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Vinton exuberantly celebrates the holidays

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There may be some gloom and doom in the world outside Vinton this December, but the holiday spirit has taken over the

town. The town got back to its traditional Christmas festivities this month with its annual Christmas parade, made the Santa Crawl vInton— a favorite started last year— into

a tradition, and celebrated its employees with recognitions and bonuses. Citizens, schools, churches, and organizations adopted Angels from Angel Trees,

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Vinton Public Works lit up 3rd Street with their decorations this year.



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Pinnacle Bank won honorable mention in the Vinton Storefront Decorating competition. Their display was created by (from left) Sabrina McCarty, Yvee Gonzalez, and Jocelyn Wheeler.

RND celebrates grand opening at Vinyard Station

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RND coffee shop held its grand opening/ribbon-cutting celebration at Vinyard Station on December 21.

RND owners Quincy and Steffon Randolph were welcomed to Vinton by members of the Vinton Area Chamber of Commerce, Mayor Brad Grose, Vice Mayor Sabrina McCarty, Councilwoman Laurie Mullins, Roanoke County Economic Development Director Jill Loope, Town Manager Pete Peters, and many members of town staff.

This is the second location in the valley for RND. The brothers' first storefront shop on Main Street opened in April 2019 in Wasena.

There has been a steady stream of customers at the new coffee shop, which occupies a prime location at the

corner of Washington Avenue and Pollard Street, next door to Joe Goodpies restaurant. The two businesses, in fact, share a convenient parking lot.

The beverage menu currently features "Coffee" (Batch Coffee, Pour Over, Espresso, Americano, Cortado, Cappuccino, Lemon Drop Cold Brew, Orange Morning Cold Brew, Nitro Cold Brew, several flavors of lattes, and Classic Cold Brew Iced Coffee); and "Not Coffee" (several varieties of Loose Leaf Tea, RND Chai Latte, Dirty Chai, London Fog, Hot Chocolate, Smoothies, Affogato, Nitro Floats, plus Crème Fresh Non-Dairy Ice Cream).

They also sell pastries and "Big Snacks." Pastries now on the menu include Cranberry Orange Zest (a seasonal classic banana bread), Cinnamon

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RND Coffee celebrated its grand opening at Vinyard Station in Vinton on December 21 with a ribbon-cutting ceremony with the Vinton Area Chamber of Commerce and Town of Vinton officials. Shown left to right are Mayor Brad Grose, Town Manager Pete Peters, co-owners Steffon and Quincy Randolph, upcoming Chamber president for 2022 Jason Boothe, and Vice Mayor Sabrina McCarty.

Byrd's Leo Club displays hearts for service



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Members of the WBHS Leo Club assisted the Vinton Breakfast Lions Club with their spaghetti dinner fundraiser on Dec. 2 prior to the Vinton Christmas Parade. Front row (l to r): Lisa Stover, Claire Glover, Bailey Warden, Nicole Posadas, Deleana Shemoun, Shivani Patel. Back row: Hunter Burgess, Emily Glass, Maci Glass, Bronwyn Fenimore, Tina Lin, Tracy Nguyen, and Makenna Jacobsen.

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Members of the William Byrd High School Leo Club have gone above and beyond in community service this semester.

According to Leo Club sponsor Lisa Stover, "Where there's a need, there's a Leo. That's how Lions Club International describes the purpose of Leo Clubs across America. Leo stands for 'Leadership-Experience-Opportunity.' Our local William Byrd High School Leo Club embodies this very definition by their active involvement in our local Vinton community and beyond."

An extension of the Vinton Breakfast Lions Club, the 61-member

WBHS Leo Club has been busy. In October they served up pancakes at the Breakfast Lions Club Pancake Breakfast, which is a fundraiser for local Lions' activities and scholarships. They made Halloween candy bags (150) for WBHS faculty and staff and participated in eyeglass recycling (collecting 46 pairs). Some of those eyeglasses were used at one of the Vinton area elementary schools. (Eyeglass recycling is an ongoing project for both Lions and Leos.)

"In November, the Leos partnered with the Community Christmas Store of the Roanoke Valley by collecting over 303 pounds of food for those in need," Stover said. "The Leos ended

up the month by helping the Lions clean up the historic Gladetown Cemetery in Vinton."

The WBHS Leo Club and SCA sponsored Salvation Army Angels this December. Classrooms were given the opportunity to sponsor an Angel and 13 classrooms participated with WBHS students and teachers adopting 13 Angels.

And there's more. "The Leo Club ended their first semester at school by serving customers at the Lions Club Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser during the Vinton Christmas Parade, wrapping gifts purchased by the Lions Club for local children, and acted as Santa's helpers at William Byrd High School by giving Christmas cards and ornaments to all the faculty and staff members to show their appreciation," Stover added.

The first Leo Club was founded in 1957 by Jim Graver, the coach of the Abington High School, Pennsylvania baseball team, who

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Vinton Area Chamber of Commerce installs new officers/board

The Vinton Area Chamber of Commerce held its annual Holiday Open House on December 16 at the Charles Hill Community Center, where the office is located.

New officers and the Board of Directors for 2022 were introduced by Dr. Richard Turner, chairman of the Nominating Committee. They were unanimously elected and then installed by Vinton Mayor Brad Grose at the meeting.

