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County introduces Navy National Defense Cadet Corps program at William Byrd

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The Vinton community celebrates its military veterans and honors those who currently wear the uniform. We have the Vinton War Memorial and the High Ground Veterans Monument to extend tribute to those who have served or are serving. Families here seem eager for their children to learn and embrace traditional values of citizenship and patriotism. That is why many have been delighted to learn that Roanoke County Public Schools introduced a new Navy National Defense Cadet Corps (NNDCC) program at William Byrd High School this school year.

For many years WBHS was home to an Air Force Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps program (AFJROTC). It was discontinued when enrollment fell

below the required 100 cadets and has been sorely missed by many.

While JROTC and NNDCC programs are not platforms for military recruitment, their stated purposes are to instill values of citizenship; to encourage personal responsibility and a sense of accomplishment through emphasis on the values of honor, courage, and commitment; and to provide leadership skills and opportunities.

“Since we did not have the numbers to support a JROTC program, we decided to go with the Navy leadership program that we hope will grow to eventually end up with JROTC status,” said WBHS Principal Tammy Newcomb.

The program is open to all RCPS high school students; the county provides transportation for students from the other four high schools— Glenvar, Hid-

den Valley, Northside, and Cave Spring— utilizing the transportation system at the Burton Center for Arts and Technology (BCAT).

Senior Chief David Perrin (USN, Ret.) has been selected as the Naval Science instructor for the NNDCC program. He has been a certified Naval Science instructor for three years and comes to WBHS from Nottoway High School, where he was the NJROTC Senior Naval Science instructor.

“The Navy established a Navy National Defense Cadet Corps program in April 2011 and is offering the program to qualifying secondary educational institutions,” said Perrin. “The NNDCC program is a steppingstone for schools who do not currently meet NJROTC require-

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Senior Chief David Perrin (USN, Ret.) is the Naval Science instructor for the new Naval National Defense Cadet Corps program at William Byrd High School.

Mount Pleasant Elementary welcomes new principal and staff

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Mount Pleasant Elementary kicks off the 2022-2023 school year with a new principal, new teachers, and a couple of returning teachers.

Jill Lane is the new principal at Mount Pleasant. She replaces Dana Stevens who is now principal at William Byrd Middle School. Lane comes to Roanoke County from Roanoke City Schools, where she was the principal at Garden City Elementary. She joins Roanoke County with 17 years of administrative experience and 27 years of experience in education. She earned her Bachelor's degree from Radford University and her Master's in Public Administration from the University of Virginia.

Harmony Hixon is a remediation teacher, working with



PHOTO BY DEBBIE ADAMS

Mount Pleasant Elementary welcomes a new principal and several new teachers for the 2022-2023 school year. Shown left to right are Sue Jolley, Sandy Mathena, Principal Jill Lane, Sarah Schachner, and Harmony Hixon.

students to get caught up on reading and math skills. She is a native of Roanoke and a

graduate of Northside High School. She earned her degree in Elementary Education

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Public Works focuses on new projects



The project Vinton Public Works completed on North Maple Street.

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With the sale and transfer of the Town of Vinton water and wastewater systems to the Western Virginia Water Authority, the Vinton Public Works Department now has

time to catch up on its “to do” list and make plans to take on more projects throughout the town, especially related to stormwater.

“I am glad to be out of the water business,” said Public Works Director Bo Hernon at a recent Town Council

meeting.

Before the Water Authority took over the utility systems, Public Works projects in progress were frequently interrupted by water and wastewater system emergencies.

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Annabelle Teague traveled with a group of 10 Girl Scouts to Europe this summer, visiting France, Switzerland, and Spain. Here they are at the airport. Annabelle is on the far right. Another William Byrd freshman, Sophia Gonzalez is fourth from the left.

Scout Annabelle Teague travels to Europe



Scout Annabelle Teague in Switzerland.

SUBMITTED PHOTOS

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William Byrd High School freshman Annabelle Teague has been involved with Girl Scouts since she was in kindergarten.

She is a member of Girl Scout Troop 478 which meets at the Cave Spring Church of the Holy Spirit in South County. Annabelle has reached the Senior rank in

the Girl Scouts and is working to reach its highest level with the Gold Award. However, she has also attained the rank of Life Scout in the BSA organization, known previously as the Boy Scouts, which now accepts female members. She is working toward her Eagle Scout rank in the BSA in Troop 51. She joined the BSA in fifth grade.

Scouting is a family tradition. Her brother is a Boy

Scout; her mother was the Scout Leader at a troop in Bonsack when Annabelle was in elementary school there.

Annabelle says the best experiences in scouting have been the fun activities and the friends she has made. One of the most exciting activities was a trip to Europe this summer.

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Vinton Bowling Center gets a make-over

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Members of the Tuesday Night Doubles Bowling League at the Vinton Bowling Center, along with other volunteers, donated their time on Monday, August 22, to giving the bowling alley a make-over.

They spent the day applying a new coat of paint to the interior of the building. Other upgrades in place or on the way include a new air conditioning system, new flooring, and new monitors. The snack bar has been upgraded and now offers beer and wine.

According to Roanoke County's GIS map services, the Vinton Bowling Center was built in 1976. The current owners are Jon and Liz Jackson. The bowling alley closed for a while in 2014, but Liz Jackson says her husband and oldest son were avid bowlers and convinced her to make the investment to buy the business and re-open the center in July 2015.

Employee Christine Journell says the Jacksons "grew up hanging out at the bowling alley. They hated to see such a long-standing staple in the Vinton community just sit and deteriorate, so they bought it."

The pandemic put a damper on events at the center for a while, but now they are up to speed once again.

Vinton Bowling is open every day of the week except Monday. Sunday hours are noon to 9 p.m.; Tuesdays, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.; Wednesdays, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Thursday, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.; and Fridays and Saturdays from noon to 11 p.m. There are 24 lanes available with automatic scoring (one of bowling's biggest challenges) and bumpers for the children. There is open bowling in addition to league bowling. Bowling balls and shoes can be rented.

Kathleen Wolfe and her husband, David, were two of Doubles League bowlers who showed up to paint on August 22. She says that they saw the need and decided to help with the improvements. The bowler/painters were happy to give of their time. Some of the group took time off from work to assist with the project.

Wolfe, who started bowling in 1999, says the bowlers are a close-knit group, like family. "This is our second home; we love Jon and Liz."

Her husband has been bowling for four years; Amy Hise, for two years; Samantha Hammond for at least eight

years; and Debbie Kloft, also since 1999 or even before.

Wolfe says that many of the league bowlers initially met at the bowling alley, became fast friends, and now spend vacations and weekends together.

The Tuesday Night Doubles League has 48 bowlers. There are several other leagues for seniors, youth, and four-person leagues. Wolfe says that bowling is a great pastime—inexpensive, as well as fun.

She describes her own league as "lightly competitive." They have nicknamed themselves the "Bad Bowlers." At trophy and award time, there are some that are serious, but also one for the "most gutter balls."

"We are here to have fun, get away from work and the mundane, and to 'stop adulting' for a couple of hours,"

Wolfe says.

A new season of leagues is about to begin in September; it's time to register; and Vinton Bowling is looking for more teams. If you are interested, contact Kathleen Wolfe at 540-314-0361. If you don't have a partner to bowl with, Wolfe says they will find you one. Her league is having an organizational meeting on August 30 at 6:30 at the bowling alley.

Vinton Bowling is more than just a bowling alley—it's a party venue as well, for birthday parties and other celebrations for all ages. For more information visit the Vinton Bowling Center website at <https://vintonbowling.com/>.

The Vinton Bowling Center is located on Vinyard Road, next door to the Lancerlot.



Several members of the Vinton Bowling Center Tuesday Night Doubles League volunteered their time on August 22 to give the center a make-over. Shown left to right are Kathleen Wolfe, Amy Hise, David Wolfe, Samantha Hammond, and Debbie Kloft.



The Vinton Bowling Center is undergoing several upgrades with new AC, new flooring, a jukebox, and an upgraded menu in the snack bar. Volunteers on August 22 included (left to right) Samantha Hammond, Amy Hise, and David Wolfe.

SPOTLIGHT ON TOWN STAFF



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Public Works employee Charles Barber

This week's Spotlight is on Town of Vinton Public Works employee Charles Barber. He has been working for the town for almost 18 years, since December 27, 2004. He currently works on the mowing crew as an Equipment Operator II.

"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 birthday months. The town is proud to have these employees, like Charles Barber, on staff and wants the community to see who is behind the scenes making the town look great and operate efficiently.

