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Senior Expo 2022 rocks the Vinton War Memorial

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Each year the Vinton Area Chamber of Commerce hosts its annual Senior Expo at the Vinton War Memorial in March— unless there is a pandemic gumming up the works. This year's event was held as originally scheduled, with no COVID delays, on March 22. The ballroom was bursting at the seams with seniors— and some younger folks— taking the opportunity to finally get out of the house and socialize. There were no empty spaces in the parking lot.

The Senior Expo traditionally draws hundreds of seniors, caregivers, businesses serving the interests of the aging, and baby boomers who are becoming seniors. It is always bustling with activity; however, the atmosphere at this year's Expo was hyper-charged with excitement as some 50 members of the "Steppin' In Time" line dancing group took over part of the ballroom to celebrate their instructor, Shelly McCallum, and thank her for the joy she has brought to the community in 12 years of teaching at the Charles R. Hill Community Center. This would be her

last day and it was bittersweet.

The Expo usually features entertainment— music and dance performances and fitness demonstrations by seniors, for the seniors— but this year's tribute and farewell to McCallum lasted for over 90 minutes, all filled with exuberant music and dancing, along with lots of photos, hugs, and some tears. Members of Steppin' in Time performed 17 different dances; the highlight was "Hello Dolly," one of McCallum's favorites.

McCallum has generously volunteered her time to teach the dance classes for over a decade. She initially approached the town and asked to form the group, beginning with one class and a handful of participants, mostly retired seniors. The number of classes and dancers has multiplied over the years.

She and Lori Spickard, who will be taking over as instructor, have always said the classes are "like family."

The Tai Chi class, which also meets for classes at the Community Center, did a presentation prior to the line dancers— much more subdued in nature as their focus is re-



PHOTO BY DEBBIE ADAMS
The Steppin' In Time line dancers celebrated their instructor Shelly McCallum (second from left) at the Vinton Senior Expo 2022 on March 22. She is stepping down after 12 years.

Town invites citizens to help shape the future with Vinton's bike/pedestrian plan

The Town of Vinton will host a community meeting at the Vinton War Memorial at 6 p.m. on Thursday, March 31, to gain citizen input on the Town of Vinton Route 24 Bike/Pedestrian Plan.

According to Vinton Assistant Planning and Zoning Director Nathan McClung, the meeting will cover recommended improvements to enhance biking and pedestrian accommodations along the "loop" of Washington Avenue, Bypass Road, Hardy Road, East Virginia Avenue, South Pollard Street, and the neighborhood streets within that area.

The community meeting will also address future greenway connections through the historic Jefferson Park neighborhood and will include a creative toolkit of improvements to utilize on specifically identified streets, areas, and important pedestrian/bicycle travel areas.

One such improve-

ment likely to draw public comment at the planning meeting includes the potential for reconfiguring Washington Avenue.

"The proposed improvements would include two 11-foot travel lanes, a 10-foot, two-way left turn lane, and 5-foot bike lanes on each side," McClung said. "These bike lanes are protected by the travel lanes by a 4-foot buffer space. This all adds up to 50 feet of pavement space that currently makes up Washington Avenue. We could do these improvements entirely through the use of pavement markings (e.g. paint, etc.) and they could take place within the existing right of way. We would not have to narrow or eliminate sidewalks.

"Just like on Brandon Avenue in the City of Roanoke, we do not believe this would cause back-ups, but would rather be a traffic calming measure that will accommodate more road



Washington Avenue Complete Street Concept
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users and assist drivers who are attempting to make left-turns across the existing roadway to entrances on the opposite side," McClung added.

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) recommends this type of "road diet" involving narrowing travel lanes or eliminating some of them to provide more space for pedestrians and bicy-

clists.

"A typical road diet consists of converting a four-lane roadway (two in each direction) to a three-lane (one in each direction plus a center turn lane) and adding sidewalks and/or bicycle lanes," the FHWA says.

The PowerPoint presentation on the Bike/Pedestrian Plan includes some research on "road

Caturday is back!



PHOTO BY DEBBIE ADAMS
Caturday reading sessions returned to the Vinton Public Library on March 19, making for happy cats and happy kids.

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In September 2018, the Vinton Public Library began partnering with the Regional Center for Animal Care and Protection (RCACP) for a new event known as "Caturday." The activity is just as cute as it sounds— picture children earnestly reading to cats and kittens.

When the program was announced, the library explained that "reading aloud to a furry friend can help children gain confidence in reading skills." That's how it helps children. In addition, being read to, helps the cats to "become socialized and ready for adoption." The RCACP hoped the program would showcase the adoption issue and lead to some pets finding "forever homes."

Alyssa Carpenter, who was the children's library assistant in Vinton at that time, had first introduced the program at the Christiansburg library, partnering with animal shelters there, and bringing cats into the library.

The Vinton Library, in its former location on Washington Avenue, had actually held children's reading sessions with therapy dogs from the Pet Partners program in 2014, in a program started by Emily Metrock, then children's library assistant.


When the library moved to its new building and location in 2015, the reading program eventually reappeared, changed to a different species, and evolved into "Caturday" held on Saturdays.

The Caturday program became wildly popular with children and their parents until the pandemic brought the program to a screeching halt with in-person programs cancelled for many months. But as of March 19, Caturday is back with plans to make it a monthly event.

Children pre-register for a 15-minute reading session with the cats. RCACP Director of Operations Melinda Rector transports cats from the animal shelter in carriers to be placed in cages for the reading event.

On March 19, Rector brought along Sally Mae, a six-month-old kitten, Davy (two years old), Butchy (age 11), and Nathan (five years). Unlike the procedure on most Caturdays, these felines were not up for adoption. They are being transported up north this week by the ASPCA, where apparently there is an adoptable cat shortage.

Twelve excited children signed up to read at this first session. Some even got to read to more than one




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OBITUARIES

Willie Mack & Mary Lou Nesbit

On March 5, 2022, Mary Lou Nesbit joined her husband, Willie Mack (Bill), who left us on May 6, 2021. Bill and Mary Lou were married 69 years. They loved their children, John (deceased), Leigh, Lynn (Eddie), Cathy (Dick); seven grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren. They gave their time, support and love to their church and community.

Please join us for a celebration of life on April 2, 2022, 11 a.m., at Campbell Memorial Presbyterian Church, 1130 Hardy



Road, Vinton. Online at www.lotzfuneralhome.com. Condolences may be made at [evinton.com](http://www.evinton.com).

Norma Jean Mitchell Cooper

Norma Jean Mitchell Cooper, 91, of Vinton, went to be with the Lord on Tuesday, March 15, 2022.

She was preceded in death by her loving husband of 61 years, Curtis Cooper; her parents, Eddie and Lillian Mitchell; and her brother, Richard "Buddy" Mitchell Sr.

Norma Jean is survived by her sister, Sue Shaver; special niece, Anita Bolton (Chip); great-niece, Elizabeth Mauck (Robert); great-nephew, Timothy Bolton (Sarah); great-great-nephews, Walker Mauck and Carson Bolton; special friend, Jean Swisher; and many other unspoken friends and neighbors.

She was born on March 8, 1931, in Vinton. Norma Jean graduated from William Byrd High School and continued her education with a focus on business. She worked as an Assistant to the Administrators at Lewis-Gale Clinic for 50 years. Norma Jean enjoyed having



a rose garden, traveling, and spending time with family and friends. She was a member of Vinton Baptist Church and was actively involved with her Sunday School class and the Circle group.

