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Vinton Town Council retreat focuses on mission, vision, priorities, strategies



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Members of Vinton Town Council held a Strategic Planning Retreat at the Roanoke Higher Education Center on March 24. Pictured left to right are Councilman Keith Liles, Councilwoman Sabrina McCarty, Mayor Brad Grose, Councilwoman Laurie Mullins, and Vice Mayor Mike Stovall.

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Vinton Town Council held its annual retreat on March 24 at the Roanoke Higher Education Center. All council members attended including Mayor Brad Grose, Vice Mayor Mike Stovall, and Council members Sabrina McCarty, Laurie Mullins, and Keith Liles. Town Manager Pete Peters emceed the all-day event.

Council members, the town's leadership team also participated in the retreat, making presentations on current, recently completed, and upcoming projects in their individual departments.

Retreats are considered to be a powerful tool for helping local government focus on the town's core values, mission, vision, and strategies to help decision-making on a daily basis. They allow elected officials and staff members to leave

behind the day-to-day routine and focus on the big picture.

This session was facilitated by Charles Hartgrove, Director of the Virginia Institute of Government at the University of Virginia's Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service. Anna Bentson, Assistant Director of Economic Development for the City of Lynchburg, delivered a presentation on Place Making during the morning as well.

Hartgrove emphasized

the importance of local government, calling it the most important of all levels of government because it is most responsible for service delivery to citizens. He talked about Vinton's Council-Manager form of government in which Town Council determines a vision for the community and the town manager and staff facilitate and implement

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PHOTO COURTESY OF MARSHA LYON GARRISON

Marsha, Ellen, and Jan Lyon rode on the Obenchain Flowers float in the 1964 Vinton Dogwood Festival Parade. (Now Marsha Lyon Garrison, Ellen Lyon Flowers, and Jan Lyon Fitzpatrick.)

Vinton Dogwood Festival Parade set for April 29

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The 68th annual Vinton Dogwood Festival Parade is coming up on Saturday, April 29 at 2:30 p.m.

According to Vinton history shared by the Dogwood Festival Committee, in 1956 the Vinton Band Boosters saw the need for new uniforms for the William Byrd High School band. To finance the project, the organization sold small dogwood trees. The idea evolved into a community project that culminated in a festival. The following

year, Vinton Town Council and town citizens decided to make it an annual event and the Dogwood Festival was born.

Marsha Lyon Garrison fondly recalls riding on a float in the 1964 Dogwood Parade, along with her sisters Ellen and Jan. The float was sponsored by Obenchain's Flowers and designed by Bill Obenchain, the owner of the flower shop.

"My sisters and I were 17, 15, and 13 at the time," Garrison says. "My sister Ellen and I worked part-

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Vinton artists showcased in SPCA 'Best in Show'

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The Roanoke Valley SPCA held the annual "Best in Show" art exhibit with 245 pieces of animal art on display at Charter Hall at the Roanoke City Market Building from March 24-26. The paintings, photographs, and sculptures were created by artists from across Virginia's Blue Ridge, ranging in age from elementary school to adult.

Several Vinton artists had their works on display, including:

- Addisyn Ackley, "Little Lady"
- Dakota Bell, "Studio Ghibli Cat Bus"
- Ilona Bobbitt, "Resting Holstein"
- Variah Bradac, "Mr. Fancy"
- Stephanie Burkholder, "Lady in Waiting"
- Grace Dolan, "Pebble, the Canadian Marble Fox"
- Camryn Eaker, "Muscle Memory"
- Cadence Fralin, "Trotful Sunday"
- Isaiah Gediek, "Siren at Night"
- Allyson Goin (William Byrd art teacher): "Busy Bees" and "Under the Sea"
- Katherine Johnson, "My Scary Valentine"



Denise Sartell won a "Round-of-A-Paws" Best in Show award for her "Pom' King and 'Pom' Queen" at the Roanoke Valley SPCA art exhibit on March 24-26. The painting was inspired by her Pomeranian puppies.



Mary Beth Layman's "Joyful Noise" was created with a combination of handmade art papers, painted canvas, and vintage sheet music.

