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COURTESY WBHS BAND BOOSTERS

William Byrd High School students (left to right) Sage Kushman, Latriva Pierce, Elijah Dillon, Maggie Parkhurst, and Becca Radford were selected for this year's Virginia Tech Honor Band.

William Byrd High students recognized

The 2023 Roanoke County Public Schools All County Band event was held at Northside High School on Jan. 10, 2023. Top musicians from each middle school and high school band program were selected to participate in this prestigious event. These students came together to form one middle school band and one high school band, where they rehearsed and then performed a concert in only one day.

The RCPS Middle School All County Band was conducted by Beth Williams, who is a band director in Roanoke City Public Schools and has two sons in the William Byrd bands.

The RCPS High School All County Band

was conducted by Dr. Larry Seipp from Liberty University.

According to William Byrd Middle School Director of Bands Denise Aspell, "The performance was outstanding, and the students had a wonderful time making music and learning skills to help them become opportunity ready for the real world."

WBHS All-County participants included:

Flute: Maggie Parkhurst, Reagan Dillard
Clarinet: Becca Radford, Dillon Colgan, Noah Williams, Braeden Booth
Bass Clarinet: Elijah Dillon
Alto Saxophone: Ashton Kanode

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PHOTO BY DEBBIE ADAMS

The Garthright Bridge rehabilitation project is wrapping up in Vinton. Although there were lane closures, much of the work was done out of sight beneath the bridge.

Garthright Bridge project is nearing completion

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Vinton's Public Works Department announced in late October that work was about to begin on the "rehabilitation" of Garthright Bridge on Gus Nicks Boulevard— one of the main gateways into Vinton, crossing some 25 feet above the Norfolk

Southern railroad tracks.

The town estimated that the project would take several months to complete and informed the public that there would be lane closures and possible delays for motorists during the project.

Since then, there have been traffic arrows, signs, cones, and Burleigh

Construction Co. vehicles in place, along with two closed lanes on the bridge on an almost daily basis; fortunately with very little disruption to traffic. But the question has been— where are the workers?

The answer— they have been working not on the roadway, but beneath the bridge, in the space above the railroad tracks still in

use by Norfolk Southern.

The Garthright Bridge project has actually been in the works for several years, beginning with budget discussions on infrastructure improvements since at least 2015. In fact, tall fencing was added to the bridge railings several

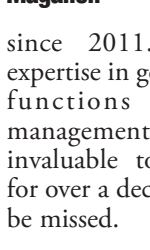
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Vinton honors retiring clerk and welcomes new staff member

The Town of Vinton says goodbye to Executive Assistant and Town Clerk Susan Johnson as she prepares for retirement from the town. Johnson has been employed by the Town of Vinton and served in the Town Manager's Office since 2011. Johnson's expertise in governmental functions and management has been invaluable to the town for over a decade and will be missed.



Johnson



Arias-Magallon

Johnson's primary function was to directly support Town Council and administration to conduct daily business activities and the production and official record keeping for Town Council meetings, although she also assisted other departments in various capacities.

Prior to joining the Town of Vinton, Johnson served as the Administrative Office Associate and then as the Executive Services Coordinator/Clerk for the City of Martinsville from 1995-2007. She also spent 17 years with a private law firm in Martinsville and four years in the City of Roanoke Attorney's Office. Johnson will

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Roanoke County kindergartners celebrate 100th Day of School

Roanoke County kindergartners celebrate 100th Day of School

Kindergartners in Roanoke County Public Schools, their teachers, and their assistants celebrated their 100th Day of School for the 2022-2023 school year on Jan. 24.

At W.E. Cundiff Elementary in Vinton, they were asked to come dressed as 100-year-olds, gray hair and all.

Learning to count orally to 100 is one of the Virginia Standards of Learning (SOL) objectives for kindergartners and they practice it all year long, in a variety of ways.

Other schools in the county celebrated by having students attach 100 items to T-shirts



PHOTO BY DEBBIE ADAMS

Kindergarten students, along with their teachers and assistants, celebrated the 100th Day of School for 2022-23 on Jan. 24.

which they wore to school on the special day. Some wore crowns featuring 100 stars. Some decorated posters with 100 objects.

Creative Occasions wins first place in Fashions for Evergreens

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Mark Frye of Creative Occasions, Events, Flowers, and Gifts in

Vinton had quite a year in 2022. First, he was selected for the second year in a row to help decorate the White House for Christmas. He was

one of about 150 team members chosen out of thousands of people who applied to be volunteers.

Then he and his Creative Occasions team

were awarded first place in the professional voting for the 2022 Hotel Roanoke Fashions for Evergreens fundraising competition. This yearly holiday event

is one of Roanoke's most popular and benefits the United Way. Fashions for Evergreens is free and open to the public from Thanksgiving morning to

New Year's Day.

Michael Quonce, the Public Relations and Advertising Director at Hotel Roanoke, explained that each year a panel of judges (five this year) decides on the "Professional" winner of the event. The panel described Frye's entry as "such a cozy and beautiful tree," "elegant," with a "stunning tree-topper," and just plain "fun."

Votes are also cast by the public for the "People's

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Students

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Tenor Sax: Devin Colgan
 Trumpets: Landon Bruner, Griffin Yakob, Tabitha Giles
 Trombone: Sage Kushman, Holly Mills
 Baritones: Logan Brown
 Tuba: Annika Hoagland
 Percussion: Corinna Pittenger

William Byrd Middle School students who made All County Band for 2023 included

Flute: Erica Barton, Charley Lord
 Clarinet: Sophie Hoagland, Brihanna Harris, Levi Whitcomb, Sabrina Wray, Kenley Minnix, Katelyn Bennett
 Alto Saxophone: Sammara Weaver
 Tenor Saxophone: Georgia McCutcheon
 Baritone Saxophone: Elizabeth Abrams
 French Horn: Sydney Nichols, Aiden Beasley
 Trumpet: Penley Moore, Fallen Davis,



ROANOKE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Several students from William Byrd High School and William Byrd Middle School were selected to participate in the 2023 All County Band, held on Jan. 10.

Kendall Ranson
 Trombone: Jeremy Paul, Jaxon Fowler
 Baritone: Hudson Cain
 Tuba: Nathaniel Hale
 Percussion: Owen Webb
 The 2023 Virginia Tech Honor Band concert was held on Jan. 22 in the Moss

Arts Center at Virginia Tech. Five students from WBHS performed in one of the four separate bands. They were Elijah Dillon, Sage Kushman, Maggie Parkhurst, Latriva Pierce, and Becca Radford.

The Virginia Tech Honor Band takes place annually in January in

Blacksburg and accepts students by band director's recommendation. Nearly 400 visiting students and their directors participate in rehearsals, clinics, and performances with Virginia Tech music faculty and guest clinicians over the weekend.

Scheduled conductors for 2023 were Derek

Shapiro, Director of Bands, Virginia Tech; Emmett O'Leary, Assistant Professor of Instrumental Music Education, Virginia Tech; Catheryn Foster, Assistant Professor of Practice of Music Education, Virginia Tech; and Corey Seapy, Director of Bands, University of

Central Missouri. "We had students in each of the four bands and they all performed beautifully," said WBHS Band Director Dan Plybon.

Courtesy of Denise Aspell, WBMS Director of Bands, and Dan Plybon, WBHS Band Director

Bridge

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Sections of steel girders and plates have been replaced and repaired under Garthright Bridge.

years ago as a safety improvement.

The rehabilitation project moved to the forefront due to the Virginia Department of Transportation's (VDOT) "aggressive bridge inspection and safety program" which requires that bridges in the state be inspected once every two years and to the town's improved financial condition which has allowed funding of long-delayed projects such as this.

Vinton Public Works Director Bo Herndon says that when the bridge was inspected in June 2021, some potential issues

with the substructure and superstructure were noted which didn't compromise the safety of motorists.

The structure was described as being in "fair condition with hairline cracks in the deck and sidewalks," along with "hairline cracks and delaminations" in the substructure. It was determined that the expansion joints needed to be replaced "to help deter additional deterioration to the underlying superstructure."

Inspectors found holes in the base of the web for several girders. There was "heavy dirt and debris" on one abutment; some

pavement had separated from the abutment backwall. Vegetation was growing on the structure. Light to heavy rust was noted, mostly due to rain, salt-treated roads, and weathering in general.

Inspectors recommended repairing the holes in the base of the web for eight girders, cleaning and painting all steel within 10 feet of the deck joints and the entire exterior surface to help "deter further section loss to the weathering steel."

Other recommendations included replacing expansion joints, removing the existing dirt and

debris, waterproofing, sealing cracks, repairing approach pavement at both abutments and the north approach sidewalks, trimming vegetation, and installing approach guardrails.

The project was described in the RFP process as "the repair and rehabilitation to the Garthright Bridge over Norfolk Southern Railroad, including, but not limited to, expansion joint repair, preformed elastomeric expansion joint replacement, structural steel repairs, zone coating of structural steel (including diaphragms and bearings) at the abutments, and maintenance of traffic during the project."

According to Herndon, the project required jacking up some of the beams underneath the bridge (in the closed lanes and not noticeable to motorists), cutting out the bad spots (generally about 1-2 feet in length), and then welding new steel into place.

Mattern & Craig, Inc., designed the project and has oversight.

