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The Goodsons prepare to leave for their cross-country journey.



The Goodsons' wedding day at Explore Park in May 2021.

## Goodsons celebrate life with cross-country journey

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Lexi and Chas Goodson met at the last ever Roanoke Valley Horse Show in Salem in 2014 when they were 16 years old. They married seven years later in May 2021. Their love story has not been traditional, and it has definitely not been easy.

Chas was diagnosed with cancer on his 21st birthday in October 2018, two years before they were married. The initial diagnosis was testicular cancer, a disease that affects one in every 250 males, usually young to middle-aged men. His had spread through his lymph nodes to his lungs.

"It was completely by accident that we caught it the first time," Chas said. "I thought I had a hernia and instead I had a mass the size of a soda can on my lungs."

He underwent surgical procedures at a local hospital, followed by other treatment options— chemotherapy, immunotherapy, and living more holistically.

There were ups and downs through his four-plus years of treatment that he is still undergoing; almost reaching remission, then recurrence. For one span of time, he was in remission for almost two years. Lexi says he has "had any complication you could imagine."

Chas is an operator for a natural gas pipeline based mainly in North Carolina and has continued to work between treatments. He and Lexi travel from one job to the next living in a 40-foot Keystone Cougar fifth wheeler with their rescue dog, Roscoe, their "four-legged son."

Just weeks before their wedding, the couple discovered that Chas's cancer had returned but decided to proceed with the ceremony.

Chas had chemotherapy for a week before they were married in a pouring rainstorm at Explore Park on the Blue Ridge Parkway, also the scene of their first date. They left their reception a little earlier than everyone else because he wasn't feeling particularly well. The day after their wedding, his hair fell out from the chemo.

"The relapse called for immediate high dose chemotherapy treatment with specialists in Indiana," Lexi says.

Rather than going on a honeymoon, they spent their first two months of marriage in a hospital room in Indiana, nine hours away from their entire support system.

Their local oncologist had recommended world-renowned specialist Dr. Lawrence Einhorn at the Indiana University Simon Cancer Center, who has revolutionized the treatment of testicular cancer. The treatments involve a mix of high dose chemotherapies and stem cell transplants. Chas compares the specific targeted therapy that Einhorn uses as being like "heat-seeking missiles" destroying the cancer cells. (Dr. Einhorn successfully treated bicyclist Lance Armstrong for the same cancer that Chas now has.)

Lexi says she "vividly remembers" the days of her husband's high dose chemotherapy and stem cell transplant as "one of his toughest times. He could

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## Heroes volunteer here— Remembering Vinton First Aid Crew volunteer Greg Meinel

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Greg Meinel

Vinton First Aid Crew volunteer Greg Meinel, age 51, passed away on Feb. 17, 2023. He served with the crew for over 31 years, recruited by the organization just out of high school at William Byrd where he was a member of the Class of 1990. He was awarded a Lifetime membership in the VFAC for his years of service.

According to Brandon Arthur, current Captain of Membership for the VFAC, Meinel served in multiple positions and on multiple committees during his time with the crew, including as First Lieutenant of Training and Captain of Membership. His last shift was on Feb. 12.

According to his family, Meinel had a long career in health care, first introduced to the field by running

rescue with the VFAC. "Running calls was a passion he had his entire life."

His first "official" job in the medical field was as a medical assistant in the Community Hospital Emergency Room. He worked nights there and he loved it.

He decided to take his career a step further and obtained his Associates Degree in Health Sciences from Virginia Western Community College, then attended the Jefferson College of Health Sciences to complete a Paramedic to Registered Nurse upgrade. His family says he was "so proud when he obtained his Registered Nursing License."

Meinel spent most of his career as an ICU nurse at Carilion Roanoke Memorial Hospital, where he "loved his job and helped countless patients and their families and would often receive letters of thanks for the care he provided."

He also served as an instructor for Carilion, teaching Staff Advanced Cardiovascular Life Support and Pediatric Advanced Life Support, even traveling to other Carilion hospitals to teach.

Meinel decided in recent years to step away from his position at Carilion

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## W.E. Cundiff SCA collects 1,600+ items for Soup for Seniors

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According to Principal Ashley McCallum, "Our SCA at W.E. Cundiff did a fantastic job with their recent collection drive for Soup for Seniors!"

Team Cundiff's SCA collected food donations for Soup for Seniors during January. Students were asked to send in non-perishable items (soup, oatmeal, canned meats/vegetables/fruits, peanut butter, etc.) to support this worthy cause.

"We are happy to announce that WEC collected over 1,600 items to support senior citizens in our area. Way to go, Team Cundiff! We are proud of your efforts

to make our community a better place to live," McCallum said.

All grade levels, PK-5, participated in the collection drive at WEC. Since so many items were collected, the Roanoke County Sheriff's Office delivered the items for them to a primary collection site.

The classroom that collected the most items for Soup for Seniors received an ice cream treat courtesy of the SCA. Mrs. Wilcox's third grade classroom was the winner.

The annual Soup for Seniors campaign is held each year in February by the Local Office on Aging



COURTESY OF PRINCIPAL ASHLEY MCCALLUM  
W.E. Cundiff SCA members who assisted in collecting over 1,600 items for the 2023 Soup for Seniors campaign included (left to right) Shelby Hensley, Patrick McGann, Austin Wright, Jase Jennelle, Paige Aremia, Grayson Bell, Sylar Nute, Vivian Hunter, Brooklynn Scott, Hayden Biggs, Tabitha Apple, and Brooklynn McGuinn.

(LOA) to address food insecurity faced by older adults throughout the Roanoke Valley. Schools, churches, individuals, and organizations donate food at several designated collection sites which are then distributed through Meals on Wheels and other senior nutrition programs.

"Pre-COVID, Cundiff

participated every year in Soup for Seniors," McCallum said. "We hope for this to continue to be a yearly event since this year's collection drive was by far our most successful yet— proud of Team Cundiff!"

Submitted by W.E. Cundiff Principal Ashley McCallum

## Vinton Worldtrekkers prepare for trip to Japan



PHOTO BY DEBBIE ADAMS  
Michael Cisneros is helping prepare travelers for their 2024 trip to Japan with Japanese culture and language classes at William Byrd. Shown left to right are Syrys Harden, Sydney Nichols, Dionne Nichols, Michael Cisneros, Cherry Bell Damasco-Farrington, and Kelly Prim.


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The Vinton World Trekkers are planning a trip to Japan in the summer of 2024. Led by William Byrd teachers Cherry Bell Damasco-Farrington,

Dionne Nichols, and Ashley Satterfired, the Worldtrekkers are "a group from Vinton who love to travel the world together. We have always enjoyed experiencing new places because the world is our largest classroom."

According to their website, their international adventures started with a group of Byrd students asking their instructor, Mrs. Damasco-Farrington, to take them to Spain on a field trip to learn more about Spanish


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# Twin Creeks hosting Breast Cancer Foundation fundraiser featuring Pok-e-Joe’s BBQ March 4

Twin Creeks will host the fourth annual “Beer, BBQ, and Boobs” fundraiser on Saturday, March 4 in the Vinton Taproom from 1 p.m. until closing. Guests will have the opportunity to support breast cancer prevention, research and treatments, while getting a taste of Pok-E-Joe’s BBQ for the first time in Vinton.

One hundred percent of ticket sales (donations) will go to the non-profit Virginia Breast Cancer Foundation, which empowers Virginians impacted by breast cancer through access, advocacy, community action, and education. The money raised for VBCF in SWVA will pay for breast health services like diagnostic mammograms, MRIs, ultrasounds, and biopsies for uninsured and underinsured women in Southwest Virginia.” The goal for March 4 is to raise \$5,000 for the cause.

While this is the fourth fundraiser by the VBCF in the area, it is the first one to be held at Twin Creeks. For several years it was an evening event with dinner and a band at Billy’s Barn in Salem. Twin Creeks Special Events Coordinator Jess Curtin was involved with the event there and introduced it in Vinton with the encouragement of Twin Creeks owners Barry Thompson and Andy and Jason Bishop.

The event will feature Pok-e-Joe’s BBQ, a side, and a beer ticket for those purchasing \$25 tickets in advance. A \$10 ticket purchased in advance or on the day of the event gets you in for the entertainment. Children are welcome.

Performers will include Jo Jo Stockton and Solacoustix on the Dock at 2:30 p.m., followed by Radio Rehab from 6:30 to 9:30 that evening.

In addition to the live entertainment, there is a free photo booth from

Unique Memories, sponsored by Roanoke Valley Orthodontics, and a balloon display from Pop Goes the Party, sponsored by Ashley Conner-MKB Realtors.

There will also be an outdoor tent added on the back patio and parking lot.

