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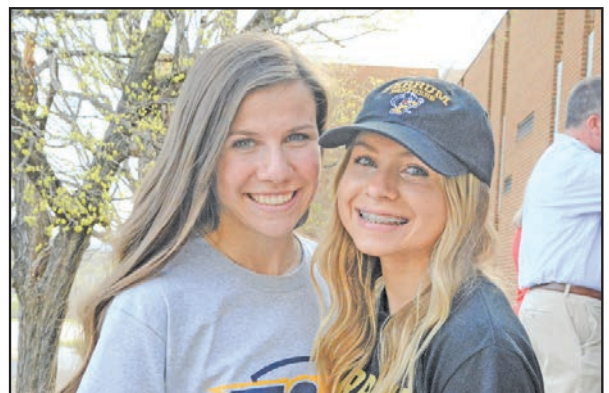
Sixteen William Byrd student-athletes sign letters of intent



Peyton Fuchs (left), football, Ferrum College, and Hunter Richards, football, Emory & Henry



Keely Hoal (left) and Amber Vaughn, softball, Roanoke College



Riley Firebaugh (left), soccer, Emory & Henry, and Anna Milliron, soccer, Ferrum College

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Sixteen William Byrd



Austin Nielsen, swimming, Roanoke College



Landon Niday, soccer, Hampden-Sydney College



Cole Spencer, lacrosse, Limestone University



Hunter Sipe, baseball, VMI



Sela Beatty, track, Radford University

student-athletes in eight different sports signed letters of intent to continue their educations and athletic careers at the college level during the Athletic Commitment Ceremony at the high school on April 6. One student—Emma Dalton—signed letters in two different sports.

Principal Tammy Newcomb welcomed the students and their families to the event held in the school auditorium. She said this was the largest number of athletes to sign letters in a single year in her recollection.

She reviewed some of the challenges this particular group of athletes faced getting to this moment. For the most part, they had normal freshman years. Then things changed. COVID forced cancellation of their spring seasons during their sophomore years. Still stymied by COVID, their seasons were cut short in their junior years. This year, thankfully, the athletic seasons have returned to usual.

Newcomb commended the seniors for their hard work, done often “individually, by themselves, in weight rooms or their homes, inside or out,” due to virtual schooling and health restrictions during the pandemic.

She described being invited to sign letters to play at the next level as a “huge honor. You should be proud of yourselves. We are proud of you.”

All 16 student athletes were seated on the stage of the auditorium. WBHS Athletic Director Jason Taylor invited parents to join their child on stage

as their names were called by individual coaches. He thanked the students for “putting in so much time and effort” in their sports and the classroom.

Parents were thanked for their support, the huge number of hours they have spent in watching their children play at home and away, waiting for them in parking lots, buying equipment, and working for and contributing to and assisting with an enormous number of fundraisers.

Track Coach James Pannell then introduced Sela Beatty and Emma Dalton. Sela will be attending Radford University for Division 1 track and field. He noted she has been on the Radford University coaches’ radar since last season. Pannell said she “puts in the work” and described her as “super-driven,” breaking school records and winning district, regional, and state honors. Sela’s parents are Letitia Hawkins Beatty and Tim Beatty.

Emma Dalton signed her letter of intent with Barton College. Coach Pannell described her as an “incredible athlete, tough, and a great leader who hates losing. She does everything on the team and does it the right way.” Pannell said he frequently has Emma demonstrate drills for the others on the team. She has received all district, region, and state recognitions. Dalton’s parents are Ricky and Suzie Dalton.

Cheer Coach Dee-Anne Dillon was up next, allowing Emma Dalton to remain on the stage, as she signed another letter of intent with Barton College—this one for cheerlead-

ing. Dillon said Emma, as a multi-sport athlete, is “a driven student in athletics and also academically.” She has been on both the sideline and competition cheer teams at Byrd, and captain of the competition team for three years. Dillon said Emma can “do it all,” as far as cheerleading is concerned, and has received numerous awards. Dillon also thanked Emma’s parents for playing such a huge role in the Booster Club over the years.

Dillon then introduced Ashlynn ReMine, who also signed with Barton College. She began working with Ashlynn in seventh grade and watched her progress through middle school, JV, and varsity Cheer, earning all-district and all region honors. Dillon described Ashlynn as a “strong athlete,” with many different skills in Cheer. Ashlynn’s parents are Jeff and Annie ReMine.

Jason Taylor, who is also Byrd’s baseball coach, introduced athletes Trenton Sayers, Ross Divers, and Hunter Sipe.

Trenton Sayers will be playing Division III baseball at Ferrum College. Coach Taylor noted that when he first saw Trenton play, he knew “he would be special—and he is. He has the tools.” His parents are Michael and Emily Sayers.

Ross Divers will be playing Division II baseball at Emory & Henry College. Taylor called Ross a “gentle giant but a fierce competitor.” He is also a multi-sport athlete playing baseball and basketball. His parents are Corey and Lindsay Divers.

Hunter Sipe will be

playing Division 1 baseball at Virginia Military Institute (VMI). Taylor says he never had “to tell a kid to slow it down” before Hunter. He is the “most competitive athlete I have ever known. He leads the team by example. He’s as good as any pitcher in the state of Virginia.” His parents are Aaron and Susan Bruce and Bradley Sipe.

Taylor said he was proud of his entire team, who have continued to develop and support each other and “just kept working” despite the loss of their sophomore season. He said he is especially proud of these three seniors and their work ethic—always the last ones out of the dug-out, helping clean up after the game.

Softball Coach Greg Barton introduced Maddy Tuck, Keely Hoal, and Amber Vaughn.

Maddy Tuck will be attending Liberty University to play Division 1 softball. Her goal has always been to play for a Division 1 team and she “has put the work in” to achieve that goal. He described her as an all-around utility player with “blazing speed.” Her parents are Amanda Trent and Mark Tuck.

Keely Hoal will be staying local and playing softball at Roanoke College. Barton described Keely as “a good kid, who is doing a great job killing the ball this year. It’s amazing to watch her.” Her parents are Michael and Berrin Hoal.

Maddy and Keely were members of the legendary 2019 State Championship Softball Team. Barton said that while the softball team has faced some adversity through the pandemic,

they “didn’t quit, came back strong, and met their goals.”

Amber Vaughn will also be playing softball for Roanoke College. Barton described her as a “true utility player who can play anywhere on the field, a great hitter with good speed.” Her parents are Ed and Regina Vaughn.

Coach Rusty Dishman

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Maddy Tuck, softball, Liberty University



Emma Dalton, track and cheer, Barton College



Ashlynn ReMine, cheer, Barton College



Trenton Sayers, baseball, Ferrum College



Ross Divers, baseball, Emory & Henry College



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Sixteen student athletes at William Byrd High School signed letters of intent to continue their educations and athletic careers at the college level during an Athletic Commitment Ceremony on April 6.

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WBHS/BCAT students win art awards

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Several William Byrd High School students who are also students at the Burton Center for Arts and Technology (BCAT) have received local and regional art awards in recent days.

Addisyn Ackley is a junior at WBHS/BCAT. Her artwork was selected for display in Roanoke City as part of the 2021 “Color Your Corner” contest. The competition is part of the Roanoke Pedestrian Safety Campaign, led by the City of Roanoke and the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles to raise awareness of speeding as a pedestrian safety issue and reduce speeding and speed-related crashes. Her artwork will be printed on a vinyl wrap for installation on a traffic signal box at a local street corner. Her instructor at BCAT is Natalie Strum.

Roanoke County Public School art students from all five county high schools and BCAT competed in the 99th annual Southwest Virginia Regional Scholastic Art Competition earlier this spring at the Fine Arts Center for the New River Valley in Pulaski.

RCPS students claimed an impressive number of awards in the regional competition, including three American Visions nominees, 11 Gold Keys, 20 Silver Keys, and 29 Honorable Mentions.

Each year, students across the country participate in the Scholastic Art Awards competition. It is the longest running and most prestigious arts award program for students in grades 7-12. Student Gold Key winners who move on to the national competition are eligible for more than \$37,000 in scholarships.

On Sunday, March 27, the Fine Arts Center hosted a reception and awards ceremony for the Southwest Virginia Region of the Scholastic Art Awards to celebrate the students, their art teachers, and families. Less than 30 percent of entries at the regional level receive an award, so all awards are quite an accomplishment.

“I’m amazed each year at the incredible artistic talent our students display,” said Dr. Ken Nicely, superintendent of Roanoke County Public Schools. “We have an amazing group of art teachers and the recognition our students earn each year is

a testament to the outstanding level of instruction our teachers provide to their students.”

William Byrd Scholastic Art winners included Addisyn Ackley, Sela Beatty, Jake Markham, and Hunter Muddiman.

Ackley won the Regional Gold Key Award for her painting “In the Corner” and Regional Honorable Mention for “To the Bone” in the Drawing and Illustration category.

Sela Beatty, a senior, won a Silver Key for “Rise and Shine,” and Honorable Mention for “Lil Meow Meow” both in the digital art category. Sara Cubberly is her art teacher.

Jake Markham, also a senior,

received Honorable Mention for “Distorted Self-Portrait” in the mixed media category. His instructor is Natalie Strum.

Hunter Muddiman, another senior, won the Gold Key Award for “Forgotten Symphony” in the mixed media category and a Silver Key for “Shores of Observation” in the architectural and industrial drawing category. His instructor is Natalie Strum.

Two students from Southwest Virginia were honored with Gold Medals at the national level: Trent Hollandsworth from Radford High School, and Mary Wissinger from Cave Spring Middle School.

Emalyn Sylvester-Johnson

(Cave Spring) has been named as a Gold Medal and American Visions Medal winner in the Scholastic Art national competition. The American Visions Medal is the highest honor that can be given to a student and was bestowed upon her for her work entitled “Beach Trip from a Distance” She has been invited to attend a national ceremony at Carnegie Hall in New York City.

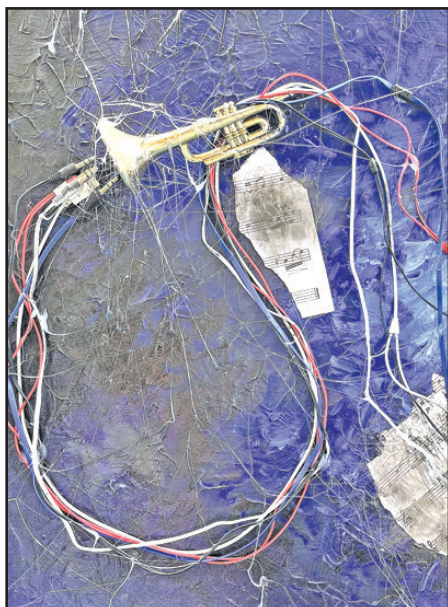
“To receive a Gold Medal at the national level is an amazing achievement and acknowledges a student’s originality, technical skill, or personal vision,” said Sara Cubberley, RCPS supervisor of art.



Addisyn Ackley’s “No Need to Speed” for the Roanoke City “Color Your Corner” competition.



Addisyn Ackley’s Gold Key winner “In the Corner”



Hunter Muddiman’s Gold Key winner “Forgotten Symphony”



Sela Beatty’s Silver Key winner “Rise and Shine”



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Jake Markham’s “distorted self-portrait”



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Thrasher Youth to portray Stations of the Cross in Good Friday drive-thru

About 20 years ago, Tina Yates, then the Youth Director at Thrasher Memorial United Methodist Church in Vinton, came up with the idea of telling the Easter story with a “living storybook” in the Sunday School classrooms at Thrasher. “Stations of the Cross” were set up throughout the classes depicting several scenes from the last hours of the life of Jesus, from the Lord’s Supper to his crucifixion and burial.

