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**Gene and Betty White recently celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary at the Vinton War Memorial, standing at the fireplace where they stood at their wedding reception on Nov. 22, 1952.**

## Gene and Betty White celebrate 70 years of marriage

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Gene and Betty White of Vinton recently celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary at the Vinton War Memorial. They have been happily married since November 22, 1952, when they were wed at Vinton Baptist Church in an evening service officiated by Dr. George Stevens.

The church was decorated with baskets of white flowers, palms, and candelabra. Mrs. Montague Swain, organist, and Jack Smith, cousin of the groom, soloist, presented a program of wedding music.

Betty was given in marriage by her father. She wore an ankle-length gown of nylon tulle and Chantilly lace over satin. Her chapel-length veil fell from a lace cap; she carried a white Bible topped with an orchid and showered with stephanotis. Her maid of honor was Louise Dooley; Joan Price, her bridesmaid. Michael White served as his brother's best man with ushers

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## Vinton Town Clerk/Executive Assistant Susan Johnson retires

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Susan Johnson, Vinton's Town Clerk and Executive Assistant, is retiring effective Feb. 1 after serving the town for 11 and a half years. Town Council, current and previous town staff, friends, and family honored her with a reception at the Municipal Building prior to the council meeting on Jan. 17.

Johnson was also recognized during the council meeting—her final one—by those she had worked with through the years with a plaque, heartfelt applause, and a standing ovation.

Mayor Brad Grose thanked Johnson for “your professionalism, your creativity, your hard work, and your interest in supporting your fellow staff members and the entire Town of Vinton. I believe when we hired you, we got the whole package, a consummate professional and someone who cared for our community.

“All the things I have mentioned are important, but without a doubt, the way you have always represented your faith and have consistently conducted yourself as a true Christian lady means

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**Vinton Town Clerk/Executive Assistant Susan Johnson is retiring at the end of January. She was honored at the council meeting on Jan. 17.**



PHOTOS BY DEBBIE ADAMS

**Susan Johnson's family joined her at her retirement ceremony on Jan. 17. Shown left to right (in back) are brother-in-law Ron Johnson, Susan Johnson, her husband Donnie, daughter Cora Beth Akers, son-in-law Curtis Akers, and, in front, grandsons Harrison and Klayton Akers.**



PHOTO BY DEBBIE ADAMS

**The Roanoke Valley DAR presented two NexTrex benches to the town at the council meeting on Jan. 17—a result of a large-scale recycling project in 2022 involving the Town of Vinton, the DAR, PFG, and Food Lion. Pictured with the composite bench are (left to right): Town Manager Pete Peters, DAR Regent Cindy Higgins, Past Regent Sharon Menzies, Vinton Planning and Zoning Director Anita McMillan, and Mayor Brad Grose.**

## Town council receives Year in Review report

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Vinton Town Council held a lengthy meeting on Jan. 17, filled with awards, presentations, recognitions, reports, and a couple of action items.

Town Clerk Susan Johnson was honored in her retirement. She will be sorely missed.

Assistant Town Manager Cody Sexton was recognized for being named to the Roanoker Magazine's “40 under 40” list. Director of Community

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## Vinton Business of the Week – Mountain View Orthodontics



PHOTO BY DEBBIE ADAMS

**Dr. Bana Hosseinian (center) and the staff at Mountain View Orthodontics offer a wide range of dental services, from braces to specialized treatments.**

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Mountain View Orthodontics opened in downtown Vinton in 2018 at 221 South Maple Street. Dr. Bana Hosseinian (affectionately known as Dr. H.) took over the practice from orthodontist Dr. Timothy Janowicz. Her team

includes a staff of seven.

The business offers a complete range of state-of-the-art dental services for all ages. Dr. H. says the practice blends “cutting edge technology with traditional orthodontics to achieve optimized results.”

While traditional braces are their mainstay, those other “cutting edge” services

include Invisalign clear aligners, oral 3D scanning, iTero digital scanning (eliminating the need for impressions), laser treatments, TADS anchoring devices for implants, Radiance clear brackets, Zoom Whitening, along with highly specialized surgical orthodontics, cleft and craniofacial treatments for those with special needs,

and devices for the treatment of sleep apnea.

Dr. H. notes that braces are not just for children anymore; they are increasing popular among adults, who often choose the Invisalign system. Dr. H. says her aim with braces for adults is to give them “a beautiful smile and a healthier bite.”

She says she feels blessed to have set up practice in Vinton and the Roanoke Valley— “it is absolutely home now”—because of the community where she “has been warmly welcomed and supported since Day One.”

Dr. Hosseinian has been practicing orthodontics since 2011. The family moved to Roanoke in 2015. Her husband, Farhad Sahebajam,

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# WVWA begins East Cleveland Ave. Waterline Replacement Project

The Western Virginia Water Authority has begun the East Cleveland Avenue Waterline Replacement Project to proactively improve waterline conditions for that area.

Mobilization and construction were scheduled to begin on Tuesday, Jan. 17, and are expected to be completed by April 2023.

This project consists of open cutting a new 8-inch water main on E. Cleveland Ave., from Popular St. to Bedford St., and also to include S. Maple, S. Popular, S. Blair, Chestnut St, Pine St. and East Jackson.

Construction will happen in phases. Portions of roadways will temporarily close and water service may be affected for residents but will be restored as soon as possible. The Town of Vinton will repave affected roadways following the completion of the project.

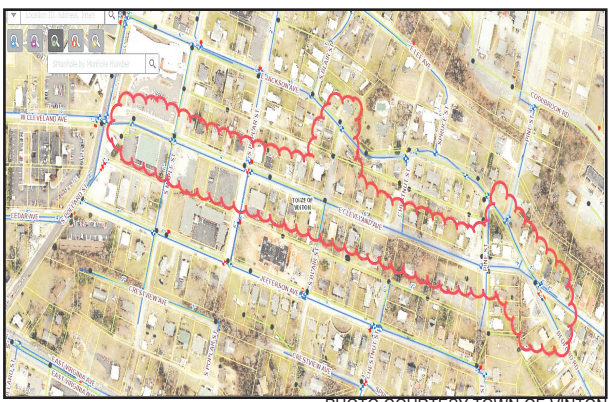
Residents were notified of the project by a mailing from Todd Beasley, Utility

Construction Manager with the WVWA.

The work will be performed by the Western Virginia Water Authority Field Operations personnel. Kevin Hall will be the crew supervisor on site. Questions about the project may be addressed to him while on site or by telephone at 540-581-4462.

The Water Authority will restore those areas disturbed during the install of the waterline as the project proceeds. Disturbed areas will be returned, as closely as possible, to the existing conditions prior to construction. Replacement of any asphalt pavement which has been damaged or removed during construction will be scheduled as soon as possible based on the availability of asphalt mix and weather conditions.

- Submitted by Western Virginia Water Authority and Town of Vinton



The Western Virginia Water Authority East Cleveland Waterline Replacement Project has begun in the area shown in red.

# VINTON HISTORY: CHURCH PLATES



These church plates are on display at the Vinton History Museum.

PHOTO BY JUDY CUNNINGHAM

Ceramic plates were popular with churches with each plate being custom designed with a picture of the church or ministry with their name or logo and sometimes dates. They are a great memento and collector's item.

Those currently on display at the Vinton History Museum include Thrasher Memorial United Methodist Church, Mineral

Springs Baptist Church, Vinton Pilgrim Church (now Vinton Wesleyan Church), Midland Baptist Church, and Campbell Memorial Presbyterian Church.

They have been donated to the museum by the churches or individuals.

The museum continues to collect artifacts from the local churches if you or your church have some to

share with the museum.

Visit the Vinton History Museum, located at 210 East Jackson Avenue in downtown Vinton. Hours of operation are Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and every first Saturday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

- Submitted by Judy Cunningham, Vinton History Museum Executive Director

# Vinton Police present quarterly report to Town Council

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Vinton Deputy Chief of Police Captain Tim Lawless presented the department's quarterly report for October through December 2022 to Vinton Town Council at the meeting on Jan. 17.

During the quarter, the police department received 3,420 calls for service for a variety of reasons with an officer responding by phone or in person.

There were 737 traffic stops with 464 summonses issued and 94 traffic accidents.

A total of six drug cases were reported and six DUI arrests. Overall criminal arrests totaled 93.

Captain Lawless reported there were 721 security checks during the quarter—a service most important to and appreciated by area businesses.

During the quarter, the Criminal Investigations Division received 12 felony criminal cases. Four are under investigation; three are pending results from the forensic lab and indictments from the Roanoke County Commonwealth Attorney's office; three cases have been cleared; two have been inactivated. Two search warrants were obtained.

Lawless noted that the department has re-established its relationship with the Bedford County Sheriff's Office and its highly effective Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) team.

He also commented that the Animal Control officer stays busy with 33 animal ordinance violations in the past quarter, 14 code enforcement violations, 14 cases of cruelty, 21 cases of a "dog at large" and two bears reported in the area.

The captain described records management as the "brains of the police department" and reported 216 warrants entered into the Records Management System, along with 464 summonses, 22 weapons permit checks, 100 FOIA requests, 18 criminal histories checked, and 75 officer subpoenas processed.

Two new officers joined the police department in

the last quarter—Officer Stephanie Walsh and Officer Daniel Valladarez. Both graduated from the police academy in November.

Community Services Officer William Holland was appointed by the Office of the Attorney General to serve as the Program Coordinator for the Roanoke County TRIAD, which brings together senior citizens, their organizations, and law enforcement to work on issues that senior citizens often encounter, such as scams and fraud.

The quarterly report included a list of community events which the police attended or initiated from October through December—Downtown Trick or Treating, Shop with a Cop, the Vinton Christmas Parade, the Christmas Hot Chocolate event prior to the parade, the Santa Crawl, Breakfast with Santa for special needs children held at the Moose Lodge, along with DMV traffic enforcement.

