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Town Council bids farewell to Treasurer/Finance Director Cantrell

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Members of Vinton Town Council bid a bittersweet farewell to Treasurer/Finance Director Anne Cantrell on March 1. She has announced her resignation to accept a position as Finance Director for the Town of Bedford, effective March 2. She is a Bedford native and expanding her family, so the move is advantageous, although disappointing to Vinton. She has served as Treasurer/Finance Director in Vinton since December 2016.

Councilman Mike Stovall read a proclamation detailing her most notable accomplishments during her tenure, including introducing an ACH payment option for Accounts Payable vendors;

revising the Fund Balance Policy to include a policy floor and target to allow the town to plan for future financial sustainability despite dependence on economically based revenues; implementing new merchant processor (PSN) to provide additional services to customers; adding detailed multi-year revenue forecasting to the budget process; adapting the Finance Department from paper-oriented processes to electronic processes to allow staff the ability to work remotely; starting the financial software project migration to replace existing outdated software package; applying for and receiving the first Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Budget Award in the town, and continuing to apply for

and receive this award and the GFOA award for its Annual Comprehensive Financial Report each year;

Also, during her time with the Town of Vinton, Cantrell assisted with negotiations on numerous important agreements that improved the town's financial condition to include the 2019 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Roanoke County to replace the Gainsharing Agreement and the subsequent MOU Revision in 2021 and the Transfer Agreement transitioning the ownership of the Town's Water and Wastewater Utility to the Western Virginia Water Authority.

She also greatly contributed to the successful finan-

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PHOTO BY DEBBIE ADAMS

Vinton Town Council honored Treasurer/Finance Director Anne Cantrell with a Proclamation of appreciation at their meeting on March 1. She has accepted a position as Finance Director with the Town of Bedford. Shown left to right are Council members Laurie Mullins, Mike Stovall, and Mayor Brad Grose, Anne Cantrell, Vice Mayor Sabrina McCarty, and Councilman Keith Liles.

Healing Reign returns home

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Zachary and Jerry Baldwin first came to the attention of the Vinton Messenger back in 2017 when Zach was a seventh-grade student at William Byrd Middle School. He had just won second place in the Vinton Lions Club Bland Foundation Music Scholarship competition with an incredible performance of Beethoven's "Für Elise."

Ellen Hannan, who had been Zach's music teacher at W. E. Cundiff Elementary, shared some astonishing information about Zach's talent—he had only been playing piano in public since fifth grade and had never had a piano lesson before that.

One day in music class, he asked her if he could play a piano solo the next day. She expected to hear him picking out a simple tune with one hand. Instead, she heard Zach playing his own musical composition, with two hands, and quite well.

"By the end of six months, he was playing Bach, Mozart, and other composers," said Hannan. "He has a prodigy-type ability and is playing piano far above the ability level of children his age. He is quickly becoming a hometown sensation."

"His life was changed by sitting down at the piano and starting to



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Zachary Baldwin of Healing Reign performs on the Roanoke City Market.

play," said Hannan. "He received a great response and lots of encouragement from his classmates. He performed at their fifth-grade graduation ceremony, beginning with a simple version of "America the Beautiful," and then stunned the audience with the "Turkish March."

Zach has continued to amaze his teachers and his growing audiences in the years since.

"Many members of my family have a musical gift to some extent," said Zach's father, Jerry Baldwin. "I have played guitar, piano, and har-

monica for 35 years, so I was hoping one of my sons would develop this talent. At nine and ten years old, I would set Zach at the piano at our church, and he would just peck and play along, but not with any enthusiasm; then one day he came home and said, 'Miss Hannan is letting me do a solo piano song; can you teach me by tomorrow?'"

"A week later, he said he had learned a Mozart song," Baldwin adds. "I was skeptical but gave a

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SUBMITTED PHOTO

Thrasher Memorial United Methodist Church in Vinton will welcome a new pastor in June, when current Pastor B. Fails retires— John Hemming. Hemming is shown with his wife Karen and children Anna, Aaron, and Luke.

Thrasher UMC announces new pastor

Members of the Staff Parish Relations Committee at Thrasher Memorial United Methodist Church announced the name of Thrasher's new pastor during services on February 27. John Hemming, who now serves as Lead Pastor at Culpeper UMC in Culpeper, will assume his duties in Vinton on June 15, upon the retirement of Pastor B. Fails. The appointment will be made official at the Virginia Annual Conference in June.

Hemming is originally from Williamsburg. He and his wife Karen met as students at the College of William and Mary. After graduation, he worked for an IT company in Northern Virginia for about five years before he was called to the ministry. He graduated from Asbury Theological Seminary in Kentucky.

He is not new to the Roanoke

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COURTESY OF BCAT

Three teams of students from the Burton Center for Engineering and Technology (BCAT) have been named as national semi-finalists in the REACH Challenge project through the International Technology and Engineering Educators Association (ITEEA). Several participants are students at both BCAT and William Byrd High School. Shown left to right are Emma Copening (WBHS), Summer Smith (CSHS), Grace Saunters (WBHS), Dr. Susheela Shanta, Lucy Pendleton, and Emiliano Gonzalez (WBHS).

BCAT students win national awards

Engineering students from the Burton Center for Arts and Technology (BCAT) have earned REACH Challenge project awards through the International Technology and Engineering Educators Association (ITEEA). Three projects were entered, and all three earned national semi-finalist placement. Several students from William Byrd High School participated, Emiliano Gonzalez, Grace Saunters, and Emma Copening.

RCPS Director of Community Relations Chuck Lionberger describes the three BCAT engineering projects selected as REACH Challenge semi-finalists:

- Bathroom Assistance Agent— This project involved creating a retractable step system for preschool students with mobility challenges to step up to the sink to wash hands. The steps included handrails and a restraint system to keep students secure while at the sink.

- MOVE (MVES Operative Vehicle Enhancement)— This project involved creating a large cart for up to eight preschool students with mobility challenges to be transported to different areas of the school for instruction, giving these students greater access to other areas of the school without creating significant transportation

challenges.

- STEP (Student Teaching Enhancement Project)— This project included creating a retractable gradual step-up platform for preschool students with mobility challenges to access instructional technology including the digital display board (ActivBoard). This platform included handrails and a restraint system to keep students secure while at the board.

REACH Challenge is an impactful Adaptive & Assistive Technology (AT) design-thinking project for middle school, high school, and college level STEM programs. Teachers are provided with lesson plans and activities on Empathy, User-Centered Design, Prototyping and more, to lead their students in using their STEM skills to REACH a member of their community who has a challenge to overcome. This innovative project shows teachers how they can help students use

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William Byrd band, choir students selected for All District Choir and Band, Virginia Tech Honor Band

Several William Byrd High School and Middle School students were selected to perform in 2022 All District Band and Choir as well as the Virginia Tech Honor Band.

The 2022 Virginia Tech Honor Band was held from January 21 to 23 at Virginia Tech. Five students from WBHS attended after being nominated by William Byrd High School Director of Bands Dan Plybon and accepted by the event staff.

Those five students were Becca Radford on clarinet, Jonah Bowser on tuba, Annabelle Moore on trumpet, Sage Kushman on trombone, and Holly Mills on trombone.

These students came with

hundreds of others to form three bands over the weekend to perform a concert at the end of the event. During the weekend the students also got to see performances by the Marching Virginians as well as the Virginia Tech Wind Ensemble, and also attend masterclasses by professors.

Becca Radford was also chosen to participate in the 2022 All District Band, described by Plybon as “two days of intense playing and a spectacular concert performance. So proud of this young lady.”

William Byrd Middle School had five students make the 2022 VBODA District VI All District Band held at Martinsville High School on February 18 and

19. WBMS Director of Bands Denise Aspell said, “These students completed a tough audition against talented musicians in our music district then came together to put on a concert, in one day.”

The students representing WBMS were Dixie Venable on flute, Lucy Whitenack on trumpet, Noah Williams on clarinet, Dagan Miller on horn, and Gabby Romeo on percussion.

