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Roanoke County schools purchase land for new career center

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The Roanoke County School Board has purchased land adjacent to Peters Creek Road between Airport Road and Burlington Elementary School to serve as the location for the new Roanoke County Public Schools Career and Technical Education (CTE) Center. This center will eventually replace the existing antiquated facility in Salem--the Burton Center for Arts and Technology, known as BCAT.

BCAT was built in 1962 and offers many highly acclaimed, award-winning CTE programs for students enrolled in the five county high schools but in an antiquated setting in a floodplain.

The announcement of the land purchase came at the end of a joint Roanoke County Board of Supervisors and School Board meeting on July 12 at the County Administration Building.

Current plans are to build a 238,000 sq. ft. facility on the 28.7acre site. Four parcels of land are currently under contract (23.37 acres), with negotiations underway on one more (5.33 acres). The site fronts for approximately 1,000 feet on Peters Creek Road and is easily accessible from I-81 and I-581. It is much more centrally located in the county than the current BCAT site in Salem.

According to a press release from Roanoke County Schools, this particular site was selected based on the recommendation of the Roanoke County CTE Citizen's Advisory Committee. This committee was jointly appointed by both boards about a year ago and charged with identifying potential sites, evaluating the project's scope, and exploring funding options.

The committee has worked diligently to identify the future needs of a new Roanoke County CTE center and to locate sites for the center. They made a report on their findings at the joint meeting.

Mike Altizer, who has served on both the Board of Supervisors and School Board in past years representing the Vinton Magisterial District, chairs the committee. Craig Balzer is the Vice Chair. Other committee members include Lynn Carroll, Jean Hopstetter, Max Beyer, Gene Rose, Troy Henderson, Steve Spangler, Wayne Bower, and Todd Foutz.

As part of the process, the committee has toured two other CTE centers in the state-the Massanutten Tech Center in Harrisonburg and the Academies of Loudon in Leesburg-to see how other centers operate and what facilities are needed to provide state-of-the-art,

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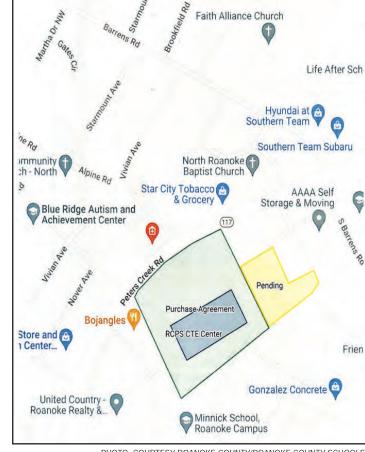


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Vinton War Memorial becomes tradition for family



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The Mill Mountain Theatre Young Audiences program brought "Curious George and the Golden Meatball" to the Vinton Library on July 9. The main character is the monkey Curious George, played by Josh Romeo.

Curious George pays a visit to the Vinton Library

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The Mill Mountain Theatre (MMT) brought "Curious George and the Golden Meatball" to the Vinton Library on July 9. The upstairs meeting room was packed with families who had come to watch the musical about the lovable, but mischievous monkey of storybook and TV fame.

Children's Librarian Jennifer Whitcomb says there were 63 guests in attendance, all of whom seemed to love the play.

The musical is based on the ever-popular book series by Margaret and H.A. Rey, beginning with "Curious George," published way back in 1941. It has since sold over 25 million copies. In the first book, George was brought from his home in

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yellow hat" who becomes his best friend.

The "Curious George and the Golden Meatball" production is part of the Mill Mountain Theatre's Young Audiences series-an outreach project to engage the community and "allow students and adults, regardless of socioeconomic status, to experience theatre firsthand."

The current musical involves monkey George and the annual "All-You-Can-Eat Meatball Day," the secret ingredient to cooking (including "a dash of joy, a pinch of fun, a pinch of play, a pinch of glee"), and the city of Rome.

Each year on Meatball Day, George helps his friend, Chef Pisghetti, cook some delicious meatballs and serve them to a hungry crowd. But this year, the crowd has van-

Africa by the "man with the ished. The "something" keeping the crowd away turns out to be Phinneas T. Lightspeed, owner of the speedy Meatballs-o-Matic machine which produces instant meatballs.

> In despair, thinking no one will ever want her meatballs again, Chef Pisghetti vows to cook no more. Determined to help his friend, George goes on a mission to enter the Chef's meatballs in the world-famous Golden Meatball Contest in Rome. He gets to Rome by mailing himself in a delivery box from Italy marked "Return to Sender."

> Italian painters welcome him to Rome and insist on painting his portrait. He makes his way to the Coliseum for the Meatball contest. At the conclusion of the story, George entered Chef

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Monique Nicholson and Randy Hardy were married in a ceremony at Vinton Baptist Church on June 11, with a reception following at the Vinton War Memorial. This photograph was taken at the High Ground Monument on the Vinton War Memorial campus.

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Monique Nicholson and Randy Hardy were married in a beautiful ceremony at Vinton Baptist Church on June 11. They held their reception afterward in the Grand Ballroom at the Vinton War Memorial. In fact, they took a horse-drawn carriage from the church up Washington Avenue to the War Memorial with the images captured on drone footage.

This was not the first time Nicholson (now Hardy) celebrated at the venue. The War Memorial has recently been the scene of her baby shower and birthday party, a Masquerade Ball.