Police trainings continued in RADAR/LIDAR, Advanced Deception, Night Range Qualifications, Firearms Instructor, Street Cops, Evidence Technician, Glock Armorer, SWAT school, Advanced Vehicle Contraband Concealment, CIT School, the Command Leadership Institute, DT Instructor, Forensic Retraining, and VA Against Trafficking.

Lawless detailed several grants the Vinton Police Department has received recently which enabled them to pay for traffic enforcement and COVID related overtime. They were also awarded another LOLE Block Grant which will allow the purchase of needed equipment for the Criminal Investigations and Training Divisions.

The police have implemented the new body worn cameras and in-car cameras during the past quarter. They received a new patrol vehicle, and a new range trailer.

The captain closed by thanking town council, town staff, and especially Public Works and Tobbie Russeau for their support of the police department.

# RECIPES OF THE WEEK

National Pork Month isn't until October. National Stuffing Day falls on Thanksgiving. However, here are two stuffed pork chops recipes that definitely qualify as Comfort Foods for this cold month of January.

## Traditional Stuffed Pork Chops

- 1/4 cup chopped onion
  - 1/4 cup chopped celery
  - 2 Tbsp. butter
  - 2 cups bread cubes
  - 1/4 tsp. salt
  - 1/8 tsp. pepper
  - 1/2 tsp. poultry seasoning
  - 1 egg
  - 1/4 cup and 1 Tbsp. water
  - 1/4 cup white wine
  - 3 butterflied pork chops, about 1 to 1 1/2 inches thick
- Sauté onion and celery in butter. Mix in a bowl with bread cubes, salt, pepper, poultry seasoning, egg, and 1 Tbsp. water. Lightly brown pork chops on both sides. Stuff with stuffing mixture. Place in baking dish. Add wine and 1/4 cup water to bottom of dish. Cover with foil. Bake 1 hour at 350 degrees. Remove foil; return to oven to brown briefly.

- Recipe from the recipe files of Alice Holpp

# Remembering Vinton

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Randy Draper is a 1975 graduate of

William Byrd High School. He has shared a unique Vinton memory from those days as a student.

"Our class had the original Family Living Home Ec co-ed class and performed the first Home Ec mock wedding in May '75," Draper said. "The story got into The Vinton Messenger and was very enjoyable to read about since I was the preacher who performed the nuptials."

Draper asked if we could locate the original article in The Vinton Messenger archives and share it so those who were involved "could relive the day."

Here's the original article from May 1975 (author unknown):

"Sandee Ross and Richard Carrell exchanged wedding vows on Thursday, May 22, at 8:45 a.m. in the William Byrd High School Home Economics Courtyard. Following the ceremony and a reception in the Home Ec Department, the couple attended their regular classes. They will reside in the homes of their separate parents."

"Odd marriage? Well, yes! It was a mock wedding, climaxing a marriage unit of the William Byrd High School Co-educational Home Economics Class. Mrs. Ina Murphey, teacher, explained that the class had been working on the marriage unit since

# '75 Home Ec class simulated wedding

with the Vinton Historical Society



VINTON MESSENGER ARCHIVE PHOTO

Pictured at the William Byrd High School simulated wedding, left to right, are: kneeling, Randy Epperly and Laurel Nance; standing, Randy Draper, Randy Obenchain, Terry Ratcliff, Richard Carrell, Sandee Ross, Nanette DeBanardo, Kim Ward, and Cheryl Boyer.

the beginning of the last nine-week report period, and had been planning the mock wedding for almost two weeks.

"Approximately 50 parents, teachers, and students were in attendance as the Rev. Jed Henry Draper, better known as Randy Draper, performed the ceremony which he had written. The class elected the bride and groom and volunteered or nominated the other necessary persons. Father of the bride was Steve Martin; mother of the bride, Jill Hale; father of the groom, Tommy West; mother of the groom, Sharon Capper; best man, Terry Ratcliff; maid of honor, Nanette DeBanardo; flower girl, Laurel Nance; ring bearer, Randy Epperly; bridesmaids, Kim Ward

and Cheryl Royer; usher, Randy Obenchain; photographer, James Raynes; florist, Randy Obenchain; and music was provided by Angela Hyatt, Alice Hannabass, and Debra Rankins.

"The wedding dress was borrowed; the bridesmaids made matching dresses with the help of their teacher, and the preacher wore his graduation gown. Cheryl Boyer and Sharon Capper accomplished most of the work on the professional-looking wedding cake after a short class unit on cake decorating.

"For a good part of the year, the class had been involved with a study of family life. They had several thought-provoking discussions on

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- CLUES DOWN**
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  - 7. Amounts of time
  - 8. Tooth caregiver
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  - 10. Solo opera piece
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  - 12. Siddhartha author
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  - 23. Auto fuel
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  - 27. Hawaiian geese
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  - 34. Newsman Rather
  - 35. Prefix for inside
  - 37. Short-billed rails
  - 40. Sensory receptor
  - 42. Egyptian temple - Ombo
  - 43. Challenges
  - 47. Photograph (slang)
  - 49. Declined gradually
  - 50. Tilapia nilotica
  - 52. One-edge sword
  - 53. Wets
  - 55. Small coins (French)
  - 56. Twine together
  - 57. The middle point
  - 58. Sea eagle
  - 59. Activist Parks
  - 61. Humbug
  - 65. Atomic #79

# Remembering

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traditional male-female concepts, dating in the United States today, and its past and present customs, and in what way dating relates to today's lifestyle. During the unit on marriage, the class discussed engagement and what each

one looked for in choosing of a mate and the qualities which would make a lasting relationship, with a goal towards determining realistic and unrealistic expectations. They viewed several films and heard from several speakers during

the unit.

"As a result of the unit and some individual evaluation, several students were overheard saying that they were not ready to get married any time soon. Mrs. Murphey remarked that she was

surprised at the traditional concepts still held by many males with regards to a wife.

"The temporary matrimony even extended to the decoration of the bride's car."

# Johnson

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much more to me than anything else," Grose said. "We have often shared personal triumphs and challenges, and we have often prayed for each other and our families."

Vice Mayor Mike Stovall called Johnson a "true champion, who possesses a wealth of knowledge, and has done remarkable work."

Johnson's daughter Cora Beth spoke for the family in praising her mother's work ethic, for "putting everything into her job," and for the blessing she has been to others.

Town Manager Pete Peters said that Johnson has been "immeasurably valuable in her position," keeping him and other staff members on track, day in and day out.

Johnson has had a long career in municipal government and in the field of law. She came to the town on July 27, 2011, after serving as Administrative Office Associate, then Executive Services Coordinator/Clerk for the City of Martinsville. She also spent 17 years with the private law firm in Martinsville, and four years with the City of Roanoke Attorney's office.

She says her first visit to Vinton was in 1976 when she marched in the Dogwood Festival Parade with the John D. Bassett High School band.

She was surrounded by her family at the reception and council meeting—husband Donnie who is retired from the City of Salem, her daughter Cora Beth Akers, son-in-law Curtis Akers, and her grandsons Klayton and Harrison. Her first priority in her retirement will be to

spend more time with all of them.

Johnson and her family are active members of Mill Creek Baptist Church. In her remarks to council and town staff, Johnson said that she thanks God for giving her the opportunity to serve others through her career, for blessing her with a servant's heart. She acknowledged her family and the support they have been for her. She credited her parents with teaching her a strong work ethic.

Johnson thanked Mayor Grose and all the town councils she has worked with and town staff for supporting her, for caring about their community, and for becoming a "second family."

"It's been a pleasure to be part of the team," Johnson said. "These 11 and a half years in Vinton have been the highlight of my career."

# Report

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Programs Chasity Barbour was recognized for her completion of the Smith Mountain Lake Regional Chamber of Commerce Leadership Academy for 2022. Mayor Brad Grose commented that he was glad Barbour and Sexton are "on our team."

DAR Regent Cindy Higgins and Past Regent Sharon Menzies from the Roanoke Valley Chapter DAR presented the town with two NexTrex benches, obtained from the Trex Company through an impressive recycling campaign in 2022. The DAR joined with the town, PFG, and Food Lion in the project.

Trex partners with 32,000 retailers and thousands of recycling programs nationwide to responsibly dispose of plastic shopping bags and other polyethylene films used to wrap products.

The local DAR chapter signed up to collect 500 pounds of plastic over a six-month period. For each 500 pounds collected, Trex committed to donating a high-quality composite bench to the organization. Amazingly, thanks to community support, the DAR was able to collect over 3,000 pounds, which will lead to receipt of six benches.

Currently two benches have arrived. Higgins and Menzies formally presented them to the town. Plaques will be placed on each bench acknowledging the cooperation of the Town of Vinton, Food Lion, and PFG.

Menzies thanked Town Manager Pete Peters for the town's enthusiastic participation in the project, along with Mike Maust and Bonnie Fielder at PFG. The first bench will be placed on the Tinker Creek Greenway near PFG.

The highlight of the council meeting was a comprehensive presentation by Vinton's Economic Development Specialist Marshall Stanley on infrastructure, community and economic development, events, and organizational changes in the town during 2022.

By all accounts, the year 2022 was one of the best the Town of Vinton has ever experienced. Mayor Brad Grose commented that in his 23 years on council, "I have never seen a year like 2022. And it's because of our staff and citizens."

Infrastructure projects completed or begun during 2022 included several involving roadways and traffic signals:

- A contract was executed for GPS units and Opticomms at all 11 signalized intersections to enhance public safety and allow for remote operation of signals for special events, weather, or emergency needs.
- Another contract was executed with Advanced Traffic Solutions for synchronization of signals at the 11 intersections.

• A large storm-water repair and improvement project is underway on Cleveland Avenue with culvert replacement on Madison Avenue.

• Installation of traffic signals at Niagara, Vinyard, and Bypass is complete, with emergency purchase of a control system at PFG ordered.

• All road striping is completed

• Public Works has initiated a work order with AEP to relamp 16 streetlamps on Washington/Gus Nicks Boulevard.

