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Town Council approves Shentel franchise

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Vinton Town Council held multiple public hearings at its meeting on April 5— on taxes, issuance of bonds, and a new cable franchise. All these items had been discussed extensively in previous council and committee meetings.

Council was briefed at the March 15 meeting on a request from Shentel (Glo-Fiber) to operate a cable system within the territorial limits of the Town of Vinton with a 10-year franchise. An Invitation to Bid was advertised for any entity seeking the grant of the franchise, along with notification of a public hearing on

the proposal. During the April 5 council meeting, Town Clerk Susan Johnson opened the one bid that had been received— from Shentel. There were no public comments made during the public hearing. Council voted to approve the competitive cable television franchise for a 10-year

period through April 5, 2032. To the extent possible, Shentel will be using existing poles and underground conduits throughout the town for its system. A second public hearing involved setting the real estate, personal property, and machinery and tools tax rates for calendar year 2022. Assistant

Town Manager Cody Sexton presented the report from staff. The Town of Vinton's total real estate assessment increased by approximately 8.55% for calendar year 2022 (8.03% when new construction is subtracted). This re-

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'Coffee with a Cop' a great success, 'Pizza with the Police' coming next

The stated mission of the Vinton Police Department is "to improve the quality of life by preserving the peace and safety of the community through the formation of partnerships and creating positive interaction between the public and the police while continuing to serve the unique needs of the Town of Vinton." With that emphasis on Community Policing, the Vinton Police Department already engages with citizens in numerous outreach opportunities. The officers host National Night Out each August; they are a familiar and friendly presence in the elementary schools. They take their mobile unit to the various neighborhoods for cookouts. They escort Santa through the streets of Vinton for the annual Santa Claus Crawl. There is virtually never a special event in the town that the

Vinton Police don't attend. Back in April 2016 the department instituted a new outreach project. Then newly appointed Vinton Chief of Police Tom Foster introduced himself to the community by hosting "Coffee with a Cop" at the recently opened Vinton Public Library. At that meeting, the public was invited stop by for "conversation with a cop to get to know the officers in your community." There was no agenda for the informal meeting. The idea was for the community and the police officers to meet, discuss local issues, and build relationships in a non-threatening, relaxed environment. Often the majority of the contact law

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PHOTO BY DEBBIE ADAMS
The Vinton Police Department and the Vinton Area Chamber of Commerce partnered on March 31 for "Coffee with a Cop," a community outreach program to build relationships between law enforcement and the community. Sgt. Michael Caldwell (center) and Cpl. Andrew DiCarlo (right) are talking with local citizens.

HeRow Expo 2 scheduled or Saturday in Vinton

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The streets of downtown Vinton will be filled with the HeRow Expo 2 benefit car/truck/power-sports show on Saturday, April 9, from 5 to 9 p.m. The event is sponsored by HopeDriven, a local non-profit organization which raises funds for the medical expenses of seriously ill children throughout the Roanoke Valley and Lynchburg areas of Southwest Virginia. The organizers have taken their love for motorsports and turned it into an opportunity to impact the lives of local children. The event was named after Rowan Price, a young girl who battled leuke-

mia. Rowan passed away in 2019, diagnosed just a year earlier in 2018 with a rare form of leukemia, AML M7, also known as AMKL. Rowan's mother said the nonprofit HopeDriven touched the whole family's life with the event's generosity. "It really touched our hearts, and it raised over \$10,000 for our family which went toward our living expenses, expenses for Emory, our medical expenses and then eventually, unfortunately, our funeral expenses," Mandy Price said. "So, it just really means a lot that there is help out there in this form." This year, HopeDriven has selected Kayce Bradford of Moneta to spon-

sor at the event in Vinton. She was diagnosed with high-risk Neuroblastoma with spots on her bones at just 14 months old. She underwent surgery to remove the main tumor and has been through several rounds of chemo with

many rounds to come. All

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HeRow Expo 2 is scheduled for April 9 in downtown Vinton. SUBMITTED PHOTO

Vinton Woman's Club, Police partner for National Child Abuse Awareness Month



PHOTO BY DEBBIE ADAMS
Members of the GFWC Vinton Woman's Club and the Vinton Police planted their annual Pinwheel Garden in observance of National Child Abuse Prevention Month, despite the rain. Shown left to right are Deputy Chief Tim Lawless, Sgt. Michael Caldwell, Kathryn Sowers, Ardy Kidd, Patty Fezell, Camilla Cabaniss, Judy Banik, Police Chief Fabricio Drumond, and Interim Sgt. Silas Chapman.

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The General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC) Vinton Woman's Club and the Vinton Police Department partnered on April 5 to plant a pinwheel garden in front of the Municipal Building to promote the month of April as National Child Abuse Prevention Month. This year the annual event took place despite inclement weather. Woman's Club member Kathryn Sowers addressed Town Council at its meeting a few minutes later to thank the town for allowing them to plant the garden of blue and silver pinwheels to raise awareness of child abuse in the United States and promote healthy childhoods. Similar gardens have

been planted across the nation in April. The pinwheel was introduced in 2008 as the official symbol of great childhoods and to remind the community that all children deserve to be happy and healthy. The GFWC is celebrating 130 years of service and volunteering in all 50 states and more than a dozen countries, working locally to create changes in the lives of others through volunteer service. The clubs have also earned a reputation as a powerful force against domestic violence. In 2008, the GFWC adopted as their signature project working to bring hope to victims and survivors of domestic violence and abuse. Each year over 4.1 million referrals are made to child protection agencies involving 7.4 million children. A report of child abuse is reported every 10 seconds. Neglect is the Number One form of abuse. The goal of the GFWC is to "Step Up, Stand Up, Speak Up, Report It." In addition to promoting awareness of child abuse, the GFWC also

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Dr. Marshall Green opens dental practice in Vinton

Dr. Marshall Green, DDS FACS of Mountain State Oral and Facial Surgery (MSOFS), opened his practice in Vinton on Monday, April 4. His office at 895 East Washington Avenue is the former practice of Dr. George Kevorkian, who is retiring after 36 years. Dr. Green has been working with Dr. Kevorkian since January.

In a letter to his patients, Kevorkian described Green as “an outstanding and compassionate” surgeon with an impressive resume.

Dr. Green will be seeing patients seeking dental implants, extractions, wisdom teeth removal and other dental services. According to Keely Blankenship, Strategic Marketing Manager for MSOFS, “These are similar to services which Dr. Kevorkian offered. We will most likely offer additional services in the future.”

In general, patients will not need to have a referral to visit the Vinton office.

Through the Facial Center, other MSOFS practitioners offer a wide variety of aesthetic and cosmetic services.

Blankenship estimates a total of 12 employees will be working in the Vinton location.

“The decision to open a Mountain State Oral and Facial Surgery location in Vinton was largely based on our excitement to bring world-class care to Virginia, as we currently have locations in West Virginia and Kentucky,” Blankenship added. “Dr. Green recently joined our team of surgeons, and when the opportunity to open an office in Virginia came along, we knew Dr. Green would be the perfect fit for that office location. Vinton seems like a wonderful community that we are proud to become part of.”

Dr. Green is a surgeon, educator, and author of many professional publica-

tions.

He is a fellow of the American Academy of Cosmetic Surgery as well as the American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery and is fellowship trained in Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery.

He is double-board certified specifically to perform Facial Cosmetic and Reconstructive Surgery by the American Board of Facial Cosmetic Surgery as well as the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery.

Over the past two decades, Dr. Green was a U.S. Navy: Assistant Professor,

Associate Program Director and Educator in the fields of complex facial reconstruction for service members as well as veterans with head and neck cancer.

He has Cosmetic Surgery Procedures Certification from the Commonwealth of Virginia, Department of Health Professions.

Dr. Green held academic appointments at the Uniformed Services University of Health Sciences, University of Miami-Miller School of Medicine, and Naval Medical Center Portsmouth. He studied at the U.S. Naval Academy, University of Mississippi, Baltimore

College of Dental Surgery, Louisiana State University Health Science Center, Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, and the University of Miami-Miller School of Medicine.

Other Mountain State Oral and Facial Surgery offices are located throughout the region, including in Beckley, Charleston, Huntington, Hurricane, Kanawha City, Parkersburg, and Princeton West Virginia, and Ashland, Kentucky.

For more information about Mountain State Oral & Facial Surgery’s services, visit <https://mtstateoms.com/>.



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Dr. Marshall Green has opened a dental practice in Vinton at 895 East Washington Avenue, formerly the practice of Dr. George Kevorkian.



PHOTO COURTESY OF MSOFS

Dental surgeon Dr. Marshall Green will be seeing patients seeking dental implants, extractions, wisdom teeth removal and other dental services at his new Vinton office.

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sults in an increase of tax levies of \$31,909. Fortunately, the town’s revenue sources are widely diversified and not heavily dependent upon real estate taxes, unlike many localities.

