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Mount Pleasant kicks off 2021 'One School, One Book' program

By Debbie Adams Mount Pleasant Elementary School has kicked off its 2021 "One School, One Book" program, in which the entire school reads the same book at the same time. This fall students and staff will be reading "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" by Roald Dahl. The reading initiative is designed to promote literacy from the school to the home. The program was organized by reading specialist Kristen Seth.

"All Pre-K through fifth grade classrooms are reading the book during the school day (by the teacher)," said Seth. "We plan to read two books each year-one in the fall and one in the spring.

There is a national "One School, One Book" program in which each family is given a book to read at home. Mount Pleasant has tweaked the

"We wanted to use this as a way to build excitement in reading as a school community, so we'll be reading the books during the school day," Seth said. "We are reading two chapters a day so it will take three weeks to finish reading the book.

"We had a kickoff event before we started reading the book," she said. "Since we weren't able to have a school-

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wide assembly due to Mount Pleasant Elementary has kicked off COVID, we recorded most of what we would've Assistant Principal Stephanie Burris (left) and done, then were able Principal Dana Stevens visited each classroom to deliver a copy of "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" and a chocolate treat for each student.

RCPS far surpasses goal in Load the Bus campaign

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County Schools (RCPS) collected an estimated \$29,648 in school supthe 2021 Load the Bus Campaign-an annual event for over two decades. This far exceeded this year's goal of \$25,000. The impetus for "Load the Bus for Kids" is to provide school supplies for students who might not be able to afford the tools they need to be successful in school.

For the past few years, Load the Bus has been held during Virginia's tax-free weekend—this year from August 6-8.

Chuck Lionberger, director of Community Relations for RCPS, presented a report to the School Board on the most recent Load the Bus event at the board meeting on September 23 and recognized the many partners who made the drive such a success. Certificates of appreciation were presented to several individuals.

Lionberger informed

board that the fundraising event is in its 20th year; he has spearheaded the project since the beginning when the project was limited to Roanoke County Schools. The totals for the first plies for students in need during few years when the campaign was known as "Pack the Bus"

and sponsored by Q-99 Radio, are not documented, but from 2007 to 2013 between \$4,000 and \$5,000 in supplies were collected each year.

The total jumped to about

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Roanoke County School Board recognized Members of the Annette Verplanken from the Bonsack Walmart for her role in helping RCPS to collect over \$29,000 in school supplies for children in need during the 2021 Load the Bus campaign. Shown left to right are School Board members David Wymer, Mike Wray, Jason Moretz, and Tim Greenway, Annette Verplanken, and School Board member David Linden.

What's 'Coming Soon' to downtown Vinton?



Another window decal has gone up on a business in downtown Vinton with a tantalizing "Coming Soon" in the former Star City Playhouse building on Pollard Street. **Debbie Adams**

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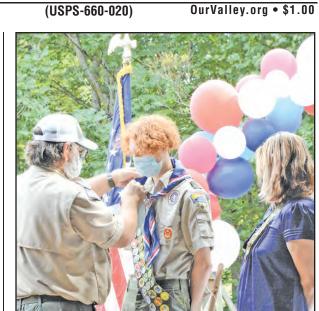
Another window decal has gone up in downtown Vinton in the former Star City Playhouse building at the corner of Pollard Street and Washington Avenue, featuring In-Vinton branding, some rather enigmatic dining scenes, and a tantaliz-

ing "Coming Soon" message.

The building at 107 Pollard has been purchased from Vinton attorney Bruce Mayer. It was once the location for Gus Nicks Furniture Store, Sam's Variety Store, an antique mall, and a church.

No details are available as of yet, but rumor has it that the building

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Jayden Sink receives his Eagle Scout pin and neckerchief from Troop 42 Scoutmaster Hawk Hillberry as his mother Janette Hunt looks on.

Sink receives Scouting's highest bonor at Eagle Scout Court of Honor ceremony

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Jannette Hunt.

tional event. Scout lead- trees, along the streams, ers review the candidate's and on the hillsides." Scouting history from

Hawk Hillberry. with the Presentation of and the youth stop short.' Colors by members of reach our highest ideals.

Teach us to be helpful, for through helpfulness do we forget our selfish-Jayden Sink of Troop ness. Make us friendly, 42 received Scouting's for there are so many who highest honor at an Eagle need a friend. Train us in Scout Court of Honor courtesy, for courtesy is ceremony at Living Wa- the carpet on life's floor. ter Christian Church Make us kind, for kindon September 25. Sink ness is the oil in the cogs has been involved in of life's machinery. Make Scouting since he joined us cheerful, for cheerful-Cub Scout Pack 235 at ness is the green grass Thrasher Memorial as among the rocks in the a fifth grader in 2014. path of life. Train us in He has worked for seven thrift, for thrifty habits years to reach the rank of brighten our future. Help us to be clean in thoughts, Jayden is a junior in speech, and in deed. at William Byrd High Among all things, help School and the son of us to be reverent toward all things which you have The Eagle Scout Court made for our enjoyment of Honor is a prestigious, when we are in the great memorable, and tradi- outdoors, among the

In welcoming guests induction to the Eagle to the Court of Honor, Scout rank, stressing his Pino said, "Scouting is no growth in the ideals of doubt one of the greatest Scouting and share anec- organizations in the world dotes about his journey. to foster the highest ide-When Jayden joined als of citizenship. It is no Pack 235 in Vinton, wonder that so many of Greg Pino was his first our nation's greatest lead-Cubmaster and served as ers had some of their ear-Master of Ceremonies for liest leadership experiencthe Eagle Scout Court of es in Scouting. As most Honor. Greg Leslie, who Scouts enter Scouting, was his first Scoutmas- they picture themselves ter when he advanced to becoming Eagle Scouts, Troop 235, participated but there are so many in the ceremony, along activities and interests with Jayden's current clamoring for their atten-Scoutmaster in Troop 42, tion that the flames that were burning inspiration The ceremony opened dim to ashes and die away