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Tuesday, 9/13
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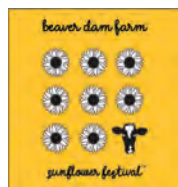
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Mingle at the Market concert features Fuzzy Logic on August 27

The Mingle at the Market concert on Saturday, August 27, will feature band favorite Fuzzy Logic, known for playing great music from the '80s, '90s, and '00s.

Mingle concerts are sponsored by the Vinton Area Chamber of Commerce and MemberOne and take place on the Vinton Farmers' Market HomeTrust stage in downtown Vinton. This week's event gets underway at 7 p.m.

Admission is \$6 for adults. Since this is a family-friendly event, kids under 12 enter free.

This week's food truck Ferguson Family Food Provisions.

There will be the usual beer garden—ID required. The Chamber asks that you have your ID out and ready for volunteers to check to speed up entry

to the event.

Volunteers assisting with this week's Mingle are the staff from the Town of Vinton.

Bring your own chair. No pets or outside food or drink are allowed.

Sponsors for this year's Mingle at the Market concerts include Oakey's, Coastal Insurance Planning, MemberOne, PFG, Mountain View Real Estate, Fox Radio 910, ServPro, Winters Storage, Bank of Botetourt, the Vinton War Memorial, Blue Ridge Beverage, the Greenway Boothe Real Estate Team, Roanoke County, HomeTrust Bank, the Town of Vinton, Food Lion, The Vinton Messenger, Farmburguesa, Vertex Signs, Magnets USA, Cox, Carilion Clinic, Mayor Brad Grose, and KP Strategies.



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Fuzzy Logic is the featured band at the August 27 Mingle at the Market.

Mt. Pleasant UMC hosts WOW! Wednesdays

Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church invites children in grades 2-5 to participate in WOW! Wednesdays from September 7 through December 14 from 2:30 to 5 p.m. Students do not need to attend Mt. Pleasant Elementary but do need to arrive at the church between 2:30 and 3 p.m. (at the latest). Homeschoolers are welcome.

"Your kids will have a WOW! Experience as they learn Words of Wisdom through music, arts, and Interactive Bible Study," is the message from the church. "They will also enjoy a play time, snack time, and homework time each week."

The cost for the 14-week session is \$20, payable at the first session. The session is limited to 20 children.

Jenny Basham, a retired Mt. Pleasant Elementary teacher, will pick up the children at school at 2:30 and walk them to the church just across the street.

Children may be picked up at the church at 5 p.m. (No later than 5:30 unless

arrangements are made in advance.)

The church will be following Roanoke County's district guidelines as to COVID precautions. Currently masks are not required. If Roanoke County Schools are closed for any reason, the WOW! Wednesday session will be cancelled. There will be no WOW! session during Thanksgiving week.

To request a registration packet, go to the church website at www.mpumc.church/wow-Wednesday, email the church at info@mpumc.church, or call 540-427-3064.



OBITUARIES

V. Marlene Davis

V. Marlene Davis, 84, of Vinton, went to be with her Lord and Savior on Tuesday, August 16, 2022.

She was born on April 5, 1938, in Lexington, to Paul and Frances Irvine and lived in Lexington until she married.

Marlene is survived by her loving husband of 66 years, Don Davis. They started their journey at 18 years old and ended their journey on their 66th anniversary. It was a wonderful and full life.

Also surviving her are her children, Cherie Wray (Robert) and Chris Davis (Sherry Rothe); grandchildren, Carmen Holdren, Travis Wray (Amy), Jason Rothe (Lauren), and Eric Wimmer (Melanie); great-grandchildren, Brody Holdren, Colton Holdren, Addison Wray, Nick Delaney, Hope Wimmer and Mia Wimmer; and brothers, Marvin Irvine (Diana) and Milton Irvine (Phyllis).

Marlene was a person that loved nature and the outdoors. She loved feeding the birds and even had a deer, Miss Priss, that ate out of her bird feeder. Marlene loved her family and enjoyed being with them. She also loved the water. They bought a



boat and started going to the lake and enjoyed that for many years. Marlene also liked to travel, seeing many of God's wonders and beauty all over the world.

She was a people person and never met a person she did not like. Marlene loved being with people and people loved her for her compassion and caring ways. Marlene was very active in church, serving in the choir for 30 years and playing the hand bells. She was also very active in Sunday School and with the United Methodist Women. Marlene dearly loved her church and the Lord.

The family received friends from 2 to 4 p.m. and from 6 until 8 p.m. on Thursday, August 18, 2022, at Oakey's Vinton Chapel. The funeral service was conducted at 11 a.m. on Friday, August 19, at Thrasher United Methodist Church, Vinton. Interment followed at Mountain View Cemetery. Online condolences may be expressed to the family at www.Oakeys.com. Arrangements were by Oakey's Funeral Service - Vinton Chapel, (540) 982-2221.

Mary Sue Proctor Viar

Mary Sue Proctor Viar, 88, of Bedford County, passed away on Friday, August 19, 2022, with her beloved family and nurse by her side.

Sue was a proud member of the Vinton community where she was raised and attended William Byrd High School. She was an avid member of Ninth Street Church of the Brethren, where she participated in choir, aerobics, leading youth trips, and a number of additional activities.

Sue devoted her life to her family, specifically her grandchildren, who lovingly referred to her as "2momma." She was an accomplished seamstress able to patch the worst of tears; a phenomenal baker, with legendary "2momma brownies;" and the most loving grandmother and friend one could have.

She married James Leslie Viar, a police officer, in 1951. Sue was delighted to have three sons who - subsequently - all became police officers, as well. Nothing made her happier than her family, Holden Beach vacations, or trips to see her dear friend and cousin, June Rector, in her birth state - South Carolina.



She was preceded in death by her parents, John H. and Jessie B. Proctor; three sisters, Martha Butterworth, Edith Irby, and Anna Proctor; two brothers, J.W. Proctor and Kenneth Proctor; her cousin, June Rector (Roy); nephew, Mark Butterworth; and her loving husband, James L. Viar.

Sue is survived by three sons, David (Tammy), Kerry (Bonny), and Matt (Candi) Viar, and five grandchildren, Nick Viar (Katie), Cori DiGiovanni (Nick), Mindy Tutor (Cody), Josie Viar (Drew), and Jenna Viar. In addition, she is survived by a beloved brother, Jack Proctor (Julie); sister-in-law, Betty Proctor (Kenneth); 10 great-grandchildren; and her granddog and best friend, Hopper.

Special thanks to Heartland/ProMedica Hospice's Phyllica, Candice, and Luz. The family will be having a private memorial at a later date. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations sent to the Shady Grove Rescue Squad in Thaxton. Online condolences may be expressed to the family at www.Oakeys.com. Arrangements were by Oakey's Funeral Service - Vinton Chapel, (540) 982-2221.

Experience HU—the Sound of Soul—at the Raleigh Court Library

The community at large is invited to "Experience HU—The Sound of Soul" at Raleigh Court library in Roanoke on Thursday, August 25 at 7 p.m.

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

"Regardless of your beliefs

or religion, you can sing HU to become happier and more secure in God's love," organizers say. "HU is an ancient name for God that has been sung for thousands of years

in many lands for spiritual unfoldment."

The program consists of a heart-opening spiritual quotation and a 15 to 20 minute HU chant (either aloud or si-

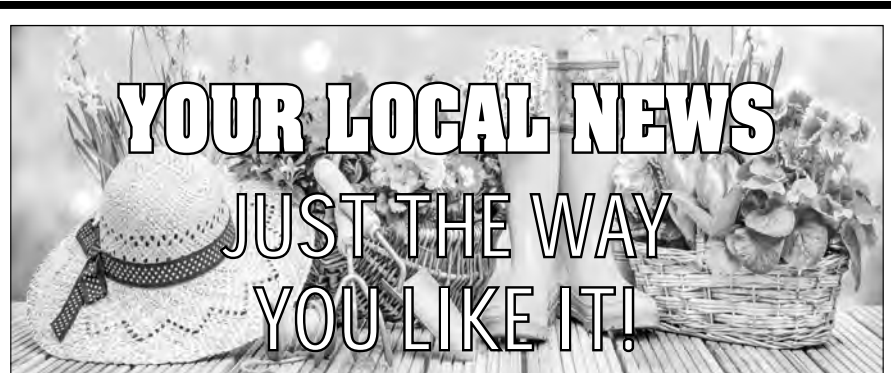
lently) and quiet contemplation. All are welcome.