The current real estate tax rate is 7 cents per \$100 of assessed value. Council voted to make no changes in the real estate tax rate.

The current personal property tax rate is \$1

per \$100 of assessed evaluation of all personal property excepting household furnishings, or 50 cents per \$100 for motor vehicles owned and regularly used by a disabled veteran (subject to qualifications). Council voted to make no changes in this rate as well.

Council also adopted a resolution setting the allocation percentage for Personal Property Tax

Relief for the 2022 tax year at 48.42%. The Personal Property Tax Relief Act of 1998 established a statewide program to provide relief to owners of personal use motor vehicles, subsequently amended in later years. The reimbursement rate is calculated based on a model developed by the state using historical trends and a five-year rolling average.

The third public hear-

ing concerned issuance of bonds by the town of an estimated \$710,808 to pay the town’s share of costs of capital improvements to the Western Virginia Water Authority’s regional wastewater treatment plant, and related expenses. The State Water Control Board has authorized the funding from the Virginia Water Facilities Revolving Fund. This debt will transfer to the WVWA when it takes over ownership and operation of the Town of Vinton water and wastewater utility systems this summer.

In other action, council adopted a resolution appropriating funds in the amount of \$1,128,016 from the Capital Outlay Fund to the General Fund Expense account for approved American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds projects. Council members were briefed on recommended projects for the ARPA funds at their retreat in February. They include Premium Pay for frontline workers in the police and Public Works Departments, adding a position in the Police Department, MUNIS Software, Garthright Bridge maintenance, paving, and PPE supplies.

Council adopted a resolution appropriating funds in the amount of \$146,335 to pay off a loan with Signature Public Funding Corp. for the purchase of a 2019 Ravo 5-iSeries Compact Sweeper from Atlantic Machinery. The cost of the street sweeper was \$242,703. The funds will be allocated from the Stormwater Fund. Council members have indicated their desire to use one-time capital funds to pay off debt whenever possible to relieve monetary pressures.

After a briefing by Town Manager Pete Peters, council adopted a resolution authorizing amendments to a Memoranda of Understanding with Roanoke County for the Vinton/East County Hotel, Vinyard Station, and Gish Mill redevelopment projects. The timeline for the projects and reimbursements for each separate agreement 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 changes to the MOU’s include:

- Vinyard Station Redevelopment Project: An MOU was approved by the Board of Supervisors on November 6, 2019, which included a five-year reimbursement of taxes estimated at \$40,000 year, not to exceed \$200,000. The first installment 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: An 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: An 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.

The Roanoke County Board of Supervisors took action on March 22 to approve these amendments to the MOUs.

Peters noted that the hotel project is on track to break ground in late summer.

He also presented an update on the transfer of the town’s water and wastewater systems to

the WVWA in July, commenting that the project is now “in the home stretch with just the i’s to be dotted and the t’s crossed.” The town and the Authority are in an ongoing conversation about the transfer with attorneys reviewing documents. They will be issuing public comments about the transfer soon and notifying citizens of the transition process. In May, employees from the WVWA will be shadowing Public Works employees and responding to calls. Citizens will receive notifications in their utility bills from the town and from the Authority about billing.

Peters said plans are in the works for activities in early June celebrating the signing of the transfer agreement. He also remarked that it has been a pleasure to work with the WVWA through what is a “big task with lots of detail involved.”

Acting Treasurer Cody Sexton presented the January Financial Report which indicates that the town continues to be in good shape financially with cash on hand in the amount of \$10.1 million with an additional \$3.3 million in investments. Revenues continue to be ahead of projections and expenditures lower than expected.

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Citizens turn out to share views on Bike/Pedestrian Plan

Numerous citizens turned out on March 31 for a community meeting on the Town of Vinton Route 24 Bike/Pedestrian Plan. The meeting was held at the Vinton War Memorial and featured a presentation by Vinton Assistant Director of Planning and Zoning Nathan McClung, along with consultants Vlad Gavrilovic and Todd Gordon from EPR, PC.

EPR is a "Virginia-based multidisciplinary firm focused on the integration of transportation, land use, and community design," and made up of engineers, planners, and designers.

The Town of Vinton received grant funding from the Office of Intermodal Planning and Investment's (OIPI) Growth & Accessibility Planning (GAP) Technical Assistance Program to secure consultant assistance to create the Multimodal Access and Improvement Study for the heart of Vinton — the area between Route 24, East Washington Avenue, and South Pollard Street. The EPR firm was selected to serve as consultants for the project, which has now been underway for about a year.

Last fall, the public was invited to participate in a unique, interactive online survey to make sure the town was focusing on the areas of most interest to the public.

Citizens were able to pinpoint on a Vinton map the bike and walking destinations they would like to see added and safety concerns they presently have about the roadways and greenways. A map on display at the March 31 meeting indicated specific recommendations gathered from those public surveys.

The public meeting covered 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.

It also addressed future greenway connections through the historic Jefferson Park neighborhood and included a creative toolkit of improvements to utilize on specifically identified streets, areas, and important pedestrian/bicycle travel areas.

"Overall, we had a great turnout for the public meeting on Thursday and it was encouraging to see how many individuals care about the present and future transportation needs for all road users in the Town of Vinton," McClung said. "The participants at the meeting included people who had lived in the town for many decades, commuters who only utilize Vinton's corridors to get to their place of work or business in other localities, and new residents who've just moved to the surrounding neighborhoods around the project area."

"With this Bike/Pedestrian Plan, we will be able to engage all of these different stakeholder groups in the future on a case-by-case basis depending on the location of the improvement and the nature of the surrounding area," he added. "This plan will provide Town Council, staff, and our residents with a 'toolkit' of different improvement types to utilize, and a large selection of projects to take on when the time comes. The next step will be to prioritize these specific project areas going forward and to use the current momentum from these recent conversations to continue future planning efforts."

The consultants and McClung emphasized throughout the PowerPoint presentation that the study introduced "concepts — not proposals." Suggestions generated at the community meeting will be incorporated into the final Route 24 Bike/Pedestrian Plan, which will

be presented to Town Council.

Gavrilovic commended those in attendance for contributing to "civic democracy" by making their voices heard.

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; however, it does not include funding for the actual improvements.

The plan is designed to build 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 for all users.

Once the PowerPoint presentation was complete, citizens were invited to take a look at the individual concepts on display boards throughout the room, to engage with the consultants, and town staff, and to leave comments on charts and Post-Its, sharing their thoughts and suggestions.

In addition to McClung, Gavrilovic, and Gordon, Director of Planning and Zoning Anita McMillan, Associate Planner Fayula Gordon, Assistant Town Manager Cody Sexton, Mayor Brad Grose, Vice Mayor Sabrina McCarty, and Councilman Mike Stovall were on hand to engage with citizens and receive their input.

The crowd on March 31 included some long-time Vintonites, some young residents passionately in favor of bike routes and greenways, and young parents interested in "Slow Streets" and additional sidewalks for the safety of their children.

Many of those attending were drawn to the meeting to offer their opinions — both pro and con — on a potential reconfiguring of Washington Avenue, changing the ma-

ior thoroughfare from four traffic lanes to two traffic lanes, a center turn lane, and two bike lanes. This plan could be accomplished mainly through "paint," not costly construction.

Other concepts in the project which citizens were invited to comment on included adding sidewalks, high visibility crosswalks, traffic calming measures, wayfinding, large in-street stencils, signalized intersection enhancements, and crosswalk enhancements.

Many of the Vinton residents attending had specific questions and concerns about their own particular streets and nearby intersections. Many wanted to talk about links to the various greenways in and around town.

The pedestrian-friendly "Slow Streets" concept garnered a lot of attention. Slow Streets limit traffic on certain residential streets, allowing them to be used as a shared space for people traveling by foot and bicycle. Improvements might include closing sidewalk gaps, marking crosswalks to identify Slow Streets, installing traffic calming features, and adding signage.

An enormous table map of project concepts caught the attention of many.

A sampling of the citizen comments included:

"Great steps forward for improving roadway safety! Consider adding 'protected bike lanes. Vinton has the opportunity to be a leader in the area of pedestrian and bike safety. Caution: 'paint does not equal protection.'"

An East County resident was more interested in additional sidewalks and feels Vinton is ready for bicyclists.

Another pointed out that "everyone is a pedestrian at some point."

What about traffic growth over

time—will we have enough roadways?

Another expressed concern about traffic congestion and motorists using "cut-throughs" to avoid that congestion.

Jeannette Avenue off of Washington Avenue was an area of concern for more than one resident. One felt it should become a "Slow Street." It was also suggested that Jackson Avenue become a Slow Street but not Cleveland Avenue.

Another anticipates traffic backups on Jeannette if Washington becomes three-lane.

Concerns were expressed about possible bottlenecks on Washington if the town chooses to go from four to three lanes of traffic; another thinks left turns are dangerous now with four lanes of traffic and that might be ameliorated by changing to three lanes with a designated center turn lane.