The family wishes to thank the At-Home Caregivers and Springtree Health and Rehab for their excellent care and compassion.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 19, at Vinton Baptist Church with Dr. Chris Monroe officiating. The family received friends from 1 p.m. until the service time on Saturday at the church. Interment followed in Mountain View Cemetery. The family requests memorial donations be given to Vinton Baptist Church.

Arrangements entrusted to Oakey's Vinton Chapel, (540) 982-2221. Online condolences may be shared with the family at www.oakeys.com.



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SPOTLIGHT ON TOWN OF VINTON STAFF

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.

Shaye Hicks is the part-time Administrative Assistant for Vinton’s Community Programs and Facilities Department. She is the newest addition to the department, joining the town on September 20, 2021.

Her duties include taking care of the financials, making the call backs on inquiries, and assisting Director of Community Programs Chasity Barbour with the Vinton

War Memorial, Special Programs, High Ground Veterans Monument, and Charles R. Hill Community Center budgets.

Coincidentally, she was married at the Vinton War Memorial on October 17, 1992, and had her wedding reception there. She and her husband have lived in Vinton for over 30 years. In 2018, she retired from a local medical center where she had worked for 30 years.

Her hobbies include card-making and scrapbooking. She enjoys spending time with her many nieces and nephews. She also likes walking the Vinton War Memorial parking lot with her friends on a regular basis. That led to her job with the town. She would wave at the friendly Community Programs

staff in passing, not knowing she would become part of their team.

Mayor Brad Grose says, “The Community Programs Department is a very important part of the staff/team in the Town of Vinton. The members of the department are often the main contact that people have with our town. The Community Programs staff does a wonderful job in representing our town in a very positive manner. The department is always busy, but they take time to provide personal service for our special programs as well as private personal events. We are very fortunate to have highly qualified, dedicated individuals in the Community Programs Department that take pride in representing the Town of Vinton.”



Shaye Hicks

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RECIPES OF THE WEEK

Recipes from Angie Chewning, Vinton Area Chamber of Commerce

Chamber Executive Director Angie Chewning has contributed some of her favorite recipes this week:

Cracked Out Corn Dip

- 1 (8-oz) package cream cheese, softened
- 1 (1-oz) package Original Ranch dressing mix
- 3/4 cup cooked chopped bacon
- 2 cups shredded cheddar cheese
- 1 (16-oz) container sour cream
- 3-1/2 cups frozen corn kernels, thawed

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Lightly spray a 2-qt. baking dish with cooking spray. In a bowl, combine all ingredients; mix well. Transfer to baking dish; cover with aluminum foil. Bake dip 25 to 30 minutes or until hot and bubbly.

Smothered Green Beans

- 5 (15-oz) cans green beans, drained
- 1 lb. bacon
- 2/3 cup brown sugar
- 1/4 cup butter, melted
- 1/4 cup low-sodium soy sauce
- 1-1/2 tsp garlic powder

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Pour drained green beans into an ungreased 9x13-inch pan. In a large skillet, cook bacon until almost done but not too crispy. Remove from skillet, drain on paper towel and chop. Sprinkle cooked bacon on top of green beans. Whisk together brown sugar, melted butter, soy sauce and garlic powder. Pour over green beans. Bake uncovered for 40 minutes.

Cheesy Ranch Chicken

- 1/2 cup mayo (or a block of cream cheese)
- 3 cloves of garlic, minced
- 1 cup cheese
- 1 packet of ranch flavoring

Mix it all in a bowl and slather onto your chicken breasts and cook for 30 minutes at 400 degrees.

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diets” such as the Washington Avenue proposal. Studies have shown a reduction in crashes of between 19 and 47% when a “road diet” is installed on a previously four-lane road.

Other proposals in the project currently include adding sidewalks, high visibility crosswalks, traffic calming measures, wayfinding, large in-street stencils, signalized intersection enhancements, and crosswalk enhancements.

The Town of Vinton received grant funding from the Office of Intermodal Planning and Investment’s (OIP) Growth & Accessibility Planning Technical Assistance Program for consultant assistance to create this Multimodal Access and Improvement Study for the heart of Vinton—the area between Route 24, East Washington Avenue, and South Pollard Street.

In October 2021, the Planning and Zoning Department asked for citizen input on the project through an online survey to make sure they were focusing on the areas of most interest to the public. The survey was quite unique in that it allowed individuals to use an interactive map to place points within the town to identify several factors:

- Desired bike/walk destinations where citizens would like to walk or bike more safely and comfortably
 - Desired bike improvements for bicycling in the future
 - Desired walk improvements for future walkways
 - Current safety concerns that need to be addressed for biking or walking
- The plan builds on the Roanoke Valley-

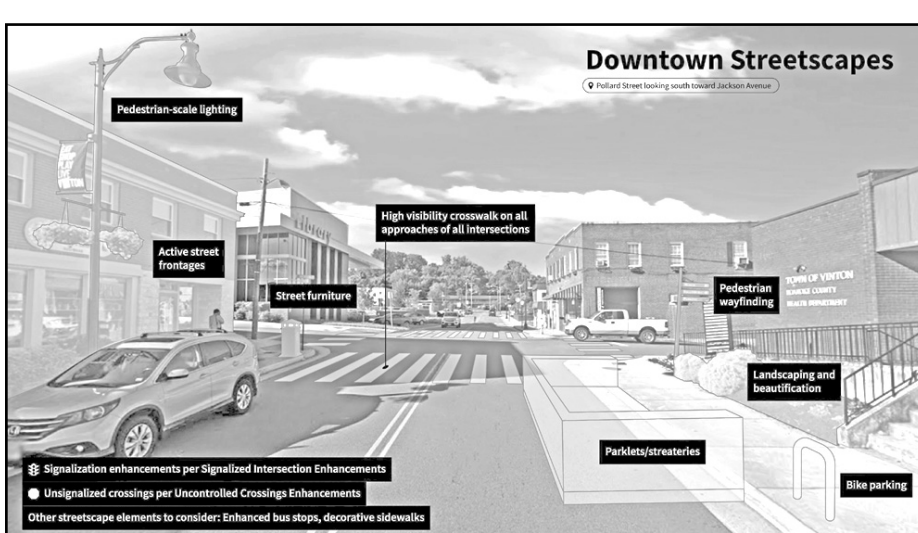
Alleghany Regional Commission’s (RVARC) “Major Corridors—Bicycle & Pedestrian Accommodations” Study and will create a list of very specific improvements to help make biking and walking in this area safer and more comfortable.

The studies conducted under the grant and the public meetings will culminate into a final Route 24 Bike/Pedestrian Plan. The next official public meeting will be at Town Council

where the final plan will be presented.

The current grant funds the development of a full Plan that will be used in the future to apply for additional grant funding to finance the improvements. It does not include funding for the actual improvements.

To learn more about the successful Brandon Avenue project in the City of Roanoke, visit <https://planroanoke.org/brandonpaving/>.



