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Christopher Haymaker, a rising senior at William Byrd High School/BCAT, will be working part-time at Wabtec Graham White in the Student Registered Apprentice program.



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Britton Harnish, a rising junior at WBHS, will be working for GJ Hopkins in the Student Registered Apprentice program.

Celebration honors new Student Registered Apprentices

On a very hot May 20, over 20 students from Roanoke County, Roanoke City, and the City of Salem officially joined the Student Registered Apprenticeship program. They and representatives from their partner companies were introduced to the crowd at Haley Field prior to a Salem Red Sox game by Chuck Lionberger, Roanoke County Schools Director of Community Relations.

The Student Registered Apprenticeship program is a joint partnership program

with the three public school systems. Students are hired by participating businesses and work part-time to earn industry-recognized credentials and learn specific workplace skills.

Through the apprenticeship program, students can learn many skills all while earning a paycheck, high school credit, and an industry credential that means they could go straight into the workforce after high school graduation.

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Roanoke County Schools recognizes retirees

Retirees from Roanoke County Schools, including faculty, staff, and support personnel, were honored at a dinner on May 17.

Each retiree received a plaque "extending appreciation for your dedication to the students and staff of Roanoke County Public Schools. You have made a difference in so many lives through your caring heart, wisdom, and sharing spirit."

Only a handful of school

employees from Vinton-area schools are retiring in 2022. They include:

Charles "Chip" Camper, a 7th grade English teacher at William Byrd Middle School who has taught for 30 years in Roanoke County

Mary Draper, a nutrition associate at Mount Pleasant Elementary, retiring with 35 years of service

Barbara Hassell, a German teacher at William Byrd High School who completed

her almost 30-year teaching career with four years in Roanoke County. She taught this year at WBHS, William Byrd Middle School, and Northside High School. "It will be difficult for me not to get up and teach every day," she said.

Teresa James, a 6th grade English teacher at William Byrd Middle School with 19 years of service

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PHOTO FROM RCPS

Mary Draper is retiring from Mount Pleasant Elementary. Shown left to right are School Board member Mike Wray, School Board Vice Chair Brent Hudson, Draper, and School Board member Tim Greenway.

William Byrd seniors celebrate Senior Day

The faculty, staff, and administration at William Byrd have always done their best to make senior year memorable for students, leading up to the last two weeks of school and then graduation. Principal Tammy Newcomb has always made every effort to make seniors feel like they are an important part of the community and that they owe thanks to the many who mentored them along their journey.

This year May 18 was declared Senior Day at William Byrd High School, and included the communities of the middle school and the four elementary schools which feed the high

school.

Seniors were invited to start out the day with "Senior Sunrise" on the football field at the high school. Breakfast followed in the school cafeteria, before the Class of 2022 boarded buses to travel down memory lane to their own elementary schools. Buses delivered students to Bonsack, Herman L. Horn, W.E. Cundiff, and Mount Pleasant Elementary. Students who had not attended elementary school in one of those four schools could choose between them for a visit.

About 50 Byrd seniors were guests at W.E. Cundiff, greeted by Principal Ashley McCallum and

other faculty and staff members, and even a handful of the seniors' parents who couldn't re-

sist one more trip into the past.

Cundiff teacher Anne Jones had made name

badges for the former WEC students with their names and photos from their earliest grade

at Cundiff. These name tags were added to their

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PHOTO BY DEBBIE ADAMS

Members of the William Byrd High School Class of 2022 who had attended W.E. Cundiff Elementary in Vinton paid a visit to the school on Senior Day, dressed in their graduation caps and gowns.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

William Byrd senior Hunter Muddiman has won several art awards this spring, including the 6th Congressional District 2022 Congressional Art Competition.

Artwork by Byrd student Hunter Muddiman to hang in US Capitol

William Byrd High School senior Hunter Muddiman is having a stellar year as far as recognition for his artwork goes. He has won Gold and Silver Key Awards in the 2022 National Scholastic Art Competition. His most recent accolade is from Virginia 6th District Congressman Ben Cline who chose Muddiman's artwork as the winner in the district's 2022 Congressional Art Competition.

His painting, entitled "Shores of Observation," will be on display in the United States Capitol with other winners for one year.

Each spring, a nationwide high school arts competition is sponsored by the members of the U.S. House of Representatives. The Congressional Art Competition is an opportunity to recognize and encourage the artistic talent in the nation, as well as in each congressional district.

"All students from Virginia's Sixth Congressional District are encouraged to participate in this year's art competition," Cline said when the competition was announced. "This is a wonderful opportunity for students to showcase their

artistic ability and for the selected winner to have his or her artwork on display at the Capitol for the next year."

Muddiman is a graduating senior at William Byrd High School and the Burton Center for Arts and Technology. His art teacher at BCAT is Natalie Strum.

The Congressional Art Competition was open to all high school students in the 6th Congressional District. The winning artwork will soon be on display in the Capitol and will also soon be featured online on the Congressional Art Competition page at <https://www.house.gov/>.

WBHS student Bennett Burger, also a member of the Class of 2022, was the runner-up in the competition; her work will also be hung in the Capitol.

"Both students are exceptionally talented and represent our school and community well," said WBHS Principal Tammy Newcomb

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SPOTLIGHT ON TOWN OF VINTON STAFF

Nathan McClung

Nathan McClung is the Assistant Planning & Zoning Director for the Town of Vinton. He joined the town staff in 2018 as Principal Planner. In 2019 he was selected as Vinton's Town Employee of the Year.

He received his Master of Public Administration (MPA) in 2018 and his B.A. in Public and Urban Affairs in 2016 from Virginia Tech.

McClung specializes in strategic and deliberative planning and zoning processes at the local government level. The experience gained working in both rural and urban

communities has allowed him to utilize a multi-faceted and comprehensive approach to various planning initiatives, projects, and the creation of land use regulations.

"The members of the Town of Vinton Planning and Zoning Department are some of the unsung heroes of our town staff," said Vinton Mayor Brad Grose. "The Planning Department is the first point of contact for many important daily functions such as zoning questions and permits. In addition, the department performs many crucial

functions such as grant application and administration, future land use planning, code enforcement and various other duties."

The Town of Vinton and The Vinton Messenger have teamed up to put the spotlight on Town of Vinton employees during the month of their birthdays. The town is proud to have these individuals on staff and wants to make the community aware of who is "behind the scenes" making the town look great and operate so successfully.



PHOTO FROM TOWN OF VINTON
Nathan McClung, Vinton Planning and Zoning Department

Experience HU – The Sound of Soul

Singing HU can bring comfort, peace and calm, a release of fears, and answers to your questions. You

and your family are invited to a Sound of Soul event on Saturday, June 4, at 11 a.m. at the Blue Ridge Library, 28 Avery

Row, Roanoke.

Regardless of your beliefs or religion, you can sing HU to become happier and more se-

cure in God's love. HU is an ancient name for God that has been sung for thousands of years in many lands for spiri-

tual enfoldment.

The program consists of a heart-opening spiritual quotation and a 15- to 20-minute HU

chant (either aloud or silently) and quiet contemplation. Fellowship and light refreshments follow the event.

WBHS alumni graduate from Ferrum

Jacy Marvin and Briona Hurt, members of the William Byrd High School Class of 2018, graduated from Ferrum College in commencement exercises in April.

Jacy received a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration: Sports Management. Her parents are Jeff and Jeri Martin.

Briona received a Bachelor of Science in Health and Human Performance: Exercise Science. Her parents are Houston and Tonya Otey.

The two young women were described by their coaches at William Byrd as the "dynamic duo" of basketball.



Ferrum College Class of 2022 graduates Briona Hurt (left) and Jacy Marvin

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RECIPE OF THE WEEK

May is National Strawberry Month

It's still Strawberry Month. Here's an easy recipe for Strawberry Mousse.

