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W.E. Cundiff celebrates Veterans Day

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W.E. Cundiff Elementary School in Vinton honored veterans on Veterans Day, November 11, with a ceremony in the school gym. Principal Ashley Mc-Callum thanked the veterans present—including parents and grandparents of Cundiff students.

"We would like to thank you for making the sacrifices necessary to protect and secure the freedoms of this great nation," McCallum said. "It is an honor to have you here today."

Students Grayson Bell,

Counts, Cooke, Aaliyah Vorst, and Alex Davidson recited a poem entitled "Thanks to the American Warriors," followed by the Roanoke County Fire and Rescue Honor Guard presenting the colors, accompanied by bagpiper Keenan Slusher.

Cundiff music teacher Ellen Hannan and Rick Elliott, Supervisor of Music and Performing Arts for Roanoke County Schools, performed the national anthem on trombones.

The W.E. Cundiff Flag Team (William Fitzgerald,

Abbey Hedrick, Cally Lutz, Rosalina Martinez, Collyns Terrell, and Mason Weeks) led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The fourth and fifth graders, with flags waving, and accompanied by librarian Tracey Patterson on the piano. performed the classic "Fifty Nifty United States."

McCallum then introduced 6th District Congressman Ben Cline who commented that growing up in Lexington, he, too, had learned and performed the "Fifty Nifty United States." He noted that Veterans Day is a very special

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These students led the Veterans Day program at W. E. Cundiff Elementary on November 11; front row left to right Alexandra Davidson, Aaliyah Vorst, Bella Cooke, Hanna Counts, and Grayson Bell; back row, Mason Weeks, Collyns Terrell, Cally Lutz, Rosalina Martinez, Abbey Hedrick, and Wiliam Fitzgerald.



Cadets in the William Byrd High School Navy National Defense Cadet Corps program honored veterans at Brandon Oaks on November 11, Veterans Day. Shown left to right, front row, are guest speaker Air Force Lt. Gen. Tom Miller, Cadet Trevor Robinson, Cadet Mason Perdue, Cadet Alexis Cook, Cadet Katelin Patrick, Cadet Faith Carter, and Senior Chief Perrin; back row, Cadet Cole Binner, Cadet Noah Nicely, Cadet Zackary Charles, and Cadet William Sloane.

William Byrd High Navy cadets honor veterans at Brandon Oaks

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Cadets from the William Byrd High School Navy National Defense Cadet Corps (NNDCC) program participated in the Vet-Oaks on November 11 to honor the service and sacrifices of veterans who are now residents there.

The cadets provided the Color Guard, sang the national anthem, and conducted a Flag Folding Ceremony.

Brandon Oaks Arts and Education Director Tresa Walko thanked "all those among us who, despite the risk and sacrifice, raised their hand to serve and defend this beautiful countryour veterans, active-duty service members, guardsmen, and reservists. Your service has helped keep our country and its citizens safe and free."

She asked for a moment of silence "to remember and honor

missing in action and those who have served and are serving this great nation's armed services today and to acknowledge those families of service members and veterans who help shoulder the weight of war and the burdens of sacrifice. To the mothers, fathers, spouses and children of our military men and women-thank you. Your love, support and resilience are the backbone of this nation, and that must never be forgotten."

She introduced the cadets and their instructor, Senior Chief David Perrin USN (retired). Cadets participating in the program included Katelin Patrick (William Byrd High School), Noah Nicely (Hidden Valley), William Sloane (Northside), Trevor Robinson (WBHS), Zackary Charles (WBHS), Mason Perdue (Northside), Alexis Cook (Cave Spring), Cole Binner (Cave Spring), and Faith Carter. While the NNDCC program is based at William

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Cadets from the WBHS Navy National Defense Cadet Corps

conducted a Flag Folding Ceremony at the Veterans Day program at Brandon Oaks on November 11. Cadet Cole Binner (Cave Spring High School) was the narrator; Cadet Noah Nicely (Hidden Valley High School), the folder, and Cadet Faith Carter (William Byrd High School), the holder.

Vinton honors its employees who are veterans

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The Town of Vinton honored its employees who have served or are serving in the military with a veterans luncheon on November 9 at the Vinton War Memorial.

Town employees who have served in the Armed Services include Chief of Police Fabricio Drumond, Public Works employees Kevin Orange and Jimmy Brown, Police Det. Cpl. Silas Chapman, Sgt. Brandon Alterio, and Officer Jesse Dibble along with Vinton Mayor Brad Grose.

Mayor Grose served in the U.S. Army from 1966 to 1968 during the Vietnam era, stationed in Korea, achieving the rank of Sergeant E-5. He worked as an electronics technician and in tech/ supply. He was elected to Vinton Town Council in 2000 and has served the town as mayor since

Jimmy Brown served stateside in the Marine Corps for three years. He has worked in the Vinton Public Works Department since November 2, 2020, and holds the position of Chief Me-

Kevin Orange served in the U.S. Army from 1982 through 1986 with the rank of E-4. He was in light infantry and stationed in Georgia and Kentucky. He has worked in the Public Works Department for 17 years, currently as Stormwater Technician.

Police Chief Drumond served

in the United States Marine Corps from 2002 to 2006. He earned the rank of Sergeant, E-5, and was stationed in Camp Lejeune, N.C. He was deployed to Africa, Cuba, Iraq, and Afghanistan. He was trained as an assault man. He has

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The Town of Vinton hosted a luncheon at the Vinton War Memorial for its employees who are veterans of the armed services. Shown left to right are: front, Det.Cpl. Silas Chapman, Vinton Mayor Brad Grose, Police Chief Fabricio Drumond; back row, Chief Mechanic Jimmy Brown, Stormwater Technician Kevin Orange, and Sgt. Brandon Alterio.

Vinton Business of the Week—D.R. Music is back



Donnie and Rhonda Wray and D. R. Music are back. They have reopened the business at 128 North Pollard Street in Vinton. Their 36 year-old business was displaced by the catastrophic fire in downtown Vinton on July 2.



The Wrays have rebuilt their inventory and offer stringed instruments, including guitars, for sale; school, band, and orchestra instruments for rent; a full range of band accessories, music lessons, and instrument repairs.

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Donnie and Rhonda Wray (the "D" and "R") of D.R. Music have been in business in Vinton for about 36 years. Most of that time was spent in the historic building at the corner of South Pollard Street and East Lee Avenue. That building (constructed in 1915) was heartbreakingly destroyed in the catastrophic fire in downtown Vinton on July 2, with D. R. Music displaced.

Turns out that was only temporary. The Wrays have now reopened their business just a block down the street, at 128 North Pollard. Donnie says they moved to the quieter, uncongested end of Pollard in a building which provides ample parking for customers and students on the street and behind the building. It was important to them to stay in Vinton.

D.R. Music is a "full line music store." They rebuilt their inventory and continue to sell guitars and other stringed instruments and a full line of band accessories; they have drums and keyboards and music books; they rent school, band, and orchestra instruments as well; and they have returned to teaching music lessons (guitar, bass, and others) and repairing instruments—all to the relief of band students and parents and the community at large.

Donnie started out play-

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Town Council welcomes new employee in new position, Route 24 Bike/Pedestrian Plan adopted

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Vinton Town Council was introduced to Marshall Stanley, their new Economic Development Specialist, serving in a newly created position, at their Nov. 15 meeting.

Town Manager Pete Peters said that the position was created to "bolster the town's ongoing economic development efforts to enhance our recruitment efforts to fill in retail and destination businesses that we would like to develop in the town, as well as to improve the external communication and messaging we would like to do more of."

Stanley started working for the town on Nov. 14. He will work closely with the business community and assist in technical small business development.

Peters noted that Stanley is not a stranger to the town and its staff. In his previous position as Economic Development Specialist in Roanoke County, he worked on several projects with the

Stanley grew up in the Roanoke Valley. He is a 2018 Cum Laude graduate of the University of Lynchburg earning a Bachelor's degree in communication with a concentration in social influence. He developed his interest in community building when he began working for the Office of Community Involvement at the University of Lynchburg, as well as serving as a marketing public relations intern with the City of Lynchburg Office of Economic Development and

Before coming to Roanoke County, Stanley was employed as a program liaison for the Greater Roanoke Workforce Development Board and then as an Administrative Associate with the City of Lynchburg's Office of Economic Development and Tourism.

He is also a graduate of Leadership Roanoke Valley and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill's Basic Economic Development Course. He seeks further education in local government and economic development as he works for the Town of

Peters commented that Stanley is a good fit for the town with his "passion for local government."