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 17. Phil ____, former CIA
 18. Competitions
 20. Unwell
 21. Puts in place
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 25. Allows light to pass through
 30. Climbed quickly
 31. We all have it
 32. There's a North & South
 33. Emaciation
 38. Supervises flying
 41. Very dark colors
 43. Unwanted
 45. Grants
 48. Three visited Jesus
 49. Wife of Amun
 50. Broadway actress Daisy
 55. A Spanish river
 56. I (German)
 57. French opera composer
 59. Six (Spanish)
 60. Last letter
 61. Spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation
 62. A curved shape
 63. Make a mistake
 64. Tall plant
 5. Cassava
 6. Talented
 7. Capital of Estonia
 8. Finger millet
 9. In a way, assists
 10. Men's fashion accessories
 12. Misery
 14. Skin disorder
 19. Selling at specially reduced prices
 23. Good friend
 24. Stationary portion of a generator
 25. Expression of disappointment
 26. The 17th letter of the Greek alphabet
 27. Where birds fly
 28. Midway between north and northeast
 29. Chaotic states
 34. Comedic actress Gasteroy
 35. Kids' dining accessory
 36. Snakelike fish
 37. Midway between south and southeast
 39. Assign lifelike qualities to
 40. One who cites
 41. Midway between east and southeast
 42. North wind
 44. One or the other
 45. Cavalry sword
 46. Of the Hungarian language
 47. Life stories
 48. Flat tableland with steep edges
 51. Swiss river
 52. Plant that makes gum
 53. French cleric
 54. One point east of northeast
 58. Free from

DAR honors 2022 Good Citizen and Flight Nurses



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Lt. Col. Heather Menzies (on left) with United States Air Force Reservist Marva Allbitran. Menzies presented a program on Flight Nurses at the latest DAR meeting in Vinton.



PHOTO BY DEBBIE ADAMS

Karin Harlan was installed by Lisa Gascoyne as a new member of the Roanoke Valley Chapter DAR at their meeting on March 12. Shown left to right are Gascoyne, Regent Cindy Higgins, Harlan, and DAR Registrar Janice Taylor.

The Roanoke Valley Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution held their monthly meeting on March 12 to announce this year's DAR Good Citizen, to install a new member, and to hear a program on flight nurses by one of their members who has served in that position—Heather Menzies.

Grace Saunders, an honors student and senior at William Byrd High School, was recognized as the 2022 DAR Good Citizen of the Year. She was nominated by the faculty at WBHS and voted on by her fellow students for this prestigious award. She is the daughter of Heath and Dawn Saunders.

As part of the DAR Good Citizen process, she was invited to write an essay to participate in the scholarship segment of the competition. This year's assigned topic was "Our American Heritage and Our Responsibility for Preserving It: How do the qualities of a good citizen (dependability, service, leadership, and patriotism) help support our nation?" Saunders read her essay to the DAR members at the meeting.

Karin Harlan was welcomed and installed as a new member of the local chapter. The patriot she traces her lineage to was Frederick Lowmaster, a soldier in the American Revolution.

Lt. Col. Heather Menzies presented the program on flight nurses to the DAR members. She recently returned from a deployment to Kuwait, where she served as Director of Operations supporting flyers. She is a 1993 graduate of William Byrd High School, a 1995 graduate of the nursing program at Virginia Western Community College and completed her education in nursing at the Medical College of Virginia at Virginia Commonwealth University. She joined the United States Air Force Reserves in March 2002.

She has been deployed several times to the Middle East (in the Persian Gulf, Afghanistan, and Kuwait) and stateside. She is employed by Carilion Clinic Patient Transportation working in quality management. Past assignments with Carilion have involved critical care nursing with the ground and heli-

copter transport patient team.

Menzies talked about her latest deployment from September 2021 to February 2022, the base where she served, the soldiers she worked with, and the missions those crews flew.

She explained that flight nurses are members of Aeromedical Evacuation teams who transport critically ill or injured service members to military hospitals. Their primary workspace is the cabin or cargo bay of an aircraft that has been transformed into an emergency medical care facility.

Flight nurses:
Provide inflight management and nursing care for patients from originating location to destination facility

Supervise enplaning, securing and deplaning of patients

Act as liaison between medical and operational aircrews and support personnel

Provide emergency care and treatment in the absence of a physician

In addition to their duties, Men-

zies talked about the stresses flight nurses and their patients endure during long flights that may last from 8 to 12 hours (the cold, the potential for dehydration, fatigue, fluctuating oxygen levels, managing heavy equipment, adapting to different power sources, the responsibility of treating up to 50 patients on a flight, and even the vibrations of the planes).

She noted that about 80% of those she served with in the reserves work in the medical field as their regular jobs outside of the military; so, most reservists enter already possessing a great deal of medical knowledge; what they must acquire once they join the reserves is knowledge of how the military functions and military healthcare, and familiarity with the particular aircraft they are assigned to on a mission.

She talked about day-to-day life in the reserves. During her latest deployment, she lived in buildings somewhat like college dormitories, which did have indoor plumbing—not always the case in past assignments.

Menzies has had some incredible experiences in her distinguished career, which she did not mention in her DAR presentation, including the Virginia Tech shootings in 2007.

Her first flight instructor has described Menzies as someone who "hit the ground running and had an instinctive ability to keep cool under pressure." She is someone totally professional, "who has steel on the inside."

She says that being a good flight nurse in a military setting requires excellent communication skills, adaptability, teamwork, and acceptance of Murphy's Law—what can go wrong, will go wrong.

Menzies summed up the goal of flight nurses working in critical care with their motto, "Compassion in Chaos."

Next month's DAR speaker will be a representative from Blue Ridge Literacy. The Roanoke Valley Chapter of the DAR meets at St. Timothy's Lutheran Church on Hardy Road in Vinton on the second Saturday of most months.

Vinton hires Capital Projects Manager

The Town of Vinton has announced a new staff member will be joining the team on April 4, as Ja-

mie Hurt has been hired as Capital Projects Manager.

Hurt is a native and current resident of Vin-

ton along with his high school sweetheart, Amy, and two teenage daughters, Brianna and Maddie. He is a graduate of Roanoke Valley Christian School, enjoys spending time outdoors hiking, biking and fishing and says that his faith in God and love for his family is the motivation and driving force in his life.

Hurt joins the town with extensive construction, building maintenance and project management experience. He has served in both private and public sector functions in his career to include being a self-employed general contractor, an operations manager for a construction/building

restoration firm and as the Facilities Manager for Botetourt County.

His primary function with the town will be to manage new capital related construction projects and assisting the Planning and Public Works Department's with construction management and field inspections for a number of transportation enhancements and several flood hazard mitigation and housing blight abatement demolition projects.

In the future, Hurt will lead construction activities on a number of new community development projects and assist other departments as necessary with Request for Proposal (RFP) development and

other construction-related oversight.

Town Council authorized the new position in August of 2021 as a result of the town re-establishing the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) to meet the growing list of backlogged infrastructure and community development needs across all sectors and divisions of the town's operation. Vinton's diverse and steady revenue growth, the American Rescue and Recovery Act (ARRA) stimulus and the recently passed American Infrastructure Plan are the primary drivers for the town's availability to fund both the CIP and the new position.

"The town is very pleased to be able to fill this key

position with someone of Jamie's talents and the fact that he is a Vinton resident with deep roots in this community makes the hire all that more special," says Vinton Town Manager Pete Peters. "With recent Economic Development projects realizing much-needed revenue growth for the town and the addition of grant funding from state and other federal sources, we have a unique and rare opportunity for substantial infrastructure investments throughout the community over the next three to five years, and we are excited to add Jamie to an already stellar and talented staff to accomplish these tasks in an efficient and timely manner."

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Vinton History Museum yard sale coming up on March 26

The Vinton History Museum will be holding a yard sale this Saturday, March 26, beginning at 8 a.m.

Items for sale include assorted tools, a riding lawn mower, a coal/wood stove, golf clubs and used golf balls, yard sale and household items, art, books, some

furniture, and much more.