There was input on speeding currently on Washington Avenue and on Preston Avenue.

One suggested that parking problems on East Lee might be handled by allowing parking on just one side of the street. Someone else noted the parking issues at Roland E. Cook currently involve the entire block.

One bus employee commented that Washington Avenue is already clogged with school buses morning and afternoon and that the change to two lanes might make conditions worse, especially since there is a school bus parking lot just outside the town limits.

The format of the community meeting drew praise from those who attended for the "concise, well-framed, informative presentation, which included options, not 'done deals,' and for the opportunity to interact with the consultants and town staff who have conceived the plan but are open to revisions.

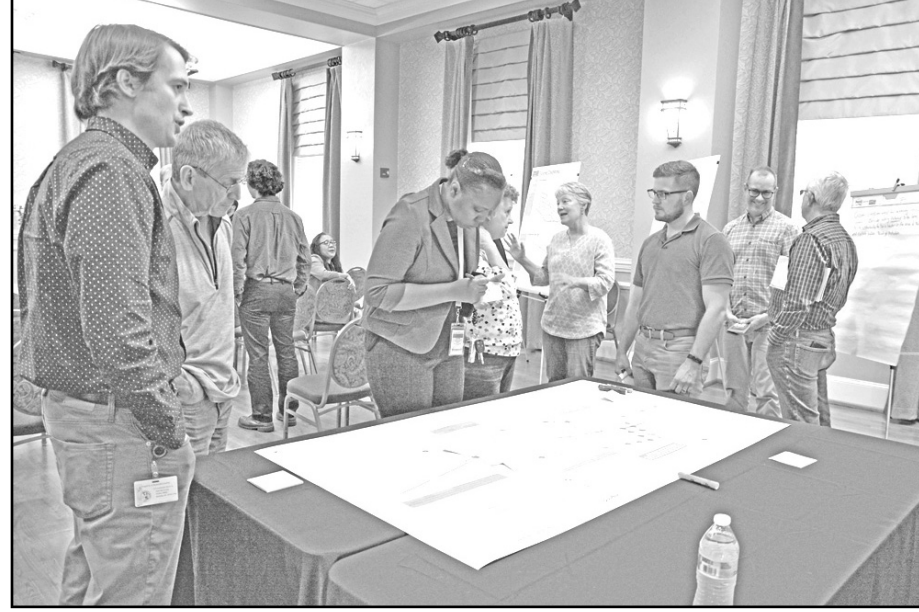


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There was a great display of "civic democracy" with the excellent turnout of Vinton citizens to discuss the Route 24 Bike/Pedestrian Plan.



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One popular concept discussed at the Bike/Pedestrian Plan meeting was "Slow Streets."

Vinton Wesleyan Church hosting Super Saturday Easter Egg Hunt

Vinton Wesleyan Church will be having an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 16, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

There will be a Bible Story, fun, food, and spending time with friends.

The Easter Egg Hunt will

be divided into age groups of 2-4, 5-7 and 8-11.

Bring a Easter basket to gather eggs. If you need ad-

ditional information, call the church office at (540) 345-3385.

Vinton Wesleyan Church

is located on 246 Jefferson Avenue in downtown Vinton. The public is invited to attend.

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Midway between south and southeast
4. Celebrations
9. Pulpits
14. Pin
15. Rare laughing
16. Parts of the circulatory system
17. Financial term
18. Pearl Jam frontman
20. Cores of vascular plants
22. Strong sharp smell or taste
23. City in S. Korea
24. One from Damascus
28. Short message at the end of an email
29. It cools your home
30. Towards the mouth or oral region
31. Intestinal pouches
33. Boys and men
37. The 12th letter of the Greek alphabet

CLUES DOWN

1. An involuntary muscular contraction
2. PA transit system
3. Leaves a place
4. Sweet greenish fruit
5. Lends support to
6. Chap
7. Singer Di Franco
8. Water at boiling temperature diffused in the atmosphere
9. Asserts to be the case
10. Doctor (Spanish)
11. Auction attendee (abbr.)
12. Characterized by unity
13. Soviet Socialist Republic
19. Way to analyze video (abbr.)
21. Nonclerical
24. Tree resin
25. The academic world
26. Khoikhoi peoples
27. Infer from data
31. Arrives

CLUES ACROSS

38. Former CIA
39. A way to arrange
41. Body cavity
42. The Great Lake State
43. A type of seal
44. Stop for a moment
46. Ancient kingdom
49. Of I
50. White clerical vestment
51. Songs to a lover
55. Prices
58. Sun-dried brick
59. Where to park a boat
60. One who values reason and knowledge
64. Partner to feather
65. Sailboats
66. Actress Zellweger
67. Type of screen
68. Country singer Haggard
69. Puts together in time
70. When you hope to arrive

CLUES DOWN

32. Apart
34. Takes on cargo
35. Beloved Hollywood alien
36. Takes apart
40. Dorm official
41. Secondary or explanatory descriptor
45. Relating to wings
47. Speaker
48. Situated in the middle
52. Loop with a running knot
53. Alaska nursing group
54. Beloveds
56. Establish by law or with authority
57. Border river between India and Nepal
59. Millisecond
60. Revolutions per minute
61. They
62. ESPN broadcaster Bob
63. A place to stay

Qiu advances to International Science Fair



PHOTO COURTESY RVGS

Rebecca Qiu, who is a student at William Byrd High School and the Roanoke Valley Governor's School, won the Grand Award at the Western Virginia Regional Science Fair and will be advancing to the International Science and Engineering Fair in Atlanta.

William Byrd High School junior Rebecca Qiu will be advancing to the International Science and Engineering Fair in May after winning the Grand Award at the Western Virginia Regional Science Fair in March.

Qiu is also a student at the Roanoke Valley Governor's School (RVGS).

She won first place in the Roanoke County High School Cellular and Molecular Biology/Computational Biology Category held at Northside High School in February, thus qualifying for

the Regional Fair. She is also eligible for the Virginia State Science and Engineering Fair.

According to Mark Levy, Director of RVGS, "Rebecca has qualified for the state science fair every year she has been in high school thus far. That is an exceptionally rare achievement."

Her project is entitled "A Precision Medicine Approach: In silico Analysis of a Novel Anti-Tumor Peptide as a Future Targeted Therapy."

The International Fair is held in Atlanta in early May. Qiu plans to attend in person.

Thrasher announces Lent/Easter services

Thrasher Memorial United Methodist Church has several activities scheduled for Lent and Easter. The choir will be presenting a Palm Sunday cantata on April 10 at 6:30 p.m.

in the church's main sanctuary.

On Friday, April 15, there will be a drive-through Stations of the Cross in the church parking lot, beginning at 8 p.m.

Easter Sunday services include the sunrise service at 6:30 a.m. in the church courtyard, an 8 a.m. service in the Chapel, and 9 and 11 a.m. services in the Main Sanctuary.

William Byrd/BCAT students recognized for achievements

William Byrd High School students who are also students at the Burton Center for Arts and Technology have been busy winning competitions in recent weeks.

Students who placed at the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) 2022 state competition in Reston this past weekend include:

- The team of Alice Crowder (William Byrd) and Aimee Long (Hidden

Valley) placed 1st in 3-D Animation.

- The team of Ashley Tatum (Hidden Valley) and Kenna Sarver (William Byrd) placed 1st in Public Service Announcement

- Joshua Collins (William Byrd) placed 4th in Supply Chain Management

These students were recognized at the 2022 Family, Career and Community Leaders of Amer-

ica (FCCLA) State Leadership Conference (also this past weekend):

- Emily Cummings (William Byrd) and Jocelyn Hunter (William Byrd) earned a Silver Medal in the National Programs in Action event

- Skylar Fitzgerald (William Byrd), Olivia Bott (Glenvar), and Dakota Vaughan (William Byrd) earned a Gold Medal and 1st place trophy in the Professional

Presentation event and have qualified for the national competition in San Diego, California, in June.

William Byrd/BCAT students Jacob Bell and Nathan Rowland were recognized recently by the Roanoke County School Board as members of the 2021 National Championship Hot Rodders of Tomorrow Engine Challenge, led by instructor Chris Overfelt.

Valley Chamber Orchestra to perform Spring Concert at Vinton War Memorial

The Valley Chamber Orchestra will be performing "A Concert in Celebration of Spring" on Sunday, April 10, at 3 p.m.

The performance is scheduled

for the Grand Dogwood Ballroom at the Vinton War Memorial. Doors open at 2 p.m. The concert is free to the public; donations are accepted and appreciated.

The orchestra will be performing works by Brahms, Mozart, Mussorgsky, Respighi, Strauss, Tchaikovsky, and John Williams.

Free Home Buyer Seminar coming up on April 12

The community is invited to a free Home Buyer Seminar on Tuesday, April 12, at the Vinton War Memorial from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

The seminar is intended to provide a variety of information to anyone interested in owning a home with all aspects of purchasing a home being presented.