William Byrd High School also had 15 students who qualified for District 6 All District Choir, which took place on February 12 at Cave Spring High School. According to WBHS Choral Director Matt Bartley, “There, over 200 students re-

hearsed with two guest clinicians and performed in a concert to culminate the day. In an event where 33 high schools participated, only two had more student singers invited than the William Byrd Choir.”

Participants from William Byrd included Olaedo Anyanwu, Christian Parker, Abigail Bush, Demarion Williams, Elizabeth Young, Connor Pero, Anya Hunter and Daniel Chappell in the Mixed Choir. William Byrd participants in the Vocal Ensemble included Grace Long, McKenna Paradis, Maggie Rusinak, Lily Kroese, Jason Cox, Riley Wheeler, and Cindel Camper.

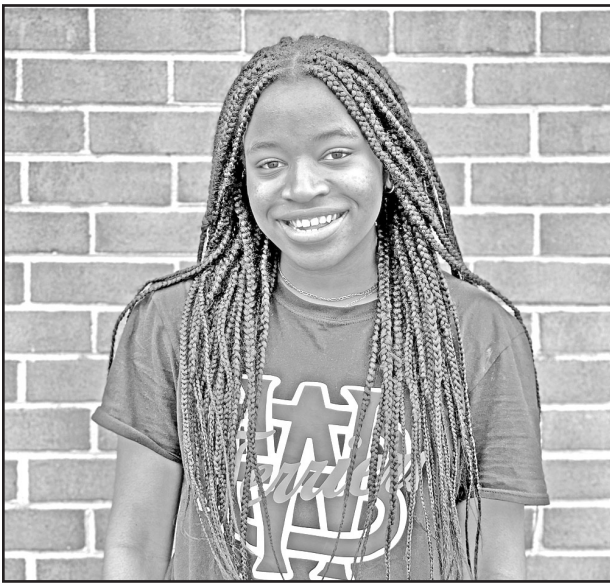
All Virginia Choir auditions also took place recently. Accord-

ing to Bartley, “In this competitive audition, 24 students from the musical district are selected. Once the auditions are completed, the chosen delegates will perform at an All-State event in April. When they go, they will be amongst the best high school singers in the state and led by nationally prominent guest clinicians. A concert will take place on Saturday, April 23.”

Two students from William Byrd High School Choir auditioned and were selected as delegates for this event: junior Maggie Rusinak and sophomore Olaedo Anyanwu. Two other students were chosen as alternates for the event: Daniel Chappell and Olivia Staten.



WBHS student Becca Radford made All District Band.



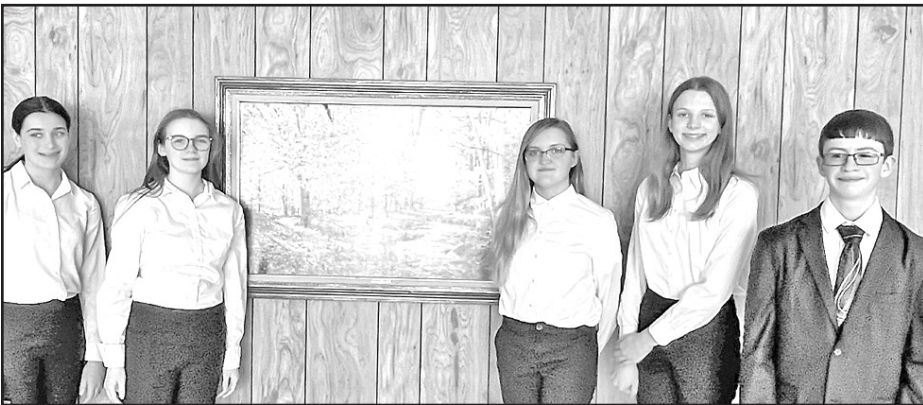
Olaedo Anyanwu was selected as a delegate to the All Virginia Choir on April 23.



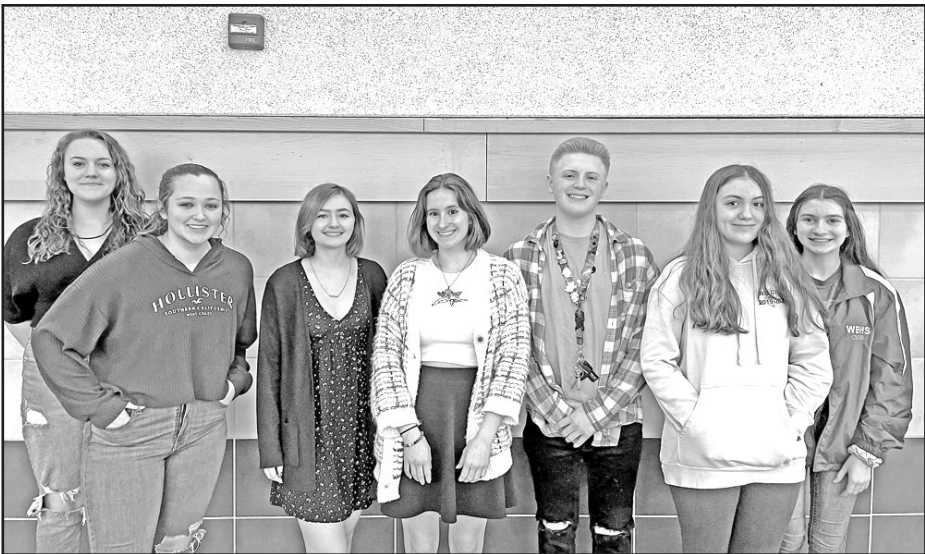
Maggie Rusinak was selected as a delegate to the All Virginia Choir.



WBHS students selected for the All District Mixed Choir include (left to right): Olaedo Anyanwu, Christian Parker, Abigail Bush, Demarion Williams, Elizabeth Young, Connor Pero, Anya Hunter, and Daniel Chappell.



WBMS students selected for All District Band included (left to right): Gabby Romeo, Dixie Venable, Dagan Miller, Lucy Whitenack, and Noah Williams.



WBHS students selected for the All District Vocal Ensemble included (left to right): Grace Long, McKenna Paradis, Maggie Rusinak, Lily Kroese, Jason Cox, Riley Wheeler, and Cindel Camper.



WBHS students selected for the Virginia Tech Honor Band included (shown left to right): Becca Radford on clarinet, Annabelle Moore on trumpet, Sage Kushman on trombone, Holly Mills on trombone, and Jonah Bowser on tuba.

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- CLUES ACROSS
1. Bay Area Transit Auth. (abbr.)

5. Pull apart by force

9. Ancient Egyptian King

12. Missing soldiers

13. Capital of Japan

14. Diamond month (abbr.)

15. Spheres

16. Surpassing good

17. British thermal unit

18. Philippine island & seaport

19. Legally argued

20. Belonging to singer Fitzgerald

22. Bowler hats

24. Has a strong odor

25. Doyens

26. London Gallery

27. Rural delivery

28. Rods

31. Stonehenge plain

33. Withdraw from membership

34. Execute or perform

35. Central or Yellowstone

36. Municipality in Norway

39. Bay of NW Rep. of Ireland

40. Skin designs

42. Son of Jephunneh

43. Baseball's Ruth

44. Clare Booth __, Am. writer

46. Black tropical American cuckoo

47. Filled with fear or apprehension

49. 6th Jewish month

50. Wide metal vessel used in cooking

51. Make by pouring into a cast

52. Colombian city

53. Heat unit

54. Carpenter, red and army

55. Adam and Eve's garden
- CLUES DOWN
1. Big man on campus

2. Made public by radio or television

3. Labelled

4. Inform positively

5. Drinks habitually

6. Supplemented with difficulty

7. SW Scottish river & port

8. American poet 1874-1963

9. Pads

10. Ingestion or intake

11. Tie up a bird before cooking

13. Bulrushes of the genus Scirpus

16. Turned rod on a spinning wheel

21. Having or covered with leaves

23. The 44th U.S. President

28. Midway between S and SE

29. Tuberculosis (abbr.)

30. Inspected accounting procedures

31. A twilled woolen fabric

32. Potato state

33. The work of a sailor

35. Involving 2 dimensions

36. Fanatical or overzealous

37. Consolation

38. Wild sheep of northern Africa

39. Erect leafless flower-bearing stalk

40. Afrikaans

41. Weighing device

43. Very dry champagne

45. Emerald Isle

48. A resident of Benin

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
FOR PROPOSED REAL PROPERTY
TAX INCREASE

The Town of Vinton proposes to increase property tax levies.

