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## Renovations well underway at William Byrd High

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“William Byrd High School has a proud history in the Roanoke Valley as one of the original large public high schools opened in the 1930s,” said Roanoke County Schools Superintendent Dr. Ken Nicely. “The current building built in 1969 has had a couple of additions to keep pace with growing enrollment, but the project we are undertaking now is a true, comprehensive renovation of the entire school to bring it up to modern standards. Principal Tammy Newcomb and our district staff have been highly involved in working with our design and construction partners from Avis and Hughes Associates to launch the project and see it through. The project is on schedule and, when completed, will give our students and community a facility to match Terrier pride and support innovative learning.”

Dr. Nicely was one of the

guests for an update tour of the ongoing renovations at William Byrd High School, which began in earnest in the spring and summer of 2021, and will be completed in the summer of 2023, hopefully in time for the opening of the 2023-2024 school year.

Dr. Nicely, School Board Chair David Linden and member Cheryl Facciani accompanied WBHS Principal Tammy Newcomb, Assistant Principal Travis Anderson and representatives from General Contractor Avis Construction, Hughes Associates Architects & Engineers, the Ascent Engineering Group, the RCPS Director of Facilities and Operations Chris Lowe and Assistant Director Harley Grimes on a progress tour on February 16.

Guests were also invited to sit in on the bi-weekly contractors and architects meeting for an update on the project, led by Project Manager Laura Bradford and Avis Job Superintendent Brian Dodson.

During the meeting, Earle Shumate from Hughes Associates Architects & Engineers, who designed the project, said that the philosophy of the company was to make the Vinton school “look and feel like a new school without building a new school; to make the Byrd facility more cohesive, modern, and up-to-date—to look like a school that was built all at the same time.”

“It is exciting to see the wonderful progress being made on the William Byrd High School renovation project,” said Linden. “I’m confident the students at William Byrd will be excited about the additions and the welcoming feel these updates and renovations will bring. Avis Construction and Hughes Associates have combined to create a beautiful look to the school, and it will be something I think the residents of Vinton, Bonsack and Mount Pleasant will be very proud of. We look forward to opening up a por-



PHOTO COURTESY OF HUGHES ASSOCIATES ARCHITECTS AND ENGINEERS

**Renderings of WBHS with renovations to the front senior entrance, senior lobby, and wrestling/cheer gym.**

tion of the building beginning next school year and are pleased to be on schedule to have it completed by August 2023.”

The renovation project

will include the school’s first and second floors and will entail over 100,000 square feet of renovations and roughly

13,500 square feet of additions. While the footprint of the school isn’t changing, classrooms and other instruc-

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## Churchill Downs to purchase Colonial Downs/Rosie’s Gaming Emporiums

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Churchill Downs Inc. (CDI) – best known for the Kentucky Derby – has announced an agreement to acquire substantially all of the assets of Peninsula Pacific Entertainment (P2E) for \$2.485 billion.

CDI will acquire all of P2E’s assets in Virginia and New York as well as the operations of its Sioux City casino property. The P2E transaction is dependent on usual and customary closing conditions, including the company obtaining approvals from the Virginia Racing Commission, the New York State Gaming Commission, and the Iowa Racing and Gaming Commission. The transaction is expected to close by the end of 2022.

“This unique set of assets expands our geographic footprint and provides additional scale,” said Bill Carstanjen, Chief Executive Officer of CDI. “P2E has done an exceptional job developing and managing this collection of assets, which we are very excited to acquire and plan to strategically grow in the years ahead.”

CDI will acquire Colonial Downs Racetrack, a Thoroughbred racing facility in New Kent, Va., as well as six successful and growing “Rosie’s Gaming Emporium” historical horse racing facilities across Virginia.

Rosie’s Gaming Emporium locations currently include Vinton, Collinsville, Dumfries, Hampton, New Kent, and Richmond. These facilities currently have approximately

2,700 historical racing machines (HRMs). The newly remodeled Vinton Rosie’s has recently expanded to 500 HRMs.

The transaction significantly expands the geographic diversity of CDI’s live and historical racing entertainment venues and reinforces CDI’s role as a national leader in historical horse racing.

As part of the agreement, CDI will also acquire del Lago Resort & Casino in Waterloo, N.Y., and the Hard Rock Hotel & Casino in Sioux City, Iowa.

Under Virginia law, CDI will have the opportunity to develop up to five additional historical racing entertainment venues in Virginia with collectively up to approximately 2,300 additional

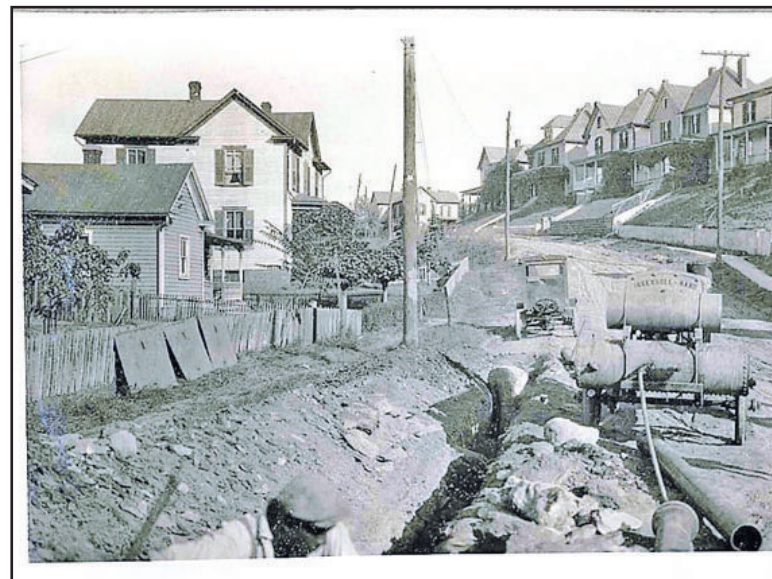
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**Churchill Downs is purchasing Colonial Downs and Rosie’s Gaming Emporiums, including the Vinton Rosie’s location.**

## The history of water and wastewater systems in the Roanoke area



The Western Virginia Water Authority has over 1,500 miles of water mains in service today. This image from November 1926 shows the beginning of a six-inch main on Bullitt Avenue, S.E.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF WESTERN VIRGINIA WATER AUTHORITY

A trenching machine at work on Hanover Avenue in September 1926.


By Debbie Adams, based on information from Sarah Baumgardner, Director of Public Relations for the Western Virginia Water Authority

On July 1, 2022, the Town of Vinton will transfer ownership and operations of the Vinton Water and Wastewater System to the Western Virginia Water Authority.

This is foreseen as a mutually beneficial arrangement which, according to the town and the Authority, will “provide better rate stability, drought protection, infrastructure planning, and maintenance for all Authority customers.”

The WVWA was established in 2004 in an agreement between the City of Roanoke and Roanoke County—the first authority in the Commonwealth formed from two existing entities to treat, deliver, and administer water and wastewater. The reach of the authority now extends throughout the region to Franklin and Botetourt Counties and soon the

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# Local college students receive honors

Many local students have been recognized by colleges and universities on their Dean's and President's Lists, and graduation lists for Fall 2021, including:

**Cedarville University Dean's List:**

- Josiah St. Clair of Goodview, majoring in Biblical Studies

**Christopher Newport University Dean's List:**

- Daniel Shelton, a sophomore with a double major in Political Science and Leadership and a double minor in International Business and German
- Hannah Shelton, a senior with a double major in Management and Marketing with a minor in Leadership

**George Mason University Dean's List:**

- Abigail Murtaugh, a sophomore majoring in Public Health and Clinical Health
- Hollins Dean's List:
- Kasey Copeland of Hardy
- Kennah Hebert of Vinton
- Anika Holley of Vinton
- Rose Osborne of Goodview
- James Madison University Dean's List:
- Judith Gudiel of Hardy, majoring in architectural design
- Danielle Haldren of Vinton, majoring in integrated science & technology
- Frank Kelly of Vinton, majoring in integrated science & technology
- Haley Lawson of Vinton, majoring in nursing
- Lexis Mason of Vinton, majoring in psychology
- Mikara Mitchell of Vinton, majoring in individualized study
- Connor Ranson of Hardy, majoring in architectural design
- Kaylee Shrewsbury of Vinton, majoring in health sciences
- Leah Shrewsbury of Vinton, majoring in health science
- James Madison Univer-

sity President's List:

- Bayla Kessler of Vinton, majoring in theatre
- Sarah Shinault of Vinton, majoring in nursing
- James Madison University December 2021 graduate:
- Danielle Haldren, with a degree in Speech Pathology
- Longwood University: Briahna Stacey, Elementary education major, President's List
- Caroline Faulkner, Nursing, Dean's List
- Radford University Graduates Fall 2021
- Ryan Zane Dippel of Vinton, Bachelor of Science in Biology
- Kacee Lorraine Ferrell of Hardy, Bachelor of Science in Nursing
- Brittney Nichole Howell of Vinton, Master of Occupational Therapy
- Cameron Alexander Livingstone of Vinton, Master of Occupational Therapy
- Kristin Paige Ransome of Goodview, Bachelor of Science in Biology
- Jami Marie Salzberg of Goodview, Doctor of Nursing Practice
- Robert Patrick Vorbroker of Vinton, Bachelor of Science in Nursing
- Jared Griffin Williamson of Hardy, Master of Science in Physician Assistant
- Radford University Dean's List:
- Johanna Arrington, Healthcare Administration major from Vinton
- Christopher Blankenship, majoring in biomedical science
- Brenna Boksa, Art major from Vinton
- Sarah Butterworth, Criminal Justice major from Vinton
- Bridgette Congleton, Nursing major from Hardy
- Jennah DiMaggio, Geology major from Goodview
- Kerrigan Ferguson, Interdisciplinary Studies major from Vinton
- Kacee Ferrell, Nursing major from Hardy
- Callie Foutz, Interdisci-

plinary Studies major from Vinton

- Zachary Gross, Finance major from Vinton
- Robert Hage, Allied Health Sciences major from Hardy
- Adam Harrison, History major from Goodview
- Kara Harvey, Sociology major from Vinton
- Lindsay Heck, Economics major from Goodview
- Joseph Johnson, Marketing major from Vinton
- Aldin Krecic, Healthcare Administration major from Vinton
- Jenna Layman, Nursing major from Hardy
- Joshua Maloney, Nursing major from Goodview
- Abbey Maxey, Nursing major from Goodview
- Shane McCarthy, Marketing major from Vinton
- Eric McGuire, Nursing major from Hardy
- Elizabeth Musselman, Pre-Nursing major from Vinton
- Julie Nicely, social science major
- Jessica Pursel, Nursing major from Vinton
- Thomas Ransone, Social Science major from Vinton
- Stephanie Reynolds, Nursing major from Vinton
- Alexis Rhodes, Nursing major from Vinton
- Lena Rice, Nursing major from Hardy
- Kayla Rippey, Nursing major from Vinton
- Grace Scott, majoring in Nutrition & Dietetics
- Carrie Sizemore, Social Work major from Vinton
- Youssef Sorial, Criminal Justice major from Vinton
- Kari Spradlin, Healthcare Management major from Vinton
- Meghan Stinnette, Communication Sciences & Disorders major from Vinton
- Amy Taylor, Interdisciplinary Studies major from Vinton
- Emma Teter, Nursing major from Vinton
- Megan Thomas, Pre-Nursing major from Vinton

- Tucker Vest, Nursing major from Vinton
- Robert Vorbroker, Nursing major from Vinton
- Braydon Wiseman, History major from Hardy
- Emily Woods, graphic design major
- Ethan Wright, Emergency Services major from Goodview

**Shenandoah University (Shenandoah Conservatory) President's List:**

- Ellen Frary Virginia Commonwealth University School of Arts Dean's List:
- Andrea Gonzalez

**Virginia Tech Dean's List:**

- Olivia Ashworth, majoring in Human Development
- Keaton Band, College of Science, NEUS
- Amna Becirevic, majoring in Accounting and Information Systems
- Elena Boitnott, majoring in Finance
- Ethan Bowser, majoring in Music
- Emily Brooks, majoring in Political Science
- Andrew Brooks, majoring in Accounting and Information Systems
- Ryan Buxton
- Tyler Buxton, majoring in General Engineering
- Will Cummings, majoring in Creative Writing
- Cameron Davis, majoring in Theatre Arts
- Austin Dickson, majoring in Business Information Technology
- Kaitlyn Dickson, majoring in Marketing
- Natalie Ferguson, College of Architecture and Urban Studies, majoring in Creative Technologies
- Sophie Griffin, majoring in Human Development
- Dylan Hatfield, majoring in Human Nutrition, Foods, and Exercise
- Reilly Hatfield, majoring in Biological Systems Engineering
- Hanna Howell, College of Science, majoring in ESCI
- Adithya Iyer, majoring in General Engineering

- Megan James, majoring in Industrial and Systems Engineering
- Luke Johnston, majoring in Mechanical Engineering
- Autumn Krebs, Interdisciplinary Studies
- Brian McCormack, majoring in Math
- Natalie Mullins, majoring in multimedia journalism
- Courtney Palmer, College of Business, Management
- Olivia Robertson, majoring in Childhood Pre-Education
- Chad Ronan, majoring in Computer Science
- Justin Seymour, majoring in Accounting and Information Systems
- Abby Spotswood, majoring in Environmental Resources Management
- Sarah Spradlin, majoring in Biochemistry
- Mara Strum, majoring in Human Nutrition, Foods, and Exercise
- Erin Taylor, majoring in Human Nutrition, Foods, and Exercise
- Payton Taylor, majoring in Psychology
- Reagan Tuck, majoring in Veterinary Medicine
- Taylor Zimmerman, majoring in Animal and Poultry Sciences
- Virginia Western Community College President's List:
- Will Howell

**Western Governor's University Awards of Excellence:**

- Lindsey Bixel of Vinton, College of Health Professions
- Erik Crowell of Vinton, College of Business
- Chelsea Kunkel of Vinton, College of Health Professions

- Christian Runyon of Vinton, College of Health Professions
- Amber Smith of Goodview, College of Business

If your child has been recognized on a Dean's or President's List or graduated from a college or university in Fall 2021, and have not been included on this list, please email [dadams@main-streetnewspapers.com](mailto:dadams@main-streetnewspapers.com).

## SPOTLIGHT ON TOWN OF VINTON STAFF

### Pete Peters

The Town of Vinton and The Vinton Messenger have united to “Spotlight the Town of Vinton Staff” during their respective birthday months. The town is proud to have these employees on staff and wants the community to see who is behind the scenes making the town look great and operate efficiently.

Pete Peters is Vinton's

Town Manager. He has been employed by the town since December 2015, hired first as Assistant Town Manager and Economic Development Director. He served in those positions for five years and was then appointed to the position of Town Manager as of January 1, 2021.

He spent 10 years as Director of Parks, Recreation, and Tourism

for Botetourt County, two years as Director of Athletic Programs and Facilities at Roanoke Catholic School, and seven years with the City of Roanoke Department of Parks and Recreation. Peters grew up in Mount Pleasant and was the last class (1993) to attend the old William Byrd High School (now the Billy Byrd apartments) as a 7th grader.

He received his Bachelor's Degree in Recreation Administration

from Ferrum College, and his Graduate Certificate in Local Government Management from Virginia Tech.

“My actual name is Richard and my nickname growing up was Richie,” Peters says. “I didn't get the nickname of ‘Pete’ until college (short for Peters) and it has stuck professionally throughout the years, although many of my family and friends from growing up still call me Richie.”

He lists his hobbies as mountain biking, kayaking, camping, hunting, and handyman/landscaping.

He and his wife Cameron have been married for 21 years. They have

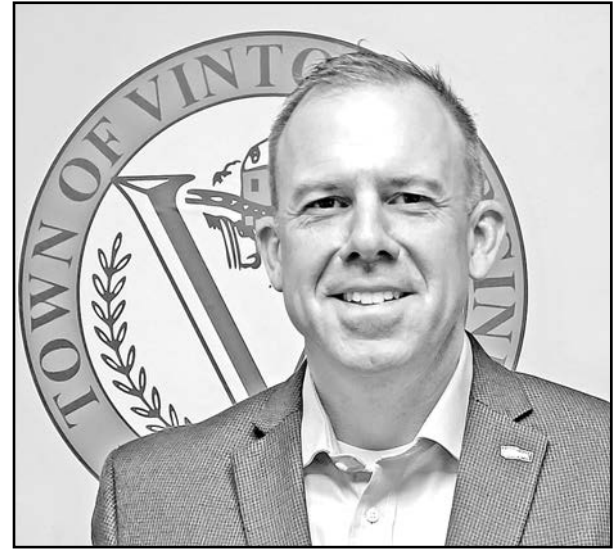


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Vinton Town Manager Pete Peters

two daughters, Cadence (17) and Falan (16), and a boxer pup, Eleanor Rigby.

A fun fact about Peters is his obsession with Jeeps.

“I have owned seven

different jeeps since high school and one of each model type: ‘73 CJ5, ‘77 CJ7, ‘81 CJ7, ‘89 YJ, ‘02 TJ, ‘13 JK and a ‘20 JT.”

Thanks for all you do, Pete Peters!

## Big consignment sale this Saturday at Bonsack Baptist

The annual Bonsack Baptist Preschool Consignment Sale is this Saturday, Feb. 26, from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. at Bonsack Baptist Church CLC, 4845 Cloverdale Road, Roanoke. Admission is free. Sellers receive 60% of their items' profits and the other 40% goes to the preschool to provide necessary learning tools and environments for the students.

After each sale, all the leftover items marked “Donate” are sent to Truth Fellowship Ministries.

The consignment sale fundraiser is offering over 100,000 consignment items ranging from infant to teens, even for moms to be.

Organizers accept clothes, shoes, accessories, toys, home decor, strollers, cribs, and more. They only accept high-quality items, making sure clothes are stain-free, not faded and all battery-operated items work. These items have been inspected and selected for quality and value. There are also many unique and one-of-a-kind items. The non-profit sale is run by a committee made up entirely of local volunteers. Cash or credit/debit cards are accepted (\$2 fee

for cards).

The organizers offer some shopping tips:

- Bring a rolling cart, stroller, basket, or bag with you to help carry items while you shop.
  - Have time to spare. Since there typically aren't large amounts of one item, there are a lot of items to choose from. Slow down and really look, don't just fly through the racks – you'll likely miss the best deals.
  - The big items and best deals go fast. Organizers recommend coming early Saturday.
  - Saturday between 11 a.m.-1 p.m. is the best time to shop during a slow time.
  - Wear the right shoes– simple, but often overlooked.
  - Kids' brand sizing runs different, so make note of your kids' favorite brands and current sizes before the sale. You can trace your children's feet on a piece of cardboard to help determine shoe sizes.
- For photos, go to <https://bonsack-consignment.wixsite.com/bonsackconsignment>.

### CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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**CLUES ACROSS**  
1. Constrictors  
5. Abounding in rocks  
11. Speed  
14. German city  
15. Lacking sympathy  
18. Visionaries  
19. Wastes away  
21. One precursor to the EU  
23. Nursemaid  
24. Unconsciousnesses  
28. Baby's word for father  
29. Equal to 64 US pints (abbr.)  
30. Senses of self-importance  
32. Midway between south and southwest  
33. When you hope to get there  
35. Electronic data

processing  
36. Passports and drivers' licences are two  
39. Fishes  
41. Air Force  
42. Personal computers  
44. Ecological community  
46. Wings  
47. Halfway  
49. Cool, calm and collected  
52. Jewelled headdress  
56. Musical composition  
58. \_\_\_ Falls  
60. Repeating remarks  
62. Periods in one's life  
63. Hyphen

**CLUES DOWN**  
1. \_\_\_ Humbug!  
2. Devices that alert pilots (abbr.)  
3. Grocer

4. One point east of southeast  
5. Subjects to hostility  
6. Work unit  
7. Atomic #56  
8. British thermal unit  
9. "Elusive Butterfly" singer  
10. Fastened over the animal's neck  
12. Device  
13. Rechargeable power source  
16. Ancient sage  
17. Consist of two elements  
20. "Pygmalion" writer  
22. "The Centennial State" (abbr.)  
25. Of I  
26. Get older  
27. Brotherhoods

29. Buzzing insect  
31. Sunscreen rating  
34. Brew  
36. Leader  
37. Indigo bush  
38. Burn with a hot liquid  
40. Junior's dad  
43. Horse mackerels genus  
45. Morning  
48. Unit of linear measurement (abbr.)  
50. Double curve  
51. Small, twisted bunch  
53. Developed  
54. Mars crater  
55. Humanistic discipline  
57. Word element meaning ear  
58. Last or greatest in an indefinitely large series  
59. Wood residue  
61. It cools your home



Spring is right around the corner, and the Vinton Library has plenty of programs and activities coming up to get you out of those winter blues. For starters, on Monday, March 21 at 6 p.m., adults can tune into our Heirloom Gardening program on Zoom to learn about obtaining heirloom seed varieties and why they are important to preserve.

If you're like the rest of us and prefer to avoid going to the DMV at all costs, the DMV Connect service will be here March 1, 30 and 31 from 10-5 with no appointment necessary (closed for lunch from 1-2).

The Roanoke Valley Dulcimers will be meeting on Saturday, March 19, from 10:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Come to share songs, playing techniques, and to learn more history about the mountain dulcimer. Beginners are always welcome.

On Thursday the 17th at 6 p.m., join Caitlin on Zoom to celebrate Women's History Month by learning all about Women in Ancient Greece. Also, Open Bridge Group is back. Join experienced players every Tuesday from 1 to 4 p.m.

Looking to join a new book club? This month the Vinton Book Club will be discussing "Project Hail Mary" by Andy Weir on the first Thursday at 3 p.m. on Zoom. The As the Page Turns Book Club will be discussing "The Lions of Fifth Avenue" by Fiona Davis on the second Wednesday at 2 p.m., on Zoom as well.

Teen Grab-and-Go kits will be available on March 14 and 28 this month. Monday the 28th is also Teen Gaming night. Visit us between 5:30-7:30 p.m. for fun video, card, and board games in the Teen Center.

Bring the family in for "Caturday" on the 19th from 2:30-3:30 p.m. Register online for a 15-minute time slot to read aloud to cats from the Regional Center for Animal Care and Protection. Help your child build their reading skills while also helping a cat get socialized before adoption.

Be sure to register for one of our early literacy programs happening this month. Bring your children in their cutest PJs to Jammie Time on Tuesdays at 6 p.m. If you'd prefer mornings, come to Family Storytime Wednesdays at 11:30 a.m. Join us to practice literacy skills, enjoy fun activities and listen to stories.

We will also be having Early Start Club on Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. for infants and their caregivers; you'll learn

about standards, resources, and methods for encouraging early literacy development. There will be rhymes, songs, motion and play to build a foundation for reading with your little one.

Once you've brushed up on your early reading skills drop in on the 17th for Lego Play at 4 p.m. to have fun creating and sharing Lego masterpieces. This month's Junior Makers Club will take place on Wednesday the 16th at 4 p.m. We will explore the fun of gardening and the science behind it. Plant your own seeds to take home and watch them grow.

Don't miss this month's STEM Super Saturday, "In Flight." On Saturday the 5th at 2:30 p.m., learn how to make static flyers and paper airplanes and fly them outside of the library. You can also celebrate St. Patrick's Day with us all day on the 17th; drop by for fun crafts and activities while supplies last. Be sure to pick up this month's Wonder Pack as well, a STEM project for Building Bridges.

Kid's Take and Creates for March:

Week of March 1: Giraffe Craft

Week of March 7: Flower STEM Science

Week of March 14: St. Patrick's Day Craft

Week of March 21: Grow a Seed Activity

Week of March 28: Basketball Craft

Teen Take and Create: Bookmark

Adult Take and Create: Macramé Keychain

Join us for these virtual events happening this month:

Storytime at Home: Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10 a.m.

Couch Trivia (Books and Authors): Tuesday, March 1 at 7 p.m.

Roanoke County Genealogy Club: Wednesday, March 2 at 10 a.m.

Keeping Kids Safe Online with iPads and iPhones: Tuesday, March 8 at 2 p.m.

Wash Daze: Wednesday, March 9 at 6:30 p.m.

Evening Genealogy Club: Tuesday, March 15 at 6 p.m.

Celebrate Freedom of Information Day: Wednesday, March 16 at 2 p.m.

Microsoft Excel: Just the Basics: Wednesday, March 16 at 2 p.m.

Secure Your Stuff: Thursday March 31 at 4 p.m.

Please note that in person events are subject to change and remember to register online for events at [www.rocolibrary.org](http://www.rocolibrary.org).

*By Vinton Library Assistant  
Molly Meador*

## Angie Chewing

Filling in for Bootie

Chris and Gina Keaton have moved back to Vinton after nearly thirty years in Nashville, Tenn. "All the stars aligned and with most of my business being online we could live anywhere. That and the chance to spend more time with our parents made the move home make sense for us." Chris will continue to commute to Music City and beyond for his music industry consulting business. He is also a Celebrations Consultant for Macy's and will travel with that position, too.

Congratulations to William Byrd Middle School Cheerleading Team Coach Shannon McColluch for WINS at Battle At Byrd, Gtown throwdown (Glenvar) and Northside Invitational Cheer Competi-

tions.

Team members are Aubrey Booze, Ashley Arven, Bailey Tabor, Brihanna Harris, Carleigh Leonard, Jamya Rosbrough, Kelsey Bell, Lily Varrell, Makenzie Scott, Mattie Cox, Miley Moses, Taylor Jacobson, Kaidence Stores, Aniyah Harper.

A fun dinner with WBHS class-

mates was had at Macado's. Those joining the fun were Amy White Wentzel, Deb Kitts, Cheryl Blankenship, Vickie Perdue Fuller, Kathy Overstreet, Linda Sturgill Aylor, April Brammer Brown, Deb Ayers, and Belinda Jones. What great times to get together with old friends!



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# Mount Pleasant Lions Club updates for February

Mount Pleasant Lions Club members were saddened to learn that Lion Kyle Martin, who had been a Mount Pleasant Lion for more than 47 years, passed away due to natural causes on Thursday, February 17. Lion Kyle was a past president and the recipient of the prestigious Melvin Jones Fellow award, the highest accolade a club can bestow on a member.

He lived all his adult life on Bandy Road S.E., where he and his predeceasing wife, the former Nancy Weaver, raised three daughters through Mount Pleasant Elementary and William Byrd Schools and looked on with bemusement as those daughters married and reared their own children. Kyle was always ready and willing to help with Lions projects and brought many area needs before the club for assistance. He was a perfect example of the Lions motto "We Serve" and he will be missed.

Jason Peters, the Roanoke County Board of Supervisors member for the Vinton District, will be speaking to the Mount Pleasant Lions Club on Tuesday, March 1. This will be at the regularly scheduled meeting at the club's meeting hall, the "Lions Den," with his remarks beginning at 7:30 p.m. All members of the community are invited to attend and hear what may, or may not, be in store for the Mount Pleasant area and Roanoke County as a whole. Anyone desiring more information may contact the club recording secretary, Lea Whitbeck, at 540-204-2183.

The Mount Pleasant Lions Club PACK-A-SNACK program continues. Members of the Mount Pleasant Lions Club shopped for appropriate food items on Thursday, February 17, and then met a couple more members at the "Lions Den" to pack 57 bags of mostly healthy snacks for children

at Garden City Elementary School.

Two of the packers, Lions Janet West and Tommy Moore, actually attended that school back in the day and were especially pleased that they could pay back a bit of what they learned there. The Lions Club is one member of the CIA

(Communities In Action), a rotating group which packs food each week for students whose families request such assistance through the school. The other partner members of the CIA are the Garden City Nazarene Church and New Hope Christian Church.

*By Lion Mike Ferguson*

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# DAR tours Vinton History Museum

The Vinton History Museum hosted the February meeting of the Roanoke Valley Chapter of the DAR on February 12. About 15 DAR members were given a tour of the museum and commentary on its exhibits by Judy Cunningham, Executive Director of the museum. Vinton Historical Society President Randy Layman and Treasurer Debbie Pitts visited with the DAR guests as well.

Cunningham started with some history of the building. What is now the museum at the corner of Jackson Avenue and Maple Street in downtown Vinton was the residence of the Upson family. The home was built in 1906 and still features its original floors. Until recently it unfortunately also had its original electrical wiring, but some fundraising and upkeep funding

from the Town of Vinton resulted in upgrades to the system.

Cunningham pointed out that each room in the museum has a theme— there is a Church and School Room, featuring mainly William Byrd High School and Roland E. Cook Elementary. That room also houses some arrowheads uncovered on the Vinton War Memorial property, and some religious books donated by Explore Park. There is a Gish Mill Room within the School Room.