Monique says the War Memorial has become her favorite place to celebrate momentous occasions. The staff, led by Dana Boyd, is "so wonderful" that she doesn't need to consider anywhere else for her milestone events. She anticipates having her 40th birthday there in a few years or maybe another baby shower.

Monique commends Boyd and her staff for their friendliness, kindness, customer service, hands-on

> approach, and attention to detail.

> Boyd returns the sentiments. "Monique has been a wonderful client. I have really enjoyed working with her. When we have repeat customers like her, they become more like family. We cannot wait for future events with her and her family."

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TOWN STAFF

Billy Robb works for the Town of Vinton Public Works Department. His position is Water Operator II. He has been employed with the Town since January 2016.

Robb's family includes his fiancée Michelle, his daughters Hailey, Ali, and Ryleigh, and a new son Oliver.

His hobbies include four-wheelers, riding

dirt bikes, and motorcycles and working on cars in his spare time.

Robb shared an interesting fact about himself—he once burned over 30% of his body in a fire, so he became a volunteer firefighter.

"The Vinton Public Works Department touches the lives of thousands of people every day in a very professional manner," says

Mayor Brad Grose. "The dedicated individuals in the department enhance the quality of life in Vinton by maintaining all the systems that provide safety, convenience, recreation, and a pleasing appearance in our Town. We are truly blessed to have such skilled, devoted people in the Vinton Public Works Department."

The Town of Vinton and the Vinton Messenger have united to "Spotlight the Town of Vinton Staff" during their respective birthday months. The Town is proud to have these employees, like Billy Robb, on staff and wants the community to see who is behind the scenes making the Town look great and operate efficiently.



Billy Robb

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Byrd/BCAT students place in FCCLA Nationals

Several Roanoke County students have been busy traveling around the country for national competitions this summer.

Most recently, William Byrd High School students Skylar Fitzgerald and Dakota Vaughan and teammate Olivia Bott from Glenvar earned gold medals and placed 10th overall in "Professional Presentation" at the FC-CLA National Leadership Conference competition—quite a feat. These students are also students at the Burton Center for Arts and Technology (BCAT).

On the conference's final day, they were honored on the national stage at a special awards ceremony.

The competition was held in San Diego from June 29 through July 3. The students flew from Charlotte to Las Vegas and then to San Diego.

According to their families, the students "had a ball." Dakota Vaughan was surprised on his first morning in San Diego by what he saw when he turned on his TV and there was the message, "Welcome, Dakota!" on the screen. Apparently, all the others attending the conference received personalized welcome messages as well.

The Byrd/BCAT students were recognized earlier in the spring at the 2022 Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) State Leadership Conference earning Gold Medals and 1st place trophies, which allowed them to advance to nationals.

Every year, FCCLA members from across the country gather at the national conference to

network with fellow members, attend leadership workshops, participate in Competitive STAR (Students Taking Action with Recognition) Events, explore career pathways, and learn from industry experts.

STAR Events allow students to compete individually or as a team. There are more than 30 STAR Events students can choose to compete in, all of which recognize participants who demonstrate their knowledge, skills, and abilities to actively identify an issue concerning families, careers, or communities, research the topic, and develop and implement a project to advocate for positive change.

The BCAT team of Vaughan, Fitzgerald and Bott chose to enter the Professional Presen-

tation event, making an oral presentation about issues concerning Family and Consumer Sciences. Their presentation was entitled "Keeping Stress in Check."

They joined thousands of other FCCLA student members, advisers, and guests at the San Diego Convention Center. The theme of this year's conference was "Make It Count," which challenged attendees to share how they make it count while exploring career opportunities, developing leadership skills, and growing personally while making a difference in their families and communities.

'We are thrilled to have an attendance of over 7,000 members, advisers, corporate partners, and guests who are committed to discovering the

unlimited possibilities available through FCCLA," said Sandy Spavone, Executive Director of FCCLA. "The relationships and skills developed during this conference have inspired students to make a difference in their own communities and to make every moment count."

FCCLA is a national student organization with over 199,000 members nationwide. It is unique among youth organizations because its programs are planned and run by members. It's the only career and technical in-school student organization with a central focus on careers that support families.

In addition to competing in STAR Events, the Byrd/BCAT students and their chaperones were also able to tour San Diego and visit Disneyland.





Skylar Fitzgerald, Dakota Vaughan, and Olivia Bott (shown left to right) placed in the Dakota Vaughan, Olivia Bott, and Skylar Fitzgerald (shown left to right) won their

top 10 in the FCCLA National Conference Competition in San Diego. Fitzgerald and national award in Professional Presentation with the timely topic "Keep Stress in Vaughan are students at William Byrd High School. Bott is from Glenvar High School.

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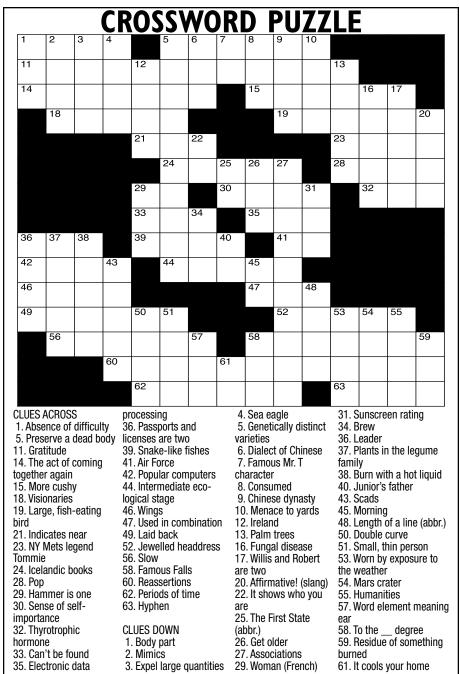
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leading-edge learning opportunities for students.