The Raleigh Court Library is located at 2112 Grandin Road, SW, near Patrick Henry High School in Roanoke.

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 - Go quickly
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 - Brand of fuel stations
 - State of fuss
 - Romance novelist
 - Members of a household
 - Asserts to be the case
 - Type of infection
 - With metal inlays
 - Chinese philosophic principle
 - Early multimedia
 - Employee stock ownership plan
 - He investigated Clinton administration
 - Shells
 - Six
 - Snake-like fish
 - Capital of Kenya
 - Influential group (abbr.)
 - Used to chop
 - It comes as a case
 - Challenges
 - Small amounts
 - The Golden State
 - Peyton's little brother
 - For walking in Alaska
 - Buddhist honorific titles
 - Lively ballroom dance
 - Capital of Albania
 - Late night host
 - Draw from
 - A way to utilize
 - One who is not native Hawaiian
 - A power to perceive
 - Bulky
 - Horse mackerels
 - Proclaim out loud
- CLUES DOWN**
- Hits
 - Bathroom accessory
 - Young
 - Beef cattle in soap
 - It's often in soap
 - For each
 - Innermost membrane enveloping the brain
 - A way to leave
 - Emaciation
 - Punish with a fine
 - Steeds
 - Having eight
 - Greek goddess of the dawn
 - Mature reproductive cells
 - Armadillo species
 - Ancient country in what is now Romania
 - Extreme greed
 - Stars
 - Poems
 - Places to sit
 - One from the Lone Star State
 - Small rails
 - One quintillion bytes (abbr.)
 - Where coaches work
 - Indicates position
 - Mammals
 - Resembling a wing
 - Bellefs
 - Hindu male religious teachers
 - Mischievously
 - Where athletes want to end up (abbr.)
 - Large, deep-bodied fish
 - Horned squash bug genus
 - Excessively sentimental
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 - You can put it on toast
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Vinton War Memorial hosts DAR District VII meeting

The District VII Virginia Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) held its annual meeting on August 13 at the Vinton War Memorial, as has become a tradition.

District VII includes these DAR chapters: Alleghany, Botetourt County, Colonel Abram Penn (Stuart), Colonel William Preston (Roanoke), Craig Valley, Floyd Courthouse, Fort Lewis (Salem), General James Breckinridge (Roanoke), General Joseph Martin (Martinsville), General William Campbell (Radford), Margaret Lynn Lewis (Roanoke), Nancy Christian Fleming (Roanoke), Patrick Henry (Martinsville), Peaks of Otter (Bedford), Virginia's Old Carolina Road (Rocky Mount), the George Pearis Chapter (Giles), and the Roanoke Valley Chapter, which meets in Vinton.

Several members from the Vinton chapter at-

tended the meeting including Regent Cindy Higgins, Secretary Donna Minnix, Chaplain Diane Goode, Registrar Janice Taylor, Historian Susan Doyle, Past Regent Sharon Menzies, Mary Darnell, Linda Upchurch, Sheila Campbell, and Elaine Muldrew.

District VII Director Jeanne Motley Dooley presided over the session. Other District VII officers include Vice Director Marcia Bauserman, Secretary Joann Sutphin, Treasurer Judy Thierry, and Chaplain Cynthia McKinney.

Each chapter in District VII was recognized for awards they had earned in the past year. The Roanoke Valley Chapter received the Chapter Achievement Award Level I (the highest level) and the America 250! Committee Eastern Division Award for their "Honoring Our Patriots" project.

The Roanoke Valley Chapter of the NSDAR was founded in Vinton in 1961. The chapter traditionally meets at St. Timothy's Lutheran Church on Hardy Road in Vinton on the second Saturday of each month September through May.

The organization is well-known for involvement in many community-service projects in Vinton and throughout the valley each year. They plant flags at the Municipal Building for patriotic holidays. The chapter supports veterans and active military personnel by making lap blankets for veterans each fall. They sponsor the William Byrd High School DAR Good Citizenship Award and scholarship, awarded each spring. During the pandemic, members made and distributed over 2000 face masks.

This past year the local chapter took on a community service project, partnering with the Town of Vinton to collect and recycle household plastic bags and films. Their goal had been to collect 500 pounds of soft plastics which would enable them to receive a bench from the Trex Corporation to be placed on one of the Town of Vinton greenways. Instead, they far surpassed their goal and collected enough recyclables for at least five benches.

This was made pos-



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Several members of the Roanoke Valley Chapter DAR, which regularly meets in Vinton, attended the District VII meeting at the Vinton War Memorial on August 13. Shown left to right are Historian Susan Doyle, Registrar Janice Taylor, Linda Upchurch, Past Regent Sharon Menzies, Regent Cindy Higgins, Elaine Muldrew, Secretary Donna Minnix, Chaplain Diane Goode, Mary Darnell, and Sheila Campbell.

sible through contributions from the Precision Fabrics Group (PFG) who donated over 2,296 pounds of plastic film and the Town of Vinton who collected 732 pounds at the Municipal Building and Community Center, in addition to local Food Lion stores.

At the District VII annual conference at the War Memorial, members were encouraged to bring donations for the Edge-wood Christian Church Military Food Pantry—non-perishable foods, personal care products,

and cleaning products.

The Roanoke Valley Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR), like all DAR chapters, is made up of women (18 years of age or older) who can demonstrate a direct lineage to someone who fought or provided service during the American Revolution. The chapter makes every effort to work with prospective members on completing the paperwork necessary to identify their Patriot and become a member.

The NSDAR was founded in 1890 to promote historic preservation, education, and patriotism. As one of the most inclusive genealogical societies in the country, DAR boasts 190,000 members in 3,000 chapters across the United States and internationally. The DAR is one of the world's largest and most active service organizations.

The annual luncheon at the district meeting was once again catered by Lib and Amy's.

PEOPLE, PLACES AND THINGS

Many thanks to George Moorehead and Jim Brogan for another great WBHS All Class reunion. We had so much fun. I chatted with them and they would love for some of the more recent classes to join in the fun! I will keep you posted on next year's date.

It was not what we had hoped for, but the first Vinton Palooza happened Sunday on the lawn of the War Memorial. We want to thank all our sponsors, our craft and food vendors, two great bands, The Jared Stout Band and The Kings, with

Angie Chewing

Filling in for Bootie

special guest Chris Keaton, and all our volunteers. And, of course, all the folks who came out despite the weather and had fun in the rain! Hey, if they can do it at Woodstock, so can we, right?

Reminder Member One presents on the Home Trust Stage—The Fuzz is back! Mingle at the Market, 7-10 p.m.; \$6 admission, kids under 12, free; family friendly, ID required for beer garden, please have out and ready for volunteers to check. Bring your own chair, no pets, no outside food or drink. Excited to announce: New to our Mingle event — Ferguson Family Provisions will be on site! <https://www.facebook.com/fergusonfamilyprovisions/>. Volunteer group will be Town of Vinton.

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Vinton Worship Directory

Overcoming Obstacles

Read Joshua 14:1 through 17:18

Sometimes, in the pursuit of God's will, we "spiritualize" our natural desire for comfort. We make "faith statements," claiming that if God is leading us, every problem should resolve itself. That is not the reality of godly living. Scripture is filled with examples of God's people encountering obstacles while following divine directives.

Division of the Promised Land among the Israelites came with the responsibility of engaging enemy nations. Israel's record in fulfilling that responsibility is spotty. As just one example, the tribes of Ephraim and Manasseh claimed their inheritance was too small.

"If you are so numerous," Joshua answered, "and if the hill country of Ephraim is too small for you, go up into the forest and clear land for yourselves there in the land of the Perizzites and Rephaites" (Joshua 17:15).

Joshua reminded the descendants of Joseph that much of their inheritance in the Promised Land remained to be conquered. They needed to step up to that challenge.

Prayer Suggestion: As God shows you what He wants you to do, pray in faith that He will help you overcome the obstacles.

Quicklook: Joshua 17:14-17

Morning Service 10:45 a.m., Wednesday Bible Study 10 a.m.

ECKANKAR

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

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

LUTHERAN

ST. TIMOTHY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH, "The Church Under The Cross", 1201 Hardy Rd, Vinton VA 24179, Pastor, Rev. Dr. James B. Davis (540) 342- 1715, Sunday School 10:00am, Worship 11:00am, sttimothy1201@verizon.net.