• New Christmas décor was added at major intersections, streetlamps, the Vinton War Memorial lawn, and Farmer's Market, installed by Public Works

• Gus Nicks and Hardy Road crosswalks are at 70% design with right-of-ways donated by St. Timothy Lutheran Church and Roanoke County Schools; it will be bid in summer 2023

• \$1.1 million in paving was completed in 2022

Gateway Improvements include:

• Construction on Walnut Avenue is paused for winter, but on schedule to be completed spring 2023

• Garthright Bridge rehabilitation and preventive maintenance will add 50 years to the life of bridge. Work is mainly underneath the bridge and scheduled to complete by early Feb.

Outdoor Recreation assets include:

• Gladetown Loop Trail reopened with assistance from Midweek Crew Pathfinders for Greenways

• Construction for Glade Creek Greenway Phase 2 was greenlighted by VDOT

• Streambank Drainage Improvement Project at Woodland Place underway, at 60% design, right-of-ways obtained from property owners, construction begins late summer 2023

Public Facilities and Assets include:

• Sidewalk, retaining wall, installation of stairs at the Vinton History Museum

• War Memorial playground to be resurfaced and painted while new playground is being designed and constructed at former swimming pool site

• McClung Industrial property will add 80-100 parking spaces in downtown Vinton, at 60% design, to be bid in March, EPA Brownfields assessment submitted

Downtown Revitalization Projects include:

• Pok-E-Joe's taking over space at Vinyard Station formerly occupied by Joe Goodpies

• Pollard 107 South restaurant in former Star City Playhouse space will be completed in early 2023

• Dogwood Restaurant expansion will be completed spring 2023

Stanley also shared an update on properties affected by the catastrophic fire downtown on July 2, 2022:

• Staff is working with property owners to assist with redesign of destroyed buildings. Demolition of 103 and 107 East Lee Ave. along with 206 and 208 South Pollard are expected in early 2023. Both owners are interested in pursuing three story structures with commercial storefronts on first floor and residential space on second and third floors.

• D.R. Music has relocated to 128 North Pollard.

• Rustic Creations has relocated to 116 South Poplar Street

• Edward Jones hopes to return, has temporarily relocated to Walnut Avenue

• Red Jasmine is also impacted due to shared wall

Other redevelopment projects in the works include:

• Gish Mill property is about to close with private owner, awaiting Historic Tax Credits

• Hotel--federal EDA Grant request for site engineering submitted with subsequent EDA grant application for site grading, environmental assessment completed on adjacent dry cleaner property

• East Cleveland properties—submitted for EPA Brownfields grant; staff is working with private developer and Balzer for preliminary engineering for a proposed mixed-use property with commercial storefront and residential units

• River Park Shopping Center, housing study wrapping up for River Park/Bypass corridor funded by Virginia Housing Grant

Stanley reminded council of the Rosie's expansion in 2022—a \$28 million investment which more than doubled the existing space, added 350 new games, and a huge parking garage

He also discussed a new Starbucks location in the former Rite-Aid building on Hardy Road. The property is subdivided and will also include a car wash.

He updated council on EPA Brownfields Grant applications. The original \$300,000 has been spent. The town has applied for another \$500,000 grant. He described two industrial sites involving the grants—the McClung/Walnut Avenue Parking Lot and the Leslie/Gateway site adjacent to Glade Creek and Gish Mill, within the flood plain in Vinton—and a former automotive site on Hardy Road, the dry cleaner site near the proposed hotel, the East Cleveland Mart, the 3rd Street landfill, the Billy Byrd Apartments annex, and Steve's Garage near the Municipal Building.

Stanley applauded the launch of the CodeRED emergency alert system which became available to Vinton citizens and businesses on Dec. 1, and the "All Things Vinton" videos developed by the Town of Vinton and RVTV which stars Chasity Barbour and Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Angie Chewning in comical visits to area businesses.

"The videos have really taken off and make local government and local businesses seem fun," Stanley said.

More videos are in the works, along with an "All Things Vinton" newsletter and a new tourism welcome video.

Stanley concluded his segment of the meeting by detailing organizational changes during 2022—the transfer of the utility system from the town to the Western Virginia Water Authority and the subsequent reorganization of the Public Works and Finance Departments, extensive updates to the Zoning Ordinances, the launch of CodeRED, staff salary market adjustments, and reaccreditation of the Vinton Police Department.

Council took action to adopt two resolutions accepting permanent sign easements and temporary construction easements for the Hardy Road Crosswalk at W.E. Cundiff Elementary and the permanent stream restoration, permanent access, and temporary grading and construction easements from Woodland Event Center, LLC, and Shirley Jones for the Woodland Place Stream Restoration Project.

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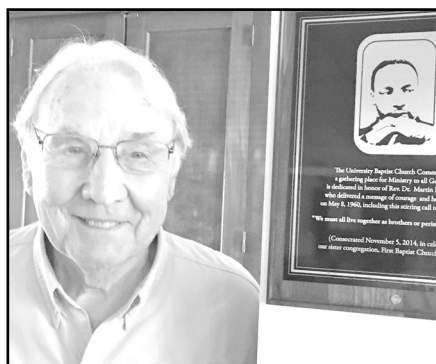
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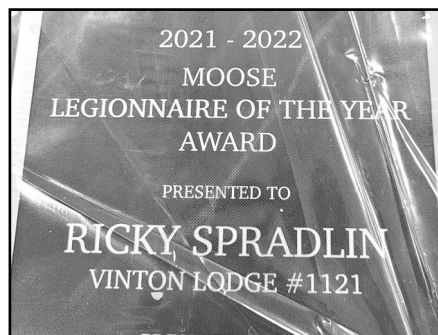


**Dr. George "Buddy" Bell beside the Martin Luther King Jr. plaque**

*By Angie and Bootie Chewning*

As we celebrated Martin Luther King Jr. Day this week, it reminds us of a meeting in 1960. George "Buddy" Bell as we call him, (Bootie's brother) had dinner with Dr. King at University Baptist Church in Chapel Hill, N.C.

They talked for three to four hours (if you know my brother, then you know he can talk). Buddy found a delightful



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**Moose Ricky Spradlin received the Legionnaire of the Year Award.**

person to talk with. This was one of the highlights of his life and he has met a lot of important people. Today a Happy 91st birthday wish goes out to him. Enjoy it, Buddy!

Congratulations to Ricky Spradlin. Ricky was among the nominees from the Moose Blue Ridge District and the recipient of the top award of Legionnaire of the Year 21-22 for the District. This is an honor to receive and very well



PHOTO BY DEBBIE ADAMS

**Shown left to right at the Canva class at the Vinton War Memorial on Jan. 12 are Nicole Cooper, Libby Patterson (The Hemp Mill) Angie Chewning, and Kathryn Sowers (seated).**

deserved. Congrats!

The Vinton Chamber held a Canva class last week; instructor Nicole Cooper, walked us through many features of Canva to help us create our own marketing material. If you would like to join us at

our next class, it will be at the Charles Hill Senior Building on January 24 at 2 p.m. It is free- provided by the Vinton Chamber. For more information contact the Chamber office, 540-343-1364 or [angie@vintonchamber.com](mailto:angie@vintonchamber.com).

## Business Incubation Center leaving downtown Vinton

The Advancement Foundation and the Town of Vinton have mutually agreed to end the lease for 227

South Pollard Street in downtown Vinton, which has served as the physical home for the Foundation's business incubation center, known as the H.I.V.E. (Home of Innovative & Visionary Entrepreneurs).

The Advancement Foundation adopted a mostly virtual platform for many of its programs during the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic in early 2020 and has since found that the need for a large physical location to house the H.I.V.E was no longer necessary.

"Our virtual platforms provide opportunities to connect and engage entrepreneurs and mentors cross-regionally, where distance and busy lifestyles are no longer a barrier. We value our partnership with Vinton, which provided the Foundation a launching point for the Gauntlet, now Virginia's Largest Business Program and Competition," said Annette Patterson, president of The Advancement Foundation (TAF). "Vinton is a dear part of our organization's roots, and we look forward to our continued partnership focused on leveraging additional resources for business development and commercialization of value-added products. The Foundation will continue to maintain a strong presence in Vinton with expanded remote capabilities to continue to support entrepreneurs and innovator in business development."

The building is owned by the Town of Vinton and the Vinton Roanoke County Health Department will

remain a tenant on the first floor. The now vacant second floor will undergo a cosmetic update and will be utilized to relocate several existing town staff from the main municipal building. Work to update the offices is expected to begin in the next few months and town staff are expected to move into the building by this summer.

"The Advancement Foundation continues to be a valued partner with the Town of Vinton and has provided exceptional assistance to local entrepreneurs and businesses in Vinton and beyond," said Richard Peters, Vinton Town Manager. "Annette and her team are innovative and are always looking how to better meet their mission and we look forward to continuing our support in this next chapter of small business development".

The Advancement Foundation (TAF) is a nonprofit founded in 2007 that provides infrastructure, support, and resources to create an effective entrepreneurial ecosystem. TAF has researched, tested, and refined specific initiatives that help unify activities for small business development, increase support, and leverage resources to provide measurable impact on small business development for the communities it serves. More information can be found on the organization's website at [theadvancementfoundation.org](http://theadvancementfoundation.org).

- Submitted by the Town of Vinton and TAF

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

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

**CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
**DALE RIDGE CHURCH OF CHRIST** - 7165 Cloverdale Rd., Roanoke, 24019; beside the Botetourt Athletic Club. Leave message 992-4385. Sunday Bible Study, 9:30 a.m., Worship, 10:30 a.m., Wednesday Bible Study, 6 p.m. Please come visit us in person or get to know about us first by visiting our web page: [daleridgechurchofchrist.net](http://daleridgechurchofchrist.net). Updated each week with a new sermon by Mike Mazzalongo, four minutes of video showing our nearly six acres of land and our beautiful, functional inside facilities, articles, events, news from Christian sources around the world and here locally plus much, much more. See how many ways Dale Ridge is "Reaching Out There" to the Roanoke Valley with the "Good News of Jesus. By clicking on "visit us virtually" real time access to our Worship services is available via your computer, a tablet or smartphone: Just follow the instructions. We believe in the inspired Word of God which is as relevant today as it was when it was written. We believe the Holy Spirit is a gift to every Christian upon their response to the Gospel as demonstrated by the 3000 obedient souls in (Acts 2:38). We believe Jesus is the only author of our salvation. (Acts 4:12) Have you been looking for a church family that is progressive, outside the box thinkers, led by the Holy Spirit into all truth. (John 16:13). You will know we are His disciples by our love for one another. (John 13:35) Real time contact thru our website via email.