Twin Creeks will even be releasing a new Pink beer for the occasion—Second Base Strawberry Blonde Ale.

Curtin says the fundraiser will be all about pink. Her plan is for your senses to be assaulted by pink as soon as you come in the door with balloons and more balloons.

Curtin says that the generosity of their sponsors and the increased number of sponsors this year have allowed all proceeds to go to the VBCF. Those sponsors include first and foremost, the Town of Vinton, the largest contributor to the event (at the Dolly Parton Cup level), along with DD-Cup level contributors Rosie’s Gaming Emporium, Steidle and Gordon Attorneys at Law, Roanoke Valley Orthodontics, The Answer Network, and Magnets USA.

B-Cup sponsors include Ashley Conner-MKB Realtors, Pop Goes the Party, Tidy Services, the Vinton Dogwood Festival (even providing volunteers for the day), and Chernichky Family Chiropractic. DS Smith is also a sponsor for the fundraising event.

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With this fundraiser and many more community-based events planned for the spring, Twin Creeks is upping their profile and involvement in the community.

Coming up in February and March:

On Feb. 25, Twin Creeks in Vinton will be hosting Brunch at the Brewery with special hours from 11 a.m. to closing. They will be featuring Beermosa Flights and breakfast foods from the Food on the Go Food Truck from 11 a.m. until 1. The fun will continue with a special brunch sandwich menu from Lazy Bulldog Food Truck and Bistro beginning at 2 p.m. Live music begins at 6:30 p.m. with Joe Kessinger on the Dock.

If you were hoping to snuggle and bottle feed a goat from “It’s All Goode Farms” at the Vinton brewery on Feb. 26—tickets have already sold out for that date. The good news is that two more “Goat Snuggles” have been scheduled, due to high demand, on Saturday, March 19 at the Vinton Taproom and on Saturday, March 25 at the Twin Creeks Brewpub in Explore Park, both from 2 to 4 p.m.

Even if you don’t have a ticket, you are still welcome to drop by the brewpub or taproom and watch the baby goats have fun with friends.

The Vinton Taproom will be hosting wildly popular Music Bingo with DJ Daryl on Sunday, March 5. The last time this event was held, they maxed out the software. Create a team and guess favorite tunes in bingo form. (Songs replace numbers on the Bingo card.)

Twin Creeks will be getting in the St. Patrick’s Day spirit with “Woodcraft Day” which includes painting themed woodcrafts from Unique Memories and Gifts of Rocky Mount.

On Mach 18, during the St. Patrick’s Day weekend, guests are invited to drink green beer and “Hop on the Dock” to sing Karaoke. DJ Unique will be joining Twin Creeks for their first ever Karaoke night from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

That same day (March 18), the Brewpub at Explore Park will be welcoming the Roanoke Regional Emerald Society for their kickoff

party with bagpipe tunes.

On March 26, from 1 to 4 p.m., Twin Creeks will be hosting “Murder Mystery Day at the Brewpub” at Explore Park. This is an interactive murder mystery, adults-only event where you play a character, solve clues, and interrogate suspects. In the end you will decide who committed the crime using your detective skills. You will receive questions in advance about the type of role you would like to play.

Tickets must be purchased in advance since you are assigned a character and will need to work with old friends, or new, on this classic “WhoDunnit” social/game event.

And finally, the Brewpub at Explore Park will partner with “Let’s Party Creatively” on April 2 at 3 p.m. to paint giant (24 inches tall) wooden Easter Bunnies to take home.

Check out their Facebook page for more updates and tickets to events: <https://www.facebook.com/twincreeksbrewing/>

Submitted by Jess Curtin,  
Twin Creeks Special Events  
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# Goodsons

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hardly stand on his own, but he was so determined to get up and walk every single day regardless of how he felt. It was a very difficult mental and physical struggle every day for us both that really made us grow closer.

“It amazed me that even when he felt his worst, he was still thinking of other patients and nurses and constantly trying to get everyone to smile and laugh during his own struggles,” she continued. “He was well-known for his purple ‘super cape’ the high five buddy pole, and his encouraging attitude.”

The Goodsons became “family” with Isaac McCurdy who has the same type of cancer and was receiving the same high dose chemo and stem cell transplant at IU at the same time as Chas. During treatments, they pulled each other up, insisting that the other one “eat good, drink, and move” even when they had no desire to.

Last October (2022), doctors discovered his cancer had returned again, Chas says “with a vengeance.” Doctors found a new tumor the size of a baseball in his lung.

Chas and Lexi now head to Indiana every 28 days for treatments. The goal currently is “to maintain” more than to “cure.” He is currently in Stage 3-C.

Last November, the couple decided they were tired of cancer “living their lives,” and decided to take back control. At the end of January– with the blessing of family– they set out on a cross-country adventure, due back at the end of February for the next round of treatments.

Lexi says, “We have spent the last four years revolving our life completely around cancer, fear, and sickness. This year we decided to put our health, happiness, experiences, and dreams first, and not let cancer control us. Life is too short to dream about things and not put them to action. We have talked about traveling across the country for so long and we are finally speaking it into existence. We plan to spend the next 28 days headed towards the American southwest and spend most of our days exploring New Mexico, Arizona, and Utah.” They left on Jan. 30.

They have made the choice to live in the moment, one day at a time. They still have fears; they still have tears, but they have chosen to live joyfully, as normally as possible, and not dwell on the negatives.

“We are fighting harder than the cancer is,” Chas says.

The Goodsons are traveling in a Toyota Tacoma, outfitted with an overlanding rig they built. It’s nicknamed “Freeda,” because she has made them “Freeda go wherever we please.” Roscoe has joined them for the journey– Chas says Roscoe loves traveling so much, they “have to pry him out of the truck at times.”

Lexi came up with the perfect career to fit their lifestyle— she has established her own travel agency— Inner Compass Travel— which she can run fully remotely from any location—from home, on a trip, at a hospital— wherever they are. They have been documenting the entire trip on the Inner Compass Travel page.

Chas does the driving— something he loves. Lexi works on her travel business and journaling about their trip, growing the business by “word of mouth.”

She has always loved traveling, something she inherited from her grandmother, a nurse, who achieved her goal of traveling to all 50 states and even abroad many times. She left Lexi her suitcase when she passed away, a gift Lexi treasures and continues to add travel miles to it.

The three spend most nights (even ones where the temperature has fallen to nine degrees) sleeping in their rooftop tent.



The Goodsons’ “four-legged son” Roscoe enjoys the trip near Cococino National Park in Arizona.

Their itinerary has included traveling from North Carolina to Florida, across the southern United States through Mississippi, Louisiana, into Texas, then New Mexico and Arizona, with plans for Colorado, Utah, and Nevada yet to come. As of Feb. 17, they had traveled 5,000 miles.

“We have been to a lot of places in our lifetime, but I am pretty sure Sedona, Arizona is the most phenomenal of them all,” Lexi says. “We tackled a hike that the locals claim as theirs and keep hush-hush from the general public. It is very challenging to get to, but has the most rewarding view from the top with ancient cliff dwellings and petroglyphs etched into the rock.”

They have done some off-roading through the Cococino National Forest, encountered snowy conditions in Flagstaff, Arizona, trekked through the Painted Desert, the Crystal Forest, the Blue Badlands, and other natural wonders. They have slept on the side of canyon cliffs. Much of their trip has been along Route 66.

Chas says the trip hasn’t been physically difficult—at one location he was able to complete a strenuous six-mile hike even with half of his lung removed. The one time he struggled was at Cadillac Ranch in Texas where it was so cold and windy that “it took my breath away.”

They have encountered “bizarre weather” at times, from sunshine to gusting winds, followed by blizzard-like conditions and back to sunshine in a day’s time.

They spent a memorable night in Palo Duro Canyon, in Texas, the second largest canyon in the U.S., setting up camp in the backcountry with the canyon practically to themselves (and lots of coyotes). “Just us in complete solitude and serenity.”

They have met “incredible people” along the entire journey and shared their poignant story. They have become fast friends with many– some on spiritual journeys of their own, some just vacationing.