The town issued invitations to bid on the project in June 2022. Burleigh Construction

Co., Inc. was the low bidder. Town Council awarded the contract in August 2022. The final bid was \$421,065.

Vinton Assistant Town Manager/Treasurer Cody Sexton says there was one small change to the project, so the new contract price is actually \$423,125.

"For a project of this size, it is impressive and a testament to the high quality of the contractor that we have been so close to the original price," Sexton said.

"The funding for the project came from the use of both general fund and capital fund balances," he explained. "Last year, as revenues came in stronger than anticipated, we made a conscious effort to use that money to reinvest into the community through capital projects such as the bridge and the additional paving throughout the town."

Work on the bridge began in November 2022 and has moved along right on schedule. Completion of the project is expected in late January to early February. Painting underneath the bridge is now underway.

Herndon says that the "rehabilitation" has added 50 years to the life of Garthright Bridge. Re-decking the bridge is the next step in the coming years—once funds are available.

"We understand that much of our infrastructure is in need of improvement," Sexton said. "As revenues continue to perform well, we hope to continue to do similar infrastructure investments in the future."

Some history of the bridge: Dr. Robert Garthright was a physician in the Vinton area from 1889 to 1944. He delivered 1,939 babies during his career. The doctor was well-known for his progressive ideas and pushing the town forward. He was so beloved by the community that they posthumously honored him by naming the bridge as "Garthright Memorial Bridge" when it was built in 1952.

That bridge was torn down in 1983 due to the construction of Gus Nicks Boulevard and replaced with a larger and higher bridge. The brass plaque was transferred to the new bridge on Gus Nicks Boulevard.

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officially retire on Jan. 31, 2023.

"I have been blessed to have spent the last 11 and a half years of my local government career with the Town of Vinton. It is nice to be retiring from the town at a point where the future is bright and the vision, hard work, and compassion for this community and its citizens is finally making Vinton the IN place to be," said Johnson.

In preparation for Johnson's retirement, the town welcomes Antonia Arias-Magallon as the new Administrative

Manager. Arias-Magallon joins Vinton from Glendale, Missouri, where she served as the assistant to the City Administrator.

Her expansive responsibilities with Glendale included accounts payable management, preparing Requests for Proposals, managing events for residents, and much more. She officially began work with the town on January 23 and will continue many of Johnson's responsibilities as well as assume new roles in the position.

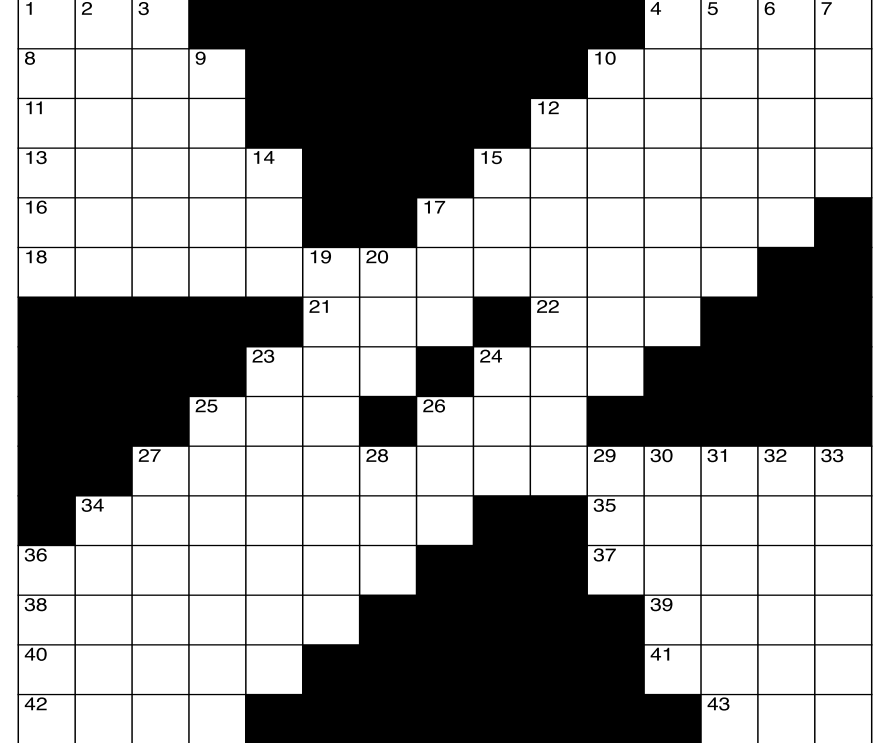
"Susan's passion for

public service and her dedication to the Town of Vinton will be sorely missed by our employees and partners alike," said Richard Peters, Vinton Town Manager.

"Though we will miss her presence, we are happy she is able to retire on her terms and we are excited to welcome Antonia to the Vinton team. Antonia comes to Vinton with an enthusiasm for local government and an impressive résumé that will serve the town well."

Submitted by Marshall Stanley, Vinton Economic Development Specialist

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



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| CLUES ACROSS | 24. V-shaped open trough | CLUES DOWN | 23. Pokes holes in |
| 1. Tax collector | 25. Make lively | 1. Part of your foot | 24. "Star Wars" hero |
| 4. Fishes without the line touching water | 26. It accompanies feather | 2. It's at the back of the eyeball | 25. One in a hospital |
| 8. Brooklyn hoopsters | 27. Blonde bombshell | 3. Where things stand | 26. Scandinavian god of battle |
| 10. Actress Lathan | 34. One who revolves | 4. Offered | 27. Famous cat |
| 11. A metric for athletes | 35. Bluish greens | 5. Contains pollen | 28. __ Angeles: City of Angels |
| 12. Food storage location | 36. Charity | 6. Boisterous get-together | 29. Type of drug (abbr.) |
| 13. Colossus | 37. Having the shape of a cube | 7. Asserts out loud | 30. City along the Rhine |
| 15. Desolations | 38. Unwind | 9. They're in the sky | 31. Animal disease |
| 16. Accustom to something unpleasant | 39. Believed by some to be the supreme being | 10. Canonized | 32. Martini ingredients |
| 17. __ Kubrick, filmmaker | 40. Checks or guides | 12. A politician's official stances | 33. Get away |
| 18. You might ask this at Thanksgiving | 41. Leaks slowly through | 14. It can catch fish | 34. Rare species of rodent |
| 21. Arkansas city | 42. Top-quality | 15. British thermal unit | 36. Suppress |
| 22. Gave food to | 43. Midway between south and southeast | 17. Helps little firms | |
| 23. Request | | 19. Where patients go for treatment | |
| | | 20. Large red deer | |

Heroes volunteer here: Vinton salutes its First Aid Crew

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Lovell

He enjoys spending time with his fiancée Sierra Flowers and baby boy Kodiak Flowers.

Lovell encourages others who are interested in being a part of the community, learning life-saving skills, and serving others to join the Vinton First Aid Crew, as well.

“We are truly blessed to have the Vinton First Aid Crew in our town,” says Vinton Mayor Brad Grose. “The crew has a long history of service to the residents of Vinton and the surrounding area. Many of our citizens have amazing stories about the wonderful service provided to them by the

devoted members of the crew.

“A common trait among individual members of the crew is their desire to serve their fellowman,” the mayor said. “The Vinton First Aid Crew offers an opportunity to serve, and it also provides valuable medical training that can truly be lifesaving. There is a strong sense of camaraderie and family in the crew that is rarely duplicated in organizations of its size.

“The citizens of Vinton can rest assured that they will always receive professional and caring service from the dedicated members of our Vinton First Aid Crew.”

Thank you for your service, Brett Lovell!

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Choice Award” through donations to the United Way. This year more than \$4,400 was raised, including \$1,900 online. All donations are donated directly to the United Way of Roanoke Valley.

Here are the winners in the professional voting:

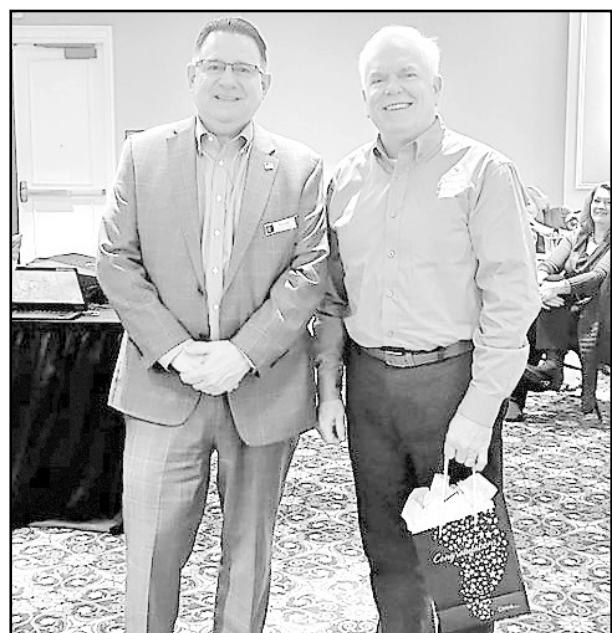
- 1st Place: Mark Frye with Creative Occasions, Events, Flowers, and Gifts
- 2nd Place: Marla Baker with Woodmen Life
- 3rd Place: Shelly Whitaker with Bricks 4 Kidz.