Those who attend will receive an overview of the home buying process.

"We will discuss everything from start to close-

ing," says Realtor Jason Boothe of the Greenway Boothe Real Estate Team.

Topics of discussion will include financial preparation for purchasing a home; the mortgage process, different types of home loans and how to get the best deal on a loan, current mortgage rates and recent trends, the local housing market and inventory, and making an offer for a home and negotiating with sellers.

A home inspector will

be there to talk about what is involved in that process; termite and well and septic inspections will be discussed as well. A representative will speak on insurance needs.

There will be question and answer opportunities.

The seminar event will also include some giveaways, including a Big Screen TV, a Yeti cooler, and \$500 worth of gift cards to local businesses. Refreshments will be

served. The event is hosted by the Greenway Boothe Real Estate Team. Other sponsors include Priority & Settlement LLC, Star City Pest Control, Fisher Financial Services, Inc., Expect More Home Inspections, Alcova Mortgage, and Mountain View Real Estate.

RSVP on the Greenway Boothe Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/GreenwayBootheTeam/> to be eligible for prizes.

Arbor Day 2022 is scheduled for April 29 in Vinton

The Town of Vinton will be celebrating Arbor Day 2022 on Friday, April 29, at 10 a.m. at the Vinton Branch Library.

This will be the 150th anniversary of Arbor Day. The community is invited to join the town for a special tree-themed story time and craft for

children and activities to honor the anniversary celebration. Mayor Brad Grose will be on hand, along with a Virginia Department of Forestry ranger.

The Town of Vinton has been designated as a Tree City USA Community for 20 years. To maintain its

designation as a Tree City USA, the town is required to hold an Arbor Day Celebration, along with tree plantings and tree education outreach each year.

The Vinton Library is located at 300 South Pollard Street in downtown Vinton.

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

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

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

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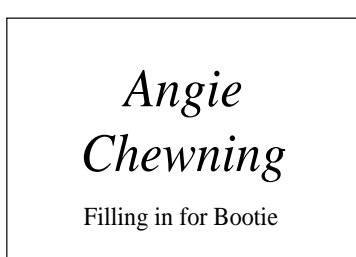
PEOPLE, PLACES AND THINGS

Just a reminder – the chamber office will be moving today to our new home at 118 E. Lee Avenue in downtown Vinton! We look forward to being in the middle of the action!

Also, don't forget the Dogwood Festival is April 29-May 1. Dedicated volunteers have been the backbone of the festival for 67 years. We need a

few more volunteers for April 29 and 30. Call Vinton Dogwood Festival President Beth Abbott, at (540) 556-6435 to volunteer.

The Vinton Dogwood Festival is also accepting entries for the annual parade on Saturday, April 30. Free for floats, \$20 for non-profits, \$50 for commercial entries. We are inter-



Angie Chewning

Filling in for Bootie

ested in marching and novelty units, antique and classic cars,

twirling groups, dance groups, cheer groups, skaters, family friendly costume characters, small and large floats, music groups and more. Register online at www.vintondogwoodfestival.org. For more information call (540) 983-0645, follow prompts.

Need a gift for a friend or neighbor? Stop by the Vinton

History Museum. Very reasonable Easter baskets assembled by Vinton History Museum volunteers are available for sale. The museum is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The baskets are suitable for adults. All proceeds benefit the museum operation and activities.

Cops & Coffee

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enforcement officers have with the public happens during emergencies or emotional situations—not always the most effective times for building rapport with the community.

Now, current Chief Fabricio Drumond and the department have partnered with the Vinton Area Chamber of Commerce to renew those community engagement opportunities, starting out with “Coffee with a Cop” at the Vinton Bojangles on the morning of March 31. It was a chance to build support for the police de-

partment and for local businesses; for citizens to get to know individual officers, their faces, and their names.

The parking lot at the restaurant was full on March 31 with citizens, officers, members of the Chamber, Mayor Brad Grose, Councilman Mike Stovall, and Assistant Town Manager Cody Sexton meeting inside for coffee and conversation. Usually, a large group of regulars gathers there each morning for conversation, but many more came by that day.

“Coffee with a Cop” was “a huge success, and we appreciate everyone that came out to support our police officers,” said Jason Boothe, Chamber president. “I am looking forward to many more events like this so the community can have a laid-back venue to talk to and get to know our police officers.”

“There was a very good community presence,” said Chief Drumond. “The event was from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. and people continued to come by throughout the event. At

one point, it seemed as if the dining room was quite full. Some patrons who happened to be eating breakfast were unaware of the event but were pleased with the idea and happy to talk to officers.

“For me, events such as ‘Coffee with a Cop’ offer a much more personal experience where residents and officers can get to know each other, share common bonds, fortify our community goals, and talk about future events that will hopefully continue to build a strong connection with the community that

we serve,” he said.

Chief Drumond, Deputy Chief Tim Lawless, and quite a few officers circulated through the crowd, introducing themselves or visiting with citizens they already knew.

Sgt. Michael Caldwell said those they spoke with didn't express any particular concerns about law enforcement in Vinton—“we were just building relationships.”

Chamber Executive Director Angie Chewning noted that there was a lot of friendly conversation and laughter throughout

the event.

The Vinton Police and the Chamber plan to continue the conversations on a monthly basis, at least through the summer. The next one, “Pizza with the Police,” is scheduled for lunchtime on April 28 at New York Pizza.

Chief Drumond says the events won't always be scheduled at restaurants; some of the meet and greets will involve other local businesses. The police and Chamber welcome invitations from those who would like to host the upcoming events.



The Vinton Area Chamber of Commerce partnered with the Vinton Police for “Coffee with a Cop.” Shown left to right are Christine Broughton from the office of Representative Ben Cline, Vinton Town Councilman Mike Stovall, Chamber President Jason Boothe, Chamber Executive Director Angie Chewning, and Executive Assistant to the Police Chief Mandie Baker.



PHOTOS BY DEBBIE ADAMS

Vinton's Deputy Chief of Police Tim Lawless talks with a citizen at “Coffee with a Cop.”

HeRow

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proceeds will be donated to Kayce and her family to put towards her medical bills and other various expenses that occur with her treatment.

The HeRow Expo was held last year at the Vinton War Memorial but has moved downtown to West Lee Avenue, Pollard and Maple Streets, and the Vinton Farmers' Market this year.

HeRow Expo 2 will feature a car, truck, bike/ATV/powersports show including Modern Muscle, Classic-Modified, Classic-Stock, Tuner, Euro, Street Truck/SUV, Off-Road Truck/SUV, Bike, Powersports/ATV, Sittin' Pretty, and Rowan's Choice.

One of the staples of every HopeDriven event is the Exhaust Competition

at the end of every show. HeRow Expo 2 in Vinton on April 9 will be no different. They are expanding the competition this year by adding a new class.

Classes are:

- 6 & Below (any vehicle with 6 cylinders or less)
- 8 & Above (any vehicle with 8 or more cylinders)

* Biker/Powersports (any type of motorcycle or ATV, or anything similar)

The winner of each class will be crowned with each receiving a trophy; they will then have a grand finale competition between all three class winners that will determine the Grand Exhaust Champion. There will also be a Light Up the Night Competition.

Other activities include a 50/50 drawing, raffled

items, a Bounce House, Hot Wheel Racing, face painting, kids' activities, games, and more. There will also be a live DJ and band.

HeRow Expo 2 will host a St. Baldrick's Foundation Head Shaving fundraiser with proceeds going to help conquer childhood cancers.

Registration for HeRow Expo 2 is a \$10 minimum donation. All spectators enter free. Business vendor registration, which includes two vehicle spaces, is \$50 if paid in advance, \$75 the week of the event. Food Trucks are \$75 if paid in advance, \$100 the week of the event. (Additional charges may apply due to size.)

To become a vendor or food truck for this event,

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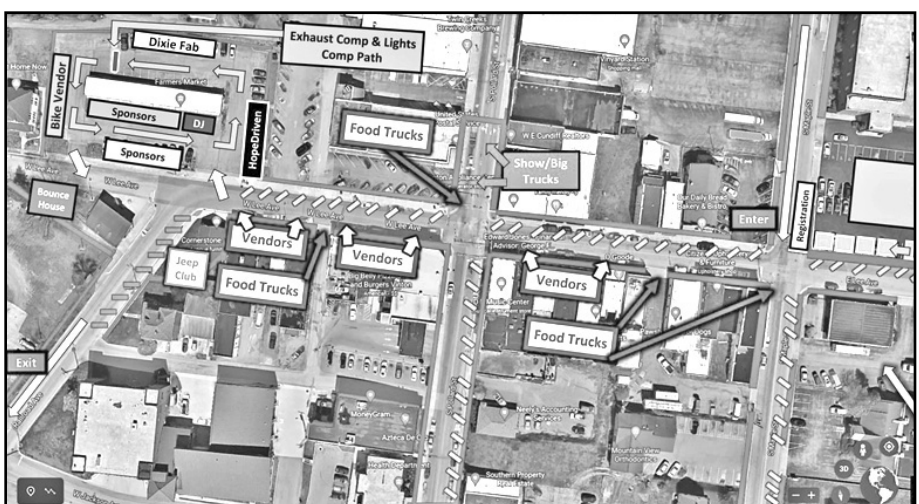
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Creations, and Dress Up Bolts.