Chamber officers for 2022 include:

- President: Jason Boothe (from Greenway-Boothe Real Estate)
- First Vice President: Allison Finney (American Efficiency Inns)
- Second Vice President: Page Stovall (Noble Senior Living)
- Past President: Justin Davison (Member One)

Members of the VACC Board of Directors for 2022 include:

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- Paula Robbins: Bank of Botetourt
- Dr. Richard Turner (JMU/Fritz Sports & Events Enterprises)
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- Andy Bishop (Twin Creeks Brewing Co. in Vinton and Twin Creeks Brewpub at Explore Park)
- Kat Pascal (Farmburguesa)
- Justin Smith (Neely's Accounting)
- Anthony Conner (The Conner Group)

- John Conner (The Conner Group)
 - Tim Greenway (Mountain View Real Estate)
 - Colby Sarver (Food Lion)
- Town of Vinton representatives to the Chamber include:
- Mayor Brad Grose
 - Town Manager Pete Peters
 - Community Programs Director Chasity Barbour

Angie Chewing continues as Executive Director with Kathryn Sowers as Executive Assistant.

Current President Justin Davison thanked the Chamber members present at the open house for their hard work during the past year which made the Chamber events so successful, especially during the difficult and uncertain times of the pandemic.

In 2021, the Vinton Area Chamber of Commerce sponsored eight Mingle at the Market concerts throughout the summer months at the Vinton Farmers' Market, along with the Vinton Fall Festival, the Senior Services Expo, the annual golf tournament, the Vinton Christmas Parade, and the Santa Crawl vINton, in addition to many special projects such as Teacher Goodie Bags and the annual Angel Tree. In most years, the Chamber also sponsors the Vinton Grapes and Grains Festival, which was postponed this year due to COVID.



The Vinton Area Chamber of Commerce elected new officers at the Holiday Open House on December 16. Shown left to right are incoming President Jason Boothe, Chamber Executive Director Angie Chewing, Second Vice President Page Stovall, Past President Justin Davison, First Vice President Allison Finney, and Chamber Executive Assistant Kathryn Sowers.



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New officers and Executive Board members were introduced at the Chamber of Commerce Holiday Open House on December 16 at the Charles Hill Community Center. Shown front row (left to right) are Executive Director Angie Chewing, Vinton Mayor Brad Grose, Second Vice President Page Stovall, Vinton Director of Community Programs Chasity Barbour, First Vice President Allison Finney, and Executive Assistant Kathryn Sowers; and back row, new Chamber President Jason Boothe, Tim Greenway, Town Manager Pete Peters, Michelle Barklow, Past President Justin Davison, and Dr. Richard Turner. Board members unable to attend included Donald Childress, Tim Nininger, Paula Robbins, Andy Bishop, Kat Pascal, Justin Smith, Anthony Conner, John Conner, and Colby Sarver.

From the Pulpit

Our Christmas List

This week as I was driving and listening to Christmas music, I heard a familiar song entitled "My Grown Up Christmas List." This song was written by Linda Thompson-Jenner and com-

posed by David Foster in 1990 for Natalie Cole's album "River of Love." It did not become popular until Amy Grant released her version in 1992 on her album "Home for Christmas."

Out of all of the Christmas carols I enjoy this time of year, "My Grown Up Christmas List" is not typically one of my favorites; it falls into the same category as "The Christmas Shoes." Both have

a good message, but the songs themselves are sad and gloomy. Rather than the joy of Christmas, these songs fill me with what Elvis called a "Blue Christmas."

And yet, Thompson-Jenner's words did challenge me to pause and consider, what is on my grown-up Christmas list? If Santa really could make anything for me, what would I ask him to bring?

According to Thompson-Jenner, topping her list is: "No more lives torn apart, that wars would never start, and time would heal all hearts, and everyone would have a friend, and right would always win, and love would never end." As she goes on to describe, this is her list, "not for herself, but for a world in need." Her greatest desire for Christmas is not only a gift that would make her life better, but one that would make the world better.

Thankfully, as Christians, we have a name for the gift that has the power to make the world better, and it is the one after whom Christmas is named. Through Jesus the Christ, broken lives can be restored, conflicts can be resolved, and hearts can be healed; through Jesus, everyone does have a friend, right will ultimately win, and love will never end. Jesus is the reason the an-

gel assured the shepherds they did not need to be afraid; he is what the angel declared to be "good news of great joy for all people." When a world in need asked God for help, hope, and healing, the birth of Jesus was the gift God provided.

However, just as something was required of Mary and Joseph in order to bring this gift into the world two thousand years ago, I believe Christians have a similar responsibility today. In response to the angel, Matthew records that "when Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him (Matthew 1:24)." Similarly, after Gabriel appeared to Mary and shared with her the impossible, Luke records that Mary responded by declaring: "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word (Luke 2:38)."

Just as Jesus is the answer to Thompson-Jenner's "Grown Up Christmas List," what if Mary and Joseph's response to Jesus is the answer to God's Christmas list? As biblical scholar and commentator Ashley Cook Cleere writes, "Maybe Mary's response conveys God's Christmas wish, that followers of Christ will believe that nothing is impossible with God and invite the Holy Spirit

to work through them to attain miracles." If Jesus is the answer to our Christmas list, through the power of the Holy Spirit, we can be the answer to God's Christmas list. Through Christ, our lives are made better; through our faithful response to Christ, the world is made better. For "as children we believe the grandest sight to see was something lovely wrapped beneath the tree; but heaven only knows that packages and bows can never heal a hurting human soul." Through Jesus, God revealed his lifelong wish, his grown-up Christmas list, which is to bring help, hope, and healing to a world in need. How can we be more like Mary and Joseph, active and responsive to God's call—God's Christmas wish for us?

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WBMS administrator, teachers get 'pied'



William Byrd Middle School Assistant Principal John Eggleston prepares himself for a pie in the face – one of five total – as part of a WBMS food and clothing drive community service project.



WBMS Assistant Principal and good sport John Eggleston gets pied five times by students as the culmination of the food drive to benefit the Community Christmas Store. In his career, he has previously kissed a pig, spent a day in jail, and taken a mud bath as part of school projects and fundraisers.



