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Roasters Next Door opening soon in Vinyard Station

The Roasters Next Door coffee shop (better known as RND) will be opening later this month at Vinyard Station in Vinton.

This will be the second location in the valley for RND. Co-owners and brothers

Quincy and Steffon Randolph are expanding from their first storefront shop on Main Street in Wasena which opened in April 2019.

The Vinton RND has found a prime location at the corner of Washington

Avenue and Pollard Street, next to Joe Goodpies—highly visible to the almost 25,000 vehicles that pass by on average each day.

RND had its beginnings as a pop-up at the Grandin Village Farmers' Market, and

then in a shared space at the Meadery next door to the current Wasena shop. Since opening in the spring of 2019, and despite the pandemic, RND has become a welcome and integral part of that community.

The name "RND" defines their concept and brand—"roasters" for the coffee beans they source and roast in their own production facility; "next door" for being part of the neighborhood; and a play on words of "Research and Development" as something is always on their minds and in the works business-wise and menu-wise.

The Randolphs grew up in Richmond, where their parents (both school teachers) owned a coffee shop for a time. Working with them sparked Steffon's interest in opening a shop of his own. He ended up in the Roanoke area when his wife was ac-

cepted to the Physical Therapy program with Radford University. He convinced Quincy to relocate and partner with him in the business.

Quincy says he began cooking in earnest when he was 15 (10 years ago) and has never looked back. He convinced his parents to allow him to take on extra course work to graduate from high school in three years at age 16 so that he could get on with his goal of enrolling in a Culinary Arts school. He attended Sullivan University in Louisville and earned a degree in Culinary Arts and then worked as a chef at fine-dining restaurants, including the Blackbird in Chicago.

He says he has never regretted the path he has chosen, "I like where I am and don't regret not looking at other careers." His level of enthusiasm has never waned.

The Randolphs chose Vinton for their second lo-

cation because it has the same community feel they have found in Wasena. Both communities are undergoing a rebirth and rapid growth. Neither had a dedicated coffee shop. They could fill a void.

While they own the RND business, the Randolph brothers are leasing their space in Vinton from the Wilkinson Group, headed up by developer Dale Wilkinson, who has renovated the historic Vinton Motors building, also home to the Joe Goodpies and a future retail shop.

Vinyard Station, the home of the Vinton Motors car dealership for over 70 years, had sat vacant and in disrepair for several years before being redeveloped.

Plans are for the Vinton RND to be open seven days a week from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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PHOTO COURTESY OF RND

Co-owners and brothers Steffon (left) and Quincy Randolph will be opening RND (Roasters Next Door) in Vinton in late November.

Vinton honors town employees for Veterans Day

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The Town of Vinton honored its employees who have served or are serving in the military with a Veterans Breakfast on November 9 at the Vinton War Memorial.

Town employees who have served in the armed services include Chief of Police Fabricio Drumond, Public Works employees Kevin Orange, Jimmy Brown, and James Thompson, Police Cpls. Brandon Alterio and Silas Chapman, and Mayor Brad Grose.

Police Cpl. Brandon Alterio served in the US Air Force from 2008-2014 and reached the rank of staff sergeant. He joined the Vinton Police Department in March 2019.

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PHOTO BY DEBBIE ADAMS

The Town of Vinton honored its employees who are veterans of the armed services or active duty personnel with a breakfast at the Vinton War Memorial on November 9. Shown left to right are veterans Mayor Brad Grose, Jimmy Brown, Cpl. Brandon Alterio, Chief Fabricio Drumond, Cpl. Silas Chapman, and Kevin Orange. Not pictured: James Thompson



PHOTO BY PAMMY SHANK

Scouts in Vinton planted flags on the graves of veterans at Mountain View Cemetery in observance of Veterans Day. Shown is Scout Christian Shank

Airman Dooley honors fallen heroes

Airman Colin Everette Dooley is a member of the United States Air Force Honor Guard as a Body Bearer. He participates in Air Force funerals by carrying the remains of deceased servicemen, their dependents, or national leaders to their final resting places at Arlington Cemetery.

Dooley is a 2019 graduate of William Byrd High School in Vinton. He joined the United States Air Force on December 15, 2020. He flew to Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas, for Boot Camp training and then to Honor Guard Tech School in Washington, D. C. He is currently stationed at Joint Air Base Anacostia-Bolling in Washington, D. C.

His parents are Chuck and Marlene Dooley of Vinton; his grandparents are Alfred and Rose Doolley, Jeanette Dooley and the late Charles Dooley

also of Vinton.

According to the USAF Honor Guard, Body Bearers personify perfection. Their standards of flawlessness are set out of necessity to honor the fallen heroes they bear. They train constantly to maintain the precision they are known for.

All Body Bearers memorize a Body Bearer's Creed, which states in part that every movement must be crisp, precise, and well-rehearsed for they are a team that acts as one. Regardless of the weight of the casket or the distance of the carry, the casket must remain level. Their expressions must appear to be effortless. They are part of the last memory a family has of their loved one.

From standing motionless for hours in frigid weather to carrying caskets that can be up to 900 pounds over uneven

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USAF Airman Colin Everette Dooley, a 2019 William Byrd graduate, serves his country in the Air Force Honor Guard.

Vinton Scouts plant flags for veterans at Mountain View Cemetery

Local Scouts in Vinton have a tradition of honoring the nation's veterans by planting flags at Mountain View Cemetery for Veterans Day (November 11) and Memorial Day each year. They bring a box containing hundreds of flags and then spread out across the cemetery searching for the graves of veterans in all branch-

es of the armed services.

In some cases, the graves of veterans are fairly easy to locate since newer markers usually indicate rank, branch of service, and era, in addition to the name. Older graves often are not identified as belonging to a veteran and are harder to find.

Scout leaders and Scout parents say this flag planting activity provides a lesson in citizenship and patriotism for the Scouts. Patriotism, citizenship, and community service are core elements of the Scout experience.

This year the Scouts gathered at Mountain View on November 6 with Scout leader Brian Cook to continue the tradition.

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Roanoke Valley DAR Chapter celebrates 60th anniversary

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The Roanoke Valley Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, which meets in Vinton, celebrated its 60th anniversary on Saturday, November 6. That's the date the chapter was organized back in 1961 in Vinton with Irma Trammell Moseley as the first regent. The chapter was sponsored by the Col. William Preston Chapter of Roanoke and became the sixth DAR chapter in the area.

There were 17 charter members – Winifred Breeden, Caroline Etzler, Mary Goble, Hessie Goode, Bessie Harris, Marguerite Horn, Mrs. Neal Horton, Mae Maxey, Maggie Maxey, Carrie McDonald, Susie Muddiman, Martha Ogburn, Eva Scott, Florence White, Julia York, and Julia Wimmer, in addition to Moseley. (Goode, Harris, Maxey, and Muddiman were sisters. Wimmer was Moseley's daughter.)

"The chapter instituted the first Saturday meetings in the area, in order to accommodate working women's schedules," said current regent Cindy Higgins in presenting a history of the Roanoke Valley Chapter. "In the early years, the chapter met in various living rooms, but has called St. Timothy's Lutheran Church home for the last

few decades."

Regents since 1961 have included charter members Moseley, Goble, Horton, York, White, and Wimmer, and Suzanne Lipes, Mary Bush, Pauline Holloway, Elizabeth Lipes, Eleanor Dye, Lisa Gascoyne, Debra Woody, Barbara West, Sharon Menzies, and now Higgins.

The main qualification for becoming a DAR member is being able to trace ancestry to a Patriot (not necessarily a soldier) in the American Revolution who helped actively in gaining independence. DAR goals include perpetuating the memory and spirit of men and women who achieved American independence; promoting the development of enlightened public opinion; and fostering patriotism."

However, the DAR women spend a limited amount of time at each meeting discussing the past. They spend the majority of their time planning community service activities and ways to honor and serve veterans and active military personnel.

"The Roanoke Valley Chapter is dedicated to promoting patriotism and respect for the flag of the United States of America," Higgins says. "A Flag Moment is presented at each meeting. Over the years, the chapter has presented flag codes and flag pins to

many local students, especially to all those who raise and lower the school flags daily. American flags have been given to local schools, a Girl Scout troop and to the Vinton War Memorial. More recently, the chapter has helped many area businesses replace their worn and tattered flags. A newer tradition has the chapter planting a lovely 'flag garden' of over 200 small flags in front of the Vinton Municipal Building for Flag Day, Independence Day, Election Day and Veterans Day."

The Roanoke Valley Chapter has consistently supported the DAR Schools serving remote areas in several states by donating money, gently used jewelry, and clothing. The members collect Coke Reward codes and redeem them for money for DAR schools. They collected Box Tops for Education and sent them to each of the DAR schools until that program ended. Ronald McDonald House is also supported by collecting aluminum can tabs.

"Throughout the years, the members of Roanoke Valley Chapter have derived a great deal of pleasure from promoting patriotism among the school children in the area and is one of the chapter's focused objectives," Higgins said. "In addition to supplying flags, pins and codes, the chapter

sponsors a coveted DAR Good Citizen Award each year, hosting the winner and hearing their essay at a meeting. The chapter also awarded Bronze JROTC medals and provided volunteers for Veterans Day Celebrations at W.E. Cundiff Elementary School.

"Roanoke Valley Chapter's main focus over the years has been support of active troops and veterans," said Higgins. "Support is regularly given to the Salem Veteran Affairs Medical Center and Virginia Veteran Care Center. The ladies have sent cards and collected necessities such as socks, T-shirts and toiletries for the centers. For the last dozen years, the chapter's October Day of Service Project has been to make fleece lap blankets to give to veterans. Each year, the chapter attends the Roanoke Veterans Day Parade and passes out small flags.

"For active-duty troops, the chapter collects cards, toiletries, snacks, and other comfort items and ships them to various areas overseas," Higgins explained. "In 2017, members folded more than 300 pocket flags (small paper versions of the American flag, folded in the traditional way, accompanied by a poem letting the carrier of the flag have a piece of 'home' in their pocket and know they are cared for.)" The chapter continues to distribute pocket flags to de-

ploying troops.

Roanoke Valley Chapter member Heather Menzies is currently deployed in the Middle East. CARE packages have been sent to her and those in her unit and will be sent again for Christmas.

In 2018, the ladies began collecting store coupons to send to a military base in Atsugi, Japan. The coupons are given to Botetourt County Chapter NSDAR, whose members cut, sort and ship them to Japan. In 2020, the chapters sent a combined 346,632 coupons with face value of \$809,745.

Recently, Roanoke Valley Chapter has placed a focus on conservation. A new project has been partnering with the Town of Vinton in collecting plastic film to be turned into the Trex Company for recycling. Trex will in turn donate benches to place on Vinton's greenways or elsewhere. The group is far ahead of the goal with over 1,200 pounds of soft plastics collected. (It takes 500 pounds to earn one bench.)

During the pandemic in 2020, ladies in the chapter stepped up to the challenge and made nearly 1,500 masks that were donated to family members, friends, churches, schools, first responders, veterans, retail workers, repairmen, poll

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From the Pulpit

Not a Polaroid God

Do you remember what it was like to take pictures before smartphones? I remember riding around town with my Mom when I was Carter's age, taking a variety of pictures for an upcoming school project.

We spent the better part of a Saturday morning going to a number of locations, taking pictures with a camera that housed an old-fashioned roll film.

Since it was my project, Mom let me take the pic-

tures. She put me in charge of the camera. Everything was going great, until I decided to open the back of the camera and inspect the roll of film inside.