Honorable Mention: Carilion Hospice, and First Home Care

Winners in People’s Choice votes from the public include:

- 1st Place: Woodmen Life
- Honorable Mention: Sirens & Salutes (2nd Place), Veterans Tree (3rd Place), Catawba Hospital (4th Place), Roanoke Council of Garden Clubs (5th Place)

The Fashions for Evergreens organizers estimate that over 15,000 visitors toured the exhibit at the hotel, with possibly 7,000 more viewing online. The Vinton History



COURTESY HOTEL ROANOKE

Mark Frye (right) receives the Fashions for Evergreens first place award from Hotel Roanoke General Manager Brian Wells.

Museum won second place from the judges panel in the 2021 Fashions for Evergreens competition and entered once again in 2022 with their beautiful Dogwood-themed tree. Comments from the judges included “so beautiful and a great nod to Virginia— love the consistency and décor.”

Participants in the 2022 Fashions for Evergreens event are eligible to take part again in 2023.

Take a look at the Creative Occasions Facebook pages to see photographs of the winning tree at Hotel Roanoke plus the White House decorations.

Beyond Books for February 2023



By Molly Meador
Library Assistant at the Vinton Library

your own adorable heart tote bag.

Soup for Seniors will be running from Friday, Jan. 27 through Monday, Feb. 6; show some love to the senior citizens of your community and bring your non-perishable food items to donate to the Local Office on Aging’s food drive.

The Vinton Book Club will meet Thursday, Feb. 2 at 3 p.m. to discuss “Beneath a Scarlet Sky” by Mark Sullivan. The As the Page Turns Book Club will meet on Wednesday, Feb. 8 at 2 p.m. to discuss “We Were Never Here” by Andrea Bartz.

Open Bridge for experienced players will meet every Tuesday from 1-4 p.m. The Roanoke Valley Dulcimers will meet Saturday, Feb. 18 from 10:15 a.m.-2:15 p.m. GED Classes with Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Region 5 Adult Education will continue every Tuesday and Thursday from 5-7:30 p.m.

Remember to make a Tech Time appointment to bring your technology-related questions into the library. Also, DMV Connect will be here Thursday, Feb. 2 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., closing from 12:30-1:30 p.m. for lunch.

Register to be a member of our Teen Advisory Group; on Monday, Feb. 13 from 5-6 p.m.; come in for pizza, drinks, and a conversation about how to make the library a better place for teens.

Valentine’s Day giving you the ick? Not into romance? That’s okay! Ditch the romcom on Tuesday, Feb. 14 from 4-6 p.m. and join us for a dystopian movie, snacks, crafts, and games at our Un-Valentine Party.

Our teen Anime Club will meet on Monday, Feb. 13 from 6-7 p.m.; come to watch anime, discuss your favorite shows and manga, and eat some snacks. Book Club for Teens will be on Monday, Feb. 20 from 5-6 p.m.; register online to come in and discuss what you’re reading, get help finding new books, and enjoy snacks and other fun activities.

Remember to register for Saturday on Saturday, Feb. 18 from

11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., and come meet local author Valerie Archual and her rescue cat Roger as well; they will be here from 11a.m.-1 p.m.

Super Kicks Karate will be here on Saturday, Feb. 25 from 1:30-2:30 p.m.; drop in to learn some new karate moves! Also, be sure to come by on Thursday, Feb. 2 all day in the children’s area to make a fun Groundhog Day Craft, while supplies last.

Crafternoon is on Wednesday, Feb. 8 from 4-5 p.m.; register online to come in for a fun afternoon of crafting. Wondertime will be Thursday, Feb. 9 from 11 a.m.-12 p.m.; register online for awesome STEM and sensory activities for children ages 2-5.

This month’s Junior Makers club will be on Wednesday, Feb. 15 from 4-5 p.m. Register to come explore architecture and engineering by making a bow and arrow and heart cup tower, also explore chemistry with our dancing hearts experiment. Lego Play will be on Wednesday, Feb. 22 at 4 p.m.

Remember to sign up for applicable programs online at www.rocolibrary.org.



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Mark Frye of Creative Occasions, Events, Flowers, and Gifts in Vinton won first place in the 2022 Fashions for Evergreens tree decorating competition at the Hotel Roanoke, a fundraiser benefiting the United Way.

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OBITUARIES

McCoy, Shirley Wells

Shirley Jean Wells McCoy, 86, of Roanoke, went to be with the Lord on Friday, January 20, 2023.

She was the daughter of the late Roy Wells Sr. and Ruby Wells. In addition to her parents, Shirley was also preceded in death by her husband of more than 40 years, Lawrence "Buddy" McCoy; children, Lawrence "Butch" McCoy and Timothy McCoy; four sisters-in-law; and three brothers-in-law.

Shirley will be forever loved and dearly missed by her brothers, Roy Wells Jr. (Carolyn), Donald Wells (Linda), Toby Wells (Nancy), Edward Wells Sr. (Sue), and Hilton Wells (Pam); sisters-in-law, Virginia Hedick and Linda Moore (Richard); brother-in-law, Algie McCoy; daughter-in-law, Jeannie McCoy; grandchildren, Megan McCoy, Taylor Smith (Dylan), and Caleb Leginus; great-grandchildren,

Grayson Smith and Addison Smith; and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

She graduated from Jefferson High School in 1956 and married Buddy McCoy on August 17, 1956. Shirley held various jobs at Victory Specialty, Mountain Wholesale and Sam's Club throughout her career. She was a faithful member of Garden City Baptist Church.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, January 26, 2023, at Garden City Baptist Church with the Rev. John Sweeney officiating. Interment will follow in the Martin Family Cemetery in Roanoke. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service at the church. Online condolences may be expressed to the family at www.Oakeys.com. Arrangements are by Oakey's Vinton Chapel, (540) 982-2221.

Dickerson, Edwina

On Tuesday, January 17, 2023, Edwina Dickerson of Vinton, peacefully went to be with the Lord at the age of 87 surrounded by her family.

Edwina was a beloved member of the Vinton community having been involved in Thrasher Memorial and several civic groups in the community. She was very active and supportive of the RAM House. She was a retired employee from the Norfolk Southern Railroad. She brightened a room the moment she walked in and loved to make others laugh and smile.

Edwina's greatest love was her family. She is survived by her daughter, Gwen Ashby (Bruce); son, Thomas Dickerson (Cindy); four grandchildren, Matthew Ashby (Tory), Mark Ashby (Courtney), Sarah Bernard (Matthew), and Jacob Dickerson; four great-grandchildren, Ashby, Lucy, Wrigley, and



Florence, and one on the way. She is also survived by her sister, Margaret Bradley, and niece, Laurie Sherwood.

She was preceded in death by her beloved husband of 43 years, Henry Clay Dickerson Jr.

Visitation was held from 2 to 4 p.m. and from 6 until 8 p.m. on Thursday, January 19, 2023, at Oakey's Vinton Chapel.

The funeral services was at 1 p.m. on Friday, January 20, 2023, at Thrasher Memorial United Methodist Church with Pastor John Hemming and the Rev. Rob Colwell officiating. Burial was in Mountain View Cemetery.

The family welcomes flowers or donations can be made to the American Heart Association. Online condolences may be expressed to the family at www.Oakeys.com.

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VINTON HISTORY: MENORAH

The Menorah is a seven-branched candelabrum that is described in the Hebrew Bible as having been used in the temple in Jerusalem.

Since ancient times, it has served as a symbol of the Jewish people and Judaism in the Land of Israel. It is also the Israeli national emblem.

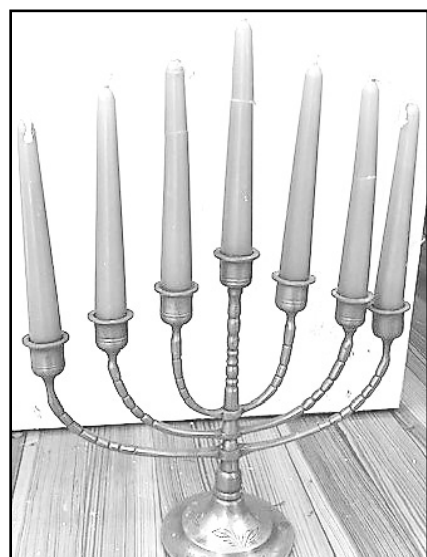
According to the Hebrew Bible, the menorah was made out of pure gold and the fuel was fresh olive oil. It did not resemble candles of modern design. Depictions of the temple menorah can be found on Jewish tombs from the first century. The symbol of the menorah

has been used since then to distinguish synagogues and Jewish cemeteries from those of other religions, such as Christian or pagan places of worship.

The Hanukkah menorah, a nine-branched variant, is closely associated with the Jewish festival of Hanukkah. Pictured is one at the Vinton History Museum, open Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and every first Saturday, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Stop by and see the thousands of artifacts on display!

-Submitted by Judy Cunningham, Vinton History Museum Executive Director



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DEAR DIARY

Read Ezekiel 40:1 through 42:20

How do you handle the pain of loss or tragedy? Our natural tendency is to hold on to past pain and keep track of hurtful events. "Fifteen years ago today, my wife asked for a divorce." "Four years ago this week, our son drowned." "It's been twenty years, but I vividly remember the day dad died of cancer."

Remembering tragedy is not wrong, but God wants us to see our pain in light of what He can do to bring healing to our lives.

In the twenty-fifth year of our exile, at the beginning of the year, on the tenth of the month, in the fourteenth year after the fall of the city—on that very day the hand of the Lord was on me and he took me there. (Ezekiel 40:1).