Teacher Scott Whitehead also took a pie in the face for a good cause.

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In November, students and staff at William Byrd Middle School showed their commitment to the community by collecting over 1,000 food and clothing items for families in need this holiday season.

The Community Christmas Store, which serves the entire valley, reached out to the school to see if they would be interested in helping collect food and warm clothing to help stock their shelves for the holidays. The organization plans to feed about 450 families with donations from WBMS and other Roanoke County schools.

Guidance counselor Lubeth

Jones coordinated the project at WBMS along with teachers Ashley Stultz and Jamie Nichols, and their student teams, who handled the logistics of collecting, counting, sorting, packing, and record-keeping.

Jones says the Community Christmas Store was “thrilled with the efforts of the Byrd students.”

The food drive organizers came up with some enticements to encourage students to participate in the drive: students would be competing against staff to see who could bring in the most items (students brought food gifts; staff brought in hats, socks, and gloves), plus students would be able to “pie” five staff members

who received the most votes in the competition.

Students who brought in food items received a ticket for each item, which they could then place in an envelope for the staff member they wished to “pie.”

Nine names were drawn from the envelopes to determine who would have the pleasure of throwing pies at the top five winners – Assistant Principal John Eggleston (the winner), and teachers Jamie Nichols, Bill Pratt, Denise Aspell, and Scott Whitehead. In fact, Eggleston agreed to sit for not just one, but five pies in the face.

Eighth grader Lillian Amaya Dogan was determined that Whitehead would be

among the top five, bringing in a donation herself of \$100 for the purchase of canned goods and about 75 more canned food items at the last minute—all going toward his total. He had challenged his students to excel in the competition, promising to match their donations. She got to throw the pie.

The day of reckoning, or “Pie in the Face Day,” was held on December 17, the last day before the winter break. Eggleston, Nichols, Pratt, Whitehead, and Aspell, clad in protective plastic garbage bags and goggles, stood on a sheet of plastic in the center of the gym floor while eager students threw the whipped cream pies.

Eggleston and the teachers

were gracious in enduring the enthusiastically thrown pies and cheering students. Eggleston said he asked himself, “How do I keep ending up in these situations?” He has not just experienced pies in the face for fundraisers and special projects, but at other schools where he has worked “kissed a pig, took a mud bath, and spent a day in jail.” The day in jail was the result of a Prom Promise in which “students pledged not to drink and drive.” The goal was for 90% of the student body to sign the pledge. With Eggleston—“the most popular guy in town”—making the pledge to spend a day in jail, 99% of the student body made the promise.

RND from page 1



RND Coffee at Vinyard Station was packed with well-wishers as brothers Steffon and Quincy Randolph officially opened their business with a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Dec. 21. Shown left to right are: Kathryn Sowers (Chamber Executive Assistant) Chasity Barbour (Vinton Director of Community Programs), Town Manager Pete Peters, Angie Chewning (Chamber Executive Director), Mayor Brad Grose, contractor Greg Rhodes, co-owners Steffon Randolph and Quincy Randolph, 2022 Chamber President Jason Boothe, Vice Mayor Sabrina McCarty, outgoing Chamber President Justin Davison, Councilwoman Laurie Mullins, Roanoke County Economic Development Director Jill Loope, Andy Bishop (Twin Creeks Brewing Company and Twin Creeks Brewpub), and back right, Justin Smith (Neely's Accounting).



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Developer Dale Wilkinson and contractor Greg Rhodes were able to preserve many historic aspects of the building at Vinyard Station where RND coffee is located, such as the original flooring and bowstring truss ceiling.

Raisin Coffee Cake, Vegan Apple Cinnamon muffins, Breadcraft Pan au Chocolat, and toasted bagels. “Big Snacks” include Cheesy Orzo (like fancy mac and cheese), Classic Belgian waffles, a Belgian Banana Bread waffle, avocado toast, a breakfast bagel sandwich, an apple and brie melt, and a Bratwurst Dog.

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 chose Vinton for their second location because it has that same community feel they have found in Wasena. Both com-

munities are undergoing a rebirth and rapid growth. Neither had a dedicated coffee shop. They could fill a void.

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. That seems to be the case for RND.

The Vinton RND is located within Vinyard Station which for many years housed Vinton Motors.

Developer Dale Wilkinson and contractor Greg Rhodes have done a stupendous job in renovating the space, while retaining some original features, such as the floors and ceiling with bowstring trusses.

Hours of operation are from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. seven days a week. The coffee shop seats about 40 customers. Outdoor seating is available on warm days.

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

Check out details on their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/RoanokeCoffee/> and website at <https://www.roanokecoffee.com/>.

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Who's the Best Cook you ever knew? – Mom!

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Anybody lucky enough to get a slice of Vice Mayor Sabrina McCarty's Magic Pumpkin Pie says

it's the best they have ever eaten.

McCarty says the recipe is her mother's (Nancy Mitchen) and has kindly shared it with readers this holiday season.

Nancy Mitchen's Magic Pumpkin Pie (Makes 2 Pies)

- 2 unbaked pie shells
- 4 cups pumpkin (a large can)
- 2 (15 oz.) cans Eagle Brand sweetened condensed milk
- 2 eggs
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. nutmeg
- 1 tsp. ginger
- 1 and 1/2 tsp. cinnamon

In large mixing bowl blend together all ingredients. Turn into pie shells. Bake at 370° for 55 minutes. Refrigerate one hour before serving.

My own mother, Alice Holpp, would actually win hands down any Best Cook Ever contest. She could seemingly open an empty refrigerator and come up with a meal—due to a well-stocked freezer and full basement shelves. My father continually brought people home unannounced for lunch, and she always came up with a feast.

