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## Chief Griffith updates Vinton Town Council on county fire and rescue operations

**Debbie Adams**  
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Vinton Town Council held an uncharacteristically brief meeting on January 4. The highlight of the meeting was a presentation by Roanoke County Chief of Fire and Rescue Travis Griffith updating council on fire and rescue throughout Roanoke County and particularly in Vinton.

Griffith was appointed to his position in March 2021. He began his service with Roanoke County Fire and Rescue in 2002 as a Firefighter/Emergency Medical Technician. He says he is “excited about fire and rescue, where it is at, and where it is going. We are in a positive place right now.”

He noted the seamless merger of the Vinton Fire Department and First Aid Crew with the Roanoke County

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PHOTO COURTESY OF ROANOKE COUNTY  
**Roanoke County Chief of Fire and Rescue Travis Griffith paid a visit to Vinton Town Council on January 4.**

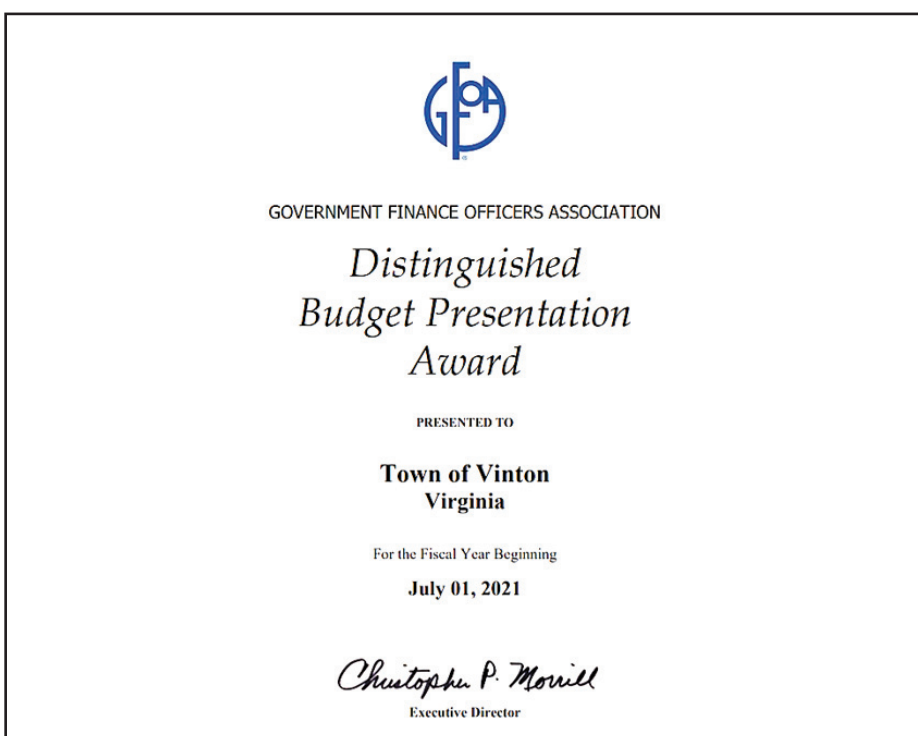


PHOTO COURTESY OF TOWN OF VINTON  
**The Vinton Finance Department has once again been presented with the GFOA's Certificate of Distinguished Budget Presentation Award—for the sixth consecutive year.**

## Linden selected Roanoke County School Board chair, board takes action on masks

**Debbie Adams**  
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The Roanoke County School Board has selected David Linden as chairman for 2022. The vote was taken at the School Board work session on January 4. Linden, representing the Hollins District, was first elected to the Roanoke County School Board in 2017 and re-elected in 2021. A long-time real estate agent in the valley, he previously served as board vice-chairman for the latter half of 2020. Linden, a native of Ohio, is a graduate of Roanoke College with a degree in political science and criminal justice.

The board next selected Brent Hudson as the vice-chairman. Hudson is serving his first term in office, having been elected in November 2021 to serve a portion of an unexpired Catawba District term. A Roanoke Valley

native, Hudson currently serves as the chief deputy for the Roanoke County Sheriff's Department, and previously served as a school resource officer (SRO) for the Glenvar schools.

The work session consisted mainly of briefings on consent agenda financial reports, the budget process, and a COVID update. However, at the end of the work session, newcomer Cheryl Facciani, representing the Windsor Hills District, introduced a motion to make the wearing of masks optional in Roanoke County Public Schools, effective January 15—based on information that Gov.-elect Glenn Youngkin will announce an end to the mask mandate in schools when he takes office on that date. Linden, Hudson and Facciani voted in favor of the optional mask rule in anti-