They also met with local businesses, including representatives from the construction industries and

Carilion, to determine their needs in workforce development and the extent of their willingness to partner with the county school system to meet those needs.

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Altizer noted that the make up the center contains

BCAT serves about 900 students; 300 more who applied could not be accepted into the program, mainly due to lack of space. Students attend the center to learn marketable skills for post-graduation employment and further education in a host of fields. Students in many of the programs complete their studies with invaluable industry certifications.

BCAT is home to a Governor's STEM Academy and programs including the Center for Engineering, motorsports and welding, Center for Mass Communication, culinary arts, building trades, mechatronics/ robotics, health sciences, cybersecurity, and the Center for Visual Arts. Many of the programs have consistently won state and national awards, such as motorsports and welding, on an annual basis.

of Supervi-Board sors Chair Paul Mahoney opened the joint meeting and then turned it over to Altizer, who began the committee's "Space Needs Program" report to the boards by saying, "It's an exciting night. We are on the cusp of something spectacular with a huge impact in the years to come."

Altizer and Balzer described the two CTE sites the committee had visited. The campus-style Massanutten Tech Center in Harrisonburg occupies 103,535

sq. ft. on 13.85 acres. Their program is highly respected but faces the challenge of being landlocked with no room to expand to meet the growing demands of the schools, community, and businesses.

Altizer emphasized that the success of the Massanutten program is due to their thriving relationship with their business community. He strongly suggested that the boards create a permanent staff position to liaison with the Roanoke Valley business community in a constant relationshipbuilding role with the CTE program. The Massanutten center is an integral part of the region it serves and includes classes for adults in addition to those for secondary school students.

The Academies of Loudon CTE center is a single building, state-of-the-art facility in Leesburg. It occupies 315,000 square feet on a 120-acre parcel. There are three academies within the school. A main feature is the number of large collaborative areas throughout the building. One committee member described this center as a "palace"; another said it resembled a "Google headquarters."

This center has the good fortune to be supported by several Fortune 500 companies in the Washington, D.C. area who look to the school for graduates who will enter their workforce.

Balzer said that what Roanoke County needs is something "in between" the two centers they toured that will meet the specific needs

of the Roanoke Valley.

PHOTOS FROM BCAT

Roanoke County Schools CTE Director Jason Suhr said that with the building of a new center, the county will be able to offer increased programming and include more students. He also emphasized that it is imperative to work with local businesses and industries to develop programs that meet their training needs to keep students in the valley after graduating high school and earning a good living. He also believes a state-ofthe-art program will significantly impact economic development in the area and attract new industries to the valley.

The Citizen's Committee passed recommendations for the new CTE center, which were presented to the two boards on July 12. They include a program space of 178,000 sq. ft. plus circulation/mechanical/ common areas of an additional 34,000 sq. ft. and 26,000 sq. ft. of outdoor covered storage-for a total of 238,000 sq. ft.

Two members of the committee—Gene Rose and Max Beyer-expressed their reservations about the scope and high cost of the project, which has been estimated at \$80 million. Rose believes the square footage should be reduced. There was some discussion of moving visual and performing arts programs currently at BCAT back to the five high schools.

Altizer and Balzer said that the committee recognizes that the cost of the

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Monique is a social work supervisor with Mainstream Mental Health. She has earned her Master's degree and is working towards her Licensed Clinical Social Work (LCSW) certification. She says she has a passion for her job, working with adults facing various challenges.

Her new husband Randy drives for Marvin Windows and Doors, located in Vinton. He says that when he met her, he "just knew she was the one. She thinks of others before herself." Monique and Randy were married by their family pastor, Bishop Milton Hardy, at Vinton Baptist, in its spacious sanctuary with its striking stained-glass window. There were hundreds, if not thousands, of rose petals, emotional vows, a large wedding party, and about 200 guests.

After Bishop Hardy pronounced Monique and Randy "man and wife," friends and family moved up the street to the War Memorial for the reception in the elegant ballroom, where the celebration continued with toasts, the first dance, the cake-cutting, the tossing of the garter and bouquet, photos at the High Ground Monument, and sparklers on the patio and porch.

There's a reason the Vinton War Memorial wins so many awards for its wedding venue and has so many return clients. In addition to the caring and professional staff, there are few places more splendid than the War Memorial. The hardwood floors are magnificent. There's a baby grand piano, a fireplace, lovely light fixtures in the ballroom, a spacious foyer, and a grand staircase. There's a patio, a portico, a huge front lawn, hundreds of parking spaces, and the picturesque High Ground Veterans Monument.

The venue has a commercial kitchen for catering, with any piece of china, glassware, or flatware that could possibly be needed, plus all the florals, centerpieces, and decorations imaginable.

A staff member is on-site

during the event. They do set up and breakdown. They know basically all there is to know about weddings and other events. They can recommend caterers, photographers, videographers with or without drones, florists, and whatever event hosts or hostesses of an event might dream up.

Congratulations to Monique and Randy Hardy, and best wishes for many years of wedded bliss and many more fun times at the Vinton War Memorial.





The couple traveled the short distance between the church and the Vinton War Memorial via horsedrawn carriage, all documented by drone photography footage.