The public is urged to come out to support Kayce and her family, as HopeDriven continues to

push for additional awareness of and funding for childhood cancer.

The rain date for the event is May 7 from 5 to 7 p.m.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

HeRow Expo 2 will take over the streets of downtown Vinton on Saturday night, April 9.

GFWC

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supports and encourages the awareness of autism.

“Autism awareness is about celebrating and recognizing people on the autism spectrum, as well as researching and fundraising initiatives which promote inclusion for people with autism,” Sowers said. “The world's understanding of autism as a disorder has changed drastically over time; until the second half of the 20th century, only people with severe symptoms were diagnosed with

autism, and those who were diagnosed were often institutionalized.”

Autism was blamed on poor parenting or vaccinations, instead of understood as a neurological disorder. Autism Awareness Day (April 1) was created in 2007 by the Autism Speaks organization to celebrate those who live with autism for their diversity and unique talents.

In her remarks, Sowers also called attention to Ukraine, where there

is a Woman's Club whose members are now refugees due to the Russian invasion. She asked everyone to pray for Ukraine.

Vinton Town Council issued a proclamation recognizing April 2022 as National Child Abuse Prevention Month and called upon all citizens to work together to prevent child abuse. They thanked the club for displaying the pinwheels as a positive reminder that together we can prevent child abuse in

our community.

“Our kids are our national treasure,” said Vinton Police Chief Fabricio Drumond. “Our children are the measure of our continuing legacy that's full of passion, dreams, and resiliency. We become parents to foster children in the hopes they will be an even better version of ourselves. As adults, we pursue giving them love and compassion. As an organization built on the premise of community and the rule of law, it is only proper that we shed light on such a critical issue. As a community, child abuse prevention starts with each of us. We must be exemplary in helping others thrive while placing importance on family and not the erosion of family.”

“In a world with so much adversity, our children need unconditional love, guidance, and a feeling of belonging,” he said. “The more of yourself you invest in our children, the more we'll get back as a society. Practice patience and understand the pressures our youth are facing—our kids should be our priority and not a burden. The pressures of adulthood will undoubt-

edly come.

“No child should ever feel alone, and no child should ever be victimized by abuse. Be compassionate. Be a beacon of light for our kids. Healthy childhood development promotes an engaged future.”

“Thank you to the GFWC Vinton Woman's Club for their continued partnership with the Town of Vinton and its police department,” Drumond added. “Our goal will always be to bring light, spread aware-

ness, and hope that one day, April will no longer be a placeholder for child maltreatment.”

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Vinton Town Council issued a proclamation for National Child Abuse Prevention Month and thanked the Woman's Club and the Police Department for planting their pinwheel garden to bring public awareness to the cause. Shown left to right are Chief Fabricio Drumond, Ardy Kidd, Camilla Cabaniss, Judy Banik, Patty Feazell, Mayor Brad Grose, Kathryn Sowers, Sgt. Michael Caldwell, and Deputy Chief Tim Lawless.

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Worship Directory

SICK WITH SIN

Read Psalms 37:1 through 38:22

Every one of the world's billions of people will face injury and illness in life. No one can escape pain and suffering. When we hurt, we usually seek help. We bandage wounds, take medication, visit a physician—all in an effort to gain healing.

Why aren't we as eager to cure sin? Why don't we deal with it as we do other ailments? God provided a solution for sin: repent, confess, and forsake the sin. Yet we often ignore it or let it go until it looms full-blown and potentially life-threatening (Psalm 38:5,6).

I confess my iniquity; I am troubled by my sin (Psalm 38:18).

The best time to address sin is when we first experience sin symptoms. It's best to remove a splinter before it gets infected, even though it may cause momentary discomfort. In the same way we should dig out any scrap of embedded sin before it leads to something worse.

Jesus is our Great Physician and the Bible our spiritual medicine chest. Our Divine Doctor prescribes daily doses as preventative treatment against sin.

Thought for Today: What remedy do you find today in God's Word?

Quicklook: Psalm 38:8-18

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1. Consider the request of Philip M. and Rachel C. Knouff, property owners, for the issuance of a Home Occupation Permit to allow a small-scale wholesale cut flower farm (garden) on the property located at 275 Ft. Lewis Boulevard. (Tax Map # 130-2-22).

2. Consider the request of MO Salem, LLC, property owner and Midland Atlantic Properties, property owner's management affiliate, to rezone the properties located at 1923 Electric Road and 1951 Electric Road (Tax Map # 284-1-2.2 and Tax Map # 284-1-2.3) from HBD with conditions to HBD with amended conditions to allow retail sales.

Copies of the proposed plans, ordinances or amendments may be examined in the Office of Community Development, 21 South Bruffey Street, Salem, Virginia.

At said hearing, parties in interest and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard relative to the said requests.

THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA

BY: James E. Talaferro, II Executive Secretary

Order of Publication

City of Salem, Virginia vs. Oscar Martin, et al. Case No. CL21-366 The object of this suit is to enforce the lien for taxes assessed by the City of Salem, Virginia against certain real property designated as Tax Map Parcel No. 80-2-22.

Legals - City of Salem

An affidavit having been made and filed that diligence has been used without effect to ascertain the location of Oscar Martin and that there are or may be persons with an interest in the subject property, including heirs, devisees, and successors in the title of Oscar Martin, who may be deceased, whose names and addresses are unknown, it is hereby ORDERED that each of the parties appear on or before the 30th day of April, and do whatever is necessary to protect their interest in said land.

Signed G. Chance Crawford, Clerk of Salem Circuit Court

Legals - Montgomery County

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA VA CODE §§ 1-211 1; 8.01-316, -317, 20-104 Case No. CL22000468-00 Montgomery County Circuit Court 55 East Main Street, Suite 1, Christiansburg, VA 24073 Kassie Reese Landen Clement v. None The object of this suit is to: Name Change of a Minor

None The object of this suit is to: Name Change of a Minor

Legals - Montgomery County

It is ordered that Jeremy Raymond Clement appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before May 25, 2022.

March 23, 2022 Judge K. Mike Fleenor, Jr.

Legals - Town of Vinton

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ORDER OF PUBLICATION

Commonwealth of Virginia VA. CODE § 8.01-316
Case No. JJ004566-06-00
RADFORD J&DR - JUVENILE DIVISION
Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court Commonwealth of Virginia, in re MORGAN, GABRIELLA JOSEPHINE RADFORD CITY DSS /v. KAITLIN MORGAN ADKINS
The object of this suit is to: TERMINATE THE RESIDUAL PARENTAL RIGHTS OF KAITLIN MORGAN ADKINS, legal parent of Gabriella Josephine Morgan, 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 she 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 parental rights will permanently end all of your rights and responsibilities to the child named in the petition. It is ORDERED that KAITLIN MORGAN ADKINS appear at the above-named Court and protect his or her interests on or before 05/13/2022 08:30 AM.

03/10/2022
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Clerk

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

Commonwealth of Virginia VA. CODE § 8.01-316
Case No. JJ004566-07-00
RADFORD J&DR - JUVENILE DIVISION
Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court Commonwealth of Virginia, in re MORGAN, GABRIELLA JOSEPHINE RADFORD CITY DSS /v. BENJAMIN JOSEPH ALVAREZ
The object of this suit is to: TERMINATE THE RESIDUAL PARENTAL RIGHTS OF BENJAMIN JOSEPH ALVAREZ, legal parent of Gabriella Josephine Morgan, 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 he will be able to do so in a reasonable amount of time; failed to maintain continuing contact with the child and

Legals - City of Radford

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 parental rights will permanently end all of your rights and responsibilities to the child named in the petition. It is ORDERED that BENJAMIN JOSEPH ALVAREZ appear at the above-named Court and protect his or her interests on or before 05/13/2022 08:30 AM.

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Legals - City of Salem

Notice

Take notice the undersigned will apply to the Council of the City of Salem at a public hearing on April 25, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as may be heard in the Council Chambers of the City of Salem, at 114 North Broad Street, Salem, Virginia, based on an application to permanently dispose of an approximate .137 acres of an unopened right of way. The unopened right of way is an alley bounded on the north by 9th Street and on the south by the Norfolk Southern Railway and by the following:

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All parties of interest and citizens may appear on the above date and be heard on the question.