NAZARENE

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

PRESBYTERIAN

CAMPBELL MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1130 Hardy Rd, Vinton, VA, 540-343-1842; cmpc2verizon.net Sunday school 9:45am, Worship 11:00am; Communion 1st Sundays; 2nd Sunday Session; Monday Noon Bible Study; Tuesdays & Thursdays Stretch Class 9:00am; 1st Tuesdays Deacons; Wednesday Choir 7:00pm; Monday Girl Scouts 7:00pm; 3rd Saturday Men's Breakfast 8:00am. Rev. Jonathan Moelker, pastor

UNITED METHODIST

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

WESLEYAN

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

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

Cadet Corps

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ments.”

To qualify for a NJROTC program, about 10% of the school's student body must be enrolled in the program. NNDCC programs qualify with about 50 students enrolled; Perrin believes the numbers will grow to that level at WBHS next year, once the program becomes more well-known.

He explains that the main difference between the NNDCC and the Navy JROTC program is the source of funding, not the curriculum. The NJROTC program, established by Public Law in 1964, is funded by Title 10. If a school requests a JROTC program and meets the requirements, the military service will fund the program. If the school is smaller and prefers to fund its own cadet training program, that program is established as a National Defense Cadet Corps.

According to Roanoke County School Superintendent Dr. Ken Nicely, “Thirty-seven students have elected to take the NNDCC program this school year and Sr. Chief Perrin is excited about offering field trip and competition opportunities to the cadets in addition to regular school-day instruction.

“After the Air Force discontinued the JROTC program at WBHS, we were grateful to Roanoke City Schools for partnering with us to allow our students to finish their JROTC program with them at Patrick Henry High School,” Nicely said. “Our new partnership with the Navy brings this kind of program back to Roanoke County and benefits all Roanoke County students who would like to take advantage of this opportunity to develop leadership skills. I look forward to seeing the program grow and am proud to see it return to WBHS.”

Vinton's School Board member Tim Greenway says he was unhappy when the county lost the previous Air Force JROTC program.

“I think it is a tremendous program for our young adults, so I asked the school system to look into alternatives,” Greenway said. “The Navy had a similar program and Career and Technical Education (CTE) Director Jason Suhr reached out to them. We are lucky to have the program.”

The current plan is to move the NNDCC program to the new Roanoke County CTE Center when it is built, “which should foster growth from all high schools,” Greenway said.

The students enrolled in the NNDCC program this year are mostly freshmen along with five seniors and a few sophomores and juniors; about 60% are William

Byrd students. Most of the current students are males, with five or six females in the group.

Perrin says NNDCC cadets gain “a sense of family and being part of something bigger than themselves.” The program “shows them that people care and want them to succeed. It's an investment in students who are the currency of the future.”

With the inclusion of all five county high schools, Perrin hopes to instill in cadets a “sense of oneness. We are one class, one unit, one team.”

Most NNDCC instructors are retired military officers. Perrin retired from the military in 2016 after 26 years of active service. He joined the Navy in 1988, just out of high school. His decision to enlist and serve his country was based on several factors: he comes from a military family—his father served in the Navy and his maternal grandfather was a member of the English Royal Navy; even in high school he had a great desire to serve his country and was involved in community service; and, he says, the influential movie “Top Gun” came out a couple of years earlier.

Over the course of his naval career, Perrin served just about everywhere. He was a hospital corpsman (medic) serving in the first Gulf War with the Marine Force fleet. For the past few years, he was the Senior Enlisted Leader, the primary advisor to the Commanding Officer of the Unit, in Bahrain. He retired from the Naval Oceanography Special Warfare Center in Coronado, Calif.

“As a NNDCC instructor I want to help students in the program to be inspired to serve others, have a sense of community, be engaged citizens, be successful future leaders; and, most importantly, to be successful students,” Perrin said.

The NNDCC program is a four-year course of study. Since the program is new this year to RCPS and Byrd, all students are beginning with Naval Science 1 which introduces students to the meaning of citizenship, the elements of followership, and the value of attaining life goals. The curriculum promotes an awareness of first aid, geography, and survival skills and an overview of naval ships and aircraft—all at a fundamental level.

In school year 2023-24, both Naval Science 1 and Naval Science 2 will be offered.

In Naval Science 2, the traits of citizenship and leadership are further developed. Cadets are also introduced to the technical areas of naval science and the role of the U.S. Navy in mar-

itime history, along with the vital importance of the world's oceans to the continued well-being of the nation.

Naval Science 3 broadens students' understanding of the principles of military leadership, the concept and significance of teamwork, and the intrinsic value of good order and discipline. Students gain a more in-depth knowledge of naval ships and aircraft and are introduced to marine navigation and seamanship.

In year four of the NNDCC program, student leadership is foremost. Students take on more responsibility in the unit. Junior and senior students are mainly in charge and assist the Naval Science instructor under supervision.

In the NNDCC program, cadets are required to dress in uniform one day a week and are inspected on grooming, “proper wear of the uniform,” and military bearing. Another day will focus on physical fitness training. The remainder will center around classroom instruction.

Perrin describes the curriculum as “hands-on” and “not just a classroom program.”

In addition to their classes, cadets will be able to join co-curricular teams, such as the Athletic, Orienteering, and Marksmanship teams. These activities will provide travel opportunities, allow students to meet cadets from other schools and areas, and encourage teamwork.

In the future, Perrin hopes to add a Drill Team, Color Guard, and even a Drone Racing Team.

Perrin places a great deal of importance on community service. He is already planning activities for the 9/11 Day of Remembrance, Veterans Day, Memorial Day, and the Wreaths Across America program. His goal is for cadets to become visible to, and part of, the community early on in the school year.

While they are not recruitment tools for the military, NJROTC and NNDCC programs do afford opportunities for service to the United States through Service Academy appointments and scholarships. Participants who complete at three years of the NNDCC program can enlist in the military with a pay grade of E-3.

CTE Director Suhr, who supervises the NNDCC program, has high hopes for the new program, “Sr. Chief Perrin is energetic and has been working with us over the summer to prepare for this first class of NNDCC students.”

“I am looking forward to the new school year and the impact that the program will make in the school and the community of Vinton,” Perrin says.

Beyond Books

Summer may be ending, and school may be back in session, but as we welcome the cooler weather, we have plenty of programs happening at the Vinton Library to keep the fun going.

Join us for an all-day Welcome Week Open House event on Wednesday, September 14. We would like to welcome you to come by the Vinton Library so we can show off the many things the library can do for you! Enjoy fun activities for all ages! Check out the other RCPL libraries throughout our Welcome Week, September 12-16.

We have some great financial management programs coming up this month as well. On Monday, September 19 at 11 a.m., presenter Riley Ginger with the Better Business Bureau will give a presentation on Wise Giving; come to learn the best practices for donating to charities.

Later that same day from 5-6 p.m., join us to learn about Debt Management strategies, such as loan consolidation and debt management plans, hosted by Member One Federal Credit Union.

On Monday, September 26 from 5-6 p.m. we will have another presentation by Member One Federal Credit Union on Credit Scores and Reporting; discover how to access information about your credit score and reports, discuss strategies to build and improve your credit, and even identify some ways to protect your credit report from fraudulent activity.

On Thursday, September 8 at 11 a.m., join Brooke Hill with the Alzheimer's Association for a program on the 10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer's; learn how to recognize common signs of the disease, how to approach someone about memory concerns, the importance of early detection and benefits of early diagnosis.

Also, Patrick Harmon of Harmon and Prouty Financial Group will be back Monday, September 26 at 11 a.m. for Medicare 101; come by to learn how to save money and tailor your Medicare plan to your needs.

Looking to get your GED? Register with Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Region 5 Adult Education at www.region-fiveadulthood.com for free adult GED Classes, held here at the Vinton Library in September on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5-7:30 p.m., starting September 6.

The Roanoke Valley Dulcimers will meet Saturday, September 17 from 10:15 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. and the public is welcome to come listen to a Roanoke Valley Dulcimers Ensemble on Monday, September 26 from 5-6. They will present a recital of music played on the dul-

cimer, the folk instrument whose name means “sweet sound.” Light refreshments will be provided.

Be sure to register for this month's Creations and Temptations! On Wednesday, September 7 from 6-7:30 p.m., Melinda will be demonstrating how to make wonderful smelling essential oil air fresheners using repurposed candle votives.

Open Bridge continues this month every Tuesday from 1-4 p.m. We will have Saturday Morning Cartoons on the patio every Saturday from 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m., weather permitting.

Our DMV Connect service will be back Wednesday, September 28 and Thursday, September 29 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., closing from 1-2 p.m. for lunch.