The foyer and lower hallway make up the Military Hall, featuring wars from the Spanish American to World War II, with a special exhibit honoring Vinton's own Lt. Gen. Dan Darnell, now retired as Deputy Commander of the U.S. Pacific Command. Some of the military memorabilia is secured in a

display case donated by The Hotel Roanoke.

DAR members were astounded at the number of items on display and the quality of the displays themselves. The museum has accumulated over 4,000 items for viewing and preservation. Cunningham told the DAR members that every object or document in the museum has been donated, except for a few items that are on loan.

There is a Sight and Sound Room featuring vintage phonographs, TVs, radios, an organ, instruments, and records. The Dining Room is home to a set of butter churns, along with dishes and a doll collection. There is a display of Girl Scout pins and Lions Club pins.

The kitchen features a wringer washing machine and washboards and a set of oil lamps, as well as an-

tique glass.

The Town of Vinton Room is where The Vinton Messenger newspapers are archived. The Tool Room contains a wide variety of tools from bygone days. There is a Business Room, a Bedroom, and a Children's Room. Past DAR regent Sharon Menzies, who was on the tour, had donated her grandmother's baby buggy from the 1880s to the museum along with a baby doll and parasol.

The upstairs hallway displays a vintage hat collection, a quilt collection, and an enormous display of doll houses.

The museum office is filled with binders on well-known Vinton families, an almost complete set of Black Swan yearbooks from William Byrd High School, and notebooks on various clubs, organiza-

tions, churches, homes, buildings, cemeteries, and special events in the Vinton area.

The museum has a huge collection of photographs and archives of weddings, obituaries, and military service.

Cunningham invited the DAR members to return, bring friends, and become members of the Historical Society.

The museum is open Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, and the first Saturday each month from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. There is no charge for admission.

More information is available at <https://www.vintonhistorymuseum.org/>. The museum and Historical Society have two Facebook pages—one, the Vinton History Museum, and another called Vinton Memories and History.



The Children's Room at the Vinton History Museum includes a donation by DAR member Sharon Menzies— her grandmother's baby buggy, doll, and parasol.



PHOTOS BY DEBBIE ADAMS

Members of the Roanoke Valley Chapter DAR visited the Vinton History Museum on February 12.



## From the Pulpit: God's Masterpiece

Whether we are a lover of art, its beauty, colors, craftsmanship, history, and cultural influence, or can barely keep a straight line and draw a stick-figure, almost everyone recognizes the name of the Ital-

ian sculptor and painter Michelangelo.

Born on March 6, 1475, in the Republic of Florence, Michelangelo di Lodovico Buonarroti Simoni would create some of the most recognized works of art in

history before the age of 30.

Beginning in his early 20s, Michelangelo sculpted one of the most famous sculptures of all time, known as "The Piety," which depicts the lifeless body of Jesus on the lap of Mary following his crucifixion. Though it was originally created as a funeral monument, it is now the only work of art from the Renaissance era to be housed at St. Peter's Basilica in the Vatican. After completing this statue, Michelangelo would construct what many believe to be one of the most famous pieces of artwork of all time, which is the sculpture known as "David."

According to historical records, "David" was originally commissioned as one of a series of statues of prophets to be positioned along the roofline of the east end of Florence Cathedral, but was instead placed in a public square in the Piazza della Signoria, where it was unveiled in September of 1504.

The statue was later

transferred to the Galleria dell'Accademia in Florence in 1873. Known for its unmistakable posture and lack of modesty, "David" is considered by many to be one of the most recognizable pieces of art in history. According to some records, when asked how he was able to produce such a remarkable piece of art out of a block of stone, Michelangelo reportedly responded: "It was easy. You just chip away at the stone that doesn't look like David."

Whether the famed Renaissance artist actually said this or not, Michelangelo was known for looking at a large piece of stone and seeing something different than most. Rather than a formless block of marble that needed an artist to create it into something beautiful, Michelangelo had the ability to see the beauty of the sculpture before the first cut was made. As an artist, he believed his job was to cut off all of the excess stone to reveal the masterpiece

that was already there.

The author of Genesis wrote: "So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them" (Genesis 1:27).

David expounded on this idea in Psalm 139 by writing: "For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made" (Psalm 139:13-14a).

Bringing it all together, Paul wrote to the Ephesians: "For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago" (Ephesians 2:10).

Scripture assures us that we are wonderfully made in the likeness of God. We all bear the image of the Perfect One. However, life has a way of suppressing and covering that image with layers upon layers of sin, brokenness, and discord. Like precious gold buried under lay-

ers of rock, the perfect image of God upon us becomes buried under layers and layers of bad habits, misplaced desires, selfish ambitions, unjust prejudices, hurtful words, painful wounds, unresolved grief, and destructive behaviors.

And yet, God assures us we are his masterpiece; we are his greatest creation; we bear his very image. Maybe the best way for that image to be uncovered and restored is to adopt Michelangelo's strategy and start chipping away at anything in our lives that does not look like Jesus. We are not a formless stone; we are wonderfully made. The beauty of God is already within us and upon us. All we need to do is start chipping away at the excess and allow what is already there— God's masterpiece— to be revealed.

By The Rev. Travis Russell, Vinton Baptist Church

# Celebrating The Town of VINTON!

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

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

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

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

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# OBITUARIES

chopped and stacked the wood for the stove that kept he and his wife warm throughout the winter. With his good friend Richard, he built a chicken coop where he kept a flock of 10 laying hens. He would help anyone

Blue Ridge Literacy.

Tax revenues generated by Rosie's have been an economic boon to the town as well, allowing long-delayed Capital Improvement



# Vinton Worship Directory

## YOU ALONE

Read Numbers 18:1 through 19:22

Monte had given his son one job: Shovel the walk. Monte returned to see messy piles of snow haphazardly scattered about. The boy had convinced his younger sister—who could barely lift the shovel—to do it for him so he could play video games. Monte promptly unplugged the game and sent the boy out to finish the job.

Similarly, God gave Aaron and his sons enormous responsibility. He expected them—and them alone—to follow through.

“But only you and your sons may serve as priests in connection with everything at the altar and inside the curtain. I am giving you the service of the priesthood as a gift. Anyone else who comes near the sanctuary is to be put to death” (Numbers 18:7).

Has God placed a burden on your heart? Is He pointing you toward work that will expand His kingdom? You are uniquely gifted and in just the right place to effect divine change in this world. Don't wait for someone else to do the job the Lord has given you. He wants you, and you alone, to follow through.

Thought for Today: The work of the Kingdom changes our hearts as it changes our world.

Quicklook: Numbers 18:1-7

**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](mailto:tfrye@ourvalley.org)**

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

### NAZARENE

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### PRESBYTERIAN

**CAMPBELL MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**, 1130 Hardy Rd, Vinton, VA, 540-343-1842; [cmpe2verizon.net](mailto:cmpe2verizon.net) Sunday school 9:45am, Worship 11:00am; Communion 1st Sundays; 2nd Sunday Session; Monday Noon Bible Study; Tuesdays & Thursdays Stretch Class 9:00am; 1st Tuesdays Deacons; Wednesday Choir

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

### UNITED METHODIST

**THREE OAKS FELLOWSHIP UNITED METHODIST CHURCH** - 1026 Gravel Hill Road, Vinton, Va. 540-512-8070. Pastor: Rev. Dr. Rob Colwell. Sunday School - 9:45 a.m., Worship 11 a.m.

### WESLEYAN

**VINTON WESLEYAN CHURCH** - 246 E. Jefferson Ave. Pastor Ricardo Rodriguez, 345-3385; Sunday Worship Service 11:00 AM and 6:00 PM. Sunday School for all ages, 10:00 AM, Wednesday Night Life Ministries - Children - Awana; G-5 Youth Ministry; Adult Bible Study 6:30 PM.

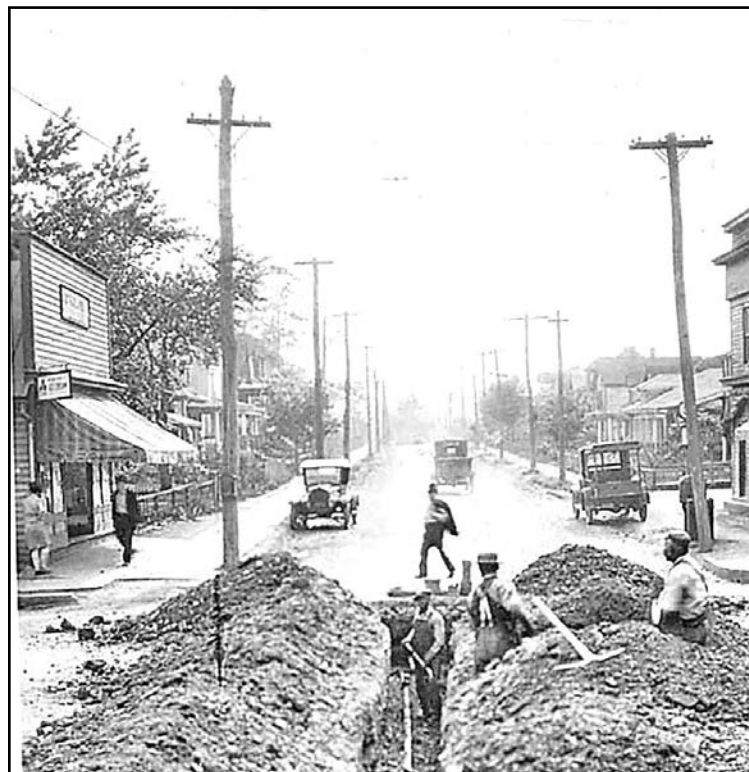


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**Lines at Tazewell and 13th Street in the old Vinton system in 1927.**

Town of Vinton.