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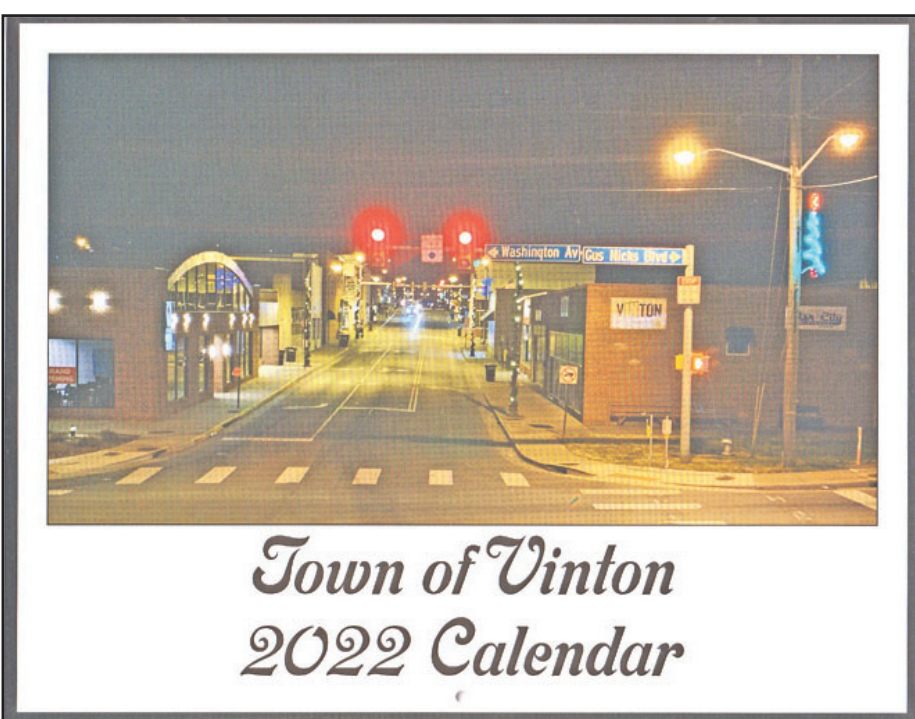


**Roanoke County School Board Chairman David Linden (Hollins District)**



PHOTOS COURTESY OF RCPS  
**Roanoke County School Board Vice Chairman Brent Hudson (Catawba District)**

## Check your mailbox for the 2022 Town of Vinton Calendar



*Town of Vinton  
2022 Calendar*

PHOTO COURTESY OF THE TOWN OF VINTON

**Check your mailboxes for the Vinton Town Calendars, packed full of information for residents.**

**Debbie Adams**  
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Vinton Town Calendars for 2022 arrived in residents' mailboxes last week — delivered by USPS.

The calendar theme this year is “Past” (2021), “Present” (2022), and “Future” (2023). Photographs in the calendar highlight all the upgrades to Town of Vinton buildings that have taken place in 2021 — thanks to COVID funding — and some of the events the town and Vinton Area Chamber of Commerce were able to host — despite the pandemic.

“Council and town staff pulled together at every level of the organization to get the job done in 2021, whatever that might have been, with a smile and a great attitude time after

time for our citizens,” is the message from Mayor Brad Grose, Vice Mayor Sabrina McCarty, and Councilmembers Keith Liles, Laurie Mullins, and Mike Stovall on the opening page.

“Our town facilities were updated to make them look fresh and inviting and to provide a healthy work environment for our staff. Touchless amenities were added to the facilities to improve the health and safety of citizens and visitors. Town staff were provided the necessary equipment they needed to continue to provide seamless service delivery to our citizens. Support programs were provided to our citizens and small businesses to assist them during their financial hardships [caused by the pandemic],” the

message continued.

“Through much support from our citizens and the commitment and dedication of our council, town staff was able to adapt, be flexible, and resilient to the challenges they faced, and their efforts are now paying off.”

The 2022 calendar features photographs of new signage in town, upgrades to Council Chambers and departments within the Municipal Building, the new business decal program decorating the facades of incoming businesses in the downtown area, upgrades to the Public Works facilities and their new logo, and makeovers at the Vinton War Memorial.

Featured events include the 2021 Dogwood Festival, the bike leg of the Ironman Triathlon, the Fourth of July fireworks, and the 2021 Santa Claus Crawl.

The annual calendar is one of those prized perks of living in the town. The calendars have become very popular — so much so that citizens begin asking in early December when they are going to arrive. Many keep the calendars hang-

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# Thrasher Memorial UMC welcomes Adam Williams as interim music minister



Adam Williams SUBMITTED PHOTO

**Debbie Adams**  
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Adam Williams will be serving as interim minister of music at Thrasher Memorial United Methodist Church in Vinton through July.

Josh O'Dell, who has been the minister of music at Thrasher for many years, has accepted a new position at North Raleigh United Methodist Church in Raleigh, N.C.

Williams is a student in the Music Education program at James Madison University; he will continue his studies while serving at Thrasher. He will be graduating from JMU in May 2023. After graduation, he plans on a career as a minister of music.

He and his family attended Thrasher when he was a young child. His father, Mark Williams, was very involved with the Praise Team which leads the 9 a.m. worship service at Thrasher.

The family moved to Christiansburg right before he started kindergarten at Christiansburg Primary School. He is a graduate of Christiansburg High School.

Williams also serves as director of Contemporary Worship Music at Cave Spring United Methodist Church. He says that community "is a blessing to my life."

He began performing with the choir at Thrasher in the summer of 2020. Williams was doing an internship with Josh O'Dell at the Opera Roanoke at the time and O'Dell asked him to sing tenor with the quartet at Thrasher.

He returned to singing at Thrasher in May 2021 and has been singing consistently at the church ever since.

Williams is currently a Young Artist with the Opera Roanoke Chorus as well. He also sings in the Roanoke community, such as performing at retirement homes in the area.

He was an intern at Opera

Roanoke and Greene Memorial United Methodist Church this past summer.

"They were wonderful opportunities that taught me a lot," said Williams. "My Greene Memorial internship helped me deepen my passion for church music."