1.

Assessment Increase: Total assessed value of real property, excluding additional assessments due to new construction or improvements to property, exceeds last year's total assessed value of real property by 8.55 percent.

2.

Lowered Rate Necessary to Offset Increased Assessment: The tax rate which would levy the same amount of real estate tax as last year, when multiplied by the new total assessed value of real estate with the exclusions mentioned above, would be \$.0645 per \$100 of assessed value. This rate will be known as the "lowered tax rate."

3.

Effective Rate Increase: The Town of Vinton proposes to adopt a tax rate of \$.07 per \$100 of assessed value. The difference between the lowered tax rate and the proposed rate would be \$.0055 per \$100, or 8.55 percent. This difference will be known as the "effective tax rate increase." Individual property taxes may, however, increase at a percentage greater than or less than the above percentage.

4.

Proposed Total Budget Increase: Based on the proposed real property tax rate and changes in other revenues, the total budget of the Town of Vinton will exceed last year's by 8.55 percent.

A public hearing on the increase will be held on Tuesday, April 5, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, in the Council Chambers of the Vinton Municipal Building, located at 311 South Pollard Street, Vinton, Virginia.

Additional information concerning the meeting and the public hearing will be made available on the Town's website at least three days before the meeting date. Persons requiring special assistance to attend and participate at this public hearing should contact the Town Manager's office at (540) 983-0607.

Susan N. Johnson
Town Clerk

Transfer of town water system to WVWA will bring Carvins Cove water to Vinton



Falls on Carvins Cove at future dam site

By Debbie Adams based on information from the Western Virginia Water Authority website, Sarah Baumgardner, Director of Public Relations for the Authority, and “Past is Prologue: A History of Roanoke County” by Deedie Kagey

The Town of Vinton announced in December 2021 that it would be transferring ownership and operations of its public water distribution and treatment system and the sanitary sewer collection system to the Western Virginia Water Authority. The town and the Authority believe this move will provide the best long-term rate and infrastructure stability, service, and water quality for current and future customers.

One of the major changes in the transfer for many customers will be switching sources of water.

Groundwater wells are currently used to provide drinking water for Vinton residents and businesses. While some residents will continue to receive their drinking water from the existing groundwater wells, the Authority will utilize existing water distribution interconnections to allow water from the Carvins Cove Reservoir to supply some homes and businesses with treated drinking water. Engineering studies are being conducted to determine if and how new distribution lines and water sources can be used to provide water in the town.

So, where is Carvins Cove and what's its story?

Carvins Cove is located north of the City of Roanoke near Hollins University. The Carvins Cove Natural Reserve covers 12,700 acres and includes a man-made reservoir. Rainfall drains from the 11,200-acre watershed into the reservoir.

Sarah Baumgardner, Director of Public Relations for the WVWA, has researched and compiled a history of Carvins Cove which dates back to July 1746 when Welshman William Carvin, one of the earliest settlers in the area, received a land grant of 150 acres along Carvins Creek. Carvin was a road overseer for the new road opened through the valley, a processionary who determined land boundaries, and an appraiser for many estates. Over time his homestead became the City of Roanoke's primary water source.

Many legends have grown up around William Carvin—his exploits, conflicts, resourcefulness, and bravery with Native Americans. In “Past is Prologue: A History of Roanoke County,” Deedie Kagey shares one tale of Carvin being fervently pursued by Shawnees. He retreated to the top of a tall cliff overhanging the falls of a creek. To avoid capture, he plunged into the foaming water at the base of the cliff and leaped to safety, eluding his pursuers and their rifle shots. He also constructed a rudimentary fort on his property in case of Indian raids, as did many other settlers.

By 1762, he owned 1,797 acres in the Roanoke Valley. Part of the

land would later become Hollins University and the land behind the Carvins Cove Dam would become known by local residents as the Happy Valley.

Kagey notes that the Carvins Cove community—Happy Valley—was quite tight-knit. She says unfortunately the community was “doomed to extinction because of the desirability of the Cove as a major water supply for Roanoke” and a dam was eventually built to “impound its water.” Over 60 homes were razed and the community displaced due to the dam and subsequent reservoir.

In 1926, Roanoke Water Works started plans to construct a \$700,000 dam at Carvins Creek's water falls to impound six billion gallons of water. W.W. Boxley Construction Company substantially completed work on the 80-foot-high dam in 1928. However, due to droughts and financial hardships, the project sat idle for many years.

In 1938, the City of Roanoke completed final work on the reservoir and dam. The reservoir reached full pond in 1946.

Two years later, in April 1938, the City of Roanoke paid \$4.5 million for all lands held by the Roanoke Water Works Company, including Carvins Cove, after the electorate voted in favor of condemning the Roanoke Water Works Company over an 18% water rate increase, and passed a \$5 million bond issue.

The City of Roanoke approved

a \$2 million bond issue to finish the Carvins Cove project in November 1944.

During several weeks in 1944 and 1945, German prisoners of war housed near Salem cleared timber from some of the land at the Cove for the reservoir.

A year later in May 1946, water spilled over the Carvins Cove dam for the first time.

In March 1947, the Carvins Cove filtration plant was put into operation with a six million gallons per day (MGD) treatment capacity. The plant expanded in 1954, increasing the plant capacity to 16 MGD.

The Tinker Creek tunnel under Tinker Mountain was opened in November 1966 to divert water from Tinker Creek to the Carvins Cove reservoir. The \$1.25 million tunnel increased flow to a maximum of 268 MGD.

Baumgardner says “the difficulties encountered in purchasing land for the rights-of-way were staggering.”

Water began flowing through the 10,595-foot Catawba Tunnel in early December 1974, with a maximum flow capacity of 355 MGD. The project cost was \$2.1 million. Land acquisition started early as “the only ways to acquire property on Catawba Creek are by birth or marriage,” stated one landowner.

The Carvins Cove Treatment Plant expanded again in 1994, upping the production capacity to 28 MGD and adding computerized

equipment.

Then came the record drought of October 2002, which left Carvins Cove at an all-time low of 34.1 feet below the spillway—a contributing factor to the formation of the Western Virginia Water Authority in 2004 in an agreement between Roanoke City and Roanoke County.

The Authority acquired ownership of the Carvins Cove Reservoir and land up to the 1,200-foot contour. The City of Roanoke retained ownership of the balance of the land, making it the second largest municipal-owned park in the United States.

The Carvins Cove Natural Reserve Park Management Plan was updated in December 2007 (with a supplemental trails plan adopted in 2010).

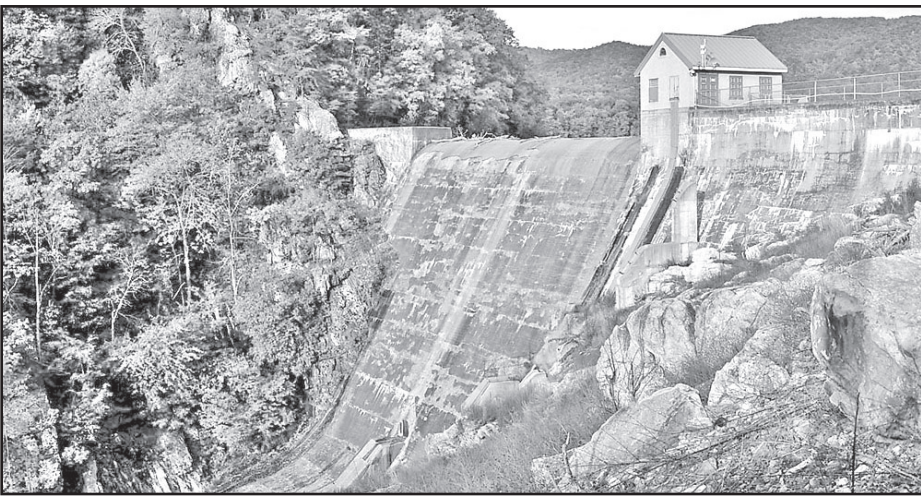
In September 2009, the City of Roanoke completed the donation of a two-part conservation easement in Roanoke and Botetourt counties that permanently protected 11,363 acres of open space, making it the largest publicly held easement in the state.