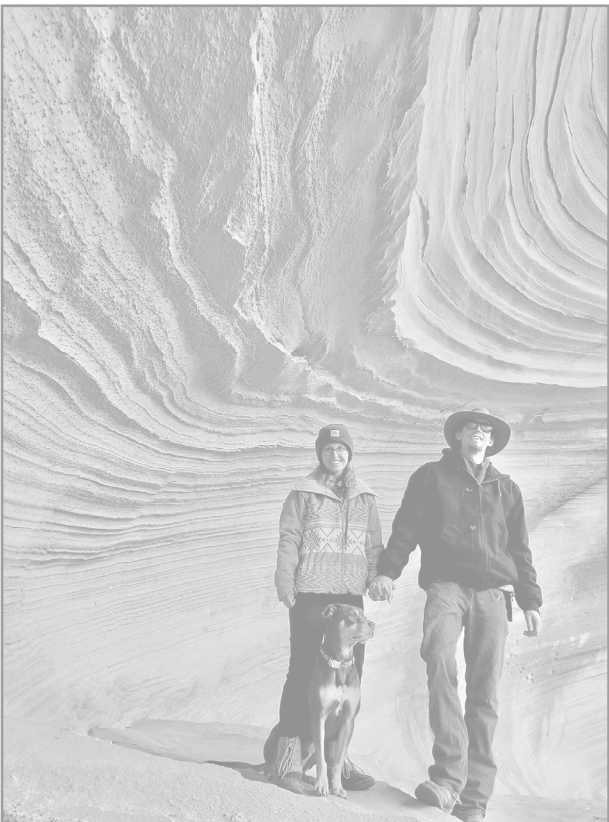
By the time they return, the Goodsons will have visited 25 states on this trip. They will be moving back to North Carolina after the next round of treatments. Chas’s boss urged them to make the trip, saying, “your spot will be here when you get back.”

Lexi’s mom, Angie Burton, describes the couple as “two remarkable young people who have found a way to overcome their fear and what they’ve been dealt. They have traveled all over and changed the lives of people they have met along the way. They are tired of cancer controlling them and are trying to take their lives back. They have inspired me and so many others—we have learned so much from their journey.”

So far, the Goodsons say this trip has taught them to “live each day, be nicer, care a little more, and love each other more every day.” They have met “cool people,”



Chas Goodson undergoing high-dose chemotherapy and a stem cell transplant in Indiana.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF LEXI AND CHAS GOODSON  
Lexi and Chas Goodson face down their challenges with the trip of a lifetime.

heard their stories, and gotten some perspective on their own lives, what they are facing, and how to face it best. “It has humbled us and made us grateful for every day.”

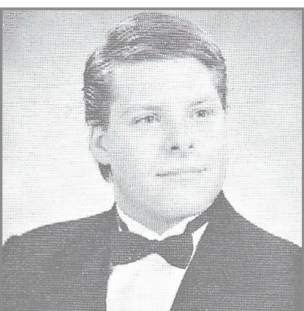
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# Greg Meinel

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Meinel is shown with some of his First Aid Crew “family.”



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**Greg Meinel grew up in Vinton and graduated from William Byrd in the Class of 1990.**

and try out travel nursing. He accepted assignments in Northern Virginia, Farmville, and Lynchburg hospitals.

He was also a proud member of the Masons, rising to the rank of 3rd Master.

Meinel is survived by two sons, Joseph Conner Meinel and Ian Zachary Wood, and grandson Frankie Brookes Meinel.

Members of the Vinton First Aid Crew gathered at the station on Feb. 20 for an informal memorial service for Meinel—to remember him, his friendship, and his contributions and to also offer support to one another in the unexpected loss of a colleague and friend.

Vinton First Aid Crew Sgt. Nicole Vincent says, “Greg

was a good guy, and a better healthcare provider. He impacted many lives in his years at Carilion and through his time volunteering with us. His contribution to our community is greatly appreciated and did not go unnoticed. We have a family mentality at the station, and with Greg’s passing we lost a part of our family. He will be sorely missed by us all.”

EMT-B Callie Price, who has been with the crew for about five years and ran calls with him, took training classes from Meinel. She noted that “Greg was the kind of guy who wanted you to succeed. He would take as much time as necessary to make sure you understood topics and concepts, to walk through needed procedures with you. You could tell he really cared for your continued learning and success.”

Brandon Arthur says Meinel was best known for training new crew members and those at the Carilion Life Support Center.

“He taught a lot of people,” Arthur said. “He was very intelligent and played a lot of roles for

a lot of people. He served and loved and supported this department.”

Chaplain Tom Philpott has known Greg for the 30 years he was with the department.

“He came in as an EMT, advanced to Paramedic, went back to school while still running calls to get his RN degree, worked at Carilion and then in recent years became a travel nurse,” Philpott said.

He remembers Meinel as a “jokester, very competent, who liked to talk and share stories. He loved to tinker and would take home from the station what appeared to be junk and return with it repaired a few weeks later.”

Philpott says Meinel loved anything with wheels and may have gotten his talent for tinkering from his father, Frankie, who was a gifted machinist, welder, inventor, and owner of Turner Machine Shop in Vinton for many years.

“Greg had a passion for helping people,” Philpott said. “He was one of the earliest paramedics in this area; he served as a training officer for many years for the crew and also facilitated Continuing Education weekends, bringing in health professionals from

around the area to teach specific skills. If a doctor or nurse had a conflict and couldn’t attend, Greg would step in and teach the class.”

Vinton First Aid Crew Treasurer Mitch Vaughan echoes Philpott’s sentiments and says Meinel “cared about people, especially the patients he worked with,

and followed up to see how they progressed.”

Vaughan admired Meinel’s initiative, saying once Greg took it upon himself, at his own expense, to pressure wash the entire exterior of the first aid crew building over three days to spruce up for the Dogwood Festival.

First Aid Crew

President and Assistant Treasurer Jason Peters will remember Greg “as a great friend, and fellow crew member. I’ve had the privilege of working with Greg during my 30 years on the crew. He was not only a wonderful patient provider, but a part of our family. He will be greatly missed.”

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Constrictors

5. Abounding in rocks

11. Speed

14. German city

15. Lacking sympathy

18. Visionaries

19. Wastes away

21. One precursor to the EU

23. Nursemaid

24. Unconsciousnesses

28. Baby’s word for father

29. Equal to 64 US pints (abbr.)

30. Senses of self-importance

32. Midway between south and southwest

33. When you hope to get there

35. Electronic data

processing

36. Passports and drivers’ licences are two

39. Fishes

41. Air Force

42. Personal computers

44. Ecological community

46. Wings

47. Halfway

49. Cool, calm and collected

52. Jewelled headdress

56. Musical composition

58. \_\_\_ Falls

60. Repeating remarks

62. Periods in one’s life

63. Hyphen

CLUES DOWN

1. \_\_\_ Humbug!

2. Devices that alert pilots (abbr.)

3. Grocer

4. One point east of southeast

5. Subjects to hostility

6. Work unit

7. Atomic #56

8. British thermal unit

9. “Elusive Butterfly” singer

10. Fastened over animal’s neck

12. Device

13. Rechargeable power source

16. Ancient sage

17. Consist of two elements

20. “Pygmalion” writer

22. “The Centennial State” (abbr.)

25. Of I

26. Get older

27. Brotherhoods

29. Buzzing insect

31. Sunscreen rating

34. Brew

36. Leader

37. Indigo bush

38. Burn with a hot liquid

40. Junior’s dad

43. Horse mackerels genus

45. Morning

48. Unit of linear measurement (abbr.)

50. Double curve

51. Small, twisted bunch

53. Developed

54. Mars crater

55. Humanistic discipline

57. Word element meaning ear

58. Last or greatest in an indefinitely large series

59. Wood residue

61. It cools your home

# VINTON HISTORY: SHIP CLOCK

This vintage Ship Clock is an Art Deco stylized version of a pirate ship, made in the mid-1930s. United Metal Goods Manufacturing Company in New York produced unique and decorative time pieces as well as staple clocks, mostly with reliable electric motors produced by the Westinghouse Corporation. The pictured clock has three chrome masts with three sails each, a ship’s wheel containing the clock dial mounted on the front, and a light imbedded in each end.

These clocks became a common decorative accessory for mantels in the homes of prosperous young couples in the 1930s and 1940s. The tradition of a ship model on the mantel comes from New England, where older families made much of their wealth in whaling. In

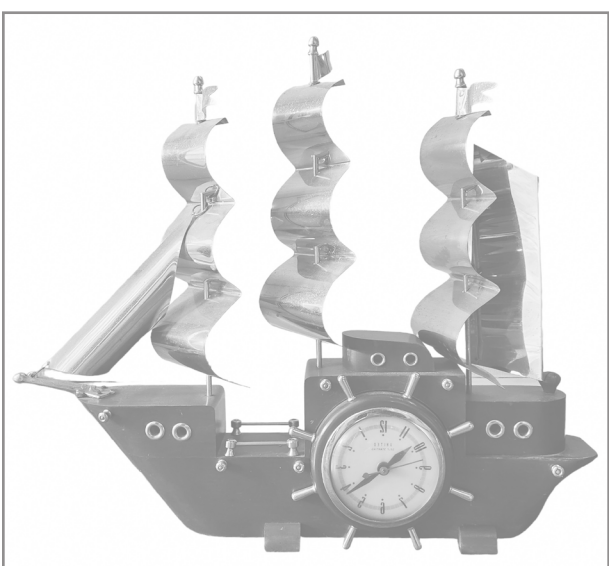


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that case, the ship model represented a constant reminder of the source of the family wealth. Today, it is popular beach house decor.