Stanley enjoys hiking, kayaking, and exploring new trails in the region. He is a devoted fan of the Salem Red Sox and the Rail Yard Dawgs. He and his brothers are "on a mission to visit as many Major League ball parks as possible across the nation."

After a public hearing, Council adopted the muchdiscussed Amendment to the Town of Vinton Comprehensive Plan to adopt and incorporate by reference the Town of Vinton GAP Summary, otherwise known as the Route 24 Bike/Pedestrian Plan of May 2022, after a public hearing. The Planning Commission had unanimously passed the amendment at their meeting on Nov. 3.

Assistant Planning and Zoning Director Nathan McClung and staff have put an enormous amount of

time effort into completing this project over the past two years, working with a consultant, two steering committees, and members of the community through public meetings and a public survey.

The project has resulted in a toolkit of potential bicycle and pedestrian improvement types for Vinton, encompassing much of the town within Washington Avenue, Bypass Road, Cleveland Avenue, and Pollard Street loop. The focus of the plan has been on making Vinton a more "walkable" community.

McClung said that adopting this amendment ensures that the recommended improvements will be eligible for future transportation grant funding through the VDOT process and solidifies and legitimizes the work of the steering committees, town staff, and citizens who participated in the creation of the plan itself.

Planning and Zoning Director Anita McMillan briefed council on an intergovernmental agreement between the City of Roanoke and the Town of Vinton relating to Roanoke's Glade Creek Stream Restoration

The Roanoke City project aims to reduce e. Coli and sediment loads within the Roanoke River. This will require stabilizing and restoring approximately 2,921 linear feet of Glade Creek, a tributary of the Roanoke River. The project is funded in part by Virginia DEQ Stormwater Local Assistance Funds (SLAF) and entails repairing stream features

and bank structure, grading



Marshall Stanley (center) has been selected as Vinton's Economic Development Specialist. He was introduced to Town Council at their November 15 meeting and is pictured with Mayor Brad Grose (on left) and Town Manager Pete Peters.

for floodplain reconnection, increased flood storage, and establishment of a riparian buffer.

Rocks, boulders, and other natural features will be installed to improve Glade Creek's hydraulic, geomorphic functions and instream habitat. Vegetation will be trimmed; more will be planted. Soil will be removed. A temporary construction easement staging and laydown area will be used. Some of the Vinton properties affected are on Gus Nicks Boulevard, Wayne Street, and the West Madison Avenue right-of-

The project was under discussion by Vinton Town Council because it involves properties located in Vinton, Roanoke City, and Roanoke County. It has been in the works since Feb. 2021.

Peters updated council on the Garthright Bridge maintenance project which began this week. He reported that

traffic has been flowing well on the bridge and at the intersection of Pollard Street and Washington Avenue.

Finance Director Andrew Keen had some excellent financial news to report. Along with \$14 million in cash, the town has some \$3.3 million in investments. Those investments include money market funds, CD's, trust funds, and others, which have been experiencing minimal growth due to the current interest rate environment.

Keen said he tasked himself with researching options available to better use the town's monies, keeping in mind the three pillars of the town's investment policy: preservation of principal, maintenance of liquidity, and maximizing the return on

He surveyed financial institutions in the town to determine what options might exist which would give a better return on investments without risking loss of principal and wouldn't tie the funds up for a significant amount of time. He was looking for strategic moves that would make the most of the town's dollars not needed for immediate operations.

As a result, the town was able to move some money from the utility fund which had been in a checking account earning zero percent interest to a four-month investment fund with an interest rate of 3.8 %. That will earn the town \$25,000 over the four months and is

renewable for a year. Another money market, with funds "just shy of \$1.6 million earning 0.40% interest" was moved within the financial institution it has been invested with and will now earn 2.75% interest—a one year yield of \$44,000.

The next town council meeting is scheduled for

School Board showcases Bonsack Elementary; Herman L. Horn, Mount Pleasant receive grants

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The Roanoke County School Board spotlighted

Bonsack Elementary School at its meeting on November 10. Principal Leanne Leftwich, Assistant Principal Stephanie Burris, and mas-

cot Bobby the Bobcat gave a presentation on the school, its programs, and its suc-

"I feel like a proud par-

ent," Leftwich said.

Bonsack Elementary opened near the border with Botetourt County in 1999. The current enrollment is approximately 340 students. The school houses the regional program for Preschoolers nounced that Brittany Akers, with Autism (eight students). a Special Education teacher spoken at the school.

awards from the VDOE, in- tion Team Grant. cluding the Virginia Departmance, its high staff retention STEM-related have been recognized as finalists or winners of the Golden Apple Award for the past four years, its pilot program for Student Led Conferences, and its fundraising for the

American Heart Association. This year a new playground is set to be installed at Bonsack Elementary, along

with an LED sign. Third grader Emma Grace Reedy told School Board members that her favorite things about Bonsack are "the teachers who are kind and helpful, my fun Encore classes, and fun clubs. I miss Ms. Leftwich on weekends: she gives the best hugs."

Parent Bonnie Reedy said, "Bonsack goes above and beyond every day," and "Bonsack doors are always open to parents."

School Board Chairman David Linden and School Board member Tim Greenway noted the "tremen-

dous community pride" the area feels for its elementary school.

In other Vinton-area school news from the School Board meeting, Finance Director Susan Peterson an-

The grant will be used ment of Education Exemplar to support students' math Award. The school is known development by providfor its strong academic perfor- ing high-interest, hands-on activities rate, its dynamic teachers who through participation in the First Lego League (FLL) Challenge. Students in 4th and 5th grade will be eligible for the team. The grant

will cover the cost of staff stipends, team registration, travel, and program materials. This is the second year they have received this grant, having received the first \$5,000 grant in 2021-2022.

Staff recommended approval of the grant and appropriation of \$4,952 from the Grant Fund.

School Board Superintendent Dr. Ken Nicely also announced that Mount Pleasant Elementary School received a \$5,000 grant for Title I schools from Burlington, which has opened a new store at Tanglewood Mall. The funds will be used in the classrooms. He and Principal Jill Garland accepted the



Bonsack Elementary School was recognized by the Roanoke County School Board at the meeting on November 10. Principal Leanne Leftwich gave the presentation accompanied by mascot Bobby the



a \$5,000 grant to Mount Pleasant Elementary School for classroom resources.

Shown left to right are Roanoke County School Superintendent Dr. Ken Nicely, Mount

Pleasant Principal Jill Lane, and Burlington store manager Jodie Byrd.

Burlington opened a new store at Tanglewood Mall on November 11 and presented

Nine different languages are at Herman L. Horn Elementary, has been awarded Bonsack has received a VDOE STEM Competi-

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Herman L. Horn Elementary commemorates Veterans Day

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Herman L. Horn Elementary School honored in June 1775 during the veterans not once, but twice Revolutionary War, which this year, with programs for led to our independence the public on November 10 from England. The Army is and the HLH staff and stu-the largest of all the military dents on November 11. As branches." is tradition, the school was highly decorated for the oc- shared the history of the casion, including the Wall U.S. Marine Corps, which family.

direction of music teacher proud, the Marines.' Jaime Walsh, presented the program, which was orga- ed States Navy was presentnized by the Veterans Day ed by Delaney Blewett who Committee—Kristin Gon- described it as "the largest zalez, Jessica Keene, Crystal naval fleet in the world. Lineburg, Megan McCoy, The Navy has its roots in Kristen Witt, and Neil Zim- the Revolutionary War but

for "your service to our na- seas." tion and for protecting our freedom. We remember those who paid the ultimate price for this nation."

Student Landon Nichols shared the history of Veter-

"World War I ended 104 years ago, on the 11th hour, of the 11th day, of the 11th month in 1918," he said. "This day became known as Armistice Day to honor those who fought in World War I. In 1954, President Eisenhower proclaimed November 11 as Veterans Day to recognize all who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces during wartime or peace. This year marks the 104th anniversary of World War I. Today, we celebrate Veterans Day and honor those who have served to defend our freedom."

HLH students performed the traditional song for each and shared some of the his-

tory of each. Landry Cain described the Herman L. Horn.

Army as "the oldest branch of the military. It traces its origins to the Continental Army and was established

Student Spencer Boyd of Honor naming veterans "also has its roots in the who have served or are serv- Revolutionary War. It origiing in the military and their nally was founded to serve branch. The names were as infantry units aboard submitted by students and naval vessels. Today, the staff to honor friends and Marines serve as a force of readiness, able to move at a Third and fourth grad- moment's notice to any part ers and the SCA, under the of the world. The few, the

The history of the Unitplayed a much larger role in SCA President Evan Bays the Civil War, World War welcomed veterans to the I, and World War II. The program and expressed the mission of the Navy is to thanks of the student body protect the freedom of the

Harper Cain explained

the story of the United States Air Force, "originally part of the Army. It became a separate military branch in 1947 and is the largest and most technologically advanced air force in the world. In addition to airplanes, the Air Force maintains the nation's missile and aerospace defense system. Aim high!"