Easter baskets made by the History Museum volunteers will also be for sale.

All proceeds benefit the maintenance and operation of the Vinton History Museum.

The Thrasher Quilters will also be on hand with a big variety of beautiful quilts for sale.

The Vinton History Museum is located at 2210 E. Jackson Avenue in downtown Vinton just across from the back corner of the Vinton Library.

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

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

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In case you haven't heard, the Vinton Chamber is MOVING! We are moving our office to downtown Vinton. Some still call it The Vinton Messenger office, some know it as Mountain View Real Estate office. It's between Cyndi's Fashions and Our Daily Bread. We are excited to be in the middle of Vinton. We will keep you posted on when the move is complete!

Don't forget to mark your

calendar for upcoming Dogwood Festival at the end of April. Check out their website for more details!!

Thank you to all the ven-

dors, sponsors and, of course, folks who came out to the Vinton Chamber's Senior Services Expo. We love having events to help our citizens.



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Board of Supervisors modifies Gish Mill, Vinton hotel, Vinyard Station MOUs

The Roanoke County Board of Supervisors has authorized the execution of amendments to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) it has with the Town of Vinton for the Vinton/East County hotel, Vinyard Station, and Gish Mill redevelopment projects. The action was taken at the board meeting on March 22.

The timelines for the projects are being adjusted for the county's financial contributions toward each of the projects to be consistent with county assessments.

Vinton Town Council will take similar action to adjust the MOUs at the next council meeting on April 5.

"There is an unforeseen lag in the real estate assessments being captured and therefore the county's contribution to the town would have been short," said Town Manager Pete Peters. "By delaying the MOUs by a year, it helps to catch the full assessment. The projects will remain on track."

Each agreement references a specified reimbursement of net, new taxes generated by the development during the previous year.

"At the time of adoption, best estimates are utilized for the project construction and completion date, as well as the start date for reimbursements," County Economic Development Director Jill

Loope said in her presentation to the board. "Due to the timing of real estate assessments, construction, and supply chain disruptions, the timeline for the projects and reimbursements for each agreement will need to be moved forward by one year for the town to realize the full intent and benefit of the agreements."

The three projects and their MOUs include:

Vinyard Station Redevelopment Project: The MOU was approved by the Board of Supervisors in November 2019 which included a five-year reimbursement of taxes estimated at \$40,000 per year, not to exceed \$200,000. The first in-

stallment was originally scheduled to begin in January 2022 and conclude in January 2026. With the MOU amendment, the first payment from the county to the town for net new taxes (real property, personal property, and sales tax) generated from Vinyard Station will be made in January 2023 and continue annually until they conclude in January 2027.

Gish Mill Redevelopment Project: The MOU was approved by the Board of Supervisors in May 2021 which included a five-year reimbursement of taxes estimated at \$40,000 per year, not to exceed \$200,000. The first installment was expected to begin in January

2024 and conclude in January 2028. With the amendment to the MOU, the county's first payment of net new taxes will be delayed until January 2025 and conclude with a final payment in January 2029.

Vinton Hotel Redevelopment Project: The MOU was approved by the Board of Supervisors in July 2021, which included a three-year reimbursement of taxes estimated at \$150,000 per year, not to exceed \$450,000. The first installment was scheduled to begin in January 2024 and conclude in January 2026. With the amendment to the MOU, the first installment will be paid in January 2025 with the final installment paid in January 2027.

Senior Expo 2022

from page 1



PHOTO BY ANNE FERGUSON

The Tai Chi class from the Community Center demonstrated their skills at the Senior Expo. Mike Ferguson is the instructor.



PHOTO BY DEBBIE ADAMS

The Steppin' In Time line dancers delighted the crowd with their performance of "Hello Dolly" at the Expo.



PHOTO FROM THE VINTON WAR MEMORIAL

The crowd was huge for the Vinton Senior Expo 2022.

taxation.

In addition to the entertainment, the Expo featured exhibits on retirement, assisted living, nursing care, health care, home care, hospice, health products, aging in place, medical equipment, insurance, banking, estate planning, reverse mortgages, hearing and eyecare, and health screenings, involving over 50 vendors. Food Truck on the Go offered concessions.

There were the ever-popular door prizes, goodie bags, vendor giveaways, and screenings. Chamber Executive Director Angie Chewing and Executive Assistant Kathryn Sowers often describe the Senior Expo as an opportunity for "trick or treat for adults," with gifts of pens, key chains, loads of candy, and more from the vendors, and free bags to collect the "loot" in.

The presenting sponsor for the 2022 Senior Expo was Member One. Other sponsors included Fox Radio 910, Bank of Botetourt, Magnets USA, Carilion Clinic, Winter's Storage, Senior News magazine, HomeTrust Bank, Blue Ridge Beverage, Cox, the Town of Vinton, The Vinton Messenger, Roanoke County, and the Vinton Area Chamber of Commerce.

Participating vendors included Berkshire Health & Rehab, AFC Urgent Care, Amedisys Hospice, the Adult Care Center of Roanoke Valley, Carilion Clinic Home Care & Hospice, Virginia Navigator, Virginia Veterans Care Center, Advances for

Daily Living, Coastal Insurance, CORA PT, Gentle Shepherd Hospice, Aetna Better Health of VA, InnovAge PACE, Anthem Healthkeepers, Member One, Mountain View Cemetery, Roanoke County Triad, Brain Injury Services of Southwest VA, Ellis Senior Care, LLC, Richfield Living-Roanoke Campus, Amerilife, Croft Insurance Services, Kissito Healthcare, Mountain City Realty & Auction, Humana, Mom In Motion/At Home Your Way, HealthPlus, Bank of Botetourt, KC Solutions LTP, CaptionCall, Commonwealth Home Health Care, Hermitage Roanoke, Senior News Magazine, Helpful Services Home Care Services, Radiance Wellbeing, LeafGuard, HomeTrust Bank, United Healthcare, Good Samaritan

Advance Illness Care, Jefferson Surgical Clinic, Winter Storage, Friendship Retirement Community, Salem Terrace at Harrogate, Vinton Breakfast Lions Club, Senior Medicare Fraud Patrol, Affinity Care of Virginia, Free Foundation, Trinity Landscaping LLC, JM Ford & Associates, Simon Kinsinger-Clear Financial Vision, and Connect America.

Chewing and Chamber President Jason Boothe thanked the community for "continuing to come out and support the event,"

which has grown to be one of the largest senior expos in the Roanoke Valley.

The Chamber has many special events scheduled for

the coming months. Check out the website at www.vintonchamber.com and Facebook page, which is updated daily.

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Roanoke Valley Dulcimers resume in-person rehearsals at Vinton Library

By Debbie Adams
The Roanoke Valley Dulcimers group got its start at the Vinton Public Library back in the summer of 2015. Kimberly Burnette-Dean, now the Vinton Library Branch Manager, and dulcimer builder and musician Jack Ferguson organized the original group.

Ferguson noted at the time the group formed that one purpose for its establishment was to pay respect to ancestors who created and played dulcimers and to keep the tradition alive—to preserve the roots of the instruments. Their desire was to “promote the Mountain Dulcimer as a unique instrument originating in southwest Virginia and the region common to the Appalachian Mountains.”

Burnette-Dean was well-known in the area as an historic interpreter at Explore Park at the Hofauser frontier homestead where she played the dulcimer for school groups who visited.