She and my father produced much of what she cooked. He was an avid gardener. From spring to late fall, he would come home from work; they would eat dinner, and then he would head to the garden to harvest some type of crop for her to spend the evening canning or freezing. In addition to just regular vegetable canning and freezing, she made dill pickles, sweet pickles, peach, strawberry, and triple berry jam (they grew the strawberries), jellies, and sauerkraut. She jarred honey from his beehives.

Once I remember her making cottage cheese from scratch.

They raised chickens for meat and eggs. Once they moved to Vinton, he raised a two-acre garden with one acre devoted to cantaloupes, watermelons, and Big Max pumpkins.

My parents met in Belmont, W.Va., in the summer of 1941 when she was 16 and he was 20. She was visiting her aunt and uncle. He was working on his uncle's farm. It was apparently love at first sight. He enlisted in the Army the following spring and served in Europe during World War II. They were married about a month after he returned home in 1945.

For much of my childhood, my father was the co-owner of Reed Creek Milling Company in Wytheville. He spent the rest of his working life as manager of a Valleydale (Neuhoff) farm in Foster Falls. My mom was their



Vinton Vice Mayor Sabrina McCarty (left) and her mother, Nancy Mitchen.



Alice Holpp.

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bookkeeper. So, there was always flour and corn meal, beef and pork around.

For many years when all my aunts and uncles were living, the Holpp family had summer reunions at various locations from North Carolina to New Hampshire. Each family

was responsible for cooking dinner one evening. My parents' night was always a highlight of the week and much anticipated by everyone because of their "Sweet and Sour Top Chops." She made the marinade and sauce. He did the grilling.

My dad cracked black walnuts from their trees (not an easy task if you have ever tried) for my mom to bake with. He was

always trying new methods for cracking them.

My mother used those black walnuts in her Chocolate Applesauce Cake.

The Holpps' Sweet and Sour Top Chops

As many firm, meaty pork chops as needed, cut 1 to 1 and 1/4 inches thick

3 cups 7 Up

Sweet 'n Sour Marinade Sauce

1/4 cup butter or margarine

1 cup brown sugar

1/4 cup cornstarch

2 Tbsp. soy sauce

1 Tbsp Worcestershire sauce

1 cup vinegar

3 cups pineapple juice

1/2 tsp. salt

1 tsp. liquid smoke (optional)

Combine marinade ingredients and cook over low heat until clear and thickened, stirring constantly. Combine one cup of marinade/sauce with 3 cups 7 Up. Mix well.

Pour mixture over pork chops in a bowl or dish and chill several hours or overnight.

Grill chops over medium heat for 10-12 minutes per side or until cooked halfway through. Turn chops only once. Baste chops with sweet 'n sour sauce the last four or five minutes.

Heat remaining sauce and serve with chops. You can add chopped peppers, sliced onions, pineapple chunks, or tomato wedges to sauce, if desired.

Alice's Chocolate Applesauce Cake

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| 4 cups sifted flour | 1 cup cooking oil |
| 2 Tbsp. cocoa | 2 cups sugar |
| 4 tsp. baking soda | 3 cups unsweetened applesauce, heated |
| 2 tsp. cinnamon | 1/2 cup raisins, optional |
| 1 and 1/4 tsp. salt | 1/2 cup chopped black walnuts |
| 1/2 tsp. ground nutmeg | |
| 1/2 tsp. ground cloves | |

Sift together flour, cocoa, baking soda, cinnamon, salt, nutmeg, and cloves.

Beat together oil and sugar until well blended. Add hot applesauce, beating well.

Gradually add dry ingredients, beating well after each addition. Stir in raisins and walnuts. Pour batter into 2 greased and floured 9-inch cake pans.

Bake in 400° oven for 15 minutes. Reduce heat to 375° and bake 15 more minutes until cake tests done. Cool in pans on rack for 5 minutes. Remove from pans. Continue to cool on racks.

Spread the top of one layer with either Creamy Butterscotch Frosting or Cream Cheese Frosting. Put second layer on top. Frost top and sides.

Creamy Butterscotch Frosting: Melt 1/2 cup butter or margarine in saucepan over low heat. Stir in 1 cup packed dark brown sugar and 1/4 tsp. salt. Bring mixture to boil over medium heat; boil 2 minutes, stirring constantly. Remove from heat. Stir in 1/4 cup milk. Return to heat; bring to full boil. Remove from heat and cool to lukewarm. Add 2 cups confectioner's sugar. Beat until smooth. If too thick, add a little more milk. Frost cake.

Or you can use **Cream Cheese Frosting:** Beat 3/4 cup softened butter or margarine, and an 8 oz. package plus a 3 oz. package of softened cream cheese until creamy. Add 3 cups powdered sugar and 1 and 1/2 tsp. vanilla. Beat until smooth and frost cake.

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Kayla Gibson named to Davis & Elkins President's List

Kayla Gibson of Roanoke, a student at Davis & Elkins College, has been named to the President's List for the fall 2021 semester. The President's List includes all full-time students with a 4.0 GPA for the

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Sassy Sisters of the Moose provide Christmas meals for Vinton families

The Sassy Sisters of the Moose have just completed a food drive to provide Christmas meals for 20 Vinton area families. The group has collected and distributed groceries, including a 10-12 pound ham, rolls, potatoes, mac and cheese, canned goods, brownie mix, a gallon of milk, eggs, butter, and other staples such as sugar, peanut butter and jelly, cooking oil, cereal and cereal bars, and canned tuna—everything “from breakfast to dessert,” as Angie Chewning, one of the organizers, describes the boxes of supplies.