Debbie Pitts, a volunteer at the Vinton History Museum and director and treasurer of the Vinton Historical Society, donated this Ship Clock currently on

display at the Vinton History Museum. Stop by and see it. The museum is open Monday, Wednesday, Friday and every first Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Submitted by Vinton History Museum Executive Director Judy Cunningham

# PEOPLE, PLACES AND THINGS

By Angie Chewning

Drake and Hannah Lewis visited sister Cydney and nephew Kellen last weekend in North Carolina. It was Kellen’s last basketball game for the season. While there, they celebrated Drake’s birthday at a great restaurant, 73rd & Main. We always love visiting with them.

Many Vinton and surrounding area folks are saddened by the sudden loss of Vinton First Aid Crew member Gregory Meinel. This sudden and tragic loss of life is hard to comprehend for everyone involved. Please keep Greg’s family in your thoughts and prayers over the coming days.



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Drake Lewis (in back) and his nephew Kellen celebrate Kellen’s birthday in North Carolina.

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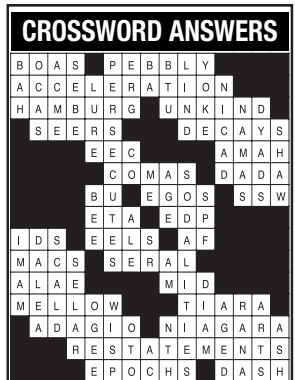
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# Vinton Police host ‘Pancakes with Police’

The Vinton Police Department continued its community outreach efforts with “Pancakes with Police” on Feb. 21 at Renee’s (formerly Jerry’s) Family Restaurant. The department has previously held other similar events, such as Coffee with Cops and Pizza with Police.

Police Chief Fabricio Drumond has described these events as “a personal experience where residents and officers can get to know each other, share common bonds, fortify our community goals, and talk about future events that will hopefully continue to build a strong connection with the community that we serve.”

Several police officers

were joined by members of town staff, Mayor Brad Grose and Vice Mayor

Mike Stovall for breakfast and conversation.

-The Vinton Messenger



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## ANGLICAN

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

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**LUTHERAN**  
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# Vinton

# Worship Directory

## You Alone

Read Numbers 18:1 through 19:22

Monte had given his son one job: Shovel the walk. Monte returned to see messy piles of snow haphazardly scattered about. The boy had convinced his younger sister—who could barely lift the shovel—to do it for him so he could play video games. Monte promptly unplugged the game and sent the boy out to finish the job.

Similarly, God gave Aaron and his sons enormous responsibility. He expected them—and them alone—to follow through.

“But only you and your sons may serve as priests in connection with everything at the altar and inside the curtain. I am giving you the service of the priesthood as a gift. Anyone else who comes near the sanctuary is to be put to death” (Numbers 18:7).

Has God placed a burden on your heart? Is He pointing you toward work that will expand His kingdom? You are uniquely gifted and in just the right place to effect divine change in this world. Don’t wait for someone else to do the job the Lord has given you. He wants you, and you alone, to follow through.

Thought for Today: The work of the Kingdom changes our hearts as it changes our world.

Quicklook: Numbers 18:1–7

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)

School 10:00am, Worship 11:00am, [sttimothy1201@verizon.net](mailto:sttimothy1201@verizon.net).

**NAZARENE**  
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**PRESBYTERIAN**  
**CAMPBELL MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**, 1130 Hardy Rd, Vinton, VA, 540-343-1842; [cmcp2verizon.net](http://cmcp2verizon.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.

# Worldtrekkers

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PHOTO COURTESY OF MICHAEL CISNEROS  
**Michael Cisneros taught English in Onomichi, Hiroshima with the JET Program. This is the view overlooking the city.**

culture. “It turned into an adventure that 16 travelers will most likely never forget.”

Damasco-Farrington taught Spanish at WBHS from 2004 to 2016, then became the Instructional Technology Resource Teacher. Nichols and Satterfield teach English there. All have traveled extensively.

The trip to Japan is scheduled for July 2024, with a group of adults/ family members, former and current students, from William Byrd, Botetourt County, Cave Spring, Patrick Henry, and Franklin County. They will spend nine days in Japan, plus two days of travel and visit the cities of Tokyo, Hakone, Nara, Kyoto, Osaka, and Hiroshima.

Damasco-Farrington says that once the trip was arranged, she wanted to find a way “to keep excitement for the travelers who had signed up; I wanted to prepare them for the culture and language of Japan.

“I knew one of our former students, Michael Cisneros, had taught in Japan before the COVID pandemic so I reached out to him to see if he would be interested in leading our group in language and culture classes throughout the school year leading up to the trip. I partnered with the International Club at WBHS because I knew that there are many students who have an interest in learning about the Japanese language and culture as well.

“When I approached Michael about the classes, I wanted my travelers and other participants to learn the language and understand the culture. I wanted to at least cover the basic expressions for travel—introducing oneself, learning a bit more about the destinations that we will be visiting on our trip, which Michael had visited during his time in Japan. From there, he has taken the questions that participants have and made a plan for a monthly newsletter and our in-person classes. There is no set curriculum; we are devising it as we go along.”

About 20 teachers, students, and adults are attending the classes regularly and most are enrolled for the trip.

So far, the classes have discussed the geography of Japan, Japanese language and culture, the different alphabets (kanji, Hiragana, and Katakana), Japanese history, foods and etiquette, greetings, goodbyes, numbers, transportation, religions, cities on the travel itinerary, and family.

Cisneros graduated from WBHS in 2016 and from Virginia Tech in

2019. Shortly thereafter he moved to Onomichi, Hiroshima with the JET (Japanese Exchange and Teaching) Program.

“At Virginia Tech, I majored in Creative Writing with a double major in Spanish and Professional and Technical Writing,” Cisneros said. “With these majors, I was already considering teaching as an option after university. My older sister taught English in Mexico with a Fulbright scholarship, which helped plant the idea of teaching abroad in my head at the time.

“My interest in Japan started as a child through animated shows and games like Pokémon. The curiosity grew in high school when I started to watch anime, Japanese animated shows, and became fascinated by the stories they told. Those stories are part of what influenced my decision to study creative writing as my major and I continued to consume Japanese media into university.

“I learned about the JET Program from YouTube videos posted by other English speakers living in Japan. From listening to how they got there and with a bit of research, I learned that the JET Program was the best organization for teaching English in Japan in terms of the support, reputation, and salary. With that knowledge, as well as my educational background and the influence of my older sister, all the stars aligned for me to apply to the JET Program and to my surprise, I was accepted.”

He taught English in six public elementary and junior high schools in the city of Onomichi.

“All of the students and staff were incredibly kind and welcoming to me,” Cisneros says. “That was generally my experience with everyone I met while I was there. The people I met are one of the biggest highlights of Hiroshima and that is matched by the beauty of nature in the area.

“The program at Byrd of the monthly language and culture classes came about from Cherry Bell reaching out to me about the trip she was planning for the Vinton WorldTrekks to go to Japan in 2024. She has kept up with me since I graduated from William Byrd, so she knew that I had been living in Japan.

“One of the main aspects of the JET Program is cultural exchange, which was a regular part of my job in Japan, sharing aspects of American and Mexican culture with my students, but I still feel strongly about continuing cultural exchange. The direction of the exchange is switched now that

I am sharing Japanese culture in America, but I am always happy to do so.

“When she asked if I could give some classes at William Byrd, it was an easy decision. The class is meant to give the future travelers some base knowledge they will need on their trip in terms of language and culture, but I encourage anyone who is curious to learn more about Japan to join.

“Many of the topics covered in the lessons were requested by the participants early on. Much like my classes in Japan, I want to keep lessons fun and interesting while covering subjects that will be useful to the participants in their travels.

“I want to keep supporting them with these classes until their trip so they can have the best experience possible in Japan.”

Dionne Nichols and her son Sydney will be touring with the group in 2024.

“Cherry Bell started Vinton WorldTrekks on a whim with her first tour to the Mediterranean, and I joined her in working to interest members of the community in additional trips,” Nichols says. “We toured the capitals of the British Isles in 2018, had our tour Down Under cancelled due to Covid in 2020, and this past summer toured Germany and the Swiss Alps.

“Because the Far East cultural norms vary from America, we wanted the opportunity to build base knowledge of the land, its history, and its culture for our Japan: Land of the Rising Sun tour. Additionally, lessons on the language can help travelers feel prepared for everyday interactions.