Becoming an Eagle Pack and Troop 42, fol- Scout is a long and ardulowed by the recitation of ous process, the capstone the Scout Oath and Law of a Scouting career. Fewand an invocation which er than 8 percent of youth emphasized the ideals of involved in Scouting ad-Scouting, "Our Father vance to the rank of Eagle make us trustworthy, Scout. In 1911 the Boy for there are those who Scouts of America chose trust us. Make us loyal, the Eagle to symbolize the for through loyalty we highest achievement—a symbol of Scouting's best. The Eagle Scout rank is a title held for life. "Once an Eagle, always an Ea-

> Pino said, "What does the Eagle badge represent? It means that a Scout set a goal and worked to achieve that goal. The Eagle Scout badge stands for strength of character. The Eagle Scout rank is a sym-

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Vinton Fall Festival and Bluegrass Festival scheduled for Oct. 2

food and craft—will fill level sponsors include the streets of Vinton from Blue the streets of Vinton from Blue Ridge Beverage, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. for the the Vinton War Memo-Vinton Fall Festival on rial, and Member One; Saturday, Oct. 2. But that's Special Sponsor Roanoke not all—the fun will con- County; Gold sponsors tinue with the first annual Carilion Clinic, Winters Bluegrass Festival taking over the stage and Vinton Farmers' Market from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. that eve-

In addition to the vendors and food trucks, Fall Festival will feature entertainment on two stages at the Municipal Building and on the Farmers' Market Stage. (Fall Festival is free of charge.)

- Performances on the Municipal Stage include:
- The Fame All Stars from 10:30 to 11:30
- The Floyd Ward Dance Company from 11:30 to 12:30 • The Susan Lewis Mu-
- On the Famers' Market • Mish Moves Dance will perform from 10:30 to

sic Studio from 12:30 to 2

- 11:30 a.m. • Dogs will compete in the Annual Pet Costume Contest (sponsored by Pawsh Salon for Dogs) from 11:30 to noon
- Defy Gravity Ninja will perform from noon

Children's activities include the always popular Petting Zoo.

Fall Festival Diamond Storage, and ServPro; and Silver level sponsors Berkshire Health Care, Home-Trust Bank, Lotz Funeral Home, Neely's Accounting, Coastal Insurance

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and FOX Radio 910, along with Vertex Signs and Niteowlartz.com.

The Bluegrass Festival will feature Pickin' and Grinnin' from 3 to 5 p.m. followed by the High Fidelity Bluegrass band at 5:30. There is a \$5 cover charge for the bluegrass event.

Food will be available from local restaurants for the bluegrass show: Joe Goodpies, Farmburguesa, and Big Belly Pizza and

Subs. Twin Creeks will host a beverage garden.

Sponsors for the bluegrass event include Joe Goodpies, the Town of Vinton, and the Vinton Area Chamber of Com-



The High Fidelity Bluegrass Band will perform at the first Vinton Bluegrass Festival on October 2 from 3 to 7 p.m. at the Vinton Farmers

The 21st CCLC grant is

Boys & Girls Clubs receive grant for afterschool programs

Boys & Girls Clubs of SWVA (BGCSWVA) has received notification of a new grant award from the Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) totaling over \$786,000 per year for three years to run afterschool and summer programs in Roanoke County and Salem.

Boys & Girls Club CEO Michelle Davis said, 'VDOE has approved applications for Title IV, Part B, 21st Century Community Learning Centers Elementary School and (21st CCLC) grants sub- W.E. Cundiff Elementary mitted for Andrew Lewis School." Middle School, Burlington Elementary School, East Sa- a three-year grant with anlem Elementary School and nual continuation awards. G.W. Carver Elementary The grant period for the

School, Herman L. Horn first-year award is July 1,

2021, through August 31, 2022. With these funds, BGCSWVA will open new after-school and summer camp programs on-site at the following locations: Andrew Lewis Middle School, East Salem Elementary School, G.W. Carver Elementary School, Burlington Elementary School, and Vinton Baptist Church serving Herman L. Horn Elementary and W.E. Cundiff Elementary.

PHOTO BY DEBBIE ADAMS

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Southwest Virginia have received a grant to fund afterschool programs throughout the Roanoke Valley, including a location at Vinton Baptist which will serve students attending Herman L. Horn and W.E. Cundiff **Elementary Schools.**

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Rebekah Meadows, Programs said, "School shutdowns during COVID

necessitated strong partnerships with our local school districts like Roanoke County to get kids back to

school and parents back to work. We are proud to continue our partnership with Roanoke County, and form a new collaboration with Salem City Schools, to provide accessible after-school and summer care for more kids in our region." In a recent email, Dr. Ken

Nicely, Superintendent of Roanoke County Schools, stated, "We are very grateful to Boys & Girls Clubs for finding a solution to meet the after-school needs of students and families served by these three elementary schools [Burlington, Horn, and Cundiff]. These new programs will make a real difference in the lives of these students and families and support their academic

and social-emotional learn-Dr. Curtis Hicks, Assistant Superintendent of Salem City Schools said, "The Salem City School Division is excited to partner with the Boys & Girls Clubs of Southwest Virginia to create an active after-school learning environment for more of our students. This free program will support academic, physical, social, and emotional growth and development for students and support families by providing after-school care and meals. We have no doubt that this program will help our school division ensure higher levels of growth and achievement for our students while providing a ser-

October 4. Boys & Girls

vice to our community.' New programs are scheduled to begin the week of

Clubs of SWVA is currently hiring for over 64 full- and part-time positions, including hiring current school teachers at each school to work as tutors. Additional needs include part-time and full-time youth development staff at each loca-

Boys & Girls Clubs of SWVA is a 501c3 non-profit serving in Roanoke and Salem cities, and Franklin, Montgomery, and Roanoke counties.

BGCSWVA serves children ages 6-18 and provides youth development programming focused on academic achievement, healthy lifestyles, and good character and citizenship. Programs are low cost or free school and during the summer months.