Prior to 2004, each of the four separate governments in the Roanoke Valley—Roanoke County, the Cities of Roanoke and Salem, and the Town of Vinton—had its own water supply agency. There had been discussions and negotiations for the governments to join to form one water agency, which were ultimately futile.

In fact, the topic of water and wastewater has a long and rather contentious history in the Roanoke Valley, accompanied by many name changes of the companies involved in the water/wastewater supply and treatment, most of which included the words “Roanoke” and/or “Water.”

Here is some of that history:

In August 1882, the Council of the Town of Roanoke granted the Roanoke Land and Improvement Company the right to supply water to its citizens. Water from Crystal Spring was delivered through a 12-inch pipe to the town starting October 27, 1882. The company also constructed terra-cotta sewers.

In March 1887, Roanoke City Council authorized the Roanoke Land and Improvement Company to transfer the right to supply water to Roanoke Water Works who acquired the rights and title to 143 acres of land, including Crystal Spring.

On January 11, 1889, Roanoke Gas Company and Roanoke Water Works transferred the right to supply water to Roanoke Gas & Water Company. Assets included Crystal Spring, its pumps, and approximately 15 miles of water main.

In 1891, the City of Roanoke appropriated \$150,000 for a sewerage collection system.

On December 9, 1897, a franchise was granted to the Vinton-Roanoke Water Company (organized in March 1890) to furnish water to the City of Roanoke and its inhabitants at a rate not to exceed 25 cents per 1,000 gallons. Assets included the Falling Creek Reservoir and the tunnels to the future Beaverdam Creek Reservoir. The ordinance stat-

ed that the Company was required to provide water to fire hydrants and install three troughs for horses and three drinking fountains for citizens. One of these fountains, the Dog Mouth Fountain in the Roanoke City Market area, is still in use today.

On June 24, 1899, the Roanoke-Vinton Water Company purchased Beaverdam Creek property from R. A. Lawhorn for a reservoir.

In December 1915, Roanoke Water Works Company was incorporated and purchased the Roanoke Water Company, the successor of the old Roanoke Gas & Water Company. The company had 7,750 meters and 270 flat rate services. Customers were charged 25 cents per 1,000 gallons of water with a 55 cents minimum charge.

Moving along to September 1923, charters were granted to the Richmond Development Corporation and the Virginia Water Company, a public service corporation with power of eminent domain to acquire land in the Carvins Cove watershed.

In April 1924, Hollins College sold land on Carvins Creek and the land below The Falls to the Richmond Development Corporation for \$50,000.

In July 1925, the Vinton-Roanoke Water Company merged with the Roanoke Water Works Company.

In January 1928, construction on the Carvins Cove dam was completed by the Roanoke Water Works Company through its affiliates, the Virginia Water Company and the Richmond Development Corporation.

In May 1931, the Consumers Water Co. of Portland, Maine, acquired the Roanoke Water Works Company for more than \$4 million.

In June 1933, the Beaverdam Creek Reservoir reached full pond.

On January 25, 1936, Roanoke City Council stated its opposition to a proposed 18% rate increase by the Roanoke Water Works Company. In fact, the City proposed a 15% decrease in rates and a disagreement escalated over the next several months.

In August 1936, the Roanoke

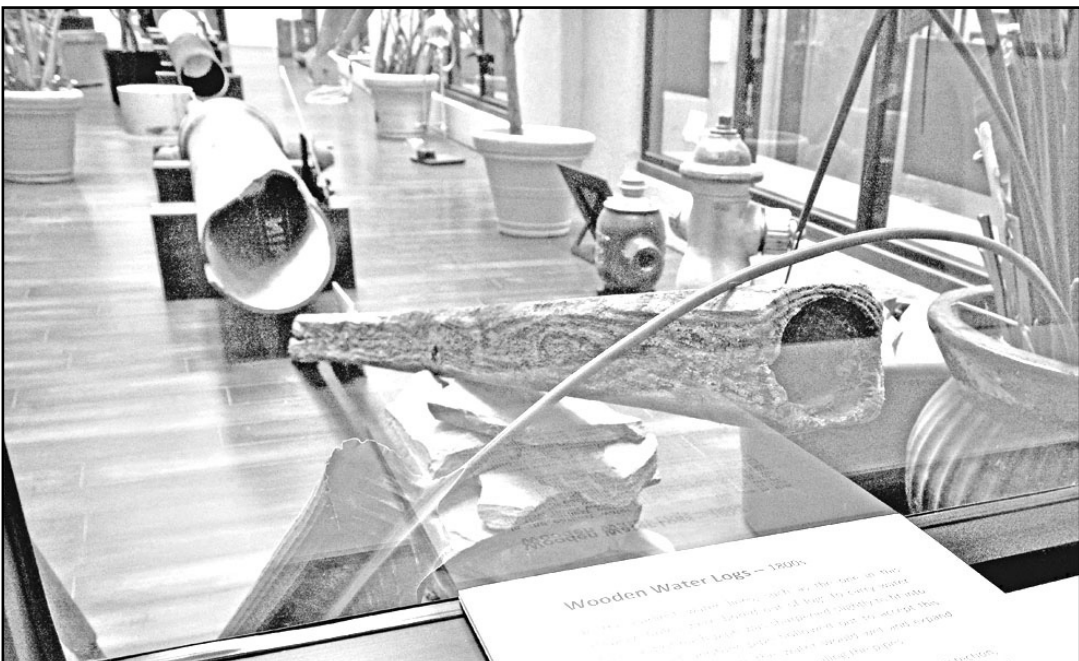


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**The Western Virginia Water Authority headquarters on Jefferson Street in downtown Roanoke houses a history museum with memorabilia from water systems in the Roanoke Valley. This display shows one of the earliest water lines. Holes were bored in logs to carry water. One end of each pipe was sharpened slightly to fit into the end of another pipe. Once in use, the water would wet and expand the wood, effectively sealing the pipes.**

Water Works Company purchased the assets of the Virginia Water Company, acquiring Carvins Cove property and liquidating the Virginia Water Company.

The following month after a final purchase offer of \$2.95 million was refused by the Roanoke Water Works Company, Roanoke City Council called for a special election to condemn the Roanoke Water Works Company.

In January 1938, one of the first sewerage treatment plants in Roanoke went into operation. Located in Northeast Roanoke, it was capable of processing 100,000 gallons per day.

In April 1938, following a city-wide vote in favor of condemning Roanoke Water Works, the City of Roanoke paid \$4.5 million for all lands held by Roanoke Water Works Company, including Carvins Cove.

From April to June 1945, German prisoners of war cleared timber at Carvins Cove.

In May 1946, Carvins Cove reached full pond.

In March 1947, the Carvins Cove Water Treatment Plant began operations.

Moving along to 1951, the Roanoke Sewer Treatment Plant opened to treat the valley’s wastewater and smaller facilities around the area connected to the new plant.

In April 1955, the Roanoke County Board of Supervisors, passed a resolution to form the Roanoke County Sanitation Authority. The first project was the U.S. Route 11 North area sanitary sewer lines.

On February 24, 1966, the Snow Steam Pump at Crystal Spring was replaced with electric pumps.

In November 1966, the Tinker Creek tunnel under Tinker Mountain opened to divert water from Tinker Creek to the Carvins Cove reservoir. The \$1.25 million tunnel has a maximum flow of 268 million gallons per day.

In December 1974, water began flowing through the 10,595-foot Catawba Tunnel with a maximum flow capacity of 355 MGD. The project cost \$2.1 million.

On July 1, 1976, the Roanoke County Public Service Authority conveyed its water utility assets to Roanoke County.

In June 1979, the Roanoke County Public Service Authority purchased the Roanoke Sanitary Disposal Corporation located on Starkey Road and the Craighead Water Company and Utility Services Corporation for \$1.25 million.

A couple of weeks later, on July 6, 1979, the City of Roanoke and Roanoke County signed an historic agreement on water and sewer. The city agreed to sell water in bulk to the county and allow the county to develop its own water supplies. Each locality exchanged water and sewer lines in the other’s jurisdictions that had been annexed in 1976. “Sewer serfs”, Roanoke County customers who live in the City of Roanoke, fought to get lower-cost service from their home jurisdiction.

In July 1980, the Roanoke County Public Service Authority dissolved, and the sewer utility organization became part of County government.

In November 1981, leaders of the City of Roanoke, Roanoke County, the City of Salem, and the Town of Vinton met to explore options to solve the area’s water problems. However, discussions ceased when record rains in March 1982 ended the drought.

In May 1995, the Spring Hollow Reservoir reached full pond.

In January 1996, the Spring Hollow Water Treatment Facility opened.

In September 1999, City of Roanoke and Roanoke County officials agree upon a new water contract that eliminated required minimum purchases, allowed either party to purchase bulk water and allowed use of each party’s lines when needed for transfer of water.

In 2002, historic drought conditions brought the City of Roanoke and Roanoke County staff members together to explore ways to improve the 1999 Traded Water Agreement, find an additional water supply for the City of Roanoke and help Roa-

noke County with its debt on Spring Hollow.

In December 2002, the Crystal Spring Water Filtration Plant opened.

On July 1, 2004, Roanoke City and County merged to form the WVWA.

In September 2007, a \$50 million renovation of the Regional Water Pollution Control Plant was completed, increasing the daily treatment capacity to 55-million gallons per day with 900 miles of sewer main are upgraded.

In November 2009, the WVWA system expanded when Franklin County joined the Authority.

In September 2010, the 65,000-foot U.S. 220 water line was completed, providing drinking water and fire protection to residents of Franklin County.

In May 2011, the Falling Creek Dam remediation project was completed.

