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Saunders (bass), age 17 and a senior in high school. He performed “Sixteen Tons.”

Mezzo soprano Ryleigh Woolwine, age 10 and a 5th grader, was awarded third place in vocals, performing “Evil Like Me.”

Other participants in this year’s Vinton Lions Club Bland Music Scholarship Competition were:

Pithiwat Kampanya, age 9, a fourth grader, performing “Country Dance” on the violin

Lucy Sealey, age 11, a sixth grader, played “Minuet in G” on the piano.

John Saben, age 11, a sixth grader, performed “Married Life” (piano)

Lily Sealey, age 11, a sixth grader, played “Greensleeves” (piano)

Brent Saunders, age 13, a seventh grader, sang “Red Ryder Carbine” (tenor)

David Saben, age 13, an eighth grader, performed “Stereo Madness” (piano)

Emily Mower, age 13, a seventh grader, sang “Someone in the Crowd” (alto)

Sofia Gonzalez, age 14, a ninth grader, sang “So Much Better” (soprano)

Ellawyn Pagan, age 15, a sophomore, played “Experience” (piano)

Henry Saben, age 16, a sophomore, performed “Maybe” (piano)

Selene Kelley takes dulcimer lessons with music teacher Carla Fosbre. Pithiwat Kampanya, who came from Blacksburg to participate in the competition, is taught by Bridget Seidel. All of the others students take voice and/or piano lessons from Susan Lewis of the Susan Lewis Music Studio in Vinton.

First place winners advance to the Lions Club Regional Competition to be held in two weeks at Community Church in Salem. Regional winners advance to the Lions of Virginia State Competition where 12 contestants compete from across the state. Over \$25,000 is awarded annually in prizes at the local, district, and state level. At the state level, first place winners receive \$3,000; second place winners, \$2,500; third place winners, \$2,000; and fourth through sixth places, \$1,500.

Local winners receive monetary awards and certificates. First place winners in the March 5 competition received a check for \$100; second place winners, \$50; and third place winners, \$25.

Judges for this year’s Vinton competition were Judy Barger Edgell and Doris McDonel, who served as vocal judges, along with Charles Krause and Roma Scriven, who evaluated the instrumental performances.

Barger Edgell has served as a Minister of Music in the Roanoke Valley for over 50 years and has taught private piano and voice lessons over the same period. She is currently president of the Thursday Morning Music Club, and also directs the chorus that performs at local organizations and venues. She is a graduate of Longwood University with a BA in Fine Arts and Masters Study with Radford University in vocal technique.

Krause has a Bachelor of Music in Education degree from VCU. He taught in Richmond before becoming an education consultant with Boykin’s Music Shop. He received his Master of Church Music and became the first graduate to serve in a full-time capacity as director of a church orchestra and the first to complete 25 years as a minister of instrumental music in a church. Krause has also played the tuba with the Richmond Symphony Brass Quintet and Opera Roanoke.

Doris McDonel has a Bachelor of Music degree in Piano and Voice from Shenandoah Conservatory of Music with a Master’s Degree in Music Education from Penn State. She has taught piano, general music, music arts, drama, and vocal music in schools for 28 years. She has received superior ratings and awards in competitions throughout Virginia, North Carolina, and Tennessee. She remains active as a Director of



PHOTO BY DEBBIE ADAMS

Participants in the Bland Music Scholarship Competition presented by the Vinton Breakfast Lions Club included (first row, left to right) music teacher Susan Lewis, judge Charles Krause, John Saben, Lilla Clark, Pithiwat Kampanya, music teacher Carla Fosbre, and judge Julia Barger Edgell; second row, David Saben, Aubri Kessler, Lily Sealey, and Ryleigh Woolwine; third row, judge Doris McDonel, Ellawyn Pagan, Emily Mower, Brent Saunders, Selene Kelley, Lucy Sealey, and judge Roma Scriven; back row, Paul Sealey, Cary Jones, Trey Saunders, Henry Saben, and Sofia Gonzalez.

Music for a church in the Roanoke Valley.

Roma Scriven earned a Bachelor’s Degree in piano performance and a Masters degree in Music History and Literature from Radford University. She has taught music lessons for over 43 years in the Roanoke area. She serves as pianist at Grandin Court Baptist Church. She is past president of the Virginia Music Teachers Association and the Roanoke Valley Music Teachers Association, and active in the Thursday Morning Music Club.

Lion Chris McCarty, Bland Contest chairman, welcomed guests to the competition. Lion Eric Mills served as Master of Ceremonies for the event. Lions Club Secretary Gary Myers, Treasurer Bob Benninger, and Dave Jones also play an important role in facilitating the competition each year.

Throughout interludes in the program when the judges were scoring performances, McCarty and Mills shared the history of the Bland competition and some facts about the numerous Vinton Breakfast Lions activities.

McCarty explained that the Breakfast Lions began hosting the Bland Competition because of the quality of local music programs—both private and at William Byrd High School. They thought they could “get a good turn-out of students” for the contest. McCarty said the local competition has turned out to be one of the top contests in the state for number of participants. He thanked music teachers Susan Lewis and Carla Fosbre for encouraging their students to take part each year.

Mills told the audience there are approximately 50,000 Lions Clubs in over 200 countries, with over 1.4 million members around the world—reportedly the largest service organization in the world. They celebrated their 100th anniversary in 2017.

The Vinton Breakfast Lions Club was chartered in 1985 and is part of Lions of Virginia District 24C. Its members fulfill their motto—“We Serve”—in community outreach in a multitude of ways throughout the year. They sponsor many fundraising events including a Pancake Breakfast during the Vinton Fall Festival and their Spaghetti Dinner

traditionally prior to the Vinton Christmas Parade. Proceeds from all Breakfast Lions’ fundraisers go back into the local community and communities across the Commonwealth, the nation, and the world.

The local Lions are well-known for their broom sales which provides support for eyeglasses and eye exams for needy children.

One of their most important functions is sponsoring the Leo Club at William Byrd High School. Leo Club members, and their sponsor Lisa Stover, assist with virtually all Vinton Lions Club projects, including the music scholarship competition.

Each spring, the club awards five \$1,000 Wallace Cundiff scholarships to seniors at William Byrd High School and also provides scholarships for Staunton River High School seniors.

The Breakfast Lions maintain the bright yellow eyeglass collection boxes at the Bonsack and Vinton Kroger. Donated eyeglasses are sorted by prescription by local Lions members at the Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center in Roanoke and then distributed around the world.

A main focus for Lions is youth. Each year the Breakfast Lions sponsor a Christmas Shopping trip for about 20 students from Herman L. Horn and W. E. Cundiff Elementary schools. The Lions also donate clothing and school supplies to the HLH, WEC, and Bonsack Elementary schools and art supplies to William Byrd High School.

The Lions Club participates in the Lions of Virginia Foundation which assists local Virginia communities in disaster relief.

The Breakfast Lions conduct vision screenings in many area schools and preschools—both private and public.

In the Vinton community, the Breakfast Lions have taken on legacy projects in the preservation of the historic Gladetown Cemetery, in building a picnic shelter for the community at Herman L. Horn Elementary and are now partnering with the Town of Vinton for a recreational project at the old Vinton Swimming Pool. They have also raised funds for Metro bus shelters at Kroger and PFG.

Remembering Vinton: Fifty years ago in March 1973

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March 1973 was a busy month for the Vinton Police. Chief Clarence Irby told The Vinton Messenger that “a Friday night brouhaha spilled out of a downtown establishment and ended a block away with one man knifed, one shot, and four arrested.”

The trouble apparently started about 10 p.m. at the Swan Restaurant on Lee Avenue when “about half a dozen visitors from North Carolina started a ruckus.” It ended at the corner of Pollard Street and Washington Avenue.

