding area. Know as much as possible about the campsite prior to embarking on your trip. Learn about everything from the local wildlife you may encounter while camping to the condition of surrounding areas, including the altitude, the difficulty of nearby hiking trails and where to go in case of emergency.

- Develop an emergency plan. The NPS urges campers to develop an emergency plan, noting that it's always wise to expect the unexpected when camping. Bring a first aid kit along when leaving the campsite to engage in activities like hiking or fishing. Go over safety protocols before going on a hike, including the need to stay together and remain on the trail at all times. More information about what to do should anyone be injured during your trip is available at www.nps.gov.

- Bring the right gear. The NPS notes that each camping trip will have its own equipment needs, which will be dictated by the setting, the time of year of the trip, the difficulty of the terrain, and the duration of the trip. Navigational supplies, sun and insect protection, insulation (i.e., extra clothing and blankets), shelter, flashlights and headlamps, first aid kits, extra food and water, firestarters, repair kits and tools, and a communication device like a smartphone or satellite phone are the essential necessities that should be brought along on all camping trips.

Camping is a great way to get away. Campers of all skill and experience levels can make the most of their trips by emphasizing safety at all times.

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Legals - Montgomery County

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Christiansburg Town Council will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, August 24, 2021 at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers of the Christiansburg Town Hall, 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, Virginia 24073. The purpose of the public hearing is to receive public comments concerning: A. Conditional Use Permit for a Commercial Auto Garage at 1250 Roanoke Street for Tax Parcel Nos. 498 - ((7)) - 16A, 498 - ((7)) - 17A, and 498 - ((A)) - 113C by Glenwood Martin on behalf of Twin Oaks Properties LLC. The property is designated Business/Commercial on the Future Land Use Map of the 2013 Christiansburg Comprehensive Plan. Town Hall will be open and available to receive public comment in-person at the time of this Public Hearing. Additionally, the meeting will be streamed live on the Town of Christiansburg's YouTube channel at www.christiansburg.org/you tube and will remain on the Town's YouTube page once the meeting concludes. For information on contactless methods for submitting public comment, please visit www.christiansburg.org/publichearings.

A copy of the applications, the Town's Zoning Map, Zoning Ordinance, and Future Land Use Map may be viewed in the Planning Department Office, 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, VA 24073 during normal office hours of 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Contact Andrew Warren, Assistant Town Manager, at (540) 382-6128 ext. 1130 or by email at awarren@christiansburg.org with any questions or if you require reasonable accommodations.

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Terriers have high hopes with volleyball season opening Tuesday

The William Byrd volleyball team will participate in the Rockbridge Jamboree this Saturday as the girls prepare for their season opener on Tuesday, August 24. Byrd will open at home against Hidden Valley, with the jayvees opening at 5:30 pm and varsity around 7 pm.

The Terriers first scrimmage was with E.C. Glass, and this Saturday they'll participate in the Rockbridge Jamboree along with over 20 other high school volleyball teams. The event will be held over several gyms in the area.

Byrd is looking for a good season after posting an 8-4 record in an abbreviated spring campaign after the fall season was postponed due to the coronavirus pandemic. The Terriers were eliminated in five intense sets by defending state champion Lord Botetourt in the Region 3D tournament. Byrd had ended Botetourt's 56 game winning streak during the regular season.

Coach Allison Thornton has some outstanding returning players. Senior outside hitter Mattie Andrews is back after earning first team All-Blue Ridge District and All-Region 3D honors in the spring. Mattie was also second team Class 3 all-state as determined by the Virginia High School Coaches Association.

Senior Trinity Hylton, a first team all-district and second team all-region setter, also returns. Trinity is just 250 assists away from 1,000 for her Terrier career.

Other key seniors include outside hitter Kamryn Sigafos and defensive specialist Chloe Harrilla. Among the juniors, Carsyn Kotz was second team All-BRD last season as a setter and Ella Ashworth was second team at libero.

Molly Cox will coach the jayvee team and assist Thornton with the varsity.



The William Byrd varsity volleyball team. Front row, left to right; seniors Trinity Hylton, Mattie Andrews, Chloe Harrilla and Kamryn Sigafos. Back row, left to right; Ella Ashworth, Alexis Helton, Terran Brown, Emily Tuck, Carsyn Kotz and Katelin Patrick.

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Byrd football team will host Rockbridge in Benefit Game Friday

The William Byrd football team will take on Rockbridge County in their final tune-up for the regular season this Friday night. Game time is 7 pm at Patterson Stadium in Vinton.

This will be a "Benefit Game," with an admission charge. The two teams and the VHSL will split the take and the game will be played just like a regular game, with the possible exception of some special teams.

The Terriers scrimmaged at Glenvar last Friday night. A thunderstorm delayed the action for about an hour and a half but the scrimmage finally got underway around 8 pm and both teams got in some good work.

"We only got through stretching before we went inside, so our players hadn't got into a rhythm yet," said Byrd coach Brad Lutz. "Our players and coaches were excited to compete

against another team, so it was worth the weather delay to practice."