In past years, Williams was employed at FedEx, Panera, and Taco Bell, which he says, "all taught me to keep my calm in a fast-paced environment."

As for how he came to accept the interim position at Thrasher, "When Josh announced that he was leaving the church to become minister of music at North Raleigh UMC, I emailed Pastor B. [Failes] with my resume for the position. After an interview with Staff-Pariah, they called me to offer me the position."

Williams says that while performing as a vocalist has been his main focus, he also plays guitar, drums, electric bass guitar, and "a little piano." He has been playing guitar since he was 6 years old.

## Calendar

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ing on refrigerators or near their desks as a source of information on the town, its events, its services, and its emergency phone numbers – a summary of life in Vinton in brief.

The idea for the town calendar originated several years ago. The town had previously been distributing magnets displaying the recycling schedule in packets with brochures from several different departments of the town. The calendar format was adopted to include all the information that might be needed by residents in one compact package. The town distributes the calendars to new residents and businesses when they contact the town about water accounts, business licenses, etc.

This year 5,000 copies of the calendar were printed.

Until 2021, calendars

were delivered by hand to each home, church, and business by town employees, mostly from the Public Works Department. Generally, the process took about two weeks. Last year, the town decided mailing the calendars would be much more efficient.

The calendar is a treasure trove of information on all things Vinton.

Each year's calendar includes holidays, special event and festival dates sponsored by the town and the Vinton Area Chamber of Commerce, some of the featured activities at the Vinton Library, the Vinton History Museum, the Vinton Farmers' Market, and classes at the Charles Hill Community Center, along with the basics of when the seasons change and when Daylight Saving Time begins and ends.

It contains the sometimes hard to remember regular refuse/bulk refuse/recycling schedules by the week, month, and year (including modified holi-

day schedules), due dates for real estate and personal property tax and utility bills, and Town Council meeting dates.

Note: Refuse collection remains on a weekly collection schedule in 2022 based on address; recycling occurs on alternate weeks on regular refuse collection days; bulk collection is weekly on regular refuse collection days. Check the calendar for details on what items are recyclables and which are bulk – and where they should be placed.

There are phone numbers for all town departments, the Vinton Library, Vinton Post Office, the Regional Center for Animal Care and Protection, the Vinton Area Chamber of Commerce, the Vinton History Museum, and emergency numbers for police, fire, and rescue, plus many frequently used Roanoke County numbers.

The department and information pages found

at the back of the calendar have been continual works in progress. Those tend to be the most helpful for newcomers or a refresher for long-time residents.

Designing and compiling the calendar each year involves countless hours of work and meeting deadlines throughout the year.

Bison Printing in Bedford once again ([www.bisonprinting.com](http://www.bisonprinting.com)) was responsible for printing the calendar, which was designed by Vinton Director of Community Programs Chasity Barbour, and Sherri Winkler of Nite Owl Artz Creative Services. Town Clerk/Executive Assistant Susan Johnson and Amanda Payne, Community Programs coordinator, assisted with proof-reading.

Any citizens or businesses who have not received a copy of the calendar should contact Chasity Barbour at [Cbarbour@vintonva.gov](mailto:Cbarbour@vintonva.gov) or call 983-0645 and leave a message.

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Shirley W. is a resident of Knollwood independent living. When she was young she lived in the area and worked as a cook at The Roanoker restaurant. Later she moved with her three sons to New York, where she pursued her undergraduate and master's degrees. She used her education in psychology to help the homeless.

She is most proud of her three sons. One is a lawyer, one is a CPA, and the middle one was a football player. Shirley has eight grandchildren and eight great grandchildren who are all college graduates or in the process. She came to Richfield for rehab, and had such a good experience that she came back here to live.

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I lived near Richfield, and had friends there, so when I decided to downsize my choice was Richfield. The community has lots of activities that keep me busy.

Shirley White

JANUARY 2022						
CC: Community Center • FM: Farmers' Market • VMB: Vinton Municipal Building • VHM: Vinton History Museum • VWM: Vinton War Memorial						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Each time you see this recycling symbol on the calendar, recyclables will also be collected that week on your normal refuse day.						2022
2	Music Jam, 3p, CC	3 Line Dancing, 10a, 11:30a, 6p, CC Council Mtg., 6p, VMB	4	5 Tai-Chi, 9a, CC Senior Card Games, 10:15a, CC	6	7
8	9 Music Jam, 3p, CC	10 Line Dancing, 10a, 11:30a, 6p, CC	11	12 Tai-Chi, 9a, CC Senior Card Games, 10:15a, CC	13	14
15	16	17 MLK DAY Town Office Closed	18 Mon./Tues. Refuse, Bulk Pickup Line Dancing, 10a, 11:30a, 6p, CC Council Mtg., 6p, VMB	19	20 Tai-Chi, 9a, CC Senior Card Games, 10:15a, CC	21
22	23	24 Line Dancing, 10a, 11:30a, 6p, CC	25	26 Tai-Chi, 9a, CC Senior Card Games, 10:15a, CC	27	28
29	30 Business License Renewal Applications Due	31				

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Each month the calendar details refuse and recycling dates, classes available at the Charles Hill Community Center, special events in the town, dates for Town Council meetings, tax due dates, and more.

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## PEOPLE, PLACES AND THINGS

### Angie Chewning

Filling in for Bootie

Happy New Year! Can you believe our crazy weather? One day we have the AC on, the next it's pouring snow!