Sunnie Sorensen told the audience that "The United States Coast Guard was created in 1790 to serve both as a coastal defense force and a maritime safety patrol. The Coast Guard provides assistance to ships in distress and maritime law enforcement."

The Veterans Day assembly concluded with the singing of "America for Me" and "God Bless the USA."

Roanoke County School Superintendent Ďr. Ken Nicely attended the November 11 program, along with Vinton's School Board representative Tim Greenway, Vinton Police Chief Fabricio Drumond, Sgt. Brandon Alterio, Lt. Michael Caldwell, and Cpl. Dustin Bray.



branch of the Armed Forces First grade teacher Kristin Gonzalez, who has served in the Coast Guard, received a bouquet of flowers from her daughters during the Veterans Day program at



Vinton Police Chief Fabricio Drumond (seated) and Sgt. Brandon Alterio were recognized at the Veterans Day program at Herman L. Horn. Drumond is a Marine Corps veteran; Alterio served in the Air Force.

Vinton Community Thanksgiving Service to be celebrated at Vinton Wesleyan

The traditional Vinton Community Thanksgiving Service will be on November 20, at 6 p.m. at Vinton Wesleyan Church, 246 East Jefferson Avenue in downtown

The event is open to all Vinton churches

and the Roanoke Valley community. The churches and organizations that have confirmed their participation are Campbell Memorial Presbyterian, Lynn Haven Baptist, Parkway Church on the Mountain, Vinton Baptist, the Vinton Breakfast Lions Club and Vinton Wesleyan

Special music, scripture reading, and prayer will be provided by the churches.

The speaker will be the Rev. Jonathan Moelker, pastor of Campbell Memorial Presbyterian Church. The music will be provided by church staff and the congregation members.

The public is invited to attend this annual event. Vinton Wesleyan is just across the street from the Roland E. Cook Lofts, with ample parking available.

Submitted by Vinton Wesleyan Church and Vinton Baptist Church

Vinton Wesleyan holding silent auction of Christmas Nativity sets

Vinton Wesleyan Church will be holding a Silent Auction of 175 Nativity sets along with other Christmas items (220 total) in the fellowship hall on Sunday, November 20 and Sunday, November 27

from 1 to 5 p.m. These items were donated by Sharon Hammack in memory of her mother, June Perkins, who collected the Christ-

mas items over many years. Proceeds from the silent auction will

benefit Vinton Wesleyan Church Mis-Vinton Wesleyan is located at 246 East

Jefferson Avenue in downtown Vinton. Use the ramp entrance on South Pollard, across from the Roland E. Cook Lofts.

Call 540-345-3385 for more information.

Submitted by Vinton Wesleyan Church

PEOPLE, PLACES AND THINGS

Angie & Bootie Chewning

Happy One Year Anniversary to Drake and Hannah Lewis. The couple celebrated by attending a Clemson game over the weekend. They even made the Dabotron and got to meet C.J. Spiller.

In the photo, you will find the crew of William Byrd High School student filmmakers working with Carol Webster in producing a documentary about WBHS and Vinton. Who knows, there may be another Steven Spielberg or George Lucas right here in Vinton. My brother, Dr. George

(Buddy) Bell and I (Bootie) were honored to be interviewed for the production— remembering our days growing up in Vinton and going to the Vinton schools. It was a lot of fun remembering how Byrd used to be and the activities we participated in made our years at Byrd memorable and fun- so much so that I cried at graduation along with the friends made from first through 12th grades. We started at Roland E. Cook for first grade through fifth, William Byrd Jr. High for 6th and 7th grades. Then

on to "The Hill" from 8th through 12th.

Thanks to all the teachers, principals, coaches, cus-

todians, cafeteria ladies, and the community. As they say, it takes a village and that's what we had ...



anniversary at a Clemson ball game.



Drake Lewis with C.J. Spiller at Clemson.



Filmmakers from William Byrd High School working on a documentary about WBHS and Vinton, with interviewees Bootie Bell Chewning and Buddy Bell.

Navy Cadets

Byrd, students at all Roanoke County high schools are eligible for the program.

Cadets Patrick and Cook led the residents in singing the national anthem, followed by the posting of the colors by the Color Guard William Sloane, Zackary Charles, Trevor Robinson, and Mason Perdue. Cadet Chaplain Noah Nicely deliv-

ered the invocation. Cadet Lt. Commander Katelin Patrick, the Unit Commander, opened the ceremony by saying, "When Francis Scott Key wrote the 'Star Spangled Banner' almost 200 years ago, he called America, 'the land of the free and the home of the brave.' Those words are as true today as they were then. Throughout this nation's history, America's soldiers, sailors, airmen, marines, and coast guardsmen have bravely answered the call to defend our freedom, to aid our friends and allies, and to turn back aggressors. We can never fully repay our debt of gratitude to the more than 650,000 American service members who died in battle or the 1.4 million who were wounded. We can, however, recognize and thank the 25 million veterans still living today.

"On behalf of all the cadets, it is our privilege to say, 'thank you' and to let you know that we appreciate you for your service and honor you for your sacrifices. The price of freedom is high. We cannot afford to forget those willing to pay it."

Patrick explained the difference between Veterans Day and Memorial Day. While

Veterans Day honors all veterans, "Memorial Day, held in May, is a time to reflect on and honor veterans killed in defense of our great nation.

"Veterans Day was initially Armistice Day, named in recognition of the 1918 armistice that unofficially ended WWI. On June 1, 1954, Congress officially renamed it Veterans Day to include those who served after WWI.'

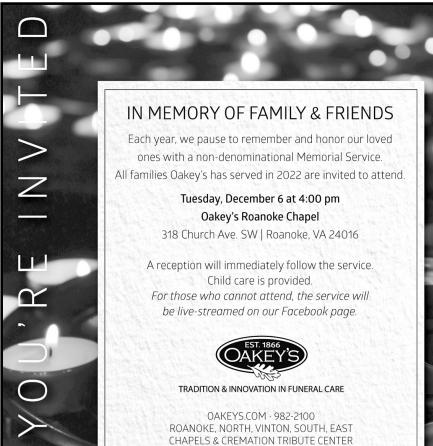
Cadet Charles further explained the history of Veterans Day, which is always held on November 11, regardless of the day of the week it falls on. Major hostilities of World War I were formally ended at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918 when the srmistice with

Germany went into effect." The Flag Folding Ceremony followed, led by Cadet Binner, who explained that the portion of the flag denoting honor is the canton of blue containing the stars representing the states of veterans, of all generations, who served in uniform." He narrated as Cadets Nicely (folder) and Carter

(holder) folded the flag. The First Fold – Ĭn honor of the 13 original colonies and the forefathers who founded this great nation. (Each fold is followed by "We salute you.")

The Second Fold - To the men who died in the War for Independence.

The Third Fold – To those men who fell in the War of 1812, to preserve our free-



Mount Pleasant Lions 'Sock it to 'em'

The Mount Pleasant Lions are continuing a gifting program that the club started participating in two years ago. One of the members, Tommy Moore, was contacted by a former work colleague at what was then First National Exchange Bank, about distributing gift socks. That colleague, Jim Dalton, who is now a member of the Roanoke Valley Breakfast Lions Club, is one of more than ,500 nationwide Giving Partners of the company that makes Bombas

Dalton learned about the Bombas mission of giving away one item for every item purchased, applied to become a distributor of the gift socks, and was approved as such. He is now into his fourth year as a giving Partner, with the number of gift socks received having increased from 1,000 pairs to 10,000 pairs this year.

Bombas was founded in 2013 in New York with a mission to help those in need; initially the donated socks went to homeless shelters and related charities, but now the scope has widened to include anyone in need.

The word "Bombas" comes from the Latin word meaning Bumblebee. Bees work together

to make their hive a better place. On the inside of every pair of socks are stitched the words "Bee Better" and the company logo is a bee with

Bombas has now donated over 75 million items, spread over all 50 states and the United Kingdom. The Giving Partners network is made up of all kinds of dedicated folks, from individuals to large entities to reach a range of unhoused and under resourced communities. The donation socks mostly come in black to show less visible wear and have antibacterial treatment to extend wearability between washes. The company recently donated about 220,000 pairs of socks to help support humanitarian relief in Ukraine.