The Western Virginia Water Authority purchased one of the last remaining privately held pieces of real estate in the watershed in September 2014 to protect the reservoir from potential runoff. The property's cabin is now used for community meetings.

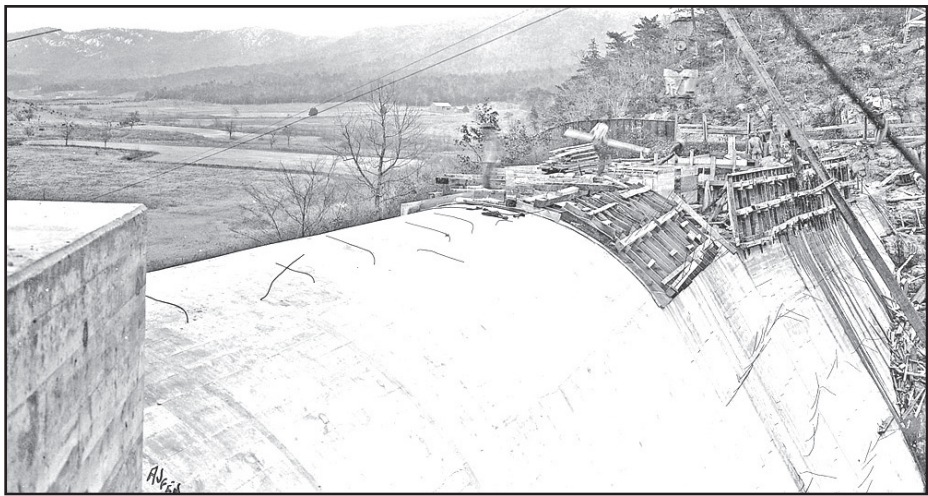
And finally, in June 2021, the IRONMAN 70.3 brought the world to Carvins Cove for the swim portion of the triathlon.



Carvins Cove dam construction project, 1927



Carvins Cove dam, 2015, downstream



Carvins Cove dam, 1927

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OBITUARY

Mary Ann Agner

Mary Ann Agner, 55, of 1317 Lola Avenue, Altavista died Monday, February 28, 2022 at Autumn Care of Altavista.

She was born June 3, 1966 in Vinton, a daughter of the late Cecil Agner and Arlene Daniel Agner. She was a member Vinton Baptist Church.

She is survived by one sister, Jane Frost of Butler, N.C.; one uncle, Charles Salmon; one aunt, Mildred Daniel of Lynchburg; and her cousin, Doris Hicks of Altavista.

A graveside service will be conducted at 1 p.m. Friday, March 4, at Moun-

tain View Cemetery.

The family suggests that those wishing to make memorials consider Autumn Care Nursing Home, 1317 Lola Avenue, Altavista, 24517. The family would like to give a special thanks to everyone at Autumn Care Nursing Home for all of their care and love for Mary Ann over the years. Finch & Finch Funeral and Cremation Service, Altavista is in charge of arrangements. Please visit the online tribute at www.finchandfinchfuneralservice.com to share a memory or send a condolence to the family.

New Pastor

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area, having served as Associate Pastor at Cave Spring United Methodist from 2008 to 2012. His second appointment was as Lead Pastor for Powhatan United Methodist from 2012-2019, before moving to Culpeper UMC in 2019.

The Hemmings have three children—Luke (15), Aaron (12), and Anna (8). Hemming's father and grandfather were both Methodist pastors.

Members of the Staff Parish Committee met,

via Zoom, with Doug Forrester, Superintendent of the Staunton and Roanoke Districts of the United Methodist Church, on February 6 and were introduced to Hemming.

Hemming says that he and his family are very excited to be coming to Thrasher.

When Pastor B. Failes retires in June, he will have served in the ministry for 38 years, since 2011 in Vinton.

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PETS OF THE WEEK

Don't shop – Save a life and adopt a Pet of the Week

At the Regional Center for Animal Care and Protection (RCACP), the goal is to connect adoptable pets with suitable forever homes. Take a look at some of the pets available for adoption this week—Cersei, Blanca, and Hazel.

Cersei is a 2-year-old spayed domestic shorthair kitty who is looking to claim her “forever” home. She has loved staying with her foster family, but it is time to find her permanent family.

Blanca is a spayed 2-year-old Pit who is very

energetic and extremely sweet. She has gone out on field trip adventures with the public. When she returns, the staff always says how much everyone enjoyed being with her on the field trips. She is always ready to go play and is full of happy wiggles. She is ready to go home with you today.

Hazel is a 1-year-old spayed Pit girl, described by the RCACP staff as a sweet, polite little lady. She loves to spend time with other calm dogs and knows how to take treats

and food very gently from you.

Cersei, Blanca, and Hazel are currently staying at the RCACP. As an open intake public shelter, they may face difficult decisions to make space. If you are interested in saving a pet's life by adopting, contact the RCACP at 344-4922.

The RCACP accepts stray and lost animals from animal control officers and the public, as well as owner-relinquished pets, from the City and County of Roanoke, the

County of Botetourt, and the Town of Vinton. The RCACP posts pictures of lost or strayed animals on their website, at <https://www.rcacp.org/> to make it possible to search for a lost pet online. Contact the RCACP to report a lost or found pet.

Once an animal has passed his/her required holding time at the facility to allow the owner to reclaim him/her, the RCACP works with the Roanoke Valley SPCA, rescue groups and other shelters to place

available animals in suitable homes. Animals who are housed at the RCACP are posted on the Petfinder.com website.

The first step in adopting through RCACP is to complete an Adoption Application. The next step is having a meet and greet with the animal to make sure that he/she is compatible with your family, human and animal alike.

When adopting dogs, RCACP requires that all family members living in the home (or ones that will have frequent contact

with the dog), come to the shelter to meet the dog prior to approval for adoption. RCACP also requires that any other dogs in the home come to the shelter to meet the selected dog to ensure that they are compatible prior to adoption.

For cat adoptions, it is recommended that everyone in the household meet the cat prior to adoption as well. If all goes well, the selected animal will go home with you and a folder full of helpful hints to introduce the animal into its new home.



Cersei



Blanca



Hazel

BCAT

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their STEM skills for social good, making a real-world difference in the lives of those around them.

According to Lionberger, “This year’s award winners hail from 11 states: Washington, New York, Georgia, Hawaii, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Kansas, Delaware, Florida, New

Jersey, and Massachusetts. The students and teachers have described their experience as ‘heart-warming,’ ‘profound,’ and ‘invaluable.’”

REACH Challenge National Semi-Finalists include:

Safety Needle Release Grip Extension - Kalani High School, Hawaii

STEP - Student Teaching Enhancement Project - Governor’s STEM Academy at the Burton Center for Arts & Technology, Virginia

SPACE: Sensory Board Kit - South Fayette High School, Pennsylvania

Bathroom Assistance Agent - Governor’s STEM Academy at the Burton Center for Arts & Technology, Virginia

Freezer Helper - Carrollton School of the Sacred Heart, Florida

MOVE- MVES Operative Vehicle Enhancement - Governor’s STEM Academy at the Burton Center for Arts & Technology, Virginia

In this third year for REACH Challenge, teams created a wide variety of AT solutions, including the Power Pivot to help senior adults with mobility issues, a Thermal Kinetic Therapeutic Glove for a teen with Raynaud’s which causes decreased blood flow to the fingers, and The Able-Table for preschoolers with fine motor skills challenges.