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

**ECKANKAR**  
**ECKANKAR, THE PATH OF SPIRITUAL FREEDOM**, is 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

# Vinton Worship Directory

**Time to Rest**

Read Exodus 30:1 through 32:35

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

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

God created the Sabbath for two key purposes. First, people need to set aside

a day to worship God and fellowship with His people. Second, we need a day of rest and refreshing. Scientific research bears this out.

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

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

Quicklook: Exodus 31:14-17

**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](mailto:tfrye@ourvalley.org)**

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](http://www.eck-va.org), [www.meetup.com/Roanoke-Spiritual-Experiences-Group](http://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**  
**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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

# Legal Notice

## NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF AN APPLICATION BY APPALACHIAN POWER COMPANY FOR APPROVAL AND CERTIFICATION OF THE REUSENS TO ROANOKE 138 KV REBUILD PROJECT UNDER TITLE 56 OF THE CODE OF VIRGINIA CASE NO. PUR-2022-00163

On November 22, 2022, Appalachian Power Company (“APCo” or the “Company”) filed with the State Corporation Commission (“Commission”) an application (“Application”) to construct, own, operate, and maintain electric facilities in Roanoke and Bedford Counties, the cities of Roanoke and Lynchburg, and the Town of Vinton, Virginia. APCo filed its Application pursuant to § 56.46.1 of the Code of Virginia (“Code”), and the Utility Facilities Act, Code § 56-265.1 *et seq.*

Through its Application, the Company proposes to complete the following, which is collectively referred to as the “Project:”

- A rebuild of the Reusens–Roanoke 138 kilovolt (“kV”) Transmission Line asset consisting of approximately 43 miles of double-circuit 138 kV line between the Company’s Reusens and Roanoke Substations;
- Reconfiguring approximately 250 feet of Roanoke–Cloverdale 138 kV Transmission Line asset between the rebuilt Reusens–Roanoke 138 kV Transmission Line and existing structure 48-175/1; and
- Expanding and replacing equipment at Centerville Substation.

According to the Application, the infrastructure needs to be replaced to address the condition, performance, and risk associated with the asset, including its inability to meet current National Electric Safety Code (“NESC”) standards. The Company asserts the Project will replace aging infrastructure that is approximately 90 years old, contains numerous open conditions due to age-related deterioration, and does not comply with current NESC Grade B loading criteria standards and current American Society of Civil Engineers (“ASCE”) structural strength criteria. The Company states the Project is necessary to ensure adequate and reliable electric service and accommodate future growth in Roanoke and Bedford Counties, the cities of Lynchburg and Roanoke, the towns of Vinton and Bedford, and the surrounding areas.

Per the Application, approximately forty percent of the Project will be constructed on an 18 mile existing 100-foot-wide right of way (“ROW”) already acquired by the Company and approximately 24 miles will be rebuilt parallel to or near existing ROW on new existing 100-foot-wide ROW. Approximately one mile will be built on new ROW but not adjacent to the existing line.

The Company asserts no feasible alternatives were identified that would address the condition, performance, and risk of the existing transmission line while continuing to serve the needs of the Company’s customers and substations. APCo states it considered rebuilding the entire Project in existing ROW; however, due to outage constraints, this was not a feasible solution. Additionally, the Company considered an in-the-clear alternative deviating significantly from the existing ROW as unfeasible for this Project due to the additional impact and risk associated with acquisition of new ROW. Moreover, the Company states this alternative was not chosen, as rebuilding within or parallel to the existing ROW was possible for the majority of the line. APCo states it is not practical to retire the line due to the location of the existing substation serving customers along this line.

APCo asserts the final structure types will be determined during final engineering, which includes ground surveys and geotechnical studies. Based on preliminary engineering, the Company anticipates primarily using galvanized steel double circuit lattice steel towers and steel monopole structures with a low-reflective finish for the Project. The proposed structure heights are anticipated to range from 75 to 160 feet. The average height of the proposed structures is 125 feet, which is approximately 25 feet taller than the average height of the existing structures to meet current design standards.

The Company states the desired in-service date for the Project is December 2030. The Company represents that the total estimated cost of the Project is \$218.2 million, with an estimated substation-related cost of approximately \$8.0 million, and an estimated transmission-related cost of approximately \$210.2 million.

### Description of Route for the Proposed Project

The Proposed Route begins at the Company’s existing Reusens Substation (200 Old Trents Ferry Road) in the City of Lynchburg, west of the James River. The Proposed Route uses the existing ROW for 3.0 miles from Reusens Substation to United States Route 501 (Boonsboro Road) and crosses Old Trents Ferry Road, State Route 645 (Trents Ferry Road), Locksview Road, Inglewood Road, Clearview Drive, Royal Oaks Way, Royal Oak Drive, Meriwether Road, and Country Club Drive. The Proposed Route deviates slightly from the existing ROW to cross United States Route 501 (Boonsboro Road) and avoid a residential building within the existing ROW and then is within the existing ROW for approximately 3.0 miles to the Company’s existing Coffee Substation (2121 Old Farm Road) in Bedford County, crossing Two Creek Drive and State Route 659 (Hawkins Mill Road).

Continuing southwest from the Coffee Substation, the Proposed Route is located within the existing ROW for about 1.0 mile and crosses State Route 660 (Old Farm Road). Just before crossing State Route 621 (Cottontown Road), the Proposed Route shifts to parallel the south side of the existing transmission line for 1.5 miles, then uses the existing ROW for about 0.7 mile to cross State Route 663 (Perrowville Road), and shifts back to the south side of the existing transmission line to parallel the existing ROW for about 1.0 mile to the existing Ivy Hill Substation (2523 White Road).

From the Ivy Hill Substation, the Proposed Route parallels the north side of the existing transmission line ROW for about 1.5 miles crossing State Route 665 (White Road) and Heavens View Drive, then uses the existing ROW to cross State Route 643 (Cifax Road), and parallels the north side of the existing transmission line ROW for another 1.0 mile crossing Deer Track Meadows Lane and State Route 670 (Roaring Run Road). West of State Route 670 (Roaring Run Road), the Proposed Route is within the existing ROW for about 1.5 miles and then parallel to the south side of the existing ROW for about 3.0 miles across State Route 637 (Hawkins Ridge Road), State Route 673 (Benchmark Lane), and Lankford Mill Road. The Proposed Route returns to the existing ROW for approximately 1.0 mile to cross State Route 644 (Lankford Mill Road) and State Route 122 (Big Island Highway). Near the Company’s Centerville Substation (1134 Fancy Farm Road), the existing double circuit transmission line will split into two single circuit lines that cross State Route 644 (Fancy Farm Road) to accommodate the expansion of the substation.

West of the Centerville Substation, the Proposed Route parallels the existing ROW for about 2.0 miles, starting on the north side and then switching to the south side of the existing transmission line as the Proposed Route turns southwest near Birdwatcher Lane. The Proposed Route crosses State Route 43 (Peaks Road) and then is located within the existing ROW for about 0.5 mile as it crosses State Route 678 (Parker Road) and Chelsea Place. The Proposed Route continues southwest from Chelsea Place parallel to the south side of the existing transmission line for about 1.5 miles to the Company’s Moseley Substation (1529 Patterson Mill Road).

After the Moseley Substation, the Proposed Route is generally within the existing ROW for about 1.0 mile across N Fork Road, State Route 680 (Patterson Mill Road), a Norfolk Southern Railway Company railroad, and United States Route 460 (W Lynchburg Salem Turnpike). Southwest of the highway crossing, the Proposed Route deviates from the existing transmission line for about 1.0 mile to be just south of Mountain View Church and the Bedford Moose Lodge baseball fields. The Proposed Route parallels the south side of the existing transmission line for 1.0 mile across State Route 681 (Magnolia Drive), is within the existing ROW for about 1.0 mile across State Route 684 (Rocky Ford Road), and then parallels the north side of the existing transmission line for about 6.0 miles to cross State Routes 689 (Johnson School Road), 691 (Thaxton Mountain Road), and 755 (Union Church Road), Leftwich Lane, Crestwood Drive, and Saunders Road.

The Proposed Route is located within the existing ROW for 0.5 mile to cross State Route 700 (Bee Hollow Road) and then parallel to the north side of the existing line for about 1.0 mile to cross Grays Lane and State Route 619 (Jordantown Road). Southwest of State Route 619 (Jordantown Road), the Proposed Route uses the existing ROW to cross State Routes 839 (Atkinson Hollow Road), 1320 (Mountain Meadow Drive), 1460 (Village Drive), 1462 (Windy Way), and 1465 (Courtland Drive), Browning Road, and Sunnydale Court. As it crosses State Route 635 (Jeters Chapel Road), the Proposed Route crosses to the south side of the existing transmission line for approximately 0.5 mile and then crosses to the north side of the existing transmission line across State Route 701 (Mountain Valley Road). The Proposed Route parallels the north side of the existing ROW for about 2.0 miles across State Route 759 (Jeters Mill Road) and Haldren Lane to an existing Appalachian Power transmission line near British Way. After the junction with the existing transmission line, the Proposed Route continues southwest across British Way to the Company’s Vinton Substation (1820 Temple Drive) in Roanoke County and is within the existing ROW for about 2.5 miles as it crosses Chittum Lane, State Routes 24 (Stewartsville Road), 635 (Beagle Club Road), and 1628 (Timberline Trail), the Blue Ridge Parkway approximately 0.2 mile south of mile marker 113, Feather Road, and Feather Garden Circle.