Being a Lion himself and knowing the Lions' motto is "We Serve," Dalton realized that the various Lions Clubs would be the perfect vehicle to get the gift socks he received distributed to those in need. There are a few restrictions on the socks, they cannot be resold, and they must go to those in need.

Dalton's Lions Club distributed his first batch of socks to schools serving intercity kids in Roanoke. Now he has provided gift socks to other Lions Clubs, starting with

the Mount Pleasant Club which has delivered packs of 25 pairs each to elementary schools where they have a connection, be it through vision or hearing screenings, or a child, or grandchild having attended there, or otherwise.

The schools gifted so far include Mount Pleasant, Garden City, Mountain View, Morningside, Fallon Park, Stewartsville, Goodview, Clearbrook, Windy Gap, Burnt Chimney, Dudley and Glade Hill, and the Rivermont School in Southeast Roanoke which serves specially enabled students from a number of surrounding school

The Buchanan Lions Club has received 500 pairs for distribution in that area and the Cave Spring Lions are giving socks to the Veterans Care Center on the VA Hospital campus in Salem. The Bluefield Lions Club will be giving out socks in that area especially in McDowell County, W.Va. So, the Lions really are "Socking it to 'em" in their little corner of the world.

On Tuesday, November 11, the Mount Pleasant Lions Club members had as their featured speaker Shannon Abell, a Community Ambassador for AARP, who talked about Medicare for 2023 and par-

ticularly Medigap Insurance.

Two years ago, Abell retired from the Local Office on Aging (LOA) after 37 years of service and now is essentially a community educator for AARP. His experience and history at LOA have equipped him with expert knowledge about the Medicare/Medicaid program and specifically about the sources and cost of various Medigap insurance plans. The presentation was concise,

named names of who was benefiting from the system of health care in the United States- the pharmaceutical and insurance companies mostly, with other aspects of the whole care structure slicing off unfair portions of the pie as well. The eye-opening remarks included the actual cost of producing certain medications as opposed to what individual users are charged and then what hospital and other care providers add on.

One possible way to lessen the financial burdens is through the judicious study and selection of the Medigap insurance plan that all seniors need. The LOA office offers unbiased information on which plans, and which companies would be most suitable and cost effective for each individual's circumstance.

Abell recommended making an appointment with LOA to discuss those matters. He also repeated the old maxim "If it seems too good to be true, then it probably is," in reference to the Medicare Advantage Plans being touted in the media.

Everyone needs to be fully informed on the ultimate degree of coverages under such plans. As a final reminder to the club, Abell said the Open Enrollment Period runs to December 7. During this time anyone can change their Medicare insurance plan, but after that, such plans cannot be changed until next year's Open Enrollment Period, which runs from October through the December 7 date.

Submitted by Mount Pleasant Lion Mike Ferguson



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IGHT ON TOWN STAFF

Mandie Baker is the Executive Assistant to the Vinton Chief of Police and the town's Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator. She has been employed by the Town of Vinton since December 2018.

Her duties include providing assistance to the police chief, assisting in on-boarding new officers, preparing and auditing the police department's payroll, handling the department's purchasing needs, monitoring and maintaining the department's budget, applying for, monitoring, and preparing reports for all grants, and much, much more.

Outside of work, Baker says she loves spending time with her husband, Justin, and their new son, Hark.

The Vinton Police Department continues us make us proud every day by providing excellent, exceedingly professional service for all the citizens of our town," said Vinton Mayor Brad Grose.

"The VPD is fully accredited, which means the leadership and the officers maintain an extremely high level of integrity and operational excellence. The members of the Police Department are not only well trained and well equipped, but they also truly care about the citizens of Vinton. There have been numerous stories of our officers going above and beyond their duty requirements. The Town of Vinton is a better, quieter, safer place because of the dedicated professionals in the Vinton Police Depart-

The Town of Vinton and The Vinton Messenger are partnering to put the spotlight on Town of Vinton employees during the month of their birthdays. The town is proud to have these individuals, like Mandie Baker, on staff and wanst to make the community aware of who is "behind the scenes" making the town operate so successfully.



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Mandie Baker, Executive Assistant to the Vinton Chief of Police.

ANGLICAN

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

BAPTIST (SOUTHERN)

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

BAPTIST (COOPERATIVE)

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

CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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love for one another. (John 13:35) Real time contact

I NEED HELP

Read Psalms 11:1 through 18:50

Many of the Psalms are full of praise to God. We sometimes visualize David as peacefully strumming a harp as he quietly watches a flock of sheep grazing on a grassy slope. Psalm 13 presents a different picture.

David apparently had doubts, troubling thoughts, and enemies. Things did not always go well for him. In the first part of this psalm, David, in authentic transparency, expressed some real concerns. He apparently had enemies who were getting a little too close for comfort. The amazing part is how, in spite of the chaos around him, David made a decision to trust God.

But I trust in your unfailing love; my heart rejoices in your salvation (Psalm 13:5).

Everything does not always go well for us either. We face challenges that seem overwhelming, and we do not always see a clear path through the jungle of everyday life. But God is our Source of help, and we can trust Him to get us through!

Prayer Suggestion: Father, I do not feel up to the task that is before me at times, but I have decided that I will trust You.

Quicklook: Psalm 13:1-6

ECKANKAR, THE PATH OF SPIRITUAL FREEDOM, is a simple teaching that focuses on the Light and Sound of God to help people find more love in their life. The Roanoke Eckankar Center is located at 1420 3rd St. SW, Roanoke, VA 24016. The Center was closed during the COVID crisis but is now open. A spiritual event is held on the 2nd Sunday of each month at 10:30 a.m. Since contracting COVID-19 may still be possible, please take the health steps that are best for you. It is appreciated that by attending you are taking responsibility for your own health. Visit www.eck-va.org, www.meetup.com/Roanoke-Spiritual-Experiences Group or call 540-353-5365 for other Eckankar programs and for more information about how the teachings of Eckankar can lead you to spiritual freedom.

FOURSQUARE EVANGEL CHURCH - 2360 Hardy Road, Vinton, (corner of

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

listed here in the Vinton **Messenger contact** Tucker Frye at

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NAZARENE

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

PRESBYTERIAN

CAMPBELL MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1130 Hardy Rd, Vinton, VA, 540-343-1842; cmpc2verizon. net Sunday school 9:45am, Worship 11:00am; Communion 1st Su.ndays; 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.

Black Swan yearbook earns prestigious Trophy Class award

The 2021-2022 Black Swan yearbook staff at William Byrd High School, for the second year in a row, has won Trophy Class and earned a Superior rating in the Virginia High School League (VHSL) state competition. The Trophy Class is the highest honor a publication can earn at the state level.

Kassidy Wrye was the editor in 2021-22. Editors for 2022-23 are Madison Burks and Sydney Haddox. Teacher Christie Acker is the yearbook sponsor. "Our theme, 'Work In

Progress,' was inspired by the construction [at William Byrd] and how students and staff rallied de-

spite the upheaval," Acker said. "The colors palette was inspired by the traffic cones, neon safety vests and caution tape of the construction crews. The design shows students breaking through barriers and making the best of the challenges like displaced classrooms and Covid restrictions. The Black Swan staff felt the building renovation was an excellent metaphor to represent the students and staff; and we all see the value of improving ourselves and our learning environment. We are all a 'Work in Progress."

The VHSL evaluator said, "Kudos on a great book during what sounds like a challenging year for your school, working through the pandemic and construction. You should be proud of creating a keepsake that captures your school year in a diverse and engaging way, from your design, to photographs, to

The VHSL also said, "Your academic coverage was solid. Compared to many other books I've critiqued, your coverage has been the most comprehensive I've seen," and "Solid photography all around."

> Submitted by Christie Acker, Black Swan yearbook sponsor and an instructor at WBHS



Last year's Black Swan yearbook staff won the prestigious Trophy Award and a Superior rating from the VHSL. Pictured are 2021 Editor Kassidy Wrye (zooming in from her dorm at Virginia Tech), along with (left to right) sophomore Camryn Dullaghan, junior Carter Dullaghan, sophomore Jenna Matthews, 2022-23 editors Madison Burks and Sydney Haddox (both seniors), and juniors Taryn Hodges and Natalie Blevins. Not pictured are junior Grace Woodcock and graduate Jayden Lorton.

