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Expanded Vinton Rosie's opening December 8

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Rosie's expanded gaming location on Vinyard Road in Vinton will open to the public on December 8 at 11 a.m. Rosie's is adding to the fun and entertainment in Vinton with 350 new, never-seen-before games (bringing the total to 500), an updated and remodeled high limit gaming area, and a new stage for hosting local and national entertainment acts.

The overall space has more than doubled from 15,000 square feet to 33,000 square feet and a parking garage has been

added with 280 well-lit spaces.

Colonial Downs group is making a \$28 million investment in the Vinton community with the expansion project. It will also be hiring more team members and increasing tax payments to the Town of Vinton.

To show the group's ongoing commitment to community partnerships, Rosie's will be making the following check presentations on Wednesday:

- Vinton First Aid Crew - \$25,000
- Marine Toys for Tots - \$5,000
- Vinton Historical Society - \$5,000

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The expanded Rosie's Gaming Emporium in Vinton will open on December 8. Construction began in early 2021.



PHOTO: DEBBIE ADAMS

Fifth graders at Bonsack Elementary held their annual "Balloons over Bonsack" parade on November 23, to the delight of students in other grade levels who lined the halls as spectators.

Vinton History Museum wins spot at Hotel Roanoke Fashions for Evergreens



PHOTO BY DEBBIE ADAMS

Be sure to visit the Hotel Roanoke Fashions for Evergreens event this year to see tree No. 9 created by the Vinton History Museum with its Victorian Christmas theme.

When the Vinton History Museum first submitted an application to decorate a tree for the annual "Fashions for Evergreens" event at The Hotel Roanoke & Conference Center, it was put on a waiting list.

History Museum Executive Director Judy Cunningham says that someone dropped out at the last minute, giving the museum the opportunity to enter the prestigious United Way fundraiser, but little time to prepare the tree.

The museum volunteers brainstormed about a theme and Cunningham remembered they had "some gorgeous Victorian ornaments donated by Nancy Morris, so we decided to have a 'Victorian' theme."

Volunteers, members of the museum's board of directors, and Cunningham worked on the design, including Debbie Pitts, Mary Beth Layman, Ann Hewitt, Jan Dickens, and Becky Miller.

After researching ornaments during the Victorian era, the group put together the display beginning with Morris's donated ornaments. KB Mercantile in Vinton loaned them a garland of pearls and lace, a tree skirt, and porcelain doll ornaments.

The museum had lights and some miscellaneous ornaments to add from the collection. The volunteers decided to make some ornaments themselves—including the Victorian "Tussie-Mussies," which are decorated cones filled

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Bonsack Elementary celebrates Thanksgiving with 'Balloons over Bonsack' Parade

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Students at Bonsack Elementary School celebrated Thanksgiving last week with a school tradition – the "Balloons over Bonsack" parade.

Each year the fifth graders parade through the halls on the day before Thanksgiving break in their own version of the Macy's Thanksgiving Parade, carrying balloon puppets they have created, representing those seen in the actual Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade. This is the sixth year for the Bonsack parade.

"Balloons over Bonsack" was a huge success," said fifth grade teacher Suzanne Witcher. "Fifth grade created some fabulous balloons with t-shirts to match! An excellent STEM activity! Way to go Bobcats!"

The parade is the culmination of a student STEM project which begins with students reading the book "Balloons over Broadway" to learn about the history of the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade.


In the book, author Melissa Sweet tells the story of Tony Sarg, the puppeteer

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SANTA'S HELPERS

Rawling named Official Santa's Helper, home designated drop-off station for Letters to Santa



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Tiffany Rawling of Vinton has been notified by the North Pole that she is an Official Santa's Helper for the 2021 Christmas season.

Vinton resident Tiffany Rawling received a surprise this week when she learned she was the recipient of an unusual honor. She has been asked to be an OFFICIAL Santa's Helper for the 2021 Christmas season and her home has been named a drop-off station for Letters to Santa on their way to the North Pole.

Her notification letter, dated November 26, 2021, came from Patch, in the North Pole Division for Recruitment and stated:

Dear Tiffany,
I am writing to inform you that you have been selected for an esteemed holiday honor. Because of your contagious Christmas spirit and convenient residential location, Santa Claus is requesting your assistance this holiday season as an OFFICIAL Santa's Helper.

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OmniSource in Vinton partners with Roanoke County Fire and Rescue

OmniSource metal recyclers in Vinton recently partnered with the Roanoke County Fire and Rescue Department, allowing Vinton Station 2 to use its site to train local crews in vehicle extrication.

According to Roanoke County Fire and Rescue Community Outreach Coordinator Brian Clingenpeel, a few months ago units from the Vinton station responded to a small vehicle fire at Omnisource. Their captain asked about the possibility of training at Omnisource since they recycle old cars. The recycling center generously agreed, and training took place during the week of November 15.

“Vehicle extrication training involves using tools that are commonly called ‘Jaws of Life’ but actually are comprised of cutters and spreaders,” Clingenpeel explained. “Our battery-operated



Crews from the Roanoke County Fire and Rescue Department Station 2 (Vinton) trained on vehicle extractions at OmniSource in Vinton.

tools are relatively new to us, and crews don’t often get to use them to actually cut up cars, but it is a vital skill to have when it’s really needed, and people may be trapped in wrecked vehicles.

“The training also involves making sure crews

know how to stabilize a wrecked vehicle that may be on its top or side so as not to injure rescuers or further injure occupants of the vehicle,” he said. “They also use saws and other tools to learn how to safely remove glass (windshields, etc.). We

just don’t often have access to wrecked vehicles to practice on, and so OmniSource deserves credit for allowing us to train there.”

OmniSource, a wholly owned subsidiary of Steel Dynamics, Inc., is one of the nation’s



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Fashions for Evergreens

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with bouquets of flowers and fragrant herbs.

They felt the tree should represent the Town of Vinton, as well, so photographs were framed from the museum archives of people, places and things in the Vinton area and are hanging on the tree.

Not on the tree itself, but part of the total display is a Victorian house, on loan from Jan Dickens, a sleeping cat and rocking horse from Ann Hewitt, and standing porcelain dolls from the museum’s collection.