The following year, Yates asked the question, “If other churches have drive-thru nativity scenes, why don’t we do a drive-thru ‘Stations of the Cross?’”

The presentations, scheduled for Good Friday, continued for many years and with many different youth groups. The tradition is making a return this year, on Friday, April 15, when the community is invited to drive through the parking lot at Thrasher to once again view scenes leading up to the resurrection of Jesus Christ on Easter Sunday.

This year Yates is leaving

Thrasher and her position as Christian Formation Director, having completed a program of study to become ordained as a Licensed Local Pastor, currently assigned to Parrish Chapel.

Her son, Dustin, who once portrayed Jesus in one of the scenes from the Stations of the Cross, asked her to bring back the drive-thru presentation one last time before she moves on. He promised to take on the role of Jesus at the crucifixion again if she would consent.

The Stations of the Cross are based on the 14-step Catholic devotional which Yates and others distilled down to eight vital scenes to help understand God’s love in the journey of Jesus to the cross. The stations serve as a sort of “mini-pilgrimage” along that path, leading to Easter.

The public will be able to drive through the scenes from 8 to 9 p.m. on Good Friday. They will follow signage to enter on Pine Street and be guided through the parking lots past the scenes. Each

vehicle will be given a QR Code to listen to an audio presentation on You Tube as they move along—or a CD—as there are no speaking parts for the youth. Their task is to sit quietly and earnestly in the scenes.

The eight stations will include the Jesus with his disciples at the Lord’s Supper, Jesus praying alone in the garden on the Mount of Olives (“Not my will but Thine be done”), Pilate sentencing Jesus to be crucified, Peter’s denial of Jesus, Jesus carrying his cross, Jesus being crucified on the cross, a portrayal of Michelangelo’s “Pietà” in which his mother Mary holds the body of Jesus when he is taken down from the cross, and Jesus buried in the tomb— but a tomb of life and hope, not a tomb of death. (None of the scenes are graphic.)

On Sunday, April 10, some of the youth, Yates, current Youth Director Bonnie Jones, and several other adults, helped to mark-off the parking lot and prepare the props to be put in place for a dress

rehearsal on Thursday night, followed by the community event on Friday.

The sets created those many years ago are still in use. Artist and church member Pam Johnson painted beautiful backdrop scenes onto canvas which have been preserved and maintained. While the youth have been featured in the portrayals, young adults, parents, and other church members have always been on hand to assist. Dave Jones, Bonnie’s husband, was tasked with building some of the first sets. Yates recalls sending parents Wade Pence and Gary Houff dumpster-diving in the early years to find carpet tubes to roll the painted canvases on.

About 25 youth and young adults will be featured in the scenes this Good Friday, including Stella Jones, Cary Jones, Barbie Hernandez, Maddie Hamren, Vivian Hernandez, Beth Gillespie, Molly Crow, Eli Richardson, Eli Crow, Luis Hernandez, Isaac Anderson, Evan Heck, Ethan Sutton, McKenzie Crow, Hannah Sutton,

Kaelan Quinley, Levi Anderson, Dom Crutchfield, Madison Crow, Cali Levine, Jeni Levine, Jacob Montague, and Dustin Yates.

Many others will be assisting with costumes, sets, props, QR Code and CD distribution, and traffic management.

Yates says that in all the years the youth have been presenting “Stations of the Cross” the performance has only been called off once, and that was due to lightning, not precipitation. She recalls one year when the wind was blowing so hard that the sets were lashed with bungee cords to cars they had to park behind the canvases. Luckily, the weather forecast for April 15 is a good one.

The youth say viewing the Stations of the Cross is a good way to experience what Jesus went through. Yates has said that “you can’t really celebrate Easter until you journey with Him to the cross.”

Thrasher Memorial UMC is located at 707 East Washington Avenue near downtown Vinton.



The youth at Thrasher Memorial UMC will be presenting a drive-through Stations of the Cross on Good Friday, April 15, from 8 to 9 p.m. This scene will depict the Lord’s Supper.



PHOTOS BY DEBBIE ADAMS

Thrasher youth and adults prepare for the Stations of the Cross presentation outdoors at Thrasher. This scene will depict Jesus’s tomb.

Mount Pleasant Lions bestow top award

At its last meeting the Mount Pleasant Lions Club handed the highest honor a club can give to a member, the Melvin Jones Fellowship from Lions Clubs International Foundation, to long-time member Steve Wilkinson.

Lions District 24-C Governor Eric Mills, who is a member of the Vinton Breakfast Lions Club, was on hand to present the award. District 24-C encompasses all of Southwest Virginia stretching from Forest in Bedford County, all the way to Jonesville out in the western tip of the state and includes 59 different Lions Clubs.

Wilkinson has been a member of the Mount Pleasant Lions Club since 1991 and has served in many capacities, includ-

ing a term as president and acting as treasurer for about 10 years.

He currently is the music director for the club as well as a member of the board of directors. He is an astute musician playing several string instruments, particularly the five-string banjo. He grew up in the Meadowview community out in Washington County, and as a youngster often played on local radio stations with area bluegrass bands.

After graduating from Virginia Tech, he went on to become a captain with U.S. Air, now American Airlines, flying Boeing 737s.

Upon retirement he found enough time to become a Lion and scratch his civic itch by living up

to the Lions’ motto “We Serve.”

He is a founding member of the Mount Pleasant Lions String and Wind Ensemble, which has played at a number of Lions functions such as the State Convention, Fall Conference and club picnics.

Steve and his wife, Terry, have three children and seven grandchildren. Two of those children and five of the grandchildren live out on the left coast in California which requires frequent trips there. That fact, along with the general shut down of Lions Club activities during the worst of the COVID pandemic caused the presentation of the Melvin Jones Fellowship to be delayed for over two years.

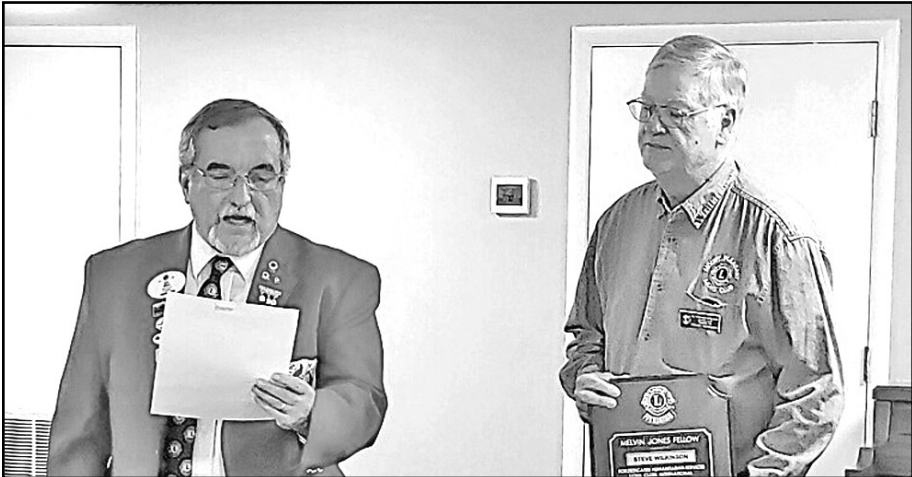
Melvin Jones was the founder of Lions Clubs International back in 1917. The award named after him commemorates

the recipients’ dedication to serving the less fortunate, as well as the deserving, in the local community and in doing

so helping humanity as a whole.

By Lion

Michael Ferguson



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Mount Pleasant Lion Steve Wilkinson (right) receives the Melvin Jones Fellowship Award from Lions District 24-C Governor Eric Mills, who is a member of the Vinton Breakfast Lions Club.

Community invited to Mount Pleasant UMC Bible study

The community is invited to a non-denominational women’s Bible study led by Hannah Anderson on Wednesdays at 11 a.m. beginning April 27 and concluding on May 25. The study will focus on what can be learned about God from creation, with the Psalms as a primary resource.

The five sessions will take place at Mount Pleasant United Method-

ist Church, 3035 Mount Pleasant Boulevard.

Anderson is a noted author; she and her family are residents of Roanoke County. Her most recent book is “Turning of Days: Lessons from Nature, Season and Spirit.”

She also cohosts Persuasion Podcast, where she hopes to spur good conversation about all that is good, true, and beautiful. She is a fre-

quent contributor on Twitter.

You can connect with her at her website, sometimesalight.com or on Twitter @sometimesalight.

For those who are able to stay, lunch will be provided after the study. It would be helpful to know in advance how many to prepare for, so call Kim at 540-588-8286 or email info@mpumc.church.



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CLUES ACROSS

1. Runs PCs

4. An entertaining, eccentric person

7. Small, faint constellation

8. Indigo bush

10. Not excessive

12. African antelope

13. A way to fly a glider

14. Tough softly

16. In the course of

17. Early Mesoamerican people

19. A way to drop down

20. Mistake!

21. Housing developments

25. Baseball stat

26. No (Scottish)

27. Type of cuisine

29. British Army infantry-

men (abbr.)

30. Marry

31. Buffer solution

32. Legendary rock band

39. Recording industry show

41. A way to consume

42. Lake in Botswana

43. Political action committee

44. Field force unit (abbr.)

45. Very eager

46. Excessive fluid accumulation in tissues

48. Nocturnal insect

49. Challenged to perform

50. Thus far

51. Famed NYC arena

52. Commercials

CLUES DOWN

1. Small, purple-black fruit

2. Baltimore ballplayer

3. Highly seasoned sausage

4. Split pulses

5. Northwestern Mexico town

6. Edible fruit

8. Upper-class southern young woman

9. Sums up

11. The most worthless part

14. Dash

15. Sufferings

18. Clearinghouse (abbr.)

19. Indian title of respect

20. Poems meant to be sung

22. Actor Cooper

23. Luke’s mentor —-Wan

24. Clumsy person

27. Figures

28. Polish Baltic coast peninsula

29. Old cloth

31. Explosive

32. Automobiles

33. 007’s creator

34. The Volunteer State

35. Old Irish alphabet

36. Japanese city

37. Portrayed emotion

38. Observers

39. Mimicked

40. Polite reference to a woman

44. Male parent

47. Peter Griffin’s daughter

RECIPES OF THE WEEK

Easy Easter Dinner Recipes

Here are some basic Easter dinner recipes that virtually anyone can prepare and serve.

Easter Bunny Fruit Kabobs

Easter Bunny Peeps (or Chicks)

Assorted fruit—grapes, pineapple chunks, strawberries, jumbo blueberries, melon chunks, etc.)

Wooden skewers

Place fruit on the skewers with the Bunny Peeps. You can put the Peeps in the center, at the bottom, at the top. You might want to damper the tip of the wooden skewer when adding the Peeps so they won't stick.

Asparagus & Bacon Quiche

One 9-inch refrigerated pie crust fitted into a 9-inch glass pie plate, unbaked

4 or 5 eggs

1 and 1/2 cups milk

1/2 tsp. salt

Dash of pepper

1 and 1/2 cups shredded Swiss cheese

2 Tbsp. flour

About 2 cups of steamed and chopped asparagus or broccoli (and/or raw spinach and/or mushrooms)

Chopped green onions (optional)

3-4 slices of cooked, chopped bacon or chopped ham

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Combine eggs, milk, salt, pepper, flour—stir well. Layer the asparagus (or other vegetables), bacon, and cheese in the bottom of the pie crust. Pour egg mixture on top. Bake for 35-45 minutes, until egg mixture is set. Watch the crust to make sure it doesn't get too brown. Cut into 8 wedges.

Candied Carrots

2 and 1/2 Tbsp. unsalted butter

2 and 1/2 Tbsp. packed light brown sugar

1/4 tsp. salt

1 pound baby carrots, halved lengthwise

Black pepper

In a medium skillet, heat the butter, brown sugar, and salt over medium heat, stirring until smooth. 8Add the carrots and toss to coat. Cover, reduce heat to medium, and cook about 15 minutes until carrots are tender and glazed. Sprinkle with black pepper to taste.