BCAT Principal Christian Kish commended students and staff, saying, “What a tremendous accomplishment! Special thanks to Dr. Susheela

Shanta (Director of the Center for Engineering) for her collaborative efforts in providing these projects. Mrs. Nicewonder, Ms. Gray, Mrs. Washington, and Mr. Burns have also been extremely impactful on these students in the Engineering program.”

Dr. Shanta and her students created a video detailing the process followed in the REACH Challenge.

In the presentation, Dr. Shanta explains that senior engineering students take an engineering design class and as part of the curriculum are assigned to work on real world design projects and challenges. She tries to bring a community focus to the design challenge. For the past several years, students have gone out into the community to identify projects they could work on. Shanta doesn’t choose the projects for the students; they are allowed to interact with the location where they are placed—this year at Mountain View Elementary School.

Student Summer Smith, who attends BCAT and Cave Spring High School, said that the purpose of the national competition project is “to ‘reach’ members of the community by applying different engineer-

ing principles in order to create improvements and help members of the community.”

Smith worked on the Bathroom Assistance Agent project, helping improve equipment to assist young special needs students to function more independently with less teacher assistance in daily tasks.

Smith says the project began with brainstorming some pretty advanced concepts but changed during the actual process to become more simplified and usable with many modifications. The students decided to use colorful duct tape on their equipment and discovered that the colors themselves helped teachers explain the tasks to be accomplished by their students.

Designs were presented for BCAT approval, installed at the school, and then students received feedback from the users.

Another engineering student working on the projects said he was thrilled that “I just made a difference in someone’s life, maybe a small difference, but one that could go a long way.” It is quite exciting “to see a project go from a simple design to winning the ITEEA

REACH Challenge on a national semi-final level.”

Dr. Shanta said that students often learn in the REACH projects that often it’s not the fastest or most exciting designs that have the most impact; sometimes it’s the small things that can make the most difference in our lives.

Shanta says that the REACH community projects bring context to the study of engineering—a deeper learning. Participants learn that engineering students need to develop “habits of mind and habits of hand. They need to think and act in ways that solve problems to bring relevance to the work they do.”

To celebrate how they used their love for STEM in a way that touched others’ lives, award winning teams will receive STEM grants, a special banner to display at their schools, and supplies to support their STEM program from Harbor Freight and Maker Maven. REACH Challenge Team leads are also invited to receive their award at ITEEA’s 84th Annual Conference, to be held both in-person and virtually March 9-12, in Orlando, Fla.

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PEOPLE, PLACES AND THINGS

Congratulations to Mary Hannah (Garber) Wheeler and Chinah Helmandollar Jewell on being named Teachers of the Year. We are so proud of you both. Both ladies were con-

tants in the Miss Virginia Pageant.

Mary Hannah is a teacher at Franklin County High School where she is a role model for her students. Her motto is “Let’s

Angie Chewning

Filling in for Bootie

keep loving, living and being the BEST we can be.” She is the wife of Luke “Skippy” Wheeler and the daughter of Jeannie Scruggs Corey.

Chinah is a Special Educa-

tion teacher at Burnt Chimney Elementary. Chinah was Miss Virginia 2009 and is the mother of two beautiful children and wife to Bradley Jewell. I know Daddy Ben is proud!



Mary Hannah (Garber) Wheeler



Chinah Helmandollar Jewell

SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Healing Reign

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listen and was amazed he was playing a piece in one week that I couldn’t play in 30 years.”

“God gave him a gift, and he’s using it,” said Baldwin.

Jerry Baldwin earned some headlines of his own that year, publishing his first book of dog short stories and poetry, “This K-9 of Mine,” told from the dog’s perspective—a collection of short stories “covering everything from vet visits to bee stings.”

He always “had a knack for rhyming,” but in his early 50’s, poems began popping into his head. That might be connected to taking up with dogs at about the same time. A love for man’s best friend seems to have inspired him to become an author. As revealed in his poetry, he believes that dogs are pure, unconditional love and devotion.

Zach was back in the local news in 2019 as the first-place winner in the Bland Scholarship competition.

Along the way, the Baldwins formed a Christian singing duo, Healing Reign—performing at area churches, events, and benefits with Jerry on guitar and Zach playing piano/keyboard.

Their journey continued as they moved to Nashville for the past year or so, a fa-

ther helping further his son’s dream.

“We stepped out and tested the waters of Nashville,” Jerry says. “Our first week there, Covid hit and shut down my job at the General Motors plant in Spring Hill; from there, I worked at five other places, plus doing music as a side gig, and it was truly an experience we will never forget!”

“Zach was so well received there; he played behind some very influential people, including two performers who had been on the talent show The Voice!” Jerry noted. “One of which is Jack Cassidy, nephew to Sean and David Cassidy of Partridge Family fame.”

“In Tennessee, our main place to play was at a restaurant called Puckett’s in Leipers Fork,” Jerry says. “It was one of the few places that stayed open during the pandemic. The house band there is called Three Sixteen; they are known as being the best house band in Nashville. They made Zach an honorary member and went to many other places with us to accompany us.”

“Zach also met Justin Timberlake’s mom, and she told him, ‘I know gifted musicians, honey, and you are definitely one!’

Jerry continues to further his dreams. His fourth, and most recent book, “What Would I Do Without You?” poetic short stories from a dog’s point of view, is due out on March 10.

Eventually, they felt a little homesick and decided to return to Vinton.

“The day we left, we got a phone call as we were driving through Knoxville on the way back, and the house band wanted to know if Zach could meet them on 16th Avenue at a studio. They were recording an album with an up-and-coming star named Bailey James, who Zach had accompanied at a local open mic in Leipers Fork, but unfortunately, we were halfway home.”

He expects Zach will have “plenty more opportunities” as they go back for visits in the near future.

If you want to see the Baldwins in person, the best place to catch them is live on the Roanoke City Market right in front of the Co-op beside the Roanoke Wiener Stand. They set up on the market and do street ministry, playing for the homeless and passersby, with the theory that “if we put a smile on just one person’s face, we have made a change in this world.”

They have developed a fol-



Jerry Baldwin’s new book is being released on March 10.

lowing which has led to some gigs around town, as well.

Zach is currently playing at their church, Valley Church, in their praise and worship group under Pastor Jason Cook and Minister of Music Cory Barnes, who have been major inspirations in his life. He has an interest in becoming a praise and ministry leader himself.

The duo also plays at different churches and other venues around Roanoke and the Roanoke Rescue Mission.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

They appeared on Channel 10’s Daytime Blue Ridge on February 25, performing one of their songs, “Waiting on Jesus.” You can see that performance through a link on their Healing Reign Facebook page.

Jerry’s most recent book can be purchased on Kindle direct publishing and Amazon. Readers can also get a peek at his stories on his Jerry Wayne Baldwin Dog Tales and Short Stories Facebook page.

Their most recent videos can be found on Healing Reign and Zachary Baldwin’s Facebook pages, along with YouTube, Instagram, and TikTok.

On the Daytime Blue Ridge program, the Baldwins talked with host Bridget Curran about the chemistry they have working together and their purpose—to uplift and put Christ into everything we do, to put God first, and bring the Word to people through music.”

Harris graduates from Roanoke College



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Kelsey J. Harris graduated from Roanoke College in June 2021 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology. She is employed by Roanoke County Public Schools as an instructor in the A-STEP program at central office. A-STEP (Al-

ternative—Secondary Transition Educational Program) assists secondary students by providing continued educational opportunities for students as a transitional program back into a comprehensive secondary school setting.

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Cantrell

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cial management of pandemic-related stimulus funds associated with the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Securities (CARES) Act and the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) Program; served on the Council Finance Committee, the Roanoke Center for Animal Care & Protection Executive Committee, the Greater Roanoke Transit Company Board and has been a member of the Virginia Finance Officer Association (VGFOA) since 2014 and the Treasurer's Association of Virginia since 2017.