The Proposed Route continues within the existing ROW for about 1.0 mile and crosses State Route 634 (Hardy Road), Finney Drive, and Halifax Circle before shifting to parallel the north side of the existing transmission line for 1.0 mile across the Roanoke River. Southwest of the Roanoke River, the Proposed Route is located within the existing transmission line ROW for about 2.0 miles across Highland Road, Eastland Road SE, Ridge Road SE, Plateau Road SE, King Charles Avenue SE, and Bennington Road SE, ending at the Company’s existing Roanoke Substation (1246 Riverland Road) in the City of Roanoke, northeast of Mill Mountain Park.

Final structure types will be determined during final engineering, which includes ground surveys and geotechnical studies. Based on preliminary engineering, the Company anticipates primarily using galvanized steel double-circuit lattice steel towers and steel monopole structures with a low-reflective finish for the Project. The proposed structure heights are anticipated to range from 75 to 160 feet. The average height of the proposed structures is 125 feet, which is approximately 25 feet taller than the average height of the existing structures to meet current design standards. The proposed structures will generally be constructed near their existing locations within or close to the existing ROW.

All distances, heights, and directions are approximate. A sketch map of the proposal accompanies this notice. A more detailed map may be viewed on the Commission’s website: [scc.virginia.gov/pages/Transmission-Line-Projects](http://scc.virginia.gov/pages/Transmission-Line-Projects). A more complete description of the Project also may be found in the Company’s Application.

The Commission may consider a route not significantly different from the route described in this notice without additional notice to the public.

The Commission has taken judicial notice of the ongoing public health issues related to the spread of the coronavirus, or COVID-19. In accordance therewith, all pleadings, briefs, or other documents required to be served in this matter shall be submitted electronically to the extent authorized by 5 VAC 5-20-150, *Copies and format*, of the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure (“Rules of Practice”). Confidential and Extraordinarily Sensitive Information shall not be submitted electronically and should comply with 5 VAC 5-20-170, *Confidential information*, of the Rules of Practice. Any person seeking to hand deliver and physically file or submit any pleading or other document shall contact the Clerk’s Office Document Control Center at (804) 371 9838 to arrange the delivery.

Pursuant to 5 VAC 5-20-140, *Filing and service*, of the Rules of Practice, the Commission has directed that service on parties and the Commission’s Staff in this matter shall be accomplished by electronic means. Please refer to the Commission’s Order for Notice and Hearing or subsequent Hearing Examiner’s Ruling for further instructions concerning Confidential or Extraordinarily Sensitive Information.

The Commission entered an Order for Notice and Hearing in this proceeding that, among other things, scheduled public hearings on APCo’s Application. On June 5, 2023, at 10 a.m., the Hearing Examiner assigned will hold a telephonic hearing, with no witness present in the Commission’s courtroom, for the purpose of receiving the testimony of public witnesses. On or before May 26, 2023, any person desiring to offer testimony as a public witness shall provide to the Commission (a) your name, and (b) the telephone number that you wish the Commission to call during the hearing to receive your testimony. This information may be provided to the Commission in three ways: (i) by filling out a form on the Commission’s website at [scc.Virginia.gov/pages/Webcasting](http://scc.Virginia.gov/pages/Webcasting); (ii) by completing and emailing the PDF version of this form to [SCCInfo@scc.virginia.gov](mailto:SCCInfo@scc.virginia.gov); or (iii) by calling (804) 371-9141. This public witness hearing will be webcast at [scc.virginia.gov/pages/Webcasting](http://scc.virginia.gov/pages/Webcasting).

Beginning at 10 a.m. on June 5, 2023, the Commission will telephone sequentially each person who has signed up to testify as provided above.

On June 6, 2023, at 10 a.m., in the Commission’s second floor courtroom located in the Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, the Hearing Examiner will convene a hearing to receive testimony and evidence related to the Application from the Company, any respondents, and the Commission Staff.

The Application and all exhibits, tables and maps will be available for inspection at the following locations:

Lynchburg Public Library  
2315 Memorial Ave.  
Lynchburg, VA 24501

Bedford Public Library  
321 N. Bridge St.  
Bedford, VA 24523

Vinton Library  
300 S. Pollard St.  
Vinton, VA 24179

Roanoke Public Library  
706 S. Jefferson St.  
Roanoke, VA 24016

Electronic copies of the Application and other supporting materials may also be inspected at: <http://www.appalachianpower.com/Reusens-Roanoke>. An electronic copy of the Company’s Application also may be obtained by submitting a written request to counsel for the Company: Matthew P. Pritts, Esquire, WoodsRogersVandeventerBlack, PLC., Wells Fargo Tower, Suite 1800, P. O. Box 14125, Roanoke, Virginia 24038, or [pritts@woodsrogers.com](mailto:pritts@woodsrogers.com).

On or before June 1, 2023, any interested person may submit comments on the Application by following the instructions found on the Commission’s website: [scc.virginia.gov/casecomments/Submit-Public-Comments](http://scc.virginia.gov/casecomments/Submit-Public-Comments). Those unable, as a practical matter, to submit comments electronically may file such comments with the Clerk of the State Corporation Commission c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218-2118. All such comments shall refer to Case No. PUR-2022-00163.

On or before March 27, 2023, any person or entity wishing to participate as a respondent in this proceeding may do so by filing a notice of participation at [scc.virginia.gov/clk/efiling](http://scc.virginia.gov/clk/efiling). Those unable, as a practical matter, to file a notice of participation electronically may file such notice by U.S. mail to the Clerk of the Commission at the address listed above. Such notice of participation shall include the email addresses of such parties or their counsel. The respondent simultaneously shall serve a copy of the notice of participation on counsel to the Company. Pursuant to 5 VAC 5-20-80 B, *Participation as a respondent*, of the Commission’s Rules of Practice, any notice of participation shall set forth: (i) a precise statement of the interest of the respondent; (ii) a statement of the specific action sought to the extent then known; and (iii) the factual and legal basis for the action. Any organization, corporation, or government body participating as a respondent must be represented by counsel as required by 5 VAC 5-20-30, *Counsel*, of the Rules of Practice. All filings shall refer to Case No. PUR-2022-00163.

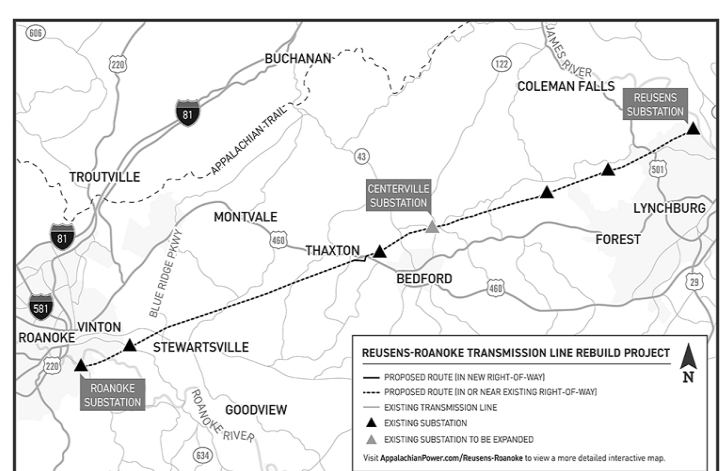
On or before April 24, 2023, each respondent may file with the Clerk of the Commission, at [scc.virginia.gov/clk/efiling](http://scc.virginia.gov/clk/efiling), any testimony and exhibits by which the respondent expects to establish its case. Any respondent unable, as a practical matter, to file testimony and exhibits electronically may file such by U.S. mail to the Clerk of the Commission at the address listed above. Each witness’s testimony shall include a summary not to exceed one page. All testimony and exhibits shall be served on the Commission’s Staff, the Company, and all other respondents simultaneous with its filing. In all filings, respondents shall comply with the Commission’s Rules of Practice, as modified herein, including, but not limited to: 5 VAC 5-20-140, *Filing and service*, and 5 VAC 5-20-240, *Prepared testimony and exhibits*. All filings shall refer to Case No. PUR-2022-00163.

Any documents filed in paper form with the Office of the Clerk of the Commission in this docket may use both sides of the paper. In all other respects, except as modified by the Commission’s Order for Notice and Hearing, all filings shall comply fully with the requirements of 5 VAC 5-20-150, *Copies and format*, of the Commission’s Rules of Practice.

The Company’s Application and other documents filed in this case, the Commission’s Rules of Practice, and the Commission’s Order for Notice and Hearing may be viewed on the Commission’s website at: [scc.virginia.gov/pages/Case-Information](http://scc.virginia.gov/pages/Case-Information).

### APPALACHIAN POWER COMPANY

## REUSENS-ROANOKE TRANSMISSION LINE REBUILD PROJECT



# Orthodontics from page 1



**Dr. H. does research in her office at Mountain View Orthodontics.**

is a gastroenterologist with Carilion. Both their daughters were born here—one age 6, the other a 3-year-old.

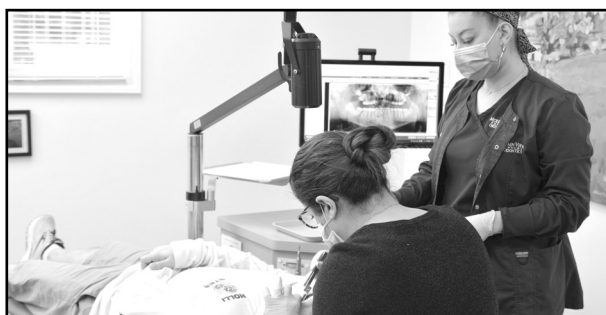
She is a board-certified specialist (only about a third of all orthodontists in the country are board-certified) and a diplomate of the American Board of Orthodontics, the highest level of educational achievement in orthodontics.

(A diplomate is a dentist who has made significant achievements beyond the mandatory educational requirements of a specific field, demonstrating verified specialized knowledge and skill.)