A dulcimer is a unique percussion instrument with an ancient history, dating back to the Middle Ages in many parts of Europe. The word “dulcimer” is derived from the Latin word dulcis (“sweet”) and the Greek word melos (“song”) and produces what many describe as “sweet sounds.” Dulcimers are typically played on one’s lap and plucked like a guitar.

The group continued to grow over the years, meeting at the library to rehearse for appearances at retirement homes, schools, restaurants, special events, and competitions. Invitations were coming in for them to perform. Big plans were in the works. Then came COVID— but even that didn’t stop them. They continued to meet, but via Zoom— not an easy task. Musicians Earl and Ronda Vandover would lead out each piece and the others would then join in.

Once restrictions began to ease, they began meeting outdoors in the picnic pavilion at Thrasher Memorial United Methodist Church, which dulcimer player Mary Beth Layman says has “great acoustics, was available in all kinds of weather, allowed for social distancing, and gave the players a chance to ‘keep their skills up.’”

As the Methodist church further loosened restrictions, the dulcimer group began meeting inside at Thrasher in the old fellowship hall when the weather was cold, masked and still socially distanced.

Last August (2021) they performed a concert for the community outside in the pergola at the Vinton History Museum. On February 27 several members performed at the Korean Church service at Thrasher. Their tunes included “Amazing Grace” which the congregation sang along to, “Down at the Cross” and “Kum Ba Ya.”

Now, on March 19, they were able to return to in-person practice (masks optional) in the Vinton Library conference room, in preparation for another performance at the History Museum on May 7.

The first meeting back at the library was spent working on the playlist for the History Museum concert. Practice of particular songs was interspersed with discussions of the pros and cons of different types of dulcimers, different events and competitions coming up in the regional dulcimer world, and the comparative difficulties of various tunes.

The Roanoke Valley Dulcimers group welcomes new members, at any level, even beginners. Visit the Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/RkeValleyDulcimer/> for more information.



PHOTO BY DEBBIE ADAMS

The Roanoke Valley Dulcimers have resumed in-person rehearsals at the Vinton Library. Shown left to right (seated) are Mary Beth Layman, along with Ronda and Earl Vanover. Standing is Kimberly Burnette-Dean, one of the founders of the group and the Branch Manager at the Vinton Library.

Join Clean Valley Council for Pop-Up Clean-up in Vinton

The community is invited to join the Clean Valley Council staff, board members, and volunteers for Lunchtime Clean-up Pop-ups in various locations throughout the Town of Vinton, Roanoke County, and the cities of Roanoke and Salem in the coming months.

The next Pop-Up Clean-up event is scheduled in Vinton on April 14 from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Volunteers are asked

to meet at the Vinton Farmers’ Market and clean up along South Pollard Street and Walnut Avenue.

The Clean Valley Council will provide safety vests, trash bags, gloves, and trash grabbers.

The Clean Valley Council encourages the community to make a big difference in the Roanoke Valley by joining the campaign to pick up litter.

Pop-Up Cleanups

Join Clean Valley Council staff, board members, interns and volunteers in various locations throughout City of Roanoke, Roanoke County, Town of Vinton and City of Salem as we pick up litter and make a big difference around the Roanoke Valley.

We provide the safety vests, trash bags, gloves and trash grabbers.



Who: Anyone and Everyone

What: Lunchtime cleanups in the municipalities that we serve

When: 12:30-1:30pm, second Thursday of each month.



Clean Valley Council

Our next Pop-Up Cleanup will be Thursday, April 14, 2022.

We will be cleaning up in Vinton. We will meet at the Vinton Farmers Market and clean up along South Pollard Street and Walnut Avenue.



Be sure to fill out a safety waiver in advance:

Caturday from page 1



Author Valerie Archual adopted her cat Roger at a Caturday event at the Vinton Library and brought him along to her book signing on March 19.

Children’s librarian Jen Whitcomb facilitated the sessions, bringing children in and out of the children’s group meeting room where the cats were relaxing in a

calm, quiet setting. There were stacks of books on the table for children to select from or they could bring their own favorites from home.

Floor mats were placed



Caturday reading sessions returned to the Vinton Public Library on March 19, making for happy cats and happy kids.

next to the cages so the children could sit closely and read to the cats, usually turning pages in the books to show them the pictures. They also received some small treats for the cats to

be given while they were read to.

As the children came in, Rector advised them to be as quiet as possible so the cats would not be uneasy; she cautioned them not to put their fingers in the cages if a cat seemed agitated. Available books were pointed out. (A favorite seemed to be “Pete the Cat.”)

Rector said she chose cats who generally display pretty calm, consistent behavior. The reading sessions are helpful for cats/kittens who are shy and might not get as much notice at the shelter as those who are spunkier.

Families who visited the library on March 19 got a Caturday preview as they walked in, even before they got to the children’s area. Local author Valerie Archual greeted them at the main entrance with her cat, Roger, whom she rescued at a past Caturday session at the library. In addition to greeting guests, Archual was doing a book signing.

Archual had shared her experiences in adopting Roger as a contributing writer for “Chicken Soup for the Soul: The Magic of Cats.” (A percentage of the proceeds from her book



PHOTOS BY DEBBIE ADAMS

sales that day were donated to the RCACP.)

According to Archual, her family was heartbroken when they lost their 14-year-old cat, and their other cat, the sociable tabby “Tom Tom” was lonely. Archual began an intensive search of shelters to find a new companion for Tom Tom when she was at a book signing at the library. Back then the Caturday cats were located upstairs in the library conference room. She was allowed to visit before the children arrived. Seated on the floor, gazing at numerous cages of cats, Archual says she heard a deafening meow in her ear and felt a head-butt that almost knocked her over. It was Roger, who proceeded to jump into her lap. She describes her impression of him as “massive ears on a tiny head and a definite extrovert.” He continued to meow, climbed up her chest, and head-butted her once again. He subsequently won her heart and a place in their family.

Two weeks later, he was inexplicably eating less and losing weight. A trip to the vet revealed that he had contracted a usually fatal disease from an organism

transmitted by a tick bite. However, through modern veterinary magic and his determined nature, Roger survived, and earned the title of “Roger the Wonder Cat” from the veterinary hospital. That’s the short version of Archual’s story; check out the Chicken Soup book for the inspiring details.

In addition to contributing to the Chicken Soup for the Soul series, Archual is a travel writer and has published two children’s books, “Tom Tom and Rose” and “Carter’s Star City Trolley Ride.” Visit her website at www.valeriearchual.com or her Facebook page at www.facebook.com/valwrites for more information. She can also be found on Amazon.com.

The next Caturday is scheduled for mid-April. Registration is available online at <https://www.roanokecountyva.gov/1970/Library>. Check under the Vinton Library events. There may be a waiting list.

More information is available on pet adoptions and the RCACP online at www.rcacp.org or on their Regional Center for Animal Care and Protection Facebook page.

TOWN OF VINTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND INVITATION TO BID

PROPOSED SELLING AND GRANTING OF A COMPETITIVE CABLE FRANCHISE TO OPERATE A CABLE SYSTEM TO PROVIDE CABLE SERVICE WITHIN THE TERRITORIAL LIMITS OF THE TOWN OF VINTON, VIRGINIA AND INVITATION TO BID

Pursuant to the provisions of Sections 15.2-2108.20 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, and the Cable Communications Act of 1984, as amended, 47 U.S.C. § 521 et seq., the Town Council of the Town of Vinton, Virginia, hereby gives notice of a public hearing to be held on Tuesday, April 5, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. to consider approving an Ordinance proposing to sell and grant one or more competitive cable franchises to operate a cable systems to provide cable service within the territorial limits of the Town of Vinton, Virginia.