In 2018, Cantrell was nominated by her co-workers and named Vinton Employee of the Year, an award established in 2016 to honor employees who have served the town and its citizens exceptionally by exemplifying outstanding service while exhibiting a positive and supportive attitude.

The council presented a copy of the Proclamation to Cantrell in honor of her service. Police Chief Fabricio Drumond presented her with a plaque on behalf of the police department, thanking her, especially for introducing fleet man-

agement and leasing system to the department, "improving the lives of police officers and the Town of Vinton."

Councilman Keith Liles joked that with the financial numbers Cantrell presented at the last council meeting, indicating that as of July 1, 2022, the town's net debt will be reduced to \$1.2 million-- "with the town almost out of debt, her work here is done."

Mayor Grose also thanked Cantrell for the example she has always set, living her faith daily.

Assistant Town Manager Cody Sexton will be serving as Interim Treasurer effective March 3, 2022, until the town finds a permanent replacement. Assistant Planning and Zoning Director Nathan McClung will be completing Cantrell's unexpired term on the Greater Roanoke Transit Company, which ends on June 30, 2022.

Planning and Zoning Director Anita McMillan recognized McClung for successfully completing the process and examination to become an Association of State Floodplain Managers (ASFPM) Certified Floodplain Manager

(CFM). Councilman Mike Stovall remarked on McClung's professionalism and how well he represents the Town of Vinton daily.

Two members of the Board of Zoning Appeals—Kellie Moore and Mandy Fullen—were recognized by the council for completing the Certified Board of Zoning Appeals Program. Mayor Brad Grose thanked the women for their commitment to serving the town, commenting that it is exciting to see young people involved and commending their enthusiasm.

The Mayor had additional comments for Fullen, his daughter, saying, "I am so proud of you in so many ways."

Next on the agenda was a public hearing on proposed amendments to the Town of Vinton FY 2021-2022 budget to appropriate funding for the Gus Nicks Boulevard Midblock Pedestrian Crosswalk Project in the amount of \$403,912 and the Hardy Road Midblock Pedestrian Crosswalk Project in the amount of \$497,911.

The Gus Nicks Boulevard Crosswalk funding comes from the FY21 Federal and State Sur-

face Transportation Block Grant (STBG)/Road Surface Transportation Program (RSTP). The grant application was initially submitted in September 2019 for \$169,650. Revised cost estimates by VDOT in December 2020 upped the cost estimate to \$403,912. Additional funding from the Roanoke Valley Transportation Planning Organization (RVTPO) has allowed the project to move forward despite the price increase. The grant program is reimbursable.

The Hardy Road Crosswalk (to be located in the vicinity of W. E. Cundiff Elementary) is funded by the FY20 Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP). The cost of this project also increased from 2017 to 2020—from an initial \$183,000 to \$497,911. Additional funding has also been approved for this project, and the town's grant match will be \$307. This program is also reimbursable.

McClung returned to the podium to present a final briefing on the newly revised Zoning Ordinance and subsequent repeal of the existing ordinance. The complete in-depth revision of the or-

dinance has been in the works for three years. Public input—both in-person and virtual has been sought—along with legal reviews. A public hearing on the proposed ordinance is scheduled for March 15.

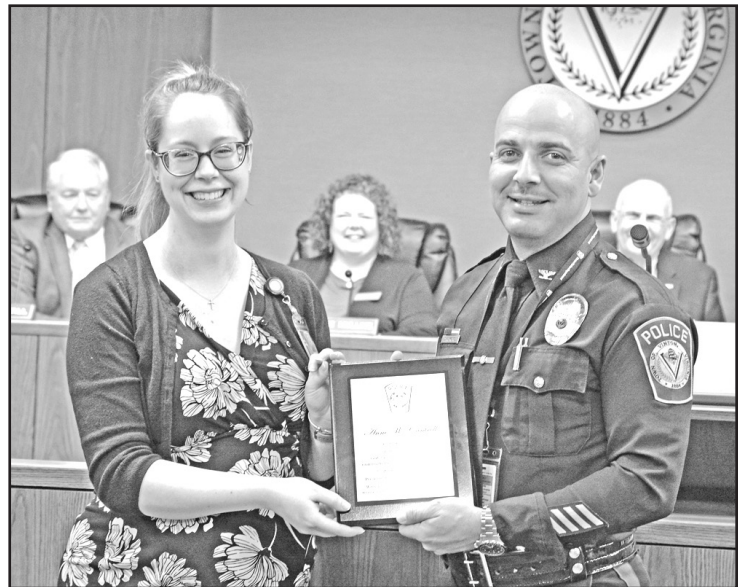
In several briefings and meetings, the council had asked for some revisions to the ordinance. McClung discussed changes to the sign regulations and vehicle storage or impoundment sections at the March 1 meeting.

Town Manager Pete Peters updated the council on two grants the town has recently been awarded. One is a Brownfields Grant for \$50,000 to assess the dry-cleaning establishment property on 1st Street. The second is a grant for \$45,000 for a market study of By-pass Road from the Virginia Department of Housing.

Mayor Grose commended town staff who have become masters at writing, receiving, and carrying out a variety of grants for different purposes. He noted that grants are time-consuming to write and lead to extra work for staff but are highly beneficial to the town.



Town Council recognized Assistant Director of Planning and Zoning Nathan McClung (on left) for completing the process and examination to become a Certified Floodplain Manager. Mayor Brad Grose (center) also recognized Board of Zoning Appeals members Mandy Fullen and Kellie Moore far right) for completing the Certified Board of Zoning Appeals Program.



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Vinton Police Chief Fabricio Drumond recognized Anne Cantrell with a plaque thanking her for her service to the police department as Treasurer and Finance Director.

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Read Judges 17:1 through 21:25

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In those days Israel had no king; everyone did as he saw fit (Judges 21:25).

Our world is what it is because fit. God's every action demonstrates that He desires peace, compassion, and community—things sorely missing from this world. Until we have the mind of Christ, politics will never offer hope. Our world doesn't need a king. It needs God.

Prayer Suggestion: Father, remake my will from the inside out, so that I will desire what You desire.

Quicklook: Judges 21:15–25

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In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated January 24, 2006, in the original principal amount of \$149,377.15 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Botetourt County, Virginia, in Book 0000 at Page 0026 as Instrument No. 060000515. The undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the front of the Circuit Court building for Botetourt County, Main Street, Fincastle, VA 24090 on April 4, 2022, at 5:00 PM, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows: THAT CERTAIN LOT OR PARCEL OF LAND, WITH ALL THE APPURTENANCES THEREUNTO BELONGING, LYING AND BEING IN THE COUNTY OF BOTETOURT, STATE OF VIRGINIA, AND MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, TO-WIT: BEING LOT 26, BLOCK F, SECTION NO. 4, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OF BLUE RIDGE HEIGHTS, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGE 146, IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF BOTETOURT, VIRGINIA. TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder's deposit of ten percent (10%) of the sale price or ten percent (10%) of the original principal balance of the subject Deed of Trust, whichever is lower, in the form of cash or certified funds payable to the Substitute Trustee must be present at the time of the sale. The balance of the purchase price will be due within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Purchaser's deposit may be forfeited to Trustee. Time is of the essence. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser may, if provided by the terms of the Trustee's

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Memorandum of Foreclosure Sale, be entitled to a \$50 cancellation fee from the Substitute Trustee, but shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. A form copy of the Trustee's memorandum of foreclosure sale and contract to purchase real property is available for viewing at www.bwwsales.com. BIDDERS ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO WEAR A COVER OVER BOTH NOSE AND MOUTH AND PRACTICE SOCIAL DISTANCING AT THE AUCTION. Additional terms, if any, to be announced at the sale and the Purchaser may be given the option to execute the contract of sale electronically. This is a communication from a debt collector and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. The sale is subject to seller confirmation. Substitute Trustee: Equity Trustees, LLC, 8100 Three Chopt Road, Suite 240, Richmond, VA 23229. For more information contact: BWW Law Group, LLC, attorneys for Equity Trustees, LLC, 6003 Executive Blvd, Suite 101, Rockville, MD 20852, 301-961-6555, website: www.bwwsales.com. VA-350877-1.