Fresh Strawberry Mousse

- 1 pt. strawberries
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 3 oz. package strawberry Jello
- 2 cups whipping cream
- Water

Instructions: Mash strawberries, then drain and reserve juice. Set pulp aside. Add enough water to juice to make 1 and 1/2 cups liquid.

Bring juice mixture to boil. Add Jello, stirring to dissolve. Chill until consistency of unbeaten egg whites.

Combine strawberry pulp and sugar. Stir into Jello mixture. Pour whipping cream into chilled bowl. Beat until soft peaks form. Fold into strawberry mixture. Chill until set. Serves 10-12.



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Dickson graduates magna cum laude from Va. Tech



Austin Dickson

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Austin Dickson of Vinton graduated in May from Virginia Tech, magna cum laude with two bachelor degrees— a Bachelor of Science in Information Technology with a concentration in Cybersecurity Management, and Analytics and a Bachelor of Science in Management with a specialization in Entrepreneurship Innovation, and Technology.

Dickson graduated from William Byrd High School with the Class of 2018.

He has been hired to work as a Cyber and Strategic Risk Analyst at Deloitte in Arlington.

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Local businesses honor officers with Police Week cookout

Mountain View Real Estate, the Greenway Boothe Real Estate Team, and Alcova Mortgage-Vinton celebrated National Police Week on May 17 with their annual BBQ cookout. Law enforcement officers

from the Town of Vinton, Roanoke County, and Roanoke City were invited for "food, drinks, and fun" from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Police officers who attended expressed their appreciation not only

for the burgers and hot dogs, but for the support of the local businesses and community. Jason Boothe, a partner in the Greenway Boothe Real Estate Team, said that between 30 and 35

officers attended over the course of the afternoon. The group started the cook-outs pre-pandemic but had to skip last year; now they are back in full-force. The businesses also celebrated

Teacher Appreciation Week by delivering some nugget trays from the Chick-fil-A in Bonsack to Herman L. Horn and W.E. Cundiff Elementary Schools and William Byrd Middle and High Schools.



Mountain View Real Estate, the Greenway Boothe Real Estate Team, and Alcova Mortgage-Vinton honored local law enforcement officers during National Police Week with a cookout at their offices in Vinton. Officers from the Town of Vinton, Roanoke County, and Roanoke City were the guests



Shown left to right, Brad Greenway and Jason Boothe of the Greenway Boothe Real Estate Team and Matt Critzer of Alcova Mortgage-Vinton, fire up the grill to thank officers for their service during National Police Week.

Botetourt group thanks Vinton Breakfast Lions for their assistance

Daleville-Fincastle Lions Club Secretary Lowell Skelton and Troutville Volunteer Fire Department Treasurer Scott Johnston visited the Vinton Breakfast Lions Club on Wednesday, May 11. On behalf of their

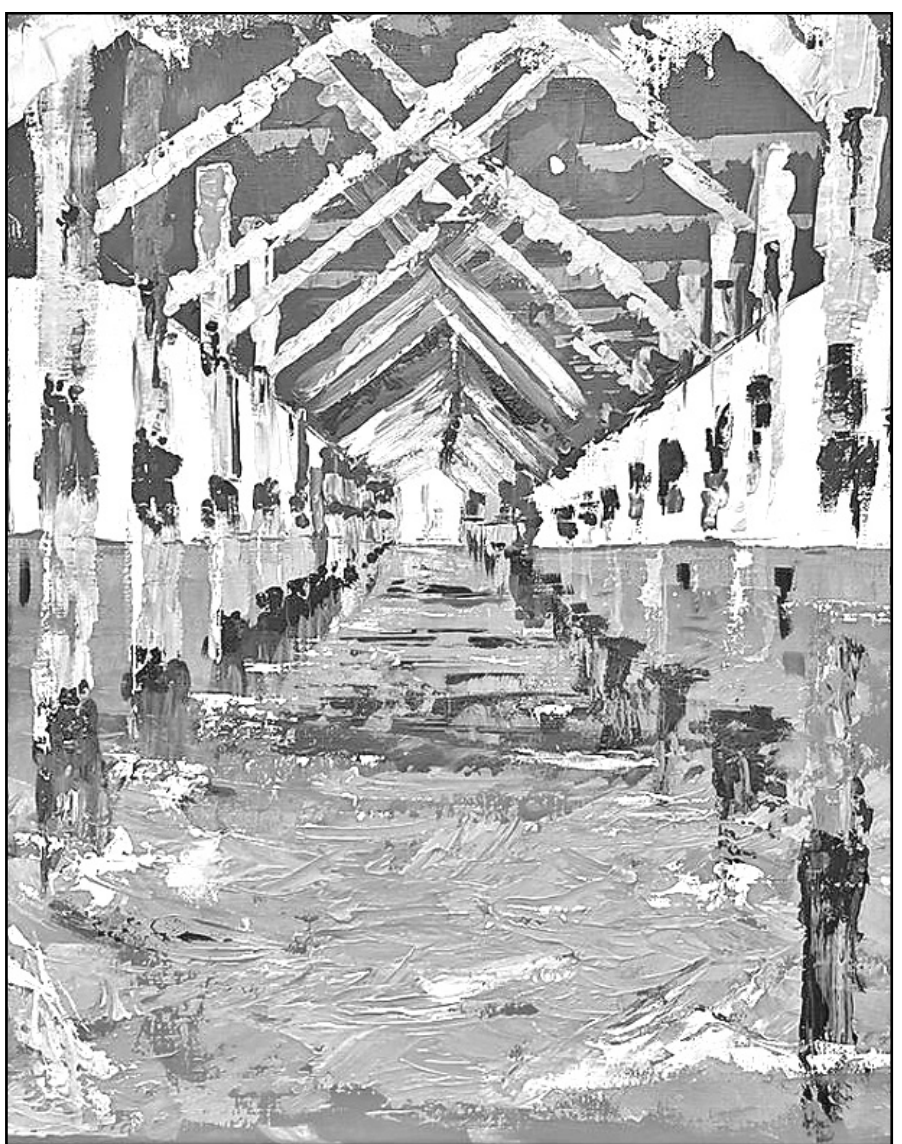
organizations, the two men presented Certificates of Appreciation to members of the Vinton Breakfast Lions Club who assisted them at their successful joint Draw Down Fundraiser on April 2. The following mem-

bers were awarded certificates: Clark Crawley, Joel Lytton, Hal Mabe, Chris McCarty, Eric Mills and Patti Mills. Each organization also presented a check of \$250 to Vinton Breakfast Lions President John Dyer.



Shown left to right are Scott Johnston, treasurer of the Troutville Volunteer Fire Department, and Lowell Skelton, secretary of the Daleville-Fincastle Lions Club, with Vinton Breakfast Lions John Dyer, Eric Mills, Joel Lytton and Hal Mabe.

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Hunter Muddiman's work, "Shores of Observation," will hang in the U. S. Capitol for the next year.

Public invited to Memorial Day Ceremony to honor Bedford Boys

The Bedford International Alliance will be holding its annual Memorial Day Ceremony at Greenwood Cemetery in Bedford to honor the Bedford Boys who perished on the

beaches of Normandy on D-Day, June 6, 1944. Following the ceremony in remembrance of these fallen heroes, flowers will be placed on the graves of those buried

at the cemetery, and recognition will also be given to those buried in Normandy and on the Tablet of the Missing. The event will be held on Monday, May 30, at 2 p.m.

(rain or shine). The public is invited to attend this tribute to local heroes. The mission of the Bedford International Alliance is to

continue to promote awareness and appreciation of the rich historical legacy between the communities of Normandy in France, Ivybridge in England, and Bedford, Virginia.

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5. Presides over meetings (abbr.)