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Monique Nicholson has found "her" event venue at the Vinton War Memorial where she has hosted a baby shower, birthday Masquerade party, and her wedding in recent years. Here are the cakes from two of those events--the wedding and the Masquerade Ball.

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Pisghetti into the meatball contest, but the chef was too late, and George had to make the recipe himself.

He competed against two other chefs and his recipe won. In the feelgood ending, George finally learned the secret ingredient to Chef's recipe was love, and they sang a song about what a good friend George was.

The cast gave a riveting performance that was fast-moving, with singing and dancing, and kept children of all ages paying rapt attention for nearly an hour. The set was simple and functional since it is a traveling show that the cast and crew move from location to location but included backdrops of a city scene in America and one in Rome, a large wooden box, an instant meatball machine, and lots of meatballs.

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Club, tcg (Theatre Communications Group) Center in the Square, the Virginia Commission for the Arts, Blue Star Theatres, Actors' Equity, and Truist.

As for the cast, Stephanie Berger is making her debut at MMT with the role of Chef Pisghetti. Originally from Miami, she recently graduated from Florida Southern College with a BFA in Musical Theatre and a minor in Psychology. Recent regional credits include performances with The Rev (Merry-Go-Round Playhouse), as well as Kate Monster in Avenue Q, and Fiona in Shrek. She will be performing in the MMT production of Fun Home this summer as Medium Alison. In addition, Berger served as the President of the award-winning Studio Box Improv troupe. She has a passion for comedy, teaching, and spreading the love of theatre to everyone she meets Isaac Bouldin has the role of the Man in Yellow Hat. He is a Roanoke native and an MMT Conservatory alumni. He has previously appeared with MMT in Romeo and Juliet, Midsummer Night's Dream, and Timeless Twenties, MMT's immersive theatre experience. Bouldin is currently studying musical theatre at Belmont University in Nashville. Alexandra Rivers has the role of Phinneas. She is making her first appearance on the Mill Mountain stage this

summer. Coming from Philadelphia, she recently earned a B.A. in both Theatre and Media & Communication from Muhlenberg College in Allentown, Pennsylvania. Some of her favorite credits include En El Tiempo de Las Mariposas (Older Dedé), Les Miserables (Fantine), and The Little Mermaid (Ursula). This fall, she will be heading to Florida Studio Theatre in Sarasota, Florida where she will serve as an acting apprentice.

Josh Romeo plays George. He is a rising senior at Wagner College studying Theatre Performance. Previous credits include Owen in "On The 20th Century" and Emily's Mother in "Go. Please. Go." Last summer he worked at Cedar Point performing in their immersive experience, Forbidden Frontier. He is the president and creator of The Spin Cycle - Wagner's premier improv troupe. Lillian Salazar performs in the role of Netti. Salazar is an upcoming junior at Boston Conservatory at Berklee majoring in musical theatre. Some past credits include Head Over Heels (Mopsa), Ride The Cyclone (Constance), In The Heights (Vanessa), and Heathers (Heather Chandler). The Creative team "Curious George for and the Golden Meatball" includes producer and producing Artistic Director Ginger Poole, Director Victoria Buck, Production Stage Manager Erin Markham, and

Costume Designer Tiffany Waters.

The book and song lyrics for this George story were written by Jeremy Desmon with music by John Kavanaugh. The play is owned by Universal Stage Productions.

The touring show has been performed at

schools, libraries, parks, and neighborhood venues around the region. Admission is free, and Mill Mountain Theatre has distributed free books to student audience members as part of their initiative connecting theatre to reading and literacy. For more information on Mill Mountain Theatre or to purchase tickets for future performances, visit www. millmountain.org. Remaining shows this season include "Disney's High School Musical: One Act Edition," "Ladies of the 80's," "The Diary of Anne Frank," and "Holiday Inn."

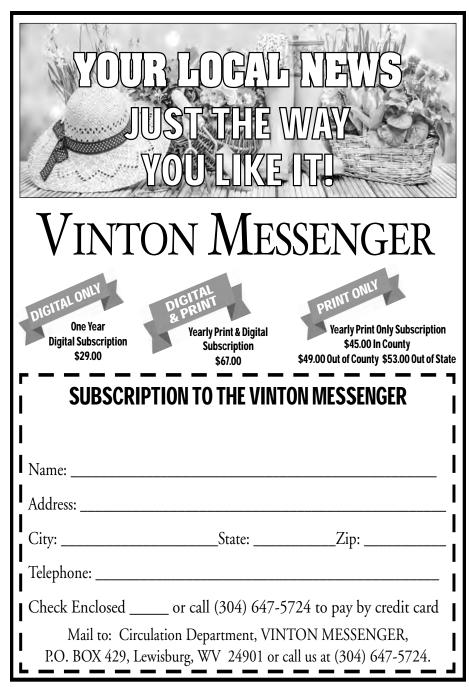


atre has presented other touring musicals for young audiences in past years, including several at the Vinton Library, and they are always extremely professional and high-spirited.

Sponsors and grantors who have made the musical available to the public include Pinnacle Financial Partners, Acceleration Point, Cox, Punch Boutique, the Dunkenberger-Waskey Group at Morgan Stanley, the Lichtenstein Law Group, 5 Points Creative, Chocolate Paper, American National Bank and Trust, Blue Ridge PBS, Boxley, Davis Elliot, Blue Ridge PBS Echo, the Kiwanis

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Over 60 guests attended the performance of "Curious George" at the Vinton Library. Cast members include (left to right): Stephanie Berger as Chef Pisghetti, Josh Romeo as George, Lillian Salazar as Netti, and Isaac Bouldin as the Man in the Yellow Hat.