At first, Mom did not notice because she was busy reviewing our checklist of locations. When she turned to see that I had taken the roll out of the camera and was holding it up to the sun, squinting to see the little pictures it contained, she was devastated. By exposing the

film to sunlight, the pictures were ruined. In a matter of minutes, two to three hours of work had been destroyed and we had to start over.

After this incident, Dad decided our family needed a different type of camera. We could use our nice camera with roll film for family pictures and special occasions, but we needed something different for projects and everyday moments. We needed a camera that could give us photos without the fragility of roll film or the processing delay of a darkroom.

Dad purchased our first

Polaroid Instant Camera. After snapping a picture, these cameras would instantly develop each photo and print them onto a small sheet of instant film. After waving each printed photo in the air for about 90 seconds, the image would develop before our very eyes and provide us with a picture of that moment frozen in time. For a kid, it was magic.

Though cameras have come a long way since then with digital photos and smartphones, according to the Rev. Harold Dean Trulear in his 2015 sermon, "Loving the Incarcerated," we still have a tendency to see others through the lens of an old Polaroid.

Speaking about ministering to the incarcerated, Trulear said: "The problem in dealing with inmates is that we look at them like a Polaroid picture; we see them frozen in time only by that one event – the worst thing they have ever done." Trulear concluded that, thankfully, God is not a Polaroid God; rather than a single picture for their life, he has the whole DVD.

Jesus was often able to love those whom no one else seemed to love. Whether it was a Gerasene demoniac, a woman caught in adultery, a paralyzed man by the pools

of Bethesda, a chief tax collector named Zacchaeus, a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a Roman soldier in the Garden of Gethsemane, or a convicted thief on a cross, Jesus had the uncanny ability to love and forgive, accept and welcome those whom everyone else rejected. He had a sense of compassion for them that no one else could seem to muster. I am sure there are many reasons for that. After all, he was "the Word made flesh who dwelt among us."

Jesus loved God and loved others on a level we will never fully reach in this life. However, there are choices we can make to help us think, pray, speak, act, and love more like him. We have the ability to be more like Christ. We have the opportunity to experience more of Christ. We have the capacity to transform our world through Christ, as we are transformed by Christ. We have the power to choose.

One consistent choice that Jesus made was to see the people around him for more than one statement, one opinion, one event or misstep. Whether he knew their whole story or not, he chose to view each person he met through the lens of a DVD – a larger story that

was bigger than one moment frozen in time. As a result, he was able to respond differently to the world. In time, his response changed the world's response to God.

Thankfully, our Lord is not a Polaroid God. He does not see us for the worst thing we have ever done. He does not judge us based on one bad day or decision. Rather than a single picture for our lives, he has the whole DVD. He sees our good and our bad, our holy and our sin, our successes and our failures, our strengths and our shortcomings, our joy and our pain. As a result, he loves us and responds to us on a heavenly level we cannot fully comprehend or achieve. However, he does expect us to try.

As we give thanks that our God is not a Polaroid God, may we choose not to be a Polaroid people. Rather than seeing others as one image frozen in time, may we recognize there is an entire DVD. This might not instantly change the world, but it will certainly change the way we see and respond to the world. In time, our response might just change the world's response to God.

By Travis Russell, Senior Pastor at Vinton Baptist Church

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HONOR ROLLS

William Byrd High School announces first nine weeks honor rolls

William Byrd High School has released the names of students who earned a spot on the A and A/B Honor Rolls for the first nine weeks.

A Honor Roll

Grade 12: Alexis Anderson, Isabel Burnett, Charleston Campbell, Maddie Chitwood, Connor Colgan, John Cooley, Emma Copening, Emily Dalton, Haley Day, Autymn Dillon, Ross Divers, Bronwyn Fenimore, Kaitlyn Ferguson, Haley Firebaugh, Riley Firebaugh, Jade Fleitz, Emiliano Gonzalez, Corbin Graham, Abigail Gunn, Catharine Harless, Sean Hoey, Matthew Hoyos, Jackson Huff, Anya Hunter, Jocelyn Hunter, Hunter Keesee, Mackenzie Kelley, Micah Kiker, Daniel Letz, Devin Liu, Emilie McCaskill, Melanie McMahon, Hunter Muddiman, Steven Nguyen, Landon Niday, Tanner Nininger, Tori Nininger, Ana Nolasco, Shivani Patsel, Timber Raines, Joshua Roop, Daniel Sarver, Barbara Saunders, Hunter Sipe, Damien'chaos Smith, Bryce Sutphin, Hannah Sutton, Alex Theodor, Lana Turner, Greta Walls, Victoria Watts, and Kassidy Wrye

Grade 11: Addisyn Ackley, Ireland Aldrich, Jacob Archambo, Landon Barber, Mikayla Blair, Emily'Anne Booher, Jonathan Brabham, Tristan Bunn, Casi Carawan, Daniel Chappell, Alyssa Chocklett, Sophia Christley, Brandon Clark, Makayla Boothe, Jason Cox, Case Crawford, Kara Defibaugh, Elijah Dillon, Bailey Dollberg, Kristianna Fitzgerald, Emma Gordon, Sydney Haddox, Anthony Harris, Shane Heldenbrand, Breanna Hodges, Olivia Hurd, Hannah Johnson, Logan Jones, Ashton Kanode, Hannah

Kemp, Ashton Klein, Carsyn Kotz, Jakob Kroese, Lily Kroese, Hailey Lascell, Tina Lin, Olivia Lyles, Thomas McGregor, Martina Mihelcic, Holly Mills, Harley Morgan, McKenna Paradis, Maggie Parkhurst, Dominic Pascoe, Justin Patrick, Kristen Patrick, Latriva Pierce, Corinna Pittenger, Xavier Preston, Rebecca Qiu, Hailey Ramsey, Kiefer Rea, Magdalene Rusinak, Kenna Sarver, Julie Sattah, Kaiden Schuder, Kathryn Toney, Haleigh Vaughn, Xavier Vaughn, Bailey Warden, and Madeleine Wolter'argenio

Grade 10: Olaedo Anyanwu, Wyatte Bailey, Jaslyn Bibby, Natalie Blevins, Sydney Blewett, Eva Brown, Emily Cook, Tyler Cottrell, Dominic Dulak, Landon Dyess, Noah Franks, Dexter Gaines, Elliott Gaines, David Gaspar' Cabrera, Israel Hairston, Joshua Hardy, Jack Hinkle, Makenna Jacobsen, Shiloh Markwish, Payton Martin, Emma Miller, Sean Minnix, Tanner Montgomery, Aiden Moore, Jenny Nguyen, Tracy Nguyen, Kallie Niday, Emily Sowers, Samantha Start, Addisyn St.Clair, Finley Stephens, Karli Stephenson, Kenny Trang, Alexis Ware, Griffin Yakob, and Elizabeth Young

Grade 9: Carson Bivens, Carson Bramble, Daniel Britts, Abigail Clyde, Michelle Cortez'Jimenez, Emma Craddock, Abigail Day, Graysen Divers, Camryn Dullaghan, Adiriona Eanes, Skylar Fitzgerald, Lacie Gibson, Kendall Gordon, Aidan Hardy, Abigail Haroulakis, Hannah Janney, Jada Johnson, Kristin Kochendarfer, Kendall Lecas, Kaylee Makuch, Elizabeth Maldonado, Ryan Markham, Grace Onwi, Eliza Otey, Ellawyn Pagan, Madelyn Pittman, Ethan Powell, Becca Radford, Meera Raichura, Emma Rupe, and Gregory Stiltner

A/B Honor Roll

12th Grade: Alyssa Allen, Alexa Aquino, Andrew Ballinger,

Chayton Behrens, Jonah Bowsler, Shawn Brockerman, Kamryn Brown, Chancellor Bruner, Ashton Burns, Gentry Carle, August Carr, Colten Cook, Brian Cortez'Jimenez, Treveon Cossaboon, Bryson Crawford, Emily Cummings, Caleb Drewery, Thomas Dulak, Jr., Remington FiGart, Nevaeh Guenther, Kyle Gwyn, Ethan Hairston, Johnathan Ham, Chloe Harrilla, Issiac Hartsel, Nathan Hendrick, Alejandra Hernandez, Jacob Hillard, Kayla Hoagland, Keely Hoal, Carlee Hutchens, Ashlynn Jamison, Alex Johnson, Charles Johnson, Elsie Kincer, Nicholas Long, Jaiden Lorton, William Lucas, Amaris Markham, Savannah Martinez, Logan McDaniel, Jacob McKinney, Madeline Miller, Robert Miller, Anna Milliron, Natalie Mills, Carter Moore, Austin Nielsen, Gage Pritchard, Jaylen Rosser, Mya Rosser, Trevor Ruble, William Sayers, Matthew Scavelli, Kendal Seale, Samantha Shrader, Kamryn Sigafos, Faith Smith, Thoo' Lay Soe, Nicholas Sparks, Cole Spencer, Ashlyn Stover, Faith Trent, Charles Trogdon, Jr., Madison Tuck, Amber Vaughn, Travis West, Jasia Wheeler, and Cadence Wilkerson

11th Grade: Shannon Armstrong, Ella Ashworth, Aleyah Basham, Bethany Beecher, Mikayla Belanger, Dakota Bell, Makayla Bell, Jacob Blevins, Briar Boksa, Reagan Booth, Nathaniel Bowles, Variah Bradac, Carter Bray, Madison Burks, Madilyn Cadd, Jaiden Childress, Melissa Cruz'Quiroz, Paige Davis, Taylor Davis, Reagan Dillard, Benjamin Doss, Matthew Epperly, Chadwick Gaddy, Summer Garmon, Ricardo Gaspara' Cabrera, Tabitha Giles, Clayton Gilmore, Maci Glass, Bryanna Grasmick, Madison Gray, Noah Hall, Tristan Harrell, Keira Hartley, Daniel Hiemstra, Dylan Hughes, Jordan Johnson, Kathryn Johnson, Sage Kushman, Abby

Lamonde, Cayden Litchford, Madison'Grace Long, Chandler Lusk, Anna Martin, Colin Murtaugh, William Overstreet, Alice Palmer, Katelin Patrick, Lake Paul, Brooklyn Peters, Phillip Pham, Trace Poindexter, Brock Rader, Payton Ramsey, Dustin Richards, Caleb Riley, Tanner Sarver, Pari Shah, Macy Shepherd, Madeline Simmons, Krenar Sinani, Nicolette Stiltner, Abigail Stoehr, Hayden Thomas, Khalil Thomas, Caleb Thompson, Kobe Turner, Xally Tzompaxtle, Allison Ward, Grayson Webb, Aidan Williams, Sydney Wintz, Cole Wolters'argenio, and Madison Wright

10th Grade: Erin Adkins, Noah Austin, Ashley Begasse, Lillian Betterton, Caitlin Bishop, Kaylee Blackwell, Xachary Brogan, Landon Bruner, Kathryn Bryant, Ian Burnett, Makayla Byrd, Landon Caldwell, Dylan Allahan, Ryan Carista, Nathan Carter, Karisma Carver, Hernan Cataneo'Luna, Zachary Claybrook, Carleigh Cooper, William Cox, Caden Cunningham, Doniven Davis, Elizabeth Dixon, Lee Doss, Mandolin Draper, Carter Dullaghan, Phoenix Eanes, Aidan Eline, Kadence Fernatt, Samantha Flippin, Madeline Forero, Lance Freedle, Ethan Garlick, Savannah Gibson, Claire Glover, Bodie Gonzales, Britton Harnish, Kaliyah Harris, Sawyer Harris, Autumn Hicks, Zachary James, Matthew Kalb, Laina Keipe, Andrew Kiker, John Kiker, Gretchen Kinney, Alexis Labarbera, Camden LaPrad, Haley Lecas, Andrew Lindsay, Landon Lorton, Allyson Mavredes, Brayden McCulloch, Gracie Mick, Cooper Minnix, Abigail Moats, Mackenzie Moock, Tyler Morrison, Braden Oliver, Grace Owen, Kylie Pampani, Karl Pierce, Nicole Posadas, James Puckett, Keller Spraker, Johnathan Teague, Mason Teehan, Ashlynn Thomas, Kayli Thompson, Emily Tuck,