9. Trefoil

10. Father of Paris

12. Asian nut for chewing

13. Machine gun from the air

16. The communion table

17. His razor

18. Father

19. Doctor of philosophy

22. Cologne

23. Black tropical Am. cuckoo

24. Diversifies

28. Razor author 14th C

31. Maple sugar fluid

32. A corp.'s first stock offer to the public

34. The premier bike race

42. References

43. Extremely high frequency

44. Actress Farrow

46. Not good

47. State of annoyance

48. S. China seaport

51. Bengal quince

52. Provide the means

54. A large and imposing house

55. Excessively fat

57. Spars

58. Former wives

59. Repeat

CLUES DOWN

1. Podetiums

2. Frankenberg river

3. Feel ill

4. 12th state

5. "Anything Goes"

6. Daily time units (abbr.)

7. Cagiva __: motorcycle

8. Drug agent (slang)

9. Study of poetic meter

11. Ceremonial staffs

12. Russian pancake served with caviar

14. Supervises flying

15. Large Australian flightless bird

16. As fast as can be done (abbr.)

19. Before

20. Hall of Fame (abbr.)

21. Constitution Hall org.

24. Atomic #35

25. Ducktail hairstyle

26. Independent ruler

27. Oval water scorpion

29. Modern London Gallery

30. On top

33. Identicalness

35. 2002 Olympic state

36. Tease or ridicule

37. Arrived extinct

38. Opposite of begin

39. Ol' Blue Eye's initials

40. South Am. nation

41. Type of salamander

42. S. China seaport

44. Woman (French)

45. 007's Fleming

47. __ Domingo

49. A French abbot

50. Gorse genus

51. An uproarious party

53. Point midway between E and SE

54. A waterproof raincoat

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57. Of I

Apprentices

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tion. For students, apprenticeships can lead to careers. For employers, apprenticeships can help companies train future workers and fill open jobs.

“When this program started five years ago, we had a handful of student apprentices,” said Jason Suhr, Director of Career and Technical Education for Roanoke County Public Schools. “Today, we have had dozens of apprentices and many graduates have been hired by their partner business on a full-time basis. These graduates are not only earning a good living, but some have also already advanced into leadership positions.”

“Our goal with the student registered apprenticeship program is to provide opportunities for students to get a head start on a potentially good paying career, while also learning key workplace skills and earning an industry credential,” said Jess Truax, coordinator of Workplace Learning for Roanoke City Public Schools.

“There are career pathways that require students to pursue a college degree right out high school, and college is a great option for some students,” said Jamie Soltis, Assistant Superintendent for Salem City Schools. “However, there are many more career pathways that don’t require a college de-

gree at first. The student registered apprenticeship program gives our students opportunities to explore and pursue good-paying career options without incurring a load of student debt. Later on, if that student needs higher education, chances are the company may pay for that education.”

William Byrd High School will have four participants in the Student Registered Apprenticeship program. Two of them signed on last fall—Alyssa Nunley working with Brown Hound Tree Service, and Sam Wilcox with the Western Virginia Water Authority.

Two new students from WBHS signed up to be registered apprentices at the event on May 20.

Christopher Haymaker, a rising senior at Byrd and the Burton Center for Arts and Technology (BCAT), will be apprenticing for manufacturer Wabtec Graham White. He learned about the company at a job conference he attended, put in an application, received a call back, and attended the company’s open house. He applied, was interviewed, and was then accepted into the program.

His job title with Graham White will be “apprentice mill operator.” He will be taking four core classes at WBHS and then several hours each week working in the appren-

ticeship program. He has been attending BCAT for three years in the Mechatronics program and will continue that program with an independent study class as a senior.

Haymaker said he chose to participate in the program because “it’s a good opportunity to get experience, plus earn money.” He is excited to become a student apprentice. His parents are Wendy and Don Haymaker and April Holmes.

Britton Harnish, a rising junior at William Byrd, has also joined the Student Registered Apprenticeship program. He will be working for GJ Hopkins, Inc. (mechanical and electrical contractors) learning the electrical trade. Harnish has been attending BCAT for two years in the building trades program. Harnish says he heard about the program, and since doing electrical work is his goal, it was a good fit. His parents are Kellay and Jake Harnish.

Here is the complete list of Student Registered Apprentices for the upcoming year:

Balzer & Associates will employ and train Camden Freeland from Glenvar High School in Year 2 of the program and Ryland Rice from Northside High School, Year 1.

Brown Hound Tree Service will employ Alyssa Nunley (WBHS) in Year 2 of her pro-

gram. G&H Contracting will employ Summer Gibson (NHS) and Nick Halverson (Salem High School), Year 1 of the program.

GJ Hopkins, Inc. welcomes Braiden Sowers (Salem), Samuel McCown (Hidden Valley), Noah Herald (Salem), Parker Karns (Patrick Henry), Daniel Harmon (Patrick Henry), Britton Harnish (WBHS), Josh Levering (Cave Spring) for Year 1 of the program, and Blake Dixon (Glenvar—Year 2).

James River Laser will employ and train Jacob Hall (Glenvar) and Jake Fariss (Cave Spring).

Renaissance Contract Lighting registered apprentices include Cooper French and Isaac Walker, both from Patrick Henry High School.

Roanoke County General Services will employ Aiden Trull from Hidden Valley.

Southern Trust Home Services apprentices include Hunter Quesenberry (Northside) and Wade Luper (Glenvar).

Wabtec Graham-White will employ and train Eli Gorman (Glenvar), Christopher Haymaker (WBHS), Damien Painter (Salem), Anthony Trovata (Northside), and Jacob Vaughan (Hidden Valley).

The Western Virginia Water Authority apprentices will be Kara Hopkins (Year 2,

Cave Spring), Fiona Thurston (Year 2, Cave Spring), Watson Koeppel (Year 2, Cave Spring), Melody Campbell (Hidden Valley), Daquan McGeorge (Patrick Henry), Jaron Haley (William Fleming), and Sam Wilcox (Year 2, William Byrd).

“What makes the registered apprenticeship program beneficial is the flexibility it offers to both the schools and the partner businesses,” said Suhr at a previous signing ceremony. “Students are able to enter into the workforce in small numbers where they are needed.

“At each partner business, students are taking their related instruction while on the job,” Suhr said. “Students begin learning about the company and begin to develop related skills years earlier than if they waited until they graduated from high school or college. More importantly,

the students begin to develop a relationship with the partner.”

The Student Registered Apprenticeship program is for students ages 16 and up. Students make a commitment to maintaining good grades in school and working part-time at the business under specific Virginia Department of Labor and Industry regulated conditions toward becoming a highly trained and credentialed employee of said business.

The process of being selected includes students being screened by school system officials to ensure graduation requirements can be met and an interview by the business.

The Student Apprenticeship event was hosted by the Salem-Roanoke County Chamber of Commerce.

For more information on the program, visit <https://www.rcps.us/Page/3059>.



PHOTO BY DEBBIE ADAMS

New Student Registered Apprentices were introduced at a Salem Red Sox game on May 20 by Roanoke County Schools Director of Community Relations Chuck Lionberger (right). He is shown with WBHS Student Apprentice Britton Harnish.

Time for LOA Let’s Give Lunch

The LOA has kicked off the annual Let’s Give Lunch fundraiser to support Meals on Wheels and their nutrition program – the 31st year for the event. Ticket sales are now underway for lunch, scheduled for Friday, June 17, at North Roanoke Baptist Church.

The goal of Let’s Give Lunch (along with the LOA Soup for Seniors

food drive in February) is to help the elderly remain independent for as long as possible.

Once again this year, there is no dine-in option; curbside pick-up and delivery are available. Drive-thru hours in the church parking lot are 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Delivery is available from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Delivery orders must be received by June 3.)

The event goes on “rain or shine.”

The price of a meal is \$20; that pays for your meal and two meals for homebound seniors in the area.

The meal includes a gourmet deli sandwich on a Kaiser roll with ham, turkey, provolone, and cheddar cheese (vegetarian option: deli sandwich with spinach, tomato, red onion, cucumbers, portobello mushrooms, red, yellow, and green peppers, and cheddar and provolone cheese), country potato salad, fresh strawberries, a “decadent” brownie, bottled water, and a souvenir cup.