Joseph Thomas Faries

Joseph Thomas "Joe" Faries, 84, of Roanoke, passed away on Thursday, June 9, 2022. He was born in Salem on March 9, 1938, to the late Peter D. Faries and the late Margaret R. Peebles.

He was a graduate of Andrew Lewis High School and after serving in the United States Army, he worked at Singer Furniture until his retirement.

In more recent years, he could be found as a grill cook at Ernie's in Roanoke on Market Square or at The Dogwood Restaurant in Vinton.

BITUARY

Joe loved sports. If he wasn't coaching his children in the Vinton recreation leagues, he was cheering them on from the stands. He never missed a University of North Carolina basketball or Alabama



football game. He will be remembered for his honesty, fairness and unconditional love for his family.

Left to cherish his memory are a son, David Joseph Faries (Julie); a daughter, Mariann Faries Paulson (Erick); grandchildren, Whitney (Robert), Morgan (Hunter), Austyn, Abigail, Daniel, and Kailyn; sister, Peggy Ann Poff; numerous nieces, neph-

ews, and cousins; and his special friend, Rebecca Arthur.

A celebration of his life will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, July 15, at Oakey's South Chapel with Pastor Chuck Stanley officiating. Condolences may be left for the family at Oakeys.com. Arrangements by Oakey's South Chapel, (540) 989-3131.

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new CTE center will be high. They reiterated the need for a public/private partnership with businesses to bring the new center to fruition.

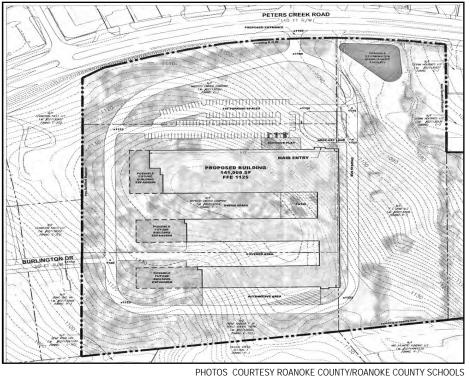
"We are grateful to the CTE Center Citizens Advisory Committee for their

months of work that has led to this moment," said School Board Chair David Linden. "The committee has carefully examined not only our current needs but also is engaging Roanokearea businesses to re-imagine how the new center

can serve as an economic cess involve the committee's development driver for the region in the future."

Members of both boards profusely thanked the Citizen's Committee for their hard work and dedication to their task.

The next steps in the pro-



Concept drawing for proposed Roanoke County Schools CTE Center off Peters Creek Road.

research into incorporating solar energy in the new CTE center. School Board and County staff will continue to work on developing a plan to finance the construction—both traditional and through grants which will soon become available through the state, possibly paying 20% of the costs. Supervisor Phil North advocated "mitigating the cost by using other people's money."

The School Board has contracted with Balzer & Associates to complete due diligence on the site, a process estimated to take about six months.

The parcels are now zoned Ĉ-1, low-intensity commercial. Owners are listed by Roanoke County as the DillSahp Corporation, Mapsico Limited Company, Harold Trent and Cheryl Trent Tickle, and FC Land LLC.

Board of Supervisors Vice Chair Jason Peters, who represents Vinton, commented that the new CTE center must be built-"the community deserves it. We must consider the long-term benefits. This will pay off later."



Current culinary program space at BCAT.



Culinary space at Massanutten Tech Center.



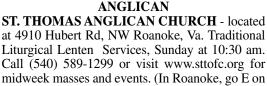
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Families Deserve Respect

Read Numbers 1:1 through 2:34

In our fragmented families today, it is difficult to understand the closeness of Israelite families. They worked together, lived in the same area, and had tribal leaders who counseled them, taught them God's Law, and arbitrated their disputes. God appointed a leader from each tribe to help Moses count the men of his tribe. God also told them where to arrange their tents so each tribe lived together. By living so closely together, they must have learned a great deal about getting along with one another.

So the Israelites did every

thing the Lord commanded Moses; that is the way they encamped under their standards, and that is the way they set out, each of them with their clan and family (Numbers 2:34).

In today's society, respect is often a missing ingredient in families. Often, families intentionally live a distance from each other so they don't have to spend much time together. Maybe we should return to the Israelite model and learn to appreciate and depend on one another more.

Thought for Today: The family structure is important to God.

Quicklook: Numbers 2:32-34

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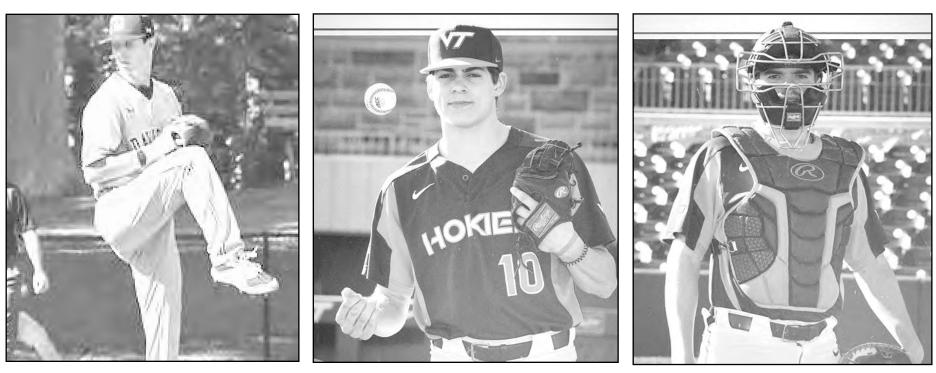






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Left to right, 2021 William Byrd High graduates Isaac Fix, Tyler Dean and Dylan Hatfield were all members of Division I baseball teams this season. Fix had a solid year pitching for Davidson College while Dean and Hatfield saw limited action as freshmen on a Virginia Tech team that went to the NCAA Super Regional round of play.