Jovie Underwood, Chloe Varney, Nathaniel Vaughn, Ian Vest, Madelyn Ward, Madison White, Meghan White, Brenin Witcher, Maddox Wolfe, and Ashley Woods

9th Grade: Natalie Altice, Conner Amos, Mario Arias, Ava Ashworth, Kassius Ayres, Christian Barbour, Christian Barrette, Thomas Bibby III, Isaiah Board, Dawson Brinkley, Nathan Bumgarner, Parker Burgess, Daniel Butterworth, Hunter Butterworth, Barry Cheatwood, Evan Copening, Lily Cornett, Anthony Davis, Hayden Davis, Zahara Davis, Gabriel Dixon, Caleb Dogan, Hayden Eads, Emily Fisher, Jude Foster, Devin Freeman, Carson Gill, Emily Glass, Macie Hall, Payton Hall, Hayden Hamblin'Lish, Ethan Haston, Riley Helmintoller, Nathan Hiemstra, Megan Higgins, Sophie Holcomb, Christopher Jackson, Lillian Johnson, Mallory Johnson, Nicolas Joy, Aidan Kelly, Hayley Lackey, Raelyn Lancaster, McKenzie Lee, Max Livingston, Aiden Lucas, Nathaniel Lynn, Zoey Mann, Landon Martin, Samantha Martin, Emma Matthews, Jenna Matthews, Madison Miller, Peyton Miller, Alexander Montgomery, Christian Parker, Genevieve Paul, Spencer Peters, Marcayla Poindexter, Isabella Posadas, Maileigh Redmond, Elizabeth Reid, Blake Richardson, Sean Rickman, Vanessa Ricks, Christopher Robbins, Curtis Roberts, Nathan Rogers, Johnathan Rozenboom, Jr., Reid Ruble, Landon Sarver, Vanessa Sattah, Madison Saunders, Nathan Short, Ian Sigmon, Triniti Simms, Luke Skelton, Zheniya Staples, Josephine Taylor, George Thomas, Lucas Thomas, William Thompson, Stephen Underwood, Camden West, Dominic White, Sarah Wilcox, Demarion Williams, Carson Wood, Grace Woodcock, Dakota Woznik, Mary Wray, and Virginia Yonce

WBMS releases Honor Rolls for first nine weeks

William Byrd Middle School has announced the A and A/B Honor Rolls for the first nine weeks of 2021-2022 school year.

A Honor Roll

Sixth grade: Addison Alexander, Kayden Althoff, Bryce Angle, Caleigh Aremia, Kayleigh Barber, Isabella Barrette, Madelyn Barrette, Logan Blevins, Jackson Booze, Greyson Bradford, Norah Buck, Stephen Byars, Gabriel Campbell, Ryan Carroll, Isabella Clark, Milton Clark, Jazmine Clifton, Jahniya Coles, Bradley Counts, Kayden Creel, Riley Cummings, Isabella Davis, Braylon Dent, Keeli Emery, Payton Farmer, Logan Ferguson, Reagan Fike, Alanna Fitzgerald, Adrian Garcia, Peyton Gates, Kyleigh Ginger, Blair Godlesky, Carson Gordon, Thalia Green, Michal Hamlar, Kenleigh Hetherington, Camryn Hicks, Jude Hinkle, Landon Hollins, Benjamin Hoyos, Cooper Kageals, Naleigh Lewis, Jordan Lin, Ava Lorton, Olivia Marcus, Luka Mihelcic, Katelyn Mills, Kenley Minnix, Kennedy Moseley, Josephine Mullen, Allen Nunez, Emma Olivit, Cooper Peery, Jacob Perez, Anna Perkoski, Jack Petersen, Jenna Petersen, Kendall Ranson, Aiden Rhodes, Elliana Ruble, Haleigh Saucedo, Vivian Schmidt, Zoee Simmons, Zoe Sowers, Kara Sutton, Hadyn Terrell, Emma Thierry, Hope

Thomas, Mia Vest, Kolee Walter, Hailey Webster, Jacey Weddle, Aaden Whitaker, Emma Whitcomb, Levi Whitcomb, Bindi Whitenack, Hendrix Wright, Caley Wrye, and Gianna Zivelonghi

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'Medicare and You' session November 18 at Thrasher

Shannon Abell with the Senior Medicare Patrol will be presenting a session on "Medicare and You Changes for 2022" at Thrasher Memorial United

Methodist Church on November 18.

The session will be held in the main sanctuary at Thrasher at 1:30 p.m. Thrasher is located at

707 East Washington Avenue in Vinton.

Abell will be presenting new information on changes to Medicare in the upcoming year.

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WBHS Black Swan yearbook staff receives prestigious award



Bayla Kessler (left) and Natalie Mullins were the editors of the 2020-2021 Black Swan yearbook at William Byrd High School.



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Members of last year's yearbook staff included (left to right): Carter Dullaghan (10th grade), Natalie Blevins (10), Editor Cassidy Wrye (12), Bryson Crawford (12), Madison Burks (11), and Sydney Haddox (11).

The William Byrd High School "Black Swan" yearbook staff for 2020-2021 has been awarded a Superior rating and scored in the Trophy Class in Virginia High School League (VHSL) State Competition. The Trophy Division is the highest honor awarded in the state media competition.

"Editors for 2020-2021, Natalie Mullins and Bayla Kessler – now alumni – strived to create

a book that gave some sense of normalcy to a year that was 'Out of the Ordinary,'" said yearbook advisor Christina Acker. "The staff adopted that philosophy as their theme which was recognized by the VHSL evaluator."

The evaluator commented, "Despite 2020-21 being the strangest year ever, you created a very 'normal' yearbook for your students, staff and community. I applaud you for working hard to

keep this one bit of comforting consistency available for your school."

"Aside from the difficulty of covering events that were always in danger of not happening because of Covid, the staff was rarely able to come together as a group due to the hybrid schedule," Acker said. "Some of the staff were remote and the class was split into two different days. The editors overcame the inabil-

ity to physically be together by calling and joining classes virtually.

"The delayed spring sports season also meant that the editors, who had already graduated, had to work well into the summer to finish the book. Despite the challenges in assembling the book, the staff agrees that they are proud of what they accomplished."

The VHSL evaluator said, "Of

all the yearbooks I've seen this summer, you've done the best at sports coverage." She continued, "There are so many innovative ideas on spreads throughout this book. Many schools are going to want to steal your ideas."

Mullins was also the editor when the "Black Swan" yearbook won first place in the national American Scholastic Press Association (ASPA) contest for 2019-2020.

Pets of the Week for November 11



Sneakers



Hailey



Luca

Check out this week's Adoptable Pets of the Week from the Regional Center for Animal Care and Protection (RCACP).

First up is the Cat of the Week—Sneakers is a 7-year-old girl looking for her "forever" home. She'd love a place where she can hang out with her friends and grab a bite to eat while meowing about the day. She is the "Sophia" of the bunch; wise, sweet, and tells the best stories. She came to the RCACP after her former owner passed away, and she is really looking for a family, both human and feline, who will keep her company and love her. She will do well in a home without children, as she has never been exposed to them before. She'd love some

gal-pals to hang with and would do well in a home with other cats that are in their "golden years" like her.

Dog of the Week—Bailey-Sadie is a 3-year-old spayed female Pitbull mix. She is one of the long timers at RCACP and would love to find her "forever" home in time for the holidays. She is a chill, go-with-the-flow kind of gal who never lets anything upset her. She would love a home where she can just be a couch-potato and watch Netflix all weekend with her family.

Luca is a 5-month-old neutered male kitty—just a baby! He is a sweet boy who wants all the love and kisses, and in fact will ask for them! He promises to walk you to the door every morning before

you leave for work and will be there when you get home waiting to hear all the office gossip! He just wants to be held and loved and give you kisses all the time. He would do best in a home with other cats because he is extremely social and needs some siblings to keep him company.

Sneakers, Bailey-Sadie and Luca are currently staying at the Regional Center for Animal Care and Protection (RCACP). As an open intake public shelter, they may face difficult decisions to make space. If you are interested in saving a pet's life by adopting, please contact the RCACP at 540-344-4922. Adoption fees will be free with your approved application!

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ground and around large headstones, there are many obstacles.

Body Bearers are expected to be proactive, not reactive, and to prepare for any unexpected circumstances that might arise.

They begin by removing the casket from the caisson used to transport the

deceased to the gravesite. The caskets generally weigh from 450 to 600 pounds, but there are exceptions, when some have been known to exceed 900 pounds. They then carry the fallen to the gravesite while keeping the casket perfectly level and without showing any visible signs

of strain as military bearing must be maintained at all times.

The length of the carry can easily exceed 60 yards. Once the gravesite is reached, their duties continue by holding the flag taut and level at rigid attention until the service is complete. Next, the flag

is folded and presented to the next of kin.

As difficult as body bearing is physically, the job is also very emotionally challenging. They're bearing a fellow service member, one of their own.

Not only do they bear heroes— they are heroes in their own right.

Celebrating The Town of VINTON!

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

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

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

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

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Twin Creeks Brewery and many other downtown Vinton Businesses will be open late as well.

Peters details the State of the County

This year's State of the County address was presented by Jason Peters, chairman of the Roanoke County Board of Supervisors and Vinton's representative to the board, at the Green Ridge Recreation Center on November 10, hosted by the Roanoke Regional Chamber of Commerce.

Here are his remarks:

This year, like last, presented Roanoke County with many unusual challenges. We never could have anticipated the greatest challenge of our generation would be a global pandemic. We have seen a gradual recovery locally, but we realize COVID-19 is still affecting our businesses, schools, and families.

While the pandemic is seemingly a part of our everyday lives now, we have learned that Roanoke County is resilient as we continue along our path to future growth and opportunity. As we move forward, we must continue to make every effort to deliver on our priorities.

Five years ago, I stood in this very spot, as chairman,

and spoke about what was needed to move our community forward—to build a brighter future.

We had just developed Roanoke County's first-ever Community Strategic Plan—with the input from our citizens, business community and community leaders—and established a roadmap for our future.

Many times these plans find their way onto bookshelves and are seldom reviewed. That's not the case with Roanoke County's Community Strategic Plan. Since day one, we have used the plan's initiatives as a guiding light in our mission to create a better community for our citizens.

It has been said that "if you succeed at your plan, your plan will succeed." Today, I'm proud to say that we have succeeded by putting forth our vision and bringing it to reality.

While we have enjoyed many successes since the start of our Strategic Planning process, I'd like to acknowledge some accomplishments made

over the past year.

We have made great strides in prioritizing what is needed to provide a sustainable economy and high quality of life for our residents. We've seen millions of dollars in investment, the creation of new jobs, and a promising way to advance the county's economic position.

We celebrated with Richfield Living as they debuted their new Town Center and Health Center. These expansions provide residents with freedom, dignity, and the ability to live more independently. This high level of health care services and quality of life helps make Roanoke County a desirable place for seniors and their families.