The Sassy Sisters are an informal group made up of the wives and significant others of Vinton Moose Lodge 1121 members. Their sweatshirts identify them as “Just a Girl Who Loves a Moose.” They frequently assist the Moose with events and fundraisers such as the Moose Draw Down.

They have taken on other community service projects such as a blood drive at the Moose Lodge and providing Thanksgiving turkeys and supplies for meals for 14 families in need back

in November.

The group contacted the guidance counselors at Vinton-area schools – Herman L. Horn, W. E. Cundiff, Mount Pleasant, and Bonsack Elementary Schools, along with William Byrd Middle and High Schools – for names of families who might benefit from some assistance.

The Sassy Sisters donated items themselves with additional funds and items provided by Moose Lodge members and Food Lion, who provided gift cards to help purchase the hams. Kroger contributed to the Thanksgiving meals food drive last month.

Families picked up boxes of food at the Moose Lodge on the afternoon of December 20. Sassy Sisters working to distribute the meals included Angie Chewning, Carolyn Mills, Kim Barker, and Lori Meador, with help from Moose members Dale Barker, Greg Boitnott, John Shupe, and Ricky Spradlin.

After the first of the year, the Sassy Sisters will be looking for more charitable projects to take on.



The Sassy Sisters of the Moose organized the donation of Christmas meals for 20 Vinton area families. Shown left to right are Lori Meador, Carolyn Mills, Kim Barker, and Angie Chewning.



PHOTOS BY DEBBIE ADAMS

Christmas meals boxes distributed by the Sassy Sisters included everything “from breakfast to dessert.” Families picked up the boxes at the Vinton Moose Lodge on December 20. They were recommended by guidance counselors at the six Vinton area schools.

Leo Club

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The WBHS Leo Club and SCA sponsored Salvation Army Angels this December. Classrooms were given the opportunity to sponsor an Angel and 13 classrooms participated. WBHS students and teachers were happy to adopt 13 Angels!

was an active member of the Glenside Lions Club. The club created the acronym Leadership, Equality, Opportunity for the word “Leo.” The word equality was later changed to experience.

In 1964 the Leo Club program became a sponsored program of the Lions Clubs International. It grew beyond Pennsylvania and the United States of America. By 1967 the program had grown to over 200 clubs in 18 countries.

Leo clubs encourage youths to develop leadership qualities by participating in community service activities. They are dependent on a Lions club to sponsor and initiate them. Leos conduct various projects in the fields of health care, elders, children, disabled people, literacy and education, and self-development, and conduct fundraisers to support their projects.

“The Leos are such a blessing to spend time with here at school and in our community,” Stover noted. “They have hearts for service and make me hopeful for our future!”

This year’s Leo Club officers at William Byrd are Jenna Nicely (president), Maci Glass (vice-president), and Bailey Warden (secretary). Vinton Breakfast Lion

Chris McCarty says, “We probably have the best Leo Club in the state with approximately 70 members. In the last month alone, they have helped us at the cemetery cleanup, the spaghetti dinner, and the children’s Christmas present wrapping project. They have been a great asset to our club. They are an awesome group.”

WBHS Principal Tammy Newcomb says the Leos are one of the most active clubs at William Byrd. “The students support almost every community service project the Lions Club does,” she said. “Cemetery work, spaghetti dinners, recy-

cling eyeglasses, pancake breakfast, gift wrapping—the Leos are seeing first-hand what makes a community thrive, and that is people who give of their time to help others.” Newcomb herself is a member of the Breakfast Lions Club, as is Lisa Stover.

The Vinton Breakfast Lions Club describe Lions International as “the world’s largest community service organization. Our mission locally is to support the needs of the Vinton community. Our service projects provide scholarships, improve community facilities, and help local people in need. We also have fun doing it!” Leos are learning that, too.



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Leos (left to right) Madison Montgomery, Collin Young, Emily Glass, Ella Ashworth, Mason Teehan, Tina Lin, Maci Glass, Makenna Jacobsen, and Madison White assisted the Vinton Breakfast Lions in their clean-up efforts at the historic Gladetown Cemetery in Vinton.

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LaLa's Piano Players present Christmas Recital

Students of Carol McCulloch (LaLa's Piano Players) presented their annual Christmas Piano Recital on Sunday afternoon, December 5, at Blue Ridge Baptist Church in Vinton.

Twenty-three of her 31 students participated by sharing a variety of beautiful seasonal arrangements.

"As always, the audience was treated to unique performances by typical and special needs pianists," McCulloch said. "They all bring their distinct personalities and talents to the perfor-

mance, and I couldn't be more proud of each and every one!"

For the past 10 years, LaLa's piano family has also given back to the community by choosing a non-profit organization to support, concluding the donation drive on recital Sunday.

This year's recipient was The Friendship House of Roanoke, which does outstanding work supporting numerous needs of those less fortunate in the Valley.

"I was absolutely humbled and so very grateful that we were able to raise a total of \$1,367

thanks to the generosity of our piano family and friends!" McCulloch said.

"It is truly wonderful what can happen for good when people come together in a kindred spirit. Their music is heavenly, but their kindness is like a piece of heaven on earth."

Friendship House works to find safe and secure housing for refugee families while also providing household items, food, and English tutoring. They run an after school program for elementary and middle school

students. The non-profit serves an average of 100 households per week throughout the year with fresh and non-perishable food and hygiene items. They partner with local restaurants and grocery stores to provide fresh meat, produce, bakery, and non-perishable items.

Friendship House also provides pastoral counseling and prayer support to participants.

They prepare holiday food baskets for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Each year, Friendship House provides school sup-

plies for approximately 100 students in the area. Each year at Christmas, they operate Christmas Toy Store, which sells new toys at deeply discounted prices for their families. Funds raised from the Christmas store support the after school program.