Fix, Dean are teammates on Strasburg Valley Baseball League team

Tyler Dean and Isaac Fix, both 2021 graduates of William Byrd High and former Terrier baseball players, are pitching for the Strasburg Express of the Valley Baseball League this summer. The team is located in Strasburg, VA and plays its home games at First Bank Park.

Fix has pitched in five games, starting four. Prior to this week he had a 1-1 record with 22 strikeouts in 19 innings pitched. The 6'1" lefty has a 3.31 earned run average.

Dean has pitched in four games, starting one, and he also has a 1-1 record. The fireballing righthander has 17 strikeouts in 11 innings and a 4.09 ERA.

Both Byrd graduates played college ball in the past year. Fix was on the Davidson College staff in Davidson, NC where he appeared in 12 games, starting two. He had a 1-1 record as a freshman with 21 strikeouts in 25 innings and a 3.60 earned run average. Davidson finished with a 43-13 record.

Dean was a freshman on the Virginia Tech team that finished 45-14 and advanced to the NCAA Super Regional. Tyler appeared in six games for a strong Hokie team and had seven strikeouts in four innings pitched while allowing six earned runs. Dylan Hatfield, a fellow senior with Fix and Dean on the 2021 Byrd team, also was on the Tech roster in the spring. Dylan was used sparingly as a freshman catcher and was officially 0-for-2 at the plate. He appeared in six games and scored two runs while walking three times.

Hatfield was offered a spot on the Strasburg team this summer but decided not to play. He will return to Virginia Tech as a student in the fall but has opted out of the fall Hokie baseball season and, unless he has a change of heart, his college baseball career appears to have come to an end.



Former Terrier Chad Myers is assistant coach in Division I

William Byrd graduate Chad Myers has taken a position as an assistant basketball coach at New Mexico State University in Las Cruces, New Mexico. The official announcement of Chad's hiring was made on Wednesdsay of this week.

Chad joins the staff of Greg Heiar, who was named head coach of the Aggies in March of this year. Heiar's journey through the college coaching ranks included a stint as an assistant under Gregg Marshall at Wichita State University. Marshall is a Cave Spring High graduate who had a successful coaching stint with the Shockers from 2007 until 2020.

The "Aggies" are members of the Western Athletic Conference, but beginning on July 1 of 2023 they will be joining Conference USA. Liberty University of Lynchburg is also in a group of four joining Conference USA at that time along with Jacksonville State and Sam Houston State.

Myers played for Terrier coach Paul Barnard at William Byrd, then played for Shepherd University in West Virginia, where he set several shooting records. He's been head coach at Massanutten Military Academy, Elev8 Sports Institute and IMG in Florida, all post-graduate programs. He's also been an assistant at Hargrave Military Academy and Director of Basketball Operations at Radford University.

Chad has been a highly successful basketball coach on the post-graduate level,

Chad Myers has been named an assistant basketball coach at New Mexico State.

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winning over 200 games combined in three post-grad stops. His team was ranked number one in the nation on two occasions and has advanced to the Final Four on the post-grad level. He's coached players who have gone on to NBA careers, including NABC and Naismith winner Frank Mason, III, who played for Chad at Massanutten before starring at Kansas University.

Roanoke Valley Sports Club will feature five high school coaches at the July 21 meeting

The Roanoke Valley Sports Club will meet on Thursday next week instead of their usual Monday night meeting, and five local high school football coaches will be featured. Salem High's Don Holter, Glenvar's Kevin Clifford, Hidden Valley's Scott Weaver, William Fleming's Lamar Lovelace and Alan Fiddler of Patrick Henry will each make brief presentations and field questions at the dinner meeting at the Salem Civic Center.

Social time begins at 5:45 pm with dinner at 6:15 pm and the program is scheduled to begin at 7 pm. Cost is \$22.50 for members and \$28 for non-members.

Reservations are required, and due to meal guarantees all reservations must be made online or received by mail prior to 4 pm on Monday, July 18. No walk-ups or pay-at-the-door will be accepted.

To sign up online go to the Roanoke Valley Sports Club website at https://roanokevalleysportsclub.com/.

Brian Hoffman



STUFF TO THINK ABOUT IN THE MIDDLE OF THE SUMMER WHEN SCHOOL IS OUT

It seems like sooner or later we're going to have just one legitimate conference of 40 or 50 schools in the NCAA, and then we'll basically have no conferences at all.

When the "Big 10" added the University of Southern California and UCLA to their conference a couple weeks ago it will give them 16 schools when the two California teams officially start play in 2024. Obviously that's more than 10, and has been, so what problem would it be to change the name? Maybe of the 16 schools only 10 are considered "BIG." Is Rutgers a big school?

The Southeastern Conference(SEC) currently has 14 schools and word has it they'd like to add a few more to keep up. Raiding our local Atlantic Coast Conference seems like a possibility, although "local" is a stretch since schools like Pittsburgh and Boston College joined. Do you remember when all the teams were somewhat in proximity to the "Atlantic Coast?"