For more information on how Boys & Girls Clubs of SWVA changes the future for hundreds of youth in the region each day, visit the website at www.bgcswva. org or call the office at 540-904-7401.

Travis Russell, Senior

Pastor at Vinton Baptist, said, "On Sunday, March 28 of last spring, after hearing from Michelle Davis, CEO of Boys and Girls Club SWVA, Vinton Baptist unanimously voted to partner with the Boys and Girls Club of Southwest Virginia once again as a site for one of their afterschool programs."

"Many may remember that our church partnered with the Boys and Girls Club during the fall of 2020 as a site for virtual learning for the Roanoke County School District. This gave parents a safe place for their children to go on the days their children could not be physically at school. Once most elementary school students were allowed to go back to school for in-person learning, the Boys and Girls Club no longer needed our church to provide a virtual learning space for students. However, over the course of our time together, the Boys & Girls Club discovered the need for an afterschool program for the elementary schools in Vinton." "In response, our church

was contacted and given the opportunity to be the new site for this needed ministry in our community," Russell said. "Thankfully, after months of anticipation, we have received confirmation that beginning October 4, Vinton Baptist will host between 12-15 children from 2:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. During those hours, a portion of our facility will be designated for the children and adults of this ministry. The Boys and Girls Club will provide the staff for an 8:1 ratio of children for each

"I am so excited for this new partnership to begin, and the opportunity it provides our church to reach out to the children and families of our community and provide such an important ministry. As I noted during our first partnership, I think this is what Jesus meant when he said: 'You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp outs it under the bushel bas ket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven (Matthew 5:14-16). I cannot think of a better way to 'let our light shine' in our community than by providing a safe space for

the children of Vinton to

come after school to learn, play, and grow." 'Unfortunately, the uncertainty of COVID-19 remains," Russell said. "Due to the emergence of the Delta variant, we are still wading through the waters of a global pandemic that will not go away quietly. We are still trying to cope with our losses and adapt to the many ways this virus has changed our society, both temporarily and permanently. We are still trying to mend fences and heal from all of the division this unprecedented time has created. As the darkness of COVID-19 lingers, rather than wishing it would end or things would return back to the way they were, may we look for ways to share the love and be the light of Christ. I believe partnering with the Boys and Girls Club is one such opportunity. As we welcome them back to Vinton Baptist and continue to serve our church and community in a number of ways, may we put our light on a lampstand for all to see. May we

do our best to fill our world

with the hope and promise

of the one who is 'the light

of life.' For we are assured

that he was, is, and always

will be, the light that shines

in the darkness, and the

darkness did not overcome

PEOPLE, PLACES AND THINGS

Angie Chewning

Filling in for Bootie

And that's a wrap! The 2021 Mingle at the Market Summer Concert Series is done! We are sad to see it end – but look forward to other events and the planning of next year's entertainment! So many people deserve many thanks for all their help this year! We (Kathryn and I) could not do any event without the help of volunteers - starting with our tireless Board President Justin Davison. Justin is at every event we do throughout the year and works so hard to promote and support the Chamber.

Many thanks to our other board members, our sponsors, volunteers, the Town of Vinton, Vinton Police Dept., our bands-The Oddfellows, Vinyl Nation, Five Dollar Shake, Five Shades of Grey, Adam Rutledge, and Glamor' Kiti. To our food vendors, Mountain Grille, Blissful Baked Treats, Ken & Jayne's Burgers & Dogs, Munsey's Smoke House, Yani's Hot Kitchen, & Lazy Bulldog Food Truck. And of course, thank you to everyone that came out to support each event! We can't wait till next year!

Join us this Saturday, Oct. 2, for our Vinton Fall Festival and Bluegrass Festival. Fall Festival will have over 80 food and craft vendors, petting zoo, doggie costume contest and much more from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Bluegrass Festival at the Vinton Farmers' Market gates open at 3 p.m. till 7 p.m. Local area restaurants – Joe Goodpies, FarmBurguesa, and Big Belly's will be running food from their restaurants. \$6 admission.

Kennedy Leigh Barker made her grand entrance into this world on September 21, 2021 at 1:56 p.m., weighing in at 8 pounds, 12 ounces. Parents are Josh Barker and Tori Slusher. Grandparents are Dale and Kim Barker, Mindy Campbell and Jeremiah Slusher. Welcome home, baby girl



Mount Pleasant Lions perform sight screening

Mount Pleasant Lions Club performed members sight screenings at Mount Pleasant Elementary this past week. The club's SPOT machine, a device that detects six different sight abnormalities, was put to good use. More than 100 Pre-K, kindergarten and third graders were screened with approximately 10 percent of those students being referred on for a professional eye examination.

The Lions have provided volunteer eye screenings to both Roanoke County and Roanoke City Schools for more than five years. This year, however, Roanoke City Schools contracted with Carilion to handle all screenings-sight, hearing and oral health. These screenings are required by the State of Virginia and are supposed to be completed in the fall of each year. In 2020, due to the Covid pandemic, all kinds of exceptions were granted to school districts.

The SPOT machine is noninvasive, and non-touching, in its operation. The screener sits three feet from the student and once that child stares at a kaleidoscope of bright colors in the porthole of the device for about five seconds the machine scans for the six defects it can find and notifies the operator if a further full exam is called for. If there is a concern, a stylized face with the defect noted is printed out for the school nurse, who will determine what follow up is

There is one abnormality, amblyopia, commonly called lazy eye, that can become permanent if not caught and treated by about age 7. This is one important reason the state requires that the health screenings be completed in the fall of each year. Other Lions Clubs perform this same free sight screening in their localities, fulfilling the Lions' motto "We Serve."

The Lions Club International, founded by Melvin Jones in 1917, is especially recognized for the dedication to projects for the blind and hearing impaired. The organization now has 1.4 million members around the world in 48,000 clubs in 200

countries—all dedicated to "making a difference wherever they exist.