In addition, the Town shall publicly receive bids for the proposed franchise for a competitive cable franchise to operate a cable system to provide cable service within the territorial limits of the Town of Vinton, Virginia from other providers. Interested parties shall submit bids in writing by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 5, 2022 to Susan N. Johnson, Town Clerk, 311 South Pollard Street, Vinton, Virginia. Any bids will be opened in public session and marked for identification by the Town Clerk. The cost of this advertisement shall be paid by the town which shall be reimbursed by the company to whom the franchise is granted. The town shall have the right to reject any and all bids and reserves this right in the advertisement.

A complete copy of the proposed Ordinance and additional information concerning this public meeting is available in the Town Manager’s Office, located in the Vinton Municipal Building, (540) 983-0607. Persons requiring special assistance to attend and participate at this public meeting should contact the Town Manager’s office at (540) 983-0607.

Susan N. Johnson
Town Clerk

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SB12, SB38, SB48

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of Mrs. Kathryn L. Bush and The Late Rodney Bush Saturday, April 2nd, 2022 9a.m 292 Shawnee Trail, Troutville, VA 24175

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Legals - City of Salem

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

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to all interested persons that the Board of Appeals (Building) of the City of Salem, Virginia will hold a public hearing, in accordance with the provisions of Section 18-38 Code of City of Salem, Virginia, on **March 31, 2022, at 3:30pm** in the **Community Room at the Salem Civic Center, 1001 Roanoke Boulevard**, in the City of Salem, Virginia. The purpose of the meeting and hearing shall be to determine if a certain structure is dangerous to the inhabitants of the City and whether such structure should be ordered to be repaired or demolished. The structure is located as follows:

(1) A dilapidated structure located at 17 7th Street Street, Salem, Virginia (Tax Map # 184 - 2 - 2).

All parties in interest at the public hearings will be given an opportunity to be heard, present evidence, and show cause why action by the City and Board to remedy a potential dangerous situation should or should not be granted. For additional information, contact the Building Official's Office, 21 South Bruffey Street, Salem, Virginia (Phone 375-3036). THE BOARD OF BUILDING APPEALS OF THE CITY OF SALEM

BY Troy D. Loving

Troy D. Loving, Building Official

Legals - Montgomery County

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

Commonwealth of Virginia VA. CODE § 8.01-316 **Case No. JJ004883-09-00** Floyd County Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court Floyd County DSS v.

Brandi Reed The object of this suit is to: Terminate the residual parental rights of Brandi Reed, legal parent of Luna Kelley, 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 Brandi Reed appear at the above-named Court and protect his or her interests on or before May 3, 2022.

2/22/22 Nikki King Clerk



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Legals - Town of Vinton

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF PROPOSED BOND ISSUE BY THE TOWN OF VINTON, VIRGINIA

The Council of the Town of Vinton, Virginia (the "Council") will hold a public hearing on the proposed issuance of a bonds by the Town of Vinton. The estimated maximum amount of the bond is \$710,808. The proposed use of the bond proceeds is to pay the Town's share of costs of capital improvements to the Western Virginia Water Authority's regional wastewater treatment plant and costs of issuing the bond. The public hearing which may be continued or adjourned and at which persons may appear and present their views on the proposed bond will be held at 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, on April 5, 2022, in the Council Chambers of the Vinton Municipal Building, located at 311 S. Pollard Street, Vinton, Virginia 24179.

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

Legals - Botetourt County

Trustee's Sale 3772 Lithia Road, Buchanan, VA 24066 (Parcel ID: 77-38B)

Default having been made in the terms of a certain Deed of Trust endorsed on April 13, 2012, in the original principal amount of \$136,694.30 and recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the County of Botetourt, Virginia on April 27, 2012, as Instrument Number 120001762, and modified by a Loan Modification Agreement recorded on January 11, 2017, as Instrument Number 170000150, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will sell at public auction on April 27, 2022 at 2:00 PM, in front of the building housing the County of Botetourt Circuit Court, 1 W. Main Street, Fincastle, VA 24090, the property designated as New Parcel 38A-1, containing 1.250 acres, more or less, as more fully shown on that certain "Family Division for Ralph L., Jr. and Rebecca S. Watts", dated October 31, 2006, prepared by Kyle D. Austin, Land Surveyor, and recorded in the aforesaid Clerk's Office in Plat Book 39, Page 20. Sale is subject to all prior liens, easements, restrictions, covenants, and conditions, if any, of record, or other matters which would be disclosed by an accurate survey or inspection of the premises. TERMS: CASH. A deposit of \$13,000.00 or

Legals - Botetourt County

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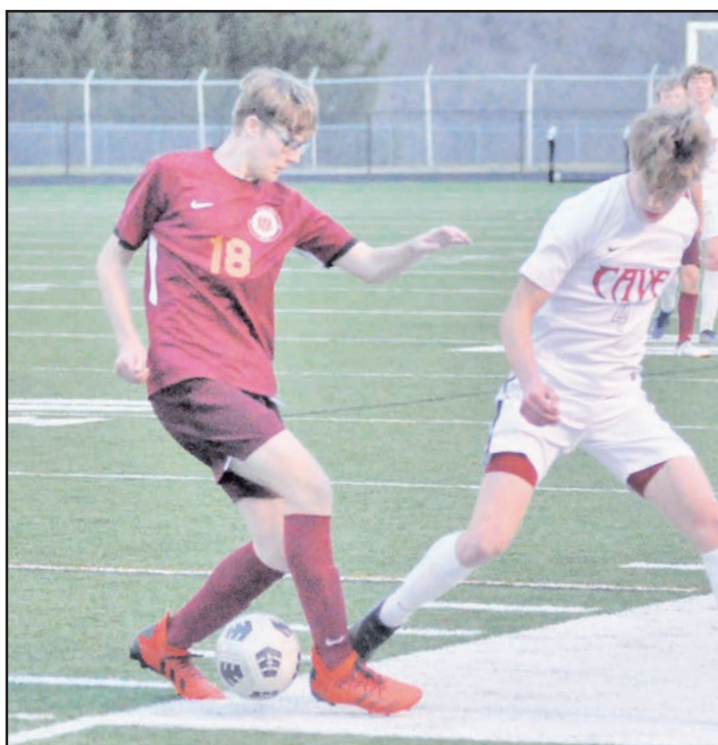
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Left, Byrd keeper Bricen Lancaster cradles the ball after a save against Cave Spring last Friday. Middle, Ben Guertin(#18) battles a Knight for possession and, right, Landon Niday has things under control.

PHOTOS BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Byrd boys bounce back to beat Bassett after falling to CS in OT

The William Byrd boys soccer team split two close ones in the past week, losing to Cave Spring in overtime but bouncing back to beat Bassett, 3-2.

Last Friday in Vinton Byrd and Cave Spring battled to a scoreless tie through regulation. The game remained nil-nil through one overtime but the Knights punched one in late in the second overtime period to pull out a 1-0 win.

“When we went into overtime it was still a quality match,” said Byrd coach Russell Dishman. “Toward the end of the second overtime period we had pushed numbers forward but lost the ball. They countered quickly and were able to finish the opportunity. It was a tough way to lose, but we were pleased with the boys’ performance and Cave Spring is a quality side.”

Dishman was disappointed with the result but pleased with the effort.