Ezekiel and the exiles of Israel would always remember the painful years, but God was at work even during this dark season of their history. In our own lives, we can expect "that very day the hand of the Lord" will become evident in our circumstances.

Thought for Today: Are you measuring the days since your last heartache, or looking to the day of God's provision?

Quicklook: Ezekiel 40:1-4

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LUTHERAN

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NAZARENE

FIRST CHURCH OF NAZARENE, 728 Highland Ave., SE, Roanoke, Virginia. 342-4003. Sunday Morning Wor-

ship 10:30 a.m., Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Wednesday Night Bible Study 7 p.m.

PRESBYTERIAN

CAMPBELL MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1130 Hardy Rd, Vinton, VA, 540-343-1842; cmpc2verizon.net Sunday school 9:45am, Worship 11:00am; Communion 1st Su.ndays; 2nd Sunday Session; Monday Noon Bible Study; Tuesdays & Thursdays Stretch Class 9:00am; 1st Tuesday's 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.

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

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

WBMS announces honor rolls for second nine weeks

William Byrd Middle School has announced the A and A/B Honor Rolls for the second nine weeks of 2022-2023 school year.

Olivia Strassburg, Jonathan Underwood, Isabella Wertz, Joshua J. Williams, Wesley Wilson, and Carlie Zimmerman.

Hadyn Terrell, Emma Thierry, Cameron Thomas, Hope Thomas, Isaiah Thompson, Mia Vest, Kolee Walter, Hailey Webster, Carson Wheeler, Emma Whitcomb, Levi Whitcomb, Haleigh White, Jaden Williams, Hendrix Wright, Caleb Wrye, and Gianna Zivelonghi.

Carter, Serenity Cassell, Savannah Chassereau, Joshua Christensen, Gage Clark, Allyssa Clyburn, Gavin Cook, Carston Dibenedetto, Alexander Dolan, Landon Dolan, Ashlynn Doss, Iris Dudley, Izaih Duncan, Lillian Duncan, Remington Duncan, Jaxon Eline, Drayven English, Lena Fairtrace, Jayden Ferris, Russell Fisher, Ryleigh Fisher, Nyah Gaines, Kayden Gibson, Jeffrey Gill, Jaxon Glatt, Nyankor Gon, Madison Gordon, Carter Gray, Joshua Hale, Tenley Hardifer, Hannah Harless, Jackson Henderson, Ayriana Huff, Zachary Ingram, Jackson Johnson, Mia Johnson, Brooklynn Lane, Makenzie LaPradd, Zoe LaRose, John Lawlor, Brooke Lomax, Nolan Martin, Nancy McGlothlin, Cale Meador, Samantha Miller, Miriam Moore, Oliver Moore, Mason Moses, William Muddiman, Vanessa Mullen, Hailey Mullins, Kailee Murray'Neal, La'Riah Noel, Jayden Omiyo, Natalie Onwi, Alaura Overstreet, Madilyn Overstreet, Bryn Padgett, Vishva Patel, Graham Payne, Marley Poindexter, Maya Potter, Violeta Ramirez, Talon Ray, Nolan Riley, Kayleigh Roberts, Aubrey Roye, Evan Scott, Kennedy Shifflett, Rafe Smith, Corryn

Speed, Jacob Spradlin, Colton Stiltner, Caroline Sutphin, Zachery Taylor, Nicholas Trettner, Christopher Turner, Justin Underwood, Paylin Waldron, Keelan Webster, Holdren White, Temperance Whorley, Jack Williams, Joshua C. Williams, Briana Willis, Gavin Wintz, and Josiah Wright.

Mullins, Alana Niday, Daniel Ochoa, Carter Palmer, Collin Pero, Khloe Peters, Amy Rickman, Karley Robinson, Lexi Rock, Haleigh Saucedo, Joshua Serreno, Layla Sexton, Vicki Smith, Zoe Sowers, Alyssa Steahly, Aiden Stiltner, Brooklyn Strother, Gwen Summo, Jesse Underwood, Chyna Walker, Jacey Weddle, Bryson Wendell, Keenan West, Kaelyn Wheeler, Noah Wheeler, Bindi Whitenack, Ryan Witcher, Sabrina Wray, and Kaydy Wright.

A HONOR ROLL
Sixth Grade: Ace Adkins, Noah Adok, Tabitha Allen, Katie Altamirano, Diaz, Elizabeth Ball, Lola Barbour, Tristan Blevins, Emma Boyd, Addison Bradford, Madison Bradford, Madisson Brigdon, Garrett Brunk, Sofia Butler, Cooper Butrym, Calvin Chen, Payten Childress, Avery Chitwood, Eliana Colwell, Reid Divers, Kelly Dixon, Michael Dixon, Dakota Downs, Claire Draper, McKinley Edberg, Macie Fields, Brayden Farrow, Cohen Gill, Landon Hagy, Alyssa Harless, Katelynn Howell, Madelyn Huffman, David Hunt, Nathen Hurley, Marygann Jenkins, Caroline Johnson, Brogan Jordan, Briggs Kotz, Rylan Lang, John Lee, Ashlynn Lovern, Chase Madonna, Melissa Madonna, Silas Marshall'Emma, Kyler Martin, Lixi Martinez'Maldonado, Ella McReynolds, Corinne Michalski, Layna Miller, Bryce Moding, Grady Morck, Gracie Morgan, Sophia Nester, Philip Nguyen, Jaxon Oneill, David Pham, Mahkenna Ramsey, Madelynn Ray, Maxwell Reeves, Emily Robtison, Landon Rodgers, Cora Shell, Nami Shively, Isabella Shropshire,

Seventh grade: Kayden Althoff, Caleigh Aremia, Tayler Austin, Isabella Barrette, Madelyn Barrette, Jaiden Blankenship, Jackson Booze, Allison Bowling, Greyson Bradford, Norah Buck, Stephen Byars, Gabriel Campbell, Ryan Carroll, Eric Chen, Isabella Clark, Milton Clark, Jahniya Coles, Claire Cooper, Riley Cummings, Isabella Davis, Braylon Dent, Nathan Doan, Dustin Dudley, Timothy Duncan, Keeli Emery, Payton Farmer, Logan Ferguson, Reagan Fike, Alanna Fitzgerald, Michael Fleisher, Peyton Gates, Kyleigh Ginger, Michal Hamlar, Kenleigh Hetherington, Camryn Hicks, Margaret Jennings, Cooper Kageals, Naleigh Lewis, Ava Lorton, Olivia Marcus, Mallory Michalski, Katelyn Mills, Kenley Minnix, Leah Montgomery, William Morgan, Josephine Mullen, Riley Niday, Allen Nunez, Emma Olivit, Brooklynn Padgett, Cooper Peery, Jacob Perez, Anna Perkoski, Jack Petersen, Jenna Petersen, Kendall Ranson, Aiden Rhodes, Nathaniel Roberts, Elliana Ruble, Enna Schofield, Luke Scott, Aaron Start, Kara Sutton,

Eighth grade: Alyssa Abdelhadi, Eleanor Ball, Erica Barton, Janelle Bibby, Aubrey Blewett, Madelyn Brown, Addison Collins, Carina Dibenedetto, Heidi Dixon, Aaron Hemming, Lukas Johnson, Cole Johnston, Britton Jordan, Olivia Long, Olivia Lorek, Bradley Martin, Emma Milliron, Tyler Minnix, Elena Mullen, Sarah Nguyen, Carly Norton, Kendall Norton, Sebastian Perdomo, Thomas Purcell, Jamya Rosborough, Willow Seth, Aubrey Sink, Riley Spradlin, Ramsey Stephens, Gavin Thornton, Owen Webb, Connor Whitehead, Heidi Wienke, and Maggie Zimmerman.

Seventh grade: Garin Adkins, Bryce Angle, Franklin Apple, Jacob Artrip, Asia Bannister, Kayleigh Barber, Evyn Bass, Logan Beverage, Logan Blevins, Paxton Brown, Olivia Bush, Mason Campbell, Hayden Chappell, Jazmine Clifton, Aarolyn Cohen, Bradley Counts, Kayden Creel, Meranda Dilcher, Kylie Dixon, Lily Duffy, Caeden Eanes, Gabriel Felty, Ethan Francisco, Debra Gamble, Adrian Garcia, Benjamin Gardner, Madison Garman, Blair Godlesky, Kur Gon, Carson Gordon, Thalia Green, Haydn Grubb, Ainslee Hall, Preslee Hamm, Josiah Harper, Aubrey Harris, Samuel Hartless, Mason Hershel, Jude Hinkle, Christian Hodges, Raelyn Hodges, Anthony Holmes, Jr., Benjamin Hoyos, Khloe Humphrey, Hayden Johnson, Moises Leon, Reese Mahanes, Jacob Matthews, Jacob McCoy, Adalie Mills, Charly Moreira, Kennedy Moseley, Mallorie

Eighth grade: Raegan Bowman, Lane Brunk, Nate Buck, Hudson Cain, Casey Carter, Jenna Cruz, Chase Daugherty, Colter Dean, Alyssa Dennis, David Foster, Jaxon Fowler, Clarissa Gill, Caiden Harnish, Aniyah Harper, Jeremiah Harper, Emmalee Harris, Braedyn Henritze, Sophie Hoagland, Lilly Jarels, Owen Johnson, Evelyn Jones, Cameron King, Arianna Krista, Isabella Lane, Scotlyn Leonard, Joseph Madonna, Layla Matz, Sydney Nichols, Brody Parrish, Mia Pippin, Myles Preston, Bruce Robinson, Abigail Saritelli, Riley Slusher, Bailey Tabor, Zane Telsch, McKayla Tingler, Lauren Toney, Izabella Trumble, and Sydney Tuck.