“It was quite a community project,” said Pitts, Vinton Historical Society treasurer.

The tree was decorated on Sunday and Monday, November 21 and 22. In addition to those who worked on the design and the gathering of supplies, Judy Kelley, Becky Cundiff and Randy Layman helped with the actual decorating.

The public is invited to stop by The Hotel Roanoke to view the display. The Vinton History Museum tree is No. 9, located on the Hokie Wall in the Conference Center. Visitors are encouraged to vote for their favorite tree for the People’s Choice Award – with donations of any size. All proceeds benefit the United Way of Roanoke Valley.

Over the past decade, “Fashions for Evergreens” has raised more than \$62,000 for United Way of Roanoke Valley and its non-profit partners.

“Fashions for Evergreens” opened on Thanksgiving and will run through New Year’s Day.

The Vinton History Museum would like to thank The Hotel Roanoke & Conference Center for allowing it to have a tree in the exhibit.

“We feel it is a great honor recognizing the museum and the Town of Vinton,” said Cunningham.

The Hotel Roanoke describes “Fashions for Ever-

greens” as a “timeless holiday tradition. It’s especially relevant this year as families and our entire community work to stay connected and help each other through tough times. While online visitors may only be donating a dollar or two when they vote for their favorite tree, by pitching in together the event helps us extend a hand to many families throughout the Roanoke Valley who are struggling to keep a roof over the head and food on the table,” said Abby Hamilton, President & CEO of United Way of Roanoke Valley.

To vote and donate online, visit <https://www.uwrv.org/fashions>.

The Vinton History Museum plans to hold its annual Holiday Open House on Saturday, December 4 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Not only can you tour the museum, beautifully decorated for the holidays, you can do some of your Christmas shopping at the same time.

Volunteers have created many gift baskets full of goodies for sale, in addition to Town of Vinton tapestry throws, Vinton t-shirts, collector Vinton Christmas tree ornaments, Roland E. Cook notecards, commemorative engraved bricks to be placed in the pergola, vintage Black Swan yearbooks from various years, and museum memberships.

COVID protocols will be observed at the open house, including the required wearing of masks, and social distancing.

The Vinton History Museum is located at 210 E. Jackson Avenue in downtown Vinton.

You may also contact the museum at info@vintonhistorymuseum.org or call 342-8634.

Helper

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instructions. We are happy to have you as an official member of Santa’s team.

And remember—Christmas is about more than magic, gifts, and fun decorations. Please be sure to make time to celebrate the true meaning of the Christmas season. I will be in touch soon.

Merrily,
Patch

When asked for her thoughts about this honor, Tiffany commented, “I was really surprised to be chosen. I have always loved celebrating Christmas: decorations, giving gifts, singing Christmas Carols by candlelight at church, and Santa, of course.

“Apparently, my primary task will be to serve as a drop-off location for Letters to Santa. I will receive special instructions on how to get the letters to the North Pole.”

For those writing Letters to Santa, please address your letter to:

Santa Claus
North Pole

Santa will try to respond to each letter if the return address is listed. (Although Santa knows where each

child lives, with all the letters this time of year, he doesn’t want to get things mixed up.)

In the coming days, a special, free-standing red mailbox will be delivered to Tiffany’s house at 1112 East Washington Avenue in Vinton, where you can drop off your letters to Santa. Tiffany will then gather the letters and prepare them for North Pole delivery. Santa and his team need time to prepare for the Big Night, though, so get your letters in quickly!

Simply pull into Tiffany’s driveway, drive straight through on the paved piece in front of the other house and back out—there are driveway “ramp” entrances at both ends. Her home is located near the intersection of Bypass Road and Washington Avenue, near the old Sunflower Spa and Bruce Mayer’s Law Offices.

Letters can also be mailed it to Tiffany at: Tiffany Rawling, 1112 East Washington Avenue, Vinton 24179, if desired. The key is having a return address, in order to make sure Santa can get a letter back to them.

Rosie’s

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- Children’s Assistive Technology Services - \$1,000
- Mill Mountain Zoo - \$1,000

Colonial Downs Group and Rosie’s have made direct monetary and in-kind donations of more than \$1,375,000 and have logged over 2,500 service hours in Virginia communities.

Colonial Downs Group is a business operator in Virginia employing more than 1,000 team members in the Commonwealth, paying over \$30 million in annual salaries, wages, and benefits.

The company has made a \$300 million investment in the Commonwealth of Virginia. The company pays more than \$32 million in annual state and local taxes plus an additional \$12 million in racing industry payments annually.

When the expanded Rosie’s opens, social distancing will be practiced at all times. Although masks are no longer required for guests, Rosie’s team members are required to wear them.

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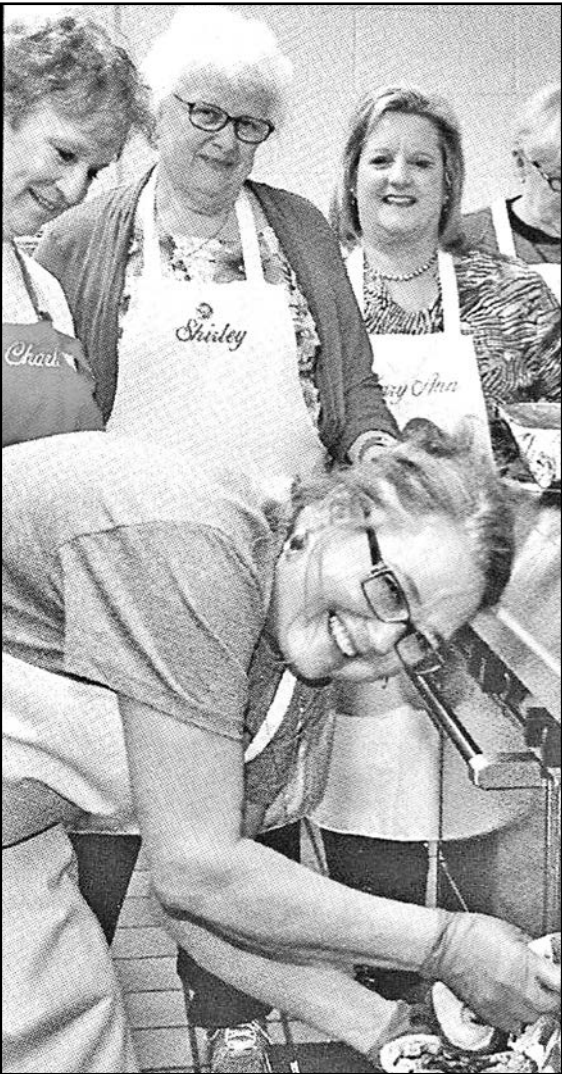
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Who are the best cooks in Vinton? Part 2 ~ by Debbie Adams



SUBMITTED PHOTO
Carol Mattox (front) has been named as one of Vinton's Best Cooks.