I hope everyone had a safe and happy celebration. I know many folks celebrated at different venues and some celebrated at home with family and friends. We had such a good time at the Vinton Moose Lodge. We had good food, and great company and, of course, Five Dollar Shake never disappoints us and kept the dance floor full all night. Thank you to everyone who came out to support the hard work of the volunteers.

Vinton had a first-time visitor over the holidays. Co-

lin and Taylor (Boothe) brought home Rylan, their new baby girl, for her first visit to see and meet some of the family.

A family gathering was held at Great-Grandparents Ed and Betty Boothe's home. Those joining the celebration were, of course, Colin, Taylor and Ryan, Nicki and Jason Boothe (grandparents), son Bryce, Christie and Todd Boothe and their sons, wives and grandchildren, Tyler, Madison and Grayson, Dustin, Danielle and Cooper, Timmy and Leah Boothe and daughters Bridgette and Melaina.

I know Great-Grandmas Shirley Rice and Shirley Hopper, Granddad Duane Rice and Grandma Renee Beckner Johnson, Uncle Todd, Aunt Debbie and Cousins Andrew and Jonathan were happy to see them, too.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

## Updates

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department back in 2019—indicative of the good relationship between the county and Vinton over the years. “It went flawlessly; there was not a big learning curve; Vinton integrated into the system easily; into the only difference was ‘changing our T-shirts at midnight.’”

Griffith and Mayor Brad Grose both reiterated that the ease of transition was good not just for the departments involved, but for citizens.

The chief told council that the county's newest fire truck has been assigned to the Vinton station.

The county has plans to build another fire station along the 460 corridor—most likely in the vicinity of Chick-fil-A/Kroger/CVS/Mexico Way—to better serve citizens. He emphasized that the county is expanding services, not cutting them. The plan is to purchase land for the new station this year and begin construction next year with a completion date in 2024.

Griffith also discussed the Automatic Aid Agreement being developed between Roanoke City Fire-EMS and the Roanoke County Fire and Rescue Department (and also the City of Salem department) which will permit the closest station to a fire to handle the call regardless of jurisdiction. This would reduce response times in areas on the border between jurisdictions. In effect, the emergency responders in closest proximity to a fire “should run the calls.”

The chief also told council the county Fire and Rescue Department is in the process of developing a Comprehensive Strategic Plan—a “road map” for the next 3-5 years.

Griffith commented that the Vinton Fire and Rescue Station is the second busiest in the county—second only to Cave Spring. Vinton fire and rescue staff responded to 2,348 calls in 2020 (211 fire and 2,137 rescue) and increased that to 2,855 in 2021 (260 fire and 2,595 rescue). The Vinton calls in 2020 were 15.72% of those received throughout Roanoke County; the 2021 calls represented 16.62% of the county's calls.

Next, Finance Director/Treasurer Anne Cantrell presented council with the town's sixth consecutive Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) “Certificate of Distinguished Budget Presentation Award” for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021.

She applied for the first budget presentation award during her first year in her position.

In order to receive the award, a budget document must satisfy criteria to operate as a policy document, a financial plan, an operations guide, and a communication device. Budget documents must rate “proficient” in all four categories and in the fourteen mandatory criteria within those categories to receive the award.

“Without support from the mayor, Town Council, town management, and all departmental staff, this budget document and GFOA's Distinguished Budget Award would not be possible,” Cantrell said. “We received excellent comments and look forward to continuing the tradition for years to come.”

Council next held a public hearing to gain public comments on a proposed amendment to the Town of Vinton 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.

Grant projects from FY2021 had a remaining balance to be spent over a multi-year period; the balances were audited

by an independent auditor which allows staff to calculate the amount of budget to be rolled over to the following fiscal year. Grants included funding from the DMV, Gladecreek Greenway and Walnut Avenue projects, an EPA Brownfield grant, CARES Act funds, and a Department of Justice Body-worn camera grant.

After a review of mid-year projections and the audited FY21 financial statements, staff recommended also appropriating additional funding for one-time expenditures associated with paving, stormwater repair, grant match, and other small items.

The Code of Virginia requires localities to hold public hearings to amend budgets when the amendment exceeds 1% of the total expenditures in the currently adopted budget. Council approved the amendment.

Town Manager Pete Peters briefed council on a proposed Parking and Maintenance Contribution Agreement with Thrasher Memorial United Methodist Church. This is similar to an agreement the town made with Vinton Baptist last summer. The churches graciously allow the town to use their parking lots for festivals and special

events in the town. The town wished to provide a financial contribution to assist in the maintenance of the parking lots to include crack sealing, spray sealant over the entire parking lot, and restriping. The agreement with Thrasher allows for an annual payment of \$500 for these maintenance tasks and will continue for a three-year period. The Action will be taken on this proposal on January 18.

Peters also updated council on several infrastructure and maintenance projects underway or upcoming including the analysis of Mountain View Road for an extensive reconstruction/repaving project, maintenance and repair of Garthright Bridge, work on the 1st Street wa-

ter line, replacement of the traffic signal at 3rd Street, and upgrades to the 3rd Street Lift Station.

When questioned by council, Peters explained that the 3rd Street Lift Station will not be offline during the upgrades as there are four pumps—with “some redundancy built into the system.” The replacement of pumps will be accomplished in phases with no disruption in service.

Council members expressed their gratitude for the pro-active approach to maintenance of the infrastructure, which “keeps traumatic things from happening and keeps the town run-

ning smoothly.”