One of the visitors reportedly gave some beer to a younger brother who was a minor and the owner of the establishment ordered the group to leave. The fighting reportedly spread to a nearby parking lot and a service station with persons “batling with pool cue sticks, knives, broom handles, and a motorcycle chain.” The commonwealth’s attorney described the scene as “near riotous.”

Five Vinton officers responded to the call, the Swan owner’s brother was knifed in the arm requiring multiple stitches

at Community Hospital, and one of the North Carolina visitors was shot in the foot. Police were unsure who fired the gunshot. Disorderly conduct charges were filed. Later in the month, four men were convicted of disorderly conduct and sentenced to six months, with sentences suspended after 10 days were served.

In March 1973, Vinton Police also solved four of five residential break-ins which had occurred in February. A number of juveniles were arrested. Items such as golf clubs, snow tires, and tools were stolen.

In other crime news, a Vinton man was arrested and held on a \$50,000 bond after being accused of firing a shotgun at an IRS agent as she was driving away from his home. He had been accused of not filing federal income taxes for four years. The man met the IRS agent on the front porch armed with a shotgun and made a threatening gesture. She got in her car and drove away. The man a shot, tearing a hole in her right front fender.

The town purchased three new black-and-white police cars for the Vinton

Police at a cost of \$9,600, plus a trade-in.

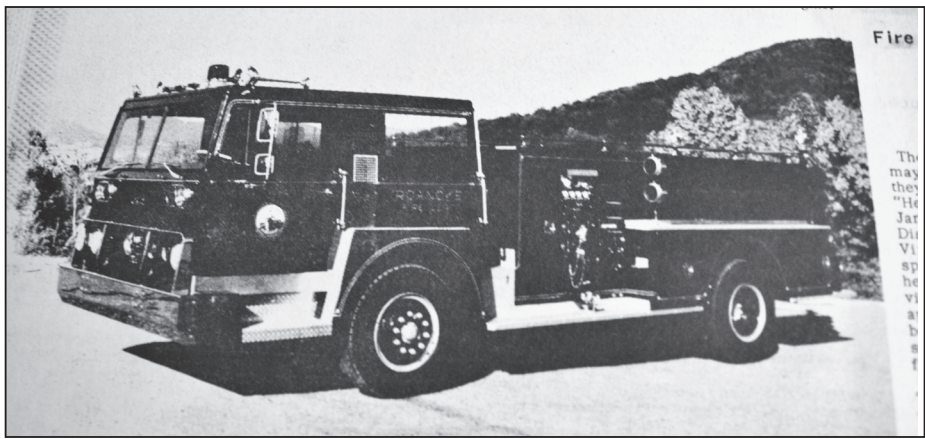
An overflow of protestors crowded the Vinton Town Council meeting in March 1973 demanding that council revoke the building permit for a controversial apartment complex proposed on Ruddell Road. The owner obtained a building permit, staked out the area, and did some grading. The protestors contended that Ruddell Road was so narrow that Roanoke County school buses did not travel the road, forcing some children to walk to East Vinton School.

Council temporarily revoked the building permit, amended the town’s zoning ordinance to require public hearings on issuing building permits for future apartment complexes, and requested the town attorney prepare an amendment to the zoning ordinance requiring builders to get approval from town council for site plans for development. The issue was continued in order to determine if the area was zoned for apartments.

In another matter, council asked Roanoke City to lower their water



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COURTESY OF VINTON MESSENGER ARCHIVE

Oren-Roanoke firefighting apparatus manufacturers reported a 50% increase in business over the past year; in fact, manager Delbert Spangler said they “were swamped.” This special fire truck was built for the City of Roanoke and could pump 1,000 gallons per minute.

rates which had been raised from 22 cents per 750 gallons in 1971 to 50 cents. This resurrected the topic of the Roanoke City

buying the town’s water system.

The William Byrd High School “Tootin’ Terrier Band” was hosting 1,600

student musicians in 39 bands from across the district on March 9 and

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VINTON HISTORY: TRAINMAN HAT

“All aboard!” Thomas Royal May was a trainman as a “passenger brakeman” with the Norfolk and Western Railway Company.

During the mid-1800s, the beginnings of a distinguishable railroad employee uniform emerged. Apparel typically consisted of a sort of suit, or pant and jacket combination, and a hat. This move was an effort to present a consistent image and to enhance the reputation of train companies as train travel gained popularity. It also allowed for easier differentiation between employees and travelers displaying job titles.

Photos of Thomas R. May (1895-1970) in uniform and his brimmed cap with its silver plate are on display at the Vinton History Museum. Stop by to see the display honoring May that was donated by Caroline Fink Forbes, his granddaughter.

The museum located at 210 East Jackson Avenue in Vinton is open every Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and the first Saturday of each month, from 10 a.m.to 2 p.m.

Submitted by Alyssa Moorman, Vinton History Museum intern, and Judy Cunningham, Vinton History Museum Executive Director



The trainman hat worn by Thomas May, Norfolk and Western Railway passenger brakeman.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF VINTON HISTORY MUSEUM ARCHIVES
Trainman Thomas May in uniform.

Gauntlet

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PHOTO COURTESY OF DEMODA NAILS
One of many nail designs by Veronica Buendia, DeModa Nails.



PHOTO BY DEBBIE ADAMS
The Latinas Network group participates in the Gauntlet program online from The Greater Williamson Road Area Business Association coworking office space.

Pascal said that the Latinas Network focuses on helping Latino-owned businesses, mentoring youth, and building their representation on boards and in government. The organization aims to create a bridge between resources and the Latina community and overcome the “lack of generational wealth, credit knowledge, and language barriers which create setbacks.”

The Latinas Network has grown since then from three members to hundreds of members. They hold professional training and organization-building meetings, monthly luncheons, and encourage those with a business dream to join the Gauntlet Business Program and Competition.

The Gauntlet was founded by Annette Patterson of The Advancement Foundation (TAF); it is Virginia’s largest program of its kind and each year offers a ten-week session of business classes, concluding with the awarding of tens of thousands of dollars in cash and in-kind prizes.

Kat Pascal was born in the Roanoke area to second generation Columbian immigrants, grew up in Vinton, attended William Byrd, and started off her career in the banking industry.

In 2011, Pascal and partner Jimmy Delgado decided to open a commercial cleaning business, Spotless America, which they intended to maintain as their “bread and butter” business. He left a job at Wells Fargo in 2015 to run the cleaning business full time; she joined him in 2016 because business was booming, and he needed her help.

Pascal signed up for the Gauntlet to make connections for building relationships and attracting investors for Spotless America; she wanted to use the Gauntlet resources to build her expertise in franchising and licensing.

Their success with Spotless America gave them the opportunity to fulfill their dream of opening the first Farmburguesa restaurant in Vinton in 2018, and then a second location in Grandin Village.

Pascal found the Gauntlet’s precepts so valuable that she referred countless other Latina entrepreneurs to the program—not only referred them but worked with them in-person as a group and individually through the Gauntlet classes. They sat at a table together during Tuesday night classes and worked through the business development lessons.

That lead to a continuing informal partnership between the Latinas Network and the Gauntlet with the goal of strengthening female business leaders in the local Latin American community.

Latinas Network organizers say that the Gauntlet program has “been the cheerleader of our dreams and inspires

us to lead our future.” Pascal has been a cheerleader and recruiter for the Gauntlet as well.

Gauntlet classes were originally held at the Vinton War Memorial until COVID-19 forced them to go virtual—but that ended up being beneficial as the Gauntlet program was able to spread exponentially to over 50 communities across the state.

This year Pascal and the Latina entrepreneurs in the Gauntlet are meeting at The Greater Williamson Road Area Business Association (GWRABA) offices to watch the online classes together and apply the concepts to their individual existing or potential businesses. They work on writing business plans, planning budgets, doing market analyses, becoming familiar with digital tools, understanding legalities, finding resources, establishing relationships with mentors, determining locations for their businesses, and more.