Roanoke County and the Town of Vinton initiated multiple redevelopment projects over the last several years to breathe new life into underutilized properties located within the town. These unique properties provide residential, dining, business, and lodging opportunities in Vinton, while enhancing its economic vitality. The recent expansion of Cardinal

Glass, the soon-to-be re-developed Gish Mill property, and a new Bank of Botetourt branch are additional developments that bring new jobs and more opportunities to Vinton.

Earlier this year, we celebrated the ground-breaking of a new LewisGale freestanding Emergency Room, located in the Bonsack area. We saw growth in the Hollins area with interest from several businesses, including the creation of a new state-of-the-art Vistar Eye Center, offering the most up-to-date eye care technology available.

These new additions support the momentum taking place within the Hollins Center Plan which seeks to improve economic vitality, aesthetics and value in the county's highest population density area. The Hollins District is an excellent location for business investment, redevelopment opportunities, and prosperity of the community.

The Board of Supervisors

also adopted the Oak Grove Center Plan into the county's Comprehensive Plan this spring. Since beginning the community engagement strategy and collaboration with Roanoke County Public Schools and the City of Roanoke, we've already seen increased development in the area, with several new restaurants and businesses opening along 419. And more future development opportunities are taking shape for the Oak Grove community.

And if you drive along Route 419 to Tanglewood, you have seen the efforts to re-energize our greatest commercial corridor. The 419 Town Center Plan envisions a mix of retail and living space—a walkable, connected style of living not available anywhere else in the county.

Carilion Children's recently opened its doors inside Tanglewood, after investing more than \$30 million to transform a 150,000-square-foot space into the region's only children's

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Changes: Bibles and Hymnals

Frances Stebbins
Contributing writer

Folk of a certain age will remember when "the Bible" meant the King James Version (KJV). Over the past 50 years, a proliferation of Scriptures transposed into more contemporary language has become familiar - and often preferred - by all but the most conservative readers.

Hymnals too have changed. During the decades of the 1970s and 1980s, many American denominations upgraded their music for worship. Some of this revision was due to the many mergers, such as Lutherans, Presbyterians and United Methodists experienced around mid-century. In some instances, words needed changing as new cultural ideas were advanced.

As a child with an apparently good memory for musical lyrics, I recall learning a

hymn from the era of colonial missionary activity, "From Greenland's Icy Mountains... they call us to deliver their land from error's chains."

With the freeing of several Asian and African countries after World War II from their former status as colonies of Britain, France, the Netherlands and others, nations like Korea are hardly mired in "error's chains." In fact, the Korean influence is strong among United Methodists today.

The Women's Liberation Movement and increasingly the presence of openly gay and transgendered people has caused many clergy to avoid the former assumption that God is a "he." The Deity is simply called "God."

Increasing appreciation of Black culture led in 1992 to "Lift Every Voice and Sing." It's a hymnal containing Spirituals from slavery days as well

as more contemporary Gospel Songs more often heard in predominantly African American congregations. In fact, the final hymn in this service book on page 281 is "Prayer for Africa"; its words are in Swahili and Zulu as well as English.

Changes, especially when it comes to hymns, are not always welcomed in congregations. Some of this is likely resistance to change, for worshipers grow used to the routine of their prayers and hymns, and do not want to have to adjust when they're trying to put cares aside and concentrate on feeling close to God.

In addition, the ugly face of resistance to different cultures shows its face as the introduction of music and prayers to Black, Native American, Jewish or Asian belief systems can remind worshipers of a bad memory associated with

someone in these groups. Early prejudices, often grounded in ignorance, can't be hidden.

(I got some of these from my mother who had a decided preference to folk of Northern European background, for in her day and living always in Virginia, it was what she knew.)

Back to Bibles. Around the end of World War II, the Revised Standard Version (RSV) appeared. Soon, we were using the New International Version, the New English Bible, the Oxford Annotated Bible, as well as paraphrased models like the Living Bible and Good News for Modern Man.

(At some point in my past, I read through the Living Bible as it was more understandable than the familiar versions with their archaic meanings of some words such as God's grace "preventing" and following us when we now understand this to mean grace

is "proceeding" rather than standing in our way.)

If there is any one change that has been resisted, it is the use of the Contemporary Version of "the Lord's Prayer." I much prefer it and unconsciously say it although I learned the familiar version when four-years-old. In one Roanoke church, with which I'm familiar, the newer version is used routinely while in another it's never heard.

My late husband Charlie preferred the clarity of contemporary prayers and a modernization of our denominational liturgy. For his memorial service in 2008, I chose for the choir's anthem a newer hymn, "Earth and All Stars." Its author, Herbert F. Brokering, was born in 1926.

As this time of honoring Veterans - Charlie served the Navy in World War II-as well as those who have died, I dedicate it to him.

Bank of Botetourt posts profitable third quarter financial results

Buchanan-based Bank of Botetourt has released its unaudited financial results for the three and nine months-ended September 30, 2021. The bank produced net income amounting to \$1,816,000 or \$1.04 per basic share in the third quarter. This amount compares to a net income of \$1,095,000 or \$0.64 per share, for the same period last year, an increase of \$721,000 or 65.9%. For the nine months-ended the bank produced net income amounting to \$5,378,000 or \$3.10 per basic share. This amount compares to a net income of \$3,305,000 or \$1.92 per share for the same period last year.

At September 30, 2021, select financial information and key highlights include:

- Return on average assets of 1.12%
- Return on average equity of 12.76%
- Book value of \$33.71
- Total deposit growth of 10.0%
- Total asset growth of 9.6%
- Community Bank Leverage Ratio of 9.09%
- Strong liquidity position
- Net interest margin of 3.02% at September 30, 2021 compared to 3.07% one year prior
- Outstanding Paycheck Protection Program ("PPP") loans of \$26.2 million reported at December 31, 2020 decreased to \$0.4 million at September 30, 2021 after receiving SBA forgiveness on \$25.8

million. The bank recognized \$747,000 in revenue from the forgiven loans.

• In 2021, the bank participated in the next round of the SBA's PPP Program, generating \$18.0 million new PPP loans. At September 30, 2021, \$8.9 million had been forgiven by the SBA leaving portfolio balance of \$9.1 million. The bank recognized \$523,000 in revenue related to this tranche of PPP lending.

• At quarter-end, remaining PPP loan balances from both rounds totaled \$9.5 million with \$629,000 in deferred revenue.

As a result of the solid financial performance, the board of directors voted to pay the \$0.18 per share quarterly dividend, or \$0.72 per share annualized which is payable on November 19, 2021 to shareholders of record November 12, 2021. President & CEO G. Lyn Hayth III said, "Our third quarter financial results continued to exceed budget expectations. SBA forgiveness of PPP loans and the subsequent revenue recognition contributed to our successful financial results. In addition, strong and consistent revenue generated by our mortgage loan activity has been a contributor to 2021 earnings."

Net income for the three months ended September 30, 2021 was \$1,816,000 compared to \$1,095,000 for the same period last year, representing an increase

of \$721,000 or 65.9%. Basic and diluted earnings per share increased \$0.40 from \$0.64 at September 30, 2020 to \$1.04 at September 30, 2021. The increase in net income is primarily due to \$499,000 in PPP loan revenue recognized and \$243,000 in secondary market mortgage income.

Net income for the nine months ended September 30, 2021 was \$5,378,000 compared to \$3,305,000 for the same period last year, representing an increase of \$2,073,000 or 62.7%. Basic and diluted earnings per share increased \$1.13 from \$1.92 at September 30, 2020 to \$3.05 at September 30, 2021. The increase in net income is primarily attributed to an increase in revenue recognized from PPP and mortgage lending. Provision for loan losses totaled \$195,000 at September 30, 2021 compared to \$1,610,000 at September 30, 2020. The decrease in the provision is due to a reduction in exposure on impaired loans, overall improved economic trends, and partially offset by the historic loss factor in the allowance for loan loss reserve calculation.

Financial Condition
At September 30, 2021 total assets amounted to \$655,108,000, an increase of 9.6% above total assets at December 31, 2020 of \$597,794,000, an increase of \$57,314,000.

Total net loans decreased \$21,559,000 or 4.7% from \$454,680,000 at December 31, 2020 to \$433,121,000 at September 30, 2021. Total deposits at December 31, 2020 amounted to \$536,805,000, compared to \$590,440,000 at September 30, 2021, an increase of 10.0% or \$53,635,000. The increase in deposits is attributable to organic growth.

As of September 30, 2021 Bank of Botetourt reported its CBLR ratio at 9.09%, which meets the required regulatory minimum ratio. The CARES Act temporarily

reduced the CBLR minimum ratio from 9.0% to 8.5% through December 31, 2021.

Paycheck Protection Program

Bank of Botetourt was a participant in the Paycheck Protection Program ("PPP") initiated by the U.S. Department of the Treasury. At September 30, 2021 both rounds of PPP lending totaled \$44.2, with \$34.7 receiving forgiveness from the SBA. As result, \$9.5 million of PPP loans remain on the balance sheet at the end of the third quarter. Deferred PPP loan servicing

fees totaled \$629,000 at September 30, 2021 while the bank recognized \$1,270,000 in revenue during 2021.

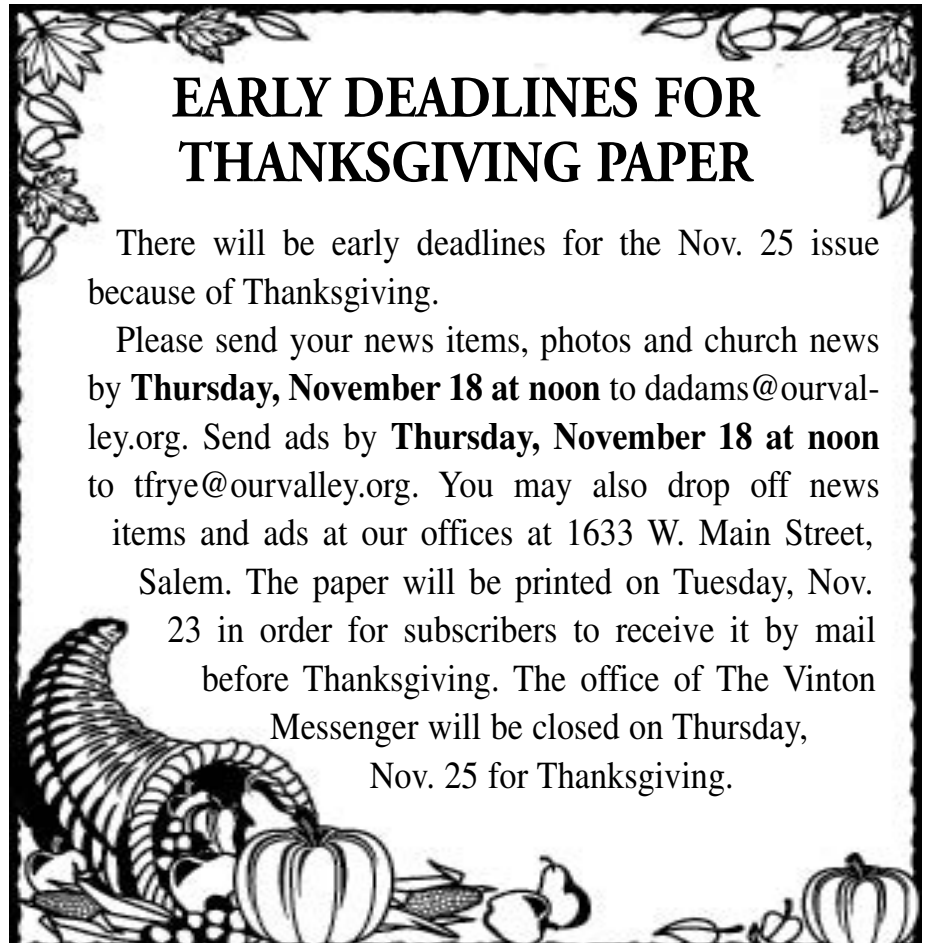
About Bank of Botetourt

Bank of Botetourt was chartered in 1899 and operates 13 retail offices in Botetourt, Rockbridge, Roanoke, and Franklin counties and the City of Salem. Bank of Botetourt also operates a mortgage division, Virginia Mountain Mortgage, and a financial services division, Botetourt Wealth Management.