Her office wall is covered with various degrees and honors she has attained over the years. She began her studies at the University of California, San Diego, majoring in biochemistry and cell biology, with a minor in music. She participated in the music therapy program and played piano for patients to help improve their recovery.

During college, she realized she had a passion to work with people and “brighten their smiles.”

She was accepted into the prestigious School of Dentistry at UCLA. After completing her DDS degree, she went on to pursue a three-year highly specialized postgraduate program in orthodontics and maxillofacial orthopedics at the University of Pittsburgh. There she had the opportunity to conduct studies in the field of craniofacial research and received a Thomas Braun Distinctive Award and Scholarship while completing a Master of Dental Science degree.



**A patient receives treatment at Mountain View Orthodontics.**

The experience in craniofacial research sparked her interest in pursuing training at New York University where she completed a fellowship in cleft lip and palate and craniofacial studies.

During that fellowship, Dr. H. gained experience not just in treating patients who were medically compromised and with special needs, but also in treating patients who had more complicated bites, were born with cleft lip and palate, and those with skeletal jaw discrepancies that required surgical orthodontic treatment—the “hard cases” she says she was fortunate to work with and learn from.

She says this field is her “true passion,” helping patients with facial differences, helping them with their smile and bite, and also improving their quality of life.

The latest addition to her wall of honors is a certificate naming her as a “board certified” diplomate in dental sleep medicine. Dental sleep medicine is an area of dental practice that focuses on the use of oral appliance therapy to treat sleep-disordered breathing, including snoring and obstructive sleep apnea.

Earning her certificate has led to establishing the “Mountain View Dental Sleep Medicine Center,” at the Maple Street location, in addition to her regular practice. She will be working with individuals who have issues with (can’t tolerate) CPAP machines for sleep apnea. She and her staff will be creating (in collaboration with a physician) dental sleep



PHOTOS BY DEBBIE ADAMS

**Mountain View Orthodontics is located at 221 South Maple Street in downtown Vinton, near the Vinton History Museum and Vinton Library.**

appliances.

(Mountain View Orthodontics also makes Invisalign trays, splints, retainers, and other dental appliances in their offices.)

In her time out of the office, Dr. H. assists the Carilion Clinic as adjunct faculty helping teach hospital dental residents as well as participating alongside the multidisciplinary Cleft Lip and Palate team in taking care of patient needs.

Dr. H. and her staff take an active role in the community, fundraising for various causes, and appearing at school fairs and programs to offer information.

The hours at Mountain View Orthodontics are Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; closed on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays.

Patients are referred to Dr. Hosseini by their dentist or they can call for an appointment themselves without a referral. Call 540-342-9876, visit the website at [www.orthomv.com](http://www.orthomv.com) or their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/Banahosseini>. The website includes a blog which answers basic questions on orthodontics, such as “When is it time to get braces?”

The Vinton office is a central convenient location for many Vinton area schools—elementary, middle, and high—reducing missed hours from school for frequent braces appointments.

Dr. H says the goal of the team at Mountain View Orthodontics is to be “kind, professional, and caring. You come in as a patient; you leave as family.”

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**Wedding day for Gene and Betty White with a reception at the Vinton War Memorial.**



**Betty White was born and raised in Vinton. She attended Roland E. Cook from 1939-1944. She is standing in this photo reading to her class.**



PHOTOS COURTESY OF THE WHITE FAMILY

**Gene White served in the U. S. Marine Corps during the Korean War, leaving high school to enlist. He was a machine gunner. He and Betty married when he returned from the war. He is shown at the Korean War Memorial in Washington, D.C.**

Raymond Skiles, Harmon C. Mills, Eddie McAlister, and Larry Baumgardner.

Immediately after the ceremony, the bride’s parents entertained with a reception at the Vinton War Memorial. After the cake and refreshments, Betty tossed her bouquet from an indoor balcony that no longer exists today. After the reception, the couple headed north for a honeymoon trip.

Sounds like the beginnings of an idyllic life—and for the most part it has continued that way. The newspaper announcement on the occasion of their 60th anniversary simply said, “They have enjoyed their lives together, which God has richly blessed.”

Now at ages 91 (Gene) and 90 (Betty), the Whites have lived in the same house they built in the Lindenwood section of Vinton since 1959. There was no subdivision at the time, only a couple of homes. Gene says the area was mostly an alfalfa field, until developer H.L. Wright began selling lots. The price of theirs was a mere \$1,500.

They say they were fortunate to be surrounded by good and caring neighbors so that their street was more like a family. At one time, 29 children lived on the road, played in each other’s houses and on each other’s lawns, hiked in the woods below the Blue Ridge Parkway, and celebrated their birthdays together. Gene says doors were never locked.

Betty was raised in Vinton; in fact, she has a Cradle Roll Certificate from Vinton Baptist Church, where she has been a lifetime member. She attended Roland

E. Cook Elementary from 1939-1944. When the school was redeveloped into apartments, Betty shared some of her fond memories of being a student there.

“It was a safe, secure place to be, with caring teachers. I especially remember the good times we had on the playground.” She recalls plays and programs in the auditorium, wearing costumes “made by our moms. I especially remember being dressed as a duck and waddling across the stage.”

She was a graduate of William Byrd High School in the Class of 1951, where she had been selected as Homecoming Queen and voted “Most Popular” by her fellow students.

A few months before graduation, Principal Paul Ahalt called her into his office and asked if she would like to work as his secretary after graduation. She accepted the position and worked there until her older daughter was born, enjoying her job with a “great principal who loved kids.”

She took a few years off as a stay-at-home mother, and then went back to work, spending over 30 years as secretary of the railroad union and then secretary in the Norfolk Southern offices.

Gene White was not originally from Vinton; he moved to Roanoke from Wytheville when he was about 10 years old. His father worked for the railroad and wanted his family to grow up in this area.

The Whites were introduced initially by his mother at a William Byrd football game in Vinton. They began “going

together” when they were 16 or 17 years old.

Gene attended Jefferson High School and was a volunteer with the Marine Reserve Unit, but before he could graduate, 11 students in his class were called to enlist in the Marine Corps to fight in the Korean War. They were the first division dropped behind enemy lines. He lost good friends in the combat, only seven returned home.

Gene served from April 1951 through May 1952 as a machine gunner. Betty was there to greet him at Woodrum Field when he returned home. Back in Roanoke, he finished his high school education at the private Viaud School, then he and Betty were married. He jokes that she wouldn’t marry him until he had that diploma. He took a job with Stone Printing until a job came open with the railroad.

In his job with Norfolk Southern, Gene was basically on-call 24 hours a day, seven days a week with the railroad for 38 years, mainly traveling to Bluefield as the conductor of passenger trains, leaving Betty home as the disciplinarian of their children.

The Whites raised two daughters they are proud of and who are equally proud of them. Julie White Santos graduated from WBHS in 1974 and has now retired as a Registered NICU nurse. Amy White Wentzel graduated from William Byrd in 1976 and has enjoyed a career as a commercial interior designer. Her husband, Mickey, is a retired Norfolk Southern train engineer.

The Whites’ two grandchildren have made them proud as well: Nathan

Wentzel is a Behavioral Specialist with Roanoke City Schools. Hayley Wentzel Ronk is working as a program director with the United States Department of Agriculture.

Gene and Betty have remained active members of Vinton Baptist Church all these years. In their retirement they have traveled quite a bit, from East Coast to West Coast three times and to Alaska. Before the pandemic, they signed up for frequent bus tours with Paul and Nancy Thompson, along with many of their friends.

They are a family who like to celebrate special occasions together. Each year the entire family vacations together at Carolina Beach. One year, Gene took the entire crew on a cruise to the Caribbean.

The Whites are independent and in good health. They are season ticketholders to the Salem Red Sox games. They enjoy gardening, although they have cut back on the size of their garden plots. They attend church on a regular basis, no matter the weather. Their daughters say that one recently icy Sunday morning, the Whites could not be reached by phone and arrived home late from church. They discovered that Gene had been driving the “older ladies home because of the sleet.”

In November, the “lovebirds” as their children call them, returned full circle to the Vinton War Memorial to celebrate their 70th anniversary and look forward to many more. Congratulations on a rich and full life that has set an example for, and blessed, your friends, neighbors, and family!

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**Historical Society Owes Cabin Man**

To whom it may concern By Roger Davis. In 2018, I contracted restoring a cabin for the Craig County Historical Society. I was presented with an appraisal that stated the cabin was 80% complete. After starting the foundation, I was able to inspect the cabin materials. The logs were in very bad condition due to being stored for 20 some odd years with three other deteriorating cabins. The termites had destroyed a lot of the logs, this was going to require a lot of extra work and materials. After discussing this with several historical society members and notifying them that there would be an extra charge to this restoration, I was told to continue. This project went from a restoration to a total rebuild. I had to collect parts and pieces of other structures from all around the county, including a large log barn that I had to demo and dismantle. I have restored about 20 of these cabins this one being the most difficult I have ever done. Restoration time is usually about 6 months for one of these cabins, this one took almost a year. After completing this project, I submitted a bill for \$5000 dollars for extra time and labor. The Craig County Historical Society voted and approved but two of the Historical Society members decided I did not deserve this and I was not paid. The two Historical Society members were disrespectful and hard to work with throughout the whole project. I restored the other cabin in town about 20 years ago with no problems. The Holstein cabin will stand for many years as a testament to my hard work and skills- I believe I should be paid for it. I want to give special thanks to the people that contributed to this project: Rob Bradley, Rob Givings, Mary & Pete Hutchinson, Joel Johnston, Randy Zimmerman, Ed Mattox, and Karen Barnheart.