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. In accordance with Board Policy KD, Public Participation in Board Meetings, individuals who plan to address the Board are requested to:

- provide their name and address,
- address their remarks to the Board,
- be brief,
- provide a copy of their remarks for the record, and
- be prepared to answer questions from the Board,
- In unusual cases or cases of emergency, the Board, by consensus, may allow an individual or organization to speak if not on the agenda.

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA VA. CODE §§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316, -317, 20-104
Case No. CL22000168-00
ROANOKE COUNTY Circuit Court
305 East Main Street, Salem, Virginia
VICK, BROOKLYN RAYNE v. VAUGHT, BROOKLYN RAYNE
The object of this suit is to: NAME CHANGE OF MINOR
It is ORDERED that CECIL DURAN VICK appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before 04-01-2022 @ 11:30 AM

FEB 18 2022
Benjamin Guerrant
Deputy Clerk

Legals - City of Salem

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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 good cause, failed to correct the conditions which resulted in the child entering foster care and it is not reasonably likely that they will be able to do so in a reasonable amount of time, failed to maintain continuing contact with the child and substantially plan for the child's future. Residual parental rights include, but are not limited to the right to visitation, consent to adoption, the right to determine religious affiliation, and the responsibility for support. The termination of your residual parental rights will permanently end all of your rights and responsibilities to the child named in the petition. It is ORDERED that Charles E. Barkley, Jr. appear at the above-named Court and protect her interests on or before March 14, 2022.

2-1-22
Amie Blankenship
Clerk

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF PROPERTY 1564 Alleghany Spring Road, Shawsville, VA 20158

Tax Map No. 097-A113A, Parcel ID 150126

In execution of a Deed of Trust dated March 3, 2008, in the principal amount of \$104,607.92, recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Montgomery County, Virginia, of record as Instrument Number 08002073, Woods Rogers PLC, Trustee, will offer for sale at public auction outside the main entrance of the Montgomery County Circuit Court, 55 East Main Street, Christiansburg, VA 24073, on March 22, 2022 at 12:00 noon, the property described in said Deed of Trust lying in Montgomery County, Virginia, and further described as follows:

All of Lot 1, containing 1.695 acres, as shown on a plat of survey entitled, PLAT Showing Relocation/Vacation of Lot lines, for Timothy L. Wimmer and James L. Wimmer & Grace Kelley-Wimmer, Plan No. P-6912, dated August 16, 2007, revised December 10, 2007, prepared by Marvi D. Stine, L.S., of Highland Surveys P.C., which plat of survey is recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Montgomery County, Virginia, as PB 28, pg 67.

TERMS: Cash - Bidder's deposit of ten percent (10%)

Legals - Montgomery County

of the sales price by cashier's or certified check may be required. Balance of purchase price shall be due and payable not later than ten (10) days after sale.

WOODS ROGERS PLC, Trustee

For Information Contact: Woods Rogers PLC, P.O. Box 14125, Roanoke, VA 24038-4125, Telephone: 540-983-7729

Legals - Town of Vinton

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 15.2-2204 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, the **Town Council** of the Town of Vinton, Virginia hereby gives notice of a public hearing to be held on **Tuesday, March 15, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.**, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, in the Council Chambers of the Vinton Municipal Building, 311 South Pollard Street, Vinton, Virginia.

The purpose of the public hearing is to receive comments concerning:

An ordinance repealing in its entirety the Vinton Town Code, Appendix B - Zoning Ordinance as adopted by Ordinance 634, enacted December 19, 1995, with amendments, and adopting by reference the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Vinton, Vinton, Virginia.

Further information concerning this public hearing may be obtained in the Planning and Zoning Department located at 311 South Pollard Street, Vinton, VA 24179, (540) 983-0605, between 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Interested persons may be heard at the above public hearing.

Given under my hand this 3rd day of February, 2022.

Richard W. Peters, Jr.
Town Manager

NOTICE OF INTENT TO COMPLY WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT. Reasonable efforts will be made to provide assistance or special arrangements to qualified individuals with disabilities in order to participate in or attend the meetings. Please call (540) 983-0605 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting so that proper arrangements may be made.

LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF VINTON, VIRGINIA NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Please be advised that the Vinton Town Council will hold a public hearing at its meeting on Tuesday, April 5, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, in the Council Chambers of the Vinton Municipal Building, located at 311 South Pollard Street, Vinton, Virginia, on the following, to-wit:

TO SET A PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX RATE OF NOT MORE THAN \$1.00 PER \$100 ASSESSED VALUATION IN THE TOWN OF VINTON.

TO SET A MACHINERY AND TOOLS TAX RATE OF NOT MORE THAN \$1.00 PER \$100 ASSESSED VALUATION IN THE TOWN OF VINTON.

Persons requiring special assistance to attend and participate at this public hearing should contact the Town Manager's office at (540) 983-0607.

Susan N. Johnson
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Spring sports are just a week and a half away

Byrd baseball team will participate in Jamboree in Salem Saturday

William Byrd spring sports teams began practices last week with the season due to begin the week of March 14. The Terriers have several scrimmages and jamborees in the coming week as they prepare for the coming season.

On Saturday Byrd will be playing in a baseball jamboree at Salem's Kiwanis Field. Salem and Northside will open the action at 10 am, followed by Northside and Pulaski County at noon. Pulaski will stay on the field to play Byrd at 2 pm, and the day ends with the Terriers

against Salem at 4 pm.

In Vinton, the same four schools will play a jayvee jamboree. The schedule is the same, only a half hour earlier for all scrimmages with the host Terriers playing Pulaski at 1:30 pm and Salem at 3:30 pm.

Next Tuesday, March 8, both lacrosse teams have scrimmages against Patrick Henry with the boys at home and the girls at PH. A day later the softball team has their first scrimmage at Auburn.

A week from today, on March 10, the lacrosse teams

will play a preseason doubleheader. The girls will host Lord Botetourt's new club team at 5:30 pm, followed by the boys against William Fleming at 7:15 pm at Patterson Stadium.

The final day of preseason action is a big one for Byrd as the baseball team is at Altavista and five other teams scrimmage Glenvar. The girls tennis team, the softball team and the girls' soccer team will host the Highlanders in Vinton while the boys tennis and soccer teams play at Glenvar.

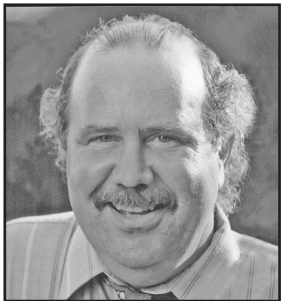


The fields and courts at William Byrd High School were buzzing with action Monday as spring teams prepare for their season openers the week of March 14.

PHOTOS BY BRIAN HOFFMAN



Brian Hoffman



Time Out for Dave

The recent incident between the Michigan and Wisconsin basketball teams brought back memories of a time when I called a late timeout with the game in hand.

If you've been out of the country for the past two weeks, Michigan basketball coach Juwan Howard became irate when Wisconsin coach Greg Gard called a timeout with a 15 point lead and 15 seconds left. It resulted in a near brawl when tempers flared during the handshake line and Howard was suspended for the remainder of the regular season.

Certainly, there's a matter of etiquette involved here. It was unsportsmanlike of Gard to call that timeout with the game decided, but others might argue that Michigan was still pressing at that point and they might have better served to back off as well. They weren't going to catch the Badgers, down 15 with 15 seconds to go.

Whatever, there was no excuse for punches being thrown after the game, and I've yet to hear either coach offer an apology. Cooler heads should have prevailed.