Brown Sugar Glazed Ham

Fully cooked bone-in ham (5-7 pounds)

1 Tbsp. butter, melted

1 and 1/2 cups brown sugar

1 Tbsp. dry mustard

2 Tbsp. flour

2-3 Tbsp sweet pickle juice (from a jar of sweet pickles or relish)

Cook the ham according to package instructions. About 30 minutes before ham is to be done, remove from oven to glaze. Combine the glaze ingredients (except for pickle juice) in small saucepan and heat for about 2 minutes. Add pickle juice (you can substitute apple cider vinegar, orange juice, or other fruit juice). Score the ham if you like. Spoon glaze over ham and return to oven for remaining time.

Easy Deviled Eggs

6 eggs

1/4 cup mayonnaise

1 tsp. vinegar

1 tsp. prepared mustard

1/8 tsp. salt

Dash of pepper

Paprika

Hard boil 6 eggs (A good method is to place eggs in a pan of cold water, quickly bring the water to a boil, remove pan from heat and let stand 15 minutes covered. Rinse in cold water.)

Halve the boiled eggs; remove yolks, and mash with other ingredients. Refill the halved egg whites. Sprinkle with paprika. (My sister-in-law adds a small amount of sweet pickle relish to the mix.)

PEOPLE, PLACES AND THINGS

Angie Chewning

Filling in for Bootie

Well, the move is complete! The Vinton Chamber of Commerce is now officially moved to 118 E. Lee Ave in Downtown Vinton. The Sassy Sisters and some of our Moose brothers stuffed about 1,200 Easter eggs to donate to AMVETS for their annual

Easter Egg Hunt. We love helping our community. Those joining in the stuffing were Kim Barker, Cheri Carroll, Nancy Mastry, Aaron Blankeship, Jamie Lamb, Page and Brian Lovern, Angie Chewning and Greg Boitnott. Don't forget Dogwood Festival is next weekend! Check out the website for more details. Congratulations to the Woman's Club of Vinton – Last weekend meetings were held in Daleville at St. Mark's Church.

1st Place – Home Life - This club donated toiletry items to Social Services to help fill 115 stockings for seniors, had a program for Girls on the Run and donated socks, filled 300 eggs for the Salvation Army's Easter Egg hunt, adopted 2 teens from the Angel Tree and assisted with the Audible Easter Egg Hunt. 1st Place– Leadership - This club holds a joint board meeting with the outgoing and incoming board so all material can be exchanged and ideas for the upcoming year can be discussed. They hold a reporting meeting so all members can participate in the reporting process. Members attend District meetings as well as being hostesses when

it is their turn. One member was a Jenny June Award Candidate. Members of the District prepared her nomination notebook. The nominee won the GFWC Va award and was 1 of 2 nominees selected to move into the GFWC Contest. 1st Place – Legislation & Public Policy - Members were encouraged to vote and legislative information was shared with all members 1st Place – Membership - Members participated in seven (7) membership projects. The members held a “Dirty Santa Sock Exchange” at their annual Christmas social; members exchanged socks in a “dirty Santa” fashion. At meetings members hold a car-

ing and sharing time where members are encouraged to share updates on other events. Guest at meetings receive a follow up call and are sent information on the club. Members are sent birthday cards, get well cards, sympathy cards and gifts, and other cards for special events. They provide transportation to members who live alone or no longer drive to meetings, doctor appointments, trips to the grocery store, to church, etc. Members made calls to check-up on other members giving much needed social interaction during the pandemic. Members participate in a Secret Pal program. They attended meetings in person and electronically; and

updated their Club handbook. The Club invited VA State Endowment Chair Kathryn Sowers to speak on GFWC membership. 1st Place – GFWC Signature Project Domestic Violence - Members plated a pinwheel garden along with members of the Town of Vinton Police Department, Town of Vinton Mayor and council members. After planting the pinwheels members attended the monthly council meeting and were recognized for this and pictures were placed in the local newspaper and on Facebook. 2nd Place – Fundraising, Communication & Public Relation, Civic Engagement & Outreach, Arts & Culture, Education

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WBMS releases honor rolls for third nine weeks

William Byrd Middle School has announced the A and A-B Honor Rolls for the third nine weeks of the 2021-2022 school year.

A HONOR ROLL

Sixth Grade: Addison Alexander, Kayden Althoff, Caleigh Aremia, Tayler Austin, Isabella Barrette, Logan Blevins, Jackson Booze, Greyson Bradford, Norah Buck, Stephen Byars, Gabriel Campbell, Ryan Carroll, Isabella Clark, Milton Clark, Jazmine Clifton, Jahniya Coles, Claire Cooper, Kayden Creel, Riley Cummings, Isabella Davis, Braylon Dent, Nathan Doan, Keeli Emery, Reagan Fike, Alanna Fitzgerald, Debra Gamble, Peyton Gates, Kyleigh Ginger, Blair Godlesky, Kur Gon, Carson Gordon, Michal Hamlar, Harmony Hedbergm Kenleigh Hetherington, Camryn Hicks, Landon Hollins, Benjamin Hoyos, Cooper Kageals, Naleigh Lewis, Ava Lorton, Jacob Matthews, Luka Mihelcic, Katelyn Mills, Kenley Minnix, Kennedy Moseley, Josephine Mullen, Riley Niday, Allen Nunez, Daniel Ochoa, Emma Olivit, Brooklynn Padgett, Jacob Perez, Anna Perkowski, Jack Petersen, Jenna Petersen, Kendall Ranson, Aiden Rhodes, Nathaniel Roberts, Elliana Ruble, Haleigh Saucedo, Vivian Schmidt, Enna Schofield, Alyssa Steahly, Gwen Summo, Kara Sutton, Hadyn Terrell, Emma Thierry, Hope Thomas, Mia Vest, Kolee Walter, Hailey Webster, Jacey Weddle, Emma Whitcomb, Levi Whitcomb, Sabrina Wray, Hendrix Wright, and Gianna Zivelonghi.

Seventh Grade: Alyssa Abdelhadi, Erica Barton, Janelle Bibby, Aubrey Blewett, Madelyn Brown, Lane Brunk, Nata-

lie Buck, Hudson Cain, Emily Clinebell, Addison Collins, Jenna Cruz, Chase Daugherty, Alexis Davis, Fallon Davis, Alyssa Dennis, Carina Dibenedetto, Heidi Dixon, Campbell Duff, Colton Edwards, David Foster, Jaxon Fowler, Clarissa Gill, Jeremiah Harper, Emmalee Harris, Sophie Hoagland, Lilly Jarels, Lukas Johnson, Owen Johnson, Cole Johnston, Evelyn Jones, Britton Jordan, David Krawczyk, Arianna Krista, Scotlyn Leonard, Vincent Liu, Olivia Long, Helena Longstreth, Olivia Lorek, Joseph Madonna, Bradley Martin, Layla Matz, Emma Milliron, Tyler Minnix, Elena Mullen, Sarah Nguyen, Sydney Nichols, Carly Norton, Kendall Norton, Giovanni Pandolfini, Jeremy Paul, Sebastian Perdomo, Thomas Purcell, Michael Ramos, Jamya Rosborough, Abigail Saritelli, Willow Seth, Charley Sherburne, Aubrey Sink, Riley Slusher, Noah Spradlin, Riley Spradlin, Ramsey Stephens, Zachary Stiltner, Bailey Tabor, Gavin Thornton, McKayla Tingler, Lauren Toney, Nicholas Toney, Izabella Trumble, Sydney Tuck, Owen Webb, Colton West, Connor Whitehead, Heidi Wienke, Aiden Wrightt, and Maggie Zimmerman.

Eighth Grade: Kyndall Agee, Ethan Alexander, Blake Austin, Olivia Basham, Ainsley Bolen, Braeden Booth, Tyson Brady, Abigail Brigdon, Sophia Brown, Olivia Bustamante, Addison Clark, Asher Claybrook, Aiden Cottrell, Evelyn Dickason, Ashton Dillon, Beckham Draper, Samuel Geist, Keegan Harnish, Taylor Jacobsen, Macabe James, Brooke Justus, Tatianna Kubik,

Carter Leonard, Kenady Leonard, Jayden Niday, Sienna Perdue, Lilian Perez, Mallory Peroulas, Bethany Pittenger, Alex Ricks, Meisha Robinson, Gabrielle Romeo, Kyle Saccocci, Napiray Sierra Prin, Kairi Simms, Jarrett Smith, Ethan Sutton, Annabelle Teague, Lucy Whitenack, Noah Williams, Darin Witcher, Lennon Wright, and Peyton Hnigh.

A-B HONOR ROLL

Sixth Grade: Franklin Apple, Kayleigh Barber, Madelyn Barrette, Evyn Bass, Aiden Beasley, Katelyn Bennett, Logan Beverage, Allison Bowling, Paxton Brown, Mason Campbell, Wyatt Childress, Noah Ciafardini, Elliana Conner, Bradley Counts, Bella Craddock, Kendall Crimmins, Meranda Dilcher, Morgan Dillard, Anthony Dudley, Dustin Dudley, Lily Duffy, Timothy Duncan, Angelyce Enriquez, Payton Farmer, Gabriel Felty, Logan Ferguson, Madelynn Ferguson, Adrian Garcia, Madison Garman, Luke Gillmore, Thalia Green, Riley Gregory, Hadyn Grubb, Ainslee Hall, Preslee Hamm, Josiah Harper, Samuel Hartless, Mirian Hernandez Lemus, Mason Hershel, Jude Hinkle, Christian Hodges, Raelyn Hodges, Anthony Holmes, Jr., Isabella Lasecki, Samuel Leftwich, Moises Leon, Reese Mahanes, Olivia Marcus, Gray Matthews, Adalie Mills, Leah Montgomery, Malorie Mullins, Ethan Neville, Alana Niday, Emily Pearce, Cooper Peery, Kendell Perkins, Collin Pero, Khloe Peters, Brian Ratliff, Lexi Rock, Maksymilian Rosenberg, Luke Scott, Joshua Serreno, Breann Sigmon, Teagan Simmons, Brayden Sink,

Zoe Sowers, Aiden Stiltner, Brooklyn Strother, Joseph Suan, Cassidy Thompson, Isaiah Thompson, Jamari Toler, Jesse Underwood, Bryson Wendell, Keenan West, Carson Wheeler, Noah Wheeler, Aaden Whitaker, Haleigh White, Bindi Whitenack, Johanna Wines, Ryan Witcher, Jaden Wood, Gabriel Woodliff, Cayden Wright, Kaydy Wright, Caleb Wrye, Landon Yates, Skylar Young, and Kevin Zhang.

Seventh Grade: Elizabeth Abrams, Grayson Adams, Chaelyn Bandy, Lauren Baringer, Kyle Bell, Alanah Bonnell, Raegan Bowman, Tanner Bromfield, Sage Brown, Ashlyn Cain, Madalynn Cale, Bridget Carlisle, Riley Carlisle, Andrew Carter, Brianna Carter, Casey Carter, Ryeli Catalan, Cohen Cook, Colter Dean, Emma DeGeorgis, Emmalee Dodson, Hannah Eakin, Alexis Felty, Colten Fore, Owen Gray, Lannaiya Hardy, Caiden Harnish, Aniyah Harper, Dorian Hollis, Shayla Hunt, Christopher Hurd II, Brandon Hurley, Mason Jenkins, Alexander Jones, Stella Jones, Lily Joy, Cameron King, Joel Kinney, Reagan Kirby, Ariel Kirkham, Evan Klein, Austin Kroner, Isabella Lane, Reece Magill, Ella McCoy, Jackson McCoy, Ellie McCulloch, Penley Moore, Canton Musser, Brody Parrish, Maggie Peters, Eric Pierce, Myles Preston, Grace Reynolds, Hope Reynolds, Makayla Ring, Liam Robertson, Bruce Robinson, Colin Rodgers, Ashlei Rutland, Jonah Schofield, Alexis Short, Nicolas Sipes, Elliott Smith, Tarren Staton, Kaitlyn Tang, Zane Taylor, Zane Telsch, Aubrey Tidrow,

Jakeem Toler, William Turman, Breanna Wallace, Kara Watkins, Sonja Wiedmann, Skye Williams, Leighann Wood, Isabella Worley, and Ava Yost.