EARLY DEADLINES FOR THANKSGIVING PAPER

There will be early deadlines for the Nov. 25 issue because of Thanksgiving.

Please send your news items, photos and church news by **Thursday, November 18 at noon** to dadams@ourvalley.org. Send ads by **Thursday, November 18 at noon** to tfrye@ourvalley.org. You may also drop off news items and ads at our offices at 1633 W. Main Street, Salem. The paper will be printed on Tuesday, Nov. 23 in order for subscribers to receive it by mail before Thanksgiving. The office of The Vinton Messenger will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 25 for Thanksgiving.



RND

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Their team includes seven full-time and seven part-time employees, to be shared at both locations.

RND will seat about 40 customers. Once warm weather returns, they will add outdoor seating. The main entrance is on Washington Avenue. They will share parking with Joe Goodpies next door.

The menu will feature craft coffees made in-house from coffee beans that they source and roast. Quincy says he is always thinking about new recipes—he favors familiar flavors with a twist—which he tests in-house with his team before adding them to the menu.

He anticipates some items specific to Vinton. There will be seasonal beverages as well—he is currently considering some items that are sweet potato-based (in contrast to the autumn flood of pumpkin flavors), and eggnog for the holidays.

The beverage menu will also include loose-leaf teas and smoothies. Recipes he is mulling over include a veggie smoothie with kale, spinach, almond butter, apple juice, and a little ice and another fruit-based one.

Randolph says probably the most popular beverage at

RND currently is the Madagascar bean vanilla latte so that will be a staple. He plans on adding a “Drink of the Month” once they settle in.

There will also be light-fare food—mainly pastries, snacks, and a few varieties of sandwiches to enjoy while reading, talking with friends, or studying. Becoming a full-service restaurant is not part of their plan, but their food offerings will be more extensive in Vinton than in Wasena simply due to having more space. (The Vinton RND is about twice the size of the one in Wasena.)

There have been some minor delays in opening due to the supply chain issues many are experiencing, delays in the arrival of equipment and furniture. Quincy believes they remain on track for a late November opening.

Vinton Town Manager Pete Peters issued a personal invitation for RND to set up a second location in Vinton, having become a frequent visitor to the original Wasena location and a Madagascar vanilla latte devotee.

Peters believes a café space like RND is a good fit for Vinton in its continuing revitalization of the downtown area. He likes the idea of the

independent restaurants that have developed regionally, rather than chains. Independently owned restaurants tend to become more of a draw for out-of-town customers.

“Having gotten a number of sneak peeks at the space, it’s going to be a warm, relaxed and spacious interior with a great look and feel,” said Peters. “In addition to being a great hang-out spot to socialize over a great cup of Joe with friends, I see it becoming a remote office for many town residents and business owners, including myself. I anticipate there will be a lot of business conducted there and it will be great to have yet another option for community gatherings.”

Quincy says to accommodate those who want some quiet workspace with atmosphere, the café will have “good wi-fi.”

While exterior signage is up—building anticipation for and curiosity about the upcoming opening—the interior is awaiting more equipment and has just received a shipment of furniture from Txtur of Roanoke—unique and upcycled.

A beautiful wooden slab coffee table made by their head coffee roaster will likely

become a conversation piece.

“As with our original spot in Wasena, friends and staff have contributed their creative talents to build sandwich boards, bench tops, coffee tables, and more,” said Quincy. “We have always thoroughly appreciated the willingness of the community to be involved in our growth and success.”

The RND space is sleek, designed by architect Hunter Greene of Hill Studio, but not cold or utilitarian—partly because of the historic nature of the building with its preserved bowstring trusses ceiling, visible from the street.

Developer Dale Wilkin-son notes that Randolph has a great work ethic as evidenced by his comment that the RND “roaster works 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and it needs to be kept busy. Quincy is a hard-working young entrepreneur who loves Vinton and the people who live there. He doesn’t care about being the biggest; he cares about being the best.”

Quincy is also co-owner with Nate Sloan (of Wasena’s award-winning Bloom restaurant) of Crème Fresh next door to the Wasena



PHOTO COURTESY OF RND

The RND coffee shop will be opening at the corner of Washington Avenue and Pollard Street in Vinton in Vinyard Station. This is a second location for the business, founded in Wasena in April 2019.

RND which sells non-dairy ice cream—made from oatmeal and coconut milk. Fun fact: Quincy has appeared on the Food Network on Guy’s Grocery Games with Guy Fieri.

Customers will be able to keep up with the RND menu via social media—Facebook and Instagram—inviting them to come to Vinton and “check out the new space.”

“We are very thankful for the opportunity to open our doors in Vinton and share our style of hospitality with every guest who comes in,” Quincy

said. “Our café will have a unique feel as a warm place to spend time in a casual, relaxed atmosphere.”

Their website describes RND as “founded by family, bolstered by community,” a “hypothetical which became reality.”

More information on RND, including updates on the opening, the menus, and the hours, is available on the website at <https://www.roanokecoffee.com/> (you can order their bagged coffee online) and on their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/RoanokeCoffee/>.

Honors

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Jimmy Brown served stateside in the Marine Corps for three years. He has worked in the Town of Vinton Public Works Department since November 2, 2020, and holds the position of chief mechanic.

Police Cpl. Silas Chapman served from 1997 to 2008 in the U.S. Army infantry with the rank of staff sergeant, E-6. He was stationed in Germany, the Middle East, Fort Benning, Ga., Texas and California. He has been with the Vinton Police Department for 12 years.

Police Chief Drumond served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 2002 to 2006. He earned the rank of sergeant, E-5, and was stationed in Camp Lejeune, N.C. He was deployed to Africa, Cuba,

Iraq, and Afghanistan. He was trained as an assaultman. He has been employed by the Town of Vinton since 2009 and was appointed chief of police in December 2020.

Mayor Brad Grose served in the U.S. Army from 1966 to 1968 during the Vietnam era, stationed in Korea, achieving the rank of sergeant, E-5. He worked as an electronics technician and in tech/supply. Mayor Grose was elected to Vinton Town Council in 2000 and has served the town as mayor since 2004.

Kevin Orange served in the U.S. Army from 1982 through 1986 with the rank of E-4. He was in light infantry and stationed in Georgia and Kentucky. He has worked in the Vinton Public

Works Department for 16 years, now as wastewater operator 3.

James Thompson has been a member of the Army National Guard for one year and three months. He has worked for the Town of Vinton in the Public Works Department since September 1, 2021, as an equipment operator 1.

After the meal, Mayor Grose thanked all the veterans for their service. They then shared their thoughts on some of their experiences in the military.

Mayor Grose said he was grateful for the opportunity to serve in the military and enjoyed his time in the Army. He received training which he “could not have gotten anywhere else.”

Cpl. Alterio said his seven years

in the Air Force were the “greatest experience of my life.” He chose the Air Force for its benefits which allowed him to earn his associate degree and further his education. His Air Force training has allowed him to support his family and he is “thankful for that time.”

Cpl. Chapman said his enlistment in the Army allowed him “to see the world and meet great people who formed a brotherhood.” His military career led to his law enforcement career.

Chief Drumond said he had wanted to be a Marine his entire life. From another country, he and his family were grateful to the United States for what it had given to them. He planned to make it a career until he realized the toll the dangers he faced

were taking on his parents. He said difficult conditions in the field led him to appreciate the finer things in life like hot water and clean clothes. His military days led him to his career in “policing,” where his heart truly lies.

The breakfast for veterans was organized by Vinton’s Director of Community Programs Chasity Barbour, Director of Human Resources and Risk Management Donna Collins, and Community Programs Coordinator Amanda Payne.

The Town of Vinton has also observed Veterans Day 2021 by sending cards to dozens of veterans throughout the region in lieu of the traditional veterans festivities at the War Memorial.

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.

FOUR SQUARE

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

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Worship Directory

SPREAD THE WORD

Read John 12:1 through 13:38

A large banner on the semitrailer in the church parking lot announced, “Food Giveaway on Saturday.” Sharon saw the banner as she drove by on her way to work. Just five years earlier, as a single mother of two, she had received two bags of groceries from the same church. This gift enabled her to get through a tough time after her husband deserted her. More importantly, it opened her heart to the message of Christ.

Now a growing Christian, Sharon takes time to tell others about the church’s food giveaway and about the greatest gift of all: Jesus.

The crowd that was with him when he called Lazarus from the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to spread the word (John 12:17).

Those who saw Jesus raise Lazarus from the dead just couldn’t keep quiet. They kept talking about the miracle and generating interest in those who heard. The story of how Jesus has touched one person’s life has the power to touch other people’s lives.

Prayer Suggestion: Jesus, help me to spread the word about You boldly today.

Quicklook: John 12:17-19

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

School 10:00am, Worship 11:00am, sttimothy1201@verizon.net.

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 Study; Tuesdays & Thursdays Stretch Class 9:00am; 1st Tuesdays Deacons; Wednesday Choir

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

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hospital. We value the efforts by Carilion for recognizing the benefits of an investment in Tanglewood. The economic impact of this project will be realized over the next several decades.

The addition of Carilion Clinic to the 419 footprint sparked renewed energy in the area, with the announcements of new businesses and restaurants that will attract more people to visit the area. These new projects represent nearly \$30 million in new private investment at the Tanglewood property, with \$40 million expected by the end of 2022.

All of these investments align with the county's strategy to reimagine and redevelop the 419 corridor by focusing on quality of life, supporting community health and well-being, and concentrating on transportation improvements.

A key piece to the 419 Town Center Plan addresses the future transportation needs of a mixed-use and revitalized commercial corridor. The project underway in front of Tanglewood Mall leveraged \$7 million of federal and state funding. Now close to completion, the features include an additional outside lane, sidewalks, pedestrian crosswalks, bicycle lanes, and a bus shelter. The pedestrian and bicycle accommodations on 419 will connect users to destinations in Roanoke County and the City of Roanoke.

Another key transportation project is Interstate 81, the major artery that lies in the heart of the Roanoke Valley. The expansion underway is on track to improve the connections between the separate communities within Roanoke County. And it will also improve highway safety, ease congestion, and provide better access to the greater Roanoke Valley for residents and visitors alike.

Each year, we see more visitors coming to explore outdoor recreation in Roanoke County.

This year's IRONMAN 70.3 Virginia's Blue Ridge drew more than 1,600 athletes from all 50 states and seven countries to the Roanoke region. The race's estimated \$3.8 million impact to our community highlights how outdoor recreation can strengthen our economy.

Our investments in the outdoors have also helped attract new tournaments and races, like the CIAA Cross Country Championship that recently signed a four-year extension to host its race at Roanoke County's Green Hill Park.