With that said, I coached recreation basketball teams when my step-sons played and recall a game when I called a timeout in a similar situation. My

team had the game well in hand with time running out when I signaled for a timeout with just seconds on the clock. With that, the obviously aggravated coach from the other team charged over to our bench and wondered just what the heck I was doing?

I explained to him that we had a boy on the team, Dave, who had never scored a point. He was a bright young man and a wonderful child but he had some motor skill challenges and, when he was on the floor, we were virtually playing four against their five. I always had him on my team because he was a friend of my son's and his dad helped me coach and, hey, it's recreation basketball.

When I told the opposing coach I called the timeout to try and get Dave a basket in his last chance he not only settled down, but offered to have his team back off when Dave got the ball. With that I drew up the play to have the ball inbounded to Dave under the basket. There was no guarantee he would put it in.

The teams took the floor, the whistle blew, and my player inbounded the ball to Dave. He looked round, concluded he was open, and put a two-handed shot high off the board. It bounced on the rim a couple times and dropped through the net just as the horn sounded.

Dave watched the ball go through the basket in half disbelief. He threw his arms in the air, the crowd roared and players from both benches rushed the floor, congratulating Dave on his first ever basket. At that point no cared who won the game, it was a win-win for everyone.

Nic Schmitt, who punted and kicked for the Virginia Tech football team, was on my 14 year old team that season. Years later, when he was a senior for the Hokies, I did a story on Schmitt for the paper. One of the questions I asked him was 'what are some of the most memorable moments you've had

in your sports career?'"

Nic was a member of state championship high school football teams at Salem, kicking the game-winning point one season. He was an all-state kicker and also a standout receiver, defensive back and kick returner, so he had many memorable moments.

At Tech, he was the first string punter and backup placekicker. He played in some huge ACC games and won all kinds of honors at Tech. You'd think his favorite sports moment would have been pinning Miami inside the 10 or punting against Auburn in the Sugar Bowl, or even kicking the winning point to win that high school state championship. But no, do you know what Nic said?

He said his favorite all-time moment in sports was when Dave scored that basket.

I did my best to hold back tears, and that was one timeout I'll never regret.

VINTON SWIMMER

Vinton's Brody Parrish, a seventh grader at William Byrd Middle School, competed for the Virginia Gators at the Southwest District championship swim meet at the Christiansburg Aquatic Center on February 25-27. Brody placed 10 in the 200 backstroke and also swam in several other individual events as well as relays.



Beatty, Hurd run to all-state honors at Class 3 track meet

The William Byrd girls were 22nd and the boys were 33rd in the Virginia High School League Class 3 state indoor track meet this week. The Heritage girls and Abingdon boys won team championships in the two day meet at Liberty University in Lynchburg.

The meet started off strong for Byrd on Monday when Sela Beatty qualified for the 55m dash with a school record tying time of 7.31 and Walker Nance just missed qualifying in the 55m hurdles with a time of 8.58. In the field events, Remi Figart and Chloe Harrilla tied for 8th in the high jump with a clearance of 4'8". Harrilla was 10th with a jump of 15'9.25".

On Tuesday Figart finished 10th in the triple jump with a season best jump of 32'3.25". Sydney Blewett finished 8th in the shot put with a throw of 33'4.5" and Mya Rosser was 11th with a throw of 31'2".

In the 55m dash finals Beatty finished took all-state honors with a 4th place finish time of 7.37 seconds. Sela was 11th in the 300 meters with a season best time of 45.09 while Emma Gordon finished 13th in the 500 meters with a time of 1:29.53.

Olivia Hurd was all-state in the 1000m run with a 6th place finish time of 3:16 minutes and she was also 10th in the mile run at 5:42.49. The 4x200m relay of Harrilla, Beatty, Emma Dalton and Figart finished 11th (1:54.60) and the 4x400m relay of Harrilla, Gordon, Hurd and Figart finished 11th (4:26.42).

On the boys' side Dylan Hughes finished 8th in the 300m dash on Tuesday with a time of 36.73 and Wyattte Bailey finished 11th in the 500m dash with a time of 1:11.21. The 4x200m relay of Hughes, Bailey, Brady Reachy and Noah Thompson was 13th

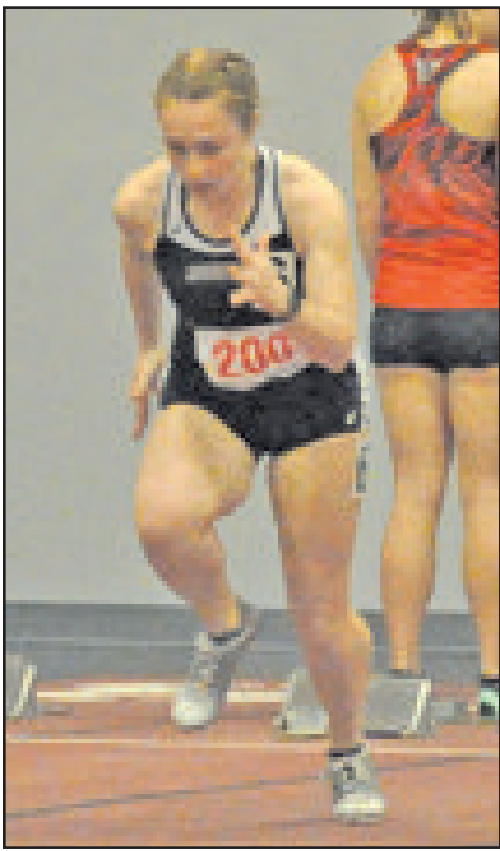


Left to right is the Byrd state 4x400 meter relay team of Remi Figart, Olivia Hurd, Emma Gordon and Chloe Harrilla.

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with a time of 1:36.60. Hughes also finished 16th in the long jump with a distance of 18'11.5". That wrapped up the indoor season for the Terri-

ers. Outdoor practice has already started and the first meet is scheduled for March 23rd.



Hunter Bohon(#4 left) runs the 60 hurdles in the ODAC track meet and, right, Savannah Gheen is out of the blocks in the 60 meter dash.

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Hornets sweep ODAC track titles

Byrd grad Hunter Bohon runs on winning 4x400 relay

The University of Lynchburg swept the men's and women's team championships when Roanoke College played host to the Old Dominion Athletic Conference indoor track meet last weekend. The RC women were third and the men were fourth in the 10 team field.

In the men's meet Roanoke's 4x400 relay team of Xavier O'Brien, Brady Fowler, Samuel Crawford and Hunter Bohon took first place with a time of 3:29.58. Bohon, a junior from William Byrd, also took third in the high jump.

Two other William Byrd athletes are also on the RC team. Senior Savannah Gheen is a sprinter and jumper for the women's team and junior Greyson Cornett is a hurdler and jumper for the men's team.

The Maroons are scheduled to go to Winchester for a "Last Chance" meet this weekend in advance of the 2022 NCAA Indoor Track & Field Championships.

Karnes pitches two-hit shutout in RC's opener

The Roanoke College softball team held Pitt-Bradford to one run in two games as they opened the season with a double-header sweep at the James I. Moyer Complex in Salem Saturday. Roanoke won 8-0 and 10-1.

William Byrd product Jada Karnes pitched the shutout in the opener, giving up two hits and fanning nine. Jada also had two hits, scored twice and drove in a run for RC while Meri Bostic was two-for-two.

The Maroons took a 2-0 record to Southern Virginia on Wednesday and this weekend they're participating in the "Mountain Mash" at the Moyer Complex. On Friday they play Fredonia at 3 pm and Oneonta at 5 pm and on Sunday it's Oneonta at 10 am and Fredonia at noon.



Byrd graduate Jada Karnes pitches for Roanoke College at the Moyer Complex Saturday.

Grant ties NCAA record with three triples in one game

Megan Grant, a junior at Elon University and a graduate of William Byrd High School, tied an NCAA single game record when she hit three triples in one game in the second game of a doubleheader with Providence on February 18. Megan was three for four with two runs scored in the 8-7 win. The Phoenix are 9-4 overall and were scheduled to host N.C. State on Wednesday and Michigan State on Friday of this week.



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