In addition to purchasing a lunch, the public is invited to participate in the Meals on Wheels Raffle, which includes such items as gift certificates for Joe Goodpies, RND Coffee, Barnes and Noble, Target, Amazon, Kroger, Food Lion, Walmart, Ace Hardware, Starbucks,

Parkway Brewing Company, Taphouse or Tizzone in Daleville, and Fresh Market; a P. Buckley Moss painting of Lantz Mill, a Hotel Roanoke Sunday brunch for four, a Biscuits and Bubbles bath grooming certificate, an hour at Blue Ridge Axe Throwing, four passes to the Launching Pad Trampoline Park, a 90-minute float at Still Water Floatation, Liberty University Sports tickets, Virginia Tech basketball tickets, green fees at Ashley Plantation, a one-year family membership at Safeside Tactical, gift baskets from Mary Kay and the Hemp Mill; and the regular raffle.

Or you can just make a donation to the Meals on Wheels program.

Meals on Wheels receives 100% of the proceeds from the Let’s Give Lunch event.

Through the Meals on Wheels program, volunteers deliver a hot, nutritious lunch Mon-

day through Friday to homebound senior citizens. Each meal supplies one-third of the Dietary Reference Intakes. The Meals on Wheels service is available to homebound seniors, ages 60 and older, who are residents of the LOA’s service area (Virginia’s Fifth Planning District), which includes Alleghany County, Botetourt County, Craig County, Roanoke County, Covington, Roanoke City, and the City of Salem.

To qualify for the program, the senior must be unable to prepare a nutritious mid-day meal with no one available or willing to prepare the meal for them. Spouses and disabled dependents, regardless of age, may also qualify. This helps alleviate caregiver stress and worry.

The Meals on Wheels program serves 550 recipients each day, so it relies on a variety of sources to cover the costs

of meals. The program receives funding from federal, state, and local governments, the Greater Alleghany Fund, and the Community Foundation Serving Western Virginia. Those funds are supplemented with fund-raising, grants, and recipient donations—including proceeds from Let’s Give Lunch.

Pre-pandemic, the June event was promoted as “Let’s Do Lunch” and involved a sold-out luncheon at the Kazim Shriners Temple on Campbell Avenue in Roanoke with entertainment by the renowned Jane Powell with William Penn and Friends.

For more information, to purchase lunches, make a donation, or buy raffle tickets, call 540-345-0451 or visit the LOA website at www.loan.org/letsivelunch.

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North graduates with honors from VCU

Adam North, a Roanoke native and former student at William Byrd High School, is among the graduates of the Class of 2022 at

Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond.

North is graduating with Summa Cum Laude honors, earning his Master’s

Degree in Sport Leadership. Beginning in July, he will begin a new position as a Fan Experience & Sales Coordinator with Wake For-

est University Athletics in Winston-Salem, N.C.

His parents are Phil and Bonnie North of Roanoke County.

Celebrating The Town of VINTON!

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

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

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

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Beyond Books

First things first—thank you to all who voted for the Vinton Library in Roanoke Magazine’s Annual Best of Roanoke Awards; we are honored to have won the Gold Prize for Best Library and are eager to keep offering you our best high-quality services and programming!

Register online for our Zoom presentation “Discovering Juneteenth,” which will take place on Thursday, June 16 at 6 p.m. Learn how to use resources, including Freedman’s Bank Database, Black Freedom Struggle Database, and ancestry.com, to research the history of Juneteenth and other aspects of African American history, as well as how to analyze accurate information on the Internet.

On Wednesday, June 15 from 2-4 p.m. we will be Laser Etching Keychains. Come by to learn how to make your own laser etched wooden keychain, held outside on the upstairs patio.

On June 13 at 11 a.m., presenter Riley Ginger with the Better Business Bureau will be giving a talk on Cybersecurity. Come by to learn new tips and resources that can be used to be more secure online.

Carilion will be here on June 27 from 11-11:45 a.m. asking, “How Do You DASH?” Speaker Angela Charlton, RDN with Carilion Community Health and Outreach, will teach you how Dietary Approaches to Stop Hypertension can help you lower your blood pressure and improve your overall health. We will also have Blood Pressure Screening with Carilion Clinic from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. in the lobby.

Calling all gardeners, new and experienced! Speaker Sharon Burnham will be giving a talk called “Master Your Garden: Glorious Native Shrubs for the Home Garden” on June 30 at 6 p.m. Come to learn about native shrubs from one of the Master Gardeners of Roanoke. Sharon will teach you what shrubs are native to the area and how you can use them in your garden both to bring beauty and to help preserve the native Virginia ecosystem.

Open Bridge is on Tuesdays from 1-4 p.m.; the Roanoke Valley Dulcimers will meet Saturday, June 18 from 10:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.; Saturday Morning Cartoons will be every Saturday from 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. on the patio, weather permitting.

The Vinton Book Club will discuss “Crying in H Mart” by Michelle Zauner on June 2 at 3 p.m., and the As the Page Turns Book Club will discuss “In the Midst of Winter” by Isabel Allende on Wednesday, June 8 at 2 p.m.

Also, the DMV Connect service will be here June 1-2 and 27-28 from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., closing

from 1-2 p.m. for lunch.

It’s Summer Reading time again! From June 4 to August 6, RCPL’s Summer Reading Program asks you to “Read Beyond the Beaten Path.”

The Vinton Library will be holding a kick-off event on Thursday, June 9 from 2-4 p.m. Outside we will have balloon twisting with Lib’s Lab, a chalk obstacle course, a bubble machine, photobooth fun, a story stroll, hot dogs provided by the Vinton Police Department, and finally, we will be closing the event by watching “The Never-ending Story” on the patio at 4 p.m. During all the fun at our kick-off event, be sure to sign up online or with a librarian in person for the Summer Reading Program and read three books by August 6 to be entered to win fun completion and branch prizes for kids, teens, and adults.

Drop in with the whole family on Friday, June 10 from 2-3 p.m. for the Litter Critters Petting Zoo and have fun petting furry creatures outside the library.

If that’s not enough animal fun for you, you can register for the Virginia Museum of Natural History: Animal Explore Program on Wednesday, June 15 from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. The Virginia Museum of Natural History will present a live animal program complete with animals to view and touch, along with other specimens such as furs and feathers.

We welcome teens to register to come to our Paint Pour program on Wednesday, June 8 from 3-4 p.m. Create a beautiful piece of art using the paint pouring technique. Supplies will be provided. Also, teens can Make Your Own Pins with our button making machine on Monday, June 13 from 2-4 p.m. Teen Gaming will take place on Monday, June 27 from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Be sure to bring the kids to Camp Day on Tuesday, June 7 from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. They will be able to meet a park ranger, make camp crafts, sing camp songs, make cup smores, and enjoy popsicles— all the fun of camp without having to stray too far from home.

Have fun creating and playing with bubbles of all sizes on Monday, June 12 from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at our Bubble Play event. Kids can make a Father’s Day card for Dad in the children’s area on Saturday, June 18 while supplies last.

The Summer Storytime session starts the week of June 20 and ends the week of July 18. Join us for Jamie Time on Tuesdays at 6 p.m. (ages 3-5) and Family Storytime on Wednesdays at 11:30 a.m. (ages 0-5).

By Molly Meador, Library Assistant, Vinton Branch Library

Board of Supervisors approves increased elections budget

Significant changes to voter registration and elections in Virginia have created the need for additional funding for the Roanoke County Department of Elections.

The General Assembly has made more than 90 changes to Virginia’s election laws in the past three years. In combination, they have dramatically increased the costs associated with conducting elections. These legal requirements cover everything from election equipment and software to voting machine and election data security.

Virginia has expanded the availability of absentee voting to all registered voters with no excuse required for a full 45 days, and mandated office review of returned absentee ballot envelopes, so as to facilitate ballot curing and the pre-processing of all absentee ballots received by mail in the week prior to Election Day.