D.R. Music

ing music—especially the banjo—but then turned to D. R. Music check out their the retail music business. The Wrays established the Vinton Old Time Bluegrass Festival in the 1980's which drew large crowds to the Vinton Farmers' Market for 20 years. In fact, Donnie says the festival is the reason there is a stage at the Farmers' Market—designed by then Assistant Town Manager Bob Benninger and built for the

D.R. Music is open from 11 a.m. to 5 or 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Satur-

free concerts.

For more information on Facebook page at https:// www.facebook.com/DR-

MUSICCENTER/, website at http://drmusiccenter.com/index.html call 540-345-8548.



The new D.R. Music location is on the quiet end of Pollard Street with ample parking for customers.

Veterans from page 1

been employed by the Vinton since 2009 and was appointed Chief of Police in December 2020.

Sgt. Brandon Alterio served in the U.S. Air Force from 2008-2014 and reached the rank of Staff Sergeant. He joined the Vinton Police Department in March 2019.

Det. Cpl. Silas Chapman served in the U. S. Army infantry from 1997 to 2008 with the rank of Staff Sergeant E-6. He was stationed in Germany, the Middle East, Fort Benning, Georgia, and, also in Texas and California. He has been with the Vinton Police Department for seven years.

Officer Jesse Dibble served in the United States Navy from 1994-1996. He is the founder and director of the Master Sergeant George A. Bannar Jr. Scholarship. Bannar was a high school friend killed in action in 2013 as a Special Forces Medic. The \$1,000 scholarship is awarded annually in his memory to graduating JROTC cadets at Orange County High School.

Dibble is also co-founder and vice president of the "Queen City Rucking for 22," a veterans and first responders-based nonprofit designed to align veterans and first responders with outreach programs to re-

duce veteran and first responder suicides. He was sworn in as a member of the Vinton Police Department in May 2022.

The veterans luncheon was organized by Human Resources and Risk Management Director Donna Collins, Community Programs Director Chasity Barbour, and Community Programs Supervisor Amanda Payne.

Collins thanked the veterans for their service to the United States and also to the Town of Vinton.

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

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

Vinton represents the ideal type of community, small enough to provide a feeling of belonging, yet progressive enough to provide the facilities, services, and conveniences that are necessary to make a community feel like home to its citizens.

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William Byrd High School announces honor rolls for first nine weeks

School has announced thei A and A/B Honor Rolls for the first nine weeks of the 2022-2023 school year.

A HONOR ROLL

Ninth grade: Dameon Agee, Kyndall Agee, Joshua Allen, Andrew Bartley, Ainsley Bolen, Braeden Booth, Aubrey Booze, Jacob Bray, Abigail Brigdon, Sophia Brown, Olivia Bustamante, Lily Carrell, Addison Clark, Asher Claybrook, Xavier Clingenpeel, Braelynn Coles, Sydney Coles, Ashton Dillon, Kendall Dodson, Isabella Dudley, Samuel Geist, Sofia Gonzalez, Keegan Harnish, Keegan Harold, Brooke Hershel, Owen Humphreys, Macabe James, Cary Jones, Brooke Justus, Kasey Kendall, Tatianna Kubik, Jack Carleigh Leonard, Carter Leonard, Kenady Leonard, Elizabeth Martinez, Miley Moses, Charlotte Mullen, Jayden Niday, Sienna Perdue, Lilian Perez, Mallory Peroulas, Makiya Price, Keith Schult, Jr., Jarrett Smith, Taylor Spangler, Ethan Sutton, Annabelle Teague, Aliyah Ware, Lucy Whitenack, Williams, Darin Noah Witcher, Lennon Wright, and Peyton Wright.

Tenth grade: Natalie Altice, Ava Ashworth, Wyatt Bowles, Carson Bramble, Hunter Butterworth, Erika Coon, Graysen Divers, Caleb Dogan, Camryn Dullaghan, Emily Fisher, Skylar Fitzgerald, Kendall Gordon, Aidan Hardy, Luke Hemming, Hannah Janney, Lillian Johnson, Kristin Kochendarfer, Sara Lang, Kendall Lecas, Nathaniel Lynn, Kaylee Grace Makuch, Onwi, Eliza Otey, Ellawyn Pagan, Christian Parker, Madelyn Pittman, Ethan Powell, Vernon Ragnone, III, Blake Richardson, Sean Rickman, Emma Rupe, Vanessa Sattah, Gregory Stiltner, William Thompson, Sarah Wilcox, Carson Wood, and Grace Woodcock.

Eleventh grade: Luke Abbott, Adam Abell, Emmerson Abshire, Olaedo Anyanwu, Noah Austin, Wyatte Bailey, Jaslyn Bibby, Caitlin Bishop, Sydney Blewett, Alexandra Bonilla, Eva Brown, Terran Brown, Emily Cook, Madelyn Davis, Elizabeth Dixon, Lee Doss, Mandolin Draper, Dominic Dulak, Carter Dullaghan, Kadence Fernatt, Dexter Gaines, Elliott Gaines, David Gaspar'Cabrera, Claire Glover, Israel Hairston, Joshua Hardy, Sawyer Harris, Jack Hinkle, Donald Hodges, Makenna Jacobsen, Zachary James, Emma Kageals, Matthew Kalb, Lucas Keipe, John Kiker, Haley Lecas, Christian Lovern, Shiloh Markwith, Payton Martin,

Emma Miller, Sean Min- Melissa Monk, Anya Moore, Addisyn St. Clair, Finley Stephens, Karli Stephenson, Thomas, Kayli Thompson, Emily Tuck, Madelyn Ward, Alexis Ware, and Madison

Aldrich, Ella Ashworth, Landon Barber, Bethany Mikayla Blair, Beecher, Landon Bruner, Madilyn Cadd, Casi Carawan, Alyssa Chocklett, Sophia Christley, Jason Cox, Case Crawford, Kara Defibaugh, Elijah Dillon, Benjamin Doss, Arianna English, Kristianna Fitzgerald, Devon Foutz, Cadence rette, Sylvia Bautista, Carson Fralin, Summer Garmon, Bivens, Isaiah Board, Mag-Tabitha Giles, Maci Glass, gie Bond, Dawson Brinkley, Emma Gordon, Madison Gray, Sydney Haddox, Alexis iel Butterworth, Graylen Helton, Breanna Hodges, Olivia Hurd, Jordan Johnson, Kathryn Johnson, Ashton Kanode, Ashton Klein, Emma Craddock, Madeline Carsyn Kotz, Lily Kroese, Abby Lamonde, Hailey Lascell, Tina Lin, Anna Martin, Jayden McClure, Martina Kaitlyn Duncan, Hayden Mihelcic, Holly Mills, Har- Eads, ley Morgan, Matan Morse, McKinley FiGart, Nicholas McKenna Paradis, Justin Franco, Devin Freeman, Le-Patrick, Kristen Patrick, Riley norah Garcia, Lacie Gibson, Payne, Latriva Pierce, Corinna Pittenger, Kiefer Rea, ner, Haleigh Vaughan, Xavier Hartman, Ethan Haston, Vaughn, Bailey Warden, and

Taylor White. A/B HONOR ROLL Ninth Grade: Jeremy Abbott, Joshua Abbott, Royce Apple, Ashley Arven, Blake Austin, Ceiliann Baldwin, Cristabella Banks, Olivia Basham, Titus Beatty, Kelsey Bell, Cole Binner, Sawyer Bolen, Kassie Brant, Allysa Brooks, Caleb Brunk, Kendra Brunk, Bumgarner, Kaylin Bumgarner, Jenna Bunce, Maurasia Burnette, Anna Carter, Tyler Chambers, Khloe Chapman, Jacob Courtemanche, Matilyn Cox, Evelyn Dickason, Émma Dooley, Nevaeh Edwards, Jaelyn English, Shelby Ensor, Kaden Falu, Paul Ferrebee, Draven Flinchum, Kathelynn Franks, Hailie Garst, Elizabeth Gheen, Braelynn Gibson, Chloe Gill, Michael Goins, Chase Gonzales, Shaun Gower, Kevin Green, Jr., Ryleigh Grubb, Rileigh Hackett, Brooke Hale, Philip Haroulakis, Tyler Harris, Osheanna Hartless, Luke Helton, Kyle Holdaway, Jaden Holmes, Landon Hopkins, Kaylee Jackson, Taylor Jacobsen, Lauren Johnson, Connor Jones, Tate Kotz, Kayla Lovern, Cannin Lutz, Juan Maldonado,

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Clay Jug

Starting in approximately 9,000 B.C.E., clay-based items became popular as containers for water, food and art projects as their use spread from Asia to the Middle East and Europe. The early products were just dried in the sun or fired at low temperature (below 1,000°C) in rudimentary kilns dug into the ground. Clay is a form of soil

made up of very small particles of aluminum silicate created by the rock. Clay is not very good for growing plants, but it is the key ingredient to making pottery. Antique jugs made of

clay have long been popular, with older editions for sale from the 18th century and new versions as recently as the 20th century. There have been many well-made antique clay jugs over the years constructed with great

The pictured clay jug with a cork was donated to the Vinton History Museum by Hildrey and Ocelia Pollard. This particular model was often



Dagan Miller, Collin Mills,

fashioned moonshine jug or stoneware growler

> Cunningham, Executive Director of the Vinton History Museum

Submitted by Judy

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Order of **Publication**

316, -317, 20-104

Botetourt County Circuit

Court 1 West Main Street

24090 Commonwealth of

Virginia, in re WILLIAM P.