Submitted by William Byrd Middle School Assistant Principal Katherine Hutchison

UPCOMING EVENTS

Vinton Area Chamber of Commerce: Installation of officers and new board members, Jan. 26 at 5:30 p.m. at the Vinton Chamber office.
Charles Hill Community Center: Tai-Chi, Jan. 26 at 9 a.m.; Senior

Card Games, Jan. 26, 10:15 a.m.; Line dancing Jan. 31, 10 a.m., 11:30 a.m., and 6 p.m.
Rosie's Gaming Emporium: The Travis Reigh Duo performs at 8 p.m. on Jan. 27; the Craig Vaughn band performs

on Jan. 28, at 8 p.m. Both are free shows.
Vinton Public Library: Soup for Seniors drop-off from Jan. 27-Feb. 6; Jammie Time (for ages 2-5) on Jan. 31 at 6 p.m.; Family Storytime on Wed., Feb. 1 at 11:30 a.m.; Open Bridge on

Jan. 31 from 1 to 4 p.m. at 11:30 a.m.; Teen Book Club meets on Jan. 30 from 5 to 6 p.m.
 Please submit Upcoming Community News announcements to dadams@mainstreetnewspapers.com.

From the Pulpit

By Pastor Jae Song
 We are like musicians who play different instruments. Maybe I am a trombone player, and you are a violinist. Or you may play guitar; he plays banjo, and she plays marimba. Some play string instruments. Some play keyboard instruments or wind instruments. Some play percussion or some are vocalists. We all have

different instruments, so we make our own special, unique and different sounds, which is great!
 However, we ought to remember we are in one orchestra together. This orchestra is not a normal-sized orchestra, but a global-sized worldwide orchestra. We all are in this big—but one—orchestra. Imagine a global-sized, worldwide orchestra that

makes music together. What can we expect to hear? Either way, if all the musicians play as they wish, it will easily turn into a cacophony, not music but noise. Maybe this is what we are experiencing now in our political world.
 We need a master conductor who not only deeply understands the music we are playing but also knows every

instrument of this global-sized, worldwide orchestra. Who can do this impossible job? There is a Maestro who is the author of the music we are playing. This Maestro is actually the creator of every instrument and musician. Our Maestro is Jesus Christ.
 Let us look at our Maestro and follow His lead. Let us play

along with His direction instead of playing as we want. Then, we, this global-sized worldwide orchestra, can make beautiful and majestic music— heavenly music in perfect harmony. How do we play our music of life now? Do we play it according to our own will? Or do we follow our Maestro's direction and lead?
 Pastor Jae Song was

born and raised in Seoul, South Korea. He came to Virginia in 2017 and now serves as pastor at Red Valley United Methodist Church in Boones Mill. He previously served as associate pastor at Thrasher Memorial UMC in Vinton.

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Celebrating The Town of VINTON!

The Town of Vinton, a community nestled in the Blue Ridge Mountains, welcomes you to our community. Vinton, a town rich with history, has over the years found itself to be one of a few communities that continue to relish the past by offering an environment of a comfortable lifestyle with the feeling of being a part of a large community family. The town, with its proximity to the Blue Ridge Parkway and Smith Mountain Lake, provides many opportunities for those who wish to stop and shop at our local farmers market or one of our unique specialty shops.
 If festivals are your interest, the Vinton area hosts several festivals throughout the year from the Vinton Dogwood Festival to the Vinton Fall Festival. Each festival offers its own unique atmosphere. When you are away from home it's always nice to feel as if you never left.
 The Town of Vinton provides small town character with urban services and amenities located nearby. The small town atmosphere is characterized by a low crime rate; small, locally, and regionally owned businesses; and moderately priced homes. Views of the mountains and Blue Ridge Parkway abound.
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PEOPLE, PLACES AND THINGS

By Bootie and Angie
Chewing

Maricca Penn and friends are excited to travel to the Dominican Republic to celebrate Maricca's and one of the friend's birthdays. They have been excited for this trip for weeks now. Plans for this trip include ATV riding through the mud and swimming in the pool at the underground cave then traveling to the beach for some fun in the sun. They also plan to have dinner in the sky, which is a big attraction in the Dominican Republic. What a wonderful way to celebrate a birthday. Safe travels.

Be sure to check out "All Things Vinton" on YouTube. Vinton Community Programs Director Chasity Barbour and myself (Angie) do video segments on local businesses. RVTV is fantastic at making us look good. Our most recent visit was to the Lancerlot, where I drove the Zamboni machine—unfortunately for Chasity, who was attempting to learn how to play ice hockey at the same time.

If you have a family vacation, wedding, event, or where are they now story please send it to me at angie@vintonchamber.com.



A mishap at the Lancerlot for Angie and Chasity Barbour in "All Things Vinton."

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Remembering Vinton

50 Years Ago in
January 1973

with the Vinton Historical Society

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The year 1973 started out well in the Commonwealth of Virginia with predictions of the annual per capita income increasing to \$4,300. Breathes tests were first utilized to determine intoxication in DUI cases legally that month. Roanoke County Sheriff O.S. Foster was working to establish a mutual agreement among law enforcement agencies in the valley which would give any agency valley-wide jurisdiction in emergency situations.

The town continued its opposition to allowing the City of Roanoke to use Vinton's dump as a solution to its landfill problems. Vinton Mayor Gus Nicks said that allowing the city to use the dump would shorten the lifespan of the dump for Vinton and "clog the streets in the area which include access to some of Vinton's largest industries." Roanoke City said the Vinton dump was the last resort as the city had run out of space and Roanoke County was delaying a decision on a regional landfill near the Blue Ridge Parkway.

Town Manager Don Smith also brought before council concerns about "a crisis situation in the police department" mainly due to scheduling. Of the 12 police positions, three were "unable for duty" and "two had been offered positions with more money." One

officer had resigned; one was in training at FBI headquarters in Quantico for three months; and on was on indefinite leave studying at Virginia Western Community College.

According to an article in The Vinton Messenger, "Smith said that while Vinton's starting policeman's salary of \$500 compares favorably with towns of similar size in Virginia, it is not competitive in the immediate vicinity where Roanoke County starts men at \$600 per month, and Roanoke City starts officers at \$575/month."

The Vinton First Aid Crew installed new officers for 1973. Robert Alice would serve as captain. R.T. Philpott won the award for "Outstanding Member of the Year." Alice was named "Best All Around Member of the Year."

A "secret" meeting was held on Jan. 29 by Vinton Town Council and three Roanoke County supervisors to "discuss mutual problems and concerns." Apparently, they discussed the building of a new fire station and "landfills for towns within a county."

Early in the month, Smith announced that Town Council was moving its regular meetings to the Recreation Center at the War Memorial since town offices and service departments were undergoing expansion at the Municipal Building. His proposal was that council meetings be

moved permanently to the Recreation Center which had "more rooms, better facilities for large groups, and more parking."

In another "secret" meeting later that month, council decided to partition existing space in the Municipal Building to ease cramped quarters rather than taking over council chambers and the courtroom. There would be separate areas for a public service area and counter, an office for the treasurer, and an area for the water department.

Smith had also recommended adding another council meeting each month (for a total of two) due to the "press of modern business." Council agreed to a three-month trial period on that suggestion.

In council action, the town had received and appropriated \$136,059 in federal revenue sharing funds. Council authorized spending \$35,000 for a sewer connection between the Vinton plant and the Roanoke City processing plant. The funds would also be used for a new backhoe, a new 8-inch water line from Stonebridge Acres to Bali Hai, a "Breathalyzer" for the police department, and extension of the municipal garage.

Vintonites were busy with various clubs whose meeting dates had been announced for the year: the Vinton Lions Club would be meeting second and fourth Mondays; the Ladies Auxiliary VFW Post would be meeting

on fourth Thursdays; the Vinton Woman's Club would meet on the second Monday each month; the Junior Woman's Club would convene on the second Monday of the month; the Vinton Jaycees would meet on the first and third Mondays—all at the Vinton War Memorial.

The Vinton Home Demonstration Club, Garden Club of Vinton, and Vinton Senior Citizens Club would be meeting on a monthly basis at the Vinton Recreation Center. The Vinton Library would be hosting the Roanoke Valley Chapter DAR each month.

CD rates were 6% for 2 to 5 years (\$15,000 minimum) in 1973 at the Federal Savings and Loan.

According to The Vinton Messenger, a Roanoke City water main break in Falling Creek caused residents of Vinton to be without water for about nine hours. When the 10-inch pipe broke, water "shot high into the air. After the break was repaired, Roanoke City apparently turned full pressure back into the lines without regulation, causing breaks in Vinton mains and popping safety valves in many homes.

"A Vinton official commented that the disruption and the resulting problems after the break was repaired validated Vinton's continuing desire for its own water supply and independent system."