The Mount Pleasant Lions, founded in 1961, have always been active in the community with service projects benefitting children and adults. The club has adopted three schools in the Mount Pleasant area—Mount Pleasant and Garden City Elementary Schools and the Rivermont School. The eye screening is one of many community service projects involving the

History Museum hosts Holiday Shoppe during Fall Festival

The Thrasher Quilters are partnering with the Vinton History Museum for a quilt sale. All quilts are made at home

ther tied by hand or

by the quilters, and ei- seum and take a look. The Vinton History machine quilted. There Museum will be open are many sizes to choose on Saturday, Oct. 2, from. Stop by the mu-during the Vinton Fall

Festival from 10 a.m. to holiday décor, and gift downtown Vinton at 4 p.m. with the Holiday Shoppe. In addition to the Thrasher Quilts, there are gift baskets, Museum is located in

items to choose from on the lawn.

The Vinton History

the corner of Jackson and Maple, catty-corner from the Vinton Li-

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Principal Dana Stevens (as Willy Wonka) and her Oompa Loompas distributed sweet treats, a copy of "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" and one Golden Ticket to each classroom at Mount One lucky student in each classroom found a Golden Ticket in their Pleasant Elementary to kick-off the "One School, One Book" event.



chocolate treat during the kick-off of "One School, One Book."

to share the video with classrooms to watch.

Various teachers participated in creating the kickoff video, which included reading/acting out the first chapter and two Oompa Loompa dances. One of our fifth grade students played Charlie in the video. Our resource officer, Office Wertz, played Mr. Bucket."

Mount Pleasant Principal Dana Stevens read aloud the first chapter in the video, introducing the characters—the Bucket family—and setting up the plot of the book. Children were introduced to several other books by author Roald Dahl that they might want to read as well and available in the school

library. After the video was shown in the classrooms, Stevens, dressed as Willy Wonka, and the Oompa Loompas (various staff members) delivered a copy of the book to each classroom and chocolate

treats for each student. "Students were given

a piece of chocolate and the student who had the 'Golden Ticket' hidden inside received a prize," said Seth. "After we finish reading, we will send home activities for families to do together that we normally would've had as an evening family

event" at the school. Seth says that the reading team, made up of the principal, assistant principal, reading specialist, librarian, Title One teacher, and remediation teacher worked together to choose the book and select the dates for the project.

"This is our first year reading a book as a school, so we wanted to pick a book that would really get the students interested and excited about reading," Seth said. "We thought that 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' was a classic story for students to hear since they may have seen the movie before

but never have read the book."

The Title One reading program helped in purchasing the books and items for family activity bags. Food Lion provided the sweet treats.

A letter was sent home to parents announcing the kick-off of the "One School, One Book" event, the book that had been chosen, and the fact that two chapters would be read in school by a teacher or staff member each day.

"We will have a question of the day on the announcements students to answer to help create interest as

they are listening to the chapters." Students who answered the question correctly had a chance to win another "sweet

prize." "The students were so excited! What a fun way to connect all of our students togetherby reading the same book!" the letter continued. "You can join in the excitement by asking your child each day what happened in the book that day! Also be on the lookout for some fun activities to do with your child after we finish reading the book. Thank you for helping us promote the love of reading!"



Mount Pleasant Principal Dana Stevens (dressed as Willy Wonka) and members of the faculty and staff (dressed as Oompa Loompas) prepared a video to introduce "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory."

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From the Pulpit

Treading Water

6 So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" 7 He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. 8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." 9 When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. 10 While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. 11 They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven." (Acts 1:6-11)

I once heard someone say, "In my line of work, treading water is the same as drowning." The way I understood that statement is that moving forward is essential; standing still is not an option. In most areas of life, if we are not moving forward, in actuality, we are moving backward. When I read the above passage in Acts, I hear a similar message being offered to the disciples.

Jesus had just ascended into heaven. I cannot imagine how disappointing this must have been for his disciples. They were devastated by his death on the cross. They were confused by the empty tomb and Mary Magdalene's report. They were overjoyed by his appearance in the upper room. They were excited about the future he had promised and believed that through his resurrection that future had been inaugurated. With great eagerness and anticipation, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom of Israel?'

After commissioning them to be his witnesses in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and to the ends of the earth, Jesus ascended into heaven and disappeared into the clouds. Once again, he was gone. In response, they stood there looking up into the sky. I imagine there was some confusion and disappointment. Where was he going? Why was he leaving them again? What would the future hold? Was Israel ever going to be restored to what it once was? What were they supposed to do now?

In the midst of their disbelief, a voice broke through the silence. It was the voice of two men dressed in white robes. Without offering many answers, they asked a powerful question: "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven?" In other words, why are you standing still? As he promised, Jesus is going to return; he will not leave you orphaned. Until then, you have work to do. He has given you the power of the Holy Spirit. He has shown you what to do. He has told you where to go. You cannot stay here. You cannot keep treading water. It is time to start swimming.

As a church, COVID-19 stopped us in our tracks. Before the pandemic, just about every area of our church was moving forward. We were experiencing growth in Sunday School, worship, Wednesday night dinners and activities, as well as in many other ministries. There was great hope and excitement. Then a global pandemic hit. For a few months, the world seemed to stand still. When our communities began to reopen, it was a much slower start than any of us anticipated. We were certain it would not last long. Eighteen months later, we are still in it and struggling to get through it. There is confusion and disappointment. There is fear and uncertainty. There is frustration and exhaustion.

When is this ever going to end? Will things ever be like they once were? What changes are temporary, and which ones are permanent? Like the disciples, we too are disappointed that the life we knew seemed to disappear into the clouds. In response, it can be easy to stand still, looking up towards heaven, hoping, waiting, and praying that it will return. And yet, similar to the disciples, maybe we too need to be reminded that we cannot stand still. We cannot keep treading water. God's mission for this world has not stopped, and therefore, neither can his people. God's mission

required his disciples to move from where they were. He had places for them to be and a message for them to deliver. In order to do this, they could not simply stand still, looking up towards heaven, waiting for Jesus to return and life to be restored to what it once was.