Cantrell presented the October 2021 Financial Report to council for approval. At the time of the report, the town had \$9.7 million in cash on hand and \$3.3 million in investments.

Two upcoming meetings of importance to the community were mentioned—the Town of Vinton/Western Virginia Water Authority Public Information Open House at the Vinton War Memorial on January 25 (5-7:30 p.m.) and Vinton Town Council's annual Strategic Planning Retreat on January 28 from 1-4 p.m. in Council Chambers at the Municipal Building.

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6. Shirt part  
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16. Article  
17. Adomment  
18. Educator's helper  
19. Healthcare pro  
20. Atomic number 28  
21. Extinct flightless bird  
22. Mystic syllable  
23. College sports decision maker (abbr.)  
24. Edible mushrooms  
26. Venerable English monk  
28. Surrounded by  
30. Forming fractional numbers from 4 onwards  
31. Eastern France river  
32. Short cry or yelp  
34. Brew  
35. Ornamental box  
37. In a way, surfaced

**CLUES DOWN**  
1. Poem  
3. Everest is one (abbr.)  
4. Olympic legend Jesse  
7. Back muscle  
8. Within  
9. Excessive fluid accumulation in tissues  
10. Six  
11. Involved as a necessary part  
12. 2002 Liotta, Patric film  
13. Living thing  
14. Type of gin  
15. Moved around in pursuit of fun  
25. Makes light bulbs  
26. Story of one's life  
27. Small island in a river  
29. A type of bliss  
31. Genus of large herons  
33. A way to make dry

**CLUES ACROSS**  
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40. Peculation  
41. Netted  
43. It shows you paid (abbr.)  
44. Payroll firm  
45. Antidiuretic hormone  
47. Japanese classical theater  
48. The first two  
50. Ancient burial chamber  
52. Type of card  
54. Expression of sorrow or pity  
56. Hectoliter  
57. Morning  
59. NYC subway dweller  
60. Law enforcement  
61. Sodium  
62. Elevated subway  
63. Facility where wild animals are kept  
66. Integrated circuit  
67. Seaman's tool  
70. Drink to  
71. Small group

**CLUES DOWN**  
36. One's grandmother  
38. Vocal style  
39. Pronunciation mark  
41. American Indian chief or leader  
42. Insecticide  
43. Go bad  
46. Capital of Zimbabwe  
47. Polish river  
49. Cast out  
51. People of India and Sri Lanka  
53. Cleaning fabrics  
54. Very skilled  
55. Pouches  
58. Restaurant must-have  
60. Native Americans from Arizona  
64. Remaining after all deductions  
65. Fleece  
68. Dorm official  
69. It cools your home



# Remembering Vinton

with the Vinton Historical Society

## What was happening in Vinton in 1972?

By Debbie Adams  
Fifty years ago, in the January 5, 1972, issue of The Vinton Messenger, the headlines weren't so different than those of today.

Water rates were under discussion. Rather than having its own water system, the Town of Vinton purchased water from the City of Roanoke. The city had caused an uproar in Vinton by raising water rates rather dramatically after the town's fiscal year budget had already been approved—leaving Vinton \$32,000 over budget.

Other contributors to a financial crisis were \$43,000 paid for street paving the previous year; \$27,000 due on a bank note for sewage plant debt retirement; \$8,800 for a new garbage truck; and \$60,000 of real estate taxes that had not been paid. Building contractors owed

more than \$5,000 in overdue sewage connection fees. Overdue residential water bills added another \$8,000 to the dilemma. Notices were sent to customers warning them that service would be cut off.

The town, in fact, had to borrow money to meet the December 1971 payroll. Part-time help was laid off; several street department employees were furloughed. Then-Town Manager Don Smith was looking for the situation to improve when business license and sales tax revenues were collected in January 1972 but expected the budget to remain tight through June of that year.

Under the heading of economic development, a SuperRx drug store opened at Lake Drive Shopping Center, the fourth store to be located there since it was built.

Plans were for the store to sell over 10,000 items including TVs and appliances, fishing equipment, and veterinary supplies in addition to having a full prescription department.

Doug Smith was the general manager and a registered pharmacist. The drug store occupied about 10,000 square feet of space. According to an interview, the drug-store purposely chose the location near the Lake Drive Kroger so that "busy housewives could obtain all their household needs at the same general location."

For the grand opening, SuperRx offered two bars of Ivory Soap for 9 cents, house paint for \$5.99 a gallon, a laundry basket for 29 cents, a tube of toothpaste for 59 cents, and six light bulbs for \$1. Neckties were also on sale for \$1.

That same week, Kroger was selling "chicken fryer parts" for 29 cents a pound; five cans of evaporated milk for 87 cents, a five-pound bag of tangerines for 59 cents, and a five-pound bag of flour for 49 cents. A two-pound jar of peanut butter was 69 cents at Kroger in 1972.

H&H Supermarket in downtown Vinton advertised not just low prices, but King Korn trading stamps. A head of lettuce there was 29 cents; a five-pound bag of Florida grapefruit sold for 59 cents; and you could get two cans of vegetable soup for 31 cents.

Church Securities, Inc. was offering first mortgage bonds at a hefty interest rate of 8%. The going price for well drilling by Simmons Well Drilling was \$3.50 per foot, who advertised, "No water, no pay."

Roanoke County was offering rabies clinics for cats and dogs. The charge for a rabies vaccine for dogs was \$2 per pet; cats, \$3 per pet.