Visit www.thefriendship-house.org for more information on the non-profit.

More photos and recital highlights will soon be available on Facebook (La's Piano Page) and on www.lalaspianoplayers.com.



Piano students Mazzlyn Otey and Julia Russ present Faith Dowdy, Program Director for Roanoke's Friendship House, with LaLa's Piano Players' donations in support of Friendship's many ministries in the Roanoke Valley.



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

LaLa's Piano Players, students of Carol McCulloch, at their annual Christmas Piano Recital on December 5 at Blue Ridge Baptist Church in Vinton.

Colonial Downs Group to invest over \$400 million, create hundreds of new jobs in Virginia in 2022

Colonial Downs Group is gearing up for another exciting year in Virginia with two major groundbreaking events in Dumfries on January 11 and Emporia during the first quarter of 2022. Local and civic leaders in both communities will join Colonial Downs Group team members to launch game-changing economic development projects that will spark construction spending, significantly increase tax revenues, and create over 700 well-paying permanent jobs.

Aaron Gomes, Chief Op-

erating Officer of Colonial Downs Group, stated, "We came to Virginia four years ago promising to help spawn a revitalization of the state's horse industry, deliver a new form of fun entertainment, provide a consistent source of tax revenues for the Commonwealth and localities where we operate, grow the state's workforce, and build-up communities through charitable investments of time and money. We have delivered on all of those promises and are proud to be part of the fabric of

Virginia."

Colonial Downs Group will invest more than \$429 million developing a new gaming and entertainment destination in Dumfries with The Rose Gaming Resort project. Helping the town close an industrial landfill ahead of schedule, The Rose Gaming Resort, when fully built, will include up to a 350-room hotel, eight bars and restaurants, a cultural venue, a space for meetings and events, and over 80 acres of green space with miles of bike and fitness

trails, athletic fields, and a playground. The Rose Gaming Resort will generate an estimated \$59 million in annual tax revenues and have more than 600 team members.

Colonial Downs Group will invest more than \$20 million developing a Rosie's Gaming Emporium® in Emporia following a successful voter referendum in November. The Emporia Rosie's will have 150 gaming machines with the latest technology and state-of-the-art graphics. When fully built,

Rosie's Gaming Emporium will generate an estimated \$600,000 in annual tax revenue for the City of Emporia and have more than 100 team members.

Colonial Downs Group has successful operations in New Kent, Richmond, Hampton, Vinton, Dumfries, and Collinsville. Colonial Downs Group and Rosie's are proud to have made direct monetary and in-kind donations of more than \$1,410,000 and have logged over 2,500 service hours in Virginia communities.

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.sttofoe.org for midweek masses and events. (In Roanoke, go E on Hershberger, L on Hubert to 4910).

BAPTIST (SOUTHERN)

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BAPTIST (COOPERATIVE)

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

CHRISTIAN CHURCH

BELMONT CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST), 1101 Jamison Ave. SE, Roanoke, VA 24013, 540-343-7502, Worship Services every Sunday at 11:00AM, Pastor Terry Brace. We look forward to seeing you this Sunday!

CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

ECKANKAR

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

FOURSQUARE

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LUTHERAN

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Worship Directory

ONLY ONE WAY

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No one comes to the Father except through Me." John 14:6

In our culture, almost anything goes. The overwhelming idea is: whatever works for you. It's okay to believe in God, but it's not acceptable to suggest there is only one way to know Him. The problem is that if you believe in Christ, you must also believe His words. He did not say, "I am a way." He said, "I am THE way." Think about it. If anything would work, why suffer? If anything else could save us, why would God send His son? Read Isaiah 43:10-11. First, understand that God does want us to know Him. It's why He sent His son in the first place. Second, recognize that there is only one Savior and put your trust in Him. Perhaps you have long since accepted that only Christ can save you, but have you really accepted that only He can save somebody else? Knowing how much others need Christ motivates us to tell them about Him. After all, "how, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard?" (Romans 10:14) Tell someone about the Savior today!

Worship: Today, thank God for sending the Savior. Pray for those who do not know Him, those who live and work right around you as well as those in foreign lands. Read Romans 10:14-15. Pray that God will send His people to preach good news and ask Him to give you opportunities today to share His love with someone.

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.