Some days I too find myself hoping, waiting, and praying for life to return to normal. When are things ever going to be like they were? When is church ever going to feel like it did? Will the church family ever be back together like it once was? On those days, I am reminded of the message the disciples received from the two men in white robes: "Why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven." Life may not return to the way it was, but Jesus is going to return. Until then, we have work to do. We cannot stand still. Treading water can be the same as drowning. It is time to start swimming.

> By the Rev. Travis Russell, Vinton Baptist Church

Blue Ridge Baptist sponsoring blood drive on Oct. 13

Blue Ridge Baptist Church, located at 2410 Hardy Road, is having a blood drive on Wednesday, Oct. 13, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sign up to donate by

calling the American Red Cross at 540-985-3560 or on the ARC app.

Give the gift of life. All who donate will have their names entered to win an afghan.



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Acorns/Re-openings/Holy Days

Frances Stebbins Contributing writer

In the front yard of my small Salem home, a Chestnut Oak tree arose from the roots of one which may have fallen in the infamous derecho windstorm of nearly a decade ago. This fall the welcome tree has its first heavy crop of acorns as the God of nature continues to regenerate.

Across our street, my neighbor's tall oak -a different variety-is also dropping a heavy crop of nuts.

Earlier in a more rural time of my life, I heard that a lot of nuts predicted a cold and snowy winter. Will it be so? Better get ready. This is a year

A new friend, who came last year from a warmer climate, was amazed at how quickly weather can change in Western Virginia. In early fall, it's not unusual for a cold and windy day to follow one of sweating while cleaning off the garden.

Despite the continuing pandemic and daily efforts to get as many people as possible vaccinated, most churches with which I have contacts are trying to move ahead to something resembling what was familiar in 2019 before what seems to be a 100-year medical catastrophe came upon us.

Members of Unity of Roanoke Valley, who worship on a high hill just north of Salem, are planning a celebration of the 50th anniversary of founding. The congregation has had several pastors since 1971, many of them women.

The annual CROP Walk, which raises funds to combat hunger locally and throughout the world, is expected to take place on Sunday, Oct. 10. It's popular with teens and active retired folk; I went on my first one in the early 1980s, but I'll leave it to those younger this year.

At First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Salem, a Caregivers Class is scheduled on October 3 and 17 on Sunday nights. And on October 24, the congregation is honoring its pastor, the Rev. Dan Netting, on his 20 years of service to them. Netting, who also has given some time to ministering to inmates of the Salem and regional jails, still sends me a thoughtful commentary by postal mail each week.

At St. Mark's United Methodist Church in Daleville, a sign of the times is an effort to raise \$16,000 for the installation of an electronic system to live-stream worship services. Many members have grown so accustomed to getting their Sunday religion by their computers that it's probable they won't make as much effort to be in the building.

Others, like myself, want to be in the presence of the church friends who are my family since nearly all the blood kin have passed on. As one minister observed this past Sunday, the pandemic has taken many friends, but new ones are always there to be welcomed and incorporated into an existing congregation.

Sunday Schools for children and adults have resumed in some churches where they are a major part of learning as well as a time to connect with others. Soon the "coffee hour" fellowship period will be resumed in my own congregation. In early June of this year, however, I observed in a column inspired by the press service of an American denomination that soon all the Sunday fellowship events

would be normal again. That didn't happen. We keep wearily waiting and wearing our masks.

Each fall, Jews around the world observe several holy days. I grew up in my small Piedmont Virginia town knowing none of God's Chosen People, as Scripture calls those of the Hebrew tradition. My education increased enormously when I enrolled in a city professional institute in Richmond where I soon came to know several students who attended one of the synagogues or temples in the capital city.

As the long-time Religion writer for the daily Roanoke newspapers, my education was further enhanced by rabbis of our valley's two congregations, Beth Israel, the more traditionalist, and Temple Emanuel, a Reform group. The holy days mark significant events in Jewish history such as Passover in the spring which Christians learn was significant to Jesus in the days before His Crucifixion and Resurrection. It commemorates the deliverance of the Hebrew people from bondage to their masters in ancient Egypt.

The fall holidays of Rosh Hashanah (the New Year), Yom Kippur (the day of Atonement) and Sukkot (the Festival of Booths) are this month being observed by one of my cousin, who lives, at 71, with her husband in Columbus, Ohio. The only member of my late mother's family still in touch with me, she was of a conservative Presbyterian household and years ago much disappointed her mother by marrying a Jew.

She recently messaged me that she adopted Judaism, and in recent years it has come to mean much to her; she was going to be busy with the age-old observances.

And so we live and learn as the years pass.

Celebrating The Town of VITON!

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

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

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

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



\$6,500 when the event was rebranded as Load the Bus in 2014; increased to \$11,500 in 2015; \$18,700 in 2016; \$19,964 in 2017; and around \$23,000 2018 and 2019. Unfortunately, the pandemic hurt the campaign significantly in 2020, with just \$9,774 in supplies donated.

Lionberger noted that through the years neighboring school systems have joined the campaign and now include Roanoke City, Salem City, and Craig County. The school districts partner with the Walmart Corporation for Load the Bus with supplies collected at the Bonsack, Salem, Clearbrook, and Valley View Walmart locations.

He emphasized that Walmart is "determined to make the program bigger and better each year." The company promotes the event heavily in the stores and encourages customers to do-

nate generously. The back-to-school shopping lists distributed to customers entering the stores included: backpacks, glue sticks, notebooks, 3-ring binders, crayons, colored pencils, notebook paper (college and wide-ruled), pens, pencils, highlighters, rulers, folders, scissors, and construction paper. They also requested classroom items like tissues, hand sanitizer, printer paper, dry erase markers and more.

Shoppers were invited to bring their donations to the school bus parked in front of each Walmart during announced hours, but they were also collected at the registers and in bins throughout the stores during regular business hours.