So many of those named as the Best Cooks in Vinton seem to have a background as church cooks. Carol Mattox for many years cooked Wednesday night dinners at Thrasher Memorial. Vinton Vice Mayor

Sabrina McCarty says, “My favorite ‘In Vinton’ cook is Carol Mattox. I absolutely love her chicken salad.” Mattox says this is a recipe someone shared with her on an Emmaus Walk. Here’s the recipe.

Chicken Salad Shared by Carol Mattox

Pulled rotisserie chicken or boneless cooked chicken breasts, cubed

Marzetti’s Cole Slaw Dressing (2 large jars)

1 bag red grapes 1 bag green grapes
1 bag black grapes Celery, 5 or 6 stalks
Pecans

Boil chicken (if using fresh) until tender. Let cool, then cut into cubes. Cut grapes in half or quarters. Dice celery. Place all in large bowl. Chop up pecans (not too fine) or put them in a plastic baggie and break them up by pounding them with a glass or rolling pin. Add in dressing until fully mixed. Chill. May need to add more dressing after refrigeration. Best served with croissants.

Amaretto Cheesecake Shared by Debbie Adams

2 lbs. (yes, four 8 oz. packages of cream cheese), softened
1 and 1/3 cups sugar
4 eggs
1/4 cup flour
1/2 tsp. salt
1 cup whipping cream
1/3 cup Amaretto liqueur

Beat cream cheese until fluffy. Add eggs, one at a time. Add sugar, flour, salt. Gradually add Amaretto. Beat until smooth. Add whipping cream. Pour into 10-inch spring form pan lined with Shortbread Cookie Crust on the bottom (you can use graham cracker crumbs instead). Bake at 300° for 1 hour. Turn off oven. Leave cake in oven for 1 hour. Remove from oven.

Combine topping ingredients: 1 cup sour cream, 3Tbsp. Amaretto, 3 Tbsp. sugar.

Spread over cheesecake. Return to 500° oven for 5 minutes. Chill 12 hours before serving. Eat as is, or top with cherry or blueberry pie filling.

Shortbread Cookie Crust

10.6 oz Walkers Shortbread Cookies
1 Tbsp. sugar
6 Tbsp. unsalted butter, melted
Place cookies in gallon size Ziploc bag. Seal all but 1” of the bag (so air can escape) and roll with a rolling pin until the cookies are fine crumbs—or use a food processor.
Place cookie crumbs, sugar, and melted butter in large bowl; stir with fork until mixture looks like wet sand. Place in springform pan and press until very compact. Chill for 1 hour before filling.

I will sneak in a heavenly recipe of my own here that I make for Christmas Day. I have no idea where the recipe came from.

During the holiday season, one of the main topics of conversation is always food. We have asked Vinton residents to name some of the best cooks in town and asked the cooks to share some of their favorite recipes.

One name at the top of many lists is Mildred Scott. Mildred is well known in Vinton for her cakes (especially coconut), her cooking at the Vinton War Memorial and Thrasher Memorial United Methodist Church, her catering (she commented once that she “cooked my children’s way through college”), the weddings she plans, her galas and birthday parties, her career in banking, and in the Roanoke County and the Town of

Vinton Treasurer’s Offices, and her support for the Republican Party.



PHOTO BY DEBBIE ADAMS
Mildred Scott has been named one of the Best Cooks in Vinton. She is shown with Board of Supervisors Chairman Jason Peters at a gala at the Vinton War Memorial.

Mildred shared some of her most popular recipes for the holidays.

Mildred Scott’s Stuffed Pork Tenderloin

Large (about 5 lbs.) pork tenderloin (serves 5-6 people)	Raw spinach
	1 tsp. salt
8 oz. package cream cheese, softened	Butter
2 jars roasted red peppers, drained,	1 can of beer
	1 cup water

Split the tenderloin almost (but not completely) in half so it spreads out flat. Tenderize. Rub the inside of the tenderloin with the softened cream cheese, covering the meat completely. Place roasted red peppers on one side of the meat. Top with raw spinach. Tie the sides together in a circle with butcher’s twine. Combine butter and 1 tsp salt and rub thoroughly into the outside of the tenderloin. Place the tenderloin in a baking dish on a sheet of foil. Pour in 1 can of beer and 1 cup of water.

Bake at 325° for 2 hours (for 5 lb. roast). Remove from oven; let tenderloin rest. Slice to expose the red, green, and white Christmas colors of spinach, peppers, and cream cheese.

Mildred Scott’s Pecan Pound Cake with Pecan Glaze

Ingredients for Cake:	1/2 cup milk
1 cup butter, softened	1 tsp. cinnamon
1 and 1/2 cups sugar	1/2 tsp. vanilla
4 large eggs	1 and 1/2 cups chopped pecans
2 cups all purpose flour	

Beat butter with mixer until creamy. Add sugar. Beat until fluffy. Add eggs one at a time. Add flour to butter mixture alternating with milk. Beat until well-blended. Stir in cinnamon and vanilla. Coat pecans lightly with flour so they won’t sink to the bottom of the cake. On low speed, then add the pecans to the cake batter. Pour into lightly greased and floured 9” tube pan. Bake at 300° for 50-60 minutes, testing at 50 minutes. Remove from oven. Cool.