Roanoke County was in discussion with Salem to renew a school contract between the two systems. Roanoke City was talking about annexation of land from Roanoke County.

Republican Congressman Richard Poff announced that he would retire from his position representing the Sixth District in the House of Representatives after 20 years. Democrat Willis Anderson, Independent Roy White, and Republican Caldwell Butler prepared to run for Poff's seat.

Blue Ridge Parkway officials announced that travel had been down on the parkway in 1971 due to rain, fog, and severe ice and snowstorms. The entire parkway was closed to traffic for 20

days in January 1971 and 22 days in February, in addition to other shorter periods in March and April. A large area of the local parkway between U.S. Rt. 220 and Adney Gap (17 miles) was closed for two months from October through December due to a large wash-out at Mile 131.8 caused by heavy rains.

Roland E. Cook Elementary third graders presented a Christmas pageant, "Too Many Angels." Third grader (now Chef) Drew Buzik

had the leading role as a school principal.

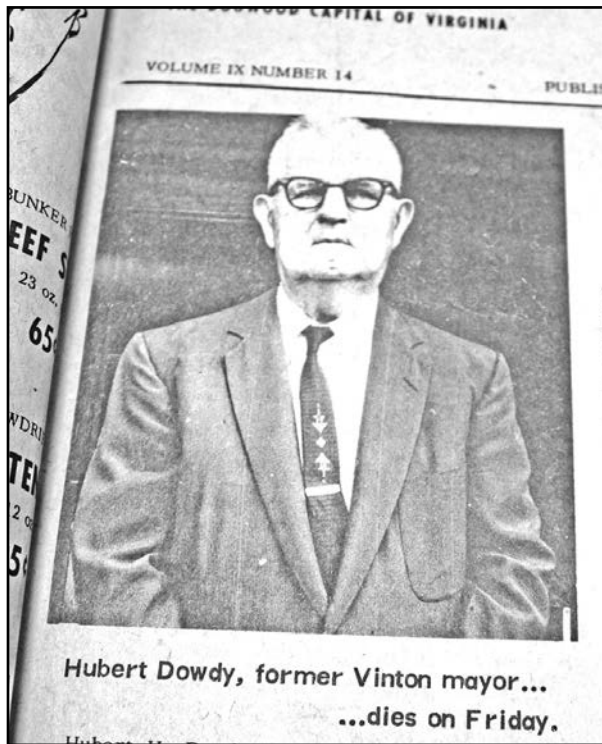
A slew of engagements (five) and weddings (four) had taken place in Vinton over the Christmas holidays with announcements coming out in the first newspaper of the new year.

Society columnist Mazie Comer had a long list of Vintonites who had traveled to visit relatives over the holidays or who had welcomed guests from out of town to their homes.

On January 7, 1972, for-

mer Vinton Mayor Hubert Dowdy passed away at age 91. He had served as the mayor of Vinton from 1930 to 1934 during the Depression years and was employed by Norfolk & Western in the accounting department. He first came to Vinton to help paint the roof of Roanoke E. Cook Elementary School for 50 cents a day.

The Vinton Messenger was published on Wednesdays back in 1972. The price of the newspaper was 10 cents.



Former Vinton Mayor Hubert Dowdy passed away on January 7, 1972.



Vinton Messenger headlines from the first week of January 1972.



The SuperRx Drug Store opened in Vinton in 1972 at Lake Drive Plaza.

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# RECIPES OF THE WEEK

January is officially National Soup Month because January = snow = comfort foods = soup. Here are two hearty soup recipes for cold winter days.

## Cousin Tom’s Great Vegetable Soup

1 lb. lean ground beef  
1 28 oz. can whole tomatoes, squished  
2 medium cans Italian Ready tomatoes (14.5 oz)  
28 oz. water  
2 medium cans sliced new potatoes  
3-4 heaping tsps. beef bouillon crystals  
16 oz. frozen corn  
8 oz. frozen peas  
1 large onion, chopped  
1 lb. fresh button mushrooms, chopped  
Pepper to taste  
  
Brown ground beef in large Dutch oven. Drain and return to pot. Add whole and Italian ready tomatoes, water, beef bouillon crystals, potatoes, corn, peas (and any other vegetables you like).  
  
Sauté onions and mushrooms. Add to soup mix, along with pepper. Let simmer about 30 minutes. Makes 10-12 cups. Great leftover.

## Steak Ravioli Soup

1/2 pound top sirloin or other steak, cut into 1/2 inch cubes  
2 Tbsp. flour  
2 Tbsp. melted butter  
1 celery rib, 1 medium carrot, 1 medium onion, all chopped  
1 Tbsp. garlic, minced  
1/2 tsp. thyme  
1/2 tsp. white pepper  
2 cans (14.5 oz) beef broth  
1 can (28 oz) whole tomatoes in juice, chopped  
1 cup water  
1/2 tsp. salt  
9 oz. or so frozen beef ravioli (or tortellini)  
  
Brown beef, tossed in flour, in melted butter in Dutch oven. Remove. Sauté celery, carrot, onion, garlic, thyme, and white pepper until lightly browned (about 3 minutes). Add beef broth, tomatoes, water, steak, and salt. Bring to boil; reduce heat to medium; cook 20 minutes.  
Add ravioli (or tortellini). Cook 10 minutes, stirring occasionally.  
  