The Vinton Book Club will discuss *The Younger Wife* by Sally Hepworth on Thursday, September 1 at 3 p.m. The As the Page Turns Book Club will discuss *The Japanese Lover* by Isabel Allende on Wednesday, September 14 at 2 p.m.

Also, be sure to register for Saturday on Saturday, September 17 from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. From 11 a.m.-1 p.m. you can “Meet the Author,” Valerie Archual, who will be here with her rescue cat, Roger, that she adopted from RCACP during a previous library Saturday event.

Hey teens! What have you been reading? Drop by the Teen Book Club on Monday, September 12 from 5-6 p.m. to discuss what you're reading, get recommendations from your peers, and have snacks! On Monday, September 26 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. join us for Teen Gaming; drop in to hang out and play games, (and, of course, there will be snacks!).

On Saturday, September 3 from 2-4:30 p.m. we will be having a Family Fort “Night.” Register to come to the library and work with other families to build a giant fort together; afterwards, hear stories read around our pretend campfire and enjoy s'mores snacks.

On Wednesday, September 14 at 4 p.m., we will have Lego Play; drop in to have fun creating and sharing your Lego masterpieces.

Register online for Junior Makers Club on Wednesday, September 21 from 4-5 p.m.; this month we will be doing fun experiments with water. Our next story time session begins the week of September 10 and goes through the week of October 10. Register online for Jamie Time (ages 3-5 years) on Tuesdays at 6 p.m. and Family Storytime (ages 0-5 years) on Wednesdays at 11:30 a.m.

By Library Assistant Molly Meador



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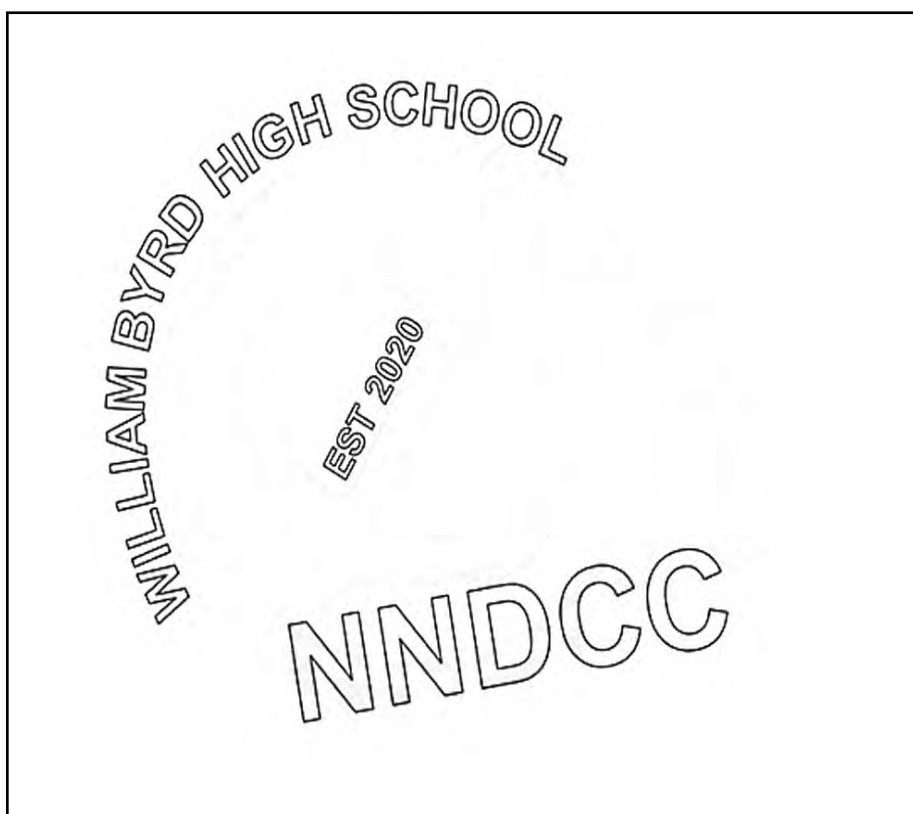
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Vinton History Museum hosting author Dan Smith

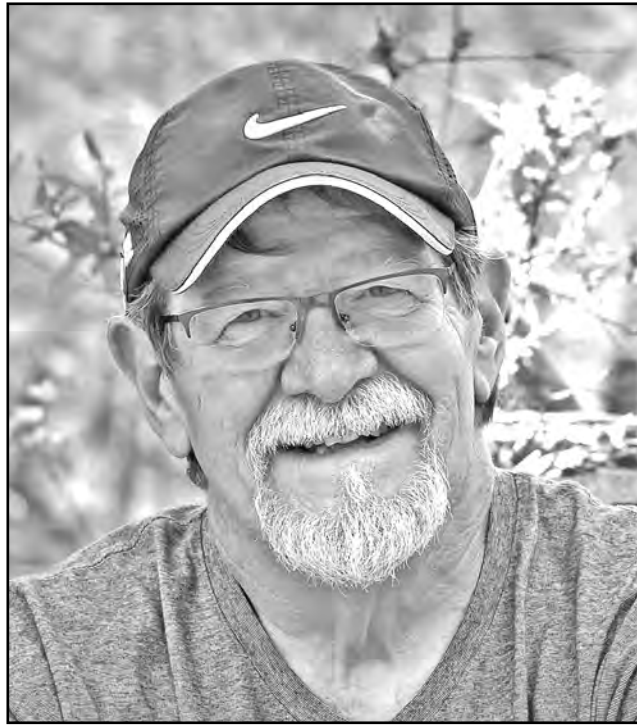
The Vinton History Museum is hosting a book signing and discussion featuring author Dan Smith and his new book, "NEWS!" at the Vinton History Museum on Friday, September 9, between 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

"NEWS!" is a fictional story about a young sportswriter, Eb McCourry, and his colleagues as they shake up the world of a small-town newspaper in Appalachian North Carolina. According to Propertius Press, Smith's new novel "will keep you turning the pages and following Eb and his friends as they uncover the stories behind murders, corruption, and the mystery related to a plane crash. The tight, well-crafted novel

will grip your attention as it pulls you straight back in time to visit some issues that we still struggle with today."

Award-winning journalist and photographer, Smith is a member of the Virginia Communications Hall of Fame. He is the author of seven books. He has also won Broadcasters Awards for Public Radio essays. His magazine work has won an international award as well. The Asheville, N.C. native is a longtime Roanoke area resident.

The Vinton History Museum is located at 210 E. Jackson Ave., Vinton. For additional information contact the museum at (540) 342-8634 or info@vintonhistorymuseum.org.



Author Dan Smith



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Public Works

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Herndon made a presentation at the Town Council meeting on August 16 which illustrated his point in describing two stormwater projects Public Works employees were "able to tackle" be-

cause they were not occupied with utility system repairs.

He was assisted by crew leader Jason Davison who he praised for his skills and his ability to train other employees.

The PowerPoint, prepared by Brandon Acker, focused on two recent Public Works drain repair and replacement projects in the town—one at 107 North Maple Street, the other on Madison Avenue

at North Pollard Street. The two major projects were completed in six weeks at a total cost of approximately \$72,082, which would easily have doubled if the work had been contracted out.

Herndon also said the project would have taken twice as long if Public Works "still had the utility system to keep in repair." Now, once they arrive on site, they are able to remain on site. In addition, utilizing the labor of town employees is much more cost efficient.

"While estimating exact savings is difficult, we estimated that this project could have taken twice as long, about 12 weeks, as it did if we had had our regular number of utility emergency repairs," said Assistant Town Manager Cody Sexton. "That is a longer time for staff to be away and for the equipment rentals needed for

the project."

The first project on North Maple occurred just before the 4th of July. Public Works received a call about a hole in the road. When they "camera'd" the sewer, they discovered the entire bottom of the pipe had collapsed. The town rented equipment and eventually installed 60 feet of 48-inch corrugated pipe, and moved a manhole to protect the water line. Davison designed wing walls for the project. The sidewalk was rebuilt. The crew graded the road.

The second project he detailed on Madison Avenue involved a sinkhole. They again "camera'd" the pipe and discovered the bottom had rusted out. This time, instead of replacing pipe, they changed to box culvert which they thought would last a little longer. It was necessary to bring in an excavator and

a crane for this project as some pieces of the culvert weighed up to 27,000 pounds. Once complete, the town crews put on the finishing touches with seeding and straw.