Pecan Glaze

3/4 cup brown sugar	Confectioner’s sugar
3/4 stick of butter (6 Tbsp)	3/4 cup chopped pecans
1 tsp. vanilla	

Melt butter. Add sugar. Cook over low heat until sugar dissolves. Remove from stove. Add vanilla, and confectioner’s sugar until the glaze is of spreading consistency. Add chopped pecans, drizzle glaze over cake.

Mildred declines to share her coconut cake recipe, but she was willing to share another favorite:

Mildred Scott’s Hot Pimento Cheese Dip

16 oz. cream cheese, softened
8 oz. shredded cheddar cheese
8 oz. shredded Colby-Jack cheese
Two 4-oz. jars of diced pimentos, drained
1/4 cup sour cream
3 Tbsp. canned chopped jalapenos
3/4 Tbsp to 1 Tbsp hot sauce (depending on how much heat you want)
Mix ingredients in large bowl. Spoon into greased 2 qt. baking dish. Bake at 350° for 25 minutes. Serve with crackers or toasted thin-sliced bread (crostini).

Another frequently requested recipe is her pimento dip.

When asked, many people say their mothers are or were the best cooks they have known. Not so with Bootie Chewning who says she’s “not that great a cook” herself, but her daughter Angie, Executive Director of the Vinton Area Chamber of Commerce, truly is a great cook. If you keep an eye on Angie’s Facebook page, quite often you will find a recipe posted there.



SUBMITTED PHOTO
Best Cook Angie Chewning

Angie shared two family favorites with us.

Jiffy Corn Pudding by Angie Chewning

1 egg	1 cup sour cream
14 oz. creamed corn	1 box Jiffy Corn Muffin Mix
14 oz. whole kernel corn, drained	1/2 cup butter, melted

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees and grease an 8”x 8” baking dish. Add the egg to a medium-sized bowl and beat a little. Next, add the creamed corn to the bowl. Drain the can of whole kernel corn and add the corn to the bowl. Add the sour cream and mix well. Add the Jiffy Corn Muffin Mix to the bowl and mix well. Pour the melted butter into the baking dish and add the Jiffy mixture to the bowl. Bake for one hour and serve.

Angie’s Pineapple Casserole

20 ounces pineapple tidbits, drained, (reserve 1/4 cup juice)
20 ounces crushed pineapple (drained)
6 tablespoons all-purpose flour
1/2 cup granulated sugar
2 cups shredded sharp cheddar cheese
40 Ritz butter crackers
1/2 cup butter (melted)

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Drain the cans of pineapple but reserve 1/4 cup juice. Set the juice aside. In a bowl, combine the flour, sugar, cheese, pineapple juice, tidbits, and crushed pineapple. Pour the mixture into a deep dish 9” pie plate or 1-1/2 quart casserole dish. In a small bowl, mix the cracker crumbs and the butter. Sprinkle the cracker crumbs over the pineapple mixture. Bake for 35 minutes until the top is golden brown. Serve warm.

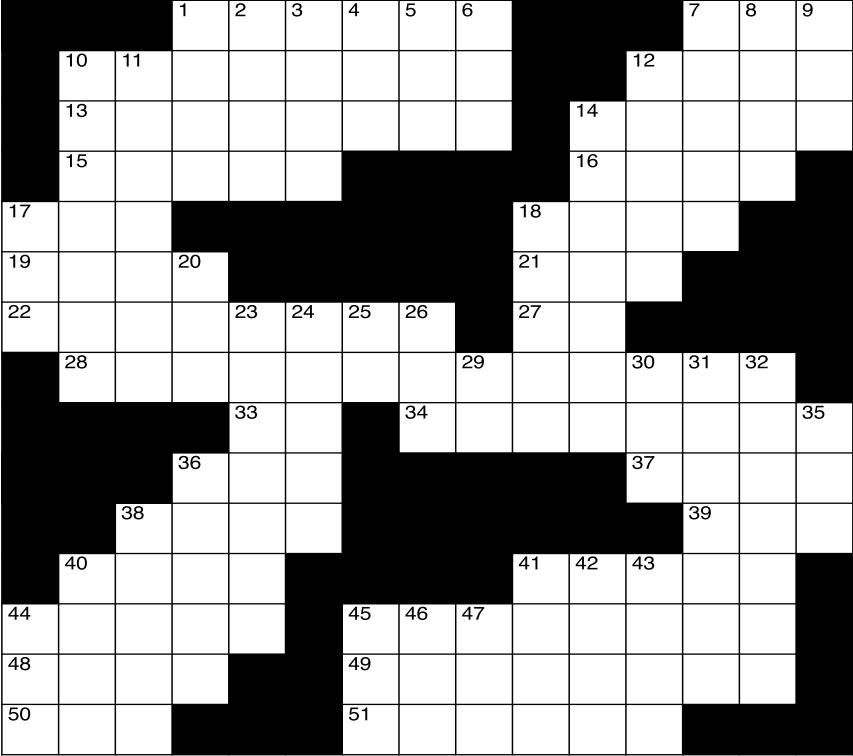
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21. Pie ___ mode
22. Eye disease
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28. Those in their 80s
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9. One’s physique (slang)
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35. Japanese title
36. Expressed pleasure
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40. Dirt
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43. Digs up
44. He voices “Olaf”
45. Relaxing place
46. Body part
47. Pesky house critter

PEOPLE, PLACES AND THINGS

I hope everyone had a wonderful Turkey Day and got their bellies full! We sure did! It was a much smaller crowd this year than normal, which makes me sad but we still enjoyed it. Thank you, Abbie Lewis, Drake and Hannah Lewis, Greg Chewning, Michelle, Brian and Devin Barlow, Aaron Blankenship, and Vickie and Kent Smith. As you notice,

Angie Chewning

Filling in for Bootie

Mom was not on that list – she wasn’t feeling well and didn’t get to join us.

Reminder – our Vinton Christmas Parade is Thursday, December 2. Christmas tree lighting and entertain-

ment start at 6 p.m. at the Municipal Building. The parade steps off at 7 p.m. – it will begin at the War Memorial and end at Billy Byrd Apartments.

The second annual Santa Crawl will be Tuesday, December 14. It will begin at 5:30 and “crawl” through Vinton neighborhoods! Be on the lookout for Santa’s map!