Also in January 1973,

a "chain reaction" led to a power outage in the Vinton area. First a branch power line fell near Lake Drive Plaza; it touched a main circuit as it fell; then the main circuit "carried the trouble" into the main transformer in Vinton, knocking it out. Appalachian Power Company officials were unsure what caused the first line to fall.

Four persons were injured when an out-of-control vehicle plunged into the H&R Block tax offices on Pollard Street. The driver of the vehicle had just received his learner's permit that day.

A Vinton man was abducted at gunpoint by four men after a William Byrd basketball game and forced to drive them to Radford. They released him and he drove back to Roanoke. Three men in Roanoke County were arrested for possession and transportation of moonshine whiskey; with five gallons of moonshine found in their vehicle.

A Jan. 17 headline in the Vinton newspaper read, "Vinton Area Juvenile Group Damages School in Spree of Wanton Vandalism." The target of the attack was East Vinton Elementary School where 18 windowpanes and four door panels were broken, bulletin boards were ripped from walls, pencils and crayons were taken, along with an estimated \$160 in books. Harps and other musical instruments in the music room were damaged. Curtains were torn in

the crafts room and gym, and "books and ice cream were thrown all over the place." Also stolen were a tape recorder, a transistor radio, and papers. Most items were recovered. When questioned, one of the boys said the group committed the vandalism "just for the heck of it."

The IRS added a toll-free number for Virginians in January 1973.

The Blue Ridge Parkway announced that the number of visitors on the parkway increased in the previous year by 8% to 13.7 million.

The Vinton Chamber of Commerce announced the new board members at a luncheon at Hardy Road School. They included A.T. Huddleston, Richard Willis, Fred Swisher, Richard Maxey, and Bill Triplett. Frank Stone, principal at Hardy Road Elementary, was named president of the Chamber.

Roanoke County schools were taking steps to "eliminate or reduce what many parents have said were discriminatory practices involving school athletic programs for girls." Coaches for girls athletics would be paid supplementary amounts for duties and transportation would be furnished to girls teams to and from games.

It was announced that "young Delegate Richard Cranwell" hallway through his first term in the Virginia House of Delegates" was given a "top committee spot" on the Finance Committee.

Rep. Ben Cline talks priorities for new Congress

Aila Boyd

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Rep. Ben Cline, a Republican who represents Virginia's 6th Congressional District, recently started his third term in Congress.

Cline won another term in November's general election after defeating Democratic challenger Jennifer Lewis by nearly 29% of the vote.

The Fincastle resident was first elected to the House of Representatives in 2018, after having represented the 24th District in the Virginia House of Delegates from 2002-2018.

In an interview with The Fincastle Herald earlier this month, Cline discussed his views on Washington, the bills he's introducing, upcoming town halls and constituent services.

Congress

This year marks Cline's first time being in the majority since joining Congress.

"I got to spend all of my time in the state house in the majority. It was really a shock coming into the minority and Nancy Pelosi's house. We had to face intense partisanship as we fought against a number of bills that ignored conservative input," he said.

Cline said his conference wants to avoid what he

characterized as "the same mistakes that Nancy Pelosi's team made."

He added that the Republican conference wants to respect its colleagues, even when there is disagreement. "We can achieve more by listening and respecting our colleagues because each one of us represents 750,000 constituents," he said.

Despite being in the majority, Cline has concerns about the legislative process.

"I continue to have concerns about the way that things work in Washington, the partisanship and the division," he said. "We do have to change how Washington works and sometimes that means upsetting the apple cart."

Cline pointed to the delay in the election of Republican Rep. Kevin McCarthy (CA—20) as speaker of the House of Representatives as being "chaotic," but noted that "it was important to make sure that we locked in important reforms to the process" so that a more conservative agenda can be achieved by the body.

He's hopeful that his caucus can reach agreements with Democrats on areas of common interest, like veteran services, transportation and infrastructure.

"I'm optimistic because there are people who are in Congress

on both sides of the aisle who do want to work together to make the place function better," he said. "That starts with getting our fiscal house in order."

Bills

At the time of the interview, Cline said he was getting ready to introduce a bipartisan bill to address the regulatory bureaucracy, specifically regulations that he said are harmful to businesses. He said regulations are "being churned out of Washington by lower-level bureaucrats."

He explained that the courts have found that major regulations need to be approved by agency heads. The bill he is putting forward will prevent such regulations from being issued by the types of lower-level officials he mentioned.

"Every regulation that comes out of an agency has to have a signature or the endorsement of the head of that agency," he said of the aims of the bill. "That's hopefully going to curb a lot of these runaway regulations and some of the excessive actions made by some of the unnamed bureaucrats."

Due to its bipartisan nature, Cline said thinks it will likely pass on the suspension calendar. He hopes the suggestion will be viewed by the Biden Administration as being helpful instead combative.



PHOTO BY AILA BOYD

Ben Cline.

"I think everyone agrees there are too many regulations coming out of Washington," he said. "This is a common sense solution that everybody should be able to support."

He's also working on a bill related to small business regulations. It aims to require that when regulations are drafted, information related to how they will impact small businesses has to be gathered.

"One of the things these agencies have a disconnect with is small business that they often impact. The costs aren't considered by these agencies when they're promulgating these regulations," he said. He pointed to employees being fired and the growth of

businesses being restrained as two downsides of regulation that aren't often considered. "Requiring these agencies to actually measure how much their regulations impact small businesses would help to rein in some of the aggressiveness of the regulatory bureaucracy."

He described the second bill as being a "twin" to the first one.

Town halls

Cline noted he will be scheduling a series of town halls in the near future in each of the jurisdictions he represents. He plans to hold the first group of meetings in the jurisdictions that are newly incorporated into the 6th District, then will proceed to hold additional meetings in the jurisdictions he has already been representing.

Constituent services

Cline noted that although his legislative work is important, he doesn't want his constituents to forget about the services that his office makes available to them.

"If it touches the federal government and constituents are having problems with red tape, my office can help," he said. "If folks have any issues, I'm more than happy to help."

His downtown Roanoke office serves constituents in the Roanoke Valley.

RECIPES OF THE WEEK

Worried about additives in your microwave popcorn? Don't like to deal with oil, pans, and keeping popcorn from burning on the stovetop? Here's the easiest way possible to pop popcorn with a simple brown paper lunch bag and some kernels.

Paper Bag Popcorn
 1/4 cup popcorn kernels
 1 plain paper bag (not ones that are made from recycled materials)

Place 1/4 cup of un-popped popcorn in a plain brown lunch bag. Fold the top over a time or two. Place the bag upright in your microwave. Microwave for two minutes or until you only hear popping sounds about every two seconds. Remove and open carefully. Pour in a bowl. Add salt, melted butter, Parmesan cheese, other favorite seasonings, or nothing at all.

Kettle Korn in a Bag
 1/4 cup popcorn kernels
 2 Tbsp. white sugar
 1 and 1/2 tsp. vegetable oil
 1 plain paper bag
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ORDER OF PUBLICATION

Commonwealth of Virginia VA. CODE §§ 1-211.1:8.01-316.-317.20-104 **CASE No. CWF210000261** BOTETOURT Circuit Court 1 W.Main Street, Fincastle VA 24090 Commonwealth of Virginia, in re ARTHUR BERNHARDT HENSLEY, JR., DECEASED. The object of this suit is to: authorize the Administrator of the Estate of Arthur Bernhardt Hensley, Jr. to distribute the entire estate to the descendants of the decedent's mother. It is ORDERED that any unknown heirs, devisees, successors and assigns of Arthur Bernhardt Hensley, Jr. appear at the above named court and protect his/her interests on or before MARCH 6, 2023. January 13, 2023 TOMMY L. MOORE; CLERK

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

Legals - Craig County

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Legals - Craig County

In execution of a Deed of Trust in the original principal amount of \$107,100.00, with an annual interest rate of 4.250000% dated April 30, 2014, recorded among the land records of the Circuit Court for the County of Craig as Deed Book 192, Page 584, the undersigned appointed Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction all that property located in the County of Craig, on the courthouse steps at the front of the Circuit Court building for the County of Craig located at 182 Main Street, New Castle, Virginia on February 28, 2023 at 2:00 PM, the property with improvements to wit: LOT 3, BLUE HEALING SPRINGS Tax Map No. 66-1-3 THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR. TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder's deposit of 10% of the sale price, will be required in cash, certified or cashier's check. Settlement within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Trustees may forfeit deposit. Additional terms to be announced at sale. Loan type: USDA. Reference Number 21-288873. PROFESSIONAL FORECLOSURE CORPORATION OF VIRGINIA, Substitute Trustees, C/O LOGS LEGAL GROUP LLP, 10021 Balls Ford Road, Suite 200, Manassas, Virginia 20109 (703) 449-5800.