In June 2015, Botetourt County joined the Authority.

And on July 1, 2022, the Town of Vinton will join the WVWA.

For more information on the transfer of ownership and operations of the Town of Vinton utility systems to the Western Virginia Water Authority visit: <https://www.westernvawater.org/about-us/newsroom/town-of-vinton-utility-transfer>.

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# Free beginner Carolina Shag Dance lessons

The Roanoke Valley Shag Club will offer free Carolina Shag Dance lessons, Thursdays, March 3, 10, 24, 31 and April 7, 14, from 5:30-6 p.m., at Schooners, 7226 Williamson Road,

Roanoke.

Instruction will be provided by Greg and Cassie Nunn. They suggest wearing leather, suede, or smooth sole shoes for dancing. Register by February 24 by

emailing or calling Mary Beth Layman at [laymanmb@gmail.com](mailto:laymanmb@gmail.com) or call (540) 655-3563.

Visit the Roanoke Valley Shag Club Facebook Page for updates and information.

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## Legals - Botetourt County

### ABC NOTICE

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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE  
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beverages.

Daniel Garrett, Member

NOTE: Objections to the  
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## Legals - City of Radford

### ORDER OF PUBLICATION

COMMONWEALTH OF  
VIRGINIA  
VA. CODE §§ 1-211.1;  
8.01-316,-317, 20-104  
**Case No. CL21006521-00**  
Radford Circuit Court  
619 SECOND STREET,  
24141  
KESSINGER, JOSEPH L.  
v.  
KESSINGER, PATRICIA G.  
The object of this suit is to:  
TO OBTAIN A DICORCE  
FROM THE BOND OF  
MATRIMONY  
It is ORDERED that  
PATRICIA G. KESSINGER  
appear at the above-named  
court and protect his/her  
interests on or before  
APRIL 5, 2022.

February 8, 2022  
Angel Turpin  
Deputy Clerk

## Legals - City of Salem

### PUBLIC HEARING

The City of Salem School  
Board will hold a public  
hearing for comment on  
the FY 2022-2023 budget  
on **Tuesday, March 8,  
2022**. The hearing will begin  
at 7:00 PM at the School  
Administrative Office, 510  
South College Avenue,  
Salem.  
Any citizen of Salem who  
wishes to address the  
Board should contact  
Kathy A. Jordan, Clerk of  
the Board, at 389-0130 by  
Monday, March 7, in order  
to be placed on the agenda.  
Individuals who plan to  
address the Board are  
requested to bring a copy of  
their remarks for the record.  
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plan to address the Board  
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address,  
• address their remarks to  
the Board,  
• be brief,  
• provide a copy of their  
remarks for the record, and  
• be prepared to answer  
questions from the Board,  
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of emergency, the Board, by  
consensus, may allow an  
individual or organization to  
speak if not on the agenda.

## Legals - City of Salem

### NOTICE

OF A PUBLIC HEARING  
FOR THE PURPOSE OF  
DETERMINING THE  
NUMBER OF PUBLIC  
VEHICLES, TAXICABS,  
AND FOR HIRE CARS  
FOR WHICH  
CERTIFICATES OF  
PUBLIC CONVENIENCE  
AND NECESSITY SHALL  
BE ISSUED DURING THE  
NEXT YEAR AND FOR  
THE PURPOSE OF  
DETERMINING TO WHICH  
PERSON OR PERSONS  
SUCH CERTIFICATES  
SHALL BE ISSUED.

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF SALEM,  
VIRGINIA:

Pursuant to the provisions  
of Section 98-94 of The  
Code of the City of Salem,  
Virginia, the Council of the  
City of Salem hereby gives  
notice that at the regular  
meeting of said Council to  
be held on March 14, 2022,  
at 6:30 p.m., in the  
Community Room, Salem  
Civic Center, 1001 Roanoke  
Blvd., Salem, Virginia, a  
public hearing will be held  
for the purpose of  
determining the number of  
public vehicles, taxicabs,  
and for hire cars for which  
certificates of public  
convenience and necessity  
shall be issued during the  
next year and for the  
purpose of determining to  
which person or persons  
such certificates shall be  
issued.

At said hearing, parties in  
interest and citizens shall  
have an opportunity to be  
heard, present evidence,  
and show cause why such  
certificates should or should  
not be granted.

THE COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF SALEM,  
VIRGINIA

BY  
H. Robert Light  
Clerk of Council

## Legals - Montgomery County

### ORDER OF PUBLICATION

Commonwealth of Virginia  
VA CODE § 8.01-316  
**Case No. JJ018698-15**  
Montgomery County  
Juvenile and Domestic  
Relations District Court  
MCDSS  
/v.  
Charles E. Barkley, Jr.  
The object of this suit is to:  
Terminate the residual  
parental rights of Charles E.  
Barkley, Jr. legal parent of  
James Barkley a minor, in  
that said parent has, without  
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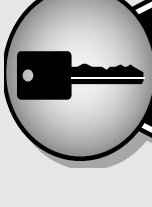
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## Terrier boys, girls are eliminated in Region 3D basketball quarterfinal

The basketball season came to an end for the William Byrd High School team as both the girls and boys fell in Region 3D quarterfinal games on Tuesday. The boys lost at Cave Spring and the girls were defeated by Lord Botetourt in Daleville.

The boys game once beaten Cave Spring all they could handle. Byrd led 31-24 at the half and the Terriers were still holding on to a 43-40 lead heading into the fourth quarter. However, the Knights would finish on a 24-0 run, holding Byrd scoreless in the fourth quarter, to win by a score of 64-43.

“We (Trevor Ruble) hit a three late in the third quarter to take the lead and we didn’t score again,” said Byrd coach Brad Greenway.

Three of Byrd’s best players, seniors Cam Richardson, Trevor Ruble and Ross Divers, all got into foul trouble in the first half. Richardson is Byrd’s top scorer, Ruble is the point guard and Divers is the rim protector, which was important against a tall Cave Spring team.

“Those three had to sit for a third of the game and we struggled on offense when they were on the bench,” said Greenway. “It was a tough loss, but I’m very proud of our kids. We worked hard on Cave Spring all last week and we thought we had a good game plan. The kids played as hard as they could and I felt like we gave them our best punch.”

Richardson led the Terriers with 18 points while Ethan Hairston had 10 and Ruble had nine on three three-pointers. Richardson and Hairston had two three pointers each.

Byrd came into the tournament as the number eight seed so the Terriers had a “play in” game at home against ninth seeded Carroll County on Monday night. Byrd jumped to a 31-18 halftime lead and won every quarter on the way to a 68-56 win. Ruble led Byrd with 15 points, Richardson had 13 and Hairston had 11.

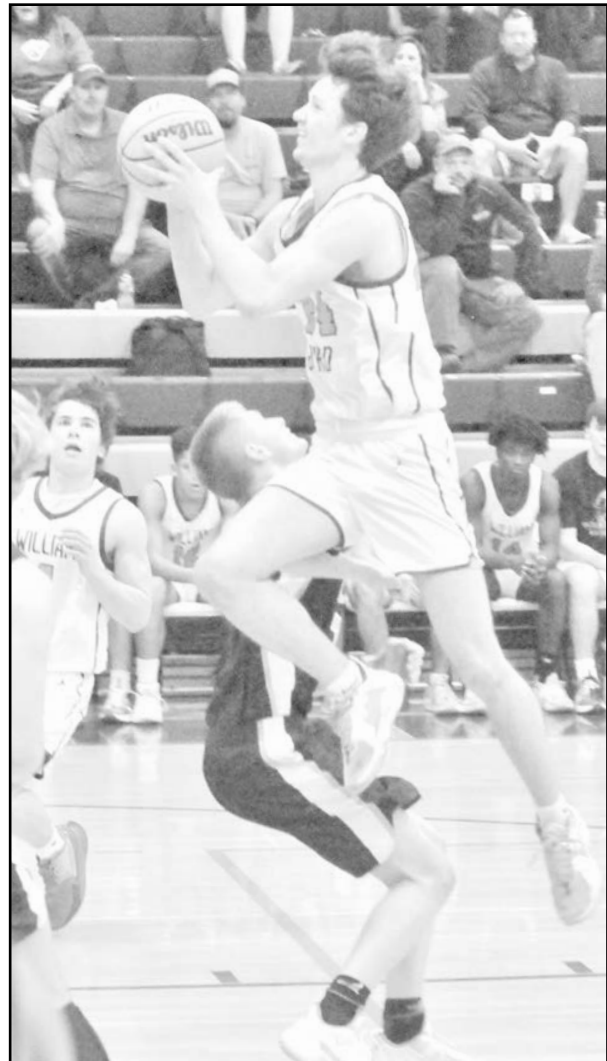
The girls were the fifth seed so they didn’t have to play Monday. They went right to Tuesday’s quarterfinal round where they found a familiar opponent in fourth seeded Lord Botetourt. The Cavaliers made it a season sweep over Byrd with a 59-36 win in Daleville, eliminating the Byrd girls from the tournament.

Sophia Chrisley, who missed much of the second half of the season with an injury, led the Terriers with 11 points. Emilie McCaskill had nine and Alexis Helton had six points.

The semifinal rounds of the Region 3D tournaments are tonight, Thursday. In the boys’ tournament Abingdon is at Cave Spring and Lord Botetourt will play at Northside, the fourth meeting between the two. The championship is at the site of the highest remaining seed on Saturday and Cave spring, at 24-1, is top seeded.

In the girls’ tournament Carroll County is the top seed and they’ll host LB tonight in a battle of Cavaliers. Staunton River, the second seed at 24-0, will host Magna Vista tonight and, again, the championship is Saturday at the highest remaining seed.