**Legals - City of Radford**

**Order of Publication**

VA Code Ann. §§8.01-316, -317 Commonwealth of Virginia City of Radford Circuit Court located at 619 2nd Street # 149 Radford, VA 24141 **Case no. CL22-6839 Commonwealth of Virginia, in re Estate of Charles Preston Hall, DECEASED.** The object of this suit is to: Establish a copy of a will as the true Last Will of Charles Preston Hall. It is ORDERED that any interested children/ descendants of Charles Preston Hall appear in the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before February 28, 2023 Entered: 12/20/22 by: Melissa White, Deputy Clerk

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**Notice**

is hereby given to all interested persons that the Council of the City of Salem, at its regular meeting on Monday, January 23, 2023, at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 114 N. Broad Street, in the City of Salem, Virginia, will hold a public hearing, pursuant to Sections 15.2-2204 and 15.2-2285 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, to consider approval of the following requests relative to the CODE OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA:

1. Consider the request of the City of Salem, property owner, for rezoning the property of 1900 block of Mill Lane (Tax Map # 179 - 2 - 1.1) from AG Agriculture District to LM Light Manufacturing District.
2. Consider the request of Charles N. Dorsey, property owner, for rezoning the property of 1900 Mill Lane (Tax Map # 179 - 2 - 1) from AG Agriculture District and RSF Residential Single-Family District to RSF Residential Single-Family District.

Copies of the proposed plans, ordinances or amendments may be examined in the Office of Community Development, 21 South Bruffey Street, Salem, Virginia. At said hearing, parties in interest and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard relative to the said requests.

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA

**Legals - Craig County**

**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 scheduled to be heard on February 17, 2023 in the Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court for Craig County located at 182 Main Street, New Castle, Virginia 24127 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 five (5) 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

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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 interests on or before 02/17/2023 10:30AM signed by Patty Taylor, Clerk 12/19/2022

**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 scheduled to be heard on February 17, 2023 in the Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court for Craig County located at 182 Main Street, New Castle, Virginia 24127 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 James Cook appear at the above-named Court and protect his or her interests on or before 02/17/2023 10:30AM signed by Patty Taylor, clerk 12/19/2022

**ORDER OF PUBLICATION**

Commonwealth of Virginia VA. CODE § 8.01-316 CRAIG COMBINED COURT- JUVENILE **Case No JJ002184-19-00** Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court Commonwealth of Virginia EVANS, Mason Gray The object of this suit scheduled to be heard on February 17, 2023 in the Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court for Craig County located at 182 Main Street, New Castle, Virginia 24127 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 interests on or before 02/17/2023 10:30AM signed by Patty Taylor, Clerk 12/19/2022

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**TRUSTEE'S SALE OF PROPERTY**

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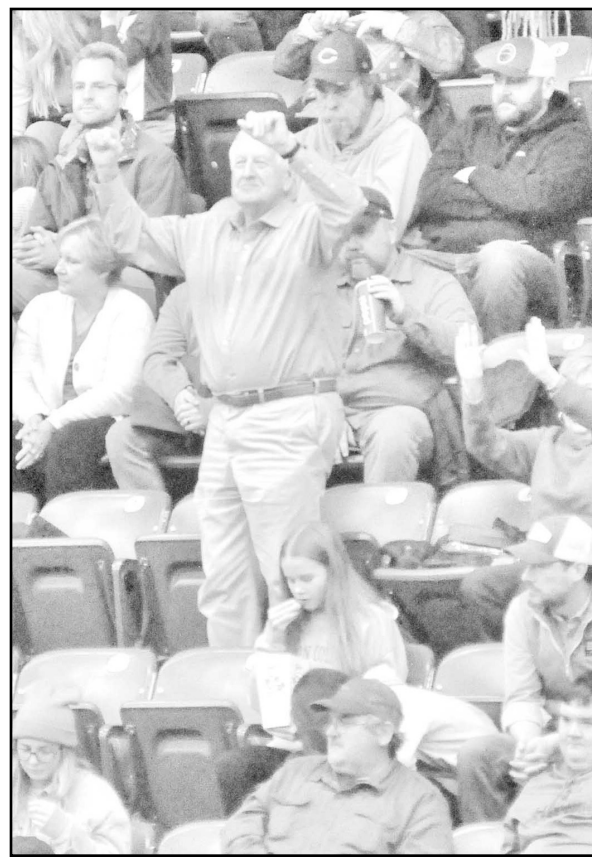
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**Mayhem at the Civic Center**

The new Salem Mayhem professional box lacrosse team played their second game at the Salem Civic Center last Saturday. Above, Salem goalie Lukas Cooto defends a penalty shot in the game against the Charlotte Bootleggers. The Mayhem lost, 19-17, on a late goal but the game was exciting and everyone seemed to have a good time, including Vinton's own Paul Barnard who got out of his seat to dance to "Cotton Eyed Joe" during a break in the action. The Mayhem are back home on Friday, February 10, to host the Syracuse Spark.

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**WILLIAM BYRD SWIMMING**

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was seventh in the finals in the 200 IM and eighth in the fly while Posadas was ninth in the 100 back and 13th in the 100 free.

Byrd also swam at Hollins last week against Northside and Alleghany and swept the meet. The Terrier boys had 446 points to 83 for Northside and 29 for Alleghany and the Byrd girls had 355 points to 185 for Northside and 40 for Alleghany.

"We had a great night," said Martin. "Several swimmers broke their own personal records and others hit milestones like breaking 30 seconds in the 50 free or swimming the 500 or 200 IM for the first time. I am really proud of this group. It has been such a privilege watching them grow and improve over the course of this season!"

Individual first places for the boys included Colin Murtaugh in the 100 fly and 100 back, Hoyos in the 200 free and 500 free, Copening in the 200 IM and 100 breast, and Richardson in the 100 free. Girls' winners were Romeo in the 100 fly, Jones in the 500 free, Posadas in the 100 back, Maddy Davis in the 50 free and Addi Kincer in the 100 breast. Byrd's boys took first in all three relays and the girls won the 200 medley and 400 free.

The Terriers are back in the pool tonight in Daleville as they take on Lord Botetourt and Franklin County at the Botetourt YMCA at 7 pm.



Byrd's Addi Kincer and Josie Taylor greet Evan Copening and Jay Rozenboom after they touch the wall in last week's swim meet at Hollins University. The Terriers swept the meet against Northside and Alleghany.

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# Big Orange has won 7 straight dual matches

The William Byrd "Big Orange" wrestlers ran their streak of dual victories to seven with a big week at Patrick Henry and the Brookville Duals last week. In the two combined events the Terriers went unbeaten.

"I have been very proud of our team for buying into the 'team' aspect of wrestling," said Byrd coach Thomas Kessler. "They have gone out and wrestled for each other and tried to not let the team down. We have bumped people around the lineup and no one has complained, they just go out and perform."

In their last seven matches Byrd has beaten Patrick Henry, 42-41, Hidden Valley, 52-18, Brookville, 42-36, Halifax County, 60-12, Fort Defiance, 45-29, Brookville again, 39-33 and Bassett, 58-18. Darin Witcher, Dominic Pascoe, Gage Cockran, Bricen Lancaster, Landon Barber, Graylen Castleberry, and Dustin Richards have all gone undefeated over the seven match win streak.

"Graylen is the most impressive as he is filling in for the injured Xavier Preston," said Kessler, as Byrd's top wrestler from a year ago continues to sit out with an injury. "Graylen is a second year wrestler who has really started to figure some things out on the mat."

This weekend the Terriers will go to the mats in Christiansburg for the annual "Big Blue," which attracts some of the top teams in the greater Roanoke Valley and beyond. The tournament starts Friday at 4 pm and continues through the evening. It picks up with championship semifinals and consolation matches Saturday at 10:30 am and runs through the 6 pm championships on Saturday evening.

Next Wednesday, January 25, the Terriers will host a dual match with Salem.



Above, Byrd's Evan Tabor is on top and in control in his match against Halifax County at the Brookville Duals last Saturday. Left, Dustin Richards (on top) is on his way to a win in the heavyweight division.

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Right, Liz Dixon of William Byrd rounds the turn in the 500 meters in last week's indoor track meet at Roanoke College. Below, Jordan Johnson is on his way to a fifth place finish in the long jump.



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## Terrier indoor track team runs in meets at Roanoke College and Virginia Beach

The Roanoke College track team put on an invitational at the Kerr-Cregger Center in Salem last week and William Byrd was one of 16 teams attending. The Terriers had some strong performances in the meet as they gear up for the post-season.

Sydney Blewett started the day off on a high note for the girls with a second place finish in the shot put, heaving the ball 35'10". Virginia Yonce finished tied for seventh in the high jump, clearing 4'2".

In the running events Byrd's 4x200 relay team of Blewett, Grace Onwi, Olivia Bustamante and Emma Matthews finished third with a time of 1:56.75, and the 4x400 team was second in 4:42.25 with Onwi, Emma Gordon, Alexandra Bonilla and Jayden Niday.

Matthews also placed 10th in the 55 meters with a time of 7.99, and Yonce was 12th in the 55 hurdles at 11.56. Byrd took 11th through 13th in the 500 dash with Bonilla, Riley Roth and

Liz Dixon. For the boys, Jordan Johnson took fifth in the long jump with a leap of 19'7.75", DeShannon Reed was sixth at 19 feet even and Alex Dunn was 10th at 18'5.5". Reed was fifth in the triple jump at 39'2" and Dunn was ninth at 38'5". Kyle Holdaway cleared 5'4" in the high jump to take seventh.

On the track DeShawn Austin was runnerup in the 55 hurdles with a time of 8.63 and Noah

Thompson was 12th in the 55 dash in 6.96. The team of Thompson, Dunn, Cooper Minnix and Reed was fifth in the 4x200 relay at 1:39.34.

In the 500 meters Donald Mullins took fourth at 1:13.75 and Braden Crossan was 11th in 1:19.26. The 4x400 team of Mullins, Dunn, Crossan and Jhaquin Johnson took third at 3:59.75.

Byrd also took some select athletes to the Virginia Showcase event

at the Virginia Beach Sports Center last weekend and the team of Dylan Hughes, Wyatt Bailey, Brady Reachy and Austin bettered their season's best in the 4x200 relay with a time of 1:35.12. Bailey also ran a time of 1:09.22 in the 500 dash and Olivia Hurd posted a time of 1:24.49 in the 500 meters.