Most recently, bills have been enacted which will completely alter the manner in which absentee results are reported, which will necessitate use of precinct-specific ballots.

Compliance with this mandate will necessitate implementation of a Ballot-on-Demand system for early voting and an increase to the number of ballots ordered for Election Day.

Through all of this, Roanoke County’s Department of Elections has not received additional funding for operations and maintained only three full-time staff.

Each locality is required to pay the reasonable expenses of the general registrar including costs for conducting elections and voter education. The electoral board of each county is tasked with determining the number of assistant registrars to serve in the office of the general registrar.

The Roanoke County Electoral Board is requesting that the Board of Supervisors provide the needed funding to ensure “that our elections are conducted freely, fairly, within the confines of the law and with the greatest possible integrity.”

Laurie Gearhart, Director of Finance and Management Services, Chairman of the Roanoke County Electoral Board Ken Srpan, and Anne Cloeter, Director of Elections and General Registrar made a presentation to the board on May 24, detailing their requests.

The Electoral Board is requesting the addition of two, new full-time employees

to prepare for upcoming elections, and to increase the general registrar personnel and operating budget by an additional \$263,788.

The cost of adding the two employees totals \$108,099.

Additional costs of \$155,689 for the Operating Budget include:

Part-Time Officers of Elections/Election Day staffing—\$68,039

Cost of staffing Absentee Precinct during pre-processing, Election Day, and post-election tabulation; cost of fully staffing 33 precincts on Election Day

Accommodate extensive changes to the election administration process

Voter card processing/postage—\$36,500

Cost of 75,000 voter cards and No. 10 window envelopes, sorting, and postage

Virginia law requires the registrar to send each registered voter an updated voter card once redistricting is complete

Hardware & firmware warranties for voting machines—\$18,000

Maintenance and service for voting machine hardware and firmware

Ongoing cost, necessary to ensure proper function of voting machines

Ten Ballot-on-Demand printers and licenses—\$18,150

Printers for Vinton and Brambleton Satellite (\$8,150 – one time) and licenses to enable secure printing with pollbook equipment (\$10,000 – annual)

Permit compliance with recently approved S.B. 3 and H.B. 927, which require reporting absentee results by voter’s assigned precinct

Increase Election Day ballot orders to 100%—\$15,000

Ensure sufficient supply of paper ballots at each precinct on Election Day

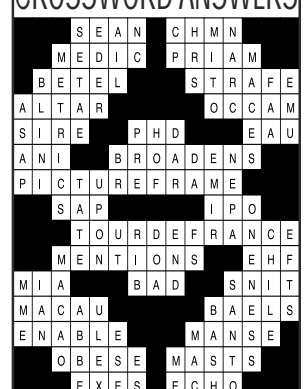
To accommodate changes in results reporting per S.B. 3 and H.B. 927

The Board of Super-

visors approved the requests for an additional \$263,788 by the Department of Elections at their meeting on May 24 after discussion. The previously adopted FY 2022-2023 Department of Elections operating budget was for \$551,823.

Vice Chair Jason Peters, who represents the Vinton Magisterial District on the board, said that the goal should be to have equitable hours and services for the Vinton Elections Office and the Brambleton Satellite Office by the elections in 2024.

CROSSWORD ANSWERS



LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF VINTON, VIRGINIA NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Please be advised that the Vinton Town Council will hold a public hearing at its meeting on Tuesday, June 7, 2022, at the Vinton Municipal Building, 311 S. Pollard Street, Vinton, Virginia, at 6:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, for the purpose of discussing the proposed FY2022-2023 Town of Vinton Budget.

Revenues	Total All Funds
General Fund	\$10,246,696
Grant Fund	4,208,017
Capital Fund	2,669,000
Stormwater Fund	620,996
Total Revenues	\$17,744,709

Expenditures	
General Fund:	
Town Council	\$150,014
Town Manager’s Office	539,518
Human Resources	170,114
Legal Services	58,517
Treasurer/Finance Department	669,688
Police Department	2,756,226
Communications Services	150,000
Fire & EMS	2,385
Police/Animal Control	2,880
Public Works Administration	461,395
Maintenance/Highways/Streets/Bridges	1,164,274
Snow and Ice Removal	23,983
Traffic Signs and Street Light	89,875
Refuse Collection	558,940
Recycling	74,898
Building & Grounds	213,547
Health Department	24,520
Special Programs	225,225
War Memorial	313,188
Vinton Veterans Monument	5,000
Swimming Pool/Parks	2,965
Senior Program	30,708
Town Museum	14,227
Planning & Zoning	460,403
Economic Development	35,666
Public Transportation	120,000
Vinton Business Center	7,350
Debt Retirement	1,171,674
Performance Agreements	154,720
Retiree Insurance	4,800
Transfer to Other Funds	589,996
Total General Fund	\$10,246,696

Grant Fund:	
VML Risk Management Grant	4,000
ARPA Funding	4,204,017
Total Grant Fund	\$4,208,017

Capital Fund:	
Police Department	\$11,000
Highway Maintenance	580,000
Building & Grounds	462,000
Traffic Signs & Streets	266,000
Town Museum	15,000
Planning & Zoning	275,000
Economic Development	860,000
Transfer to Stormwater	200,000
Total Grant Fund	\$2,669,000

Stormwater Fund	
Administration	\$102,874
Street & Road Cleaning	85,081
Operations	433,041
Total Stormwater Fund	\$620,996

Total Combined Expenditures	\$17,744,709
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Persons requiring special assistance to attend and participate at this public hearing should contact the Town Manager’s office at (540) 983-0607.

Susan N. Johnson
Town Clerk

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Any additional information on this public meeting is available in the Town Manager’s Office, located in the Vinton Municipal Building, (540) 983-0607. Persons requiring special assistance to attend and participate at this public hearing should contact the Town Manager’s office at (540) 983-0607.

Susan N. Johnson
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Retirees

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Debra Lester, music teacher at Mount Pleasant Elementary School with 18 years of service in RCPS

Jody McKnight, an instructional assistant at Bonsack Elementary with 30 years of service for RCPS

Kathy Stackpole, the cafeteria manager at Bonsack Elementary School, with 28 years of service to RCPS

Billy McBride, a building manager at William Byrd High School, retired earlier in the year

No employees are retiring this year from W.E. Cundiff or Herman L. Horn Elementary Schools.

Retirees from other county schools include:

BCAT: Martha Gilchrist (10 years)

Burlington Elementary: Leslie Dixon (18 years), Sharon Falls (19 years), Julie Parker (24 years), Eric Rice (14 years)

Cave Spring Elementary: Karen Barr (20 years), Linda Thomas (17 years), Peggy Thompson (6 years)

Cave Spring High: Peter Lustig (29 years)

Cave Spring Middle: Jeanne Akers (16 years) and Stuart Sibley (28 years)

Clearbrook Elementary: Janet Hilliard (20 years), Julie Wingfield (18 years)

Fort Lewis Elementary: Rose Ann Ferris (11 years)

Glen Cove Elementary: Brenda Journell (30 years), Loretta Martin (22 years)

Glenvar Elementary: Kimberly Smith

(30 years)

Glenvar High School: Karen McPeak (37 years), James Shorter (46 years)

Glenvar Middle: Dottie Forrest (26 years), David Redding (23 years),

Green Valley Elementary: Robert Blades (17 years), Mary Lou Hagen (36 years), Melinda Madison (13 years),

Hidden Valley High School: Cynthia Ulrey (20 years), Martha Wade (17 years)

Hidden Valley Middle: Lisa Childress (38 years), Sonya Cline (28 years), Cynthia Curbow (20 years), Earl Hughes (42 years), Renee Munsey (27 years), David Neil (12 years), Lynna Sloan (10 years)

Mason's Cove Elementary: Jennifer Satchwell-Crocker (20 years), Melissa Woods (15 years)