"One of the biggest benefits that we have moving forward is that our crews can focus on one project at a time without having to be pulled off to fix a more emergent issue, like a water break," said Sexton. "That focus, even if there are other delays with supplies out of our control, still saves money because we can stay on a project through its completion and not have time lost from moving back and forth from projects or having to extend equipment rentals longer than necessary. This allows us to be more intentional and proactive with the work we do in the town instead of simply reacting to issues when they arise."



PHOTO BY JASON DAVISON

The project Vinton Public Works completed recently on Madison Avenue at Pollard Street.

Annabelle Teague

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mer. She and 10 other Scouts visited France, Switzerland, and Spain with the Virginia Skyline Council Girl Scout Adventures Troop 1912. Four of the Scouts were members of Troop 478, including Sophia Gonzalez, another William Byrd freshman, and Maya and Heidi Thompson from Cave Spring.

This was Annabelle's first trip abroad. She says she does not speak a foreign language (although she is studying Latin), but the girls had been taught some basic words to use during the trip, and many of the Europeans they encountered spoke English. They also had a guide for parts of their journey.

The trip wasn't a given. Annabelle had to apply for the privilege and raise funds to pay for the adventure. She earned most of her money for the trip through selling Girl Scout cookies.

The group flew out of

Dulles Airport in Washington, D.C., had a layover in Amsterdam, and landed in Paris—about a nine-hour flight. Their trip lasted from June 26 through July 10.

For much of their trip, the group stayed in hostels, but they also spent a week at the Girl Scout Chalet in Switzerland—an international center for Girl Scouts.

They spent three days in Paris, a day in Carcassonne, a city in southern France, a week in Switzerland, and a day in Spain.

This particular trip was originally scheduled for the Adventures Troop in 2020 when Annabelle would have been too young to participate. The pandemic delayed the trip and allowed her the opportunity to join the group.

Her favorite stop on the trip was at the Eiffel Tower, where she says they had a very nice tour guide, an amazing tour, and encountered a somewhat chaotic scene

of protestors.

Other sites they visited in France included St. Chapelle, Notre Dame, the Arc de Triomphe, the Louvre, Montmartre, and Sacre Coeur. The group was also able to take a day cruise on the Seine.

In Switzerland, the girls enjoyed the memorable process of making their own Swiss chocolates at the Funky Chocolate Club, from pouring the melted chocolate into molds, to tempering it, and finally adding decorations.

The Girl Scout Chalet where they stayed for the week is located in Adelboden, a Swiss Alpine village and famous ski resort. In Switzerland, Annabelle says she experienced one of the biggest challenges of the journey—hiking in the Alps due to the elevation.

The troop also visited Adventure Park and the picturesque Spiez Castle (dating from the 7th century) and Thun

Castle (dating from the 12th century).

Their day in Spain was spent at Park Guell in Barcelona, known as one of the most impressive public parks in the world, and the Sagrada Familia Church, the most visited monument in Spain.

Annabelle says that with the time difference of six hours and how busy their days were, it was sometimes difficult to communicate with her family at home.

She is glad to have the good fortune of traveling abroad at her young age.

She is excited about her freshman year at WBHS, where she is a member of the yearbook staff. At this point she plans to attend college and study entomology (insects).

Annabelle's parents are Sean and Danielle Teague.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

One of the historic sites Annabelle Teague and her fellow Scouts visited was Spiez Castle in Switzerland.

Mount Pleasant Elementary

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from Radford University.

She and her husband bought their first house this summer and moved to Vinton.

Hixon has one year's experience as a substitute teacher and worked for

three years as a Title I instructional assistant.

"I've heard nothing but good things about Mount Pleasant whenever I share with others that I will be teaching there," said Hixon.

As for interesting facts, Hixon says, "Peacocks are my favorite animal besides my cat Daisy and my dog Foxy."

Sue Jolley teaches Special Education. She is originally from Maryland. She earned a business degree from Roanoke College and her Master's in Education at Hollins University. She is beginning her eighth

year of teaching.

Jolley says Mount Pleasant seems to be a great school and "everyone has been so welcoming to me."

She says she loves lacrosse and basketball, and, coming from Maryland, is a big Maryland Terps fan.

Sandy Mathena is teaching kindergarten at Mount Pleasant this year. She comes from White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., but has lived in Mount Pleasant for seven years. She graduated from Greenbrier East High School and earned her degree in Elementary

Education from Concord University. She is not new to the school, having taught fifth grade there before. Due to enrollment, she "substituted and remediated while waiting for an opportunity to return." She has been in the field of education for 21 years.

"I've wanted to be a teacher since I was 3 years old," Mathena says. "I'm so happy to be returning to kindergarten! I love teaching and watching students learn and grow!"

She also loves traveling with her family.

Sarah Schachner is teaching music education for grades K-5. She is from Charlotte, N.C., and graduated high school from the Northwest School of the Arts. She earned her degree in Music Education, with a focus in percussion, from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro (UNCG). She has taught elementary school music for the past two years in Vance County, N.C. Prior to that, she taught lessons and served as a percussion technician for marching band.

"I came to be at Mount Pleasant Elementary School because I'm trying to plant my

roots and Roanoke looks like the place to do it!" Schachner said. "I love the mountains, but I also love living near a city, and Roanoke has both."

"I chose to teach music because I believe that learning to appreciate music truly brings to light all the great things humanity has to offer," Schachner says. "I chose to teach, in general, because I love being able to be a person that students can rely on."

Her special interests include taking care of her two cats, going for a run and exercising in general, and knitting.

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ORDER OF PUBLICATION

Case No. CL21-610 BOTETOURT COUNTY Commonwealth of Virginia, in re. Wilmington Savings Fund FSB, et al vs. Andrew L. Lawson, et al
The subject of this suit is to: rescind the September 16, 2020 foreclosure sale of 47 Garfield Lane, Roanoke, Virginia. It is ORDERED that: Any/All Heirs of BILAL NAEEM BOMANI appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before September 6, 2022. Signed: TOMMY L. MOORE, Clerk. 7/19/22

Public Notice – Environmental Permit

PURPOSE OF NOTICE: To seek public comment on a draft permit from the Department of Environmental Quality that will allow the release of treated wastewater into a water body in Botetourt County, Virginia. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: August 17, 2022 to September 16, 2022 PERMIT NAME: Virginia Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit – Wastewater issued by DEQ pursuant to applicable water laws and regulations APPLICANT NAME, ADDRESS AND PERMIT NUMBER: Shenandoah Baptist Church; PO Box 7010, Roanoke, VA 24019; VA0075451 FACILITY NAME AND LOCATION: Camp Eagle Sewage Treatment Plant (STP); 458 Camp Eagle Road, Fincastle, VA 24090 PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Shenandoah Baptist Church has applied for reissuance of a permit for the private Camp Eagle STP. The applicant proposes to release treated sewage

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wastewaters from seasonal and non-season residential domestic activities at a rate of 0.0025 million gallons-per-day into a water body. Septage from the treatment process is hauled by contractor to the Southwestern Virginia Regional Wastewater Pollution Control Plant for further treatment. The facility proposes to release the treated wastewaters into Borden Creek in Botetourt County in the James River watershed. A watershed is the land area drained by a river and its incoming streams. The permit will limit the following pollutants to amounts that protect water quality: organic matter, chemical properties, solids and bacteria. HOW TO COMMENT AND/OR REQUEST A PUBLIC HEARING: DEQ accepts comments and requests for public hearing on the draft permit reissuance by hand-delivery, e-mail, fax or postal mail. All comments and requests must be in writing and be received by DEQ during the comment period. Submittals must include the names, mailing addresses or email addresses of the commenter/requester and of all persons represented by the commenter/requester. A request for public hearing must also include: 1) The reason why a public hearing is requested. 2) A brief, informal statement regarding the nature and extent of the interest of the requester or of those represented by the requestor, including how and to what extent such interest would be directly and adversely affected by the permit. 3) Specific references, where possible, to terms and conditions of the permit with suggested revisions. A public hearing may be held, including another comment period, if public response is significant, based on individual requests for a public hearing, and there are substantial, disputed issues relevant to the permit. CONTACT FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS, DOCUMENT REQUESTS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Susan Edwards; Blue Ridge Regional Office, 901 Russell Drive, Salem VA 24153; 540-795-9749; E-mail: Susan.Edwards@deq.virginia.gov. The public may review the draft permit and application at the DEQ office named above by appointment or may request copies of the documents from the contact person listed above.