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Notice

Notice is hereby given to all interested persons that the Council of the City of Salem, at its regular meeting on Monday, April 25, 2022, at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 114 N. Broad Street, in the City of Salem, Virginia, will hold a public hearing, pursuant to Sections 15.2-2204 and 15.2-2285 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, to consider approval of the following requests relative to the CODE OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA:

Consider the request of MO Salem, LLC, property owner and Midland Atlantic Properties, property owner's management affiliate, to rezone the properties located at 1923 Electric Road (Tax Map # 284-1-2.2 and Tax Map # 284-1-2.3) from HBD with conditions to HBD with amended conditions to allow retail sales.

Copies of the proposed plans, ordinances or amendments may be examined in the Office of Community Development, 21 South Bruffey Street, Salem, Virginia.

At said hearing, parties in interest and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard relative to the said requests.

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA

BY: H. Robert Light
Clerk of Council



Legals - City of Salem

Order of Publication

City of Salem, Virginia vs. Oscar Martin, et al.
Case No. CL21-366
The object of this suit is to enforce the lien for taxes assessed by the City of Salem, Virginia against certain real property designated as Tax Map Parcel No. 80-2-22.

An affidavit having been made and filed that diligence has been used without effect to ascertain the location of Oscar Martin and that there are or may be persons with an interest in the subject property, including heirs, devisees, and successors in the title of Oscar Martin, who may be deceased, whose names and addresses are unknown, it is hereby ORDERED that each of the parties appear on or before the 30th day of April, and do whatever is necessary to protect their interest in said land.

Signed
G. Chance Crawford,
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This budget synopsis is prepared and published pursuant to Section 15.2-2506 of Code of Virginia, for information and fiscal planning purposes only.

A hearing will be held by the Board of Supervisors on April 7, 2022 at 6:15 P.M. at the County Government Center Board Room, 755 Roanoke Street, Christiansburg, Virginia at which time any citizen of the County shall have the opportunity to attend and state his or her views on the advertised budget.

A copy of the Advertised Budget is available for inspection at the County Government Center, in the County Administrator's Office, 755 Roanoke Street, Christiansburg; the Blacksburg Library, 200 Miller St., Blacksburg; the Christiansburg Library, 125 Sheltman St., Christiansburg; the Meadowbrook Library, 267 Alleghany Springs Road, Shawsville; the Blacksburg Community Center, 725 Patrick Henry Dr., Blacksburg; the Christiansburg Recreation Center, 1600 N. Franklin St., Christiansburg; the Blacksburg Municipal Building, in the Town Manager's Office, 300 S. Main St., Blacksburg; and the Christiansburg Town Hall, in the Town Manager's Office, 100 E. Main St., Christiansburg.

EXPENDITURES:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

	FY 2022 Budget	FY 2023 Advertised Budget	Increase (Decrease)
Board of Supervisors	\$ 282,503	\$ 282,521	\$ 18
County Administration	\$ 2,139,175	\$ 3,420,597	\$ 1,281,422
County Attorney	\$ 392,712	\$ 395,987	\$ 3,275
Finance	\$ 1,026,940	\$ 1,100,302	\$ 73,362
Insurance	\$ 210,695	\$ 230,695	\$ 20,000
Information Technology	\$ 2,166,844	\$ 2,251,939	\$ 85,095
Commissioner of the Revenue-State	\$ 604,072	\$ 607,609	\$ 3,537
Assessment-100% County	\$ 501,438	\$ 483,425	\$ (18,013)
Treasurer-State	\$ 503,805	\$ 494,464	\$ (9,341)
Collections-100% County	\$ 501,782	\$ 458,110	\$ (43,672)
Electoral Board/Director of Elections	\$ 480,599	\$ 550,237	\$ 69,638
Commonwealth Attorney	\$ 1,363,990	\$ 1,377,342	\$ 13,352
Courts	\$ 271,939	\$ 275,888	\$ 3,949
Clerk of the Circuit Court	\$ 777,980	\$ 808,014	\$ 30,034
Sheriff-State	\$ 8,414,297	\$ 8,260,821	\$ (153,476)
Sheriff-100% County	\$ 7,374,033	\$ 7,473,269	\$ 99,236
Fire Departments and Rescue Squads	\$ 1,494,981	\$ 1,528,181	\$ 33,200
Animal Care and Adoption Center	\$ 665,885	\$ 696,830	\$ 30,945
General Services	\$ 6,775,341	\$ 6,936,621	\$ 161,280
Children's Services Act	\$ 1,651,969	\$ 1,651,969	\$ -
Human Services	\$ 401,863	\$ 393,713	\$ (8,150)
Public Health Department	\$ 604,488	\$ 615,000	\$ 10,512
Social Services	\$ 6,467,965	\$ 6,814,076	\$ 346,111
Parks & Recreation	\$ 1,321,070	\$ 1,424,223	\$ 103,153
Regional Library	\$ 2,398,052	\$ 2,392,230	\$ (5,822)
Planning & GIS	\$ 965,982	\$ 982,839	\$ 16,857
Economic Development	\$ 470,549	\$ 482,054	\$ 11,505
Other Agencies	\$ 2,804,425	\$ 2,860,159	\$ 55,734
Contingencies-General	\$ 536,307	\$ 583,307	\$ 47,000
Contingencies-Special	\$ 8,141	\$ 2,319,702	\$ 2,311,561
Revenue Refunds	\$ 195,000	\$ 195,000	\$ -
Subtotal:	\$ 53,774,822	\$ 58,347,124	\$ 4,572,302

Law Library

	\$ 17,600	\$ 17,600	\$ -
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SCHOOLS:

School Operating	\$ 121,984,741	\$ 126,380,044	\$ 4,395,303
School Capital	\$ 2,195,645	\$ 2,259,973	\$ 64,328
School Nutrition	\$ 4,633,474	\$ 4,633,474	\$ -
Subtotal:	\$ 128,813,860	\$ 133,273,491	\$ 4,459,631

County Capital

	\$ 3,580,645	\$ 3,644,973	\$ 64,328
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Debt Service

	\$ 24,722,725	\$ 24,722,725	\$ -
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Economic Development

	\$ 380,000	\$ 380,000	\$ -
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COUNTY TOTAL

	\$ 211,289,652	\$ 220,385,913	\$ 9,096,261
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RESOURCES:

REVENUE:

	FY 2022 Budget	FY 2023 Advertised Budget	Increase (Decrease)
General Undesignated Revenue:			
Current Property Taxes (1)	\$ 103,807,971	\$ 107,793,451	\$ 3,985,480
Delinquent/Other Property Tax Revenue	\$ 2,996,000	\$ 3,359,323	\$ 363,323
Sales and Use Tax	\$ 10,202,157	\$ 11,153,109	\$ 950,952
Undesignated Consumer Utility Tax	\$ 1,628,000	\$ 1,563,000	\$ (65,000)
Motor Vehicle Licenses	\$ 800,000	\$ 800,000	\$ -
All Other Local Taxes	\$ 1,325,000	\$ 1,455,000	\$ 130,000
Interest on Investments	\$ 113,268	\$ 75,028	\$ (38,240)
All Other Undesignated Revenue	\$ 520,384	\$ 616,384	\$ 96,000
Total Undesignated Revenue	\$ 121,392,780	\$ 126,815,295	\$ 5,422,515
General Designated Revenue	\$ 15,115,770	\$ 16,494,213	\$ 1,378,443
Law Library Designated Revenue	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	\$ -
School Operating Designated Revenue	\$ 68,516,128	\$ 70,811,431	\$ 2,295,303
Other School Designated Resources	\$ 4,633,474	\$ 4,633,474	\$ -
Debt Service Designated	\$ 1,613,900	\$ 1,613,900	\$ -
Total Designated Revenue	\$ 89,894,272	\$ 93,568,018	\$ 3,673,746
Law Library Fund Balance	\$ 2,600	\$ 2,600	\$ -
Total Fund Balance	\$ 2,600	\$ 2,600	\$ -
TOTAL RESOURCES	\$ 211,289,652	\$ 220,385,913	\$ 9,096,261

(1) Real Estate Tax Rate based on \$0.89 per \$100 of Assessed Valuation. Personal Property Tax Rate Based on \$2.55 per \$100 Assessed Valuation.
By Order of the Board of Supervisors:
F. Craig Meadows, County Administrator
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Sox open Friday with some of Boston's top prospects *Number four overall pick in 2021 draft will start at shortstop for Salem*

The Salem Red Sox roster is now final and it should be an entertaining team to watch for local baseball fans with the 2022 season opening at home this Friday. The Sox will start the season with three of the top 10 prospects in the Boston Red Sox system, including top prospect Macrelo Mayer, a 2021 first round draft pick.

Mayer was the fourth overall pick in last year's draft and signed for a franchise record \$6,664,000. A native of Chula Vista, CA he's a lefthanded hitting shortstop with good power in a 6'3" frame, projecting to 25 home run power in the big leagues.