Mountain View Elementary: Sandy Brown (23 years), Karen Fabrie (21 years), Gloria Gibson (21 years), Susan Price (22 years), Charlene Vann (28 years)

Northside High School: Dawn Cassell (21 years), Donna Culicerto (36 years),

Ed Culicerto (37 years), Linda Curd (40 years), Gail Hagerty (20 years), Jerald Neal (8 years), Robin Smith (31 years), Freida Stultz (8 years), Tammy Wood (18 years)

Northside Middle: Robert Shelton (25 years), David Simpkins (23 years)

Oak Grove Elementary: Linda Ramsey (25 years), Christine Sarver (18 years), Tim Summers (24 years), Missy White (21 years)

Penn Forest Elementary: Tami Sanders (15 years), Mike Thompson (32 years)

Central Office: Sue Bostic (50 years), Terry Hartley (16 years), Judy Loftis (26 years), Beckie Mitchell (42 years), Cindy Perdue (22 years), Debbie Shelor (38 years), Martha Webb (24 years), Cammie Williams (38 years)

Maintenance: Jimmy Carroll (32 years)

Transportation: Dennis Thompson (11 years)

Warehouse: Gary Alexander (15 years)

RECRUITMENT FOR RESEARCH STUDY

Virginia Tech researchers are recruiting participants for a research study about commuting experiences (IRB-19-1077). Participation will consist of completion of an online opt-in survey (approximately 30 minutes) and an eight-week daily survey period (two approximately 10 minute online surveys per day; Monday – Friday) during which participants will have in-vehicle video and driving performance recording equipment installed into their personal vehicle and wear a device that tracks physical activity and sleep. Participants may receive \$30 - \$500 depending on the extent of their participation. For more information and to determine your eligibility for the study, please contact Dr. Charles Calderwood (540-231-5870; WSRLab-g@vt.edu), Virginia Tech Department of Psychology.

Senior Day

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graduation paraphernalia—cap, gown, cords, pins, stoles—representing whatever honors they had earned at WBHS.

When the seniors departed from the buses, they walked through the elementary school halls,

lined with students, to reach the outdoor track, also lined with several classes of students, cheering and applauding as the Class of 2022 circled the track.

Seniors were then treated to gift cups of goodies, donuts, and water. They took selfies and group photos to commemorate the occasion.

Next up was a visit to William Byrd Middle School which the majority had attended, followed by a mandatory

graduation practice, senior cookout, and cap decorating event.

The day wrapped up with two assemblies—one for seniors only, featuring the emotional senior video of their years together, the other for the entire school—with introduction of the Cap Decorating Contest winner, the candidates for next year's 2022-2023 Dog Pound Leaders, and candidates for the 2023 Top Terrier Award, announced early in the upcoming school year.

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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

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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.

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TIME TO REST

Read Exodus 30:1 through 32:35

"This project has to be done right, and it has to be done soon. Work all weekend if you have to." Some work assignments make us wonder if we need to make a few clones to help us get the work done. Life's responsibilities may seem larger than we can handle, yet we need to learn the importance of rest.

"It will be a sign between me and the Israelites forever, for in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, and on the seventh day he rested and was refreshed" (Exodus 31:17).

God created the Sabbath for two key purposes. First, people need to set aside a day to worship God and fellowship with His people. Second, we need a day of rest and refreshing. Scientific research bears this out.

Nearly everyone must contend with deadlines and expectations from others. God, however, wants us to set aside time to rest and to seek Him. Obeying His instructions for rest and worship actually helps us gain the energy and renewal we need to be more effective and productive in the responsibilities we carry.

Prayer Suggestion: God, please direct me in ways to better rest in You.

Quicklook: Exodus 31:14-17

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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

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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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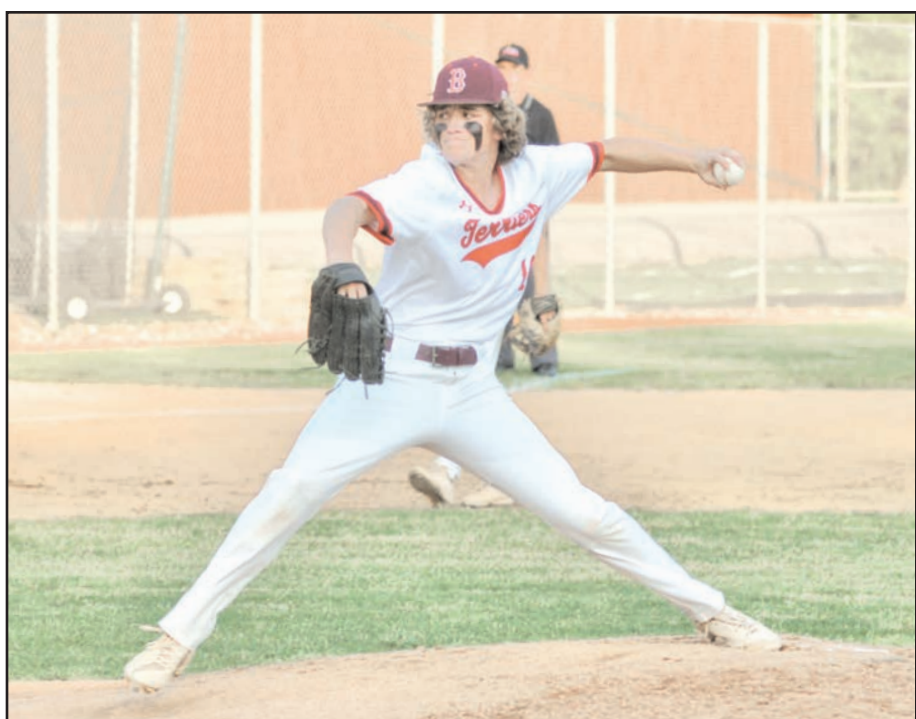
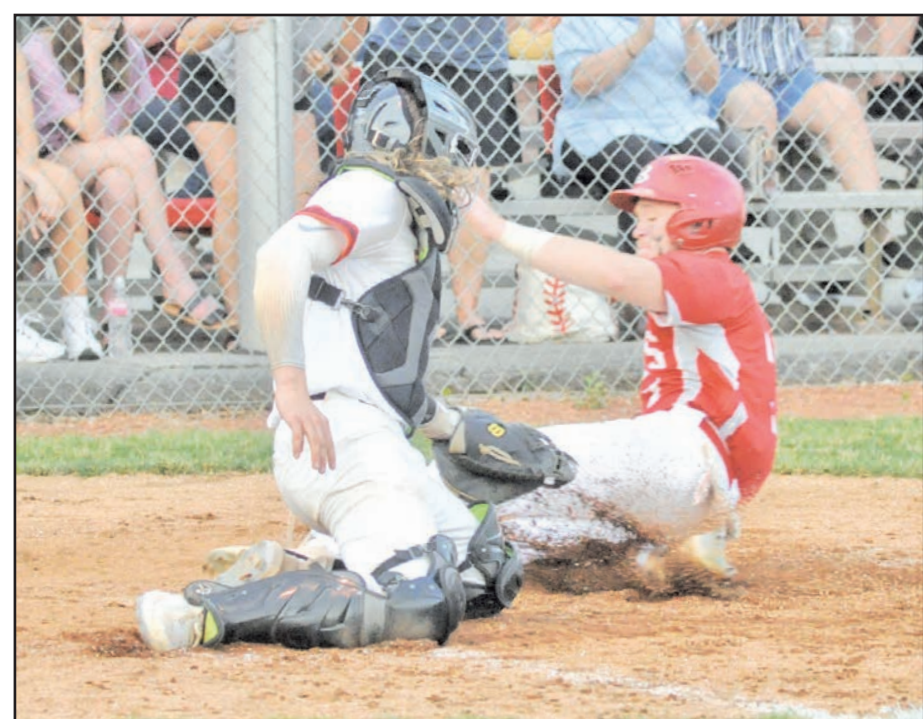
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Left, Lord Botetourt's Shane Oiler slides home just before Byrd catcher James Purcell can apply the tag. Right, lefty Brogan Dent pitches in the BRD semifinal game.