Eighth Grade: Jeremy Abbott, Joshua Allen, Logan Andrews, Aiden Barton, Titus Beatty, Kelsey Bell, Aubrey Booze, Ella Brady, Jacob Bray, Caleb Brunk, Kendra Brunk, Austin Bumgarner, Kaylin Bumgarner, Jenna Bunce, Lily Carrell, Xavier Clingenpeel, Braelynn Coles, Sydney Coles, Bladimir Cortes Martinez, Jacob Courtemanche, Matilyn Cox, Bianca DeMelo, Kendall Dodson, Emma Dooley, Nevaeh Edwards, Jaelyn English, Paul Ferrebee, Katelynn Franks, Cody Gardner, Elizabeth Gheen, Chloe Gill, Sofia Gonzalez, Ryleigh Grubb, Keegan Harold, Philip Haroulakis, Tyler Harris, Brooke Hershel, Jaden Holmes, Isabel Hristov, Ryan Hurley, Lauren Johnson, Cary Jones, Kasey Kendall, Tate Kotz, Shelby Krawczyk, Kayla Lovern, Kierstin Mabry, Elizabeth Martinez, Ryan McIntyre, Collin Mills, Anya Moore, Miley Moses, Emily Ngo, Carson Nichols, Harman Niday, Lizeth Nolasco, Carlee Partleton, Leila Pichardo, Tyler Pickeral, Andrew Reynolds, Keith Schult, Jr., Makenzie Scott, Mitchell Sigafoes, Bryce Simpson, James Smith Jr., Tanner Songer, Taylor Spangler, Kylin Spence, Kole Stephenson, Mallory Summo, Kaeleigh Swan, Evan Tabor, Jamez Toler, Zane Vasser, Dixie Venable, Aliyah Ware, Micah Wheeler, Nathaniel Whitney, Oakley Wilkerson, Aaron Wood, and Angie Zaragoza'pene.

Dogwood Festival coming up April 28-May 1

Just 14 days are left until the 67th Annual Vinton Dogwood Festival gets underway on April 28 (continuing through May 1).

The festival features a four-day carnival, annual parade, over 90 vendors featuring handmade crafts, a Business Showcase, a Friday night concert, festival entertainment stages, a car show, the crowning of Miss Vinton Dogwood Festival, a free Kids' Zone and the new Teen Space.

Kick off for the celebration begins Thursday, April 28, at 6 p.m. and concludes Sunday with carnival rides for children and adults, games, and food by Cole Shows.

The energetic PIZAZZ band, performing soul, funk, beach, country and rock, will present a concert on Friday at the Vinton Farmers' Market Stage, from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.; gates and beverage garden open at 6 p.m. Admission is \$5.

Saturday, April 30, will be a day of activities for all ages. In addition to the food and craft vendors downtown, there will be live entertainment on two stages including:

The Mason Creek Band will be appearing at the Vinton Baptist parking lot stage from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Craft vendors will be located in the parking lot at Vinton Baptist from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

And at the Vinton Farmers' Market Stage and park-

ing lot:

The William Byrd High School Jazz Band will perform at 10 a.m.

Tim Martin and Brian Wheeling at 11 a.m.

The McFlys Ultimate '80s Party Band at noon

Defy Gravity Cheer Team at 1 p.m.

The McFlys, 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

The free Kids' Zone lat the Vinton Farmers' Market will feature large inflatables, a petting zoo, crafts, games, and prizes from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

The Festival Committee is also announcing a new free "Teen Space" with a climbing wall, "Escape Room," game stations, and other fun activities located between the Vinton Municipal Building and Farm-Burguesa from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The RVR-AACA Antique Car Show will take place in the parking lot at Thrasher Memorial UMC from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Business Showcase vendors and food vendors will line Lee Avenue from 10 to 4 as well.

In keeping with tradition, the crowning of the Miss Vinton Dogwood Festival Queen will take place on the Vinton Municipal Building stage at noon. One William Byrd High School student will receive the cov-

eted crown and the honor of riding along with her court in the 67th Annual Dogwood Parade.

The parade will step off at 2:30 p.m. following a route from the Vinton War Memorial on Washington Avenue through downtown Vinton to Gus Nicks Boulevard.

Entries include the William Byrd High School Band, the Virginia Highlands Pipe and Drum Band, Miss Kitty's Cosmonaut Stilt Walkers, a variety of floats, walking and novelty classic vehicles, costumed characters, clowns, and many more.

Craft vendors downtown on April 30 will include: LazyDog Studio, Designs by V Fee, Stevens Books, Alan's Woodcraft, DKFizzes, Richard Caldwell Wood Crafter, By the River Designs, Sweet Magnolia Wax & Co, This & That from Outback, JB Woodworking, Sticks & Stitches, Susan Brogan, Paint Pouring by Gia, Valley Vet Goods, Boyd's Woodcrafts, Gem Possible, Tracy Dean, Colorful Creations by Calli, Stephanie Woods, Wendy's Jewels Design & Boutique, Artwork by Leah Coffman, Blessed x2 Creations, Sisterly Sweets, Barr Wreath Company, Creations by Kelli, L&M Unique Creations. Vintage Smile Co, Rumpelstiltskin's LLC, Leather & Grace Co, Power Mill Creek Woodwork-

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Be sure to look for the Festive Feeders booth. Festive Feeders Inc. began as a class project in Franklin County High School's Eagle Tech program, a project-based learning program where students learn content and skills through finding real solutions to real problems. Teachers Lee Frye and Shannon Brooks found that the Eagle Tech Introduction to Entrepreneurship class was struggling with business startup activities because they had no business experience. They decided to remedy that by having the class launch and run their own business for a few weeks to gain experience that would help them plan more real-



PHOTO FROM THE DOGWOOD FESTIVAL COMMITTEE

Franklin County students will be selling Festive Feeders at the Dogwood Festival. The feeders started out as an Entrepreneur class project.

istically. In November 2021, Festive Feeders was born; the feeders will be on sale at the Dogwood Festival.

Alan's Woodcrafts will also be on hand on April 30. Everything for sale by this vendor is made one at a time out of domestic and exotic hardwoods using various tools. He says, "God made the trees and I just found what was hidden inside."

Festival foods include barbecue, nachos, fries, hot dogs, catfish, funnel cakes, candy apples, cotton candy and much more. Look for Tinker Mountain Kettle Corn, Kara's Grill, and SW

Virginia Concessions, to name a few.

For more information call (540) 983-0614 or visit www.vintondogwoodfestival.org to download a Vinton Dogwood Festival Schedule of Events. Check facebook.com/vintondogwoodfestival for frequent updates.

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Virginia Students Again Among Top 10 in Achievement on AP Exams

Nearly 27% of Virginia's 2021 public high school graduates demonstrated college-level achievement on at least one Advanced Placement examination, according to data released today by the College Board, the nonprofit organization that manages the AP program.

The College Board reported that 26.9% of the commonwealth's 2021 graduating seniors earned a score of three or higher on at least one AP test. This represented a slight decrease from 2020, when 27.9% of graduating seniors earned qualifying scores.

The commonwealth tied for ninth in the nation in AP performance according to the College Board. Nationwide, 22.5 percent of graduating seniors achieved scores of three or higher.

"I congratulate all of our 2021 graduates who accepted the challenge of these rigorous courses and examinations," Superintendent of Public Instruction Jilian Balow said. "While celebrating their

success, we also must recognize that since 2015 the commonwealth has fallen from third in the nation to ninth as the number of Virginia students taking AP exams has declined and participation in other states has grown. It is time for a serious discussion about what we can do at both the state and local levels to broaden access to AP courses and remove barriers to participation."

Disaggregated by student group, the percentages of Virginia 2021 graduates who earned a qualifying score on at least one AP examination during high school are as follows:

Asian students: 55.9%
American Indian students: 20%
Black students: 8.9%
Hispanic students: 21.9%
White students: 29.5%

Although colleges and universities set their own policies for awarding credit, a score of three or higher on an AP test is generally accepted as indicative of college-

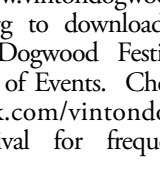
level work.


Virginia students earned qualifying scores on 80,893 AP examinations in 2021. According to the College Board, this represents an estimated 242,679 college credits. At an average rate of \$471 per college credit hour, the College Board estimates the total potential cost savings for the commonwealth's students and families was \$114,221,725.

The 10 most popular AP courses among Virginia's 2021 graduating seniors were — in descending order — English Language and Composition, U.S. History, U.S. Government and Politics, World History: Modern, Psychology, English Literature and Composition, Calculus AB, Environmental Science, Biology and Human Geography.

Massachusetts was first in the nation (31%) in AP achievement, followed by Connecticut, New York, Maryland, Florida, New Jersey, California, Colorado, with Illinois and Virginia tying for ninth.

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HeRow Expo 2 car show attracts large crowd to downtown Vinton

The HeRow Expo 2 car/truck/bike/ATV/Powersports Show drew a crowd estimated at about 1,000 visitors to downtown Vinton on the evening of April 9.

The event was sponsored by HopeDriven, a local non-profit organization which raises funds for the medical expenses of seriously ill children throughout the Roanoke Valley, Lynchburg, and

other areas in Southwest Virginia. The organizers have taken their love for motorsports and turned it into an opportunity to impact the lives of local children and fight childhood cancer.

The event was named after Rowan Price, a young girl who battled leukemia. 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.

Vinton's Community Programs Director Chasity Barbour says that 127 cars entered the show on Saturday and donations thus far have totaled about

\$8,000, the biggest event the organization has had to date.

This year, HopeDriven selected Kayce Bradfield of Moneta as the beneficiary of the event. She was diagnosed with high-risk Neuroblastoma 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 proceeds are being donated to Kayce and her family to put towards her medical bills and other various expenses that occur with her treatment.

It's not too late to donate. For more information visit the HopeDriven Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/hopedrivenhelpgiven/>.



PHOTO BY CHASITY BARBOUR

Cars, trucks, bikes and ATVs filled the streets of downtown Vinton on April 9 for the HopeDriven fundraiser to benefit victims of childhood cancer.



PHOTO BY DEBBIE ADAMS

There were 127 entries in the HeRow Expo 2 car show, which raised over \$8,000 in donations for the non-profit HopeDriven.

Greenway Commission cleans up creek banks

The Roanoke Valley Greenway Commission organized a clean-up last Saturday, April 9, along Glade Creek in Vinton and nearby Tinker Creek in Roanoke City. Members of Pathfinders for Greenways, Commission members, and their families participated.

Pathfinders President Brian McCahill has said, "In our community, we

are so fortunate to have a wonderful greenway system that enables us to safely connect, exercise, and refresh on our natural and paved trails, even during a global pandemic."

In 2022, April 9 was designated as Clean Valley Day by Roanoke's Clean Valley Council which formed in 1978. Individuals organized teams to clean up areas

they selected across the valley.

According to Janet Scheid, former Vinton Town Council member and chair of the Greenway Commission, "A couple of the more interesting things we recovered were a stuffed toy dolphin, an inflatable swimming pool and an entire artificial Christmas tree, along with five shopping carts."