The top two teams in the region advance to state play in both boys and girls. The region champ will get



Above left, Byrd’s Camden Richardson pulls down a rebound in Monday’s win over Carroll County. Top right, Garrett Hendrick drives the lane and, below, Trevor Ruble hits a cutting teammate with a bounce pass.

PHOTOS BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

to host a quarterfinal state game and the runnerup will play on the road.

With the loss Tuesday Byrd’s girls finished with a 9-14 record in their first year under head coach Randy Bush.

“I’m very proud of this group of ladies, they played extremely hard,” said Bush. “The Ladies came into the game ready to compete and they did. Since it turned out to be our last game for this group, as a coach you want them to play their hardest and they did.”

“It was about the Journey for them and not the destination. For this to be my first year at Byrd, I could not ask for a better group to have for my ‘Rookie’ year.”

Brad Greenway moved from the girls’ bench to the boys’ team in the off-season and he guided the boys to a 9-15 record.

“We had five games that we lost by one bucket,” said Greenway. “Everyone we played talked about how tough we were to put away. We had a good group of guys and I thought we moved the needle in the right direction.”



Left, Byrd’s Mya Rosser looks for a teammate and, right, Sophia Chrisley is guarded by Lord Botetourt’s Taylor Orange in front of the Terrier bench.

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Byrd’s 200 Medley Relay team broke the school record at the state meet. Left to right are Colin Murtaugh, Dawson Brinkley, Aiden Brinkley and Austin Nielsen.

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## Byrd boys break records, finish 3rd at state meet

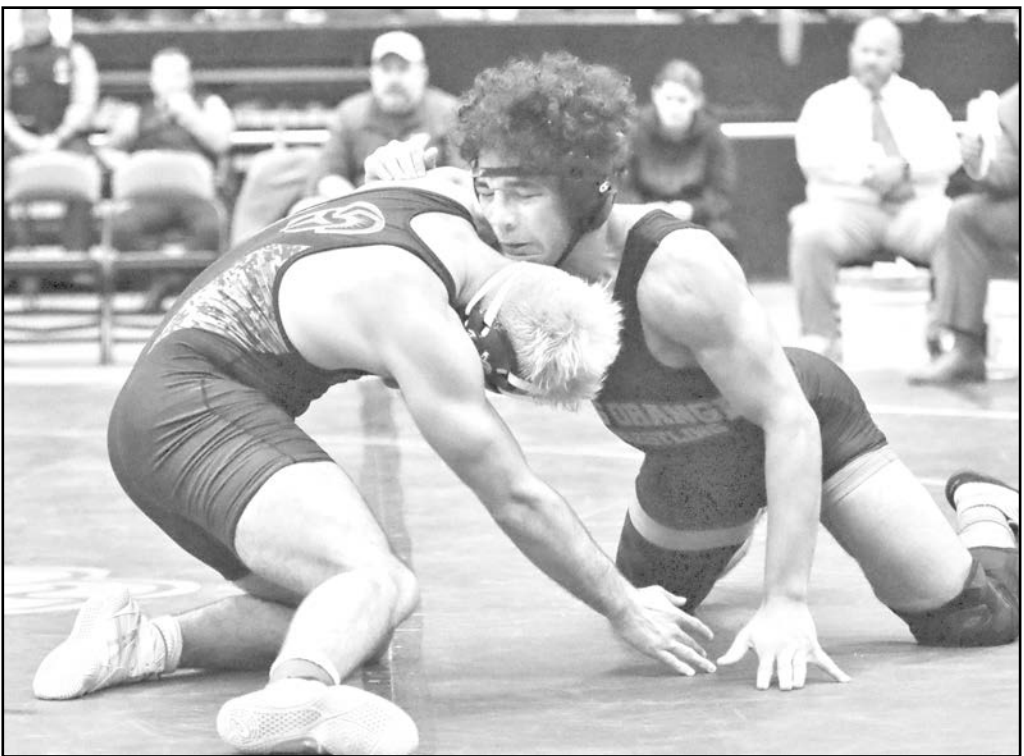
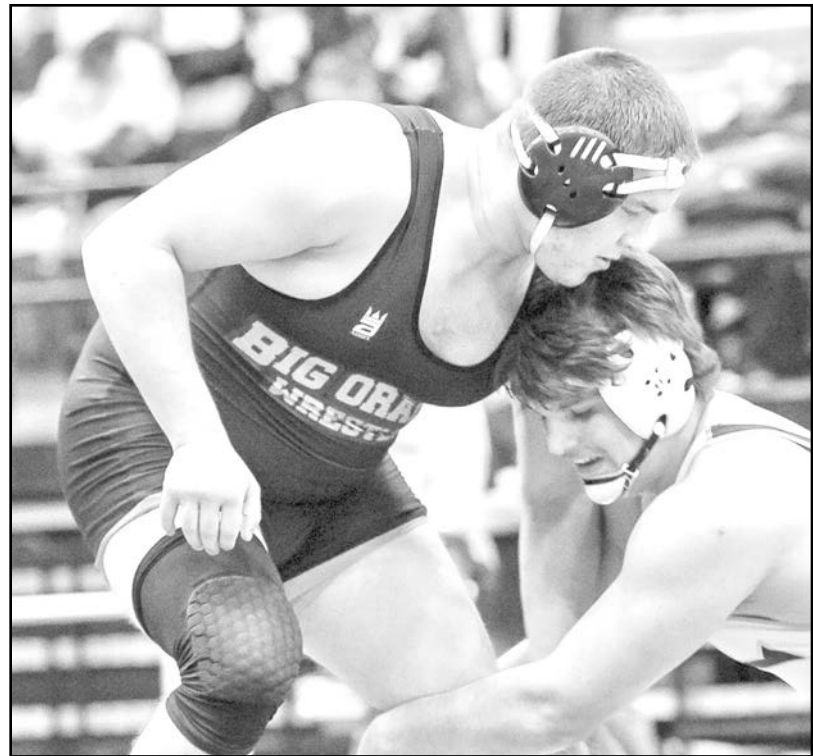
Ten William Byrd boys combined to swim to a third place finish among 26 teams in last week’s state Class 3 swim meet in Richmond. The Maggie L. Walker Governor’s School swept the boys’ and girls’ team championships a Swim RVA facility.

The 10 swimmers making up the Byrd team included Cole Kovacevic, Matthew Hoyos, Michael Hoyos, Colin Murtaugh, Dawson Brinkley, Aiden Brinkley, Austin Nielsen, Evan Copening, Nathan Miller and Griffin Horacek. Byrd also had one girl, Emma Copening, who took 16th in the 100 meter breaststroke.

Byrd’s boys’ 200 Medley Relay swam fast at prelims and broke their own school record that was set in early January at the All Timesland meet. They showed up ready to start the championship finals off with a fantastic swim and broke their record again while taking second. The new school record in the 200 Medley Relay for boys’ is now 1:37.53 by the foursome of Aiden Brinkley, Nielsen, Murtaugh and

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**Top left, Byrd's Hunter Richards(left in photo) battles Aiden Lacoma of Christiansburg in Saturday's state 285 pound Class 3 championship match. Above right, Xavier Preston(right in photo) tangles with Nick Vafiadis of New Kent in the 160 final and, below, Dominic Pascoe(left) wrestles in Friday's quarterfinal round at 120 pounds.**

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## Big Orange 8th on state mats

*Preston, Richards are state runners-up in Class 3*

The Big Orange wrestling team had two wrestlers in the state final as William Byrd finished eighth in the Virginia High School League Class 3 state tournament. New Kent High, the pre-tourney favorite, won the state championship at the Salem Civic Center.

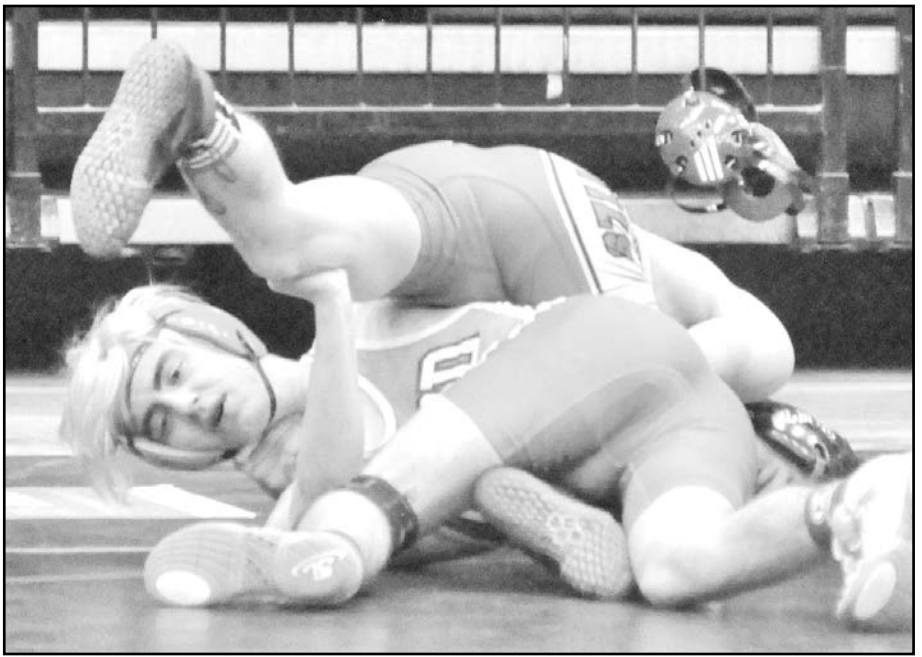
New Kent finished with 273 points to top second place Skyline by exactly 100 points. Staunton River, the Region Blue Ridge District and 3D champ, was third with 158 and Byrd was eighth with 65 points, just one fewer than seventh place Lord Botetourt as Blue Ridge District teams took three of the top eight spots.