“My intent as a mom is even bigger – I want my son to have as many experiences as possible before he’s off on his own. Helping him (and others) develop a global perspective and cultural acceptance– I feel that is necessary to help improve our world, and it starts at home.”

Nichols says the classes with Cisneros have been “wonderful. Michael is a wealth of knowledge without being intimidating. We’ve met people we’ll be traveling with as well as developed our understanding of the culture, religions, language barriers and the food we’ll be able to try. It has fostered our anticipation of a tour that is going to be with us the rest of our lives!”

The next meetings of the Japanese language and culture class are scheduled for March 13 and April 10. They will then take a break until fall.

# Vinton Town Council meeting largely informational

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The Vinton Town Council meeting on Feb. 21 was largely informational with no substantive actions taken by council.

Roanoke County Real Estate Valuation Director Ken Fay made his annual report to council on the 2023 Roanoke County Real Estate Reassessment. His office establishes property values on Jan. 1 for all property in the county, including property within the town. A letter is mailed to each property owner early in January with assessment values for both land and buildings.

Fay noted that property values have once again increased in the town and county due to what citizens are willing to pay for property. In his presentation, he told council that the median value of a home in Vinton is \$215,000. In 2022 there were 90 qualified residential sales in the town compared to 126 in 2021.

Mayor Brad Grose commented that the good news for Vinton citizens is that their property is more valuable. The not-so-good news is that tax bills will be increasing once again—not due to tax increases (there are none), but to assessment increases. The Roanoke County Board of Supervisors will set the county tax rate in April. The tax rate in Vinton will not change. Council will hold a public hearing on tax rates on April 4.

John Hull presented his annual update from the Roanoke Regional Partnership, whose goal is to attract businesses to the valley and help existing businesses. This is a public/private partnership among eight localities, including the Town of Vinton.

Finance Director Andrew Keen presented a report from the Feb. 13 Finance Committee meeting.

He explained that the town remains strong financially with \$11 million in cash and investments. The Mountain View Road \$1.6 million reconstruction project will soon get underway once final word is received from VDOT. It was noted during the meeting that pari-mutuel tax revenues in Vinton increased by 59%.

Keen also mentioned a Vinton Police Department contract proposal which would encourage new officers to commit to remain with the department once their training is complete, using required years of service.

Assistant Planning and Zoning Director Nathan McClung reported on the first meeting of the newly formed Community Development Committee. His first topic was the very preliminary “Downtown Fire Block Demolition and Re-design Project” resulting from the July 2022 fire at D.R. Music in Vinton. It has been confirmed that the Red Jasmine building will also be demolished as part of the project. Demolition permits have been pulled by the demolition contractor. Road closures on Lee Avenue will continue. Design work is being facilitated with hopes for 2-3 story mixed-use structures on one or two parcels. Hill Studio is tasked with developing square-footage cost estimates. Possible incentives from the town/county are being researched.

The Vinton History Museum will be adding a lift to make the second floor of the building ADA accessible. It will be designed to match the original look and façade of the building. Last year the town allocated \$25,000 for building improvements to the basement of the museum. Thanks to the town’s ability to complete those tasks in-house, little of that funding

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Charles Hill Community Center:

Tai-Chi, Feb. 23 at 9 a.m.; Senior Card Games, Feb. 23 at 10:15 a.m.; Monday Music Jam 2:30-5 p.m. on Feb. 27; line dancing Feb. 28, 10 a.m., 11:30 a.m., and 6 p.m. Big House Dance, Feb. 25 from 6:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.

### Rosie’s Gaming Emporium:

Phlegar Hill performs at 8 p.m. on Feb. 24; Low, Low Chariot perform on Feb. 25 at 8 p.m. Both are free shows for those 21 and older.

### Twin Creeks Brewing Company:

Brunch at the Brewery on Feb. 25 from 11 a.m. to closing; too late for tickets to “Goat Snuggles” on Feb. 26 (sold out), but you can come and watch cute baby goats being bottle-fed by others.

### Vinton Public Library:

First meeting of Vinton Writer’s Group on Feb. 23 at 5:30 p.m. (register online); Open Bridge for experienced players meets on Tuesday, Feb. 28 from 1-4 p.m.; Creations and Temptations will be making heart tote bags on Feb. 25 from 3-4 p.m.; learn some moves with Super Kick Karate on Feb. 25 from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.; Jammie Time (ages 3-5) on Feb. 28 at 6 p.m.; and Family Storytime (ages 0-5) on March 1 at 11:30.

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# Beyond Books

## Beyond Books March

Spring is on the way, bringing the warmer weather with it. If you're ready to venture out of your winter hibernation, we've got a slew of programs to get you going.

First off, do you love jigsaw puzzles? Think you can solve a puzzle faster than anyone else? Come alone or bring friends and family to compete against others in our Puzzle Race on Saturday, March 4 from 2-4:30 p.m. There is a limit of four per team; register your team online now to play.

Be sure to come by on Thursday, March 16

# Just in Time Tutoring available for county students; free access to 24/7/365 tutoring, academic resources

Roanoke County Public Schools has launched Just in Time Tutoring, powered by Tutor.com and the Princeton Review.

Just In Time Tutoring provides Roanoke County Public Schools middle and high school students immediate access to a live United States-based tutor, regardless of time or day. Tutors can provide assistance for the majority of core classes offered in Roanoke County Public Schools including some world languages (French, Spanish and German). See [www.rcps.us/justintime](http://www.rcps.us/justintime) for more on available subjects.

“Just In Time Tutoring is a game changer for students,” said Ben Williams, director of assessment and research for Roanoke County Public Schools. “Before, if a student was working on a homework assignment at 10 p.m. and was stuck, for instance, on a geometry problem, that student might not have any way to get help. Now, with Just in Time Tutoring, that student can go online and within seconds, work one-on-one with a live tutor to get help and get back on track.”

All tutors must pass a rigorous application process including an extensive background check. No personal information is shared, and all sessions are recorded and available to the student for later playback as needed.

In addition to on-demand tutoring resources, students can submit any writing assignment for expert proofreading with a 12-hour turnaround time.

“Proofreaders will review and make suggestions on writing elements including grammar, sentence structure, theme development and more. This is a huge benefit, and we encourage every student and teacher to take advantage of this service,” Williams said.

For those students preparing to take ACT and SAT tests, Just in Time Tutoring provides access to industry-leading Princeton Review test preparation materials – all at no cost. These services can be a significant cost to parents if purchased privately.

“Just In Time Tutoring is leveling the playing field for our students,” said Dr. Ken Nicely, superintendent of Roanoke County Public Schools. “Every middle and high school student has access to these resources. All it takes is an internet connection, and a student can be connected to a tutor to get help anytime they need it.”

“We are glad we could use some of our remaining COVID-related grant funding to provide this opportunity for our secondary students through the 2024-2025 school year,” Dr. Nicely added.

Submitted by Roanoke County Public School

from 5:30-7 p.m. for our St. Patrick’s Day craft for adults and teens; we will be putting together Celtic knot and four-leaf clover keychains made on our Glowforge.

Interested in becoming a foster family? First Home Care, a foster agency in Roanoke, welcomes you to join them for an informal conversation about the need for foster parents in our community. This is a great opportunity to learn about the foster care system, on Thursday, March 9 at 6 p.m.

March 19-25 is National Poison Prevention Week; come pick up materials to learn about the dangers of poisoning, how to prevent them, and what to do in the event of a poison emergency.

Interested in learning more about the Mountain Dulcimer? Adults and teens are welcome to register for an Introduction to the Mountain Dulcimer; join us on Thursday, March 2 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. to learn the basics to get started.

Want to make an adorable wooden “Hello Spring” hanging door tag? Register for this month’s Creations and Temptations and come enjoy some fun crafting and sweet chocolate temptations on Saturday, March 11 from 3-4 p.m.

Do you like to write stories, poems, essays, or anything else under the sun? Are you interested in sharing your work, getting feedback and meeting other writers in the area? Register for the Vinton Writers Group, meeting on Thursday, March 23 from 5:30-7:30.

The Vinton Book Club will discuss “Book Woman of Troublesome Creek” by Kim Michelle Richardson on Thursday, March 2 at 3 p.m. The As the Page Turns book club will discuss “The Paper Palace” by Miranda Cowley Heller on Wednesday, March 8 at 2 p.m.

Open Bridge will meet every Tuesday from 1-4

# History Museum hosting author Betsy Biesenbach

The Vinton Historical Society is hosting an author presentation by Betsy Biesenbach. She will lead an in-depth discussion about her book, “Say My Name: The Story of Amanda Jeffers, Roanoke 1864” at the Vinton Library Meeting Room on Feb. 25 from 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

According to the author, “Except for a few made-up characters, everyone in this story is real, and all lived and worked right here in Roanoke, very near where you and your family might live or play or go to school or church.” The story is about a Black child’s life growing up in Roanoke County during the Civil War era.