One of the entrepreneurs this year is Veronica Buendia, owner of DeModa Nails, specializing in natural nail manicures, gel manicures, and acrylic nails. She and her children came to Roanoke from California in 2011 to escape a domestic violence situation. In the long and winding road to a new life, she lived for a time at the Rescue Mission.

She has worked as a Nail Technician at Indulgence Salon & Spa and at Fresh Studio in Salem. She was formerly employed as a Certified Nursing Assistant at Springtree Health and Rehabilitation Center and as a Bilingual Family Support Counselor for TAP. She was introduced to the great variety of programs available through TAP as well—education, training, family services, financial services, and housing.

Buendia became determined to qualify for a Habitat for Humanity home and began saving to make that a reality. In 2014, WSLS-TV partnered with Habitat for Humanity of the Roanoke Valley, community volunteers, and Buendia to build that new home. It took 140 volunteers working 2500 hours to build the house in 12 days. She is eternally grateful.

Buendia enjoys “the art of doing nails,” and finds it relaxing, plus it gives her the opportunity to serve others and helps boost her clients’ self-esteem. Her marketing is mainly through photos of gorgeous fingernails and appointment-making on Facebook and by “word of mouth.”

She met Pascal about three years ago online while working with TAP when Kat was thinking about establishing the Latinas Network, and got involved with the Gauntlet through her influence.

Buendia’s reason for joining the

Gauntlet is not so much to grow her existing business, but to develop another business idea which will allow her to potentially move into storefront space and help other beauty professionals do the same by renting space from her. She believes the Gauntlet will help her network, make connections, and find resources for opening the new business.

“I had a business idea for a couple of years, but didn’t know how to start a business,” Buendia says. “Cosmetology school doesn’t teach you basic business planning. The Gauntlet program is more in-depth.”

One challenge she says she faces is finding the perfect space for a professional beauty suite. It needs to have room for several professionals and must be well-ventilated because of the odor of acrylics and the products other beauty professionals will use.

She is surveying both clients and potential professionals to assess their needs and desires—to better fit her plans to her clientele and fellow entrepreneurs.

“I have a passion for helping people and helping them grow,” Buendia says. “I would like to be a mentor, renting space to others, preparing them to open their own businesses.”

Ivana Savany, of Savany Financial Services, a Gauntlet graduate and member of the Latinas Network says the biggest advantage of the network is “We believe in each other as women and business owners alike and it’s that support that helps us to realize and achieve our goals.”

For more information on DeModa Nails by Veronica visit her Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/demodanailsroanoke/>.

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CLUES ACROSS

1. European Common Market

4. Poetic go quickly

7. Parts per thousand (abbr.)

10. Pigeon pea

12. Sao __, city in Brazil

14. Longest division of geological time

15. __ Alto, California city

16. Small terrestrial viper

17. Coming after all others

18. Penetrate with a sharp fork

20. Still-hunt

22. Chinese frying pan

23. Cave-dwelling salamander

24. Any thick messy substance

26. About the moon

29. AKA Tao

30. Jet cabin requirement

35. Prince Hirobumi, 1841-1909

36. An easy return in a high arc

37. Italian commune

38. L. Comfort's illuminator

44. Foot digit

45. Minute tunicate genus

46. Green regions of desert

48. Direct a weapon

49. __ de Janeiro

50. Equestrian animals

53. Across Tomei

56. Head of the RCC

57. Twines

59. Scientific workplace

61. Minerals

62. Hypothetical original substances

63. Hit with the open hand

64. Political action committee

65. Winged goddess of the dawn

66. W. states time zone

28. Impounds for lack of payment

CLUES DOWN

1. Electronic data processing

2. Man or boy (Br.)

3. W. African nation

4. Fault's incline from vertical

5. Method of birth control

6. City founded by Xenophanes

7. Legumes

8. Beckham's spice girl

9. Explosive

11. 1936 Nobel winner Otto

12. Greenbay teammate

13. Brass that looks like gold

14. School graduates

19. Lively, merry play

21. Make indistinct

24. Egyptian mythological figure associated with floods

25. Washing sponge

27. Old name for nitrogen

29. Radiotelegraphic signal

31. MN 55731

32. Sun in spanish

33. Helps little firms

34. Cease living

39. Flames up

40. Egyptian sacred bull

41. To wit

42. Mire

43. Bring two objects together

47. Filths

50. Israeli dance

51. Oil cartel

52. A particular instance of selling

53. Microelectromechanical system

54. Var. of 45 across

55. Goat & camel hair fabrics

56. Soda

58. A firm's operational head

60. Seaport (abbr.)

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Members of the Vinton Breakfast Lions Club also shared their love for reading with students at HLH on Read Across America Day. Pictured left to right are Will Moseley, Dave Jones, Peggy Stovall, Sabrina McCarty, Jeff Stovall, Chris McCarty, Brian Donise, Jeff Mason, Otis Chambers, and John Berry.

motivating children and teens to read through events, partnerships, and reading resources that are about everyone, for everyone. Read Across America Day calls upon everyone to read and engage with

children to make reading a more fun and interactive experience.

March was chosen for the observance because March is designated as National Reading Month.



PHOTO BY LISA STOVER

William Byrd Leo Club members Lily Kroese and Jakob Kroese read to students at Bonsack Elementary. They are shown with their former teacher Nikki Hall.

They included Katelin Patrick, Mac Glass, Sophia Chrisley, Ella Ashworth, Maddy Simmons, Martina Mihelcic, Anna Martin, Emma Gordon, Kristianna Fitzgerald, and Taylor Davis, along with William Byrd Leo Club members Holly Mills and Bailey Warden.

William Byrd Leo Club advisor Lisa Stover accompanied a separate group of students to Bonsack Elementary to read in the classrooms there. They included McKenna Paradis, Lilly Kroese, and Jakob Kroese.

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Lion Will Mosely reads to the first graders in teacher Beth Greenway's classroom at Herman L. Horn.

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VINTON

WALK IN HIS STEPS

Read Deuteronomy 32:1 through 34.12

"What would Jesus do?" Pastor Charles Sheldon of Topeka, Kansas, asked his congregation this question in 1896 when he preached a series of messages on the topic. Sheldon then wrote a book of fiction titled In His Steps. The book asks what Jesus would do when confronted with poverty, racism, pride, and homelessness. In the 1990s the motto was revived and people wore bracelets and T-shirts with the letters WWJD?

Before he died, Moses reminding the Israelites to consider God's truths.

"Take to heart all the words I have solemnly declared to you this day, so that you may command your children to obey carefully all the words of this law. They are not just idle words for you—they are your life" (Deuteronomy 32:46-47).

Teaching the next generation is the responsibility of the present generation. We do this best by leading by examples. When we face tough issues, we can be sure people are watching our reactions. At these times, it is good to ask ourselves, "What would Jesus do?"

Prayer Suggestion: God, with Your help, I will walk as Jesus walked.

Quicklook: Deuteronomy 32:44-47

2nd Sunday of each month at 10:30 a.m. Since contracting COVID-19 may still be possible, please take the health steps that are best for you. It is appreciated that by attending you are taking responsibility for your own health. Visit www.eck-va.org, www.meetup.com/Roanoke-Spiritual-Experiences * Group* or call 540-353-5365 for other Eckankar programs and for more information about how the teachings of Eckankar can lead you to spiritual freedom.

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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.

WEC implements Golden Steering Wheel award to encourage positive behaviors on the bus

W.E. Cundiff Elementary School has been implementing a bus reward program during the 2022-2023 school year

that encourages positive bus behavior. The Golden Steering Wheel is awarded to the bus that has earned the most points

for following the tenets of the Team Cundiff Pledge (Safe, Respectful, Responsible, and Ready to Learn) that month.

Each morning, staff checks in with bus drivers to collect data on bus behavior. Points are displayed on the Golden Steering Wheel Board so that students can track the number of points that their bus has received throughout the month.