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Members of the Roanoke Greenway Commission and Pathfinders for Greenways spent April 9 cleaning up along Glade Creek in Vinton and Tinker Creek in Roanoke. Shown left to right are Bud LaRoche, Janet Scheid, and Tyler and Rob Lyon.

Blue Ridge Parkway projects near Vinton, Roanoke scheduled to end during the 2022 visitor season

National Park Service officials have announced that multiple road projects on the Blue Ridge Parkway near Roanoke and Vinton are scheduled to be complete in the coming months.

Specifically, the rehabilitation of the Roanoke River Bridge, at Milepost 114.7, is expected to be finished in June; and repairs needed to stabilize slope failures near Mileposts 119.7 and 127.9 are expected to conclude by the end of September.

While work is underway and until repairs are complete, current, signed detour routes will remain in place.

The detour route around both projects extends from Route 24 at Washington Avenue (Milepost 112.2) in Vinton to Adney Gap at US 221 (Milepost 136.0); and access to Explore Park remains available from the south via US 220 (Milepost 121.4).

Behind closed gates, the Parkway is closed to all uses including motorists, cyclists, and pedestrians. The public's cooperation with these closures helps support an efficient work schedule and the safety of staff, visitors, and the contractor.

The Roanoke River Bridge closed during the summer of 2021 for a long-scheduled, major rehabilitation project. The National Park Service and Federal Highway Administration identified this project as a priority

in 2015, as part of the ongoing, multi-year road maintenance planning cycle for the Blue Ridge Parkway.

This project included concrete repairs to bridge piers, reconstruction and drainage repairs to approach areas, removal of existing asphalt surface and waterproofing membrane, installation of new waterproofing membrane and asphalt surface, and repainting of the steel super structure of the bridge.

A spring 2020 storm resulted in a full road failure roughly 150 feet in length at Milepost 127.9. Geotechnical and roadway experts have designed and planned a series of repairs for this emergency project, including installation of soil anchors and reconstruction of the fill slope, to stabilize the area and restore safe access.

At the time of the large slide, Parkway staff discovered another smaller slope failure at Milepost 119.7. Repairs needed at this location will also take place this season and be managed using single-lane traffic controls. Park visitors in this section should anticipate delays up to 15 minutes, a shifted lane alignment, warning signs, new pavement markings and a regulatory speed reduction to 35 mph.

Daily road status updates are available on the park's website at www.nps.gov/blri.

Athletes

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introduced Landon Niday who will be playing soccer at Hampden-Sydney College. Dishman said the college is "getting a great kid with great parents. It has been exciting to see him grow and develop on and off the field. He uses opportunities when he gets them." Landon has received All Region honors, "a testimonial to his hard work and leadership. He is excellent athletically and academically." Landon's parents are Kevin and Wendy Niday.

Girls Soccer Coach Molly Cox introduced Anna Milliron and Riley Firebaugh as they prepared to sign their letters of intent.

Anna Milliron will be playing Division III soccer at Ferrum College. Riley Firebaugh will be playing Division II at Emory & Henry.

Cox talked about both girls as "super special" and "the reason we have built the program we have. They have taken us to where we are now. Other players enjoy being around these girls. Coaches dream of having hard working, personable players like them. They both always have a smile on their faces. I know they will excel in college."

Both were voted captains of the team and "the team looks up to them as leaders." Both Anna and Riley have won All-District honors.

Cox said that she knew they were "something special as freshmen." They are busy girls, not just with sports, but with many church and club activities.

Anna's parents are Stephanie and Jay Milliron; Riley's parents are Debi and Steve Firebaugh.

Lacrosse Coach Will Satterfield introduced player Cole Spencer who signed a letter of intent with Limestone University in South Carolina.

Satterfield expressed his profound respect for Cole, who "gives everything you've got, loves the game, and plays with everything you have." He advised Cole to "relish the moment and enjoy the opportunity to play at the next level." Satterfield noted that lacrosse is starting to grow in popularity and recognition and players like Cole are helping to take it to the next level.

Cole's parents are Noel Spencer and Robin Roberts.

Swim Coach Krista Martin introduced Austin Nielsen who will be swimming for the Roanoke College program. "Roanoke College is lucky to have you," she told Austin. She described him as "a wonderful swimmer, and a terrific person, with a wonderful moral compass." Martin said Austin always puts the team first, above himself as an individual, with a "whatever is good for the team" attitude.

"Austin swims with passion and purpose," Martin said. "He is willing to do the work and always with a smile. He is helpful and always cheering on his teammates." He has received numerous recognitions locally, and in the state, individually and on teams.

Austin's parents are Sarah Sell and Ben Nielsen.

Football Coach Brad Lutz introduced Hunter Richards and Peyton Fuchs.

Hunter Richards will be playing Division II football at Emory & Henry. He is a multi-sport athlete and "the most highly decorated player on the team," with numerous recognitions—local, district, and state. Lutz said that Richards is equally as good on offense or defense, "playing either side of the ball." Hunter has been offered scholarships by five colleges and recruited by several others. Hunter's parents are John and Christie Richards.

Peyton Fuchs will be playing Division III football at Ferrum College. "Ferrum is getting one heck of a kid, a fantastic kid," Lutz said. "He is loyal—a program kid who gets William Byrd football and its vision."

Fuchs has also received All District honors and is a multi-sport athlete, playing football and basketball. His parents are Eric and Laurie Fuchs.

In conclusion, Lutz urged all of the student athletes signing letters of intent to remember "a lot of people got you here—parents, guardians, pastors, teachers, coaches. Make sure you thank them. You put in the work, but a lot of people molded you. Continue the tradition and be a great example at the college you attend."

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Remembering Vinton

with the Vinton Historical Society

50 years ago in 1972

In 1972, the Town of Vinton was experiencing a period of unprecedented growth and expansion. The pace of building had tripled between 1971 and 1972. Building permits had reached an all-time high of \$6.7 million.

The new Hardy Road Elementary School (now W.E. Cundiff) was under construction at a cost of \$1.5 million, featuring the open space design. Frank Stone had been named principal of the new school.

Lake Drive Shopping Center had grown to include Kroger, Super-X Drug Store, G.C. Murphy department store, White's Home and Auto Store, Sidney's Fashion Store, Keystone Shoes, the Bank of Virginia of the Roanoke Valley, and the Virginia ABC Store.

Other facilities planned for the center included Peoples Federal Savings and Loan, a Hallmark card and gift shop, a restaurant, a beauty shop, a dental office, and a religious bookstore.

Even the Post Office business was booming with receipts of \$99,000, and 3,000 stops along

town routes— mostly residential.

In the past year, the town had purchased three new police cars, a half-ton pick-up truck, a new bulldozer, an aerial ladder truck for the Fire Department, a new ambulance for the First Aid Crew, a new garbage-packer truck, and a new sewer cleaning machine. All of the downtown streets had been resurfaced, Niagara Road had been opened from Lake Drive to Lauderdale Avenue, a police radio system had been installed for 24-hour dispatch, and an 800,000-gallon water tank was completed, along with new water lines on Hardy Road.

Then Vinton Messenger Publishers Don Smith and Paul Fitzgerald penned an editorial entitled "Vibrant Community Reflects Vibrant People" and much of their message remains true in 2022.

Here's what they said:
"Any person who visits Vinton, even if only occasionally, and who can see, hear, and feel, knows that this community and the adjoining area are in the midst of a period of fantas-

tic growth. The evidence is all around us, and more manifestations appear daily.

"In the town itself, new construction tripled during the past year. Residential growth outside the corporate limits is continuing at a similar pace, and the evidence of a corresponding increase in business establishments is on every corner.

"There scarcely is a vacant lot in the town which is not in the process of being utilized for single-family or multi-unit residences.

"This then brings with it the corresponding increase in public facilities and shopping establishments, and these in turn bring more homes. It is a climbing spiral, and the entire area cannot help but benefit from it.

"We have commented before that many factors combine to make Vinton so ideally suited for both residential and business growth, but we keep coming back to one essential attribute— the pleasant personality of the community itself.

"Granted, of course, that the personality of the community is but a collective reflection of

the individual character of the people themselves— and that is the secret of the success.

"All of you, young or old, old-timer or newcomer, third generation or import— all of you are the basic ingredient from which the Vinton success picture is derived. You are here because Vinton is the type of community in which you wish to live because you are the spe-

cial kind of person that you are. That, too, is a self-fueling spiral, and the best for which we might hope.

"In any view of Vinton's success— residential, governmental, commercial, social, cultural, public, or private— the special contribution made by the character of the people is the backbone of the community created."

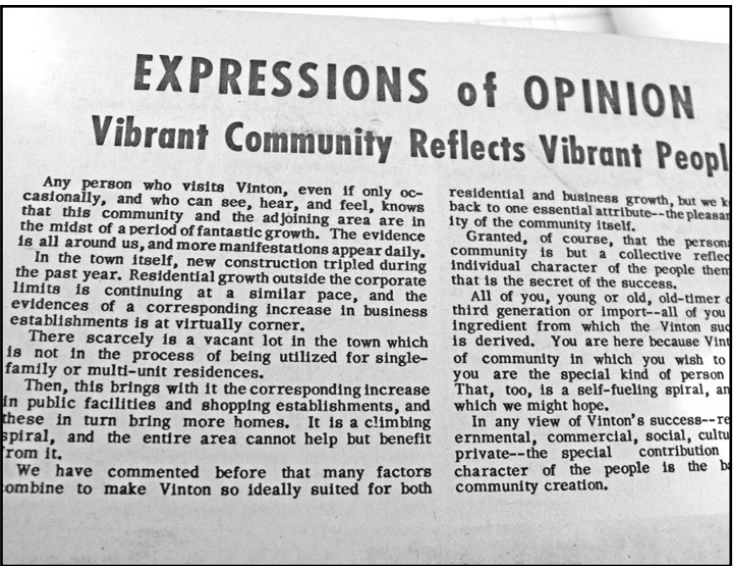


PHOTO FROM THE VINTON HISTORY MUSEUM

An editorial by the publishers of The Vinton Messenger in 1972.



From the Pulpit

The Least, the Last, the Lost are always with you

The pastors and congregation at Thrasher Memorial UMC have spent several weeks on a sermon series based on Victor Hugo's novel, "Les Misérables," set during the French Revolution.

"Les Misérable" comes from the word "La misère," which means suffering that comes from poverty. (Un) Misérable is a person who suffers from poverty so "Les Misérables" could be translated as a story of people who suffer from poverty in a bigger perspective.

I think one of the author's intentions in writing is to bring some hope and help for the poor which he emphasized in his work. Indeed, "Les Misérables" is full of concern for the poor from beginning to the end. Poverty and injustice have a big role in his book, the movie, and in the actual French Revolution.

In the Scripture, there is a verse in the book of Matthew saying, where two or three are gathered together in the name of Jesus, he is there in the midst of them. But there is a saying in France that, where there are more than three people, there is a revolution, and many revolutions have happened in France.

But why? Because there were constant conflicts and discrimination. But mostly, because of injustice and poverty of the third estate of French society, which was the majority of people in France at that time.

"Citizen" was defined and

identified only for people who lived IN the city; those who lived OUT of the city, were not defined, identified, or even treated as French citizens, but as farmers or peasants at that time.

So— unlike the kingdom of God— there was a clear boundary in being citizens of France in the past.

We are all equal before God. Nobody is above or below me. There is no such structure of status in God's Kingdom.

We are all the citizens of God's kingdom. Jesus mentions that the poor are always with us, so do good deeds and show kindness. Basically, Jesus is telling us throughout the scripture, to love and serve the "Least, the Last and the Lost," because that's Jesus' mission.

The least becomes the greatest in the kingdom of God; the last becomes the first; and the lost are found.