The book is appropriate for adults and children to read together to fully understand the story presented.

The review from Amazon.com says, “Amanda Jeffers is a five-year-old enslaved child living in Roanoke, Virginia in 1864. Although her family has been separated, they manage to maintain their close bonds with each other. During a long ride on a hot summer afternoon, Amanda’s father teaches her the value of her name.”

Biesenbach has been a freelance writer for The Roanoke Times for 38 years. She is the author of two other books, “Bits O’ Betsy Biesenbach” and “Good Neighbors: Roanoke Area Ministries.” Her work as a Real Estate Title Examiner sparked her interest in the Black history of Roanoke and in the Persinger Farm area. The name of Amanda Jeffers and her family appeared in a list prepared by the Freedmen’s Bureau and the 1870 United States Census.

The book is available at the presentation or on Amazon. Biesenbach will sign books at the event. The proceeds benefit anti-racism programs sponsored by the Unitarian Universalists of Roanoke.

Submitted by Vinton Historical Society

p.m. The Roanoke Valley Dulcimers will meet Saturday, March 18 from 10:15 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Free GED Classes with Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Region 5 Adult Education continue every Tuesday and Thursday from 5-7:30 p.m. (visit [www.regionfiveadulthood.com](http://www.regionfiveadulthood.com) to register). Got technology related questions? Make a Tech Time appointment to bring your device and questions into the library.

Bring blankets, a snack, and the whole family to our Movie on the Patio on Thursday, March 30 from 4-5:30 p.m. We will be showing “Clifford the Big Red Dog” (2022). Remember to register for Saturday on Saturday, March 4 from 11:30 a.m-12:30 p.m. and Meet the Author, Valerie Archual and her rescue cat Roger the same day from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Bring your friends to try your hand at our Teen Escape Room! Register online to attend on Saturday, March 18 from 1-4 p.m. Also register to come to VR Gaming; take a turn on our Oculus VR headset and see if you can get the high score in Beat Saber on Friday, March 31 at 3 p.m. Our regular Teen Gaming will be Monday, March 27 from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

The Teen Advisory Group will meet Monday, March 13 from 5-6 p.m. Register to come for pizza, drinks, and conversation about how to make the library a better place for teens. Anime Club will meet on Monday, March 6 from 6-7 p.m. Register to watch anime, discuss your favorite shows and manga and eat some snacks! Prizes will be awarded for optional cosplay. Register for Book Club on Monday, March 20 from 5-6 p.m. as well.

On Friday, March 17 we will have St. Patrick’s Day crafts and activities available in the children’s area all day or while supplies last. Lego Play will be Wednesday, March 29 from 4-5 p.m.; drop in to create and share your Lego masterpieces! Register for Junior Maker’s on Wednesday, March 15 from 4-5 p.m.; this month we will explore architecture and engineering by making a bow and arrow and heart cup tower as well as exploring chemistry with a dancing hearts experiment.

Also remember to register for Crafternoon on Wednesday, March 8 from 4-5 p.m. and Wondertime on Thursday, March 9 from 11 a.m.-12 p.m. The next story time session will be from Feb. 27-March 31. We will have Jammie Time (ages 3-5) on Tuesdays at 6 p.m. and Family Storytime (ages 0-5) on Wednesdays at 11:30 a.m.

Remember to register for programs online at [www.rocolibrary.org](http://www.rocolibrary.org).

-Submitted by Molly Meador, Vinton Library Assistant

# Vinton resident earns academic honors from Florida Tech

Emily Summey of Vinton has been named to the Fall 2022 Dean's List at Florida Institute of Technology. To be included on the Dean's List, a student must complete 12 or more graded credits in a semester with a semester grade point average of at least 3.4.

See more online at

www.vintonmessenger.com

# 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.

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

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## Legals - Botetourt County

**ORDER OF PUBLICATION**  
COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA VA CODE §§1-211.1; 8.01-316, 20-104 Case No. CL23-6883 City of Radford Circuit Court Commonwealth of Virginia, in re Robert A. Jones, Jr. v. Victor Carter, et al. The object of this suit is to: Quiet the title to 530 W. Rock Road, Radford, VA 24141. It is ORDERED that heirs of Charles Jones, deceased appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before MARCH 15, 2023. JANUARY 27, 2023 REBECCA PRICE Deputy Clerk

## Legals - City of Salem

**NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING**  
FOR THE PURPOSE OF DETERMINING THE NUMBER OF PUBLIC VEHICLES, TAXICABS, AND FOR HIRE CARS FOR WHICH CERTIFICATES OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY SHALL BE ISSUED DURING THE NEXT YEAR AND FOR THE PURPOSE OF DETERMINING TO WHICH PERSON OR PERSONS SUCH CERTIFICATES SHALL BE ISSUED. IN THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA: Pursuant to the provisions of Section 98-94 of the Code of the City of Salem, Virginia, the Council of the City of Salem hereby gives notice that at the regular meeting of said Council to be held on March 13, 2023, at 6:30 p.m., in Council Chambers of the City Hall, 114 North Broad Street, Salem, Virginia, a public hearing will be held for the purpose of determining the number of public vehicles, taxicabs, and for hire cars for which certificates of public convenience and necessity shall be issued during the next year and for the purpose of determining to which person or persons such certificates shall be issued. At said hearing, parties in interest and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard, present evidence, and show cause why such certificates should or should not be granted. THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA BY H. Robert Light, Clerk of Council

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VA Code §§ 8.01-316, -317 Case No. CL23-6883 City of Radford Circuit Court Commonwealth of Virginia, in re Robert A. Jones, Jr. v. Victor Carter, et al. The object of this suit is to: Quiet the title to 530 W. Rock Road, Radford, VA 24141. It is ORDERED that heirs of Charles Jones, deceased appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before MARCH 15, 2023. JANUARY 27, 2023 REBECCA PRICE Deputy Clerk

## Legals - City of Salem

**ORDER OF PUBLICATION**  
COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA VA CODE §§1-211.1; 8.01-316, 20-104 Case No. CL23-40 ROANOKE COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT 305 E. MAIN STREET, SALEM, VA 24153 Commonwealth of Virginia, in re CHLOE GRACE DUNN v. The object of this suit is to: change the minor's name. It is ORDERED that MICHAEL MATTHEW DUNN appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before March 14, 2023 @2:30pm. JANUARY 11, 2023 STEVEN A. MCGRAW, clerk

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# Town council

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was used, leaving it for the lift project. Next up was discussion of the Cleveland Mart Redevelopment Project with private investors and three possible design/use scenarios. The mixed-use design involves six to seven apartments and a front-office use. The overall investment would be \$1.1 million based on the developer's budget.

The overall goal on Cleveland is to remove blight, revitalize the neighborhood, create leasable space, and add new dwelling units to the town. The town has signed a Letter of Assurance with the development team and is actively meeting with them to develop a formal Performance Agreement including in-kind and financial incentives from the town. The agreement will not exceed \$250,000 in in-kind or financial reimbursable incentives.

The Community Development Committee meeting had also included a presentation by Economic Development Specialist Marshall Stanley on the town's social media engagement and the invaluable partnership with RVTV in producing engaging videos on local businesses and town projects. The town will begin publishing a newsletter in March (sign up on the town website at [www.vintonva.gov](http://www.vintonva.gov)).

McClung also described Capital Projects and Facility Updates including

a mechanical and structural evaluation completed at the Vinton War Memorial and improvements to be made. The town hopes to have bids out for the Walnut Avenue Parking Lot project in April.

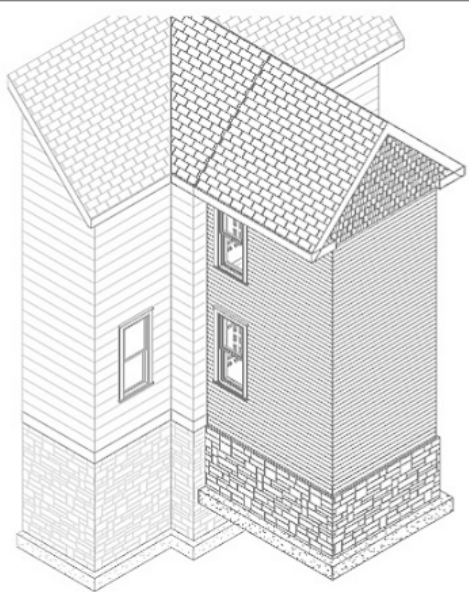
Renovations at the HIVE annex are going well. Performing several tasks in-house, such as disassembly and clean up, data wiring, and landscape removal, has resulted in significant savings. Quotes are being gathered for work that cannot be done in-house.