PHOTOS BY DEBBIE ADAMS



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The historic Gladetown Cemetery has been restored and preserved through the efforts of the community and the Vinton Breakfast Lions Club who took the project on in 2015.

Gladetown Cemetery Project marks its 8th year

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In 2014, Gladetown Cemetery, located on top of a steep hill on Giles Avenue in Vinton, resembled a thicket more than an historic resting place for residents of the Gladetown community.

Members of the community who had been maintaining the cemetery were aging. There were few family members left in the area to tend the plots. But the biggest obstacle the community faced was determining who owned the property. Residents of the Gladetown area had

been trying for 20 years to obtain permission to take charge of the cemetery's maintenance.


The land might have originally belonged to the Glade Land Company, which no longer exists. John Franklin, who owned the property in 1906, died without a will. A law exists which allows for the transfer of the property of a person who dies without heirs back to the state. The property becomes "escheat property."

While gaining property would seem beneficial to most people, gaining property rights to a cemetery has its downside—someone must maintain the graves.

Compounding the confusion was the fact that the property where the cemetery is located was once part of Roanoke County and then was transferred to Vinton during annexation many years ago.


In 1996, Gladetown residents, including historian Joe Banks, began

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WMU members and Vinton Baptist pastors gathered at Vinton Baptist at a reception on March 19 to honor Ethel Dickerson for her dedication to missions and her life of service.

Dickerson honored by Vinton Baptist for dedication to missions

By Kathryn Sowers, Vinton Baptist Church, and Debbie Adams, The Vinton Messenger

A surprise reception was held on March 19 to honor Ethel Dickerson for her years of service to Vinton Baptist Church, the Roanoke Valley, and the Virginia Women's Missionary Union (WMU).

Members of two WMU circles— Alma Hunt and Helen Siner Wood— donated funds to purchase a brick in Ethel's honor to be installed in the Walk of Faith at the national WMU Headquarters in Birmingham, Alabama.

The Walk of Faith is an honor/memorial pathway for those who love missions and inspire others in missions.

Dickerson is a long-time resident of Vinton and a member of Vinton Baptist since 1965. She has served the Vinton Baptist WMU and the Roanoke Valley Baptist WMU as director. She served on the Virginia Baptist WMU committee that chose and purchased the

property for Crossroads Camp & Conference Center, the Virginia Baptist camp located in Lowesville, Va., in Amherst County. She also served the Roanoke Valley Baptist Association as moderator and was moderator for Vinton Baptist Church for many years.

She has lived in the same house in Vinton since the early 1960s. Her husband, J.W., worked for Norfolk & Western for 39 years. They met at a friend's house soon after he returned from serving in the U.S. Navy in the Pacific Theatre in World War II. She was washing dishes; he picked up the drying cloth to help.

The Dickersons were married for 53 years and raised two children before he passed away in 2000. Dickerson has said she relies mightily on her faith. When she was a child in Roanoke, she took it upon herself to go to the Salvation Army for church services, then Sunday School at First Baptist, where she was baptized at age 16.

She says she has always believed in making the

best of any situation, being grateful for what you have, doing the best you can each day, and asking God for help.

Dickerson is an accomplished artist. She has always loved to draw and paint. She especially enjoys painting greeting cards for those who are ill, bereaved, or might just need an uplifting message. She gives away many of her paintings— there are some displayed on the walls at Vinton Baptist, in other Vinton locations, and on the walls of her friends' homes.

Church secretary Patsy Talbert says Dickerson has been a great influence at Vinton Baptist where she taught Sunday School for all ages for many years, along with Vacation Bible School. She is an ordained deacon at the church. She was a long-time member of the Chancel Choir.

When she took on the role of moderator for the Roanoke Valley Baptist Association, Dickerson visited at least 72 Baptist churches in the Roanoke Valley over the years.



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Vinton Baptist's Ethel Dickerson (on left) has been honored for her years of service to the church, the Roanoke Valley, and the Virginia Women's Missionary Union. A brick will be installed in her honor at the Walk of Faith at WMU national headquarters in Birmingham, Ala. Molly Stanley made the presentation.