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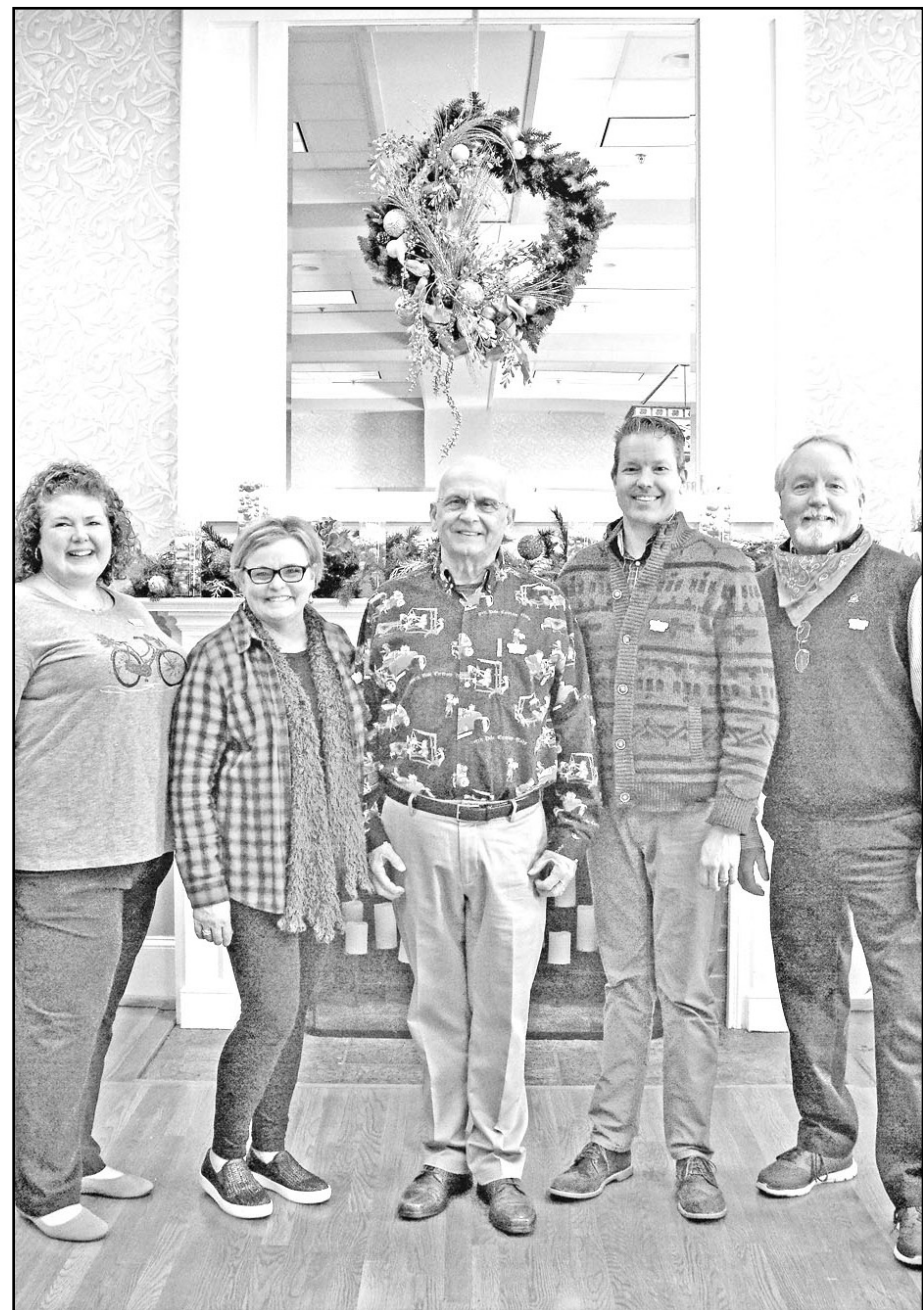
UNITED METHODIST

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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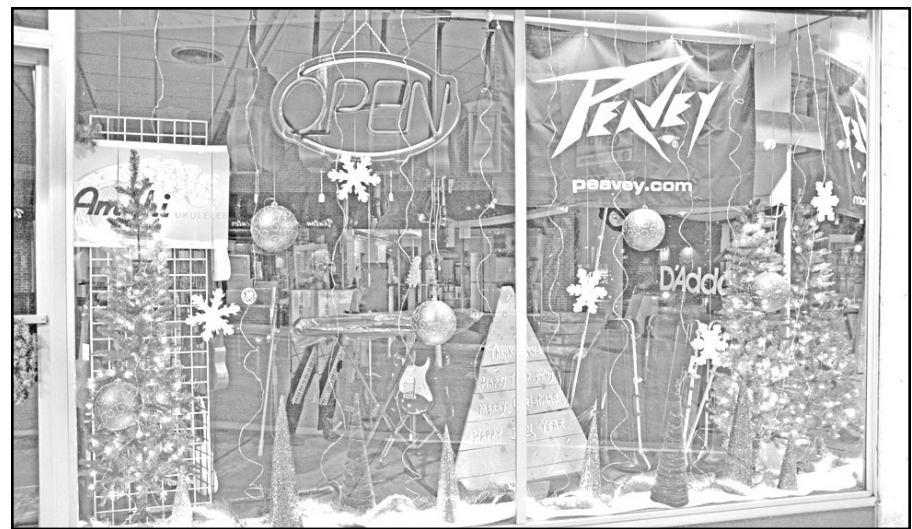
Vinton Town Council members were very popular at the Employees Holiday Luncheon this year with their decision to distribute bonuses to every employee. Shown left to right are Councilwoman Laurie Mullins, Vice Mayor Sabrina McCarty, Mayor Brad Grose, and Councilmen Keith Liles and Mike Stovall, in front of the elegantly decorated fireplace at the Vinton War Memorial.



The Vinton Police Department Christmas display.



Citizen's Upholstery won the "Best Exemplifies the Spirit of Christmas" award.



The D.R. Music Store won the "Most Creative" award in the Storefront Decorating competition.



The amazing house of a hundred inflatables on McDonald Street in Vinton. PHOTOS BY DEBBIE ADAMS

organized and contributed to food drives and Christmas shopping trips for those in need, and decorated to the rooftops. The town is sparkling.

Many area businesses and the town employees have made spirits bright by participating in the 2021 Vinton Christmas Storefront Decorating competition, sponsored this year by the Town of Vinton. Those who have lived in Vinton for many years remember nostalgically when all the shops in downtown Vinton decorated extravagantly for the holidays.

Door decorating participants were asked to have their decorations up by December 1 in time for display for the Vinton Christmas Parade on December 2. Judges toured the Town of Vinton on December 13 to choose the winners of the contest. The competition initially started out in just the downtown Vinton area but expanded to include storefronts in the corridors as well.

Winners were selected in four categories: Best All Around, Mayor's Choice, Most Creative, and Best Exemplifies the Spirit of Christmas. Award winners will be receiving plaques applauding their efforts.