“It was a good match that I was pleased with the boys performance overall,” he said. “After the scrimmages and Hidden Valley match, we wanted to make a few adjustments to how we moved the ball and the boys’ movement off the ball. The guys did what was asked in that regard and several players really showed some growth in key moments. I felt both team had some quality chances throughout regulation. There were a lot of good things shown and it is exciting to hopefully see things starting to develop.”

On Monday the Terriers were on the other end of a close game, beating Bassett on the Bengals’ home pitch 3-2.

The Terriers opened the scoring in the 35th minute when Landon Niday found the net. It was 1-0 at the half, then Byrd increased the lead to 2-0 when Braden Crossan was able to finish a chance that started with Niday in the middle. Landon then played the ball to Elliott Gaines, who found Crossan for the goal.

Bassett answered to cut the lead to 2-1 and then tied the game with just over 10 minute on the clock. Then Byrd scored the winner in the 74th minute Niday scored his second goal off an assist from Braden. Bricen Lancaster had seven saves in the goal in the win.

Now 2-1, the Terriers will host Franklin County Friday night at Vinton’s Patterson Stadium in their last game before spring break.

Girls’ soccer team tries to make it three in a row at FC Friday

After dropping a 1-0 game to Hidden Valley to open the season the William Byrd girls bounced back with two wins in their next two games. The Terriers won at Cave Spring last Friday, 3-0, then won their home opener on Tuesday, 2-1, over Alleghany at Patterson Stadium.

At Cave Spring the game was scoreless at the half as neither team could find the net. Then, just two minutes

into the second half, Byrd’s Maddy Simmons scored off a free kick taken by Maci Glass.

Claire Glover gave Byrd a 2-1 lead 20 minutes later off an assist from Anna Milliron and the Terriers were looking good. Simmons scored her second goal of the night with five minutes to go for some insurance as Martina Mihelcic got the assist. Kadence Fernatt had three saves in

goal for the shutout win with some help from the back line.

On Tuesday at Patterson Stadium the Terriers played a scoreless first half once again. And, again, the Byrd girls came out firing in the second half as Simmons scored twice for a 2-0 lead. The first was assisted by Riley Firebaugh and Milliron got the assist on Maddy’s second goal.

Things got a little nervous in Vinton

when Alleghany scored at the five minute mark to make it a one goal game. However, the Terriers were able to hang on for the win with Fernatt getting five saves on the night.

The girls will be back in action Friday night with a game against Franklin County in Rocky Mount. Then they’re off for spring break, returning April 5th with a home game against Hidden Valley.



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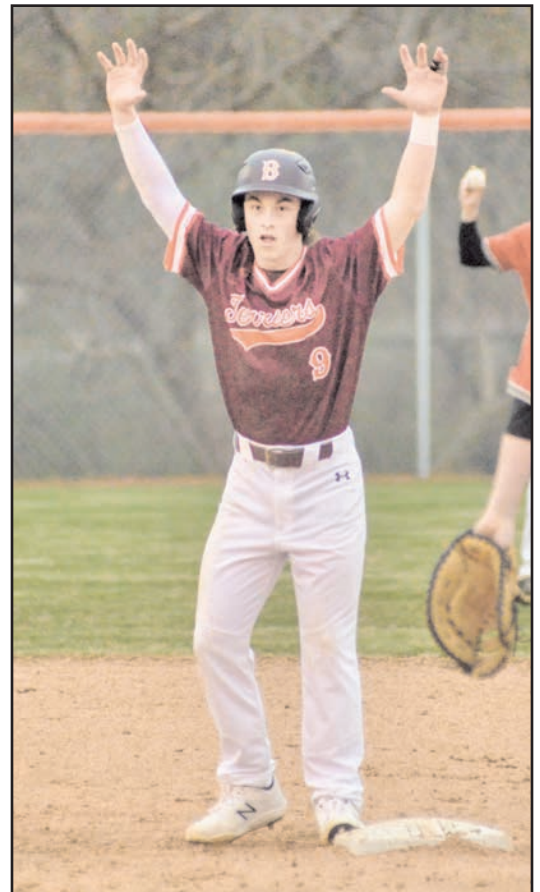
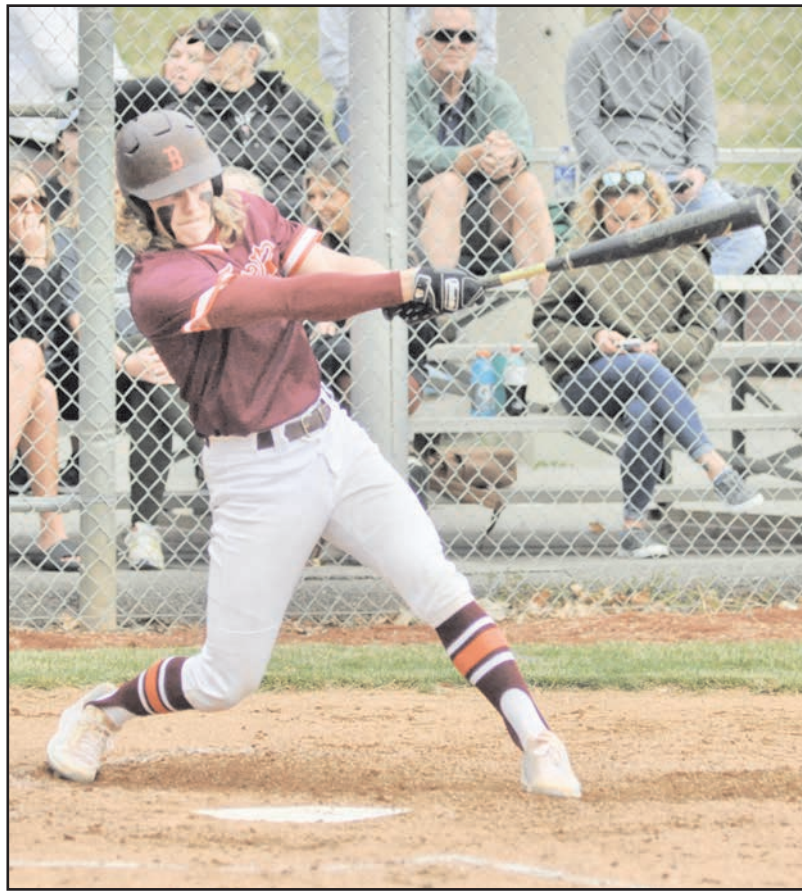
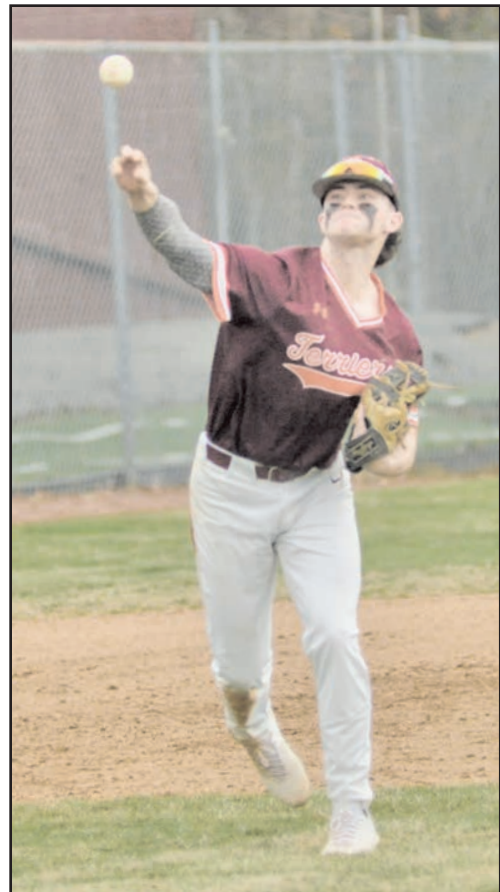
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Left, William Byrd thirdbaseman Trenton Sayers fires to first for an out in last week's win over Cave Spring. Center, James Purcell rips one of this three hits against the Knights and, right, Ian Burnett signals to the dugout after ripping a double.