Lionberger recogrepresentatives from the area Walmart stores at the School Board meeting on September 23, including Store Manager Annette Verplanken from the Bonsack Walmart as well as those from Salem, Clearbrook, and Valley View. He also recognized several members of the transportation department, including Donna Inserra, Melissa Welch, Chris Hogan, and Barry Dudley.

Lionberger says there is "a big bar to cross" in next year's Load the Bus Campaign.

Volunteers, including School Superintendent Dr. Ken Nicely and School Board Chair Jason Moretz, plus teachers and staff from all the participating localities, Central Office staff, bus drivers and aides, and student organizations (bands and cheerleaders) helped to collect the supplies and load them on the bus in hot and humid weather, where they were sorted by cat-

The real work begins on the Monday after the Load the Bus event, with "Unload the Bus," dividing the thousands of items donated between four participating school systems and among all their schools.

Donations at the Bonsack, Clearbrook, Valley View and Walmarts are shared between Roanoke County and Roanoke City. The Salem Walmart splits their donations between Roanoke County, Salem City, and Craig County.

Lionberger and his team set what they considered to be a modest goal of \$25,000 worth of supplies for 2021 and were amazed at the community's response.

By Sunday evening when the drive came to a close, boxes were "overstacked and overflowing" with supplies.

In addition to school supplies, monetary donations were also accepted.

Lionberger credits the contributions made by the personnel at the Walmart stores, the RCPS warehouse staff, and a multitude of volunteers for the efficiency and success of the program over such a long period of time.

Members of the School Board commended Lionberger—a man "who wears many hats"—and the many volunteers who made this year's Load the Bus so successful once again.

Each year, Lionberger emphasizes that "every donations" goes to help students in need.



Bus driver Melissa Welch and Roanoke County Schools Director of Community Relations Chuck Lionberger collected donations at the Bonsack Walmart on August 7. Lionberger organized the program some 20 years ago to provide school supplies item and every cent of for children in need. Welch has volunteered her time collecting donations for the past eight years. Welch was recognized by the School Board for her efforts at the meeting on September 23.

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will house a full-scale restaurant with renovations beginning in 2022. The building has been gutted on the inside.

Jeff Belcher, owner of Sun Solutions on Walnut Avenue, has partnered with the Town of Vinton to create and install unique custom window designs in businesses in the business district. The decal project is funded by the town. Decals were already up at Twin Creeks and at the Vinton Appliance Warehouse on Lee Avenue.

'We wanted to dress up and communicate the positive energy and growth within downtown Vinton," said Town Manager Pete Peters. "While locals may be aware of the activity, it occurred to me that we have so many commuters and visitors coming through town, that perhaps they wouldn't know what Vinton Appliance, Twin Creeks Brewing, the Dogwood, or Star

City Playhouse and others are up to with regards to

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

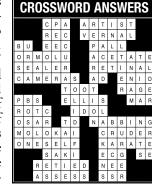
'InVinton' branding, and accurately communicate that something new and exciting is in production. These aren't meant to be permanent- just a temporary solution until they are ready to open and

show off what's inside." The decals are perforated vinyl window statics, featuring a theme and the "InVinton" branding.

The project has been funded under a façade grant program in the Town of Vinton Economlocated to promote the our downtown." town in various manners.

"The business owners have also been very supportive and agreeable to participate," Peters said. "All in all, it's a 'win/win' for everyone involved and I think it really helps sell the town in the sense of better visualizing some of the progress of buildings being updated for future businesses, and this whole idea simply helps rein-

ic Development Market- force the theme of being ing Account which is al- 'In Vinton' all throughout



Charles Leon Sult

Charles lie") Leon Sult, 98, passed away on Tues-September 21, 2021, in Roanoke, Va. Charlie was born in Wytheville, Wythe County, Va., on March 8, 1923, the son of Charles William Sult and Ruth Virginia Six

Sult. He was educated in Wythe County Schools and was a multi-sport athlete, earning varsity letters in football, baseball, and track. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II (Staff Sergeant, Medical Detachment, 581st Anti-Aircraft Artillery, Automatic Weapons Battalion) in England, France, and Germany, receiving battle stars for service in the Allied Rhineland Campaign (Remagen Bridgehead) and the Central Europe Campaign. Under the GI Bill, he attended and graduated from Emory and Henry College (B.A.) and Vanderbilt University (M.A.). Upon completion of his studies he was employed by IBM (Administrative Management Division), with assignments in Evansville,

Nashville, Cleveland, Chicago, and

Roanoke, where he retired after 40

years of service. A long time mem-

ber of Cave Spring United Method-

ist Church, Charlie sang in the choir

and took part in many church activi-

ties, including the Thursday Morn-



ing Music Club. He was also a member of Wytheville Masonic Lodge 82, Roanoke Scottish Rite, and Kazim Shrine Temple, and held memberships in several civic organizations, including the Rotary, Exchange, Kiwanis clubs. Charlie was preceded in death by his first wife,

Juliet Taylor Sult of Big Stone Gap, and second wife, Elizabeth Lester Sult of Wytheville; sisters, Gladys Sult Hale, Minnie Lee Sult Copenhaver, and Juanita Sult Smith; brothers, Fred William Sult and Elbert Joseph

He is survived by his sister, Audrey Sult Jones of Wytheville; his wife, Shirlie Mitchell Sult of Vinton; two sons, Charles W. Sult, wife Florence, and granddaughter Bethel Sult Aviles of Mount Laurel, N.J.; Thomas W Sult and wife Julie of Atlanta, Ga.; step-children, Sherrie Mitchell Boone, John Mitchell, Neil Mitchell, Kathie Mitchell and Beckie Mitchell; and 11 grandchildren. The family received friends from 2 until 4 p.m. on Sunday, September 26, 2021 at Oakey's South Chapel. A private graveside service was held. Memorial contributions can be made to Cave Spring United Methodist Church, The Rescue Mission or The Salvation Army.