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VINTON HISTORY: IRONING BOARDS

A kitchen table or a board supported by two chairs was used for ironing before the folding ironing board.

The first U.S. patents for folding ironing boards appeared in the 1860s. Some shapes that we would now call ironing boards were called ironing tables. Different boards were made for specialized tasks like ironing sleeves and bonnets.

In 1892, the world's most recognized ironing board inventor, Sarah Boone, obtained a patent for improvements to the ironing board—the forerunner of the modern folding ironing board with a narrow, curved shape, designed to make it easy to iron shirts.

By about 1898, the ironing board came equipped with legs that could be folded down and enabled the board to be set up anywhere. These early manufactured ironing boards were made of wood. Today, many are metal.

Those on display at the Vinton History Museum are early wood models. Pictured is an ironing board donated by Geraldine St. Clair in 1998.

See the ironing boards and thousands of other artifacts at the museum, 210 East Jackson Avenue in Downtown Vinton. The museum is open Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and every first Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.



BY JUDY CUNNINGHAM

This wooden ironing board was donated to the Vinton History Museum by Geraldine St. Clair.

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PHOTO BY DEBBIE ADAMS

High school student Gretchen Kinney used acrylics to paint "Prehistoric Lovebirds."

Gretchen Kinney, "Prehistoric Lovebirds", Mary Beth Layman, "Joyful Noise", Riley O'Malley, "Unlikely Friends", McKenna Paradis, "Tank the Chihuahua", Kristin Patrick, "Sweet Kitty", Payton Ramsey, "Mermaid Shepherd", Denise Sartell (William Byrd art teacher): "Pom' King &

"Pom' Queen", Olivia Strassburg, "Blue Spotted Geko", Lennon Wright, "In the Sand", All proceeds from tickets to the event were designated for the Roanoke Valley SPCA. The "Best in Show" is one of the organization's largest fundraisers each year. Each piece was available for purchase, with at least 50% of the artwork sales benefitting

the shelter.

The main sponsor for the exhibit was the VCA Valley Animal Hospital.

According to organizers of the art show, "The Roanoke Valley SPCA is a non-profit animal shelter and relies heavily on the donations and support from generous individuals like the artists who spent their time and talent to make this event possible."

Vinton Churches schedule upcoming Easter Programs

Thrasher Memorial United Methodist Church in Vinton has announced its schedule of Easter services during Holy Week. The Thrasher Choir will present its annual Easter Cantata on Palm 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 6:30 p.m. 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.

Vinton Baptist Church will be hosting the Chancel Choir and Orchestra Palm Sunday Musical, "A Living Hope" on April 2, at both the 8:45 and 11 a.m. services. Maundy Thursday services will be in the sanctuary on April 6 at 6 p.m.

Vinton Wesleyan Church has scheduled the Easter service for April 9 at 10:30 a.m. The church will also be hosting a Super Saturday Easter Egg Hunt on April 8.

Dogwood

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The Vinton Dogwood Festival Parade comes up Washington Avenue years ago when it was a two-lane road.

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time at the flower shop and later on, Jan worked there, too. We helped Bill decorate the float and we had a blast riding on it in the parade.”

Garrison’s grandfather was Will Robertson of Vinton. She has lived in Christiansburg for 44 years, but has kept up with the news in Vinton, especially concerning the Dogwood Festival.

In the first years of the festival, invitations were sent to out-of-town bands, while businesses and organizations around Vinton made plans for floats they would enter in the parade. By 1959, organizers were looking for additional funds and contributions to make the festival “bigger and better.” Town Council came up with \$500 and the Vinton Area Chamber of Commerce kicked in \$750.

The Vinton Woman’s Club donated \$100, and individuals pledged various amounts to the festival, which became a huge success, drawing more than 10,000 people to the parade. By the time the 1960 festival rolled around, it took more than 800 people to put on the show, and

600 of them were school children.

Nowadays the Dogwood Festival is facilitated by a non-profit committee and is funded by donations, sponsorships, and fundraising events, along with fees from concessions, vendors, and a carnival.

The official Dogwood Festival Craft Show on April 29 has sold out for vendor spaces, along with the Business Showcase, the non-profit vendors, and professional and non-profit food vendors.