PHOTOS BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Terriers take 3-0 record to Franklin County Friday

The William Byrd baseball team will look to make it four in a row when the Terriers play Franklin County in Rocky Mount Friday night. Byrd is 3-0 after defeating Cave Spring and Bassett in the past week.

Last Friday at Walthall Park in Vinton the Byrdmen beat a strong Cave Spring team, 5-3, in a game that went down to the wire. Byrd led for most of the game behind a strong combined pitching effort from Hunter Sipe and James Glover. The latter was on the mound when Cave Spring put the potential tying runs on base with two outs in the seventh and Bryce Cooper striding to the plate. Cooper had hit an opposite field home run off the Terrier scoreboard in deep right earlier in the game.

This time Cooper lifted a ball high and deep to left, and it was a question of whether it was fair or foul and whether it was headed over the fence. Four former Byrd players happened to be watching behind the fence, instructing leftfielder Israel Hairston that he had room for the catch. With his back to the chain link barrier, Hairston caught the ball in fair territory to end

the game and preserve a big win.

"That was a good win," said Byrd coach Jason Taylor. "Cooper is a freak athlete. He's a good football, basketball and baseball player, and when he hit that ball at first I thought it was going to be foul but it curved back in. Israel was right up against that fence."

Sipe took the win with five and two-thirds innings of work, fanning four and allowing five hits and just one earned run. Glover got the save with an inning and a third on the mound.

Byrd knocked out 13 hits against some good Cave Spring pitching. James Purcell had three more hits after going three for three in the season opening win over Carroll County, as he had six consecutive hits to start the season. Evan Mullen and Ian Burnett had two hits each and Trenton Sayers drove in two runs.

On Tuesday the Terriers improved to 3-0 with an 11-1 five inning "slaughter rule" win over the Bengals at Bassett High. Purcell's streak was stopped when he hit the ball to the right side of the infield for a fielders' choice with two runners on base.

"If he had gotten a hit it would have been a school

record for consecutive hits," said Taylor. "But he made the correct baseball play by hitting behind the runners. That's thinking about the team first."

Sipe, Mullen and Peyton Leftwich had two hits each and Sipe and Mullen both had a pair of runs batted in. Sayers pitched the first three innings for the win and Brogan Dent, up from the jayvee team, pitched two innings and struck out three.

The 3-0 start is a confidence builder for a Byrd team that lost 11 seniors from last year's team. The team has hit the ball well.

"I think we're a better hitting team than we were last year," said Taylor. "Last year we had three players who hit the ball consistently and I think we'll have at least six this year. We'll play them one game at a time, but I really like this team. They work hard and they'll keep improving."

After Friday's game in Rocky Mount the Terriers will be off until Friday, April 1, when they play at Carroll County. Then they'll play a jayvee-varsity afternoon doubleheader at Hidden Valley on Saturday, April 2nd.

Softball team rallies from 15 runs behind to beat Bassett

The William Byrd softball team didn't win all three of their games in the past week, but it wasn't for lack of hitting. The Terriers scored 44 runs while going 2-1 in three games to open the season.

Last week Byrd split their first two games of the season. They opened on a rainy night in Roanoke and pounded out an 18-2 win over Patrick Henry. Then, on Friday, the girls were on the road again for a 13-8 loss at Cave Spring.

On Tuesday the Terriers hosted

Bassett for their home debut and put 18 runs on the scoreboard again. Normally that would be good for an easy win, but on this night Byrd squeaked out a victory as the Bengals scored 17.

"It was the wildest game in my 30 plus years of coaching," said Byrd coach Greg Barton.

The Terriers dug themselves into a 15-0 hole after an inning and a half. However, Byrd rallied to win the game, scoring an 18-17 "walk off" win in the bottom of the seventh.

"The girls regrouped and kept

chipping away," said Barton. "They just won't quit. I've never had kids come back from that big of a deficit. Chloe Varney had an off night and our defense continues to struggle, but our offense is on fire. Everyone hit the ball hard and we are fast again this year."

Barton replaced Varney on the mound in the third inning and put Olivia Lyles on the rubber.

"Olivia is a great utility player but it was her first game in the circle," said Barton. "She pitched lights out. I think the change in speed definitely thru

Basset off.

"Our defense will get better, I have no doubt. We have just been making some costly, unfortunate errors that we aren't accustomed to making. How can I doubt we won't improve after last night? I can't!"

Now 2-1, the girls will be at Franklin County Friday night. Then, after a week off for spring break, they return to play in the Franklin County Invitational on April 2nd with games at 11 am and 5 pm.

Lacrosse teams play doubleheader at Rockbridge tonight

The William Byrd lacrosse teams will take on formidable opponents tonight when they play a doubleheader at Rockbridge County High School. The girls will play at 5:30 pm with the boys to follow.

The Terriers played doubleheaders against New River area teams in the past week. Last Thursday in Vinton the Byrd teams hosted Blacksburg and the visiting Bruins swept the twinbill.

In the opener the Blacksburg girls took a 10-8 win. Ashlyn Stover had five goals for Byrd while Annika Hylton had two and Olivia Hurd added one. Kamryn Sigafoes picked up three ground balls and Haley Firebaugh had a dozen saves in the cage.

"I am completely satisfied with how we played on Thursday," said coach Dan Eberhardt. "We have two starters out with injuries and eight new players this year. I am confident with a few more weeks of practice and games the mistakes we made on Thursday will be minimized in the upcoming games."

In the second game the boys dropped a 9-4 decision despite a stellar game in goal by John Sandzimier to keep it close. Kaden West had three goals for Byrd and Connor McCarthy had the other.

"I was pleased with our effort, we just need to continue to work on our execution," said coach Will Satterfield. "We are dealing with a couple of injuries on our roster, hoping we can get healthy soon."

On Monday both teams played at Christiansburg and the Terriers came close to a sweep as the girls won 20-2 and the boys lost a close one in overtime, 9-8.

Hylton had six goals for the girls, Hurd had four and Stover scored three. Freshman midfielder Sam Martin had her first two career goals and Firebaugh was strong in the goal with six saves.

"With the first game behind us the team settled down and found a groove," said Eberhardt. "The new players are starting to understand their positions,

having less errors and creating more scoring opportunities."

The boys lost a heartbreaker to the Blue Demons despite four goals and an assist by West. McCarthy had three goals and Beau Brady had one. Sandzimier had seven saves.

"We played until the last whistle," said Satterfield. "We started really slop-

py on ground balls and couldn't adjust to their zone defense in the second half."

The boys are still looking for a win after three games and the girls are 1-1 heading into tonight's doubleheader at Rockbridge. It will be their last action until April as both teams are off next week for spring break.



Left, Byrd goalie John Sandzimier leaves the crease to push the ball out of harm's way at Patterson Stadium. Right, Annika Hylton carries the ball for the Byrd girls.

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