Beyond Books

As winter begins to fully set in, the Vinton Library has plenty on the calendar for all ages. In fact, everyone is welcome to come to our "Up on the Rooftop" holiday event on December 11 from 5:30-7 p.m. Santa will be stopping by on the roof of the library. Wave to Santa as you drive through and pick up a special treat from a jolly elf at the drive-thru window (while supplies last). Don't forget to bring your letter to Santa and the elves will make sure it gets to the North Pole.

Join us on December 15 at 6 p.m. for our Holiday Ugly Sweater Movie Night. Wear your ugliest holiday sweater and watch "Krampus," a dark and clever holiday movie! Snacks and hot cocoa will be provided (while supplies last).

Adult book clubs will be meeting on Zoom this winter. The Vinton Book Club will be discussing "The Vanishing Half" by Brit Bennett on December 2 at 3 p.m. As the Page Turns will meet on December 8 at 2 p.m. to discuss "The Madness of Crowds" by Louise Penny. Register to get the Zoom link.

For crafty adults, Take and Creates will be available beginning on December 1, and a Creations and Temptations kit containing supplies to make a pearl and crystal snowflake ornament will be available starting December 6. These will be first come, first served, so come by early.

On December 13 at 11 a.m., The Better Business Bureau of Western

Virginia will be back on Zoom, talking about the 12 Scams of Christmas. Register for this Zoom program.

Take and Creates and Wonder Packs continue in December for kids and teens – come by early to pick up yours before winter break, as they will only be available while supplies last. Mad Scientists kits will not be available for the month of December but will return in January.

Giant Paper Bag Star Craft Kits for teens are available for pick-up, while supplies last. Weekly Drop-Ins for teens will continue through the month of December. Stop by each Monday at 4 p.m. for a surprise pop up event, game, or take-home activity. Each week is different, so you won't know until you show.

Because Christmas is on a Saturday this year, the library's holiday closure schedule will be slightly different. We will close at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, December 22 and reopen again at 10 a.m. on Monday, December 27. We will then be closed on December 31 and January 1 for New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.

From all of us at the Vinton Library, we wish everyone a very happy holiday season!

Call the library to register for events at 540-857-5043 or visit <https://www.roanoke-countyva.gov/1970/Library>.

By Caitlin DeMarco,
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Frye spends Thanksgiving decorating the White House

Debbie Adams
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Mark Frye spent a more remarkable Thanksgiving holiday than most, despite having to miss Thanksgiving dinner with his family. Frye is the talented and well-known owner and creative designer at Creative Occasions, Events, Flowers, and Gifts in Vinton. He received what he described as the great honor of being selected as a 2021 volunteer holiday decorator at the White House in Washington, D.C. and spent November 25-29 in the capital.

When he discovered he was on the chosen list, Frye said, "It's definitely been a bucket list item for me for a long time and it's hard to believe it's real!" This is the first time he applied for the position – back in October.

"It's just something I've always dreamed of doing! I have a friend who has done it in the past and encouraged me to apply."

Frye says the application did not require submitting any specific design ideas, but "they do want to know about your background." A quick glance at the Creative Occasions Facebook page would answer any questions about his creativity and experience. Frye says he included pictures and links to his social media accounts so they could "see what sort of design work I had done in the past."

He says that the theme and design aspects of this year's White House Christmas were decided

far in advance by First Lady Jill Biden and the creative team at the White House without input from the volunteer decorators who were just notified in November, so they had no part in the actual design phase.

"The volunteers were assigned a team and each team to a room or area within the house," Frye said. "Then, we worked to install the plan in that room! So our roles could include trees, wreaths, garlands, etc."

"Now that the experience has finished, I have to say that it was sort of like an out-of-body experience!" Frye said. "A bit surreal. And I've been amazed at the friendliness, kindness and generosity of all the other volunteers and White House staff that I encountered!"

The theme for this year's Christmas display throughout the White House is "Gifts from the Heart." Gifts which include faith, community, family, friendship, learning, nature, gratitude, service, peace, unity, and the arts.

The First Lady revealed the decorations to the public with a tour for media on November 29.

"The things we hold sacred unite us and transcend distance, time, and even the constraints of a pandemic: faith, family, and friendship; a love of the arts, learning, and nature; gratitude, service, and community; unity and peace," the Bidens wrote in a commemorative 2021 White House



PHOTO BY DEBBIE ADAMS

Mark Frye of Creative Occasions, Events, Flowers, and Gifts in Vinton spent his Thanksgiving holiday weekend as a volunteer decorator at the White House.

holiday guidebook. "These are the gifts that tie together the heart strings of our lives. These are the gifts from the heart."

Over 100 volunteers participated in decorating the Executive Mansion with 41 Christmas trees, 2,000 yards of ribbon, 300 candles, 79,000 lights on trees, wreaths, garlands, and displays, and over 10,000 ornaments. There are 25 wreaths on the facades of the building.

There is a gigantic gingerbread White House recognizing front-line workers who "persevered through the coronavirus pandemic." The White House pastry team used 55 sheets of baked gingerbread, 120 pounds of pastillage (paste icing), 35 pounds of chocolate, and 25 pounds of royal icing.

The official White

House tree, always set up in the Blue Room, is an 18-foot Fraser fir, decorated this year with peace doves.

On the East Landing, there is a Gold Star Tree honoring the heroic men and women of the military "who have laid down their lives for our country, and the families who carry on their legacies."

Frye was not permitted to take photographs, but the results of the labor of the volunteers can be seen on the annual HGTV Christmas at the White House broadcast scheduled for December 12 at 6 p.m.

Mark Frye's Creative Occasions has been in business for 27 years – 21 of those in Vinton on East Lee Avenue – easily identifiable by the always-spectacular window displays.



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE WHITE HOUSE

The theme of this year's White House Christmas is "Gifts of the Heart." This is the scene in the Blue Room – a tree decorated with peace doves.