Multiple buses have been rewarded this year with ice cream, water bottle stickers, and prizes and are called out of class to celebrate with their fellow bus members about 15 minutes early during their reward day.

The bus driver also gets to keep the Golden Steering Wheel on the bus as a trophy for the month.



PHOTOS BY CONNER HILL

Pictured in the bus photo are students on bus 199 taking the Golden Steering Wheel to their driver, Jimmy Houff. Students pictured left to right are Rayne McGeorge, Mimi Guyer, Madison Artrip, Bella Cooke, and Justin Heitz.

This program is part of the PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports) framework and has seen great success in increasing the number of positive behaviors on the school buses.

W.E. Cundiff Elementary School has received both Tier 1 and Tier 2 designation for implementing PBIS with fidelity.

Submitted by W.E. Cundiff, Elementary School Assistant Principal Conner Hill

Vinton

from page 1



The Vinton Veterinary Hospital and Vinton Veterinary Specialty Services Center celebrated their new facility with a ribbon-cutting on March. 1



The new veterinary center has a dedicated “comfort room” to give families privacy in their last moments with their pets.

on time and done well,” she said in thanking MB executives Todd Morgan and Mike Cagle.

DantzlersingledoutMB Project Superintendent Stewart Bradley and Project Manager Sterling Smith especially for the “professionalism, care, and concern you brought to the project, which not only helped with the bumps along the road but made working on this project a joy. We appreciate you so much.”

She and Dr. Wiegard also thanked Ben Hagan, the National Veterinary Associates Director of Divisional Operations, and Jenn Mink, manager of Regional Operations, for being “our constant cheerleaders and advocates throughout this whole process.”

Dantzler then introduced Dr. Wiegard, “whose vision and determination are why we are here today. She has relentlessly pursued this project and is the driving force behind the design and functionality of this beautiful building.”

Dr. Jesse Webster, founder of the Vinton Veterinary Hospital 50 years ago, was also an honored guest at the ceremony. In 1973, the Vinton Veterinary Hospital was located

just across Washington Avenue in a small strip mall in a storefront with “shag carpet.” The practice moved across the street to the current location in 1979.

Wiegard began working as an associate veterinarian with Dr. Webster over 17 years ago in 2005, as the youngest member of the team. She was a fourth-year intern in veterinary school and she “never left.”

When Webster retired, Wiegard became the hospital’s managing DVM, its owner in 2020, and was recently promoted to Chief Medical Director for Vinton Vet, Pet Vet, and Botetourt Veterinary Hospital.

Webster also credited Dr. Wiegard’s vision, determination, and driving force as “why we are here today.”

The pandemic which adversely affected many businesses, turned out to be a boon for Vinton Vet. The rapid growth in business led to the realization that they needed more space. The practice had made some mainly cosmetic improvements to the building back in 2015, but since the hospital facility was surrounded by other businesses on all sides, there was no place

to expand. But the dream stayed with Wiegard—what she describes as her “crazy idea,” along with a lot of “blood, sweat, and tears,” and culminating in the renovation project.

Next up are plans for a major facelift for the Vinton Vet building next door. With some services moved to the newly renovated building, the current treatment and ICU areas will double in size in the original building. Examination rooms will become more spacious. Plans are for the kennel to be updated.

Vinton Vet has long been recognized for its caring dedication to pets and their families and to providing a calm and soothing environment and reduce fear for both pets and their owners. (All staff are certified as Fear Free.)

Vinton Vet also places an enormous emphasis on community outreach. The employees are familiar faces at events across the valley and a fixture in the Town of Vinton.

For more information on the Vinton Veterinary Hospital and the Vinton Veterinary Specialty Services Center, follow them on their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/VintonVet/>.



PHOTOS BY DEBBIE ADAMS

MB Contractors Project Manager Sterling Smith (on left) and Project Superintendent Stewart Bradley are shown with Hospital Manager Alyce Dantzler.

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Roanoke County schools closed April 7 and April 10

The Roanoke County School Board will be adding an extra day off for students and staff in April. In addition to the scheduled school closing on Friday, April 7, schools will also be closed on Monday, April 10.

Normally extra days are included in the calendar to account for snow days, however, no snow days have been used this school year. Banked days are built into the school calendar each year.

According to RCPS Superintendent Dr. Ken Nicely, “The additional day will give families a nice four-day weekend around the Easter holiday.”

The upcoming 2023-2024 Roanoke County school calendar has students beginning school on August 9, 2023, and ending on May 23, 2024, with graduation on May 21 and 22 of 2024.

Submitted by Roanoke County Public Schools

Heroes volunteer here: Vinton salutes its First Aid Crew



PHOTO COURTESY OF VFAC

Vinton First Aid Crew volunteer Orlando Martinez

Debbie Adams
dadams@mainstreetnewspapers.com

The Town of Vinton and The Vinton Messenger are saluting members of the Vinton First Aid Crew (VFAC). This week’s featured volunteer is Orlando Martinez. He has been with the crew for about a year. He is an EMT-Basic. He says he was inspired to join the crew by a friend who is an EMT.

Martinez is from Roanoke and enjoys playing music in his spare time.

“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,” Grose 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, Orlando Martinez!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Charles Hill Community Center:

Tai-Chi, March 9 at 9 a.m.; Senior Card Games, March 9 at 10:15 a.m.; line dancing March 14 at 10 a.m., 11:30 a.m., and 6 p.m.; Big House Dance on March 11 from 6:30 to 11:30 p.m.

Roanoke County Public Schools:

Early dismissal on March 15. Next School Board meeting on March 16 at 6 p.m. at the Central Administration Building on Cove Road. Schools closed for Easter holiday on both April 7 and 10 (calendar change).

Rosie’s Gaming Emporium:

Kemistry performs at 8 p.m. on March 10; Spectrum Band on March 11 at 8 p.m. Both are free shows for those 21 and older.

Town of Vinton:

1st Hot Rod and Classic Car Show of the season coming up on March 18 at the Vinton Farmers’ Market.

Sign up for the CodeRED alert system and the new All Things Vinton e-Newsletter on the Town of Vinton website at www.vintonva.gov.

PARTIAL ROAD CLOSURE:

Gus Nicks Blvd. and Washington Ave. will experience partial closures March 13-17 while AEP replaces streetlights along the roadway. The project includes the full length of the corridor from the east town limits boundary to the west town limits boundary. The new LED lights will be brighter and provide better visibility for drivers and pedestrians.

Twin Creeks Brewing Company:

Woodcraft Day on March 12 from 2-4 p.m. Make a St. Patrick’s Day craft with Unique Memories & Gifts of Rocky Mount; come and watch if you didn’t get a ticket. Goat snuggling is coming up again on March 19 and 26. Check the Facebook page for tickets.

Vinton Area Chamber of Commerce:

Annual Senior Expo scheduled for March 21 at the Vinton War Memorial beginning at 10 a.m.

Vinton Public Library:

St. Patrick’s Day Craft for adults and kids on March 16 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. (Celtic knot and 4-Leaf Clover Keychains with the Glowforge); learn about the foster care system on March 9 at 6 p.m. with First Home Care; Creations and Temptations on March 11 from 3-4 p.m., crafting and sweet chocolate temptations; Open Bridge on March 14 from 2-4 p.m.; Teen Advisory Group on March 13 from 5-6 p.m.; Junior Maker’s on March 15 from 4 to 5 p.m.; Wondertime on March 9 from 11 a.m. to noon; Jammie Time (ages 3-5) on March 14 at 6 p.m.; and Family Storytime (ages 0-5) on March 15 at 11:30.

Vinton Town Council:

Next meeting on March 21 in Council Chambers at 6 p.m.
Submit Upcoming Community News announcements to dadams@mainstreetnewspapers.com.