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Terriers will host Northside in Memorial Day Region 3D baseball game

Walthall Park will be the site of a Region 3D quarterfinal baseball game on Memorial Day Monday as host William Byrd takes on Northside. Game time is 6 pm.

Byrd comes in as the third seed in the 10 team tournament while Northside is sixth. Monday's winner will advance to a region semifinal game on June 1 against the winner of a Monday game between second seeded Christiansburg and either Tunstall or Bassett. If it's Christiansburg and Byrd then the Blue Demons would be home. The final is on June 3 at the site of the higher seed, and Abingdon comes in as the top seed.

Byrd comes into the tournament with a record of 15-5 after losing in the semifinal round of the four-team Blue Ridge District tournament last week. Byrd was the number one seed in that event and hosted fourth seeded Lord Botetourt but dropped an 8-1 decision to the visiting Cavaliers at last Friday. LB went on to win the tournament Saturday, defeating

host Franklin County, 6-3.

The Terriers were in a tough spot against LB last Friday. In their regular season final they defeated Franklin County in a game that went 13 innings, using pitchers Hunter Sipe and Trenton Sayers for enough innings that they were ineligible to pitch Friday against the Cavaliers. Sipe and Sayers had been Byrd's best pitchers all year long, and LB had one of their best, Nate Prince, for the full amount.

Byrd coach Jason Taylor called on senior Ross Divers to take the mound. Divers was expected to be one of Byrd's top pitchers this year but felt some discomfort after pitching the season opener and was mostly confined to first base for the rest of the season. Until Friday, that is, in the BRD semifinal.

"He'd been pitching on the side and continued to get better," said Taylor. "I was comfortable putting him out there and he should be good to go for the region."

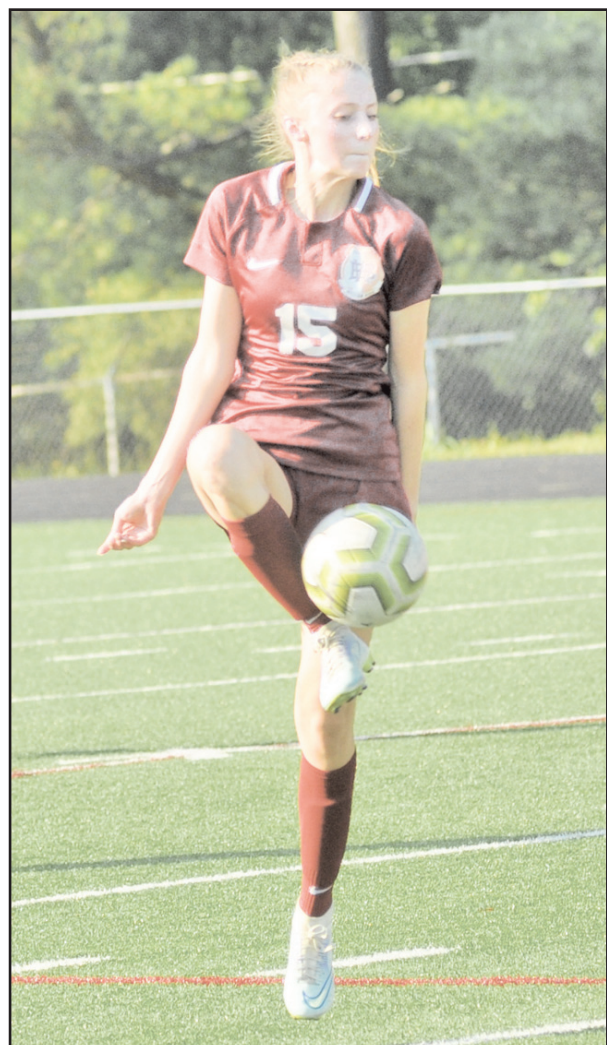
Divers responded with five solid innings, holding

LB to one run. Meanwhile, Prince held Byrd to one run in what was turning out to be a pitchers' duel.

Sophomore lefty Brogan Dent relieved Divers to start the sixth inning and he pitched two scoreless innings to send the game into extra frames. However, in the top of the eighth the heart of Botetourt's lineup rallied and, when all was said and done, the Cavaliers put seven runs on the board against three Byrd pitchers, with Blake Glover and Jacob Dickerson coming on in relief to try and put out the fire.

Ian Burnette, Ethan Hairston and Sayers had two hits each and Byrd managed 10 hits against Prince and reliever Garrett Green but could only scratch for one run. Now it's on to the region against Northside Monday with a full arsenal of arms.

"I'm not sure who I'm going to start," said Taylor. "They've (Northside) seen Sipe twice so I hate to put him out there a third time. We'll talk about it this weekend."



Left, Byrd's Emma Gordon controls the ball in last week's win over Staunton River at Patterson Stadium. Right, Anna Milliron is ready to unleash a big kick against the Eagles.



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Girls are 3rd seed in Region 3D

The William Byrd girls will be idle tonight when the Region 3D soccer tournament begins at the sites of the seventh and eighth seeds. Byrd is the

third seed in the 10 team tournament.

After tonight's results the Terriers will take the pitch Monday at Patterson Stadium in Vinton for the region quarterfinal round. Byrd will play sixth seeded Staunton River for the fourth time this year. Byrd split games with the Eagles during the regular season, winning 2-1 and losing 1-0, and last Friday in Vinton the Terriers beat Staunton River 2-1 in the semifinal round of the Blue Ridge District tournament.

Addisyn St. Clair scored six minutes into Friday's game, off an assist from Ella Ashworth, to give the Terriers an early 1-0 lead over River. Maddy Simmons put Byrd up 2-0 when Claire Glover found her half way through the first half, and the two goal lead at half time proved to be enough.

On Saturday Byrd met regular season champ Lord Botetourt for the BRD tournament championship at a neutral site, Franklin County High School. Byrd trailed just 1-0 at the half but the Cavaliers score twice after intermission for their third win in as many tries over the Terriers this season, although one went into overtime.

Lord Botetourt is the top seed in the Region 3D tournament, so the Terriers are hoping for a fourth shot at the Cavaliers. If Byrd wins Monday they would next play the survivor of second seed Magna Vista, seventh seed Hidden Valley or 10th seed Carroll County in the semifinals on June 1. The championship is June 3, and all games are at the sites of the higher seeds.

Byrd comes into the Region 3D tournament with a 12-5-1 overall record.

WB soccer team opens region at E&H tonight

The William Byrd boys' soccer team will open Region 3D play tonight with a trip to play Abingdon. Game time is 6:30 pm for the game, which will be played at Emory & Henry College.

Byrd is the ninth seed in the 10 team tournament while Abingdon has the eighth seed. The top six teams are off tonight while seeds seven through 10 play, and if the Terriers win tonight's game they would advance to a region quarterfinal game on Memorial Day. That would be against the top seed, Tunstall. Region semifinals are June 1 and the championship is June 3, all at the sites of the higher seeded teams.

Byrd comes into the tournament with a 6-9-2 record after falling to Lord Botetourt in the semifinal round of the Blue Ridge District tournament last Friday in Daleville. The game was nil-nil at the half but the Cavaliers hit the net three times after intermission for the win.

"LB had a sequence of a couple corners and throw-ins that we struggled to get away and off a long throw they were able to convert," said Byrd coach Russell Dishman. "On the kick off, we struggled and they pressed quickly and were able to get their second goal. Minus that minute and a half the guys played well and showed quality."