And we have continued to see a return on our investment at Explore Park, with improvements that have made the park into a regional outdoor recreation destination.

New paving, streetlights, and improved access to the Roanoke River support our citizens' desires to be active outside while making access to the park's amenities easier.

Roanoke County also opened a new mountain bike feature at Explore Park in June. The Blue Ridge Bike Center at Explore Park features a progressive bike skills park and a new advanced mountain bike trail constructed with the help of Blue Ridge Off-Road Cyclists. This new Bike Center complements other Explore Park amenities like Treetop Quest, lodging options and rentals from Don's Cab-Inns and Blue Mountain Adventures, and greater access to the Roanoke River.

award-winning Illuminights event. Despite COVID-19 restrictions and social distancing, more than 40,000 people came out last year to experience the Winter Walk of Lights. I would like to personally invite you to bring your families out to this year's Illuminights event, starting November 20, and running through December 30.

Let's face it—our world depends on connections, whether it's a connection with family, our community, or connection with your local government and the greater world beyond Roanoke County. Connection to high-speed Internet access has become a quality-of-life measure that enables virtual learning, telehealth, and remote work options for citizens.

Whether it's a matter of geography, customer base, or distance, many homes in the county remain "hard to connect" and unprofitable for commercial Internet providers. The Roanoke County Rural Broadband Initiative provides the infrastructure to help make new Internet connections possible.

In the past year, we've partnered with local Internet providers to expand their networks to new customers in several outlying parts of the county. Because of this initiative, 112 homes and small businesses now enjoy high-speed Internet access, with connections to more than 300 households and businesses coming soon.

The only good thing about the pandemic so far has been the flow of state and federal dollars into Roanoke County. Our broadband projects have been made possible by leveraging \$2 million in CARES Act funding and \$1.1 million in Governor's Fast Track Funding to make these partnerships a reality.

Future local funding from the federal American Rescue Plan may also provide additional opportunities to expand broadband to unserved or under-served parts of the county in the future. And in October, the Virginia Governor's Office announced that a \$2 billion broadband investment has Virginia on track to become one of the first states to achieve universal broadband access by 2024.

But at the local level, access to high-speed Internet is not about bragging rights. Roanoke County's broadband projects support continuing education and the growth of home-based and small businesses, all of which help make a more resilient economy in times of crisis. Investment in broadband is an investment in our lives, our children's education, and our local economy.

Like broadband, our investment in Roanoke County's Public Schools is money well spent for our children's future of lifelong learning.

In October, the Board of Supervisors approved a \$22.4 million bonding measure that will enable Roanoke County Public Schools to begin much-needed renovations to William Byrd High School.

Working together, the Board of Supervisors and the School Board have created an advisory committee, comprised of 10 citizens, which have been appointed to investigate and make recommendations regarding the needs of our students in the Career and Technical Education (CTE) program. Specifically, the committee has been tasked with exploring the construction of a new facility, including its size, location,

and the potential incorporation of solar technology—a modern facility in which students can learn and grow.

Investments in CTE ensure that our students are "Opportunity Ready" and have the skills to take their place in tomorrow's ever-changing workforce.

Roanoke County's Public Library System is also dedicated to lifelong learning, and throughout the pandemic the Library System has pivoted to meet the needs of our community. Library staff have helped people register to vote, enabled drive-through tax payments for the Treasurer's Office, and assisted the Virginia Department of Health with registering citizens for vaccine appointments. And librarians gathered resources for those needing health, unemployment assistance, and other critical information.

Throughout all this, the many innovative outreach programs our libraries created have continued to serve citizens.

By adapting its services, Roanoke County Public Library has strengthened its connections with patrons and furthered its reach into the community.

In Roanoke County, we are fortunate to live in a safe community. It may be one of the most important reasons people come to live and work in Roanoke County.

As many of you may know, I hold a special place in my heart for Public Safety. I've been a volunteer EMT with the Vinton First Aid Crew for nearly 30 years. Citizens value the well-being of their community, and the staffing levels of our public safety agencies have always been a great concern.

To ensure that Roanoke County Fire and Rescue is able to address the growing needs of our community, the department launched a new hiring initiative this year to recruit career staff into its ranks. As a result of these efforts, 16 new candidates began their academy training in October. Soon these new recruits will take their place in the field alongside academy graduates from this past Spring.

Fire and Rescue also celebrated the graduation of its first Volunteer Fire Academy in collaboration with Botetourt County Fire and EMS. Eleven volunteer firefighters completed the academy and are now serving their community.

Our Police Department has seen similar challenges when it comes to attracting new staff. As criticism of law enforcement across the country continues, our Police Department's ability to attract qualified candidates has reached an alarming level.

My fellow board members and I fully support the important work these men and women do to protect our citizens every day.

To address the challenges of recruiting and retaining police officers, the Board of Supervisors has approved a new pay scale for police based on years of service and rank. The department is already seeing the benefits on the new pay structure, which offers competitive pay

to attract experienced, certified officers into the ranks of Roanoke County Police.

Similar pay structures have been implemented for the Sheriff's Office and Fire and Rescue Department as well.

Our investment in professional, highly trained personnel is the reason that Roanoke County remains a safe and healthy community.

Although we have enjoyed many successes over the past year, there is more we can do.

We set out five years ago to define the path we wanted to travel, with a vision of our desired future. So, how do we plan where we might be in the next five years? And how do we get there?

Today, I challenge our citizens, our business community, and our state and federal elected officials. If our community—and our region—is to continue to grow, we must work together to invest the time and resources to make it happen.

Data released by the U.S. Census Bureau reflects our continued growth, with Roanoke County seeing the region's largest population growth at 4.9 percent! This proves that the livability and desirability of our community matters.

Let's use this momentum to concentrate on projects that trigger new investments, improvements to our quality of life, and prosperity for everyone.

To our partners in the business community—how many of you will promote your interests in Roanoke County to drive future growth?

Our desire is to bring high-quality projects and high-wage jobs to enhance the region's economic base. New opportunities exist at the Wood Haven Technology Park right now. The gateway property at the intersection of Interstates 81 and 581 helps fill the void for larger developed sites, and offers high visibility along the region's most traveled corridor.

We need skilled labor—and you can take a lead role in working with our schools and colleges to define how Career and Technical Education programs are tailored. Let's make sure our students have opportunities beyond high school for meaningful, well-paying jobs.

Healthcare, modern manufacturing, and STEM-related careers are available NOW and will remain some of the largest drivers in our economy. Creating a modern CTE program, and a new CTE facility to educate our students, will certainly be a major, but critical investment in Roanoke County's future.

How many of you in this room are ready to help prepare our students for the future?

I'm sure many here today have taken part in our future economic strategy by providing input for the county's ELLEVATE 2026 Strategic Plan. When finalized, this plan will be a roadmap to grow Roanoke County's tax base, retain and attract businesses, provide a sustainable economy for our businesses, and ensure a high quality of life for our citizens.

The results will help create a next-generation Roanoke County that attracts new talent and new business and industry, while providing for its citizens. To our state and federal elected officials—I call on you to remain strong advocates for our future broadband and transportation initiatives.

We must continue to grow our multi-modal transportation network to encourage better connectivity through bus and bike systems, pedestrian, mass transit, and motor vehicles. Through the collective efforts of our board members, partner agencies, and staff, millions of dollars in transportation improvements in the Tanglewood area will take place over the next several years, to complement the 419 Town Center Plan. And it's important to note that 97 percent of the improvement costs are provided through federal and state funds, amounting to over \$60 million.

Changes to our transportation network will remake existing areas to reduce the risk of collisions, mitigate congestion and improve safety along the county's roadways.

Improving broadband connectivity in residential areas and for the business community remains a top priority for the Board of Supervisors. In order to keep Roanoke County economically viable in the future, we must continue to expand access to high-speed In-

ternet services. Roanoke County has submitted more than \$3.7 million for the Virginia Telecommunications Initiative, or VATI grant program, for more than \$7.7 million in proposed projects. If approved, these projects have the potential to provide broadband service to more than 1,400 homes in outlying areas. We look forward to hearing more news from the VATI grant announcements by the end of the year.

I call on our citizens to tell us what matters most to you. Tell us what investments we must make to help set our community above others.

American writer Margaret Wheatley said, "There is no power for change greater than a community discovering what it cares about."

Over the last several months, hundreds of citizens and community leaders have participated in public meetings for Roanoke County's 200 Plan, a 15-year update to our Comprehensive Plan.

The 200 Plan will define a vision and goals for 11 community planning areas and the Town of Vinton. It will provide guidance for policies about land development, housing, public services, and more. And it's not too late to participate in Roanoke County's 200 Plan.

Join us for our final community meetings at South County Library on Wednesday, November 17, or here at Green Ridge Recreation Center on November 18. Add your voice to the many citizens and stakeholders who have already spoken about their desires for Roanoke County's future.

Long-term planning today will pave the way for tomorrow's success.

As chairman of the Roanoke County Board of Supervisors, I am committed to moving Roanoke County forward. We already know that when we work together, plan well and commit to our efforts, anything is possible.

Let's invest in our future by pursuing the possibilities before us.

We want people to know that Roanoke County is a great place to do business, raise a family and enjoy a vibrant, quality of life.

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Yard Sales - Botetourt County

Moving Sale-Indoors
Furniture, homegoods, glassware, misc.
November 12th & 13th 9am-2pm
181 Branch Road
Eagle Rock

Yard Sales - Roanoke County

5 Generation Estate Sale
817 Ridgcrest Drive
Roanoke, VA 24019
November 12: 9:00 - 3:00
November 13: 9:00 - 3:00
November 14: 1:00 - 3:00
Dream sale for catering businesses, wedding planners, furniture flippers, art collectors, jewelry makers, and photographers. Sewing machines, vintage furniture, vintage jewelry, and vintage clothing plus exquisite crystal and silver. ALSO a complete room of Christmas decor. A wood working shop complete with rare 1800's walnut carpenter portable tables and tools. Large and small tools for various wood working projects. Many more treasures on site. (Cash or Venmo only, no access to card readers)

Yard Sales - Botetourt County

Estate/Moving Tag Sale Friday-Monday Nov. 12-15
Personal property of Sandra and Benton Bolton
1917 Roanoke Rd., Daleville
Friday & Sat, 10-4; Sun. 1-3; Mon. 12-4
Glass ware, mechanical and lawn tools, vintage advertising items, picture frames, air compressor, John Deere tractor with attachments, trailers, lamps, games, large rugs, generator, Moss prints, lamps, kitchen ware, upright freezer, shop lights, planer, mill stone, winch, pressure washer, etc., etc. See details and photographs: <https://www.estatesales.net/VA/Daleville/24083/3100398>

Yard Sales - Salem

Moving/Close-Out Sale After 41 Years
521 Roanoke Blvd., Salem 24153
Nov. 12, 8:30 AM-2:00 PM
Small tables, microwave, lamps, leather office chair. This is the last yard sale!

For Sale - Firewood

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Mixed Hardwood.
Call 540-529-2745
Delivery in Botetourt only

For Sale - Misc

FOR SALE
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Help Wanted - General

Part Time Newspaper Production Help
The Salem Times-Register 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

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The individual must have strong communication skills, problem solving abilities, must have experience with computer applications and must be detail oriented. A two-year degree in electronics, computer science or equivalent work experience is preferred.