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bol of what a Scout has achieved, but more importantly, it represents who they are and who they will continue to be in the future as they grow."

The Eagle Scout ceremony continued with the Order of the Arrow "Wisdom of the Winds" ceremony led by a team of Exemplar Ceremonial Scouts, the introduction of Jayden's mother, and presentation of the Eagle Pin and Neckerchief by Scoutmaster Hillberry.

Greg Leslie gave the new Eagle his charge: "Your position is one of honor. You are a marked man. As an Eagle Scout, you have assumed a solemn obligation to do your duty to God, to country, to your fellow Scouts, and to mankind in general. This is a great undertaking. As you live up to your obligations, you bring honor to yourself and your brother Scouts. I charge you to be among those who dedicate their skills and ability to the common good. Build America on the solid foundation of clean living, honest work, unselfish citizenship, and reverence for God, and whatever others may do, you will leave behind a record of which every Scout can be proud."

Jayden himself presented several pins and special recognitions to those who have assisted him on his Scouting journey, beginning with his mother, who received seven roses—one for each rank of Scouting, which he earned in

'No one travels the trail to the Eagle alone," Jayden noted. "Many people have been involved with me in my progress and I am so grateful to them all for their wisdom, and for believing in me and the Scouting programs. In Scouting there is another person who is honored in addition to the Eagle Scout and that is the Scout's mother. From the first overnight camp-out to the pinning on of my Eagle, she has been there for every adventure in Scouting. She has watched me mature from a young, shy child to a young man with a purpose, who is passion-driven, and a voice for those who need one."

Jayden brought Betty Wimmer to the podium to pay tribute to her son, Scoutmaster Rick Wimmer, who passed away in 2018. He noted that he met Rick Wimmer at Camp Atari in 2015 and it changed his life. "He was an amazing man. He was my dad in Scouting. He was someone you would trust with your life. Because of him, I wanted to be in the Order of the Arrow. I wouldn't have had the strength to become an Eagle Scout without him."

Jayden also presented a mentoring pin to his friend Scout Nick Leslie (accepted by his father, Greg) who he met in Troop 235 and who assisted him in working through the ranks of Scouting.

He recognized Scoutmaster Hillberry saying that meeting him was "the best thing that has happened to me; I wouldn't have gotten to OA or Eagle without you." Hillberry helped found Troop 42 in 2019 as a "Scoutabilities" troop, described by Jayden as "our area's all-abilities unit" to meet the needs of scouts of all ability levels. As a result, Jayden has become an advocate for all abilities, to include, understand, and work with scouts who needed more patience, a different perspective, and a feeling that they do belong. "As my Scouting career has progressed, I have found that my strengths and leadership skills center around those with different abilities.'

Jayden presented an Eagle Scout neckerchief to 7-year-old Chase Garvey of Pack 42, who says he wants to be just like Jayden, who makes him feel included and special."

In concluding the ceremony Scoutmaster Hillberry presented several more badges to Jayden earned beyond his Eagle Scout rank.

To earn the Eagle Scout rank, a Scouts must:

• Progress through the ranks in the following order: Scout, Tenderfoot, Second Class, First Class, Star, Life,

 Earn 21 merit badges, including: First Aid, Citizenship in the Community, Citizenship in the Nation, Citizenship in the World, Communication, Cooking, Personal Fitness, Emergency Preparedness or Lifesaving, Environmental Science or Sustainability, Personal Management, Swimming or Hiking or Cycling, Camping, Fam-

• Serve six months in a position of responsibility.

 Plan, develop, and give leadership to others in a service project helpful to any religious institution, any school, or their community.

 Successfully complete their board of review for the Eagle Scout rank.

For his Eagle Scout Project. Jayden chose to build an inclusion playground at the Troutville Church of the Breth-

'Scouting renewed my spirit and helped me believe in myself," Jayden said. "I know that I would not have recognized my purpose, found my talents, made lifelong friendships, or have confidence in myself and my abilities if it wasn't for the Scouting programs. I have learned who I am, who I want to be, who I can be, and who others see me as from scouting opportunities and the many volunteer leaders that guided



New Eagle Scout Jayden Sink recognized several individuals who had been most significant in his journey to Eagle Scout, including Scoutmaster Rick Wimmer who passed away in 2018. Jayden presents a mentor pin to Wimmer's mother, Betty Wimmer.



Jayden Sink presented an Eagle Scout neckerchief to 7-year-old Chase Garvey and was thanked by Lauren Holmes for making her son feel "included and special.'



Scoutmaster Hawk Hillberry, Jayden Sink, and Janette Hunt are shown on the night of Jayden's Eagle Scout Court of Review, a preliminary to being named an Eagle

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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

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

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Blind Allegiance

Read John 18:1 through 20:31

By now it was early morning, and to avoid ceremonial uncleanness they did not enter the palace, because they wanted to be able to eat the Passover (John18:28).

The old saying, "can't see the forest for the trees," takes on a whole new meaning in this verse. The Jewish priests were extremely concerned about entering the palace. Some scholars believe the Jewish people feared entering the home of a Gentile because it was rumored that Gentiles buried their dead under their homes. As per Jewish custom, a Jewish person would remain unclean for seven days after being near a dead body.

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These Jewish leaders were preparing for Passover and had no time for such a wait. In their piety, they refused to enter the home of a Gentile, yet had no problem sentencing an innocent man to die.

These leaders allowed rules and tradition to regulate their lives. They lost sight of the purpose behind many of their traditions. In doing so, they were unable to recognize their Savior.

Prayer Suggestion: God, help me to keep my eyes on You and not get caught up in doing things the way they've always been done at the expense of Your plan.