BOTETOURT COUNTY

Civil Action No. 22-461

RULE TO SHOW CAUSE

THIS CAUSE came to be

heard upon the Petition of

released and fully

Treasurer of Botetourt

aforesaid Petition, the

states that he has filed

County, Virginia and the

School Board of Botetourt

County, Virginia showing

the final settlement of his

books and papers in his

possession as Treasurer

and that he is requesting

Botetourt County, Virginia.

It appearing proper in all

accordingly ADJUDGED

that this rule be served

Botetourt County, and John

Russ, Superintendent of

published once a week for

four successive weeks in

the Fincastle Herald and by

posting at the front door of

the Courthouse. That a

hearing upon his Petition

requesting the he be

released of liability and

granted his final discharge

as Treasurer, shall be held

the 6th of December 2022

at 11:00 a.m. in the Circuit

Virginia. Any party who feels that William P. Arney

should not be released of

to the release from liability

or appear in Court at said

INTERESTED PARTIES

interests on December 6,

2022 at 11:00am. Entered

this the 14th day of October,

2022 by Joel R. Branscom I

ask for this: Michael W S

Botetourt County Attorney

Guynn, Waddell, Carroll &

Lockaby, P.C. 415 South

MikeL@guynnwaddel.com

Arney Dated: October 13th,

Legals - City of

Salem

City Council

Notice is hereby given to all

interested persons that the

November 28, 2022, at 6:30

Chambers of City Hall, 114

N. Broad Street, in the City

of Salem, Virginia, will hold

a public hearing, pursuant to Sections 15.2-2204 and

15.2-2285 of the Code of

Virginia, as amended, to

consider approval of the

to the CODE OF THE CITY OF SALEM,

following requests relative

VIRGINIA: 1. The request of

Council of the City of

Salem, at its regular

meeting on Monday

p.m., in the Council

Collage Avenue Salem,

Virginia 24153 Phone:

Counsel for William P.

(540)387-2320 Fax:

(540)389-2350

Lockaby VSB# 74136

appear at the above-named

date and time. It is

ORDERED that

liability shall file an objection

Court for Botetourt County,

Schools, and shall be

Comptroller of the

respects to do so, it is

liability as Treasurer of

accounts, that he has

certificates from the

Comptroller of the

Virginia Code. That in the

Development Group, LLC. Commonwealth of Virginia contract purchaser, and VA Code §§ 1-211.1; 8.01-Layman Candy Co, Inc, property owner, for the issuance of a Special **Exception Permit to allow** P.O. Box 219, Fincastle, VA for personal storage on the property located at 1630 West Main Street, (Tax Map ARNEY, THEASURER OF # 139-4-6) and 1700 blk West Main Street (Tax Map Case No. CL22000461-00 # 139-4-7). 2. The request of DBMB, LLC, property The object of this suit is to: owner, to replace the zoning and use permit, with conditions, issued May 1987, to store scrap metal William P. Arney, that he be on the properties located at 1108 Florida St. (T/M# 198discharged from liability as 3-2), 1112 Florida St. (T/M# 198-3-3), 1100 blk. Florida St. (T/M# 198-3-6), 1100 blk. Florida St. (T/M# 198-3-County, Virginia, pursuant to §58.1-3145 et sea, of the 7), and 1100 blk. Indiana St. (T/M# 198-3-11) with a Petitioner, William P. Arney, special exception permit to allow scrap and salvage services. This updated special exception permit Commonwealth, the Board would include the addition of the properties located at of Supervisors of Botetourt 600 9th St. (T/M# 198-3-1), 1116 Florida St. (T/M# 198 3-4), 1120 Florida St. (T/M# 198-3-5), 1103 Indiana St. (T/M# 198-3-8), 1100 blk Indiana St. (T/M# 198-3-9), turned over to his successor in office. Donna Boothe, all and 1115 Indiana St.m (T/M# 198-3-10). Copies of the proposed plans, ordinances or amendments may be examined in the that he be discharged of his Office of Community Development, 21 South Bruffev Street, Salem. Virginia. At said hearing, parties in interest and ORDERED and DECREED citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard upon David A. Von Moll, the relative to the said requests. THE COUNCIL OF THE Commonwealth of Virginia. CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA BY: H. Robert Light, Clerk upon Richard Baily, Chair of the Board of Supervisors of of Council

NOTICE OF

PUBLIC HEARING Notice is hereby given to all interested persons that the Council of the City of Salem, at its regular meeting on November 28, 2022 at 6:30 p.m., in Council Chambers of the City Hall, 114 North Broad Street, in the City of Salem, Virginia, will hold a public hearing to consider the sale of an approximate .046-acre tract located adjacent to the Interstate I-81 frontage, Salem, Virginia, being a portion of Tax Map # 91-1-2.1. Questions concerning the proposed sale may be addressed to the office of the City Manager, City Hall, 114 North Broad Street, Salem, Virginia, at 540-375-3016. At said hearing, parties in interest and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard relative to the said request. THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALEM. VIRGINIA- H. Robert Light, Clerk of Salem City Council

Legals - Craig County

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

Commonwealth of Virginia VA. CODE § 8.01-316 CRAIG COMBINED **COURT-JUVENILE** Case No JJ002184-18-00 Juvenile and Domestic **Relations District Court** Commonwealth of Virginia, in re EVANS, **MASON GRAY**

The object of this suit is to: terminate. the residual parental Rights of the father of Mason Gray Evans thought to be either Ryan Quinlin, Mark Evans, James Cook, or Unknown Father pursuant to Virginia Code Sections 16.1-283 B and C and which child is seven (7) years of age and was born to Katlin Daniel Evans. Residual parental rights are defined in Section 16.1-228 of the Code of Virginia (1950, as amended) as the rights and responsibilities remaining with a parent after the parent loses custody of a child, including but not limited to the right to visitation, consent to adoption, the right to determine religious affiliation, and the responsibility for support. The termination of your residual parental rights will

permanently end all of your

rights and responsibilities to

the child named in the

you and your child are

petition. The ties between

severed forever and you

become a legal stranger to

the child. It is ORDERED

that JAMES COOK appear

at the above-named Court

12/02/2022 10:30AM signed

and protect his or her

interests on or before

by Patty Taylor, clerk

09/08/2022

County **ORDER OF**

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PUBLICATION

Commonwealth of Virginia

Case No JJ002184-19-00

Juvenile and Domestic

VA. CODE § 8.01-316 CRAIG COMBINED

COURT-JUVENILE

Relations District Court Commonwealth of Virginia, in re EVANS, MASON GRAY The object of this suit is to: terminate. the residual parental Rights of the father of Mason Gray Evans thought to be either Ryan Quinlin, Mark Evans, James Cook, or Unknown Father pursuant to Virginia Code Sections 16.1-283 B and C, and which child is seven (7) years of age and was born to Katlin Daniel Evans. Residual parental rights are defined in Section 16.1-228 of the Code of Virginia (1950, as amended) as the rights and responsibilities remaining with a parent after the parent loses custody of a child, including but not limited to the right to visitation, consent to adoption, the right to determine religious affiliation, and the responsibility for support. The termination of your residual parental rights will permanently end all of your rights and responsibilities to the child named in the petition. The ties between you and your child are severed forever and you become a legal stranger to the child. It is ORDERED that UNKNOWN FATHER

appear at the above-named

Court and protect his or her

12/02/2022 10:30AM signed

interests on or before

by Patty Taylor, clerk 09/08/2022 ORDER OF **PUBLICATION** Commonwealth of Virginia VA. CODE § 8.01-316 CRAIG COMBINED **COURT-JUVENILE** Case No JJ002185-16-00 Juvenile and Domestic **Relations District Court** Commonwealth of Virginia, in re EVANS, JACOB LUCAS The object of this suit is to: terminate. the residual parental Rights of the father of Jacob Lucas Evans thought to be either Ryan Quinlin, Mark Evans, Kevin Scott Minnix, or Unknown Father pursuant to Virginia Code Sections 16.1-283 B and C. and which child is six (6) years of age and was born to Katlin Daniel Evans. Residual parental rights are defined in Section 16.1-228 of the Code of Virginia (1950, as amended) as the rights and responsibilities remaining (540)260-9011 fax: with a parent after the (540)260-0022 parent loses custody of a child, including but not limited to the right to visitation, consent to adoption, the right to determine religious affiliation, and the responsibility for support. The termination of your residual parental rights will