Pok-E-Joe’s BBQ Vinton set to open on April 4

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Pok-E-Joe’s BBQ Vinton restaurant has announced that the grand opening will take place on Tuesday, April 4. Owner Cory Welch says there is one more inspection to pass. After that, they will start training in the kitchen and on the floor.

According to Welch, they hope to have a couple of weeks for reservations-only soft openings leading up to the grand opening. The soft openings allow the restaurant to give live training as well as have time to make corrections in whatever capacity when needed on the fly. Keep an eye out on their Facebook page at Pok-E-Joe’s BBQ Vinton for announcements.

“Our goal is to provide the same excellent food and service that you would receive at Pok-E-Joe’s BBQ Boonsboro,” Welch said.

Pok-E-Joe’s is located at Vinyard Station in the spot formerly occupied by Joe Goodpies at 105 East Washington Avenue in downtown Vinton.

Welch announced the opening of the new BBQ restaurant in November: “With more than four generations of Vinton roots and William Byrd Terriers driving our passion for great southern style food, we are excited to announce a new location to enjoy our award-winning house-smoked meats from Pok-E-Joe’s Vinton. We are excited to share this next chapter in our story with a community that we’ve always considered family!”

Welch graduated in the William Byrd Class of 1992.

When Joe Goodpies closed unexpectedly last August, many of Welch’s friends and associates recommended him to developer Dale Wilkinson, who owns Vinyard Station. Wilkinson went to the Lynchburg restaurant to sample the menu, was impressed, and that set the ball rolling.

Poe-E-Joe’s has already become a part of the community with a fundraiser for the Virginia Breast Cancer Foundation at Twin Creeks Brewing Company on March 4 which raised over \$6,000. The restaurant served the BBQ dinners.



PHOTO BY DEBBIE ADAMS

Pok-E-Joe’s BBQ Vinton will be holding a grand opening on April 4.

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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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detailed description of your
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after April 1, 2023.

Legals - City of Salem

NOTICE OF
PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to all
interested persons that the
Board of Zoning Appeals of
the City of Salem, Virginia
will hold a public hearing, in
accordance with the
provisions of Sections 15.2-
2204 and 15.2-2309 of the
1950 Code of Virginia, as
amended, on March 23,
2023, at 4:00 p.m. in the
Council Chambers of City
Hall, 114 North Broad
Street, in the City of Salem,
Virginia, to consider the
following applications.

Request of the City of
Salem, property owner, and
Roanoke County, project
administrator, for a variance
from Section 106-226.7 of
the Code of the City of
Salem, to allow
construction of the
greenway trail, extending
from the existing trail on
Salem City owned property
(Tax Map # 178-4-1) near
Kingsmill Drive to the
Roanoke County owned
property (Parcel ID #
056.01-01-17.00-0000) near
Riverside Nursery. Section
106—226.7(A)
states that no new
construction shall be
permitted, except where the
effect of such development
on flood heights is fully
offset.

Request of the City of
Salem, property owner, for
a variance from Section
106-226.7 of the Code of
the City of Salem, to allow
the bridge widening of
Apperson Drive Bridge
along with incidental
greenway trail work on and
near the 1600 block East
Riverside Drive (Tax Map #
259-2-1). Section
106—226.7(A) states that
no new construction shall
be permitted, except
where the effect of such
development on flood
heights is fully offset.

At this hearing, all parties in
interest will be given an
opportunity to be heard,
present evidence, and show
cause why such requests
should or should not be
granted. For additional
information, contact the
Office of the Zoning
Administrator,
21 South Bruffey Street,
Salem, Virginia (Phone
3753032).

THE BOARD OF ZONING
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BY: Mary Ellen H. Wines,
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Legals - City of Salem

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Planning Commission, at its
regular meeting on March
15, 2023, at 7:00
p.m., in the Council
Chambers of City Hall, 114
N. Broad Street, in the City
of Salem, Virginia, will hold
a public hearing, pursuant
to Sections 15.2-2204
and 15.2-2285 of the Code
of Virginia, as amended, to
consider approval of the
following requests
relative to the CODE OF
THE CITY OF SALEM,
VIRGINIA:
1. Consider the request of
Michael O. Garst and Alan
L. Garst, property owners,
for rezoning the property
located at 907 Florida Street
(Tax Map # 185-5-9) from
HBD Highway
Business District to RSF
Residential Single Family.
2. Consider the request of
Daniel N Suggs Excavating
& Grading, Inc., property
owner, and AM
Transportation of
Roanoke, LLC, contract
purchaser, for the issuance
of a Special Exception
Permit to allow a truck
parking facility on
the property located at 2730
West Main Street, (Tax Map
174-5-1).

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

THE PLANNING
COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF SALEM,
VIRGINIA
BY:
James E. Taliaferro, II
Executive Secretary

Notice

is hereby given to all
interested persons that the
Council of the City of
Salem, at its regular
meeting on Monday, March
27, 2023, at 6:30 p.m., in
the Council Chambers of
City Hall, 114 N. Broad
Street, in the City of Salem,
Virginia, will hold a public
hearing, pursuant to
Sections 15.2-2204 and
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Legals -
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PUBLIC HEARING
NOTICE

The Virginia Department of
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33.1-70.01 of the Code of
Virginia, will conduct a joint
public hearing in the
Montgomery County
Government Center, 755
Roanoke Street,
Christiansburg, Virginia at
7:15 p.m. on Monday,
March 13, 2023. The
purpose of this public
hearing is to receive
public comment on the
proposed Secondary Six-
Year Plan for Fiscal Years
2023/2024 through 2028/29
in Montgomery County and
on the Secondary
System Construction
Budget for Fiscal Year
2023/24. Copies of the
proposed Plan and Budget
may be reviewed at the
Christiansburg Residency
Office of the Virginia
Department of
Transportation, located at
105 Cambria Street,
Christiansburg, Virginia or
at the Montgomery County
Government Center
located at 755 Roanoke
Street, Christiansburg,
Virginia. All projects in the
Secondary Six-Year Plan
that are eligible for federal
funds will be included
in the Statewide
Transportation Improvement
Program (STIP), which
documents how Virginia will
obligate federal
transportation funds.
Persons requiring
special assistance to attend
and participate in this
hearing should contact
the Virginia Department of
Transportation at (540) 381-
7201. Persons
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Legals
Town of Vinton

INVITATION FOR
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Vinton announces first Hot Rod and Classic Car Show of the season

The Town of Vinton has scheduled the first Hot Rod and Classic Car Show of the season for March 18 from 3 to 6 p.m. at the Vinton Farmers' Market.

Car shows had been a weekend fixture in Vinton in various locations prior to the pandemic. They resumed last year with great success on the Farmers' Market. Car enthusiasts were invited to "Come, park, cruise, and listen to the classics. Show off your own car or admire those of others."

Other car show dates for 2023 are April 15, May 20, June 17, July 15, Aug. 19, and Sept. 16.

The Farmers' Market is located at 204 West Lee Avenue in downtown Vinton. For more information contact Vinton Community Programs Director Chasity Barbour at cbarbour@vintonva.gov.

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Annual RCPS Backpack Run scheduled for March 18

Roanoke County Public Schools Education Foundation, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, is presenting the 10th Annual Backpack Run on Saturday, March 18 at Green Hill Park in Salem. Proceeds will be used to provide financial support for Roanoke County Public Schools education programs including grants for teachers (and the Golden Apple Awards) and scholarships for students.

Once again this year organizers are offering the best of both worlds— in-person and virtual races.

There is an 8-miler race beginning at 8 a.m., along with 5K & 10K races starting at 10 a.m. Take the Backpack Challenge by participating in all three events (5K, 10K, and 8-miler) to earn not only the three

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Packet pickup is scheduled for Friday, March 17 at RunAboutSports in Roanoke from 3-6 p.m. or at Green Hill Park before the 5K & 10K races start at 10 a.m.; 8-Miler participants must come to packet pickup on Friday.