This year the Dogwood Festival Committee is offering free entry in the parade for floats, marching/walking units, costumed characters, novelty units, classic cars, music groups and more who would like to participate in the parade. Visit www.vintondogwoodfest.com to register.

The Dogwood Festival kicks off with a concert by country/rock band Rare Form on Friday, April 28 at the Vinton Farmer’s Market at 6 p.m. Admission is \$5.

A full day of activities is planned for Saturday, April 29 with vendors and

entertainment from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in downtown Vinton.

The traditional AACA Antique Car Show will be held in the parking lot at Thrasher Memorial United Methodist Church from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The 2023 Dogwood Queen will be crowned on the Vinton Municipal Building stage at noon. Ten senior girls from William Byrd High School have been nominated for the honor. The Queen and her court will be featured in the parade.

Roanoke County firemen who fought the devastating blaze in downtown Vinton on July 2, 2022, will be serving as grand marshals of this year’s Dogwood Parade.

Performers on the Vinton Farmers’ Market stage throughout the day include:

- 10 a.m. William Byrd High School Jazz Band
- 10:30 a.m. Mish Moves Dance Co.
- 11 a.m. Let’s Dance Band
- 11:30 a.m. musician Hoppie Vaughn
- 12:15 Let’s Dance Band
- 1:00 p.m. Defy Gravity Cheer
- 1:15 p.m. Terry and Raymond Duo

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Jimmy Wilson and Friends will be appearing on the Vinton Baptist Stage.

Street performer Christian Yeah Yeah Thompson will be in downtown Vinton throughout the day. This year’s festival will not have the traditional carnival.

This year’s Dogwood Festival Committee is led by President Jeff Teass, Vice President Callie Webb, Secretary Lauren Tilley, Treasurer Connie Houff, Publicity Chair Mary Beth Layman, Retail Vendor/Non-profit Vendor Chair Heather Beamer, Kids Zone/Teens Zone Chair Mary Beth Layman, Food Vendors Chair Chasity Barbour, Crafter Vendors Chair Callie Webb, Floats Chair Heather Beamer, Bands/Festival Entertainment Chair Joey Nicely, Parade Chair Chasity Barbour, Website Chair Taylor Johnson, and Fundraising Co-Chairs Beth Abbott and Lauren Tilley.

Beginners welcome to Mountain Dulcimer intro class at Vinton Library

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All teens and adults who want to learn more about the Mountain Dulcimer and the basics in getting started playing the instrument are encouraged to attend “Introduction to the Mountain Dulcimer” on Thursday, April 6 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at the Vinton Library. This is a one-time class, but it may lead you to the Roanoke Valley Dulcimers group which meets each month at the library and performs throughout the area. One purpose of the introductory class is to grow membership in the organized dulcimer group.

The introductory class was offered for the first time on March 2, led by dulcimer players Jesse Shelor, Carla Fosbre (a local piano teacher), and Vinton Branch Librarian Kimberly Burnette-Dean, who has been playing the dulcimer for over 30 years. They were more than eager to share their knowledge of and their love for the mountain

dulcimer. They brought along instruments for those who had none and shared stories of their own instruments— their histories and builders.

Shelor offered some basic knowledge, beginning with explaining all the parts and the purpose of each in creating the unique dulcimer tones to the beginners who attended. Some had experience playing other instruments such as the guitar, banjo or piano; others came out of curiosity; one came because she had inherited a dulcimer from a member of her family.

Gary Holmgren has played guitar for years, but decided to switch to dulcimer because of a case of “frozen shoulder” which made the guitar too difficult. Laura Roark had inherited the heirloom dulcimer from her uncle who built it. Sherry Camper came to the class because her parents are dulcimer players and she wanted

a little more knowledge. Charles Palmer learned guitar chords as a child, but hadn’t pursued playing an instrument as an adult. He heard the Roanoke Valley Dulcimers perform in Stewartsville and thought it might be an instrument he could play.

There was talk of the different types of wood dulcimers are made from and the advantages of each. You can even buy a cardboard dulcimer for about \$100.