Once the scrimmage started the weather cooperated and the Byrd coaches were able to get their first look at the Terriers lining up against players in different colored uniforms. Lutz was pleased with the result.

"Our players played hard and were physical," he said. "Our team is very young and inexperienced, but they did

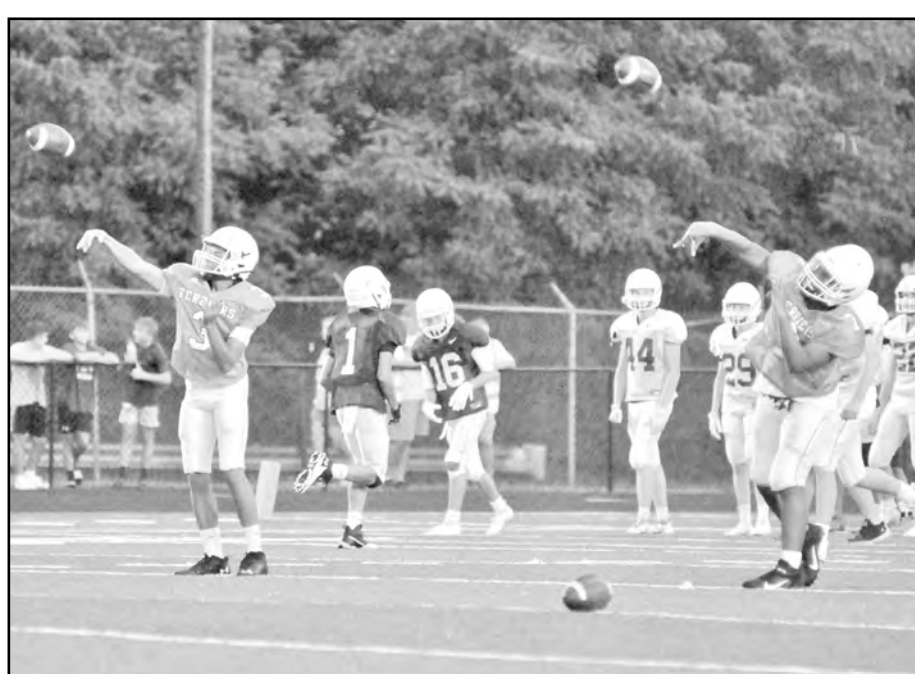
a good job executing on both sides of the football. With that said, we have plenty to work on and made mistakes that we will work on this week. This season we are scrimmaging two teams that won district championships last season, so our players are going to get quality reps against good teams."

Byrd will open the season on August 27 with a home game against Liberty.



Left, William Byrd defenders bring down a Glenvar ballcarrier during last Friday's scrimmage. Right, Terriers warm up after an hour and a half weather delay.

PHOTOS BY BRIAN HOFFMAN



WB golfers at Blue Hills for match today

The William Byrd golfers will play host to Salem and Bassett in a non-district match today at Blue Hills. Tee time is scheduled for 2:40 pm.

The Terriers had a Blue Ridge District match at Cooper Cove on Tuesday and finished fourth among five district teams competing. William Fleming did not field a team.

Lord Botetourt won the round with a nine

hole score of 152, which was eight strokes above par as a team. Northside was second at 163, Franklin County shot 166 and Byrd carded a four-player total of 174. Staunton River brought up the rear at 231.

Botetourt's Ashton Harper was the medalist with a one-under-par 35 for nine holes. Chase Bower of Franklin County was second at 37 while LB's Samir Davidov and Northside's Peyton Spangler tied for third

at 38.

Byrd's low score was Clayton Gilmore, who tied for ninth at 42. Also scoring for the Terriers were Evan Mullen with 43, Griffin Horacek at 44 and Kendrick South and Madeline Cunningham tied for the last counting score at 45. Nathan Carter was close behind at 47.

The next district match is Tuesday, August 24, a Hanging Rock.



MS FOOTBALL

The William Byrd Middle School football team participated in a jamboree at Salem Stadium last week with scrimmages against Patrick Henry, William Fleming and Andrew Lewis. Above left, Cannon PH drops back to pass and hits Alex Dunn(middle) for a touchdown against PH. Right, Byrd defenders converge to stop a PH runner in the backfield. The middle school Terriers will open with their first regular season game on August 26 at Cave Spring.

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Byrd players compete in "Last Inning" game at Salem Memorial Tyler Dean is recipient of Ray Bellamy Award for area high school baseball Player of the Year

The second annual "The Last Inning" baseball game was held at Salem Memorial Ballpark last Saturday. Two games for graduated senior players were played around the presentation of the annual Ray Bellamy Award in an event presented by the Salem Red Sox and the Salem-Roanoke Baseball Hall of Fame.

The first game was between teams wearing Navy and Red shirts. The Navy team consisted of players from Glenvar, Lord Botetourt and William Byrd, and they took on the Red team with players from Hidden Valley, James River, North Cross and Eastern Montgomery. The Red team took a 7-1 win in the game.