Left to right, in the white jerseys, Byrd's Griffin Horacek(#6), Dexter Gaines(#11), Ian Sigmon(#13), Cole Kovacevic(#12), Landon Niday(#2) and Ben Guertin(#18) battle for a corner kick in last Friday's game at Lord Botetourt. PHOTO BY REGINA DEVINNEY



The William Byrd girls are Blue Ridge District track champions. Left to right; Emma Kageals, Emma Matthews, Riley Roth, Emma Dalton, Chloe Harrilla, Emily Fisher, Mailiegh Redmond, Elizabeth Dixon, Alexandra Bonilla and Gracie Mick.

Byrd girls are BRD track champs

The William Byrd girls were first and the boys were third when Franklin County High School played host to the Blue Ridge District track meet in Rocky Mount Saturday.

The Byrd girls dominated the meet, piling up 146 points to 90 for second place William Fleming. Northside was third with 81, Franklin County had 72, Lord Botetourt had 33 and Staunton River had 22 points.

Byrd had some outstanding performances. In the field events Sydney Blewett won the shot put with a state qualifying throw of 36'8", Mya Rosser finished second with a throw of 33'8, Sarah Fuchs was third (30'8) and Jaylen Rosser was fourth (30'5). In the girls' discus Jaylen Rosser had a state qualifying throw of 108'6, Fuchs was second at 96'4 and Mya Rosser was third with a throw of 95'5.

Chloe Harrilla won the high jump (4-8), finished second in the long jump (15'4.5") and finished fourth in the triple jump (31'2) to win BRD Field Athlete of the Year honors. Gracie Mick won the pole vault with a height of 7'6", took fifth in the long jump with a jump of 14'1.5 and fifth in the triple jump at 30'10.

In the running events Sela Beatty won the 100m dash with a time of 12.96 and Emma Matthews finished third at 13.91. Emma Dalton took fourth in the 200 with a time of 28.31 and in the 400m dash Alexandra Bonilla was fourth in 1:09.65.

Riley Roth was third in the 800m with a time of 2:52.41. Emma Kageals took third in the 300m hurdles with a time of 52.32. The 4x100m relay of Dalton, Fuchs, Tina Lin and Beatty won with a time of 52.70 and the 4x400m relay of Bonilla, Liz Dixon, Kageals and Roth was runnerup with a time of 5:13.31.

Lord Botetourt won the boys' championship with 134 points. Staunton River was second with 99.7 and Byrd was third with 89. Rounding out the district was Fleming with 74.3, host Franklin County with 65 and Northside with 43 points.

For Byrd, Jaiden Childress finished third in the high jump with a height of 5'10 while Walker Nance finished fourth in the triple jump with a distance of 37'4.5. Wyatt Bailey won the pole vault, clearing 11', and Jesse Smith finished fifth by clearing 8'.

In the discus Caleb Thompson won with a throw of 125'5 and Hunter Richards was runnerup in the shot put with a throw of 41'7.

In the boys' running events Brady Reachy finished fifth in the 200 with a time of 23.77, Bailey was third in the 400 in 53.40 and Bodie Gonzalez finished fifth in 53.78. Nance finished third in the 110 hurdles with a time of 16.43 and was also third in the 300m hurdles in 43.63. DeShawn Austin finished fourth in the 300m hurdles with a time of 44.23.

The 4x800m relay of Donald Mullins, Dakota Bell, Jesse Smith, and Reagan Lilley won with a time of 10:05.85.

The Terriers are back in action today as they participate in the Region 3D meet, hosted by Staunton River High School.



BRD TRACK

Left, Byrd's Caleb Thompson competes in the Blue Ridge District shot put competition at Franklin County High School last Saturday. Above, Sela Beatty brings the baton home for the first place William Byrd 4x100 relay team.

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Left, Byrd boys' lacrosse coach Will Satterfield shouts instructions. Right, Terrier defender Emma Rupe(#15) guards a Salem girls in Tuesday night's region game at Spartan Field.

PHOTOS BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

WB Lacrosse seasons end in region openers

The William Byrd boys and girls both saw their lacrosse seasons come to an end with losses in the first round of the Region 4D tournament Tuesday. The girls lost at Salem, 18-5, and the boys fell to E.C. Glass in Lynchburg, 21-1.

Glass was the top-seeded boys' team in the region and, although the Terriers were soundly beaten by the Hilltoppers, coach Will Satterfield found some silver linings in a season that saw the Byrdmen make the regional field.

"I'm proud of this senior group," he said. "They've been through a lot with COVID and the state of the program coming into this season. They had every excuse to write this year off and do it their way and they decided to buy in and help lay a foundation on which we can grow. Not the result you want to end the year but hats off to a really good E.C. Glass team. Looking forward to the offseason and continuing the growth of the sport in Vinton and at William Byrd High School and Middle School."

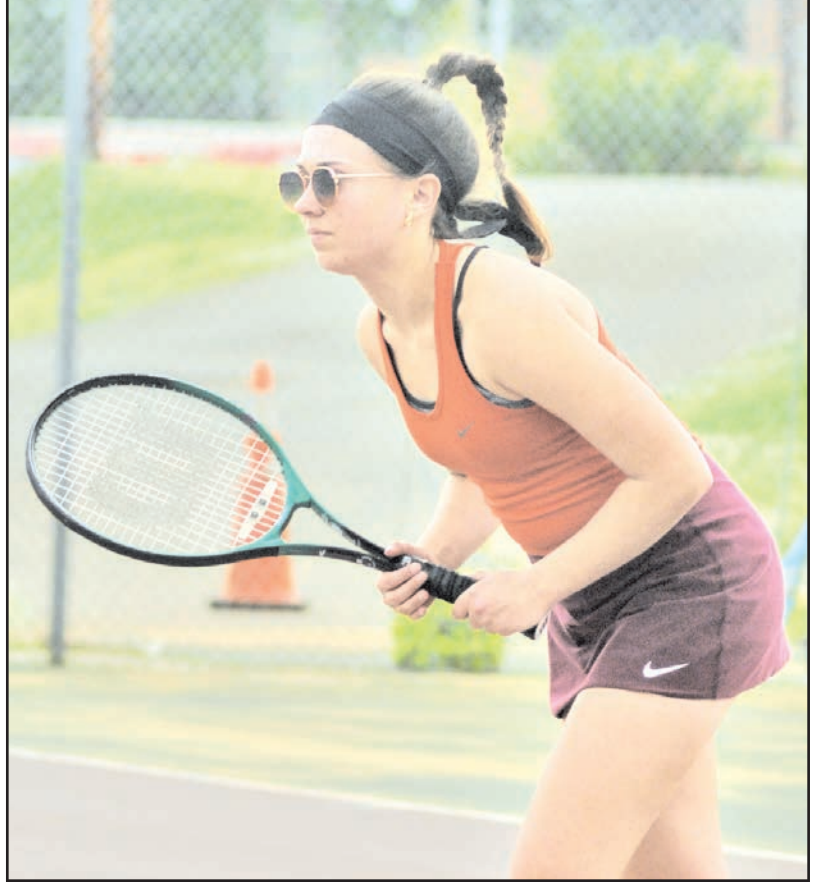
The girls were the seventh seed in the eight team tournament and they drew second seeded Salem. The Spartans proved to be too strong for the visiting Terriers, but the Byrd girls continued to improve and played some good teams to close scores.

Byrd tennis girls play Titans today in region tourney

Hidden Valley is the site of a Region 3D tennis team match today between the host Titans and William Byrd. The match was scheduled to begin at 10 am.

Byrd comes in as the fifth seed in the eight team tournament while Hidden Valley is fourth, earning home court for the first round. Today's winner will advance to a region semifinal match against top-seeded Abingdon. The team championship is Monday and singles play begins Friday at Virginia Tech.

The boys team did not make the regional. The boys split a doubleheader with Franklin County in their last regular season action last week. In a 6-3 win Byrd got victories from Ryan Carista at first singles, Dillon Colgan at third singles and the doubles team of Jonah Bowser and Griffin Yakob while the Eagles forfeited three places.



Byrd's Grace Saunderson is ready to move in a recent match at Byrd.

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