There is a \$15 on-site late registration fee, and no discounts are available. Pay by cash or a check payable to the RCPS Education Foundation.

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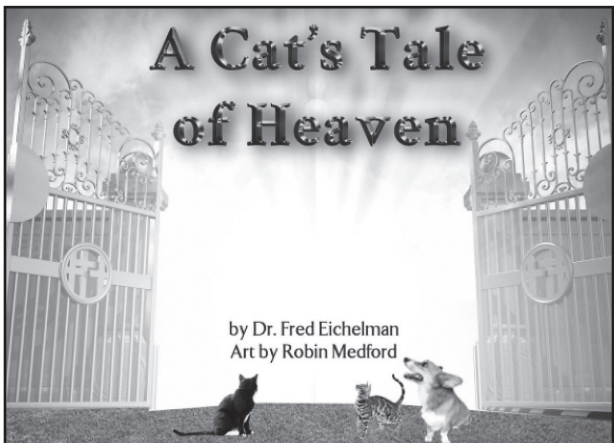
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PEOPLE, PLACES AND THINGS

By Angie Chewning

Author Fred Eichelman introduced readers to Chatool (Hebrew for “cat”) in “A Cat’s Nativity Tale.” The cat appeared again in “A Cat’s Tale of the Resurrection” and “A Cat’s Tale of the Holy Spirit,” published by Amazon. Now Chatool is back in the March 1 release of “A Cat’s Tale of Heaven.” All are part of Dr. Eichelman’s prayer that he is following The Great Commission.

According to his bio on Amazon, “Dr. Fred Eichelman is a retired Virginia public school teacher whose career spanned four decades. He is a graduate of Bridgewater College, with a Master of Education degree from the University of Virginia and a Doctor of Social Studies Education degree awarded by Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State and State University. He is the author of three history and government textbooks and multiple works of fiction. He



COURTESY OF ANGIE CHEWNING

Author Dr. Fred Eichelman has released another book in the “Cat’s Tale” series.

has written for several print magazines and has served as a book and film reviewer. Now in his mid-80s, he is still writing.”

Eichelman is also the father of William Byrd High School Theatre Arts Department Chair Carol Webster.

Artist Robin Medford, who brought the vision of Chatool’s stories to life through his illustrations, has partnered with Dr. Fred on the creation of these books. There is also an audio version narrated by actress Kathy Garver.

According to a review on Amazon, “It has been over sixty years since

Chatool, Pip the Kelp (Hebrew for ‘dog’) and Mary witnessed the day of Pentecost and the beginning of the Christian church. In ‘A Cat’s Tale of Heaven’ they have been led by angels to the Isle of Patmos to meet with the apostle John during his creation of Revelation as dictated by The Holy Spirit.

“While on Patmos, they learn about the power of calling upon the name of Jesus when Chatool must again face Satan. Something that entitles the three to visit Heaven.”

Thrasher Memorial announces Easter timetable for Holy Week

Thrasher Memorial United Methodist Church in Vinton has announced its timetable for Easter services during Holy Week.

The Thrasher Choir will present its annual Easter cantata on Sunday, April 2, during the 11 a.m. worship service.

Maundy Thursday services are scheduled for April 6 at 6:30 p.m. There will be an Easter Friday worship service on Good Friday, April 7, at 5:30 p.m.

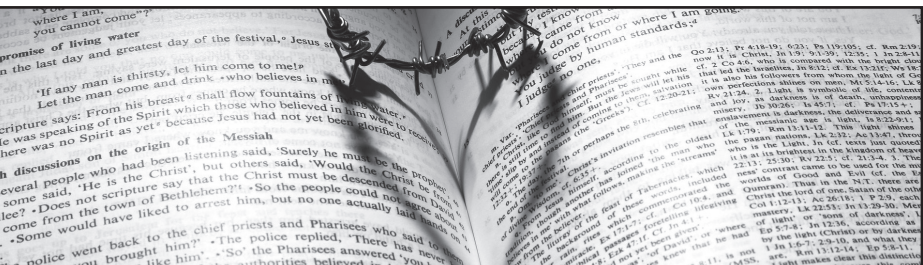
There will also be a 24-hour Prayer Vigil from Friday evening, April 7 until Saturday evening, April 8.

On Easter Sunday, April 9, the community is invited to a Sunrise Service at 6:30 a.m. at Mountain View Cemetery. There will also be Easter services at 8 a.m. in the chapel, a contemporary service at 9 a.m. in the main sanctuary, and a traditional service at 11 a.m. in the main sanctuary.

During March and on April 7, Thrasher Pastor John Hemming will be presenting “Lentin Live” devotionals on the Thrasher Facebook page at 9:05 a.m. each Tuesday through Friday. The Thrasher Facebook page can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/thrasherumc>.

Thrasher Memorial is located at 707 East Washington Avenue in Vinton.

~ Thrasher Memorial UMC



Remembering

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10—the largest combined festival in District VI history.

Developer F.W. Finney announced that he would be opening a new swimming pool and tennis club, “Aqua-Net Swim and Racquet Club,” on Memorial Day 1973 in Montgomery Village. The club was to include a heated pool, a wading pool, tennis and basketball courts. Tennis and swimming lessons were to be offered.

The Burlington Industries Vinton Plant announced that employment had increased to 500 workers with an annual payroll of \$3.5 million.

Chewning’s Interiors owners Bob and Bill Chewning announced a \$120,000 addition to their building on East Washington Avenue.

Developer and realtor Bill Cundiff announced an increase for his company in housing starts in Vinton from the previous year. There were 32 housing starts in Bali Hai and 34 in Dillon Woods. F.W. Finney reported 75 housing starts in the past year.

Subsequently, the enrollment at the new Hardy Road Elementary School increased by 10% to 780 students, Principal Frank Stone reported. The construction cost of the new school had been \$1.1 million.

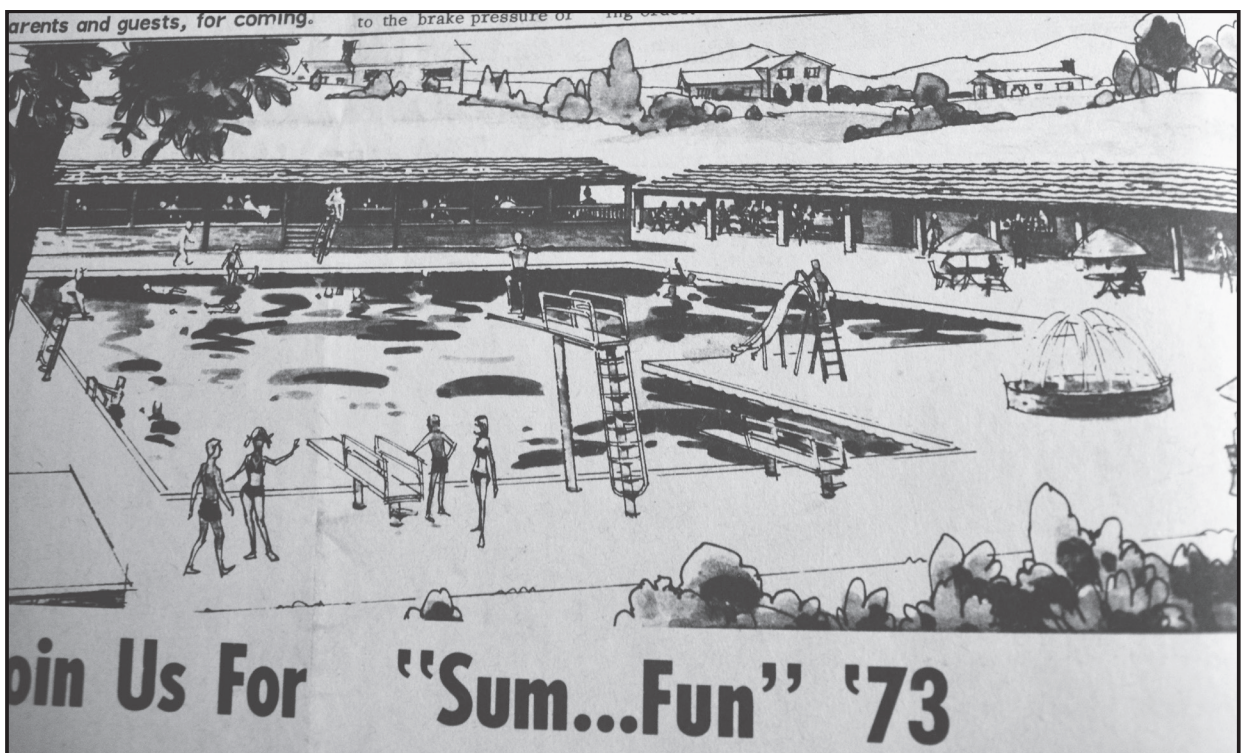
Congressman Caldwell Butler delivered 700 letters from the students at Hardy Road Elementary to President Richard Nixon. They were thanking him for “ending the war in Vietnam and bringing the prisoners home.”