The first time that I actually was aware of and experienced world hunger and poverty was when I lived in Kenya, Africa for one year. [His parents were missionaries there]. I lived, ate, played, and even shepherded sheep and goats. We shared where to sleep, what to eat, and what to do together. I complained because I had everything before I came into that life, but they didn't complain about living in a shabby house, eating the minimum, drinking unclean water; rather, they had crystal

clear eyes, and pure hearts and souls, because they had God beside them, before them, behind them, within them, beneath them, and above them.

God was more than enough. Christ was the center of their lives. We were there not just to provide their physical needs, but their spiritual needs as well.

Recently our youth group did the 30 hours famine to be aware of world poverty and raise funds to support the least, the last, and the lost. That has challenged us to open our eyes to see the reality, our ears to hear their crying out, and our hearts to continue loving and serving them in whatever circumstance.

So, on one side, we do try our best to provide their physical needs in some way—giving food for those who are hungry and providing something to drink for those who are thirsty, directly and indirectly.

On the other side, are we, as the church and disciples of Jesus Christ, providing enough spiritual bread and water for others? The daily bread for that would make our souls alive; the living water would never make us thirsty.

I always have coins in my car so whenever I pass by people who are asking for help in front of the red-light, I give them some coins saying, "God bless you." But at church, there are times during the weekday, when I am the only one at the office, and people

come to the church asking for help, mostly financial help.

For those who know me, I don't carry cash, but a bunch of credit cards. There is literally nothing that I can give them. So, I just give them the information on the organization my church works through that helps the homeless and then I asked them before they leave if it's okay for me to pray for them.

Some people stay until my prayer ends, but there are some others who leave without my prayer, because that is not what they wanted or asked for at that moment.

What I want to say through these stories is, that we, as Christians, have the responsibility and duty to provide physical needs for the least, the lost, and the last, but their spiritual needs as well.

People who don't believe in Jesus can raise funds to support, serve others as volunteers, and provide what they physically need. But the difference between them and us is Christ, the gospel, providing their spiritual bread and water that would last forever and that would guide them to come to Jesus. The invitation of Jesus could be personal and intimate.

Sometimes God allows that to happen through us, his disciples.

Yes, the poor both physically and spiritually were, are, and will be always with us. So, what shall we do with them? It starts from

awareness and "awakeness" as Christians.

We have dual duties and responsibilities for the least, the last, and the lost; not just giving their physical needs, but also providing spiritual needs through loving and serving.

The life of all believers consists in worshiping God, who is the foundation of life, and empathizing with, understanding, loving, and serving the lives of our neighbors. I believe that's the purpose of our lives as children of God, disciples of Jesus Christ, and people who are led by the Holy Spirit.

It is our responsibility and privilege to share God's redemptive story through Jesus Christ for those who don't know that story.

The responsibility and privilege to share the gospel, the good news, is, and should be on us. Here I am standing in front of you sharing the gospel. So now it's your turn church, to preach the good news to the least, the last, and the lost in your own mission field whether that is your school, your work, your neighborhood, or even your household. Let us not make the gospel be stuck IN the church but let that be proclaimed even OUT of the church.

By Pastor Seong Jae Jo, Associate Pastor at Thrasher Memorial United Methodist Church

Impact of Ukrainian conflict on U.S. agriculture discussed at trade conference

Over a month has passed since Russia launched its invasion of Ukraine, and economists and counter-crisis experts suggest the economic and political ramifications are still taking shape.

American Farm Bureau Federation economist Veronica Nigh and former U.S. official Brett Bruen spoke about the Russia-Ukraine war March 29 at the Virginia Governor's Conference on Agricultural Trade in Richmond. The annual conference is co-sponsored by Virginia Farm Bureau Federation, the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and the Virginia Tech Department of Agricultural and

Applied Economics.

Bruen, former White House director of global engagement during the Obama administration, opened the discussion by addressing Russian President Vladimir Putin's possible reasons for the invasion. He theorized two motives were at play—to create global division and destabilization.

He said the Russian invasion is a "challenge to the Old World order," which centers on America serving as the "guarantor of stability and security" globally. Bruen also predicted that other world leaders may follow Putin's lead in the future and challenge peacekeeping conventions, as well

as break rules they find "no longer convenient."

Such transgressions ultimately would cause turmoil to global markets similar to that seen in the wake of the Ukrainian conflict.

"I encourage all of you to step back with your teams and really look hard at what other vulnerabilities exist in your supply chain, in your sales," Bruen advised. "Risk has gone regular ... and you, your teams and your suppliers need to develop an agility and an adaptiveness to be able to move through the storms and amidst the uncertainty."

Nigh spoke about the economic uncertainty that has been brought on

by the ongoing war between two of the world's largest grain-producing countries.

Russia and Ukraine combined grow nearly one-third of the world's wheat supply, and Ukraine is the fourth-largest and seventh-largest exporter in the world for corn and soybeans, respectively.

Nigh explained the bulk of Russia's military activity is occurring in Ukraine's most agricultural regions and is halting production. As a result, national corn production is expected to decrease by 37%, and wheat production is projected to drop 40% from 2021.

The decreased out-

put—and Russia limiting exports to countries it has deemed unfriendly to its cause—is contributing to extreme volatility in global grain markets.

"Markets are trying to figure out how much product is going to be out there, when it's going to be available, and they're trying desperately to price wheat, corn and other products," Nigh said.

"It's all dependent on a calendar. Russian and Ukrainian wheat was sown last fall in September and October, and we're looking at a harvest on a normal calendar of July and August. But a lot is going to happen between now and July and

August."

Nigh added that rising fertilizer costs also are affecting American farmers, noting that Russia is the world's largest exporter of nitrogen and third-largest exporter of phosphate and potassium. The unavailability of these critical components are adding to already-elevated fertilizer costs in the U.S., thus adding to farmers' input costs.

Those elevated input costs, Nigh concluded, are contributing to inflation on the cost of food, which is up 4.3% from the year-to-date average in 2021.

From Virginia's Farm Bureau

Roanoke County Public Schools earns Best Community for Music designation for 18th year

The NAMM Foundation has again recognized Roanoke County Public Schools for its outstanding commitment to music education with a Best Communities for Music Education (BCME) designation for the 18th year (2002-2004, 2006, 2008-2019, 2021-2022).

Now in its 23rd year, the Best Communities for Music Education designation is awarded to districts that demonstrate outstanding achievement in efforts to provide music access and education to all students. To qualify for the Best Communities designation, Roanoke County Public Schools answered detailed questions about funding, graduation requirements, music class participation, instruction time, facilities, support for the music programs. Responses were verified with school officials and reviewed by The Music Research Institute at the University of Kansas.

“Our students are learning from some of the best performing arts teachers in the state. The school board is committed to providing our students with many opportunities to experience all forms of fine arts,” said Roanoke County Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Ken Nicely. “We’re very fortunate that the school board is dedicated to supporting our fine arts programs, and this ongoing recognition is continued evidence of that support,” Dr. Nicely added.

Since the passage by Congress in 2015 of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) and a stated emphasis on a well-rounded education, many school districts have re-committed to music and arts education programs and found that in this time of a national pandemic, provides a valuable way to keep students engaged in school. ESSA provides designated funding for well-rounded educational opportunities through Title IV Part A Student Academic Success and Achievement grants.

NAMM Foundation research has revealed that these grants are being widely used by school districts to address instructional gaps in access to music and arts education.

Research into music education continues to demonstrate educational/cognitive and social skill benefits for children who make music. After two years of music education, research found that participants showed more substantial improvements in how the brain processes speech and reading scores that their less-involved peers and that students who are involved in music are not only more likely to graduate high school, but also to attend college as well.

Everyday listening skills are stronger in musically trained children than in those without music training. Significantly, listening skills are closely tied to the ability to: perceive speech in a noisy background, pay attention, and keep sounds in memory. Later in life, individuals who took music lessons as children show stronger neural processing of sound; young adults and even older adults who have not played an instrument for up to 50 years show enhanced neural processing compared to their peers. Not to mention, social benefits include conflict resolution, teamwork skills, and how to give and receive constructive criticism.



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Chamber sponsors annual Golf Tournament

The Vinton Area Chamber of Commerce will be sponsoring its annual Golf Tournament on Thursday, May 26 at the Botetourt Golf & Swim Club located on Country Club Road in Troutville.

A buffet lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m. There will also be a Putting Contest at 11:30, with a shotgun start at 1 p.m.

Registration fee includes lunch, range balls prior to tournament, use of a golf cart, access to the beverage and snack cart, and Goodie bags. Registration is \$75 per player or \$300 per team and is due by May 15.

Prizes will be awarded to:

- The Top 3 Teams
- Closest to Pin
- Longest Drive

There will also be door prizes.

There are sponsorship opportunities to help support the Chamber and promote businesses to potential customers.

The following sponsorship opportunities are available:

LUNCHEON SPONSOR: \$500 (2 available): includes Key name and logo exposure for tournament-- banner hung in lunch area , sponsor board, logo on Chamber website (sponsor to provide banner)s

BEVERAGE CART SPONSOR: \$ 500 or (2) \$250: includes Key name and logo exposure for tournament-- banner hung on Beverage cart golf cart, logo on Chamber website (sponsor to provide banners)

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Mulligan Premiere Package (available to every team): \$20 per person, \$60.00 per team, includes Mulligan, Red Tee & Solo Cup Shot

For more information visit the Vinton Area Chamber of Commerce website at WWW.VINTONCHAMBER.COM , their Facebook page, or call 343-1364.



ANGLICAN
ST. THOMAS ANGLICAN CHURCH - located at 4910 Hubert Rd, NW Roanoke, Va. Traditional Liturgical Lenten Services, Sunday at 10:30 am. Call (540) 589-1299 or visit www.sttofc.org for midweek masses and events. (In Roanoke, go E on Hershberger, L on Hubert to 4910).

BAPTIST (SOUTHERN)
MINERAL SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH & CHRISTIAN SCHOOL - 1030 Bible Lane, Vinton, Va. 24179. Church Phone 890-4465. Rev. Jason Gault. Sunday Services: Traditional Service, 8:45 AM, Sunday School, 10:00 AM, Contemporary Service, 11:00 AM, Evening Worship 6:00 PM, Wednesday Services: AWANA 6:30 PM, Bible Study 7:00 PM

BAPTIST (COOPERATIVE)
VINTON BAPTIST CHURCH - 219 Washington Ave., Vinton, Virginia. 343-7685. Rev. Travis Russell. Sunday Services: Contemporary Service 8:45 a.m., Sunday School 9:50 a.m., Traditional Service 11:00 a.m., Wednesday Services: Family Dinner: 5:30 p.m., Bible Study 6:15 p.m., Children’s Ministries 6:15 p.m., Youth Ministry 6:30 p.m. www.vintonbaptistchurch.org.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH
BELMONT CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST), 1101 Jamison Ave. SE, Roanoke, VA 24013, 540-343-7502, Worship Services every Sunday at 11:00AM, Pastor Terry Brace. We look forward to seeing you this Sunday!

CHURCH OF CHRIST
CHURCH OF CHRIST VINTON - 2107 Feather Road, Vinton. Terry Hodge, Minister, 540-890-1170. Sunday Bible Study 9:45 a.m., Sunday Morning Service 10:45 a.m., Wednesday Bible Study 10 a.m.

ECKANKAR
Eckankar, the Path of Spiritual Freedom, is located at 1420 3rd St. SW, Roanoke, VA 24016. However, due to COVID-19, the Light & Sound Services and other ECK programs are currently available online through Zoom. Visit www.eck-va.org for program listings, www.meetup.com/Roanoke-Spiritual-Experiences-Group, or call 540-353-5365 and leave a message. We will return your call. Also visit www.eckankar.org for more information about how the teachings of Eckankar lead you to spiritual freedom.