Combine 2 Tbsp. flour, 1 Tbsp. cornstarch, 2 Tbsp. water in cup until smooth. Stir into soup. Bring to boil for 1 minute. Serve.



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# School Board

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pation of the governor’s announcement.

Mike Wray (Cave Spring) voted against the motion, requesting time to gain citizen input and advice from legal counsel. Tim Greenway, who represents the Vinton District, voted against making masks optional “at this time” based on the legality of the move until Youngkin makes the actual change in policy. The original plan of School Board members seems to have been to wait until their next meeting on January 18 to take a vote—after Youngkin takes office—but they proceeded with the vote when Facciani requested action on her motion.

In other business during the work session, School Board members were updated on progress on the \$28.5 million William Byrd High School Renovation Project.

Harvey Grimes, Assistant Director of Facilities & Operations, told the board that “lead time had been a factor” which pushed out the date

of completion of the project until the summer of 2023. The good news is that all the doors for the entire school are expected to be shipped on January 10. The doors have presented a big hurdle to overcome as they are necessary to secure classrooms and allow students to transition from learning cottages back to regular classrooms.

Boilers arrived the week of December 27 and will be connected during Spring Break. Furniture arrived on December 23 and will be stored until needed.

Jeff Terry, Manager of Information Systems for RCPS, updated the board on an Emergency Connectivity Grant the school system has been awarded which will provide \$164,948 for 705 hotspots throughout the county to enhance remote learning for an additional year. The board approved moving forward on the grant immediately, rather than waiting until its meeting on January 18. No

local match is required for this grant.

Dr. Rhonda Stegall, Assistant Superintendent of Administration, presented her usual COVID update based on the latest data from December 26-January 1. The entire state of Virginia is at a high transmission rate. In Roanoke County the positivity rate is 27% (9% in the previous report) with the number of cases doubling to 626.4 (previously 277).

In the 2021-2022 school year thus far, there have been 144 staff members and 879 students testing positive. Monthly in-school exposures from August through December total nine for staff and 1,256 for students. Stegall noted that these numbers indicated the mitigation strategies being employed by RCPS are working (masks, three feet social distancing with masks, etc.). During the same time period, quarantines have ranged between 300 and 500 students. She expects those

numbers to be higher in the next report with the recent uptick in cases.

Stegall detailed for board members the current regulations in place for COVID:

- The CDC’s Federal Order on transportation applies to all public transportation including school buses, and regardless of the mask policy at school, passengers and drivers must wear a mask even if fully vaccinated.
- As of August 12, 2021, the State Health Commissioner Order of Public Health Emergency mandated that all individuals ages two and older must wear masks when indoors at public and private K-12 schools.
- In addition, State Law SB1303 is in effect until August 1, 2022, and requires each school board to “offer in-person instruction... in a manner in which it adheres, to the maximum extent practicable, to any current applicable mitigation strategies for K-12 schools to reduce the transmission of

COVID-19 that have been provided by the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.”

• The Virginia Department of Labor and Industry requires all K-12 school employees to wear masks while indoors during substantial and high community transmission regardless of vaccination statuses.

Stegall went into great detail on new CDC and VDH guidelines. She pointed out that if universal masking is made optional, the Virginia Department of Health isolation and quarantine guidance calls for longer isolation and quarantine periods, affecting in-school instruction time.

Finance Director Susan Peterson kicked off the budget development season with a review of the budget process, Average Daily Membership, the Local Composite Index, the governor’s budget, Replacement Funds (Instructional Resources, Fleet, and Technology), and

the 2022-2033 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) draft. The School Board is expected to adopt the budget in March, which will then be sent to the Roanoke County Board of Supervisors for approval in April.

The School Board and the Board of Supervisors will meet in a joint session on Tuesday, January 11 at 5 p.m. The next regularly scheduled School Board meeting with take place on January 18 at 6 p.m.

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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](http://www.vintonbaptistchurch.org).

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So Pharaoh sent for Joseph, and he was quickly brought from the dungeon. When he had shaved and changed his clothes, he came before Pharaoh (Genesis 41:14).

Joseph was going to be taken into the presence of the nation’s highest ruler. His first order of business was to make himself presentable. His prison clothing and his haggard appearance were hardly appropriate to stand before royalty. Joseph prepared to see the king, honoring the authority and majesty of Pharaoh.

We have the privilege of an audience at any time with our King, Jesus Christ. May we never forget His majesty or approach Him with less than honor and adoration.

Thought for Today: Consider the majesty of God.

Quicklook: Genesis 41:1–14

School 10:00am, Worship 11:00am, [sttimothy1201@verizon.net](mailto:sttimothy1201@verizon.net).

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1. Consider the request of Scott A. Boggs, property owner, for rezoning the property located at 407 East Burwell Street (Tax Map # 120-1-5) from RB Residential Business District to TBD Transitional Business District.
2. Consider the request of Union Plaza, LLC, contract purchaser, and the City of Salem, property owner, for rezoning the property located at 630 Union Street (Tax Map # 160-11-2) from HM Heavy Manufacturing District to HBD Highway Business District.
3. Consider the request of 2936 Salem Inc., dba Sunshine Spa and 217 NY Ave Corp, property owner, for the issuance of a Special Exception Permit to allow a massage parlor at 2936 West Main Street (Tax Map # 210-1-2).
4. Consider amending Chapter 106, Zoning, Article IV. Development Standards, Section 106-400 pertaining to site plan review.
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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  
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## Terriers go 2-1, win consolation final in last week's NIT at NHS Byrd will host Hidden Valley tonight

The William Byrd boys' basketball team bounced back from an opening round loss to win their next two games and capture the consolation prize at last week's Northside Invitational Tournament at Northside High School. The host Vikings won the tournament for the seventh year in a row, defeating Blacksburg in the final.