School menus for March 1973 featured pizza, hamburgers, hot dogs, fish squares. Leprechaun fried chicken, chicken noodle soup, BBQ, chili beans, chicken pot pie, spaghetti and meatballs, and turkey with sweet potatoes.

Business was booming in Vinton in 1972-73 with the opening of Air Flow, Whitlow’s Geotechnics, Bushnell’s TV and Appliances, Obenchain’s Flowers, Middy’s Fashions, a Wilco station, Vinton Savings and Loan, People’s Federal Savings and Loan, Kenney’s Restaurant, a Seven Eleven, Modern Carpet and Tile, Temp-O-Matic, Vinton Auto Parts, the Bob Woods building, Finch, Evans, & Davis Construction, McGuire Auto Painting, the F.W. Finney Construction Company remodel, and Holiday Pool Company.

O r e n - R o a n o k e firefighting apparatus manufacturers reported a 50% increase in business over the past year; in fact, manager Delbert Spangler said they “were swamped.” The Town of Vinton building permits totaled \$2.1 million.

It was announced that evangelist Rev. William



Finney Construction prepared to open the Aqua-Net swimming pool and tennis club in Montgomery Village in the summer of 1973.

Bright, leader of Campus Crusade for Christ International, would be the grand marshal for the 1973 Dogwood Parade. Patricia Dale Moore of Tunstall High School was named Dogwood Festival Queen; Virginia’s 1973 Junior Miss Teresa Lynn Plymale would also appear.

At H&H Super Market shoppers could purchase tomatoes for 35 cents a pound, ground beef for 89 cents a pound, a dozen Temple oranges for 75 cents a pound, and five cans of Pet Evaporated milk for \$1. And the rate on two-year CDs at Vinton Savings and Loan was 6%.

Additional funding requested for William Byrd renovation project

Debbie Adams

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At a Roanoke County School Board work session on March 2, Director of Operations and Facilities Todd Kageals informed the members that additional funding would be necessary to replace multiple HVAC units at William Byrd High School during the renovation project.

“We have received a recommendation from AVIS Construction to replace multiple HVAC units at WBHS which are not currently functioning as designed,” said Kageals. “The cost for these replacements is approximately \$1.5 million. The RCPS Maintenance Team has reviewed the proposal and determined that many of these units have significant service life remaining. The Maintenance Team has proposed that in lieu of replacing the units we can replace the control systems and make additional repairs. One unit (PAC-E3) would be replaced under this plan. The total estimate to replace PAC-E3, replace all control systems, and make additional repairs is \$350,000. The Maintenance Team believes this will allow the entire HVAC system to function as designed.”

These repairs/replacements were

not included in the original scope of work and would require additional funding. Staff is recommending that the board consider funding the repair/replacement plan as recommended by the RCPS Maintenance Team, rather than replacing multiple HVAC units. Funds will come from Major Capital. Action will be taken at the next School Board meeting on March 16.

Discussion from board members determined that it is best to complete these repairs/replacements while the renovation/construction project is still underway.

Kageals also requested that \$130,224 be appropriated from the WBHS Renovation Contingency Fund for additional furniture (\$99,430), 47 filing cabinets (at \$234.99 each), shelving for the cafeteria and special education closets (\$2,000), concrete sealer for sidewalks (\$1,500), 76 corkboards and installation (\$4,750), and RPZ Backflow Preventer and Shut-off Valves (\$11,500).

The additional furniture includes tables of different sizes, chairs, and desks for teacher workrooms, guidance rooms, the library office, other small offices, the second floor corridor, along with bookcases for the library, and display cases

Twin Creeks fundraiser raises over \$6,000 for cancer research

Twin Creeks Brewing Company in Vinton hosted the fourth annual “Beer, BBQ, and Boobs” fundraiser on March 4 and brought in donations of over \$6,000 for the Virginia Breast Cancer Foundation (VBCF). The original goal had been \$5,000.

One hundred percent of ticket sales for the event went to the non-profit VBCF, 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.”

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 Robertson and Andy and Jason Bishop.

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 InVinton and the Town of

Vinton, Pok-E-Joe’s BBQ, Boonsboro, Roanoke Valley Orthodontics, Colonial Downs, and Rosie’s Gaming Emporium, Steidle & Gordon, Attorneys at Law, The Answer Network, Magnets USA, Ashley Conner, MKB Realtors, Pop Goes the Party, Christi’s Cakes & Creations, Ghermichky Family Chiropractor, Botetourt Chiropractor, the Vinton Dogwood Festival, Unique Memories & Gifts, Radio Rehab, Jojo Stockton & Solacoustix, and Tidy Services.

*Submitted by Twin Creeks Brewing Company
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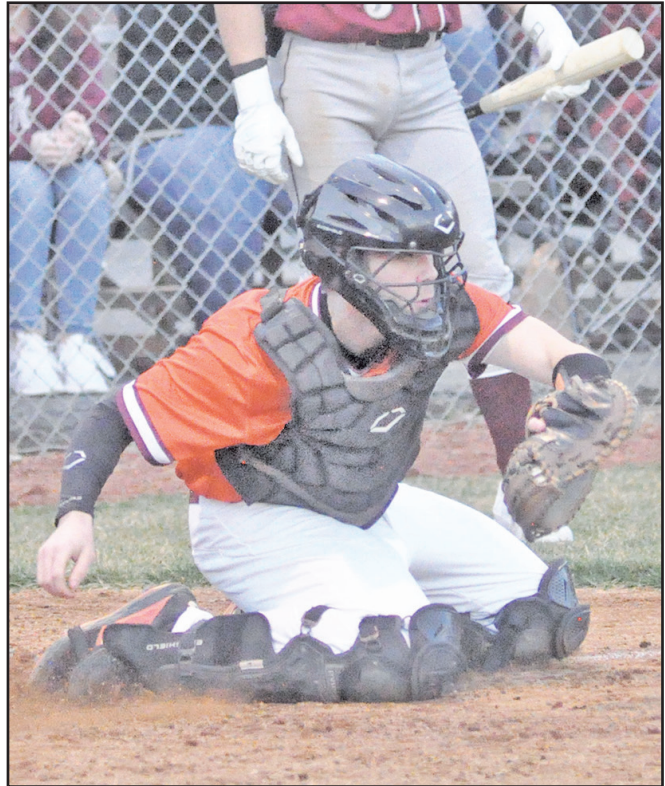


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In March 1973 Congressman Caldwell Butler delivered 700 letters from Hardy Road Elementary School students to President Richard Nixon, thanking him for ending the war in Vietnam.