Legals - City of Radford

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA VA CODE § 8.01-316 Case No. JJ003213-22-00 RADFORD Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court, Commonwealth of Virginia, in re PARRIS, ZYAN IMAHAN MILDRED. The object of this suit is to: Approve permanency plan for Zyan Imahan Mildred Parris, a minor. It is ORDERED that DANTE LARRELL HAYES appear at the above-named court and protect his or her interests on or before 09/27/2022 at 9:00 AM.

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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA VA CODE § 8.01-316 Case No. JJ003213-22-00 RADFORD Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court, Commonwealth of Virginia, in re PARRIS, ZYAN IMAHAN MILDRED. The object of this suit is to: Approve permanency plan for Zyan Imahan Mildred Parris, a minor. It is ORDERED that PARRIS, ALYSSA DANIELLE appear at the above-named court and protect his or her interests on or before 09/27/2022 at 9:00 AM.

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Order of Publication Commonwealth of Virginia

VA code § 1-211.1; 8.01-316, -317.20-104 Montgomery County Circuit Court 55 East Main Street, Suite 1, Christiansburg, VA 24073 Case No. CL22001234-00 Arlecia McBride Johnson and Olivia Adeline Isabel Johnson v. Jonathan Arnold Johnson. The object of this suit is to: Name Change of a Minor. It is ORDERED that Jonathan Arnold Johnson appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interest on or before October 2, 2022

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY Case No. CL22-1082 COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY, VIRGINIA, A Political Subdivision of the Commonwealth of Virginia, Complainant, v. ELIZABETH MORGAN, ET AL. Respondent(s).

ORDER OF PUBLICATION The object of this suit is to enforce the lien of the Complainant, County of Montgomery, Virginia, for delinquent real estate taxes against certain real property located in the County of Montgomery, Virginia, described as follows: Tax Map No. 525-A 16 Account No. 01 3074 All of that certain lot of land, lying near the wester limits, of Christiansburg in Montgomery County Virginia and bounded as follows: Beginning at the line of the Lee Highway at the corner of land owned or formerly owned by William Garnard and running thence; with said Garnard line S. 9° E. 200 feet to a stake; thence two new lines S. 88 1/2° W. 49 feet to the line of a 12 foot alley with same N. 9 1/2° W. 200 feet to the line of said Highway; thence with the line thereof N. 88 1/2° E. 50 Feet to the beginning containing nearly one-fourth (1/4) of an acre more Or less. And being the same real property conveyed to Elizabeth Morgan and John McWeller Morgan from Maggie Morgan and Jack Morgan by Deed dated and recorded on July 3, 1928 in the Circuit Court Clerk's Office in Montgomery County, Virginia in Deed Book 88, Page 410. This description is made subject to all easements, conditions, agreements, restrictions, and reservations of record which affect the property herein described. APPEARING that an Affidavit has been made and filed stating that due diligence has been used, without effect, to ascertain the identity and location of certain parties to be served, that the last known addresses for the Respondents herein are as follows: Elizabeth Morgan, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is c/o S. Denise Harry-Martin 4794 Newbury Ct., Riverside, California 92507; John McWeller Morgan aka John Maxwell Morgan, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is c/o S. Denise Harry-Martin 4794 Newbury Ct., Riverside, California 92507; William Henry Hull, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Richard M. Hull, whose last known address is unknown; Elizabeth Moss Brown Hull, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Betty J. Hull Harry, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; and that any officers, heirs, devisees, and successors in title of the Respondent named herein are made parties Respondent to this action individually and/or by the general description of Parties Unknown, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties herein and all Parties Unknown and/or whose location cannot be ascertained appear on or before September 16, 2022 in the Clerk's Office of the

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Circuit Court of the County of Montgomery, Virginia, and do what may be necessary to protect their interests in this cause. Entered on the 9th day of August ,2022. Signed Robert M.D. Turk, Judge. I asked for this: John A. Rife, Esq (VSB No. 45805)

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VA CODE §§ 1-211.1;8.10-316, -317.20-104 Case No. CL22000842-00 MONTGOMERY COUNTY 55 East Main Street, Suite 1, Christiansburg, VA 24073 Commonwealth of Virginia, in re ALIVIER NICOLE HARRELL v. COREY HENDRICK HARRELL. The object of this suit is to DIVORCE. It is ORDERED that COREY HENDRICK HARRELL appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before OCTOBER 10, 2022.

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Volleyball is home tonight against GHS

The William Byrd volleyball team will be back home tonight to host Glenvar after opening the season with a home match against Hidden Valley Tuesday. The Terriers lost to Hidden Valley in three sets, 25-12, 25-12 and 25-15.

Byrd's opening week schedule could be the toughest in the entire state of Virginia. Hidden Valley had state championship aspirations in Class 3 under former Byrd coach Carla Ponn and Glenvar is looking to repeat in Class 2 after winning the state championship last fall. The Highlanders opened their season with a three set win over a strong Blacksburg team on Monday night.

At Byrd, junior middle hitter Terran Brown led the Terriers with seven kills while sophomore right side Raelyn Lancaster had four. Defensively, Ella Ashworth had eight digs and Emily Tuck had five. Senior setter Carsyn Kotz had a dozen assists.

The Terriers open the season with four straight home matches this year. Next week Cave Spring will be here for a Tuesday match and a week from today Abingdon is here.



Left, Raelyn Lancaster of William Byrd hits a spike in Tuesday's season opening match against Hidden Valley. Right, Terran Brown pounds one.

PHOTOS BY DANNY CRUFF



Byrd's Evan Mullen chips to the green.

PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Wm. Byrd golfers are 2nd at Botetourt Golf & Swim Club

The William Byrd golfers had their best finish among the three Blue Ridge District mini-matches to date when the Terriers finished second at the Botetourt Golf & Swim Club Tuesday. Byrd shot a 321 as Franklin County regained the season lead with a 306.

Lord Botetourt had held a six stroke lead after two rounds and the Cavaliers figured to up their advantage on their home course, but standout Ashton Harper did not play and Botetourt ballooned to a fourth place finish with 339. Harper had been medalist in each of the first two matches with scores under par.

Tuesday at the BG&SC Northside's Nick Crawford was the medalist with a 73. Byrd's Clayton Gilmore tied for second on the day with a 76. Three Franklin County players also shot 76, San Fansler, Wes Hill and Nick Messenger, as the Eagles took over the district lead, 942 to 969. Byrd remained third at 994 followed by Northside at 1006. The Vikings shot 322 at Botetourt, the second match in a row they finished one stroke behind Byrd in the team scoring.

After Gilmore, Byrd's best score was a 79 by Evan Mullen and Andrew Kiker was next at 80. Nathan Carter rounded out the four counting scores with an 86.

"I am very proud of our guys for the hard work they have put in so far this season and all the challenges that they have overcome," said Byrd coach Tyler Goodman.

Byrd will next tee it up at Hanging Rock next Tuesday, August 30.

Runners are ready to take their mark for cross country season

The William Byrd cross country team will be at Patrick Henry High in Roanoke today for a scrimmage as they prepare to open the 2022 season.

Today's run at PH will be a two mile relay, beginning at 4:30 pm. The first official race will be next Wednesday, August 31, when the Terriers compete in the "Bengal Clash at the River" at the Smith River Sports Complex in Martinsville, hosted by Bassett High School. That will include a middle school race at 4:30 pm, a varsity girls race at 5 pm, a varsity boys race at 5:30 pm and a mixed junior varsity race to conclude the action at 6:15 pm.

Byrd coach Eric Royal had a great turnout for the season, and there's some talent in the group. Olivia Hurd is coming off an all-state performance last fall and is looking for even better times this season. DeShawn Austin is the top boy.

"He came out late last year and was just getting the hang of cross country by the end of the year," said Royal. "I expect him to go to the next level this season."

Royal has a strong group of girls and he's looking for big things from them. "Our goal is to place as a team at regions and take them to States," he said. "The group of seniors this year has shown they have the talent. Now they need to apply it and bring along the rest of the team."