Virginia Tech fans have to be sweatin' this one out. When the Hokies joined the ACC Tech was assured a great schedule of football and basketball games every year, but what if the "Big 10ish" and SEC start enticing the likes of Clemson, North Carolina, Florida State and others. The Hokies could be left with a football schedule of Akrons and Old Dominions instead of Notre Dames and Clemsons. Unless, of course, the Hokies can hitch their wagon to one of the two ever increasing mule trains that threaten to ruin college sports as we know it.

Of course, Stevie Wonder can see this is all about football. My question is, will USC and UCLA be playing the other Big 10 schools in ALL the sports? No other sport makes as much money for the school as football. Basketball is next, but sports like cross country and field hockey most likely don't bring in anything at all. And, with Title 9 that could be a problem.

With that in mind I googled Penn State's field hockey schedule. The Nittany Lionesses have non-conference trips to Virginia, William & Mary, Lafayette and Princeton, with the longest trip being about a five or six hour bus ride to Williamsburg. However, they have eight games against Big 10 opponents, including games at Iowa and Michigan State and home games against Northwestern and Michigan. Those are pretty long trips for teams that don't bring in any money.

Enter two teams from California. According to my "Google Maps" the distance from State College, PA to Los Angeles is 2,570 miles. That's a 38 hour drive by car with no traffic, and add some hours by bus. Of course you wouldn't be taking a bus, so if Penn State plays USC or UCLA in one of several non-revenue sports it would entail a plane flight and hotel expenses.

I imagine the Big 10 could split the conference into two eight team divisions, but are you really in the same "conference" if you never play teams in the other division? And you have to be very careful with the Title 9 stuff. Why would the Penn State football team fly to games in LA and the women's volleyball team would not get to make those trips?

I really don't like the way these two conferences are sucking the others dry. Soon all the teams capable of winning the football championship will be stacked in just two conferences, if it's not like that already.

Maybe it's the conservative side of me, but I liked things the way they were with a bunch of conferences, geographically compatible with traditional rivals and a sense of stability. That scenario may soon be gone forever.

GRINER'S IN A TOUGH SPOT

I feel bad for Brittney Griner and would love to see her back home, but I wonder what she was thinking when she took cannabis oil to Russia? Did she ever see the movie "Midnight Express?"

Midnight Express is a 1970 movie about the true experience of Billy Hayes, who wrote a book about his arrest and incarceration after being caught with hashish in Turkey. Just watching the movie made my heart beat fast as the Turkish police searched his bags. Hayes was sent to a hellish prison for a long sentence, but eventually escaped. After watching that movie I vowed to never smuggle hash into Turkey. Maybe IN a turkey, but only in this country and with a medical waiver.

I know kids make mistakes, but Brittney Griner is 31 years old and should have known better. You don't take that kind of chance in foreign countries, especially a place like Russia. Does she watch the news?

Also, why was she going there in the first place? The Russians had already invaded Ukraine, so she had to know that Americans were going to be especially scrutinized. Apparently she made a lot of money playing basketball in Russia, but what good is that money doing her now?

I find it strange that these golfers who have signed up for the LIV tour are being criticized for taking money from Saudia Arabia, but I haven't heard anyone question why Griner was making money in Russia while the Russians were wiping out entire cities of innocent Ukranian people.

Now she's written a letter to President Biden begging for help to be released from prison. Maybe she should have written a letter to Biden asking him if it was a good idea to take cannabis oil into Russia while

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Canale will be guest speaker at S-R Baseball Hall of Fame banquet

Former major leaguer George Canale will be the speaker for the Salem-Roanoke Baseball Hall of Fame banquet on July 31st. At that time five area baseball players and contributors will be inducted into the S-R Hall at the 30th induction ceremony at the Salem Civic Center.

The Class of '22 includes Eric Altizer, Ryan Gilleland, Tyler Lumsden, Keith Mayhew and Doug Pence. "Butch" Craft has been selected to receive the Wayne LaPierre, Sr. award for community service and contributions to the game.

Canale played his high school ball at Cave Spring High then played for Virginia Tech, where he hit 76 collegiate home runs. That's first all-time at Tech years of professional baseball with six organizations Commonwealth Games. as well as teams in Italy, Taiwan and Korea. He was inducted into the Salem-Roanoke Baseball Hall of Fame in 2000.

Altizer is a former player and current coach at Auburn High School. The Eagles have won three state championships under Altizer, including the 2021 state championship. Eric has won many honors during his days as the Auburn coach.

Gilleland, a 1995 graduate of Jefferson Forest



George Canale rounds the bases after hitting a home run for Virginia Tech, left, and as a member of the Milwaukee Brewers Major League Baseball team.

and seventh all-time in Division I. He was drafted High School, played four years as a second baseman by the Milwaukee Brewers in the sixth round of the at the University of Virginia, batting .337 in 1997. 1986 Amateur Draft and played parts of three seasons He's the present coach at Jefferson Forest High and with the big league "Brew Crew." In all he played 12 has also been a coach with the West team in the

> Lumsden is a 2000 graduate of Cave Spring High School who went on to pitch at Clemson University for three years. He was a first round pick of the Chicago White Sox in 2004 and pitched seven seasons in professional baseball, including three years at the AAA level.

> Mayhew is one of just five Ferrum College players to have his jersey retired. He was a three-time All-American pitcher, including a first team selection in 1995. When he graduated he held the NCAA Division III record with 350 career strikeouts and 149 in a season. He was drafted by the Atlanta Braves in 1995. Mayhew died in 2015.