Two Terriers made the championship round. Junior Xavier Preston came into the weekend undefeated, then won his first three matches to improve to 29-0 and earn a spot on the championship mat Saturday night. However, Xavier ran into three time state champ Nick Vafiadis of New Kent, and he made it four in a row with a 10-3 win over Preston in the final.

Senior Hunter Richards improved to 27-4 with three wins in his first three matches, but he was pinned by Aiden LaComa of Christiansburg in the 285 pound championship match. LaComa had also defeated Hunter in the region final.

"Hunter lost to a previous state champion and Xavier lost to a four-time state champion," said Byrd coach Thomas Kessler. "Both wrestled tough and we are proud of their season."

Also scoring for the Orangemen was Dominic Pascoe, who took sixth place at 120. Gage Cockran lost in the blood round at 113, needing just one more win to earn a spot on the podium. Bricen Lancaster won one match at 145 and Aiden



Lucas also competed at 195.

"We will return a lot of our lineup next year and we are very excited about the eighth grade group that is moving up next year," said Kessler.

## Byrd girls take second, boys fourth in Region 3D indoor track

The William Byrd girls were runnersup and the boys took fourth at the Region 3D track meet at Roanoke College Saturday. Abingdon High swept the boys' and girls' team titles at the Kerr-Cregger Indoor Fieldhouse in Salem.

The girls had some terrific performances. Sela Beatty won the 55 meter dash with a time of 7.145 and also took third in the 300 in 45.13. Beatty, Chloe Harrilla, Emma Dalton and Sydney Blewett won the 4x200 relay with a meet and school record time of

1:51.50.

The 4x400 relay team took third in 4:33.31 with the foursome of Harrilla, Emma Gordon, Olivia Hurd and Remi Figart. Gordon took a third in the 500 meters and Hurd was third in the 1,000.

In the field events Blewett won the shot put with a toss of 33'5" and Mya Rosser was third, two feet behind. Figart and Harrilla were second and third in the high jump at 4'8" and 4'6". Figart also took second in the triple jump and Harrilla was runnerup

in the long jump.

For the boys, Dylan Hughes took second in the 300 meters in 37.4, took second in the long jump at 18'2" and ran on the third place 4x200 relay team with Wyatt Bailey, Brady Reachy and Noah Thompson. Bailey took a third in the 500 and Walker Nance was second in the 55 Hurdles.

All these athletes advanced to the Class 3 state meet at Liberty University on February 28 and March 1.



**Left, Byrd's Aleandra Bonilla(#7) and Elizabeth Dixon(#8) run the mile in last Saturday's Region 3D indoor track meet at Roanoke College. Center, Noah Thompson comes down the stretch in the 300 meters and, right, Remi Figart is on her way to a second place finish in the triple jump.**



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**These members of the William Byrd swim team competed in the finals in Richmond last week. Front row, left to right; Coach James Martin, Evan Copening, Dawson Brinkley, Aiden Brinkley and Coach Krista Martin. Back row; Colin Murtaugh, Griffin Horacek, Nathan Miller, Emma Copening and Austin Nielsen.**

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## STATE SWIMMING

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Dawson Brinkley.

Murtaugh was second in the 100 fly and fifth in the 50 free.

"Colin's butterfly race in particular was amazing," said Byrd coach Krista Martin. "He is so fast underwater and his stroke is just beautiful. He had an amazing race all the way to the finish."

In the 200 IM Austin Nielsen finished third and he also finished third in the 100 breaststroke.

"Austin swims with passion and purpose and had several outstanding swims at the meet," said Martin.

Freshman Dawson Brinkley was fourth in the 100 IM and fourth in the 100 breast while older brother Aiden Brinkley, a four year varsity senior, finished sixth in the 100 back.

The Terriers ended the night with another school record set by the boys' 400 freestyle relay team of Miller, Nielsen, Dawson Brinkley and Murtaugh. The previous record set in February of 2021 was 3:20.05 and the foursome lowered it to a new school record of 3:19.19.

Dawson Brinkley also took 12th in the 50 free and Miller was 16th in that event and 15th in the 100 free. Evan Copening finished 15th in the 200 IM.

The boys' 200 freestyle relay team of Miller, Copening, Griffin Horacek and Aiden Brinkley took 13th in the state.

"I am so proud of all of our state team swimmers," said Martin. "We had several swimmers make the drive to Richmond to cheer on their teammates and I thought that was just awesome. It was a great day with a lot of fast swimming. I am going to miss our seniors tremendously and I hope they were able to make some lasting memories this past weekend."



# Renovations

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tional areas are being enlarged. Renovations will include science labs, the band room, weight room, media center, guidance offices, library, the main gym, and front lobby. The dim auditorium will have improved lighting and sound systems. The guidance offices and media center will be swapping places. Additions will include a choir room (there is not one currently at the school) and art rooms, wrestling, a front entrance portico, new toilets in the cafeteria and major renovations throughout the classrooms and hallways. The budget for the WBHS Renovation project is \$30.7 million including a Reserve Contingency Fund of \$800,000.

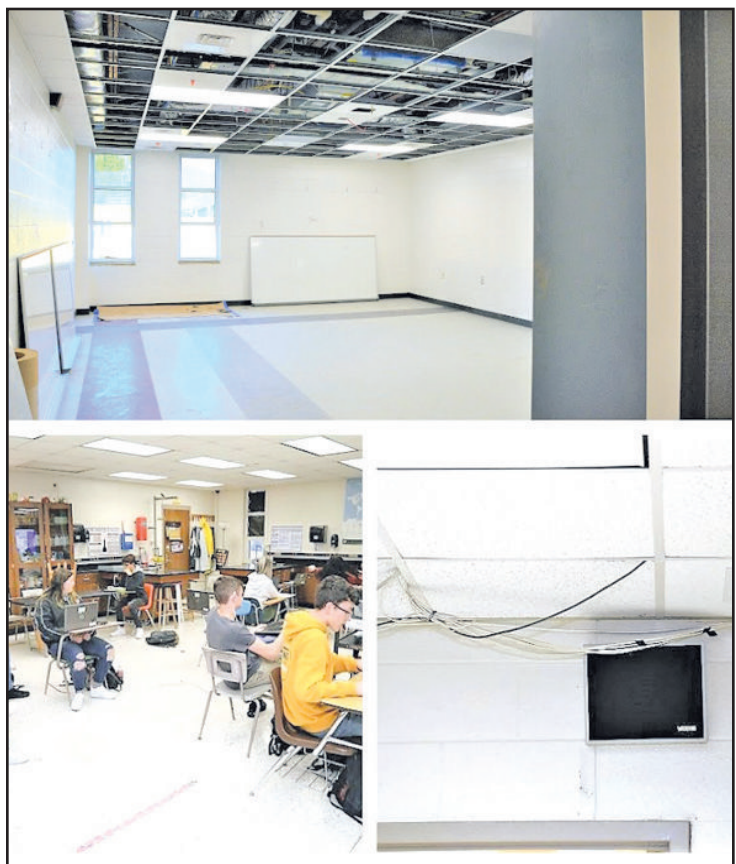
The discussion at the February 16 update meeting focused on different phases of the project, not all necessarily glamorous or exciting, but the items that will make the renovation project successful. The first item on the agenda that day was completion of the restrooms in the cafeteria area. The cafeteria was beautifully renovated in a past project, but modern restrooms have now been added—converted from an area of unused serving lines. Restroom locks and doors were the topic of discussion. Stripping and waxing floors in hallways and classrooms prior to moving furniture and students back into English, math, and special needs sections in the Phase 1 area of the building received a lot of attention.

Principal Newcomb and her various staff teams are paying meticulous attention to detail in the entire project. Newcomb says she knows where the problems are that need to be addressed because of her familiarity with the building—she is a graduate of William Byrd herself. Newcomb is giving a great deal of thought on how to preserve the sports trophy, jerseys, and photo displays now located on the walls and in display cases in the front entrance area of the building—the “Hall of Fame,” given its importance to the community.

There was talk of the new and very substantial wooden doors installed throughout the building, the paint scheme and finishes, HVAC and return air sensors, along with all new windows to allow in the light throughout the building. The update meeting also included the dreaded talk of “supply chain issues” which have plagued most construc-

tion sites in the past year. Steel has been a top issue with the Byrd project but is set for delivery in the immediate future. The contractors assured Newcomb that they were doing their best to schedule deliveries at a time which would not impact students arriving at or departing from school. Newcomb noted that there has been no disruption or interruption of classes during the construc-

tion/renovation process thus far. Classrooms in Phase 1 of the renovations are near completion upstairs and down, which will allow most students now taking classes in the “learning cottages” installed in the rear parking lot, to return to those classes inside the building. Other classes in other subject areas will be moving to the cottages as the focus turns to classrooms in other areas of the facility.



WBHS classrooms before (dark with dangling cords) and with renovations.



Roanoke County School Board members, contractors, and administrators tour the ongoing renovations at William Byrd High School on February 16.

The renovated areas of the school will be re-opening in phases over the next 18 months until renovations are complete. Attention has also turned to an enlarged weight room, along with dedicated wrestling and cheer practice facilities in the next phase of construction/renovations. Plans are to accomplish “a tremendous amount of work this summer” while students are not in the

building. Administrators and contractors are determined to maintain Internet connections and power during the summer months, especially since nearby William Byrd Middle School will be a summer school site. To keep track of the progress of the project, visit <https://www.rcps.us/Page/4736> on the William Byrd High School website.



WBHS restrooms before (top) and after renovations. PHOTOS BY RCPS AND DEBBIE ADAMS



The WBHS renovations include infill projects such as dedicated spaces for wrestling and cheer practice. PHOTOS BY DEBBIE ADAMS



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