The Navy team was held to four hits, and all four were by Byrd players. Isaac Fix was two-for-two and also walked, and he had a hit from both sides of the plate. Tyler Martin and Tyler Dean had one hit apiece. Dean's hit was lefthanded, even though he batted from the right side for his whole high school

career. Tyler also walked and was hit by a pitch to reach base three times.

Martin started on the mound and pitched the first two innings. He gave up one unearned run and one hit while striking out a pair.

In the second game the Gray team took an 11-2 win over the Green team. The Gray team consisted of players from Cave Spring, Franklin County and Northside while the Green was comprised of players from Blacksburg, Christiansburg, Patrick Henry, Staunton River and Liberty. Jake Weaver of Northside hit a three-run home run over the left field wall to lead the Gray.

Between games the five finalists for the Ray Bellamy Award were recognized. The Bellamy Award is presented by the Salem-Roanoke Hall of Fame to the Player-of-the-Year in the area served by the Hall. It's voted upon by the board members of the Hall of Fame and the high school coaches from an area that includes the counties of Alleghany,

Roanoke, Bedford, Botetourt, Craig, Floyd, Franklin and Montgomery and the independent cities located within the boundaries of those counties.

William Byrd's Tyler Dean was chosen as the Bellamy Award winner and other finalists included Isaac Fix of Byrd, Cory Sigmon of Northside, Holden Wilkerson of Cave Spring and Michael Williams of Franklin County. There was also the presentation of the Posey Oylar Scholarship, sponsored by the Salem-Roanoke Baseball Hall of Fame and awarded to a player who will go on to play in college and has shown a dedication to the game. Davis Yeaman from North Cross was the recipient of that scholarship.

A nice crowd was on hand on a beautiful Virginia day and the Red Sox not only had the concession stands open but provided between inning entertainment like at a Carolina League game. The game is planned to be an annual event for graduated high school seniors.



Above, Byrd's Tyler Dean was the recipient of the Ray Bellamy Award for high school Player of the Year. Below, Terrier teammate Isaac Fix was a finalist. They were presented their awards by former Byrd coach and Salem-Roanoke Baseball Hall of Fame vice president Gary Walthall.

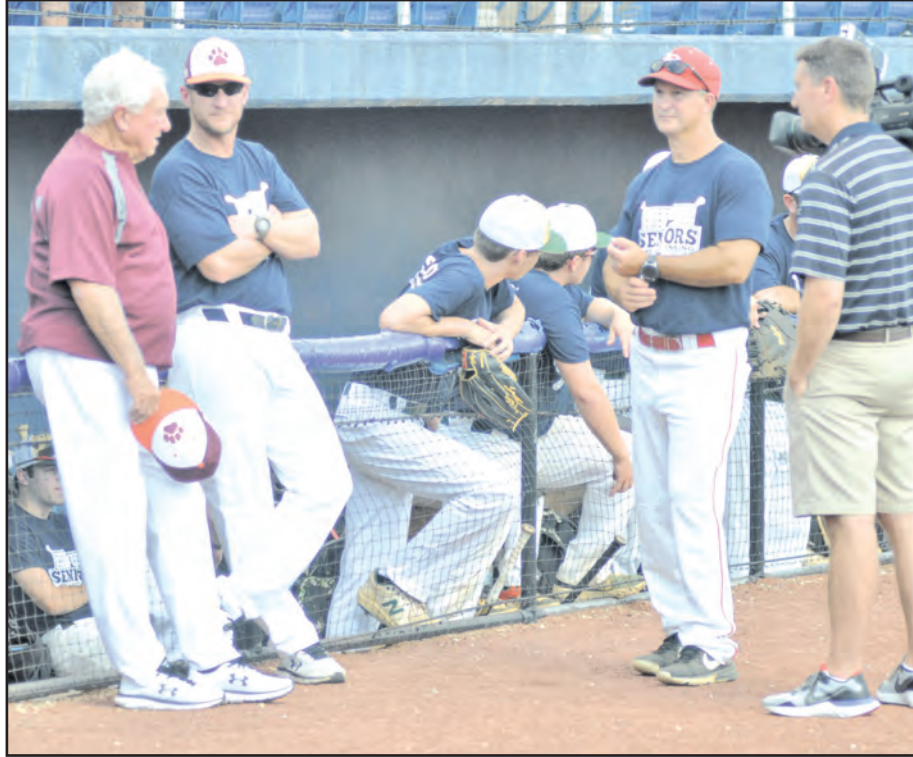
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The Last Inning

Above, William Byrd players who participated in Saturday's "Last Inning" game were, left to right, Tyler Martin, Seth Hodges, Dylan Hatfield, Isaac Fix and Tyler Dean. Below, William Byrd's Doug Pence(left) and Neil Zimmerman(second from left) were coaches for the team. Here they chat with Travis Wells of WDBJ-7(right) and fellow coach Todd Smith from Lord Botetourt prior to the game. Bottom, Byrd's Tyler Martin was the starting pitcher for the Navy team.

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