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

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

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

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WBHS Choir to perform at Roanoke tree lighting on Dec. 3

The William Byrd High School Choir, under the direction of Matt Bartley, will open the holiday season at Roanoke's annual Christmas

Tree Lighting Ceremony on Friday, December 3. The choir will perform familiar songs and carols on the Freedom First Stage

on Salem Avenue from 5:30 to 6:15 p.m., prior to the lighting of the Christmas tree in downtown Roanoke.

Attention local entrepreneurs: Gauntlet 2022 accepting applications

The Advancement Foundation (TAF) is excited to announce, now in its 8th year— Gauntlet 2022.

The Gauntlet is Virginia's largest business program and competition and offers a proven formula to develop business knowledge, pairing entrepreneurs with mentors, and opening up numerous resources for new and ex-

panding businesses.

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The Gauntlet includes business training, mentorship, scaling strategies, and much more! Anyone can

participate in the classes and decide to compete for over \$300,000 cash and prizes.

Virtual classes begin February 1, 2022.

For more information about The Gauntlet and to apply online, visit www.TheAdvancementFoundation.org.

Town of Vinton road work notice for Mountain View Road

Crews will be on Mountain View Road in the coming days performing drilling and core tests on the pavement and substructure.

This work is part of Vinton's continued efforts to assess the quality of the roadway and to plan and implement the necessary

projects to improve the corridor.

The work will be performed at various points in both directions along the entire length of the road within the town limits. While the road will not be closed, drivers are urged to use caution and watch out for flaggers who will be directing traffic around

the work crews.

The crews will be working throughout the day on Thursday, December 2, and Friday, December 3.

If you have any comments or questions, contact the Department of Public Works at 983-0646.

Thrasher Choir to perform in Roanoke's Winterfest on Dec. 17

The Chancel and Handbell Choirs of Greene Memorial and Thrasher Memorial United Methodist Churches, Voices of Appalachia, Mu Phi Epsilon Music Fraternity, the Roanoke Symphony Orchestra, and special guests will present a concert of sacred and secular holiday

favorites.

The concert will be led by Josh O'Dell, Minister of Music at Thrasher Memorial UMC in Vinton. Performances will include "Schubert's Magnificat in C," "O Holy Night," "The Little Drummer Boy," and many more familiar songs of the

stage and screen.

The concert will be held on Friday, December 17, at 7 p.m. at Greene Memorial UMC in downtown Roanoke beginning at 7 p.m. as part of Roanoke's downtown holiday events.

Greene Memorial UMC is located at 402 Second Street in Roanoke.

Candy Cane Express and launch of 'The Station' at VMT

The Virginia Museum of Transportation welcomes the public for the return of the popular Candy Cane Express event this Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 4 and 5.

The holiday themed celebration presented by Grand Home Furnishings features train rides provided by the Roanoke NRHS, Santa photos with the 1218 Locomotive, a live magic show, face painting, crafts, treats, vendors, a Roanoke Valley Model Railroad Club open house, the Mill Mountain Zoo and more.

Standard admission applies and train rides and Santa photos require an additional fee. Candy Cane Express and Santa photos will be Saturday,

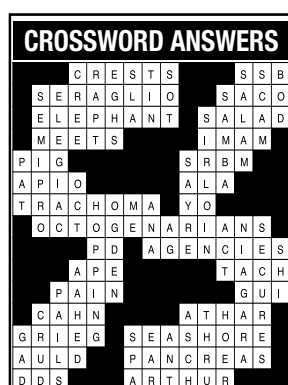
December 4 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, December 5 from 12 to 4 p.m. Santa photos require pre-registration. More information can be found at www.vmt.org.

Businesses and organizations were also invited to "Deck the Rails" to promote their businesses and add to the festive air of the museum during the holidays.

The Virginia Museum of Transportation also announced the renovation and launch of the newly rebranded gift shop, aptly named "The Station." This retail location will feature a variety of items in the "road, rail and air" categories as well as soon to

arrive local and regionally produced items, collectibles, memorabilia, and fun and educational items for the younger visitors of the museum. Look for changes over the next days and weeks with excellent offerings for holiday shoppers.

The mission of the Virginia Museum of Transportation is to advance all modes of transportation across the Commonwealth, to celebrate and preserve the hard work and ingenuity of generations past, and to inspire current and future generations to value this industry which is essential to Virginia's history, culture, and economic growth.



Desert Sun wins Best Tanning Salon Award

Desert Sun Tanning Salon Walnut Avenue in Vinton has been named the Best Tanning Salon by the SWVA Living Magazine for 2021. Desert Sun, a family-owned salon, has been in business for 33 years.

Desert Sun won the Reader's Choice Award for tanning salons from a group of 14 salons in the region. Votes were submitted in July 2021 for the contest.

Gene West bought the building where the salon is located in 1986. His friend who ran a tanning

business on Route 419 suggested that West open one in Vinton. His salon opened in 1988 with six tanning beds. Desert Sun is a family-owned business, including West's daughter Mitzi West Johnson.

West says that the building has been such a landmark in the town that when citizens call the nearby Vinton Municipal Building asking for directions so they can pay utility or tax bills, the staff frequently uses Desert Sun as a point of reference.



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Desert Sun Tanning Salon has won the 2021 Readers Choice Award from SWVA Living as Best Tanning Salon in the region.

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Thanksgiving family tradition



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Vinton Vice Mayor Sabrina McCarty, her husband Chris, and their family have established a family tradition of walking in the Drumstick Dash every Thanksgiving. This year was no different, except for an addition to the family – new grandson Jackson Thomas Wallace.

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Parade

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and marionette master who created the first Macy's upside-down puppet parade balloons in 1928. The balloons have become the parade's trademark in the years since, often with worries about whether the weather will support their inclusion in the parade.

Bonsack Librarian Rose McCarthy read the book to students in library class and they began brainstorming for their projects at the beginning of November.

Students worked in groups, in pairs, or alone to plan and construct their balloon puppets. They can choose to create one of several famous character balloons, such as the Pillsbury Dough Boy, Elf on the Shelf, Nemo, Pete the Cat, Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer, Harry Potter, Snoopy, Pikachu, Santa Claus, the Hokie Bird, the Thanksgiving Turkey, Baby Yoda, Mr. Peanut or others. They use a

specific rubric of materials and dimensions. Students receive a grade for this STEM project.