This week the Terriers will be at VMI in Lexington for the annual Walt Cormack Memorial meet.



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## Lindsay's big night leads Byrd to victory over Franklin County

William Byrd junior Drew Lindsay's big night lifted the William Byrd boys to a big win over Franklin County last Friday. Lindsay hit eight three-pointers and scored 26 points to lead the Terriers to a 55-49 win over the Eagles in Vinton.

Franklin County came to town with a 9-4 overall record and just one loss in the Blue Ridge District. Byrd was 6-7 before pulling off what

was surely considered an upset, but Terrier coach Brad Greenway has been trying to convince his team that they can play with anyone.

"That was a big win for us," said Greenway. "I was trying to get these guys to believe and sometimes you need some evidence before you do. It was good for them to see some success and realize what we can accomplish."

Lindsay, who is

Byrd's designated "zone buster," hit eight of 12 shots from behind the arc to frustrate the taller Eagles, who dominated the paint area. Lindsay's bombs from the perimeter negated Franklin's height advantage and fueled the victory. For his efforts, Greenway gave Drew the game ball after the win.

"It was the first one I've ever given out," said Greenway. "I just never give a game ball, but on

this night I felt like it was the right thing to do."

Isaiah Board was the next high scorer for Byrd with eight pints and Jaiden Childress and Hayden Eads had six each. The Terriers rallied from seven points down, 28-21, at the half to win the game.

Byrd's win was sandwiched between two losses to strong teams. Last Wednesday in Vinton the Byrdmen dropped a 60-44 game to a much taller Bassett team. Lindsay nailed three three-pointers in this one, hitting three of seven attempts, but the rest of the team shot just 28 percent behind the arc, hitting nine of 32. The mid-thirties is considered acceptable as far as three-point shooting percentage and anything better is good.

"We're smaller and shooting is our go-to option," said Greenway. "We live by the three and die by the three."

Jahdai English and Eads had nine points each as Byrd dropped the non-district game.

On Tuesday of this week the Terriers took on undefeated Northside,



Fans in the "Dog Pound" anticipate a splash as Drew Lindsay eyes a three-ball in last Friday's win over Franklin County.

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Isaiah Board drives to the hoop against Franklin County.

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## Byrd boys take third in Timesland meet

### Murtaugh breaks meet record held by Khalil Fonder in 100 butterfly

The William Byrd boys were third out of 14 swim teams at the annual All-Timesland Meet at the Gator Center in Roanoke last Saturday. The Patrick Henry boys and Cave Spring girls won team titles at one of the biggest meets of the high school season in the Roanoke Valley.

The preliminary races are held in the morning and Byrd advanced 13 of 15 swimmers to the finals. The top eight relays and top 16 overall individuals make the finals and compete in the big evening meet.

"We had lots of best times and some great races," said Byrd coach

Krista Martin. "All-Timesland is always one of my favorite meets."

Byrd's Colin Murtaugh breezed through the prelims and had a great night in the finals. He won the 200 individual medley and also won the 100 butterfly with a time of 51.07, breaking the meet record of 51.12 which was set by Byrd's

Khalil Fonder in 2018. Colin's sister Lindsay, a freshman, took third in both the 200 freestyle and 500 freestyle.

In the relay events Colin Murtaugh swam on both the sixth place 200 medley and 200 freestyle events. He was joined by Cole Kovacevic, Evan Copening and Michael Hoyos in both. The boys 400 freestyle team of Bruno DeMelo, Jay Rozenboom, Owen Humphreys and Blake Richardson took sixth.

Lindsay Murtaugh swam on the seven place girls' 200 medley with Isabella Posadas, Gabby Romeo and Cary Jones, and that same foursome made the finals in the 400 freestyle.

Individual performances in the finals for the boys included Copening with a fifth in the 50 free and a seventh in the 100 breast, Kovacevic with a sixth in both the 100 free and 100 back, Hoyos with a sixth in the 500 free and a ninth in the 200 free, Richardson with a 10th in the 100 fly, Keith Schutt with a 14th in the 100 back and Rozenboom with a 15th in the 100 back.

For the girls, Romeon

right with them for two and a half quarters. Then things snowballed in a hurry. I think they hit six three-pointers in the fourth quarter alone."

Childress had 11 points to lead Byrd as the Terriers fell to 7-8 overall and 2-2 in the district. They'll have their hands full again Friday when William Fleming comes to town for the second game of a girls-boys

doubleheader in Vinton. The girls' varsity game will start at 5:30 pm with the boys to follow at approximately 7 pm. Fleming was 9-4 overall before taking on Patrick Henry in a cross-town battle on Wednesday of this week.

Next Tuesday the Terriers continue to play a strong district schedule when they host 9-5 Lord Botetourt.



Logan Andrews shoots at the line. PHOTO BY REGINA DEVINNEY

## Girls host Fleming Friday

The William Byrd girls will have their work cut out for them when they take on William Fleming in basketball Friday night. The varsity game will start at 5:30 pm and is the first game of a doubleheader with the boys.

Fleming comes in with a 9-4 overall record and the Colonels are undefeated in the Blue Ridge District. Last Friday at home they defeated Lord Botetourt, 50-44, in a showdown between the only two teams who had not lost a BRD district game.

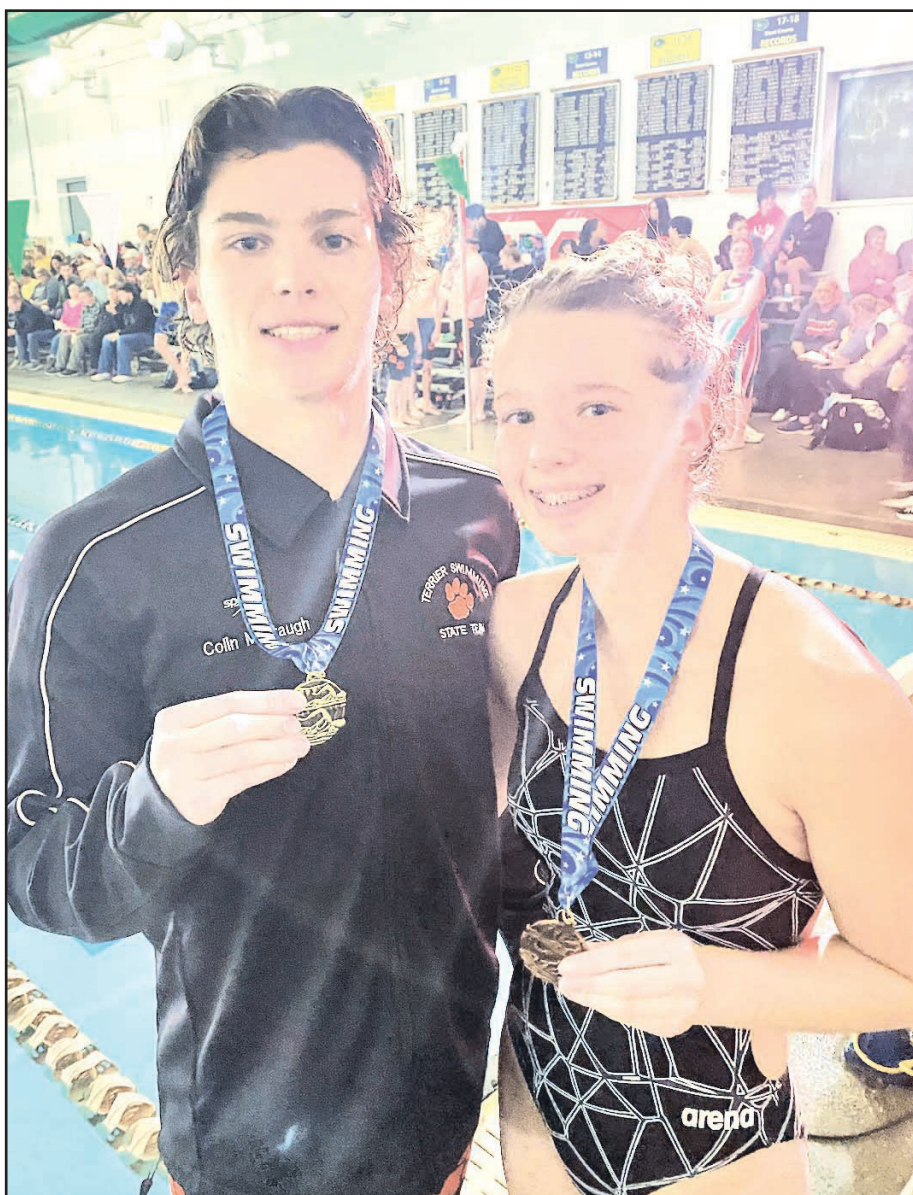
Byrd, meanwhile, is still looking for a district win. The Terriers fell to 0-4 in the Blue Ridge and 1-13 overall with a 66-25 loss to Northside in Vinton Tuesday. Sophia Chrisley led the Terriers with 17 points, Sam Martin had four and Kaylee Makuch had three.

Last Friday the girls were in Rocky Mount to play Franklin County, who had lost just one district game to that point. The Eagles jumped on top early and took a 56-20 win over the visiting Terriers. Chrisley had nine points to lead Byrd while Logan Andrews have five and Makuch and Martin had two each.

Byrd coach Randy Bush is hoping to have a healthy lineup by the post-season. The Terriers have struggled with injuries, running out seven different starting lineups in 14 games.

"Even though we are struggling staying healthy the girls are playing hard," said Bush. "We need to continue to have the next girl up mentality."

Next up this week was a home game against Bassett on Wednesday, but results were too late for publication. As mentioned Fleming is here Friday and next week the Terriers are at Lord Botetourt Tuesday and at Hidden Valley on Wednesday, January 25.



Colin and Lindsay Murtaugh of William Byrd won medals at the All-Timesland Meet at the Gator Center last Saturday.

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