McClung reported on repairs to the Farmers' Market restrooms due to water damage from frozen pipes. Much of this work will also be done in-house.

A tree inventory on public land in the town is to be completed by the end of the year.

A housing study involving the River Park Shopping Center and its surroundings has moved into Phase II, site planning, to be followed by feasibility planning in Phase III.

Mayor Grose emphasized during the meeting the importance of the sale of the water and wastewater utility systems to the Western Virginia Water Authority in the summer of 2022 in freeing up the multi-talented Public Works Department to complete many projects in the town they could not accomplish while spending their time on water and sewer line repairs.



Vinton History Museum - Lift Addition Project

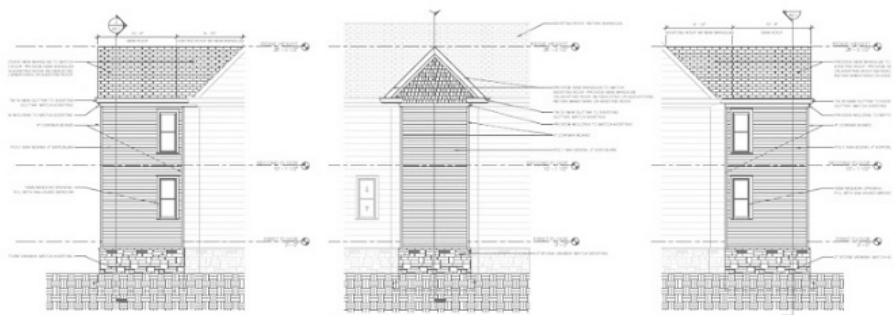


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## Terriers put a scare into unbeaten Vikings before falling in region

The William Byrd boys saw their basketball season come to an end but not before they put a scare into undefeated Northside Tuesday night. The Terriers dropped a 65-56 game to the Vikings in the Region 3D quarterfinal at Northside High.

Byrd came into the game as the decided underdog against Northside, a team with an eye on the state Class 3 championship. The Terriers had lost to Northside on three other occasions this season so it was no surprise when the talented Vikings raced to a lead of as much as 17 points in the second quarter and took a 35-24 lead into the locker room at half-time.

However, Byrd came alive in the third quarter. The Terriers won the quarter, 19-10, to cut the lead to 45-43 after three quarters and Byrd was still within two with two minutes to go in the game.

“We just got locked in on both ends in the second half,” said Byrd coach Brad Greenway. “We were down two with two minutes to go and had three good looks at a three that would have given us the lead, but we just couldn’t get one to go down.”

Northside survived and advanced to tonight’s region semifinal while Byrd ended the season at 12-14. Take away the four losses to undefeated Northside and the Terriers were 12-10 against everyone else, and four more losses were to defending state champ Cave Spring, twice, and Class 5 district rival William Fleming, another of the area’s very best teams.

Jaiden Childress led the Terriers Tuesday with a near triple double, putting up 16 points, 10 rebounds and seven assists. Ty Blalock had 17 points and eight assists and Isaiah Board had a dozen points.

The loss followed a region opening round win over Magna Vista last Friday at Byrd. The Terriers took an 84-74 win with four players in double figures, Blalock with 15, Childress and Board with 14 each and Israel Hairston with a dozen. Childress had 11 boards and Blalock had nine.

“From where we started in November until now, we’ve made a ton of growth,” said Greenway, who loses three seniors, Childress, Bryson Webb and Jacob Dickerson. “If we can keep this team together I’m super excited about what we can do next year.”



Left, Byrd’s Ty Blalock goes to the hoop in Tuesday’s Region 3D game at Northside. Above, Byrd coach Brad Greenway goes over strategy with Isaiah Board during a break in the action.

PHOTOS BY SUZANNE WITCHER



Left, Alexis Helton of Byrd looks to pass in last week’s game with Staunton River. Right, Sophia Chrisley takes a shot for the Terriers.



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## Girls basketball season ends with loss to Eagles in region

The William Byrd girls saw their basketball season come to an end last week in the opening round of the Region 3D tournament. The Terriers hosted Staunton River on Friday night and dropped a 38-35 decision to the visiting Eagles.

Staunton River has been a thorn in the side to the Byrd girls. Friday was the fourth meeting between the two and Eagles won all four, including the last two times by three points each. In last week’s region game Sophia Chrisley led Byrd with 14 points, followed by Logan Andrews with eight, Alexis Helton with six and Samantha Martin with five points.

With the loss Byrd’s season ends with an overall record of 4-20. They graduate seniors Chrisley, Helton and Taylor Davis but the Byrd jayvees were 20-3 so coach Randy Bush

figures help is on the way.

“Ralph Waldo Emerson stated, ‘It’s not about the destination but about the journey,’ and as a coach I have always related that to our teams,” said Bush. “While looking at our record one might think it was a disaster of a season, but it really wasn’t. We had no girls quit or give up. The girls competed and stayed the course on this journey. The win against Franklin County showed them that they did belong at this level and the seniors gave their all, even when they were injured or banged up.

“The group coming up, along with the ones coming back next year, will make up a team that over the next few years will have an outstanding journey as well and I am looking forward to being a part of that journey.”

## Byrd boys are runners-up in Region 3D indoor track meet

The William Byrd boys were second and the girls were fourth at the Region 3D track meet last Saturday morning. Abingdon High swept the boys and girls team titles at the Kerr-Cregger Indoor Fieldhouse at Roanoke College in Salem.

Byrd qualified 10 athletes for the state meet, which will be held at Liberty University on Monday and Tuesday of next week, February 27 and 28. Wyatte Bailey, Walter Barrows, DeShawn Austin, Brady Reachy, Dylan Hughes and Donald Mullins will compete in the boys’ state meet while Olivia Hurd, Olivia Bustamante, Sydney Blewett and Grace Owni will represent the Terriers in the girls’ state meet.

On the boys side of the region competition Bailey started the day by winning the pole vault with a height of 13’, which was a region meet record. In the

other field events Austin won the long jump (20’07) and Triple Jump (41’) and took fifth in the high jump (5’6).

In the running events Hughes won the region 55m dash title with a time of 6.71. Bailey finished fourth in the 300m dash (38.06) and Hughes finished 5th (38.18). In the 500m dash Bailey was second with a time of 1:10.36 and Mullins finished fourth in the 1,000 meters at 2:44.14. Austin was third in the 55m hurdles with a time of 8.50.

In the relays the 4x200m team of Reachy, Cooper Minnix, Elliot Gaines and Noah Thompson took second in 1:38.18 and the 4x400m team of Bailey, Mullins, Austin and Hughes won the region title with a time of 3:41.55.

On the girls’ side Blewett started the day by win-

ning the shot put competition with a throw of 37’1”, which was a new meet record. Bustamante finished fourth in the high jump, clearing 4’10”, and Maddie Simmons was sixth in the long jump with a jump of 14’11.5”.

Owni took fourth in the 300m with time of 43.89 seconds and second in the 500m dash in 1:21.98. Emma Gordon was sixth in the 500m with a time of 1:27.00.

Hurd finished fourth in the 1000m in 3:21.20. The 4x200m relay of Simmons, Emma Matthews, Bustamante and Annika Hylton came in fourth at 1:57.09 and the 4x400m relay of Owni, Hurd, Gordon and Jayden Niday took fourth with a time of 4:28.22.



Action from last Saturday’s Region 3D track meet at Roanoke College. Left to right; Haleigh Vaughn competes in the shot put, Alex Dunn high jumps and Donald Mullins runs in the 1000 meters.

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Left, William Byrd's Xavier Preston(left in photo) has a leg hold on AJ Marshall of Culpepper in the state Class 3 175 pound final Saturday night at the Salem Civic Center. Right, Xavier celebrates with Byrd assistant coach Michael Bryant, a former Byrd state champ, after winning the match and the state crown.

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## Preston wins state championship at 175 pounds, Big Orange is sixth in Class 3

William Byrd senior Xavier Preston finished his high school wrestling career in style last weekend, leading the Big Orange to a sixth place finish in the state while winning the 175 pound Class 3 championship. Byrd had three wrestlers in the final as neighboring Staunton River won the team title.

Preston's story had a happy ending at the Salem Civic Center last Saturday night. Last year, wrestling in the 160 pound class, Xavier was 29-0 when he lost to a three time state champion in the final. He set his goal on that elusive state championship this year, but an injury cost him over half the season before he returned to chase his dream for one last time.

Xavier earned a number one seed in the state when he captured the Region 3D championship, improving his record to 13-1. At the state tournament he won his first three matches with first period pins, defeating Micah Bugey of York

in 39 seconds, Alexander Jordan of Wilson Memorial in 1:10 and Dillion Fitzpatrick of Lafayette in 1:13. That set up a final between Preston and AJ Marshall of Culpepper, who came into the final with a 34-2 record.