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, James Cook, 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 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

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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

Legals - Montgomery County

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF PROPERTY

3692 Alleghany Spring Road, Shawsville, VA 24162 Tax Map No. 112-A 58C, Parcel No. 140170 In execution of a Deed of Trust dated April 26, 2007, in the principal amount of \$123,731.30, recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Montgomery County, Virginia, of record as Instrument Number 2007004988 and corrected in Instrument Number 2011007896, Woods Rogers Vandeventer Black PLC, Trustee, will offer for sale at public auction outside the main entrance of the Montgomery County Circuit Court, 55 East Main Street, Christiansburg, VA 24073, on February 9, 2022 at 12:00 noon, the property described in said Deed of Trust lying in Montgomery County, Virginia, and more particularly described as follows: All that certain tract or parcel of land, with all improvements thereon and appurtenances belonging, lying in the Shawsville Magisterial District of Montgomery County, Virginia, being more particularly described as New Tract A1, containing 2.478 Acres, as shown on that certain plat entitled, "PARTIAL SURVEY AND MINOR SUBDIVISION FOR

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JONATHAN D. LINKOUS SHOWING THE RESUBDIVISION OF NEW TRACT "A" (3.518 Ac.) AND CREATING NEW TRACT A1 (1.040 Ac.) AND NEW TRACT A2 (2.478 Ac.) SITUATE ON ALLEGHANY SPRINGS ROAD," dated February 25, 2007, Job No. 1847, prepared by David A. Perfater of DOC Land Surveying, LLC, which plat is recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court, Montgomery County, Virginia, in Plat Book 27, page 78. TOGETHER WITH New 40' Ingress/Egress Easement as shown on the above mentioned survey of record in Plat Book 27, page 78. Pursuant to Section 8.9A-604 of the Virginia Code, a 2007 Oakwood Manufactured Home, Serial No. RIC241988NCAB will be sold with the real property. TERMS: Cash – Bidder's deposit of ten percent (10%) of the sales price shall be due and payable not later than ten (10) days after sale. WOODS ROGERS VANDEVENTER BLACK PLC, Trustee For Information Contact: Woods Rogers Vandeventer Black PLC, P.O. Box 14125, Roanoke, VA 24038-4125, Telephone: 540-983-7729

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General Information

Health Resources and Services Administration

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

For Free Clinic of the New River Valley, Inc.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act, the Council on Environmental Quality regulations for implementing NEPA (40 CFR Parts 1500 through 1508) and the HHS General Administration Manual Part 30 Environmental Protection (February 25, 2000), HRSA has determined that the New Clinic Construction proposed by Free Clinic of the New River Valley, Inc. will have no significant adverse impact on the quality of the human environment. As a result of this FONSI, an Environmental Impact Statement will not be prepared. The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) provides discretionary grant and cooperative agreement awards to support

General Information

health centers expand their capacity to provide primary and preventive health care services to medically underserved populations nationwide. Free Clinic of The New River Valley, Inc. in Christiansburg, VA has applied for HRSA grant funding. The applicant proposes to use grant funds to construct a new two-story 28,900 square foot health center facility located at 130 Akers Farm Road. The applicant has submitted an Environmental Assessment (EA) that documents impacts of the proposed action. This EA is incorporated by reference into this FONSI. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Assessment for this project, which is on file at the following address for public examination upon request between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Free Clinic of the New River Valley

Also Known As: Community Health Center of the New River Valley
215 Roanoke Street
Christiansburg, VA 24073
Attn: Michelle Brauns, CEO
Phone: 540-381-0820

No further environmental review of this project is proposed prior to final approval from HRSA.

Public Comments

Any individual, group, or agency disagreeing with this determination or wishing to comment on these projects may submit written comments to the Free Clinic of the New River Valley, Attn: Michelle Brauns, CEO at the above referenced address. HRSA will consider all comments received within 15 days of this "Notice" prior to final approval from HRSA.

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Big Orange takes third place in the Big Blue

The Big Orange headed south to Christiansburg last weekend for the annual “Big Blue” wrestling tournament and the William Byrd team grappled to an impressive third place finish. Staunton River won the team championship and Brentsville District was second among 17 strong teams from Virginia and West Virginia.

Byrd had two individual winners. At 106 Darin Witcher pinned Alan Vu of Glenvar in 4:40 to open the championship round. Witcher, a freshman, improved his record to 25-7 with the win.

“Darin has been steadily improving all year and finally got on top of the podium,” said Byrd coach Thomas Kessler. “I expect a lot more of those performances from him.”

Dustin Richards, a senior, won the other championship for Byrd in the last match of the championship round. Dustin pinned Kojo Osafa-Mensah of Washington High in West Virginia in just 1:17 to improve his record to 16-1. Dustin missed several tournaments to start the season with an injury but he’s rounding into form with the post-season nearing.

“It was fun seeing Dustin get to the top of the podium,” said Kessler. “I have always known how good Dustin is but he just hasn’t had the chance to go out and show everyone.”

Xavier Preston took a second at 175 in his return to the mats after being injured. Xavier lost to Josh Kelly of Staunton River in the final due to medical forfeit.

“Xavier saw his first action back since an injury earlier in the season,” said Kessler. “I wasn’t sure if I was going to wrestle him past the quarter finals but he convinced me to let him wrestle the semis. We are working him back into shape since his injury and we are looking to take it slow and get him ready for the state tournament.”



The Big Orange wrestlers took third place at Christiansburg’s “Big Blue.”

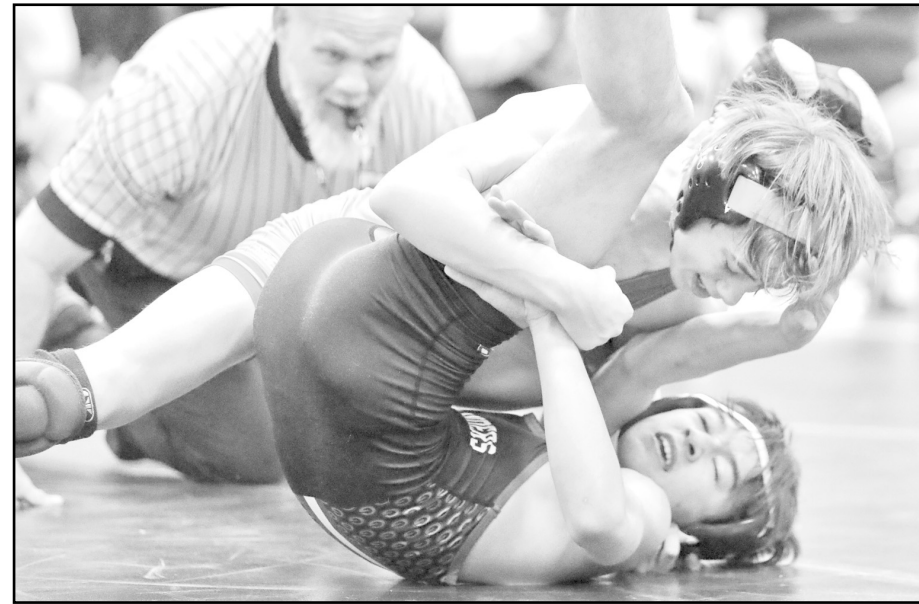
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Dominic Pascoe made the final at 120 and took a second after losing to Brady Hand of Christiansburg in the championship match. Dominic is now 29-6.

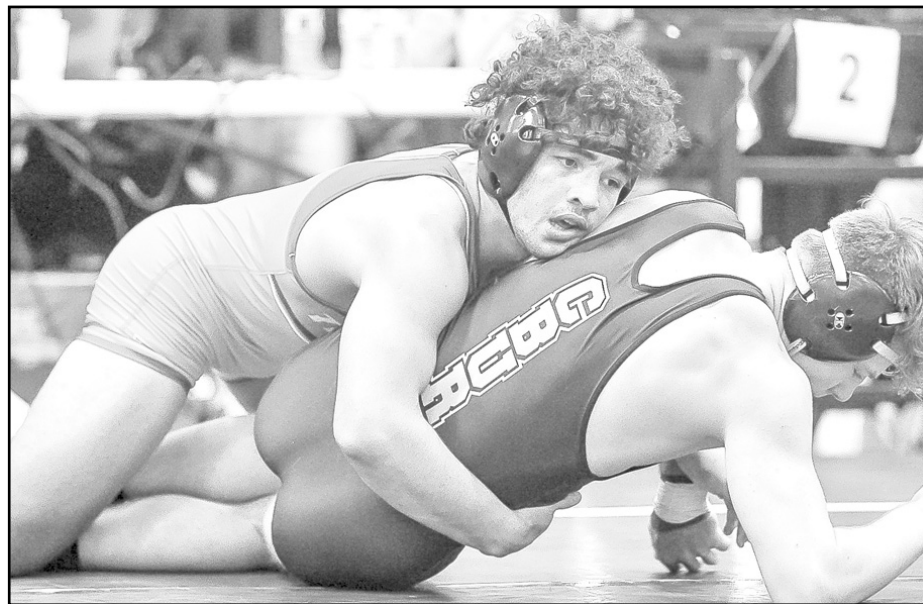
Landon Barber and Aiden Lucas both won their consolation final matches to take thirds. Lucas beat Brennan Metz of Hidden Valley to improve to 29-11 and Barber is now 28-15 after beating Dakota Mcglotthlin of Salem in the 165 pound consolation final, pinning the Spartan in 4:10.

Also scoring for the Terriers were Gage Cockran with a fifth, Bricen Lancaster with a sixth place and two eighth places finishes by Evan Tabor and Graylen Castleberry. Cockran won the award for most pins in the quickest amount of time.

The Terriers were scheduled to wrestle William Fleming and Salem on Wednesday at 5:30 pm, and that was Senior Night. On Saturday they go to Riverheads for an invitational.