Fifth graders "shopped" the school's supplies the week before Thanksgiving after detailed planning with their groups and could "shop" the store for additional items if needed as they built their projects. Supplies included balloons and string, straws, craft sticks, ribbon, recyclables (paper towel rolls, lids, tubes, etc.), vari-

ous kinds of paper, pipe cleaners, felt, or brads. Students were also allowed to use glue, tape, markers, crayons, and staples. Parents donated many of the items since the fifth grade needs to restock each year for the project.

Students were asked to create the detailed parts of each balloon first. Balloons were handed out mid-day on Tuesday, November 23, and then finishing touches were added before the parade

began.

Students in all other grade levels, along with school staff came out of their classrooms and offices and lined the halls to watch the balloons go by, clapping and cheering.

Bonsack instructors involved in the project again this year were fifth grade teachers Suzanne Witcher, Laura Muncey, and Christi Stanley, along with librarian Rose McCarthy.



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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

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

CHRISTIAN CHURCH
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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

Vinton

Worship Directory

NO LONGER A STRANGER

Read: Ephesians 1:1 through 3:21

Being a stranger in a new setting always causes a little anxiety. There are new faces and places. There are strange smells and sounds. There are new sights. The more foreign the land, the more intense these differences seem. Having a guide, someone who is familiar with the place and who can introduce us to new people, is very helpful.

Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household (Ephesians 2:19).

At one time, we were all strangers to God's kingdom and to His promises. But in Christ, we find our way. He has "brought us near" when once we were "far off." It is through His blood that He has brought us into the Kingdom. Because of Him we are no longer strangers and foreigners, but we are fellow citizens in God's house.

Like a guide, Jesus is the one who has bought our passage and shown us the way. Because of Him, we can claim the status of being part of God's household.

Prayer Suggestion: Thank God for bringing you into His Kingdom.

Quicklook: Ephesians 2:11-22

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.

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UNITED METHODIST
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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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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.

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Legals - Botetourt County

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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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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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 of Virginia *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.

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Legals - City of Salem

PUBLIC HEARING

The City of Salem School Board will hold a public hearing for comment on the FY 2022-23 budget on **Tuesday, December 14th** The hearing will begin at 7:00 PM at the School Administrative Office, 510 South College Avenue, Salem.

Any citizen of Salem who wishes to address the Board should contact Kathy A. Jordan, Clerk of the Board, at 389-0130 by Friday, December 10, in order to be placed on the agenda. Individuals who plan to address the Board are requested to bring a copy of their remarks for the record. In accordance with Board Policy KD, Public Participation in Board Meetings, individuals who plan to address the Board are requested to:

- provide their name and address,
- address their remarks to the Board,
- be brief,
- provide a copy of their remarks for the record, and
- be prepared to answer questions from the Board.

• In unusual cases or cases of emergency, the Board, by consensus, may allow an individual or organization to speak if not on the agenda.

Notice is hereby given to

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

Hold public hearing to consider the request of Sia Asset Management, LLC, applicant, and Helm Building Enterprises, LTD, property owner, for a Use Not Provided For Permit to allow crypto mining at 1401 Southside Drive, Tax Map # 165-4-2.1. Copies of the proposed plans, ordinances or amendments may be examined in the Office of Community Development, 21 South Bruffey Street, Salem, Virginia. At said hearing, parties in interest and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard relative to the said requests.

THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA BY James E. Taliaferro, II Executive Secretary

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Default having been made in the terms of a certain Deed of Trust dated August 21, 2015, in the original principal amount of \$170,000.00 and recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the County of Montgomery, Virginia on August 21, 2015, as Instrument Number 150006097, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will sell at public auction on January 4, 2022 at 11:00 AM, in front of the building housing the County of Montgomery Circuit Court, 55 East Main Street, Suite 1, Christiansburg, VA 24073, the property designated as Lot Number 84, as shown and described on a plat of survey entitled, "Plat Showing Subdivision of Lots 84-86, Village at Tom's Creek, Phase IIB, Town of Blacksburg, Prices Fork Magisterial District, Montgomery County, Virginia," dated March 8, 2005, which plat is of record in the aforesaid Clerk's Office in Plat Book 25, Page 91, Slide 1186. Sale is subject to all prior liens, easements, restrictions, covenants, and conditions, if any, of record, or other matters which would be disclosed by an accurate survey or inspection of the premises. TERMS: CASH. A deposit of \$17,000.00 or 10% of the sale price, whichever is lower, will be required of the successful bidder at time of sale. Prior to the sale, interested bidders will be required to register with and must present a bid deposit which may be held during the sale by the trustee. The bid deposit must be certified funds and/or cash, but no more than \$9,900.00 of cash will be accepted. The successful bidder's deposit will be retained at the sale and applied to the sale price. If held by the trustee, all other bid deposits will be returned to the unsuccessful bidders. Settlement is to be made within 15 days. The successful bidder will be responsible for obtaining possession of the property, and for all costs and fees related to recording the Trustee's Deed, including the grantors tax. The successful bidder will be required to execute a Memorandum of Trustee's Sale, available for review upon request before the sale, outlining additional terms of sale and settlement. A Trustee's Deed will be prepared by Trustee's attorney at high bidder's expense. This is a communication from a debt collector. Tromberg, Morris & Poulin, PLLC on behalf of Southeast Equity Trustees, LLC, Substitute Trustee(s), 413 Stuart Circle, Suite 314, Richmond, VA 23220, File No. 19-001735, Tel: 561-338-4101.

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY

COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY, VIRGINIA, a Political Subdivision of the Commonwealth of Virginia, **Case No. CL21001661-00** Complainant, v. AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY INC, ET AL., Respondent(s).

ORDER OF PUBLICATION The object of this suit is to enforce the lien of the Complainant, County of Montgomery, Virginia, for delinquent real estate taxes against certain real property located in the County of Montgomery, Virginia, described as follows: Tax Map No. 097- A137 Account No. 140623

All that certain lot, piece or parcel of real property, now or formerly owned by the American Cancer Society, Inc and the Trust of Lorraine R. Ryan, lying and being in the Shawsville Magisterial District of Montgomery County, Virginia, designated and bearing Tax Map No. 097- A137 and being 15 acres, more or less.