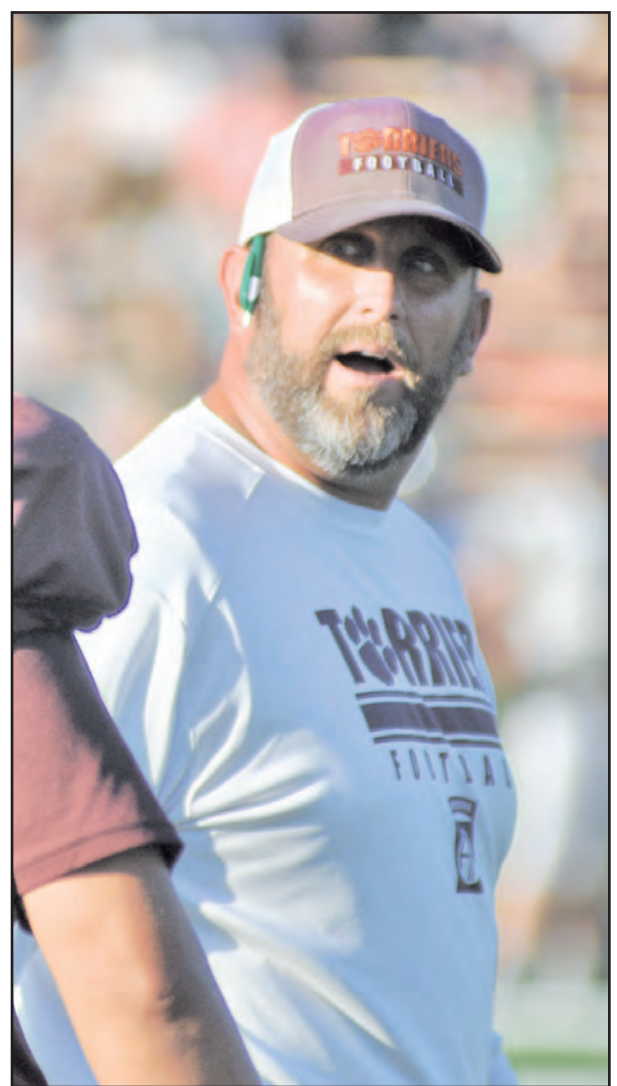
For the boys, Eric is just looking for improvement.

"We need to get them to be more competitive day to day and go into the post season with the idea we belong, and are not just here to run."



The 2022 William Byrd cross country team will open next Wednesday at the "Bengal Clash at the River."

LIFETOUCH PHOTO



Left to right; Israel Hairston is a dual threat at quarterback for the Terriers, Dustin Richards is one of the area's top defenders, and Brad Lutz has high hopes for the Byrdmen as he enters his fourth season as head coach.

PHOTOS BY JIM DEVINNEY & BRIAN HOFFMAN

Football season opens Friday after "confidence building" 41-6 win at RC

After last year's winless season there's nowhere to go but up for the William Byrd football team, and the Terriers are planning to take the first step in that direction Friday night. Byrd will open the 2022 season with high hopes as they travel to Bedford to take on Liberty High.

It's a perfect opener for the Byrdmen, as the Minutemen find themselves in much the same situation. Liberty opened with three wins last year, including a 33-28 win over Byrd in Vinton in the season opener, but then proceeded to lose their final seven games in a row, getting shut out three times. Chris Watts, who had been Liberty's coach for the past 20 years, left the program and was replaced by Daryl Robertson. He'll try to revitalize a program that was 5-21 over the past three seasons.

In Vinton, coach Brad Lutz is hoping to energize a Byrd program that has a 7-20 record in his three years. Despite the struggles Byrd had an excellent turnout for the team this year and the team has high hopes for a turnaround season. The Terriers have talent and there's nothing that can't be fixed with a couple wins.

"We need some success to show the kids the benefit of their hard work," said Lutz. "It would be helpful to get off to a good start."

The Terriers had a scrimmage with a strong Glenvar team on August 12 and held their own. Last week in their final tuneup for the regular season Byrd played a Benefit Game at Rockbridge County and beat the Wildcats like a rented mule. Byrd won in a game situation, 41-6, against a team that was 20-10 the past three seasons and made the playoffs last year.

"The kids played well," said Lutz. "It was just a benefit game, but it was an opportunity to have some success and build confidence. That team won the Valley District two years ago."

The Terriers come into the season as a young team, with just eight seniors on the roster, but they have some experience as well. Starting quarterback Israel Hairston is a junior but he saw time behind center as a freshman and started all of last year. He's fast, smart and has a good arm and he'll be a threat to take it to the house every time he touches the ball, be it through the air or on land.

"We want to be a 50-50 team as far as the run and pass," said Lutz. "Israel is a great runner and he's worked hard on his passing game. He'll keep you honest with his arm and his legs."

While Hairston is a dynamic player he's far from the only weapon in Byrd's arsenal.

"We're not a one man show," said Lutz. "We'll use multiple formations and run a balanced offense, and we want to get as many kids involved in the offense as we can. With different formations we'll use different personnel."

Byrd has a wealth of riches at quarterback. Lane Shoemaker, who is also a junior, is a capable backup while sophomore Jahdai English saw some snaps last year and freshman Cannin Lutz is an up-and-comer after a good year on the middle school team. He'll be the starting quarterback for the jayvees.

"Our quarterback situation is fantastic," said coach

Lutz. "We have four who we have a lot of confidence in."

The running backs will be a three-headed monster of senior Davian Hopkins, junior Brayden Andrews and a promising freshman, DeShannon Reed. Junior John Kiker returns as the "H Back," which is similar to a fullback but he'll also line up on the wing on occasion.

The Terriers have a stable of receivers that includes seniors Jacob Dickerson and Dillon Anderson and juniors Cooper Minnix, Dominic Dulak and Dexter Gaines.

"Who's on the field depends on the formation," said Lutz. "We're trying to get as many kids involved as possible. In our benefit game our kids were fresh in the fourth quarter."

Senior Dustin Richards has moved from guard to tight end and he's changed his number from 53 to 44. He's a big strong kid who has good hands and he'll be an added weapon in the attack.

Byrd has some experience on the line with senior Caleb Thompson and sophomores BJ Cheatwood and Nick Bustamante at tackle. Soph Cyrus Adams will be a center or guard and senior Luis Hernandez can also play center. Nate Williamson is a senior guard with experience.

On defense Byrd has changed to a four man front with Richards and Thompson at the ends. Other linemen come from a group that includes Williamson, senior Alex Reamey, juniors Ian Vest and Doniven Davis and sophomore Maurice Burnette.

Kiker and English give Byrd toughness and speed at inside linebacker while junior Wyatt Bailey will man an outside spot with junior Elliott Gaines.

Sophomore Ethan Haston returns at cornerback after starting as a freshman with Braeden Young and Dexter Gaines also in the mix.

"We have three solid corners," said Lutz.

Shoemaker will be the free safety and Andrews will be the strong safety.

Lancaster has been doing the kicking and he's looked good in preseason practice. He's been drilling them from close to 50 yards this summer and last week he put two kickoffs in the end zone at Rockbridge.

"That's something we haven't had, and that's a real weapon," said Lutz.

Richards is the punter and Dulak is a dangerous return man. Several others could also see time returning kicks.

The coaching staff includes Brad's brother, Adam Lutz, who is the defensive coordinator and also works with runningbacks and linebackers. Their dad, Charlie, is the "nuts and bolts" guy of the team, handling paperwork, etc.

Long-time assistant Kim Cols returns to help on both jayvee and varsity while Andrew Mitchell moves into the head jayvee spot. He was the middle school coach last year, and he'll also coach corners and receivers.

"He's a great pickup," said Lutz.

Will Satterfield returns to handle the defensive line and special teams. Andrew Close is new to the staff and he works with tight ends, safeties and special teams. Josh Camden has defensive ends and he's the jayvee defensive coordinator.

Ron Hicks, another newcomer to the staff, will handle the quarterbacks. He was a teammate of Lutz at UVA-Wise when Ron was the quarterback and Brad made sure his uniform stayed clean as an offensive lineman.

Byrd will have five non-district games to open the season against Liberty, Hidden Valley, Christiansburg, Bassett and Cave Spring before opening the five game Blue Ridge District schedule on October 7 at Lord Botetourt. It's a challenging non-district schedule but not overwhelming, and if the Terriers can pick up some wins and build some momentum going into the district half of the schedule anything can happen this year.



The 2022 William Byrd sideline cheerleaders are, Front Row L to R: Makayla Collins, Olaedo Anyanwu, Julie Sattah, Casi Carawan and Mia Belanger. Middle Row: Kyra Lane, Brooklyn Arven, Emma Kageals, Ashlynn Thomas, Gracie Mick and Spencer Peters. Back Row: Alexis Loughlin, Carleigh Leonard, Sheradyn O'Neill, Lexie LaBarbera, Kaitlyn Duncan and Madison Saunders.

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REC. FOOTBALL

Vinton's Patterson Stadium was the site of the Terrier Football Jamboree last Saturday as the local sandlot teams got ready for the coming season. Regular season games begin this Saturday at various locations.

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