- Mayor's Choice: the Vinton History Museum
- Most Creative: D.R. Music on Lee Avenue in downtown Vinton
- Best Exemplifies the Spirit of Christmas: Citizen's Upholstery, also on Lee Avenue

- Best All Around: the numerous Town of Vinton facilities including the Municipal Building, Public Works, the Vinton War Memorial, the Vinton Police Department, the Finance Office, and Planning and Zoning
- Honorable Mention: Pinnacle Bank for being "IN" and the Dogwood Restaurant

Other participants included Rosie's, Kroger, the Robbin's Nest, Roanoke County Library/Vinton Branch, Creative

Occasions, Rustic Creations, and Vinton's Pro Barber and Hairstyling.

"This is the first year the Town of Vinton and staff have been invited to participate and they did just that!" said Community Programs Director Chasity Barbour. "Just take a drive around at night to see each building lit! Each and every staff member has helped in some fashion this season! This is how we know Vinton is a happening place and our staff are IN!"

Take your family for a drive or walk around Vinton this week and see if you agree with the judges' choices.

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PEOPLE, PLACES AND THINGS

Angie Chewing

Filling in for Bootie

and it's so much fun to be a part of it all!

This year the Chamber hosted our annual Angel Tree. We were blessed to help 143 children have a Merry Christmas! Our "Secret Santas" never cease to amaze me. Thank you all so much!

Thank you to everyone who came out to the Chamber's annual Holiday Open House. And welcome to the 2022 Officers and Board of Directors (see Debbie Adams' story).

Ring in the New Year with Five Dollar Shake, friends and family and make some new friends at the Vinton Moose Event Center December 31, 8 p.m.-1 a.m., \$25 per person, \$50 per couple. Ticket price includes heavy hor d'oeuvres New Year's party accessories. BYOB, cash bar for beer only. For more information call 890-1335 or email angie@vintonchamber.com.

A surprise 60th birthday party was held for Mike Stovall this past weekend. Mike was totally shocked as many family and friends gathered at the Vinton Moose Lodge. Page, Patsy and so many others snuck around for weeks to make this all happen. I am sure everyone had a great time! I know we did!

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Second Annual Santa Crawl - this event has become one of our favorites. We hope you all enjoyed it. The town works very hard to put on events like this

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Legals - City of Salem

Notice is hereby given to all interested persons that the Council of the City of Salem, at its regular meeting on Monday, January 10, 2022, at 6:30 p.m., in the Community Room of the Salem Civic Center, 1001 Roanoke Boulevard, 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.

Legals - City of Salem

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA BY H. Robert Light Clerk of Council

ORDER OF PUBLICATION
COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA VA. CODE §§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316, -317, 20-104
Case No. CL21000359-00
City Of Salem Circuit Court 2 East Calhoun Street, Salem, VA 24153
DANA LYNN FRANCISCO MEADOR v. PAUL CLINTON MEADOR
The object of this suit is to: FOR ENTRY OF DIVORCE It is ORDERED that PAUL CLINTON appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before JANUARY 20, 2022.
November 19, 2021
Stacy L. Owen

Legals - Montgomery County

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 15.2-3107 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, that on January 11, 2022, at 7:00 P.M. in the Christiansburg Town Hall, 3rd Floor Council Chambers, 100 East Main Street, Christiansburg, Virginia, the Town Council of Christiansburg, Virginia ("the Town") shall hold a public hearing on the Town's intent to approve a proposed Boundary Line Adjustment Agreement between the Town of Christiansburg and County of Montgomery and will thereafter consider for passage a resolution approving the Agreement. The Agreement is authorized by Section 15.2-3106 et seq. of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, and provides that the boundary line between the Town of Christiansburg and the unincorporated area of the County of Montgomery will be adjusted as follows:

Moving 68.866 acres from the unincorporated area of the County of Montgomery into the incorporated Town of Christiansburg. The proposed boundary adjustment area is commonly known as Falling Branch Corporate Park Phase II, Parcel 2, Tax Map Number 94-A-8 (formerly the Cox property) and is located on the southern boundary of the Town of Christiansburg, west of the intersection of Technology Drive SE and Parkway Drive SE, shown more particularly on the plat entitled "Plat Showing Boundary Line Adjustment Between The Town of Christiansburg and County of Montgomery for Portion of Falling Branch Corporate Park Tax Parcel 94-A-8"; dated June 7, 2019. As part of the Boundary Line Adjustment Agreement, the Town has agreed to provide the County Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000) to assist the County in the cost of extending Town water and sewer to the first developed pad on the 68.866 acres. Once a contract is signed by the County for this project, the Town agrees to provide the County the money within sixty (60) days of receiving a written request for the funding from the County Administrator. A true copy of the proposed Boundary Line Adjustment Agreement is on file and may be viewed in the office of the Clerk of Town Council, Christiansburg Town Hall, 100 East Main Street, Christiansburg, Virginia 24073. A copy of the Agreement will also be available at the public hearing. The public is invited to attend the public hearing and comment on the Agreement.

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LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF VINTON, VIRGINIA NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Please be advised that the Vinton Town Council will hold a public hearing at its meeting on Tuesday, January 4, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, in the Council Chambers of the Vinton Municipal Building, located at 311 South Pollard Street, Vinton, Virginia, concerning the proposed amendment to the Town of Vinton's FY 2021-2022 budget to appropriate funding for eligible expenditures on multi-year grants, paving, capital projects, and other expenditures in the amount of \$2,750,167.73.

Any additional information on this public meeting is available in the Town Manager's Office, located in the Vinton Municipal Building, (540) 983-0607. Persons requiring special assistance to attend and participate at this public meeting should contact the Town Manager's office at (540) 983-0607.

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