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 198 at Page 330, Deed Book 198 at Page 420, Deed Book 202 at Page 111, Deed Book 209 at Page 208A, and Deed Book 260 at Page 214.

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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: Trustee under the Loraine Robinson Ryan Revocable Declaration of Trust, whose last known address is unknown; 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 January 3, 2022 in the Clerk's Office of the

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Above, William Byrd guard Jayson Marvin handles the ball as the “Dog Pound” cheers hin on. Top right, Camden Richardson drives to the hoop against Cave Spring and, below right, Garrett Hendrick blows by a Knight defender as official Elton Toliver whistles a foul.

PHOTOS BY JIM & REGINA DEVINNEY

Winter sports are here

Knights sweep Byrd in season opening basketball games, swimming and wrestling teams in big events Saturday

It’s a little cold outside and that can only mean one thing. Winter sports are here for William Byrd High School.

The Virginia High School League winter season officially began on Monday and Terrier teams are opening this week. Both basketball teams took on Cave Spring on Tuesday and the swimming and wrestling teams are set to open as well.

The Terriers didn’t fare well in their basketball debuts, but it’s a long season. The boys dropped a 65-51 game in Vinton while the girls fell to the Knights at Cave Spring, 54-51.

“I thought we came out and the nerves got us a little bit,” said boys coach Brad Greenway, who has moved from the girls’ bench to be the boys’ coach. “The students came out in full support and did a great job, the energy was high, and I thought that we could have handled that a little better on offense early. Not too worried about that.”

The Knights, who expect to have one of the best teams in the area again, jumped to an early lead and the Terriers were never able to catch up. Cave Spring led 16-10 after one quarter, then outscored Byrd 16-2 in the second quarter to go up 32-12 at the half.

“Cave played us well defensively,” said Greenway. “They got us to take some tough shots. We missed a lot early and they were able to get out and run on us. We were unable to stop the momentum until halftime, really. Second half we got better shots, we hit them a little more

often, and we were able to compete. Just dug ourselves too big of a hole.”

Trevor Ruble led the Terriers with 16 points, including four three-pointers. Isaiah Board had eight points, Jaiden Childress had six, Camden Richardson and Jayson Marvin had five each, Ethan Hairston and Ross Divers had four each and Garrett Hendrick had one three pointer. Byrd had 11 three point baskets to just two for Cave Spring. Owyn Dawyot led the Knights with 20 points.

“Our guys played extremely hard, and we have a lot to learn from this one,” said Greenway. “We will bounce back.”

The girls played at Cave Spring and lost a close one.

“First game jitters,” said coach Randy Bush. “We played well in spurts, we just need to get on the same page and continue to improve.”

Sophia Chrisley had 18 points to lead three Terriers in double figures. Alexis Helton had 14 and Emilie McCaskill had 11 points.

Both basketball teams will be back in action Friday against Glenvar, with the boys at home and the girls at Glenvar. Next Tuesday, December 7, it’s a rematch with Cave Spring only this time the girls are home and the boys are at Cave Spring.

The swim season was scheduled to begin on Wednesday with the Terriers in a meet at the Bedford YMCA. Byrd is entered in the Southwest Virginia Invitational this Saturday at the Christiansburg Aquatic Center. The Terriers will host Glenvar and



James River at the Gator Center next Wednesday, December 8.

The wrestling team will open Saturday with the “River Rumble” at Staunton River High School. Byrd is in the “Appalachian Duals” at Skyline High on December 10 and 11.

Finally, the indoor track team will open with an outdoor meet next Wednesday, December 8. Start time is 3 pm at Patterson Stadium.



He shoots, He scores!!!!

Brant Sherwood of the Roanoke Rail Yard Dawgs uncorks a shot and scores in a recent game at the Berglund Center. The Dawgs are in Fayetteville this weekend for Friday and Saturday night games at the Crown Coliseum.

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Brian Hoffman



Washington Brookvilles?

Watching the Washington Football Team play this season, I’ve been interested to see if anyone slipped up and called them “Redskins” by mistake on TV. It actually happened once during this week’s Monday night game, but was quickly corrected.

Prior to the season it was announced that fans will no longer be allowed to wear Native American inspired ceremonial head-dresses or face paint at home games. I guess shirts and hats with the old logo are still permitted, and I really don’t see how you could stop it. Once it gets cold are you going to tell people they can’t wear their coats and jackets with the name Redskins or the logo associated with the team for so many years? I think there must be some kind of constitutional right that covers that. Is there a “freedom of apparel” amendment?

I’ve been watching closely to see how many old logos I could see in the crowd. In one game Terry McLaurin scored a touchdown and jumped into the crowd behind the end zone. I freeze-framed the TV to see how many Redskins logos I could see and you know how many I found? “None,” to my surprise. Maybe they put all the people with “W” hats and jackets in seats by the field.

Early in the season the final choices for the new Washington team came to light. Apparently the final eight are, in alphabetical order, Armada, Brigade, Commanders, Defenders, Presidents, Redhogs, Redwolves and, alas, the current name Washington Football Team.

I’m not sure which one I’d prefer if I were a fan of the team. “Washington Football Team” is gaining some momentum, but the word is that won’t be the choice. To me it sounds like a soccer kind of name, where many of the teams don’t have nicknames. Did anyone suggest “Washington United?”

My favorite, which didn’t even make the top eight, was “Red Tails.” It was the name given to the all-black Tuskegee Airmen from World War II. It kept the “Red” in there and honored a group of heroic pilots. I thought it was a good name, but apparently it didn’t draw a lot of favor with the people who get to decide.

It’s important to get a name that will make for cool uniforms. I expect they’ll keep the burgundy and gold color scheme, and why wouldn’t you? Even the current Washington uniforms, without a nickname, are pretty classy, even though they look like Brookville. When I see Logan Thomas out there he doesn’t look much different than when he was a Bee playing against William Byrd.

I would have thought they’d have a name by now, but maybe they’re waiting until after the season. It will be interesting to see which name the team picks. They better be careful, because you can find something wrong with just about anything these days.

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