Shelor told the class that the dulcimer is a relatively easy instrument to learn to play. You don’t have to be able to read music to participate.

Dulcimer music includes all genres—but mainly old time music, the classics, hymns, and folk songs; however, one of the musicians confessed to playing rock n’ roll—specifically “Black Sabbath” on occasion.

Join the class on April 6 for more information on the art of dulcimer playing. Register at www.rocolibrary.org.



Dulcimer beginner Gary Holmgren attended the “Introduction to Mountain Dulcimer” class on March 2. He is shown with Kimberly Burnette-Dean, a member of the Roanoke Valley Dulcimers group. She has been playing for over 30 years.



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Piano teacher Carla Fosbre, also a member of the Roanoke Valley Dulcimers, demonstrates her skills during the introductory class.

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21. Arid
23. A way to look
24. Heroes
28. A surfer rides it
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30. Insect repellent
32. Cool!
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41. Blood type
42. Looked over
44. Language of Cameroon and Chad
46. Species of armadillo
47. Touch softly
49. Part of your upper body
52. Large, stocky lizards
56. Lack of social or ethical standards
58. Congressman
60. Unofficial force
62. As a result of this utterance
63. A main branch of Islam

CLUES DOWN

1. Woman (French)
2. Province of Pakistan
3. This (Spanish)

4. Transportation device
5. Greater in importance or priority
6. The human foot
7. Within 8. Consumed
9. Respectful Malaysian term
10. Therefore
12. Ceased to exist
13. Type of macaroni
16. English composer
17. Wooded tract
20. Tall, slender-leaved plant
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55. Clusters of fern fronds
57. Body part
58. A person’s brother or sister
59. Breed of sheep native to Sweden
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Downtown demolition tentatively set to begin on April 10

In a media release, Vinton Town Manager Pete Peters states that “the Town of Vinton has been notified that demolition of the remaining fire-damaged structures on Lee Ave and Pollard Street is tentatively set to

begin on Monday, April 10. The contractor is predicting somewhere in the four-to-six-week range to completely take down and remove all debris. “Due to the close proximity and shared walls with adjacent

structures, much of the work will have to be done by hand and will contribute to the length of time to complete the task. “More details will be shared as a full demo plan is provided by the

contractors and/or owners of the structures, and road closures and detours are fully known. “It is not anticipated that adjacent businesses will be impacted during the demolition, other than the possible road closures

that will be necessary to provide contractors a safe space to operate and load debris. “The contractor is also aware of the Dogwood Festival scheduled for April 28-29 and the intentions are to

have remaining demo contained to the site by the week of April 24 so that it should have minimal impact on the festival and parade. “Thank you for your patience during this process.”



Due to the proximity and shared walls of the fire-damaged structures on Lee and Pollard in downtown Vinton, much of the work will be done by hand.



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Demolition of fire-damaged structures in downtown Vinton is tentatively set to begin on April 10, and continue for four to six weeks.

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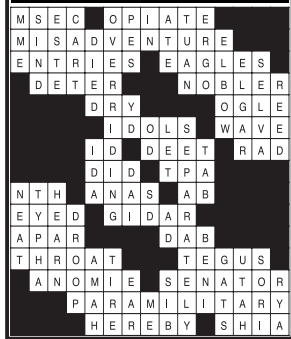
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Pollard Street closure update

A short portion of the southbound lane of South Pollard Street in downtown Vinton will be temporarily closed beginning Monday, April 3 through Friday, April 7 to allow for contractors to install a new sanitary sewer utility connection to support a new business within downtown. The street closure was initially announced for March 25-March 29, but contractor delays have postponed the construction. Vehicles approaching downtown from Gus Nicks/Washington Avenue can access South Pollard via South Maple Street.