Quicklook: John 18:28-32

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7:00pm; Monday Girl Scouts 7:00pm; 3rd Saturday Men's Breakfast 8:00am. Rev. Jonathan Moelker, pastor

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ORDER OF **PUBLICATION**

Commonwealth of Virginia VA. CODE § 8.01-316 Case No. JJ003213-14-00 Radford City Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court Radford City DSS

Alvssa Parris The object of this suit is to: Terminate the residual parental rights of Alyssa Parris, legal parent of Zyan Parris a minor, in that said parent has, without good cause, failed to correct the conditions which resulted in the child entering foster care and it is not reasonably likely that they will be able to do so in a reasonable amount of time, failed to maintain continuing contact with the child and substantially plan for the child's future. Residual parental rights include, but are not limited to, the right to visitation, consent to adoption the right to determine religious affiliation, and the responsibility for support. The termination of your residual parental rights will permanently end all of your

petition. It is ORDERED that Alyssa Parris appear at the abovenamed Court and protect his or her interests on or before December 6, 2021.

rights and responsibilities to

the child named in the

9/14/21 Melinda D. Bishop Deputy Clerk

ORDER OF **PUBLICATION**

Commonwealth of Virginia VA. CODE § 8.01-316 Case No. JJ003213-15-00 Radford City Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court

Radford City DSS **Dante Larnell Hayes** The object of this suit is to: Terminate the residual parental rights of Dante L Hayes, legal parent of Zyan Parris a minor, in that said parent has, without good cause, failed to correct the conditions which resulted in the child entering foster care and it is not reasonably likely that they will be able to do so in a reasonable amount of time, failed to maintain continuing contact with the child and substantially plan for the child's future Residual parental rights include, but are not limited to, the right to visitation, consent to adoption, the right to determine religious affiliation, and the responsibility for support. The termination of your residual parental rights will permanently end all of your rights and responsibilities to the child named in the petition

It is ORDERED that Dante Larnell Hayes appear at the above-named Court and protect his or her interests on or before December 6, 2021.

9/15/21 Melinda D. Bishop Deputy Clerk

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

City of Radford Appropriation Ordinance for F.Y. 2021 Radford City

Radford City Council will hold a public hearing on October 11, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers located at 10 Robertson Street for the purpose of receiving public comments on the City's proposed appropriation ordinance of \$4,114,196 to the F.Y. 2021 City Budget for the purpose of the American Rescue Plan Act funding

BY ORDER OF THE RADFORD CITY COUNCIL

Legals - City of Salem

Notice is hereby

given to all interested persons that the City of Salem Planning Commission, at its regular meeting on October 13. 2021, at 7:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 114 N. Broad Street, in the City of Salem, Virginia, will hold a public hearing, pursuant to Sections 15 2-2204 and 15.2-2285 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, to consider approval of the following

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.Com Properties 8, LLC, property owner, for rezoning the property located at 1796 Apperson Drive (a portion of Tax Map # 257-2-1.1) from HBD Highway Business District to LM Light Manufacturing District.

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James E. Taliaferro, II Executive Secretary

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068-Enchante Cruse-

household goods: 253-Ashley Wright-

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303-Alexa Brooph-

household goods:

121-Sherrie Robey-

223-Christen Tuckwiller-

CBG790, LLC, trading as Earth Fare, 2705 Market Street. Christiansburg, Montgomery County, Virginia 24073-0001.

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

Dennis Hulsing, Owner

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

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LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Christiansburg Town Council will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, October 14, 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. Amendments to the **Planned Commercial** Development in the B-3, General Business zoning district at 2705 Market Street NE by NRV Marketplace LLC(known as the Marketplace shopping center) to allow multi-family residential uses as part of

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the overall site masterplan,

increased building heights and reduced onsite greenspace from the B-3, General Business standards, and a reduced residential parking requirement for the independent living multifamily use on Tax Parcel 436 - ((5)) - 1. The Planned Commercial District also includes Tax Parcels 436—((5))—B, F, I, L, and M and Tax Parcels 406—((7))—E and K. The overall site is approximately 28.9 acres. This Planned Commercial Development was originally approved by Town Council on September 24, 2019. The property is designated as Business/Commercial on the Future Land Use Map of the 2013 Christiansburg Comprehensive Plan Town Hall will be open and public comment can be made in-person. Additionally, the meeting will be streamed live on the Town of Christiansburg's YouTube channel at www.christiansburg.org/yout ube 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/publ

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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TOWN OF CHRISTIANSBURG, **VIRGINIA** THE **CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL**

PERFORMANCE AND EVALUATION REPORT (CAPER)

The Town of Christiansburg, as a recipient of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding, is required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to prepare the 2020 Consolidated Annual Performance and **Evaluation Report** (CAPER). The CAPER is an evaluation and performance report detailing accomplishments toward meeting the goals outlined in the 5-year Consolidated Plan. The CAPER compares the actual performance measures with those measures listed in the 2020 Annual Action Plan. Public Comments will be received through October 28, 2021.

PUBLIC HEARING Town Council will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, October 12, 2021 at 7:00 PM in the Council Room. Christiansburg Town Hall, 100 E. Main Street to receive comments on Council's intention to adopt the 2020 CDBG CAPER. A draft copy of the 2020 CDBG CAPER is available for review ending October 28, 2021 and may be viewed in the Office of the Town Manager, Town of Christiansburg, 100 E. Main Street during normal office hours of 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. In addition, a draft electronic copy is available on the Town's Web Site at https://www.christiansburg.o rg/729/Community-Development-Block-Grant. Any interested party whose participation in this meeting would require reasonable accommodation of a handicap or language services should contact Andrew Warren at (540) 382-6128 ext. 1130 or by e-mail at awarren@christiansburg.

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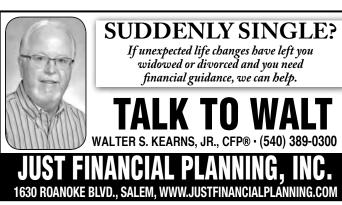
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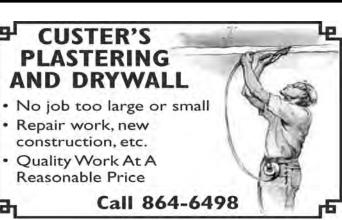
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