Left, Byrd’s Darin Witcher has Glenvar’s Alan Vu in peril in the 106 pound final of the Big Blue Saturday. Witcher scored a pin to win his weight class. Right, Byrd’s Xavier Preston is back on top after returning from an injury. Xavier took second after forfeiting the final.



PHOTOS BY BARRY COX & KYMN DAVIDSON-HAMLEY



Byrd’s Fernando Tzompaxtle is on top in his middle school match at Northside. PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Swimmers have “Senior Night” Friday

The William Byrd swimmers will be at the Gator Center in Roanoke this Friday night to host a meet and celebrate “Senior Night.” Cave Spring and North Cross will be the opponents.

Byrd will recognize senior team captain Colin Murtaugh’s outstanding career with the Terriers prior to the meet. Colin will be recognized at 6:45 pm and the last home meet of the season will begin at 7 pm.

The Terriers have been busy with two meets in the past week. Last Thursday at the Botetourt YMCA the Terriers took on Franklin County, Christiansburg and host Lord Botetourt. The Byrd men beat LB and Christiansburg but lost to Franklin County while the girls beat Franklin but lost to the other two.

“We saw some fast swimming at the Botetourt Y last Thursday,” said Byrd coach Krista Martin. “We’re hoping to finish out our regular season strong with these last few meets before post season.”

Murtaugh won the 50 and 100 free and anchored the winning 400 Freestyle relay with Michael Hoyos, Cole Kovacevic and Evan Copening.

On Tuesday of this week the Byrd swimmers were back at the Botetourt Y to swim against James River and Alleghany and both the Byrd girls and boys picked up wins. Individual results were not available at press time.

Middle School wrestlers are 5th

The William Byrd Middle School wrestling team placed fifth in the Northside Invitational tournament last Saturday. The season ending event includes most of the middle school wrestling teams in the great Roanoke Valley area.

Byrd had a champion in Nelson Escobar at 175 pounds. The Terriers also had three boys who made the finals and finished second, Jonah Schofield at 105, Myles Preston at 128 and Cameron King at 160.

Third place winners were Lane Brunk at 84 pounds and Bruce Robinson at 120. Braylon Dent, at 70 pounds, and Colton Sotherden at 77 both took fourth. Andrew Lewis Middle School of Salem was the team winner.



Above, Byrd’s Isabelle Posadas(middle) is ready to take off and swim the back stroke at the Botetourt YMCA last week. Left, Blake Richardson swims the breast stroke in the meet.

PHOTOS BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Bohon runs on winning relay team for RC track

William Byrd graduate Hunter Bohon was on the winning 4x400 relay team in last weekend’s Finn Pincus Invitational indoor track meet at Roanoke College.

Bohon is a senior on the Roanoke College team who runs in multiple events. He joined Brandon Heffinger, Brady Fowler, and Sam Crawford on the winning 4x400 team that finished three and a half seconds ahead of second place Bridgewater. Hunter also made it through the prelims in the 60 meter hurdles and finished eighth with a time of 9.14.

Bohon will be at Wittenberg University this weekend when the Maroons run in a meet in Springfield, Ohio.



Terriers pull out district win over Lord Botetourt, 59-55

If you had asked William Byrd basketball coach Brad Greenway what he wanted for his birthday on Tuesday you couldn't have given anything better than he received. The Terriers pulled off a big win over Lord Botetourt on a day Greenway will never forget.

Greenway's birthday was Tuesday but there was no time for a party as he had a home game with arch-rival Botetourt and his wife, Beth, was battling a kidney stone. As it turned out Beth needed surgery that night, but at that point the Terriers were already in the midst of beating Botetourt, who came in tied for second in the Blue Ridge District standings.

Let it be said that everything turned out fine. Beth's surgery was successful and the basketball team pulled out an exciting 59-55 win.

"I wanted to be there for Beth but they didn't decide on the surgery until 8:30," said Greenway. "As for my birthday, I can't think of a present I'd rather have than beating Lord Botetourt."

This one was close all the way,

with neither team winning a quarter by more than three points. Byrd led by four points at the half and three into the fourth quarter but the visiting Cavaliers rallied and led by four with three minutes to go.

At that point Jaiden Childress scored a couple buckets in the paint to tie the game at 55-all, then Israel Hairston hit a floater with 30 seconds to go to put Byrd up by two. Byrd's defense was able to deny Botetourt on the other end and Isaiah Board was fouled with 1.4 seconds on the clock. Board calmly sank both and the Terriers avenged a prior 10 point loss to the Cavaliers in Daleville.

"It was a crazy day for me but a fun game to be a part of," said Greenway. "It was a fun game for the fans to watch."

Hairston led the Terriers with 15 points and played a sound floor game. Board had 13 points and center Grayson Webb had his best all-around game of the season. Grayson scored a dozen points on five-for-six shooting from the floor while dishing out eight assists, blocking six shots and snagging five rebounds.

"It was easily Grayson's best game of the year," said Greenway. "We didn't have Ty (Blalock) after he suffered a concussion in practice so we really needed a good night from Grayson and he came up big."

Childress scored eight points and had the two big baskets in crunch time and he also had a season high 17 rebounds.

"We played really well," said Greenway. "I didn't say it out loud during the game but I was thinking we deserved to win this game with how well we were playing."

With the win the Terriers improved to 8-9 overall while evening their Blue Ridge District record at 3-3. Last Friday at home they led 12-5 William Fleming by seven at the half before falling, 65-57. Fleming



Byrd's Grayson Webb (#32) goes high for one of his six blocks in Tuesday's win over Lord Botetourt.

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Israel Hairston pushes the ball down the floor in Tuesday's win over LB.

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jumped to an 8-0 lead at the outset and came out with the same aggressiveness to start the second half.

"They brought a bunch of pressure and we didn't handle it well," said Greenway. "When they took the lead in the third quarter we never could quite get it back."

Board led Byrd with 16 points and Drew Lindsay hit four of six threes and had a dozen. Childress had nine points and seven rebounds and Blalock also had nine.

"It was a wild game," said Greenway. "They're a good team but we played right with them. With these

last two games our kids are really starting to believe."

The Terriers have a chance to even their overall record on Saturday when they take on 2-15 Staunton River in Moneta. That will be at 4 pm and it's the first game of a boys-girls doubleheader.

The Byrdmen will be busy next week with three games in five days. They travel to Franklin County on Tuesday, host unbeaten Northside on Friday, February 3rd, and the next day they have to play George Wythe at 10 am in the morning in the Adam Ward Classic at Salem High School.

Girls look to pick up a win this week

The William Byrd girls are hoping to add another win on Saturday when they travel down the road to take on Staunton River at 6:30 pm. The game in the second of a doubleheader with the boys.

Byrd fell to 1-16 with a loss to Lord Botetourt in Daleville Tuesday but the Terriers will match up much better against Staunton River. The Eagles are 2-17 after losing to Franklin County on Tuesday so this presents a chance for the Byrd girls to pick up a much-needed win.

"I will say that even though we are struggling, the girls are playing hard," said Byrd coach Randy Bush. "We have areas that when we improve on we need to stay at that level and not step backwards."

Sam Martin led Byrd with eight points in Tuesday's 64-14 loss to LB. Last Friday at home the girls lost to William Fleming, 71-20. Sophia Chrisley had eight points and Martin and Logan Andrews had five each. Chrisley had two three pointers.

The Terriers were scheduled to play at Hidden Valley on Wednesday but results were too late for publication. That was another chance to pick up a win as the Terriers were just 3-15 after losing to Salem on Tuesday.

"We are banged up quite badly but that is an excuse," said Bush. "We need to develop the next player up mentality."



Left, Byrd senior Sophia Chrisley readies a free throw and, right, senior Taylor Davis D's it up in last Friday's game with William Fleming.

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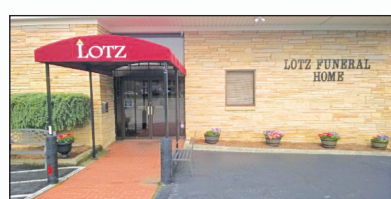


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Indoor team does well at VMI

The William Byrd indoor track team was in Lexington last Saturday to compete in the annual Walt Cormack Invitational at the Virginia Military Institute.

Byrd had some strong performances at the meet. On the boys' side Wyatt Bailey broke his own indoor school record in the pole vault when he cleared 13 feet, giving him second place overall. Wyatt also finished 14th in the 300m dash with a time of 37.53 while Dylan Hughes finished 21st with a time of 37.97.

In the 1000m run Donald Mullins finished 12th with a time of 2:42.73, qualifying him for the state track meet by over 3 seconds. DeShawn Austin finished 22nd with a time of 8.98 and Landon Martin finished 25th with a time

of 9.03. The 4x200m relay of Hughes, Bailey, Brady Reachy and Austin finished 10th with a time of 1:35.21.

Austin also finished 11th in the triple jump with at 19'3. Johnson finished 14th with a jump of 19'1 and Alex Dunn finished 18th with a jump 36'7.

On the girls' side Sydney Blewett broke the school record in the shot put with a throw of 36'2. Grace Owni qualified for state with a time of 1:23.86 in the 500m dash and Olivia Hurd finished 13th in the 1000m with a state qualifying time of 3:12.04.

This Saturday the Byrd indoor track and field team will be running at the Bulldog Invitational at Liberty University and the Heritage JV invitational at Heritage High

School.



Donald Mullins qualified for the state meet in the 1,000 meter run.

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