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Pembroke Telephone Cooperative is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Applications may be picked up at our office and should be accompanied by a resume:

Pembroke Telephone Cooperative
504 Snidow Street
P.O. Box 549
Pembroke, VA 24136

Application Deadline: Wednesday, December 1, 2021 by 5:00 pm

NO PHONE CALLS PLEASE

Legals - Botetourt County

ORDER OF PUBLICATION
Commonwealth of Virginia VA. CODE § 8.01-316
Case No. JJ014314-06-00
Botetourt JDR District Court Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court Commonwealth of Virginia, *in re* Fowler, Eli Commonwealth *iv*.
Unknown Father
The object of this suit is to: To terminate residual parental rights to Eli Fowler. It is ORDERED that Unknown Father appear at the above-named Court and protect his or her interests on or before 12/07/2021 01:00PM.

10/18/2021
Jessica Hall
Deputy Clerk

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

Commonwealth of Virginia VA. CODE § 8.01-316
Case No. JJ014314-04-00
Botetourt JDR District Court Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court Commonwealth of Virginia, *in re* Fowler, Eli Commonwealth *iv*.
Fowler, Jerry
The object of this suit is to: To terminate residual parental rights to Eli Fowler. It is ORDERED that Fowler, Jerry appear at the above-named Court and protect his or her interests on or before 12/07/2021 01:00PM.

10/18/2021
Jessica Hall
Deputy Clerk

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

Commonwealth of Virginia VA. CODE § 8.01-316
Case No. JJ014314-05-00
Botetourt JDR District Court Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court Commonwealth of Virginia, *in re* Fowler, Eli Commonwealth *iv*.
Linkenhoker, Olivia Sink
The object of this suit is to: To terminate residual parental rights to Eli Fowler. It is ORDERED that Linkenhoker, Olivia appear at the above-named Court and protect his or her interests on or before 12/07/2021 01:00PM.

10/18/2021
Jessica Hall
Deputy Clerk

Legals - Botetourt County

ORDER OF PUBLICATION
Commonwealth of Virginia VA. CODE § 8.01-316
Case No. JJ014315-06-00
Botetourt JDR District Court Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court Commonwealth of Virginia, *in re* Fowler, Nicholi Commonwealth *iv*.
Unknown Father
The object of this suit is to: To terminate residual parental rights to Nicholi Fowler. It is ORDERED that Unknown Father appear at the above-named Court and protect his or her interests on or before 12/07/2021 01:00PM.

10/18/2021
Jessica Hall
Deputy Clerk

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

Commonwealth of Virginia VA. CODE § 8.01-316
Case No. JJ014315-05-00
Botetourt JDR District Court Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court Commonwealth of Virginia, *in re* Fowler, Nicholi Commonwealth *iv*.
Fowler, Jerry
The object of this suit is to: To terminate residual parental rights to Nicholi Fowler. It is ORDERED that Fowler, Jerry appear at the above-named Court and protect his or her interests on or before 12/07/2021 01:00PM.

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Jessica Hall
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ORDER OF PUBLICATION

Commonwealth of Virginia VA. CODE § 8.01-316
Case No. JJ014315-04-00
Botetourt JDR District Court Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court Commonwealth of Virginia, *in re* Fowler, Nicholi Commonwealth *iv*.
Linkenhoker, Olivia Sink
The object of this suit is to: To terminate residual parental rights to Nicholi Fowler. It is ORDERED that Linkenhoker, Olivia appear at the above-named Court and protect his or her interests on or before 12/07/2021 01:00PM.

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Jessica Hall
Deputy Clerk

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

Commonwealth of Virginia VA. CODE § 8.01-316
Case No. JJ014313-03-00
Botetourt JDR District Court Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court Commonwealth of Virginia, *in re* Fowler, Lula O Commonwealth *iv*.
Fowler, Jerry
The object of this suit is to: To terminate residual parental rights to Lula Fowler. It is ORDERED that Fowler, Jerry appear at the above-named Court and protect his or her interests on or before 12/07/2021 01:00PM.

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ORDER OF PUBLICATION

Commonwealth of Virginia VA. CODE § 8.01-316
Case No. JJ014313-04-00
Botetourt JDR District Court Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court Commonwealth of Virginia, *in re* Fowler, Lula O Commonwealth *iv*.
Linkenhoker, Olivia Sink
The object of this suit is to: To terminate residual parental rights to Lula Fowler. It is ORDERED that Linkenhoker, Olivia appear at the above-named Court and protect his or her interests on or before 12/07/2021 01:00PM.

10/18/2021
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Legals - Botetourt County

ORDER OF PUBLICATION
Commonwealth of Virginia VA. CODE § 8.01-316
Case No. JJ014302-04-00
Botetourt JDR District Court Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court Commonwealth of Virginia, *in re* Wright, Cooper Solstice Commonwealth *iv*.
Martin, Holly Isabella
The object of this suit is to: To terminate residual parental rights to Cooper Wright. It is ORDERED that Martin, Holly Isabella appear at the above-named Court and protect his or her interests on or before 12/07/2021 01:00PM.

10/19/2021
Jessica Hall
Deputy Clerk

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

Commonwealth of Virginia VA. CODE § 8.01-316
Case No. JJ014302-05-00
Botetourt JDR District Court Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court Commonwealth of Virginia, *in re* Wright, Cooper Solstice Commonwealth *iv*.
Wright Jr, Gary Robert
The object of this suit is to: To terminate residual parental rights to Cooper Wright. It is ORDERED that Wright Jr, Gary Robert appear at the above-named Court and protect his or her interests on or before 12/07/2021 01:00PM.

10/19/2021
Jessica Hall
Deputy Clerk

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE COUNTY OF BOTETOURT

COUNTY OF BOTETOURT, VIRGINIA, a Political Subdivision of the Commonwealth of Virginia, **Case No. CL21-597**
Complainant, v.
BESSIE MILLER DUNBAR, ET AL,

ORDER OF PUBLICATION
The object of this suit is to enforce the lien of the Complainant, County of Botetourt, Virginia, for delinquent real estate taxes against certain real property located in the County of Botetourt, Virginia, described as follows: Tax Map No. 9-9 Account No. 27417

All that certain piece, parcel or tract of land, containing 17 acres, more or less, situate, lying and being in Botetourt County, Virginia, near Baldwin Station, which said piece of land is bound on the South by the County Raod, leading from Baldwin Station to Craig's Creek; on the east by the land of Mamie Woods; on the north and on the west by the lands of the United States of America.

Being the same property of Kenneth C. Dunbar, who died intestate, seized and possessed on February 21, 1978, and survived by the following heirs of law: Bessie Miller Dunbar, widow, Mary Maxine Dunbar McCulley, Kenneth C. Dunbar Jr., Ella Dunbar Jeffries, Edith D. Noble, Jimmy M. Dunbar, Michael W. Dunbar, Frank A. Dunbar, Jewel Dunbar Watkins, Barbara Dunbar McGaha, Johnny A. Dunbar, Betty Dunbar Hylar, Haden L. Dunbar.

Less and Except that 2.00 acres portion of land conveyed to Frank A. Dunbar and Rita M. Dunbar, husband and wife, by Deed dated July 15, 1983 and recorded August 2, 1983 in the Office of the Circuit Court Clerk's Office of Botetourt, Virginia, in Deed Book 286, Page 321.

Less and Except that 1.50 acres portion of land conveyed to Michael W. Dunbar and Peggy S. Dunbar, husband and wife, by Deed dated July 15, 1983 and recorded August 2, 1983 in the Office of the Circuit Court Clerk's Office of Botetourt, Virginia, in Deed Book 286, Page 323.

Less and Except that 2.00 acres portion of land conveyed to Jimmy M. Dunbar and Susan H. Dunbar, husband and wife, by Deed dated July 15, 1983 and recorded February 9, 2011 in the Office of the Circuit Court Clerk's Office of Botetourt,

Legals - Botetourt County

Virginia, as Instrument Number 110000592.

And being the remaining 11.5 acres, more or less, portion of the property conveyed to Bessie Miller Dunbar from Heirs of Kenneth C. Dunbar by Deed dated April 21, 1983, and recorded June 6, 1983 in the Botetourt County Circuit Court Clerk's Office in Deed Book 284, Page 531.

This description is made subject to all easements, conditions, agreements, restrictions, and reservations of record which affect the property herein described including but not limited to those recorded in Deed Book 99, Page 362.

IT APPEARING that an Affidavit has been made and filed stating that due diligence has been used, without effect, to ascertain the identity and location of certain parties to be served, that the last known addresses for the Respondents herein are as follows: Bessie Miller Dunbar, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is 2358 Wood Town Road, Eagle Rock, Virginia 24085; Jimmy M. Dunbar, whose last known address is 75 Forrest Hill Drive, Eagle Rock, Virginia 24085; Betty Dunbar Hylar, whose last known address is 1263 Commercial Avenue, Clifton Forge, Virginia 24422; Haden L. Dunbar, whose last known address is 1737 Webster Road, Roanoke, Virginia 24012; Jewell Dunbar Watkins aka Lydia J. Watkins, whose last known address is 3423 Norway Place, Norfolk, Virginia 23509; Montie K. Jeffries, whose last known address is 6203 Rich Patch Road, #6203 , Covington, Virginia 24426; Glenn J. Hylar, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is 1263 Commercial Avenue, Clifton Forge, Virginia 24422;

Carolyn Tinsley Dunbar , who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Johnny A. Dunbar , who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is 202 Crossing Lane, Low Moor, Virginia 24457; Charles L. Dunbar , whose last known address is 304 Karnes Road, Covington, Virginia 24426; Irkamullah Abbasi , whose last known address is 5212 S Cornell Avenue, Apt W, Chicago, Illinois 60615; and that any officers, heirs, devisees, and successors in title of the Respondent named herein are made parties Respondent to this action individually and/or by the general description of Parties Unknown, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties herein and all Parties Unknown and/or whose location cannot be ascertained appear on or before December 7, 2021 in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the County of Botetourt, Virginia, and do what may be necessary to protect their interests in this cause. Entered on the 27th day of October, 2021.

Joel R. Branscom
Judge

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Legals - City of Salem

ORDER OF PUBLICATION
COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA VA. CODE §§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316, -317, 20-104
Case No. CL21-404
Salem Circuit Court
2 E. Calhoun Street, Salem, VA 24153
Isaias Rosa da Silva v.
Victoria Nichole Davis
The object of this suit is to: Obtain a divorce
It is ORDERED that Victoria Nichole Davis appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before November 24, 2021.

Legals - City of Salem

October 4, 2021
Stacy L. Owen
Deputy Clerk

Legals - Montgomery County

ORDER OF PUBLICATION
Commonwealth of Virginia VA. CODE § 8.01-316
Case No. JJ004795-06-00
Floyd County Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court Floyd County DSS v.
Christian Knode
The object of this suit is to: Terminate the residual parental rights of Christian Knode, legal parent of Gabriel Knode 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 Christian Knode appear at the above-named Court and protect his or her interests on or before December 6, 2021.

10/13/21
Bradley Dalton
Judge

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Left, William Byrd's Hunter Richards(#56) blocks as quarterback Israel Hairston(#4) looks to turn the corner in last Friday's game at William Fleming. Right, Israel's older brother Ethan Hairston(#1), a senior, returns a kick for the Terriers.

PHOTOS BY JIM & REGINA DEVINNEY

Terriers look toward brighter days after ending season at Fleming

The Region 3D football playoffs will begin this week but William Byrd won't be involved after finishing a winless season with a 35-7 loss at William Fleming High School last Friday. The Terriers finished 0-9 in what coach Brad Lutz hopes will be looked upon as a "foundation building season" in the next couple years.