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT

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FOR THE COUNTY **OF CRAIG** THE COUNTY OF CRAIG, Virginia a political subdivision of the Commonwealth of Virginia, Plaintiff V. UNKNOWN HEIRS OF ROY KENNETH BRITT, DECEASED, UNKNOWN HEIRS OF VIOLET S. COLEMAN, DECEASED, UNKNOWN HEIRS OF ROY A. BRITT, DECEASED, UNKNOWN HEIRS OF RUTH S. BRITT, DECEASED, D. ALLISON BRITT, RUSSELL M. BRITT, and PARTIES UNKNOWN, Defendant(s). Case No. CL22-185 Order of Publication The object of this suit is to enforce a lien for delinquent real estate taxes against the property known as Tax Map No. 53A-117-14 (Craig Springs, Lot 14, Block 17). An Affidavit having been filed stating that due diligence has been used, without effect, to ascertain

the location of the named

Defendant(s) may be non-

maintain no domicile within

residents of Virginia and

the borders of the

Defendant(s), that the

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Commonwealth, or are

deceased, or that there may be parties who have an interest in the property but are unknown, namely, the heirs, devisees, and successors in the title of the named Defendant(s), made Defendants by the general description of Parties Unknown, it is hereby ORDERED that the named Defendant(s) and all Parties Unknown appear on or before November 22, 2022, and do what may be necessary to protect their interests in this cause. Entered 10/24/2022 by: Sharon P. Oliver, Clerk I Ask For This: N. Reid Broughton VBS No. 38899 Sands Anderson PC P.O. Box 2009 Christiansburg, Virginia 24068-2009 phone: (540)260-9011 fax: (540)260-0022

VIRGINIA: IN THE **CIRCUIT COURT** FOR THE COUNTY **OF CRAIG**

THE COUNTY OF CRAIG, Virginia a political subdivision of the Commonwealth of Virginia, Plaintiff V. JESSICA DAWN ADKINS, JONATHAN STILTNÉR, JR. JONATHAN MICHAEL OWENS, MELISSA JAYDE ADKINS, HANNAH CANTRELL, and PARTIES UNKNOWN, Defendant(s). Case No. CL22-189 Order of Publication The object of this suit is to enforce a lien for delinquent real estate taxes against the property known as Tax Map No. 37-A-49B (on Barbours Creek). An Affidavit having been filed stating that due diligence has been used, without effect, to ascertain the location of the named Defendant(s), that the Defendant(s) may be nonresidents of Virginia and maintain no domicile within the borders of the Commonwealth, or are deceased, or that there may be parties who have an interest in the property but are unknown, namely, the heirs, devisees, and successors in the title of the named Defendant(s), made Defendants by the general description of Parties Unknown, it is hereby ORDERED that the named Defendant(s) and all Parties Unknown appear on or before December 2, 2022, and do what may be necessary to protect their interests in this cause Entered 10/24/2022 by: Sharon P. Oliver, Clerk I Ask For This: N. Reid Broughton VBS No. 38899 Sands Anderson PC P.O. Box 2009 Christiansburg, Virginia 24068-2009 phone:

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY **OF CRAIG**

THE COUNTY OF CRAIG, Virginia a political subdivision of the Commonwealth of Virginia, Plaintiff V. BRIANNA LYNN JUSTUS aka BRIANNA KEEN aka BRIANNA STILTNER, individually and as guardian of her minor children, ELIJAH BENNETT ABEL STILTNER, SIERRA GRACE JUSTUS, KAYLEE MARIE FAYE JUSTUS, and PARTIES UNKNOWN, Defendant(s). Case No. CL22-190

Order of Publication The object of this suit is to enforce a lien for delinquent real estate taxes against the property known as Tax Map No. 37-A-49 (on Barbours Creek). An Affidavit having been filed stating that due diligence has been used, without effect, to ascertain the location of the named Defendant(s), that the Defendant(s) may be non-residents of Virginia and maintain no domicile within the borders of the Commonwealth, or are deceased, or that there may be parties who have an interest in the property but are unknown, namely, the heirs, devisees, and successors in the title of the named Defendant(s), made Defendants by the general description of Parties Unknown, it is hereby ORDERED that the named Defendant(s) and all Parties Unknown appear on or

before December 2, 2022,

necessary to protect their

and do what may be

interests in this cause.

Ask For This: N. Reid

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Entered 10/24/2022 by:

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VIRGINIA: IN THE **CIRCUIT COURT** FOR THE COUNTY **OF CRAIG**

THE COUNTY OF CRAIG.

Virginia a political

subdivision of the Commonwealth of Virginia, Plaintiff V. UNKNOWN HEIRS OF VINCENT D PRICE. DECEASED, and PARTIES UNKNOWN. Defendant(s) Case No. CL22-192 Order of Publication The object of this suit is to enforce a lien for delinquent real estate taxes against the property known as Tax Map Nos. 48A-2-3-4A and 48A-2-3-5 (287 Virginia Mineral Springs Road). An Affidavit having been filed stating that due diligence has been used, without effect, to ascertain the location of the named Defendant(s), that the Defendant(s) may be non-residents of Virginia

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and maintain no domicile

within the borders of the Commonwealth, or are deceased, or that there may be parties who have an interest in the property but are unknown, namely, the heirs, devisees, and successors in the title of the named Defendant(s), made Defendants by the general description of Parties Unknown, it is hereby ORDERED that the named Defendant(s) and all Parties Unknown appear on or before December 6, 2022. and do what may be necessary to protect their interests in this cause. Entered 11/01/2022 by: Sharon P. Oliver, Clerk I Ask For This: N. Reid Broughton VBS No. 38899 Katie M DeCoster Esq.

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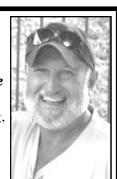
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Olivia Hurd(#693) runs in the state Class 3 cross country race at Green Hill Park.

PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Hurd runs in state CC, commits to VMI

Green Hill Park in west Roanoke County was the site of Virginia High School League state cross country championships last Saturday. Both girls and boys in Classes 1, 2 and 3 competed on a beautiful Virginia day at the spacious park just west of Salem as senior Olivia Hurd of William Byrd wrapped up an outstanding high school cross country career.

The course at Green Hill was fast and dry despite heavy rains the day prior. The Class 3 girls' race opened the day at 10:30 am and Abingdon's Makaleigh Jessee won the individual title in 18:21. Abingdon also won the girls' team title, followed by Maggie Walker and Spotswood.

Hurd finished 20th among 103 girls in the race

with a time of 20:12.37. Olivia was in the top 10 to 12 runners at the first mile marker. As the race went toward the second mile the top two finishers separated themselves from the pack and ran away from them all.

"The competition was close and not many places changed hands over the next mile," said Byrd coach Eric Royal. "I know she was disappointed in not finishing in the top 15 but knew she ran the best race she could on that day. That is something we talk about throughout the season. Look for something good in the race and 'Keep Moving Forward'."

Olivia earned her third "state rock," a tradition

Royal started in 2007. On Sunday Hurd committed to VMI to continue her education and running career.

"I am so excited for her and the opportunities

that she will have by running at the next level," said Royal.

Abingdon also won the boys' Class 3 team title. In Class 2 the Alleghany girls and Central High of Wise boys won state titles and in Division 1 the George Wythe girls and Lebanon boys are state champs.



The winter sports season is less than two weeks away and William Byrd basketball teams have preseason scrimmages scheduled as they prepare for their openers. Tonight, Thursday, the Byrd girls will host Rockbridge in a scrimmage while the boys are at Rockbridge. Next Tuesday, November 22, the boys host Jefferson Forest and the girls are at Forest for a scrimmage. Season openers are November 29 against Cave Spring with the girls at home and the boys at Cave Spring. Last Friday(above) for Veterans Day the girls had a "boot camp" style workout. "Huge thanks to Sgt. Cooke, Corporal King, and Lance Corporal Grace King for coming in and leading our girls in the workout," said assistant coach Samantha Webster. "We saw toughness, fight, grit, and determination from this group today, but the best thing of all is we saw teamwork and supporting one another to make sure everyone finished. We are so grateful to all of our veterans out there that we are able to have the freedoms we have today. Thank you for your service and sacrifice."