Thirdbaseman Blaze Jordan has big league power and a reputation to go with it. He crushed a pair of 500 foot home runs at 13 years old in a Home Run Derby contest and in high school he won the 2019 High School Home Run Derby at the All-Star game. He was a third round pick in the 2020 draft and ended the season in Salem last September, hitting two homers in nine games with the Salem Sox. He crushes tape measure shots to all fields and is the seventh ranked player in the Boston farm system.

Wikelman Gonzalez, a 20 year old righthanded pitcher, also saw some time in Salem at the end of last season and he's Boston's 10th ranked prospect. Through his first season in Salem, Wikelman earned a 1.53 ERA through 17.2 innings after punching 20 strikeouts. His fastball tops out at 97 with good movement.

Another notable returnee is Niko Kavadas, who finished with the team's second highest batting average during the 2021 campaign. The standout first baseman earned a .286 BA and .483 OBP, after accumulating six runs on six hits and one home run through 21 games, landing him at the 29th spot on the Sox Prospects list. Other top Sox prospects starting the season in Salem are

No. 12 Brainer Bonaci, No. 25 Eddinson Paulino, and No. 59 Nathanael Cruz.

"We are thrilled to have so many top prospects here with us," General Manager Allen Lawrence said. "It will be a treat for the fans to see such amazing young talent at the ballpark."

Luke Montz returns as Salem's manager after a successful 2021 campaign. Montz and the Red Sox ended the previous season with a 71-49 record and were one victory away from earning a spot in the league championship series.



Above left, Wikelman Gonzalez is a top pitching prospect for the Boston Red Sox. Top right, Blaze Jordan already has legendary power. Below, Niko Kavadas was impressive in his stint in Salem last year. PHOTOS BY JOHN WACHER

"Last year the program had a great season, and I know our manager can lead this team to another successful season as well," Lawrence said.

Opening Day 2022 for the Salem Red Sox is set for Friday, April 8th, as the Red Sox host the Lynchburg Hillcats. First pitch is set for 7:05p.

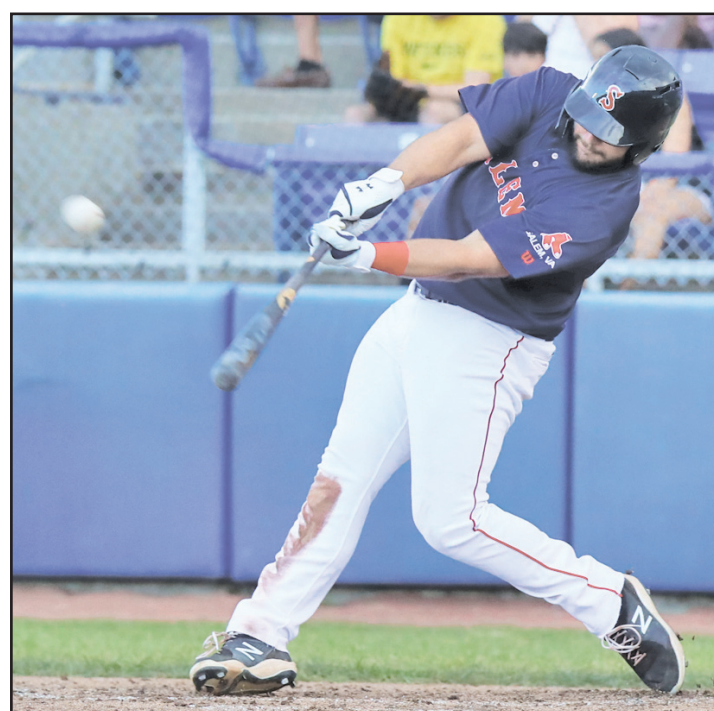
The entire roster is as follows:

Pitchers (16): Nathanael Cruz, Angel Bastardo, Maceo Campbell, Osvaldo De La Rosa, Juan Daniel Encarnacion, Jhonny Felix, Wikelman Gonzalez, Gabriel Jackson, Blake Loubier, Barbaro Pinero, Reidis Sena, Joey Stock, Miguel Suero, Nate Tellier, Tyler Uberstein, Jacob Webb.

Catchers (3): Jose Garcia, Nathan Hickey, Yorberto Mejicano.

Infielders (7): Brainer Bonaci, Blaze Jordan, Karson Simas, Niko Kavadas, Marcelo Mayer, Tyler Miller, Eddinson Paulino.

Outfielders (4): Kier Meredith, Phillip Sikes, Miguel Ugueto, Eduardo Vaughan.



Carolina League is officially back after one year hiatus

The Salem Red Sox, Class-A affiliate of the Boston Red Sox, will once again be a member of the Carolina League when they open the season at home this weekend.

The Sox will open their season on Friday night with a three game series against Lynchburg. Friday's game is a 7:05 pm start, followed by a 1:05 pm game Saturday and a 5:05 pm start on Sunday. After an off day Monday the Sox will then head to Fayetteville where they will play a six game series with the Woodpeckers.



The Red Sox are back in the Carolina League after one year in Low A East. The teams are the same, only the name has changed. There was no Carolina League last year after Major League Baseball revamped the minor leagues.

The Sox are excited to be back in the Carolina League, the place they called home since 1968 prior to last year's restructuring. In 1972 the Salem Pirates, an affiliate of the Pittsburgh Pirates, captured the league championship for the first time. Since then, the professional team in Salem has celebrated

being the best in the Carolina League three more times, the last being in 2001 as the Salem Avalanche, a Houston Astros affiliate.

Salem is joined by the 11 other teams and will primarily compete against teams in the Northern region.

"We are excited to be back in the Carolina League after a year away," Salem General Manager Allen Lawrence said. "The Red Sox have a lot of history in the league, and we are thrilled at the opportunity to make even more history against a handful of great teams."

Sayers pitches gem in win over Hidden Valley

Trenton Sayers pitched six innings of one-hit ball to lead the William Byrd baseball team to a 2-1 win over the host Titans in a Saturday afternoon game at Hidden Valley last weekend.

Sayers allowed a bloop single in the first inning before shutting down the Titans. Hidden Valley scored a third inning unearned run on a walk and an error to keep the game close.

Byrd jumped on top first. Ross Divers opened the game with double and Byrd loaded the bases with no outs. Divers then scored on a doubleplay as the Titans avoided a big inning by the Terriers.

Divers was in the middle of the action again as Byrd took a 2-0 lead in the top of the third. Ross singled and stole second, then scored on a single by

Hunter Sipe. That was all the scoring Byrd could muster, but it was enough with Sayers' performance on the mound. Sipe pitched the bottom of the seventh for a save, fanning two. He gave up a walk and a hit but got a strikeout for the final out with two runners on base.

Divers and Sipe both finished with two hits as Byrd improved to 4-1 on the season. Byrd's only loss was a 3-2 defeat to Franklin County in 11 innings on March 25.

The Terriers are back in action Friday with their annual jayvee-varsity doubleheader at Staunton River. The varsity is scheduled to start at 7 pm.

Next Tuesday, April 12, Lord Botetourt is here for a 5:30 pm start.

Karnes is 12-2 for 11th ranked Maroons

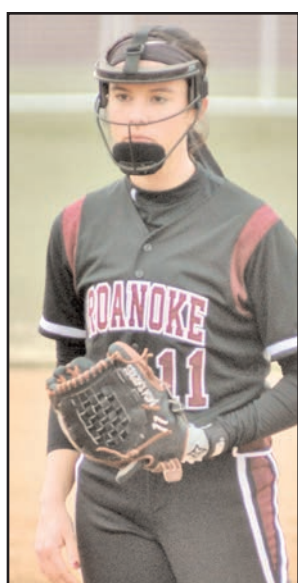


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JADA KARNES

The Roanoke College softball team began a streak of 10 straight road games with a doubleheader sweep of Shenandoah in Winchester last Saturday. The Maroons won 3-2 and 5-1.

In the first game Serenity Bishop's two run pinch hit home run in the top of the fifth was the difference. Down 2-1, Meri Bostic reached on an error and Bishop came off the bench for the big fly.

William Byrd grad Jada Karnes pitched a complete game, giving up four hits, one earned

run and striking out nine.