FOURSQUARE
EVANGEL CHURCH - 2360 Hardy Road, Vinton, (corner of Hardy Road and Feather Road), 982-3694. Pastor-Tim Wright. Sunday, 10 AM - Worship Service, SuperChurch for Children; Wednesday 6:30-8PM - AWANA Clubs for ages 3-5th grade, Adult Bible Study.

LUTHERAN
ST. TIMOTHY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH, “The Church Under The Cross”, 1201 Hardy Rd, Vinton VA 24179, Pastor, Rev. Dr. James B. Davis (540) 342- 1715, Sunday

Vinton

Worship Directory

GOODBYE TO GUILT

Read Psalms 101:1-8; 103:1-22

Do you feel guilty long after a situation has been resolved? Do you continue to mentally kick yourself for rash words uttered in anger? Do errors you could have avoided keep you awake at night?

Such lingering self-reproach is unhealthy. When you realize you’ve made a mistake, take the necessary steps to correct it; then let it go. Focusing on past problems will not lead to a productive future.

If you have repented of sin and confessed it to the Lord, do not doubt God has forgiven you. His Word makes that emphatically clear.

As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us (Psalm 103:12).

God totally wipes clean our forgiven past. He not only removes the guilt of our sin, but the punishment we deserve. Because Jesus died for our sins, we can live eternally. He set us free from sin and guilt.

Guilt exposes the wrong committed. A forgiven sinner has no reason for guilt to remain (1 John 1:9). If you struggle with guilt, ask God to help you find release.

Thought for Today: Let guilt guide you to God. He has the solution.

Quicklook: Psalm 103:1-12

If you would like to see your church services listed here in the Vinton Messenger contact Tucker Frye at 540-473-2741 or email tfrye@ourvalley.org

School 10:00am, Worship 11:00am, sttimothy1201@verizon.net.

NAZARENE
FIRST CHURCH OF NAZARENE, 728 Highland Ave., SE, Roanoke, Virginia. 342-4003. Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 a.m., Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Wednesday Night Bible Study 7 p.m.

PRESBYTERIAN
CAMPBELL MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1130 Hardy Rd, Vinton, VA, 540-343-1842; cmcp2verizon.net Sunday school 9:45am, Worship 11:00am; Communion 1st Sundays; 2nd Sunday Session; Monday Noon Bible Study; Tuesdays & Thursdays Stretch Class 9:00am; 1st Tuesdays Deacons; Wednesday Choir

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

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

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



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RADFORD News Journal

Auctions

Notice of Public Sale

Notice is hereby given that Storage King USA 201 Berkley Rd. NE Roanoke, VA 24012 will sell the contents of the storage units listed below at a public auction to satisfy a lien placed on the contents (Virginia Statute 55). The sell will take place at the website StorageTreasures.com, under the guidance of Christopher Rosa (2907004316) on the behalf of the facility's management. Units will be available for viewing prior to the sale on StorageTreasures.com. Contents will be sold for cash only to the highest bidder. A 15% buyer's premium will be charged as well as a \$100 cleaning deposit per unit. All sales are final. Seller reserves the right to withdraw the property at any time before the sale or to refuse any bids. The property to be sold is described as "general household items" unless otherwise noted. 135-Kelley Wharton-"household goods": 259-Jonathan Walker-"household goods".

Public Auction

To enforce our owner's lien(s) by Craft Self Storage, 540-260-9563, 100 Roger St. Christiansburg VA, per 55-416 Code of Virginia, Virginia Self Storage Act; the following units will be sold by absolute auction unless payment in full is made to Craft Self Storage prior to auction start: Units H37, G65, and G-16. Auction date April 16th 2022 at 10:00 A.M.

Only registered bidders will be allowed into facility. Register at main office beginning at 9:30 am. No Parking in Bank or B&K lots allowed. Call for make-up date in case of bad weather.

Notice of Public Sale

Notice is hereby given that Storage King USA, 1914 East Washington Ave, Vinton, VA 24179, will sell the contents of the storage units listed below at a public Auction to satisfy a lien placed on the contents (Virginia Statute 55). The sell will take place at the website StorageTreasures.com on 4/26/2022 at 9:00 am. The sale will be conducted on Storage Treasures.com, under the guidance of Christopher Rosa (2907004316) on behalf of the facility's management.

Units will be available for viewing prior to the sale on StorageTreasures.com. Contents will be sold for cash only to the highest bidder. A 15% buyer's premium will be charged as well as a \$100 cleaning deposit per unit. All sales are final. Seller reserves the right to withdraw the property at any time before the sale or to refuse any bids.

The property to be sold is described as "general household items" unless otherwise noted.
D08 – Michael Ulrey – Household Goods; E16 – Larry Sanders – Household Goods; G03 – Michelle Waller – Household Goods; G13 – Melissa Wilson – Household Goods; G20 – Edward Woolridge – Household Goods; G41 – John Reynolds – Household Goods; G51 – Dean Carter – Household Goods; G75 – Vanessa Dillon – Household Goods; H20 – Christopher Flynn – Household Goods; H33 – Mark Ames – Household Goods; H42 – Deana Thurman – Household Goods; I02 – Linda Peery – Household Goods; I30 – Bobbie Hutchens – Household Goods; I75 – Household Goods.

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Legals - City of Radford

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
Sally Davis
Clerk

Legals - City of Salem

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 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 COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA

BY: H. Robert Light
Clerk of Council

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:

On the east by:
Indiana Street (Tax Parcel #198-3-8)
Indiana Street (Tax Parcel #198-3-9)
Indiana Street (Tax Parcel #198-3-10)
Indiana Street (Tax Parcel #198-3-11)
Indiana Street (Tax Parcel #186-6-1)

And on the west by:
Florida Street (Tax Parcel #198-3-1)
Florida Street (Tax Parcel #198-3-2)
Florida Street (Tax Parcel #198-3-3)
Florida Street (Tax Parcel #198-3-4)
Florida Street (Tax Parcel #198-3-5)
Florida Street (Tax Parcel #198-3-6)
Florida Street (Tax Parcel #198-3-7)

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

Salem Iron and Metal
Daryl W. Beckner

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,
Clerk of Salem Circuit Court

Legals - Town of Vinton

ABC NOTICE

Farmburguesa, 303 S. Pollard St., Vinton, Virginia, 24179.

The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) for a Wine and Beer On and Off Premises license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages.

Kat Pascal, Owner

NOTE: Objections to the issuance of this license must be submitted to ABC no later than 30 days from the publishing date of the first of two required newspaper legal notices. Objections should be registered at www.abc.virginia.gov or 800-552-3200.

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Legals - City of Radford

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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 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.

03/10/2022
Sally Davis
Clerk

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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
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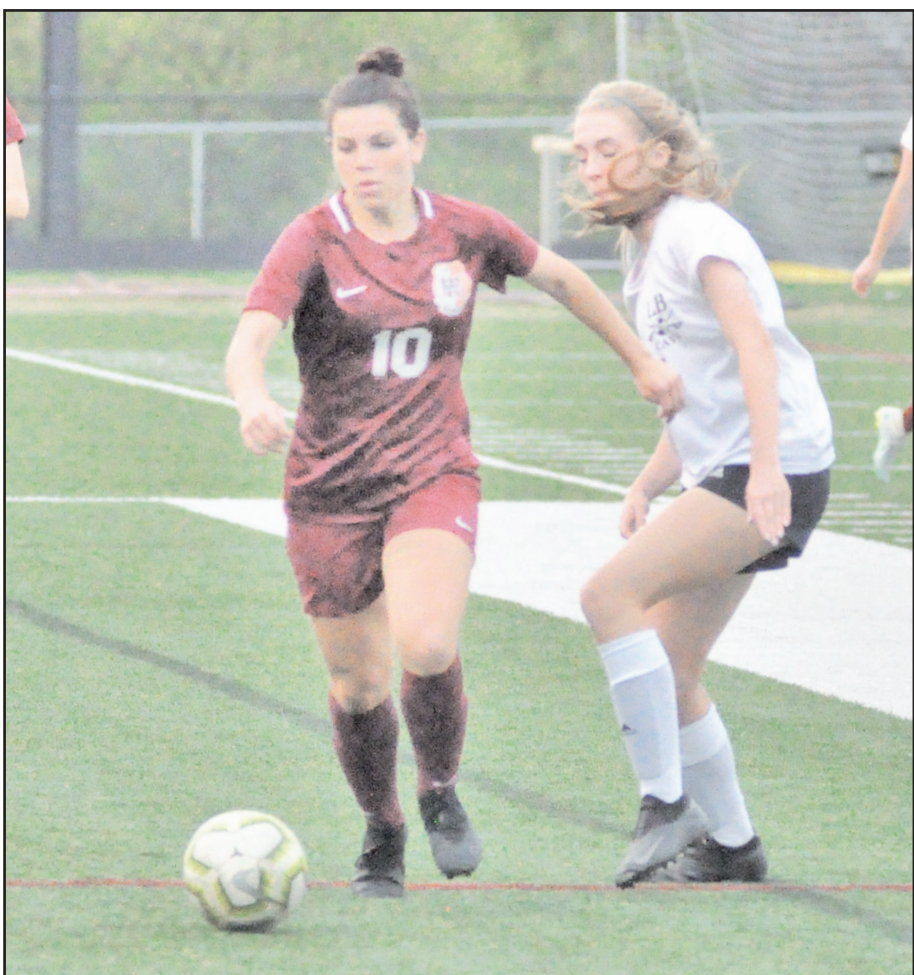
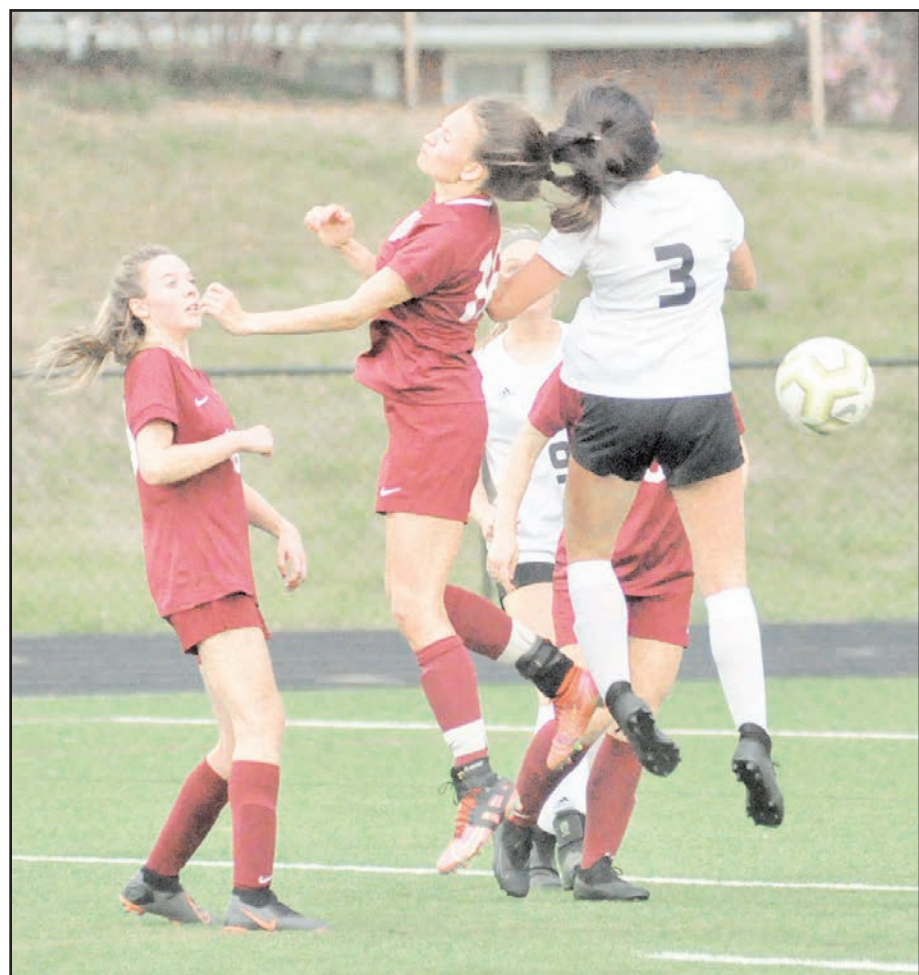
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Above left, Byrd's Maci Glass battles an LB opponent for a header in Tuesday's game at Patterson Stadium. Right, Maddy Simmons(#10) breaks free to move the ball down the field. Below, Byrd keeper Sophia Chrisley makes a sprawling save on a point blank shot.