After losing to Blacksburg in the opener the Terriers defeated Auburn on the second day, 69-58. Byrd led 39-27 at the half and controlled the pace in the second half, holding Auburn stand out to 10 points in the first three quarters. Millirons, who had 40 in a first round game with LCA, finished with 22 points.

Camden Richardson led the Terriers with 18 points while Garrett Hendrick had a dozen and freshman Isaiah Board had 11, including three three-pointers.

That set up a game with Brookville for the Consolation Championship and Byrd pulled out a 65-55 win with a big second half. The game was tied at 32-32 at intermission but Byrd outscored the Bees 12-9 in the third quarter, then finished strong with a 21-14 edge in the fourth.

Richardson led the



**Above, Byrd's Isaiah Board drives by a Brookville player in last week's NIT consolation bracket final. Right, Camden Richardson of the Terriers puts down a slam as two Bees can only watch.**

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team again with 18 points while Board hit four threes and finished with 14. Hendrick and Ethan Hairston had nine points each and Trevor Ruble had eight.

The win lifted the Terriers to 4-7 overall to end the 2021 portion of their schedule. They were planning to open 2022 on Tuesday at Staunton

River but that game was moved back a day due to inclement weather. The Terriers are back in action today with a home game against Hidden Valley, and next Tuesday, January 11, Northside comes to Vinton for a big Blue Ridge District game.



**Byrd's Sophia Chrisley scored 28 points against Salem in last week's Knights Winter Classic tournament at Cave Spring.**

PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

## Byrd girls in "Play for Preemies" event at Western Albemarle gym

The William Byrd girls will be playing in the "Play for Preemies" basketball event at Western Albemarle High School this Saturday to raise money for the Neonatal Intensive Care Units (NICU) at the University of Virginia Children's Hospital in Charlottesville and the Carilion Clinic Children's Hospital in Roanoke.

The event was the idea of Western Albemarle girls' coach Kris Wright. Kris and his wife Heather have two children, both born prematurely, and lost a third child who would have been a twin of one of the survivors. They had a rough go of it during and after the pregnancies and want to shed light on the problems many parents face, as well as help fund the NICA units in Charlottesville and Roanoke. NICU wards are equipped and staffed to provide intensive care to dangerously ill or premature newborn babies, and prior to the tournament Wright had already raised \$5,600 from sponsor commitments with plans to add to that this weekend.

A six game schedule of girls' high school games will begin at 11 am Saturday morning at the Western Albemarle gym in Crozet. William Byrd will play in the first game against

William Monroe High of Stanardsville. The rest of the schedule is as follows: 12:45 pm Mills Godwin vs Albemarle, 2:30 pm Madison vs Monticello, 4:15 pm Tuscarora vs Charlottesville, 6 pm Hidden Valley vs Western Albemarle and 7:45 pm Amherst County vs Fluvanna County.

Byrd was placed in the early game since the Terriers were not scheduled to play on Friday night. The Byrd girls have a game tonight against Hidden Valley and were scheduled to play on Wednesday night at Staunton River in the first game of a doubleheader with the boys. That game was postponed from Tuesday.

The Terriers come into the week with a 5-5 overall record. They finished fifth in last week's Knights Winter Classic basketball tournament at Cave Spring High School. After losing their opener to Floyd County the girls bounced back with wins over Magna Vista and Salem to go 2-1 on the week.

The win over Salem was for fifth place, and Byrd took a 54-48 victory over the Spartans. Sophia Chrisley led the Byrd girls with 28 points, including three three-pointers. Emilie McCaskill had 15 points with two threes and Alexis Helton had six points.

## All Timesland meet includes swimmers from all over at Gator Center Saturday

The Gator Center in Roanoke will be the focal point for swim teams throughout the Roanoke Valley and beyond when the 14th annual "All Timesland" meet takes place.

The one day event is hosted by the local Virginia Gators swim team. Preliminaries begin at 10 am and Finals are scheduled to begin at 5:30 pm. The meet is open to public, private and independent schools and the William Byrd swim team will be competing.

Several William Byrd graduates hold All Timesland records in this event. Todd McGraw still holds the record in the men's 200 IM, which he set in 2008. Khalil Fonder holds two records set in 2018, the men's 50 Free and the men's 100 Fly.

Byrd was scheduled to swim at the Gator Center on Wednesday of this week against Cave Spring in their first meet of the New Year. Next Wednesday, January 12, Byrd will host Salem at the Gator Center.

## Big Orange at LCA, track at RC cancelled

The William Byrd wrestlers are scheduled to participate in the LCA Invitation Tournament in Lynchburg this weekend, weather permitting. Bouts are scheduled for Friday and Saturday and the tournament is an individual double elimination tourna-

ment.

The Byrd indoor track team was scheduled to run in a meet at Roanoke College today, but that meet, as well as a meet at RC on January 14, has been cancelled due to a COVID outbreak at Roanoke College.



**William Byrd's Dawson Brinkley will be among the swimmers at the All Timesland swim meet at the Gator Center Saturday.**

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