Hale brothers help Randolph-Macon to NCAA playoffs

William Byrd High School graduates Matt and Nick Hale are in the playoffs. The former Terrier football standouts are on the undefeated Randolph-Macon College team that will open the NCAA Division III tournament Saturday at noon at Day Field in Ashland, VA against SUNY Cortland.

The Yellow Jackets are 10-0 and Old Dominion Athletic Conference champions with a 7-0 conference record, and they're ranked 16th nationally in Division III. SUNY Cortland, from New York state,

is the ninth ranked team in Division III.

The Hale brothers, who are twins, are seniors and both have been on the All-ODAC Academic team. Nick is a running back who has rushed for 719 yards on the season and scored 10 touchdowns. He had the best game of his college career last Saturday when he rushed for 148 yards and two touchdowns in a 38-17 win over arch-rival Hampden-Sydney.

Matt is the starting center for the Jackets and the anchor on an offensive line that has averaged 267

yards rushing per game. Their father, Mark, was also an offensive lineman for the Yellow Jackets during his undergraduate days at Randolph-Macon and he also served as an assistant coach for William Byrd High under former coach Jeff Highfill.

The Yellow Jackets will be making their fifth appearance in the NCAA Playoffs and will be hosting for the second time. R-MC earned the right to host Washington & Jefferson in 1984 when the tournament field was just eight teams.



Twin brothers Matt and Nick Hale, both William Byrd graduates, will be playing for Randolph-Macon this Saturday when the Yellow Jackets host an NCAA Division III football playoff game. Above, Matt(#77) and Nick(#35) escort mother Terena on "Senior Day" as proud father Mark, left, and older brother Macon, right, join them at midfield. Right, Matt snaps the ball. Below right, Nick and Matt are on the field together. Below, Matt(#77 right in photo), helps spring Nick for a big gain against Bridgewater.

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holiday because "honoring veterans has been important as long as our country has been a country,' with 20 million veterans alive today who have served in both war and peace. He told the students that Congress puts a priority on legislation for veterans.

"We take care of those who took care of us," Cline said. "Congress is always looking for more ways to help veterans. Our Republic is blessed that there are so many who put service above self. We honor them for their courage and sacrifice. It is an honor to be in the company of heroes today."

McCallum noted that students had been working on the Veterans Day program and rehearsing their patriotic songs since the first week of school.

Each branch of the armed services was recognized separately with a special guest reciting the creed of their branch, as the student body performed the traditional branch song. Five fifth grade students who had veterans attending the program were selected to fly the branch flag on

Officer Smith, a Student Resource Officer who has served at Cundiff, read "The Title" which says: "It cannot be inherited. Nor can it ever be purchased. You and no one alive can buy it for any price. It is impossible to rent, and it cannot be lent. You alone, and our own, have earned it with your sweat, blood, and lives. You own it forever-the Title, 'United States Marine." Students then performed "The Marine Hymn" while student Bella Cooke flew the Marine flag.

Officer Stritesky, Cundiff's current SRO, read the "Army Creed": "I am an American soldier. I am a warrior and a member of a team. I serve the people of the United States and live the Army values. I will always place the mission first. I will never accept defeat. I will never quit. I will never leave a fallen comrade. I am disciplined, physically and mentally tough, trained, and proficient in my warrior tasks. I always maintain my arms, my equipment and myself. I am an expert, and I am a professional. I stand ready to employ, engage and destroy the enemies of the United States of America in close combat. I am

a guardian of freedom and the American way of life. I am an American soldier."

Students sang "The Army Goes Rolling Along," followed by "This is My Country" as student Sophie Jones presented the Army

W.E. Cundiff parent Jeremy Obenchain, of the Coast Guard (parent of first grader Olivia Obenchain), read the Coast Guard Creed, "I am proud to be a United States Coast Guardsman. I revere that long line of expert seamen who by their devotion to duty and sacrifice of self, have made it possible for me to be a member of a service honored and respected, in peace and in war, throughout the world. I never, by word or deed, will bring reproach upon the fair name of my service, nor permit others to do so unchallenged. I will cheerfully and willingly obey all lawful orders. I will always be on time to relieve, and shall endeavor to do more, rather than less, than my share. I will always be at my station, alert and attending to my duties. I shall, so far as I am able, bring to my seniors, solutions, not problems. I shall live joyously, but always with due regard for the rights and privileges of others. I shall endeavor to be a model citizen in the community in which I live. I shall sell life dearly to an enemy of my country, but give it freely to rescue those in peril. With God's help, I shall endeavor to be one of His noblest works—a United States Coast Guardsman."

Students then performed "The Coast Guard Song" while Jace Remine flew the Coast Guard

Parent Joanna Heaps (mother of Olivia, Carter, and Wyatt) presented the "Navy Creed" which states, "I am a United States Sailor. I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States of America and I will obey the orders of those appointed over me. I represent the fighting spirit of the Navy and those who have gone before me to defend freedom and democracy around the world. I proudly serve my country's Navy combat team with Honor, Courage, and Commitment. I am committed to excellence and the fair treatment of all."

Students performed "Anchors

Aweigh" while Cashton Nute presented the Navy flag.

James Page, grandfather of fourth grader Archer Smith, read the Air Force Creed: "I am an American Airman. I am a warrior. I have answered my nation's call. I am an American Airman. My mission is to fly, fight, and win. I am faithful to a proud heritage, A tradition of honor, and a legacy of valor. I am an American Airman, Guardian of freedom and justice, my nation's sword and shield, its sentry and avenger. I defend my country with my life. I am an American Airman. Wingman, leader, warrior. I will never leave an Airman behind; I will never falter; and I will not fail."

Students then sang "The Air Force Song" and "Thank you Soldiers" while Josiah Buck waved the Air Force flag.

"No Veterans Day program would be complete without mentioning those who gave all for the freedoms we enjoy in America," Principal McCallum said. "Those who gave their lives in the service of their country are owed a debt of gratitude we could never repay. If you lost a buddy or a family member in battle, please know that we honor them now."

Student Grayson Bell said to the veterans in closing, "We, the students of Cundiff Elementary School, would like you to know that we consider it a privilege to show you honor today. We thank you for your service to our country, and we hope that you know how much we all love our veterans. Some day in the future our generation will be running this country. As scary as that may seem to all of us right now, we want you to know that we love this country, and we look to the bright tomorrows of America. Some of us may be soldiers, sailors, coast guardsmen and airmen as well. When we look back at our years here, we will all be able to say that we met our first role models at Cundiff Elementary School's Veterans Day program. Thank you for being our guests today.'

The program concluded with the always poignant playing of "Echo Taps" from two corners of the gym by Cundiff music teachers Ellen Hannan and Andrew



Cundiff music teacher Ellen Hannan and Roanoke County Supervisor of Music and Performing Arts Rick Elliott performed the national anthem on trombones at the Veterans Day assembly.



Congressman Ben Cline, who represents the 6th District, was the guest speaker at W.E. Cundiff's Veterans Day program on November



Veterans and their W.E. Cundiff student stand to be recognized during the Veterans Day program.



Student Cashton Nute flies the Navy flag during the Veterans Day program at W.E. Cundiff.

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Vintonites join Veterans Day Parade in Roanoke



Members of the Roanoke Valley Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution, which meets in Vinton, joined the festivities at the Virginia Veterans Parade in Roanoke on November 12. They brought along their new banner, and several veterans related to their members.

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Several groups from Vinton joined in the Virginia Veterans Day Parade celebration in Roanoke City on Nov. 12.

The Roanoke Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution gathered at the Roanoke City Market Building to honor veterans and wave at the parade passing by. They featured their new banner, and several veterans of their ownCW4 US Army (retired) Gordon Menzies and Lt. Col. Air Force Reserves Heather Menzies, husband and daughter of past Regent Sharon Menzies, along with Army Sgt. Paul Richard Gascoyne, who served in World War II, father of DAR member Lisa Gascoyne.

The William Byrd High School Marching Terriers band joined with the other Roanoke County high school bands from Glenvar, Hidden Valley, Cave Spring,

and Northside, to march and perform together as one unit in the parade. WBHS Band Director Dan Plybon said the schools each learned the music on their own and then came together for the first time the morning of the parade. It looked and sounded like they had been practicing together for months.

The highlight of the parade was the flyover by the United States Air Force 27th Fighter Squadron F-22 Raptors to kick-off the parade.



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