PHOTOS BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

LB edges Byrd girls in OT

The William Byrd girls soccer team will play host to Cave Spring tonight in a non-district match at Robert A. Patterson Stadium. The girls split two games in the past week, winning at Alleghany but losing to Lord Botetourt in overtime in Vinton Tuesday.

Last Friday in Low Moor the girls played in the pouring rain but that didn't stop them from taking a 4-1 win. Maddy Simmons started the scoring with 12 minutes left in the first half off a throw in taken by Ella Ashworth. However, three minutes after the goal the Mountaineers were awarded a penalty kick and they converted to tie the game at 1-1.

Byrd was able to regain the lead late in the first half with a goal by Addisyn St. Clair for a 2-1 lead at the half, and the Terriers dominated after intermission. Simmons added two more goals in the second half to complete a three goal hat trick, one assisted by St. Clair and the other assisted by Maci Glass. Sophia Chrisley had five saves on the night.

"It was a good team win," said coach Molly Cox.

On Tuesday Lord Botetourt visited Vinton to open the Blue Ridge District season and the game went down to the wire before the Cavaliers pulled out a 2-1 win. LB scored first with 12 minutes remaining in the first half to take the 1-0 lead into half time.

There was a lot of back and forth through the whole second half as Chrisley came up with one big save after another, tallying 15 on the night. Byrd finally found the back of the net with 8:30 left in regulation with a goal by Simmons, assisted by Emma Gordon.



However, Christley had to leave the game with an injury and that hurt the Terriers going into overtime. The Cavaliers scored during the first five minutes of extra time to take the 2-1 win.

"We had the momentum finishing the game until Sophia suffered the injury, removing her from the game," said Cox. "We hung tough into overtime but LB was able to score to win the game."

Byrd will take a 5-2 record into tonight's game with Cave Spring. Next Tuesday, April 19, the girls are at Staunton River.



Byrd's Dylan Hughes has his eyes on a header. PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

William Byrd alum will be on the other side when Terriers travel to Cave Spring pitch tonite

The William Byrd soccer team will be at Cave Spring tonight to go up against a former Terrier great. Byrd alum Brad Collins is the Knights' coach.

Collins is the all-time leading scorer for Byrd during his days playing for Jeff Highfill. Collins is assisted by his brother, Chris, who was also a standout for the Terriers. However, you can be sure the Collins brothers won't be taking it easy on their old school tonight in what's shaping up to be an exciting high school match.

Byrd brings a 3-3-1 record into tonight's action after splitting two matches in the past week. Last Thursday the Terriers played host to Bassett on the Patterson Stadium turf and took a 5-2 win over the visiting Bengals.

"We were looking to bounce back after losing to Hidden Valley and we did just that," said Byrd coach Russell Dishman. "We were able to jump out and take control of the match from the start. We were able to create chances and the guys played great."

Landon Niday had two goals for Byrd while Dylan Anderson, Daniel Britts and Jerry Cruz had one each. Braden Crossan had two assists and others came from Cruz, Ben Guertin and Ian Sigmon. Bricen Lancaster had three saves in goal.

"We were able to create in the run of play, set pieces, and even following up from other opportunities," said Dishman. "The guys played creative, they worked off each other and they took initiative for the moments. The two goals from Bassett were late goals and it was unfortunate not to be able to finish the match stronger to get the shut out, but it was a good result."

On Tuesday of this week the Terriers visited Lord Botetourt for a Blue Ridge District match and the host Cavaliers came away with a 3-1 win.

"It was a challenging match to start as we had to make personnel changes prior to the match," said Dishman. "I asked a lot of the guys and they responded. We gave up a goal in the first few minutes as they were still trying to adjust, but they bounced back and we settled in defensively."

Landon Niday was able to bring the score back to level midway through the half on a strike from about 30 yards out. LB's other two goals came off long throws as the Cavs prevailed.

"It's disappointing that was how it happened but I was proud of the boys for making the adjustments and having to step up in the moments," said Dishman.

Bricen Lancaster had eight saves in the goal for Byrd. The Terriers will return home next Tuesday to host Staunton River.

William Byrd tennis teams get matches in between storms

Spring rains have played havoc with the high school tennis season but the William Byrd girls did manage to get a match in against Hidden Valley last Wednesday. The Terriers dropped an 8-1 decision to a strong Titan team.

"We were pleased with our efforts in the match," said Byrd coach Kayla Mitchell-McCroskey. "All the girls improved from the last time we played them, to the point where Hidden Valley's coaches complimented us on it."

Byrd's point came from the second doubles team of Emilie McCaskill and Grace Saunders, winning by a score of 9-7.

The girls were scheduled to host Lord Botetourt on Wednesday of this week. Last Friday's home match with Bassett was postponed and will be rescheduled in May.

The boys had a match at Bassett last Friday and lost 5-4. The boys are scheduled to host Lord Botetourt next Tuesday, April 19.



Patrick Hodges returns a volley for the Byrd tennis team.

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Left, William Byrd's Evan Mullen drills a hit up the middle with the bases loaded. The ball was misplayed and all three Terriers scored, including Matthew Scavelli(right) who came all the way around from first and slid under the tag of Lord Botetourt catcher Owen Prince.

PHOTOS BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Terriers beat Lord Botetourt, head to Tennessee for two this weekend



Byrd rightfielder Ian Burnett makes a spectacular sliding catch in foul territory in Tuesday's win over Lord Botetourt.

PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Hunter Sipe worked out of a seventh inning jam as the William Byrd baseball team held on to beat Lord Botetourt Tuesday. The Cavs took a 5-3 win at Walthall Park in Vinton.

This was a tight game between two arch-rivals. LB led 2-1 when Byrd put a four-spot on the board in the bottom of the fifth. The Terriers loaded the bases with Evan Mullen at the plate, and he drilled a clean single to center. However, the ball was misplayed in center and rolled almost to the wall as three Terriers steamed around the bases to score.

Byrd held a 5-2 lead into the seventh with the bottom of the Cavalier order coming to bat, but the visitors were able to put runners on the corners with one out. A sacrifice fly made it 5-3 with Botetourt's dangerous top of the order coming to bat with two outs. Leadoff man Nate Prince drilled a sinking liner to left that Byrd leftfielder Israel Hairston snagged knee-high to end the game.

Sipe went the distance on the mound, allowing just one earned run. He allowed six hits but didn't walk a single batter.

"Lord Botetourt doesn't strike out

much," said Byrd coach Jason Taylor. "Our plan was to pitch to contact and hope they didn't hit it hard."

Byrd catcher James Purcell continued his red hot start to the season with a home run to deep left center and a sacrifice fly that was caught a step in front of the fence. Through six games James is 13 for 23 at the plate for a .565 batting average and seven runs batted in. In addition to the home run the junior catcher also has three doubles.

Last Friday at Staunton River Byrd was leading 5-0 in the top of the third when the rains came, halting the game at that point. It will be picked up at that point when a date for the makeup game is decided.

This weekend the Terriers will be competing in a two-day baseball invitational in Kingsport, Tennessee. On Friday at 5:30 pm Byrd will take on Morristown East High School and on Saturday at noon the Terriers will take on Tennessee High. Both games will be played at Hunter Wright Stadium, the home of the minor league Kingsport Mets.

The Terriers will be back home next Wednesday, April 20, to host Bassett.



Byrd Alumni HR Derby is on April 30

The William Byrd baseball alumni will gather for a home run derby and golf tournament the last week-end of this month. The annual event is always a highlight of the spring baseball season.

On Saturday, April 30, the Home Run Derby will be held at 12 noon. Alumni are asked to contact Gary Walthall if they plan to attend and there will also be a baseball game if enough alumni are interested in playing.

On this day teams from the past will be recognized as they celebrate reunions from every 10 years. This will be the 50th reunion for the 1972 team and also honored will be the '82, '92, 2002 and 2012 teams.

The golf tournament is scheduled for Sunday, May 1, at Blue Hills and the response was excellent, as a full 30 teams have signed up.



Byrd's McKenna Paradis rushes the ball up field in a game at Patterson Stadium.

PHOTO BY REGINA DEVINNEY

WB Lax teams host CS on Friday

The William Byrd High School lacrosse teams will host Cave Spring on Friday at Patterson Stadium in a girls-boys doubleheader. The girls' game is scheduled to begin at 5:15 pm with the boys to follow.

Both teams were scheduled to play Hidden Valley at Bogle Field in South Roanoke County on Wednesday of this week but results were too late for publication. Prior to that neither team had played a game since they took on Rockbridge on April 5.

Track team will host meet Sat.

Robert A. Patterson Stadium will be the site of the "Terrier Team Challenge" track meet on Saturday. The meet begins at 9 am and a large number of schools are expected to attend.

Softball can't rally from 11 runs down

As has been the norm early in this softball season the William Byrd girls fell behind Tuesday and battled frantically to catch up. This time, however, they couldn't draw even as they fell to Lord Botetourt in Daleville, 11-8.

Back in March the Terriers came from 15 runs behind to beat Bassett, so when Byrd went down 11-0 to LB early in Tuesday's game there was no need to panic. The Byrd girls rallied for eight unanswered runs but came up a little short as they fell to 2-5 on the season.

"We just can't start quick," said Byrd coach Greg Barton. "I like the fact that our girls never give up, but it's tough when you get down early like that."

Logan Pekala relieved Chloe Varney on the mound and held the Cavs in check while Byrd attempted a furious comeback. Brooklyn Peters and Maddy Tuck had three hits each for Terriers but it was too little, too late.

Byrd will try to get back on the winning track tonight when the girls travel to Hidden Valley for a 6 pm game. Then they return the trip to Bassett next Wednesday, April 20.

The Terriers were rained out of a home game with Staunton River last Friday.

The Terriers warmed up for the big meet with a trip to Lynchburg last Friday for the University of Lynchburg High School Twilight Invitational. Byrd had some strong showings in the first outdoor meet of the season for the Terriers.

For the girls, Mya Rosser finished second in the discus with a state qualifying throw of 104'2 while Emily Fisher was fifth in the high jump with a height of 4'2. Chloe Harrilla finished sixth in the long jump with a jump of 15'6.5 and fourth in the triple jump at 31'7.5". The 4x100m relay of Harrilla, Sarah Fuchs, Emma Dalton and Remi Figart took second with a time 52.64.

Olivia Hurd was runnerup in the 800m run in 2:27.94. Dalton was fifth in the 200m dash with a time of 28.10 and Gracie Mick finished sixth in the pole vault, clearing 7'6".

On the men's side Dylan Hughes was fifth in the 100m dash with a state qualifying time of 11.33. In the 400m dash Wyatt Bailey took fifth with a time of 53.02. In the 110m hurdles Walker Nance was fifth in the 110m hurdles at 17.16 while DeShawn Austin took a fifth place finish in the 300m hurdles with a time of 48.08. Hunter Richards was third in the shot put with a throw of 41'.25".

The Terriers sent about 40 athletes to a meet at Glenvar on Wednesday of this week but results were too late for publication.

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