The final was all Xavier, as he defeated Marshall with a 15-3 major decision. He celebrated with coaches Thomas Kessler and Michael Bryant on the mat, as much out of relief as anything as his dream finally came true.

"This was Xavier's third trip to the state finals and the third time was the charm," said Kessler. "He was dominant in all phases of the match. I couldn't have been more proud of his performance during the whole tournament and more proud of a kid. Xavier has put in so much work on top of what we ask of our athletes during his four year career at Byrd. I have been around athletics my whole life and I

can honestly say that Xavier's work ethic and dedication to getting better is top notch. A lot of people can tell you they want to be the best, but when it's time to train or workout they don't pour in the same energy. Xavier always was ready to work hard and become a better wrestler."

Preston finished off his season with a 17-1 record and he was 46-2 over the past two seasons and 53-3 in the last three with an abbreviated 2021 season due to COVID. Two of his three losses were in the state final.

"Winning the state title for William Byrd is an amazing feeling," said Preston. "I have so many friends and teachers there who believe in me and encourage me to bet the best I can be, so winning that title is my way of saying thank you for all the support and always believing in me. These past four years at Byrd have been unforgettable and I can't thank my coaches, teammates, teachers and classmates enough for how much of an impact they have made on my life."

Byrd had two others in the state final. Freshman Darin Witcher pinned his way to the final before losing to Tristan Carter of Colonial Heights in the championship match at 106. Darin finished the season at 35-9.

"I know that Darin is motivated to get back there next year and win it," said Kessler. "He has a lot of wrestling still left in him."

Dominic Pascoe, a senior, pinned his first two opponents and then edged Josh Manning of Staunton River in an exciting semifinal. He lost to Brady Hand of Christiansburg in the 120 pound final and finished his season at 39-8, placing in the state for the third time.

"Dominic really dedicated himself to getting better this off season and it showed on the mat," said Kessler. "He joins a small club of wrestlers who have placed three times at William Byrd."

At 285 senior Dustin Richards pinned his first two opponents before losing to Malique Tunstall of Caroline High in the semifinals. Tunstall went on to win the state 285 pound title and

Dustin wrestled back to finish sixth, earning a spot on the podium. He finished the season at 26-4.

"Not many people know all of the obstacles Dustin has had to overcome since his freshman year just to get back on the mat," said Kessler. "His sophomore year he missed because of COVID, junior year he missed due to a wrist injury which required surgery, and he almost missed this year due to a leg infection he picked up from getting cleated in football season. On Thursday morning I got a text from his mother that he was ill with flu like symptoms and it was going to be tough for him to make it. He battled through and showed up to the state tournament Friday and made it into the semifinals pretty beat down from illness. I couldn't have been more proud of his gutsy performance."

Three other Terriers wrestled in the state tournament. Gage Cockran won one match at 126 and finished 36-16, Bricen Lancaster won twice at 150 and finished 33-19 and Landon Barber lost his first two at 165, finishing 33-22.

"Gage and Bricen were both one match away from placing," said Kessler. "They both wrestled the best they had all year against former opponents in the region."

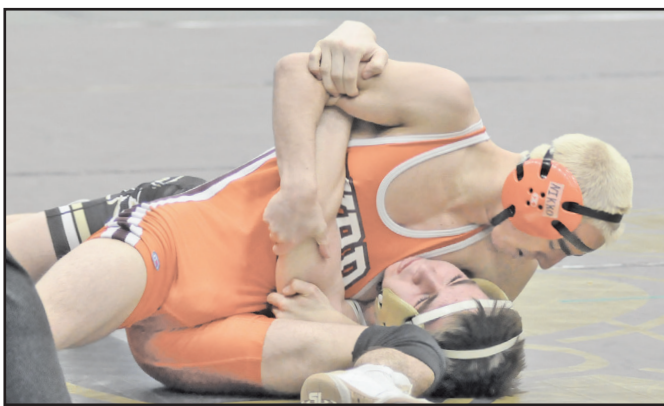
"Landon, a first year wrestler, ended his career in the Salem Civic Center on Friday. Not often do you see a first year guy succeeding at a middle weight, but making the state tournament was a huge accomplishment."

Byrd's sixth place finish was two spots higher than last year, when they were eighth. With 92 points the Big Orange was just a half point behind fifth place Brentsville with 92 ½ and just four points behind Liberty Christian's 96. If one match had gone the other way Byrd could have easily been fourth in the state.

"This team bought into finding out our weaknesses and trying to fix them every week," said Kessler. "That can be mentally hard sometimes, but this group grew up mentally and physically during the year. The results showed on the mat and I couldn't have asked for a better group of kids."

Right, Dominic Pascoe is on his way to a state semifinal win over Staunton River's Josh Manning at 120 pounds and, below, Darin Witcher is on top in his semifinal win at 106.

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## Murtaugh is state swim champ in the 50 meters, Region 3D top swimmer

William Byrd senior Colin Murtaugh wrapped up an outstanding high school swimming career with a state championship effort in the Virginia High School League Class 3 meet last Friday. Murtaugh won the 50 Freestyle event at the SwimRVA facility in Richmond.

Murtaugh won the 50 Free with a time of 21.72. He also took a second in the 100 Butterfly with a time of 50.35, leading the Terriers to a 17th place finish among 31 schools competing in the Class 3 meet. Meridan High was the boys' team champion.

"Colin raced his heart out in that 50 free," said Byrd coach Krista Martin. "The race was so exciting and so close, you had to look at the scoreboard to see who won. I was overjoyed to see that '1' next to Murtaugh!!

"Colin is such a hard worker and such a great leader for younger swimmers. I couldn't be happier to see him walk away with a title from his last high school state meet, it's so well deserved."

It was also announced at the state meet that Colin was named the Male Region 3D Swimmer of the Year. Ava Muzzy from Cave Spring was named the Female Swimmer of the Year from Region 3D.

Byrd had one other swimmer finish in the top 8 in the state, and it was also a Murtaugh. Freshman Lindsay Murtaugh made the podium with a third place finish in the 500 Freestyle and a fifth place finish in the 200 Free. Her 500 time was 5:05.06 and her 200 time was 1:54.99.

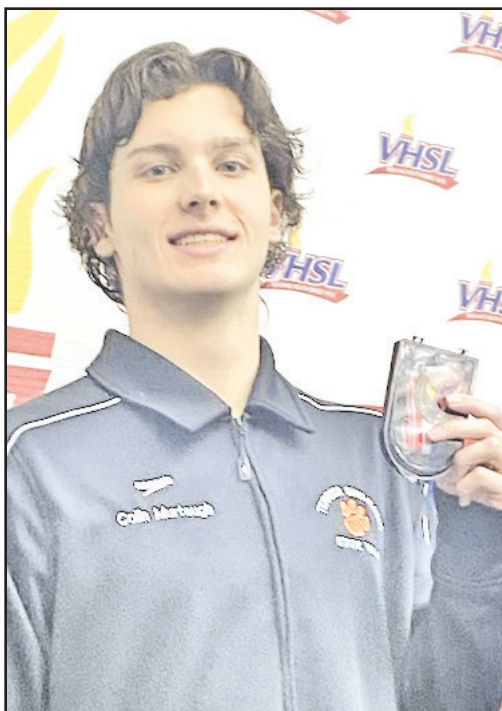
"Lindsay is fierce in the water," said Martin. "She is a competitive distance swimmer and it was so much fun to see her be so successful at her state debut. She really set the stage for these next three years."

Other Byrd swimmers at the meet included two relay teams. The Boys' 200 Free Relay finished 12th with Cole Kovacevic, Evan Copening, Michael Hoyos and Murtaugh. The 400 Free team of Bruno DeMelo, Blake Richardson, Jay Rozenboom and Kovacevic was 15th.

Individually, Hoyos was 14th in the state in the 200 Free, Copening was 14th in the 200 IM and Kovacevic was 15th in the 100 Backstroke while swimming a new personal record.

Byrd took nine swimmers to the state meet and eight made it back to the finals by finishing in the top 16 in the preliminaries.

"I am so proud of these swimmers," said Martin. "They ended our season with some personal records and great races, and we had a good time doing it!"



Above left, William Byrd's Colin Murtaugh is on the podium after winning the state swimming championship in the 50 Freestyle. Above right, Lindsay Murtaugh placed in the state in two events. Below is the team that represented Byrd in the state Class 3 meet last Friday. Front, left to right, are Lindsay Murtaugh, Jay Rozenboom, Evan Copening, Blake Richardson, Bruno DeMelo and Gabby Romeo. Back row, left to right, are Colin Murtaugh, Cole Kovacevic and Michael Hoyos.

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