SPORTS

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Monday was a busy day for local athletes with the start of spring nearing. Above left, Austin Kroner of William Byrd Middle School leads off third base in a baseball game with Andrew Lewis Middle School in Salem. The Terriers dropped a close 5-4 decision. Middle, Noah Thompson of the William Byrd varsity team takes a throw to the plate from the outfield in Monday's scrimmage with Amherst at Walthall Park. Right, William Byrd(right in photo) and Franklin County players battle for the ball in a boys' lacrosse scrimmage on Highfill Field in Vinton.

PHOTOS BY SUZANNE WITCHER & BRIAN HOFFMAN

High School spring sports for Byrd teams begin next week

This weekend is the start of “Daylight Savings” and the sports teams at William Byrd are ready to “Spring Forward” with the official start of Virginia High School League games, matches and meets next week.

Monday is the official start of VHSL spring sports but Byrd has nothing on the schedule. Tuesday is a different story as the Terriers have a full slate of action to open the spring season.

The Byrd baseball team will host Liberty at 5:30 pm to open the season and the jayvees are at Liberty, same time. The softball team will have a varsity game at Liberty at 5:30 pm and the jayvee softball team will host the Minutewomen at Byrd.

Both soccer teams open Tuesday. The boys will host a jayvee-varsity doubleheader against Bassett beginning with a 5:30 pm jayvee game and the girls will be at Bassett

with the same schedule. Both tennis teams have matches with Hidden Valley, with the girls at home and the boys at Hidden Valley.

Next Wednesday, March 15, the girls and boys lacrosse teams open at home against Hidden Valley. The girls are scheduled to play at 5:30 pm at Patterson Stadium while the boys follow at approximately 7:15 pm. The softball team will host Christiansburg at home and the softball jay-

vees are at Christiansburg. The boys' jayvee baseball team is home to Christiansburg for a 7 pm game.

A week from today, on Thursday March 16, both tennis teams play Bassett. The boys are home for a 4:30 pm match and the girls are at Bassett.

The Terriers have a full slate of action for St. Patrick's Day, Friday March 17. Home events include tennis against Cave Spring at 4:30 pm, jayvee

baseball against Cave Spring at 5 pm, varsity softball against Cave Spring at 5 pm, jayvee boys' soccer against Hidden Valley at 5:30 pm and varsity soccer against Hidden Valley at 7 pm.

Byrd teams playing at Cave Spring next Friday include boys' tennis at 4:30 pm, varsity baseball at 5 pm and jayvee softball at 5 pm. The girls' soccer team is at Hidden Valley, with the jayvees at 5:30 pm and the varsity at 7 pm.

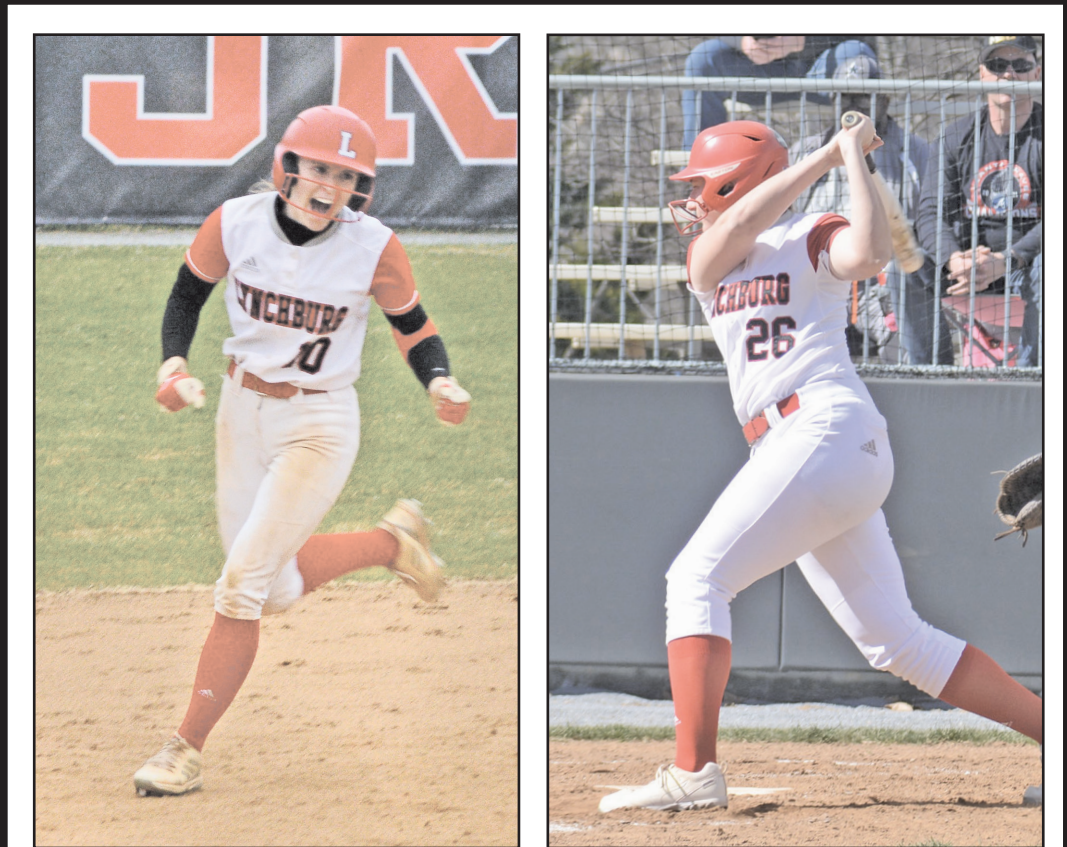


JR. BIG ORANGE WRESTLING

Vinton was the site of the Junior Big Orange Wrestling Tournament at William Byrd last Saturday. Above, Zane Taylor (right in photo) works on his opponent and, right, five year olds compete on the Byrd mats.



PHOTOS BY SUZANNE WITCHER



Byrd grads playing softball at University of Lynchburg

Two former William Byrd softball standouts are back on the diamond at the University of Lynchburg this spring. Lexi Powell and Bri Hodges are both juniors playing for the Hornets for their third season. Left Powell, an outfielder, rounds the bases after homering against Mary Baldwin. Hodges, right, is also an outfielder. The Hornets are 7-3 after 10 games and will be playing in the Sea Gull Classic at Salisbury, MD the weekend of March 17 & 18.

PHOTOS BY BILLY POWELL

Jr. Dawgs win ice hockey championship in Lake Placid

The Junior Dawgs 10U ice hockey team, stationed out of the LancerLot in Vinton, traveled to Lake Placid, New York to participate in the “Miracle on Ice International Hockey Tournament” the last weekend in February. The event was

held at Herb Brooks Arena on the same ice that the USA Olympic team beat the USSR team in the 1980 Olympic games.

The kids were told at the beginning of the season that they would be playing in this tournament, and they trained extensively for months in preparation for it. They studied the 1980 Olympics, what team USA was able to overcome and achieve, and looked forward to having their moment in their own history.

Since the beginning of the season, the Junior Dawgs took it on their shoulders to do all they could to best represent not only themselves, but the team and the Roanoke Valley, knowing they would be playing against highly skilled teams from New York and New England.

The Junior Dawgs won three of their first four games, playing teams from Rhode Island and New York, to make the final against the SLP Lakers from Lake Placid. The Dawgs then won an exciting final, 7-6, to bring the championship home to Virginia.



Players and coaches on the Junior Dawgs ice hockey team included, front row left to right; Eli Ray-Jones, Wyatt Russell, Brooks Ferguson, Brayden Nicholson, Jack Picard, Reilly Madden, Kier Kanode and Jack Yearsley. Back row, left to right; Logan Bowman, Finley Kanode, Lincoln Parrish, Breckan Connelly, Jack Madden, Carroll Schilling, Grayson Amos, Adam McNamara and Brayden Hawse. Coaches are, back left to right; Rob Parrish, Trevor Bowman, Paul Madden, Ryan Schilling and Scott Kanode.