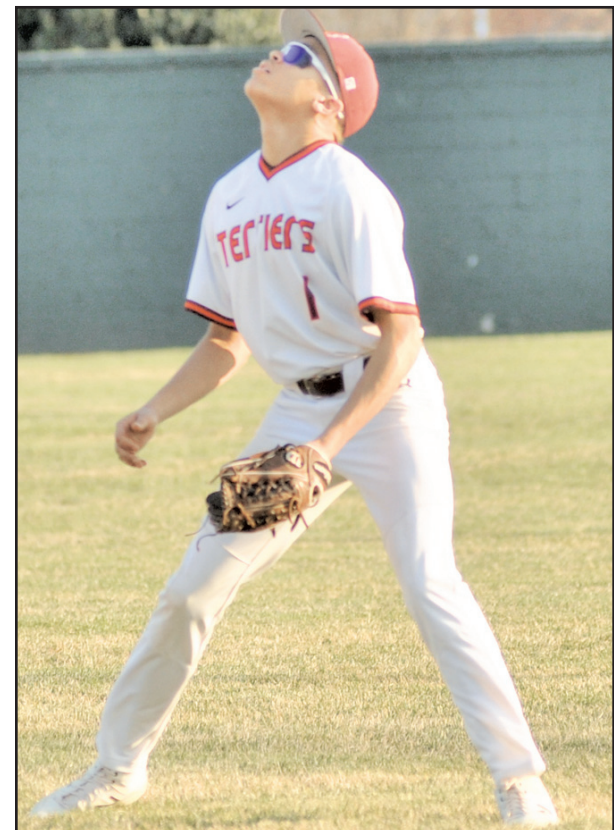
In the second game Karnes took the bump again and got her second win of the day to improve her record to 12-2 on the season. She allowed five hits and fanned five in a complete game effort, giving her 14 innings pitched on the day.

Shanan Hester had three more hits in the nightcap, giving her six for the doubleheader. Bishop had two more runs batted in.

The sweep gave RC an overall record of 17-7 and the Maroons are now ranked 11th

in Division III. They were scheduled to host Ferrum in a doubleheader on Tuesday of this week but that was rained out and rescheduled for April 21. With that postponement Roanoke now has 10 straight games on the road, with the next trip coming today at William Peace.

The Maroons are back in the ODAC wars this weekend with two doubleheaders in Lynchburg. They play the University of Lynchburg Saturday, beginning at 1 pm, and then play Randolph College for two Sunday, also at 1 pm.



Byrd's Ethan Hairston camps under a pop up in a recent game. PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Byrd softball hosts Eagles Friday after Tuesday rainout of HV game

The William Byrd girls will play host to Staunton River in a Blue Ridge District softball game after having their Tuesday home game with Hidden Valley rained out.

The Terriers are 2-2 overall after losing to Franklin County, 13-1, in Rocky Mount last Saturday. The girls will be in Daleville next Tuesday, April 12, to take on Lord Botetourt in a big Blue Ridge District game.



Terrier tennis teams rained out

Camdyn Perdue, the number one player on the William Byrd boys' tennis team, hits a backhand lob in a recent match. The Terrier boys' and girls' tennis teams were rained out of Tuesday matches with Hidden Valley. The girls were rescheduled for Wednesday and both teams will be back in action Friday against Bassett with the girls at home and the boys at Bassett.

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Ian Sigmon throws one in.

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Titans edge Byrd soccer

The William Byrd boys played a soccer match on a rainy night at Hidden Valley Tuesday and dropped a close one, 1-0.

"Much credit to HV as they played well and took advantage of the chance they got in the first half and were able to score," said Byrd coach Russell Dishman. "I felt we controlled the match for a good portion of the first half and created a ton of chances, we just could not finish."

Byrd had some chances to draw even in the second half but couldn't find the net.

"I felt the guys started to force chances as the second half went on and that made it a bit more of a challenge for us," said Dishman. "It was a tough result, but after we played them to open the season, I had told the guys that Hidden Valley was a quality side and they would give teams trouble and, in fact, they did."

Barndon Clark had three saves in the first half for Byrd and Bricen Lancaster had four in the second half. The loss dropped the Terriers to 2-2-1 on the season. They're scheduled to host Bassett tonight at Patterson Stadium, then go to Daleville next Tuesday for a match with Lord Botetourt.

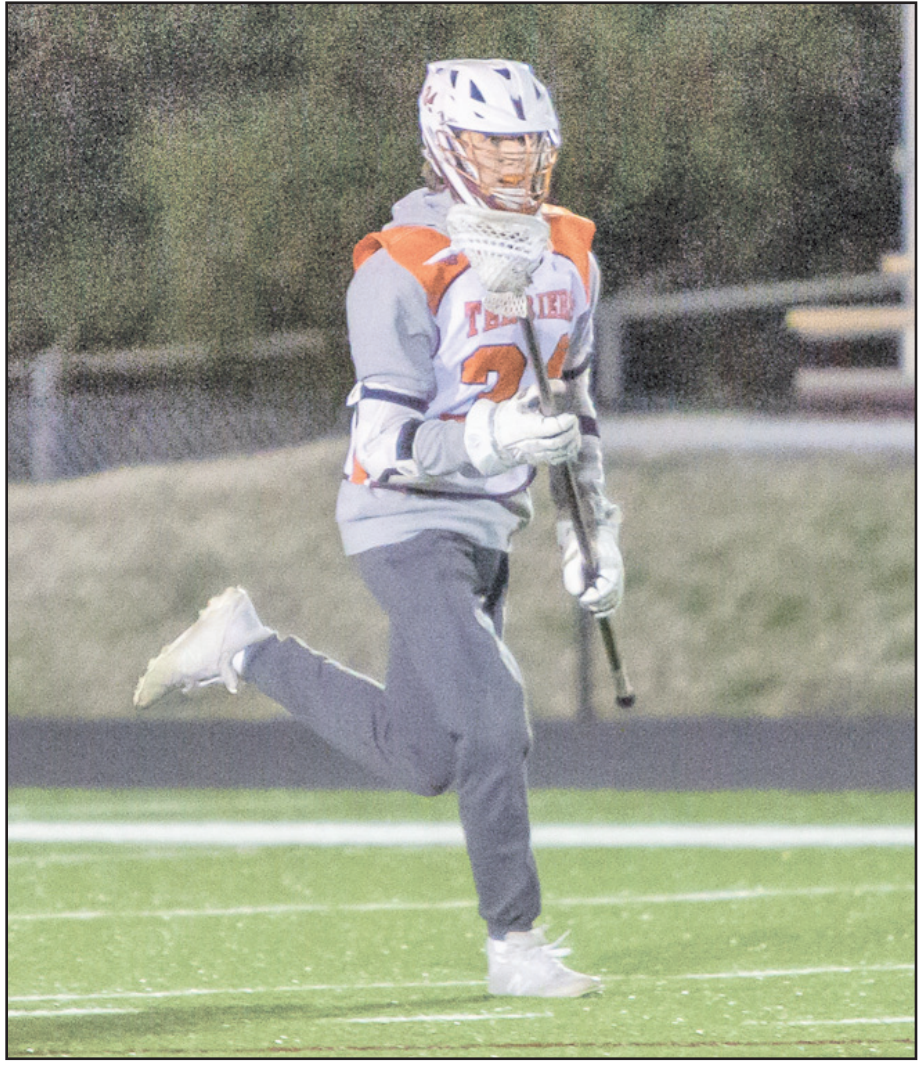
Byrd girls pour it on in the rain to beat Hidden Valley in soccer

The William Byrd girls didn't let a little water hold them down as they defeated Hidden Valley in soccer at Patterson Stadium Tuesday night, 3-1, in a game played in the pouring rain.

Hidden Valley got off the boat first with a goal just eight minutes into the game to take a 1-0 lead. However, the Terriers bounced back with two first half goals of their own to take a 2-1 edge into intermission. Maddy Simmons was assisted by Addisyn St. Clair with 12 minutes left in the first half for the first goal, and six minutes later St. Clair gave Byrd the lead off an assist from Riley Firebaugh.

The Terriers held a 2-1 lead for most of the second half until Claire Glover scored off a pass from Anna Milliron with 17 minutes remaining to give Byrd a 3-1 lead and a little cushion to finish the game. Sophia Chrisley was back in goal for the Terriers after returning from an injury and tallied six saves.

With the win the girls improved to 4-1 on the season. They won't play again until next Tuesday, April 12, when they host Lord Botetourt.



William Byrd's Carter Moore clears the ball in a recent game. PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Wildcats have too much talent, experience for WB lacrosse teams

The William Byrd lacrosse teams played at Rockbridge in a girls-boys doubleheader Tuesday and the host

Wildcats swept a pair. In the girls' game a strong Rockbridge team defeated Byrd 18-1. That dropped Byrd to 1-2 on

the season. The boys fell to Rockbridge 13-5 and the Terriers are now 0-4, but coach Will Satterfield was encouraged by Byrd's play against a talented foe.

"We've had two pretty long road trips against good teams and we haven't been able to string together four quarters of good lacrosse," said Satterfield. "I'm really proud of our guys continuing to put in hard work to get better each day."

Connor McCarthy had three goals and Kaden West scored two for Byrd. John Sandzimier had 10 saves in goal. Beau Brady, McCarthy, and Stephen Underwood played really well on faceoffs as a unit.

Both the girls and boys are scheduled to play at Hidden Valley next Wednesday. Byrd is trying to arrange a home game with Franklin County for Monday but that wasn't settled at press time.



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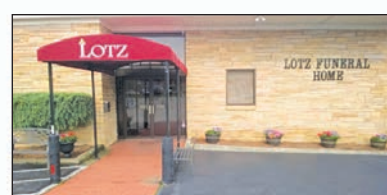


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