"This year our offense entered the season with only two returning full time starters and our defense entered the season with only two returning full time starters," said Lutz. "We relied on 10 sophomores and four freshmen to take on a schedule that included seven playoff teams and two defending regional champions. In football, youth makes it difficult because of the physical nature of the game, but our coaching staff was very pleased with the effort, work ethic, and competitiveness of our players."

Fleming, a Class 5 team, won't be in the playoffs

either with a 3-7 record but the Colonels were determined to finish on a high note in front of the home crowd. They scored twice in the first quarter before Byrd got on the board with an 11 yard run by sophomore quarterback Israel Hairston, who returned after missing a few weeks with an injury. Fleming countered with an eight yard pass play for a touchdown and went into the locker room with a 21-7 lead at halftime.

The third quarter was scoreless as the young Terriers battled to hang in the game. However, talented Fleming quarterback Dashawn Lewis threw his third and fourth TD passes of the game in the fourth period to put it away for a 35-7 final.

"Our players played hard and competed for four quarters," said Lutz. "Their team speed proved to be the difference in the game."

Israel Hairston and senior Peyton Fuchs combined

to rush for 104 yards in the season finale for Byrd. Ethan Haston led the defense with nine tackles, Wyatt Bailey had seven and four Terriers had six each, Doniven Davis, Nate Williamson, John Kiker and Dustin Richards. Davis also had a sack for the Terriers.

Byrd will graduate four seniors but the majority of the team will return next fall. The Terriers are hoping the experience the underclassmen gained, along with talent on the jayvee and middle school teams, will reap rewards in the years to come.

"Our four seniors provided valuable leadership that will impact our program for years to come," said Lutz. "Their toughness, loyalty, and work ethic were important in the growth of the program this year. We will miss our seniors tremendously, but we will be returning a lot of players next season who gained valuable playing time."



Left, Byrd's Ethan Haston(#25) strips the ball from a Colonels in last Friday's game. Right, Terrier defenders Wyatt Bailey(#30), Nathen Williamson(#60) and Doniven Davis(#55) combine to make the tackle.

PHOTOS BY JIM & REGINA DEVINNEY

Junior Terriers win Sandlot Super Bowl football championship

The Vinton Terriers Junior football team, for 12-and-under players, are Sandlot Super Bowl champions. Vinton, the second seed, took a 22-8 win over top-seeded and previously undefeated Salem to win the championship at Salem Stadium last Saturday.

Salem had beaten Vinton in a close game during the regular season and both had first round byes in the playoffs. Salem won a semifinal game over North Roanoke, 30-8, while Vinton eliminated Glenvar in the other semifinal, 22-0, to set up a

rematch between Salem and Vinton at Salem Stadium Saturday.

Vinton threatened early, but fumbled at the Salem two and the Spartans recovered. Backed up to their own end zone, the Salem team couldn't get a first down and had to punt, giving Vinton good field position. The Terriers then took it in to score with Con Serreno scoring on a three yard run. The extra point kick was no good but Vinton had a 6-0 lead with 3:54 until the half.

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SUPER BOWL CHAMPS

The Vinton Junior Terrier football players and cheerleaders pose for a group shot after beating Salem, 22-8, at Salem Stadium in the Sandlot Super Bowl championship game last Saturday.

PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN



Left, William Byrd's DeShawn Austin(right in photo) runs the Region 3D race despite missing his left shoe at Sugar Hollow Park in Bristol last week.



Right, Byrd's Olivia Hurd poses with her All-Region certificate after finishing sixth and qualifying for this Saturday's state meet at Green Hill Park.

SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Byrd's Hurd qualifies for state Class 3 cross country meet

William Byrd junior Olivia Hurd has qualified to run in the state Class 3 cross country meet at Green Hill Park this Saturday. Olivia is scheduled to run at 11:45 am in the Class 3 girls' race.

Green Hill will host girls and boys races in Class 1, 2 and 3 in west Roanoke County. The Class 1 girls open the day at 10:30 am, followed by the Class 1 boys at 11:15 am. The Class 3 girls, with Hurd, go at 11:45 am and the Class 3 boys will follow at 12:30 pm. The Class 2 girls run at 1 pm and the Class 2 boys finish up the day at 1:45 pm. The Class 4, 5 and 6 state races are all at the Great Meadow course near Warrenton, also on Saturday.

Hurd qualified for the state with a sixth place finish in the Region 3D meet at Sugar Hollow Park in Bristol last week. The top three teams advanced as well as five individuals not on those teams. Abingdon won the team title, followed by Christiansburg and Blue Ridge District rival Lord Botetourt. Hurd was the third finisher not on one of the state qualifying teams.

Makaleigh Jessee of Abingdon was the individual champion in the girls' race, running a time of 18:16.2. Hurd's time was 19:42.5, the best of her high school career to date.

This was the second time in the past three years

that Sugar Hollow has hosted the meet, so many of the runners who were freshmen or sophomores two years ago were familiar with the terrain, including Hurd. She was in the top five for most of the race, falling to sixth just past the two and a half mile mark.

"Olivia was a determined runner and she stayed committed throughout the race," said Byrd coach Eric Royal. "As I ran around spot to spot cheering the girls on and whistling for them, Olivia continued to respond to the competition, meeting the challenges not only from them but the ones with herself."

Olivia's time was the third best among girls who have run for Byrd under Royal, behind only Eric's daughter Alisha and Darby McPhail.

"I couldn't be prouder of her," said Royal. "She has earned another state rock and I look forward to her running at Green Hill Park."

Maci Glass was next across the line for Byrd, also setting a personal record with an 18th place finish at 21:08. Maci missed All-Region acclaim by just three spots.

Claire Glover was 22nd with a personal best of 21:39 while Emma Gordon, in 42nd, and Rebecca Qui, in 49th, completed the Byrd scoring. Gracie Mick and Riley Roth also ran for Byrd and both set personal best times as the girls finished seventh as

a team.

In the boys' Region 3D race freshman DeShawn Austin ran the best race of his young career with a personal best time of 17:43 for 19th place. Isaac Thiessen of Abingdon was the winner with a time of 15:26.

Austin's time was over a minute and 20 seconds better than his previous best despite running most of the race with one spike, losing his left shoe early in the race.

"DeShawn has continued to get faster as the season has gone along, and running 17:43 puts him into the top 20 all-time for my runners," said Royal. "He has really been a great addition to the boys' team."

Stephen Underwood was the next Terrier across the line with a 58th place finish in 20:04, which was a personal best for the freshman. Brayden McCulloch was 63rd, Reagan Lilley was 67th and Dakota Bell rounded out the scoring in 68th. Bodie Gonzalez and Matan Morse also ran for Byrd and both had personal best times.

The Terriers finished 10th as a team with Abingdon also winning the boys' team title. Christiansburg and Lord Botetourt were second and third and also will run as a team in the state meet at Green Hill Saturday.



Left, Vinton's Zachery Taylor (#4) busts through the line and, right, leaves the Salem defense behind for a 48 yard touchdown run in last Saturday's Sandlot Super Bowl championship.



PHOTOS BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

SANDLOT SUPER BOWL

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Vinton got the ball back one more time, but on the last play of the first half Salem's Nicholas Baxley intercepted a pass and had some running room in front of him. However, he was tackled at midfield as the clock ran out and Vinton led 6-0 at intermission.

Salem came out strong in the second half. The Spartans drove the ball to the red zone where Jaidyn Rudisell went around right end for an 11 yard TD run. Lowy Sylvestre kicked the extra point and the Spartans led 8-6 with 4:03 remaining in the third period.

The lead was short lived. On Vinton's next series Zachary Taylor found a big hole up the middle and went 48 yards to regain the lead for the Terriers. Bradley Counts kicked the extra point and it was 14-8 Vinton with 1:29 remaining in the third period.

Salem had a hard time moving against the stout Vinton defense in the fourth quarter, and Serreno scored his second TD of the game with just 2:02 on the clock to put some icing on the cake. Counts kicked the point again and the Terriers had a 22-8 win while avenging their only loss of the season. Gary Wheeler is the head coach of the Vinton team.

In the first Super Bowl game of the day the North Roanoke Vikings beat the Botetourt Titans, 27-12, to win the PeeWee championship, for eight-and-under players. The second game had Cave Spring beating Franklin County in the Little Division, for 10-and-under players, 8-6.



The swarming Terrier defense stops the Spartans on their own one yard line for a near safety.

PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN



MSHOOPS

David Foster of William Byrd Middle School(#20 left) blocks a shot by Coen Logan of Andrew Lewis in basketball action in Salem Monday. The Wolverines defeated Byrd in this game but the Terriers will be back in action today with a game at Northside Middle School, beginning at 5:30 pm.

PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

DAR

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DAR members from the local Roanoke Valley Chapter and from chapters and the state organization turned out for the 60th anniversary celebration at Bonsack Baptist on November 6.



Several DAR members dressed in period costume from 1961 to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the Roanoke Valley Chapter.



PHOTOS BY DEBBIE ADAMS

Virginia DAR State Regent LeAnn Fetherolf Turbyville (left) joined the Roanoke Valley DAR Chapter and Chapter Regent Cindy Higgins to celebrate their 60th anniversary.



PHOTO FROM THE DAR SCRAPBOOK

Irma Moseley (right) was the first regent of the Roanoke Valley Chapter DAR and helped found the chapter on November 6, 1961.

workers, and the homeless.

“Roanoke Valley Chapter has steadily grown from 17 charter members to 60, with several prospective members currently working on their applications,” Higgins said. “As the Roanoke Valley Chapter celebrates their 60th anniversary, the future is looking bright!”

The chapter members held their anniversary event at Bonsack Baptist Church. State Regent LeAnn Fetherolf Turbyville (who said she represented almost 10,000 DAR members across the state) and Virginia DAR District VII Director Patricia Honts of Fincastle joined the celebration along with members of other local chapters. Honts commented that “it takes lots of time and effort to keep something going for 60 years.”

District VII Parliamentarian Jacquelyn Wimmer Frith shared her memories of her grandmother Irma Moseley. Moseley, a well-known figure in Vinton, was the librarian at William Byrd High School for many years, co-author of “Vinton History 1884 to 1984,” on the occasion of Vinton’s centennial, and a co-founder of the Vinton History Museum.

Moseley was also a well-known seamstress. Frith, dressed in a wool pleated skirt and matching sweater of her grandmother’s, commented that the DAR and sewing were her grandmother’s first loves.

Moseley was born and raised in Florida, just happened to come to Vinton on a visit and met her future husband John Moseley at a church picnic—although she was already engaged. Moseley immediately decided, “That girl is going to marry me.” They lived a “long and happy life” on East Cleveland Avenue in Vinton.

As part of the anniversary program, Higgins reminisced about life in 1961 America where the cost of a boxed Duncan Hines cake mix was 25 cents, gas was 27 cents a gallon, and stamps were four cents.

In 1961 John F. Kennedy was president; the Peace Corps was founded; Russian Yuri Gagarin was the first astronaut in space; Barbie met her boyfriend Ken; and the Berlin Wall was built. There was no Super Bowl as of yet; the Dick Van Dyke Show, Bonanza, and Gunsmoke were the top shows on TV; the New York Yankees won the World Series. Fritos and the electric toothbrush were invented.

The Bonsack Baptist fellowship hall was decorated with 1960s memorabilia, including hankies and candies of the times. Several members dressed in period costumes with pillbox hats, white gloves, bobby sox, and enjoyed a luncheon catered by DAR member Ellen Hannan.

The local DAR Chapter meets at St. Timothy’s Lutheran Church on Hardy Road in Vinton on the second Saturday of most months, September through May.



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