> Pence is a long time coach and volunteer with the William Byrd High School program who also coached American Legion baseball. He was a tireless worker, maintaining Byrd's Terrier Field and was a key person in getting the fieldhouse built on the grounds.

> Craft, the long-time owner of The Roanoker Restaurant in Roanoke, has been a big supporter of the game, sponsoring youth teams for many years. She has been a sponsor for the Hall of Fame since the early 1990s.

> The Salem-Roanoke Baseball Hall of Fame was founded in 1991 and honors players and contributors from the counties of Alleghany, Roanoke, Bedford, Botetourt, Craig, Floyd, Franklin and Montgomery and the independent cities located within the boundaries of those counties. The Hall of Fame building is located on the grounds of the James E. Taliaferro Complex, next to the Salem Red Sox administrative office behind the third base seating area of Salem Memorial Ballpark. It is open to the public on selected Friday and Saturday nights during the 2022 season and upon request.

> For information on tickets contact Gary Walthall at 540-427-1977.

Karnes among RC athletes named to VaSID all-state teams

The Virginia Sports and Roanoke College is Information directors well-represented. (VaSID) have announced their 2022 All State teams two softball players on



The Maroons had

the VaSID All-State team, Shortstop Shanan Hester and pitcher Jada Karnes. The duo helped the Maroons to an overall record of 30-14 while earning a berth in the NCAA Regionals.

Karnes, a junior from Roanoke and William Byrd High School, finished the season with 20 wins and a save while boasting a 2.06 earned

would hit .208 for the sea- after a season that would son. In the final ODAC see the North Carolina statistics, Karnes was native post the second 3rd in wins, 3rd in ERA, best batting average in 8th in batting average the ODAC, .441. Hester against, 2nd in strikeouts registered a league high (145), 3rd in strikeouts 16 doubles to go with per game (6.10), 6th in a triple and three home saves, 5th in runs allowed runs. (63), and 4th in earned runs allowed (49). Earlier the Maroons had three this spring, Karnes was earn All State honors named NFCA All Region after a season that had for the second year in a the Maroons back in the row.

infielder/pitcher, earned

run average while batters her first VaSID honor

In Women's Lacrosse NCAA Tournament for Hester, a senior the first time since 2009, advancing to the second round. Salem's Lilly Blair and Emerson Foster were repeat members, both receiving a spot on the first team, while Natalie Mason earned 2nd team honors. All three were named All ODAC as well as All Region.

In men's lacrosse Roanoke had two selecfirst teamer and George Gilbert was named to the second team. Both were

named All American Honorable Mention in late May by the USILA.







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tions, one each on the first and second all-state team. Luke Kammerman is a

JADA KARNES

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we're sending military aide to a country they're destroying.

Don't get me wrong, I feel bad for Griner and would love to see her back home safe and sound playing in the WNBA. However, when you go through the gate that says "Beware of Dog," don't act surprised when you get bit.

DOG DAYS OF SUMMER

I was listening to sports talk radio shortly after the 4th of July and they were debating whether or not Joey Chestnut should be considered an "athlete." My question is, is this even reason for debate?

Chestnut, as you likely know, is the legendary "competitive eater" that is featured every 4th of July in the Nathan's Hot Dog Eating Contest in Brooklyn. This year he won the contest for the seventh consecutive year, eating 63 hot dogs in 10 minutes. That was 15 and a half hot dogs better than the second place eater!

Seven consecutive Nathan's titles is impressive indeed, you can't argue with that. Tom Brady has won seven Super Bowls, but not seven in a row. I don't think the New York Yankees, in all their glory, ever won the World Series seven straight times. UCLA won seven straight NCAA basketball championships from 1967 to '73, and they're often mentioned in the same sentence as Joey Chestnut. People say, "Joey Chesnut, he's no Kareem Abdul-Jabbar."

But is Chesnut an athlete? The argument for him being one is that he has to train to be able to down all those hot dogs, and he's a competitor. No denying that, but does that make him an athlete? Chris Farley trained to be an actor. Minnesota Fats was a competitor in billiards. I'm sure John Daly has practiced a lot of golf, but I don't consider any of the three to be athletes.

What Chestnut is, to me, is a fascination. Why would anyone even want to eat 63 hot dogs in 10 minutes? Is it for the money?

Well, I did a little research on that. The hot dog eating winner gets \$10,000, and Joey has won it 14 times. So, his 14 championships have earned him \$140,000, not a lot for 14 years of consumption. Ken Jennings made more than that in a week playing Jeopardy, and he's not an athlete either.

Chesnut also won a pumpkin pie eating contest in 2021, downing almost 17 pounds of pie in 11 and a half minutes. He's made some money from endorsements, mostly from food companies and even one from Pepto Bismol, which makes more sense. Do you remember, "I can't believe I ate the whole thing!!" That was for AlkaSeltzer, but you get the idea.

Blue ribbons and upset stomachs aside, the question of whether he's an athlete is no question at all. Lebron James is an athlete, Joey Chesnut is a sideshow that has captured the imagination of folks not much different than the sword swallower at the traveling carnival.

"I can't believe he swallowed the whole thing!!"

CORRECTION

In last week's article about William Byrd High athletic post-season honors Braden Crossan's name was mistakenly omitted from the All-Region 3D soccer team. Crossan, a junior, was a second team forward as well as a first team forward on the All-Blue Ridge District team.