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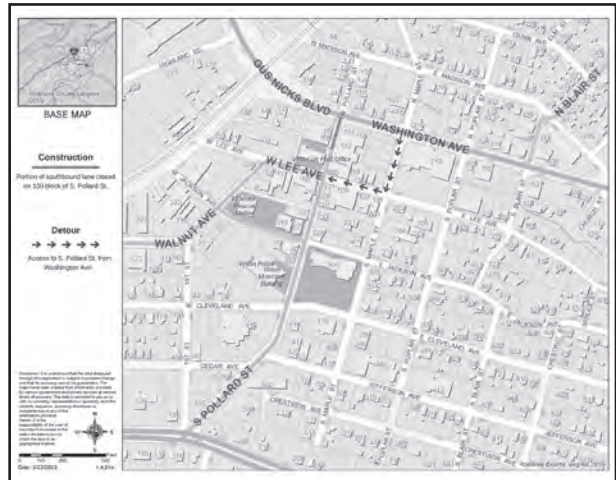


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South Pollard Street will be temporarily closed April 3-7 due to installation of a new sanitary sewer utility connection.

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May those who hope in you not be disgraced because of me, O Lord, the Lord Almighty; may those who seek you not be put to shame because of me, O God of Israel (Psalm 69:6).

David had sinned before God, and was deeply repentant. David's main concerns were not that his transgression be concealed or that his reputation be saved. One of his foremost prayers was that God's reputation and that of God's people would be protected from disgrace and shame. Perhaps this is one of the many reasons why David was called “a man after God's own heart.”

Prayer for Today: Holy Spirit, please help me to remember that secret sins are not secret. Please help me to focus on giving You a good name before the world and my fellow believers.

Quicklook: Psalm 69:1-6

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VA 24016. A spiritual event is held on the 2nd Sunday of each month at 10:30 a.m. Since contracting COVID-19 may still be possible, please take the health steps that are best for you. It is appreciated that by attending you are taking responsibility for your own health. Visit www.eck-va.org, www.meetup.com/Roanoke-Spiritual-Experiences * Group* or call 540-353-5365 for other Eckankar programs and for more information about how the teachings of Eckankar can lead you to spiritual freedom.

FOURSQUARE
EVANGEL CHURCH - 2330 Hardy Road, Vinton (corner of Hardy Road and Feather Road), 540-982-3694, www.evangel4sq.com, Pastor Tim Wright. Worship Service Sunday, 10AM. Bible Study Wednesday 11AM-12PM.

LUTHERAN
ST. TIMOTHY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH, “The Church Under The Cross”, 1201 Hardy Rd, Vinton VA 24179, Pastor, Rev. Dr. James B. Davis (540) 342- 1715, Sunday School 10:00am, Worship 11:00am, sttimothy1201@verizon.net.

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

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

PRESBYTERIAN
CAMPBELL MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1130 Hardy Rd, Vinton, VA, 540-343-1842; cmcp2verizon.net Sunday school 9:45am, Worship 11:00am; Communion 1st Su.ndays; 2nd Sunday Session; Monday Noon Bible Study; Tuesdays & Thursdays Stretch Class 9:00am; 1st Tuesdays Deacons; Wednesday Choir 7:00pm; Monday Girl Scouts 7:00pm; 3rd Saturday Men's Breakfast 8:00am. Rev. Jonathan Moelker, pastor

UNITED METHODIST
THREE OAKS FELLOWSHIP UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - 1026 Gravel Hill Road, Vinton, Va. 540-512-8070. Pastor: Rev. Dr. Rob Colwell. Sunday School - 9:45 a.m., Worship 11 a.m.

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

RECIPES OF THE WEEK

Puerto Rico Coconut Cake

Here's another great Easter recipe from Patti Vonploennies.

Puerto Rico Coconut Cake
Cake Ingredients:
 2 and 1/4 cups sifted flour
 4 tsp. baking powder
 1/2 tsp. salt
 3/4 cup butter
 1 and 1/2 cups sugar (divided)
 1 cup canned coconut milk
 1 tsp. vanilla extract
 1/2 tsp. almond extract
 4 large egg whites

Glaze ingredients:
 2 cups confectioners' sugar
 1 Tbsp. soft butter
 1/4 tsp. vanilla extract
 1/4 tsp. almond extract
 Coconut milk
 Flaked coconut

Sift together the flour, baking powder and salt; set aside. Cream butter and gradually add 1 cup sugar; cream until light

and fluffy. Combine coconut milk and extracts. Add the sifted dry ingredients to the creamed mixture, alternately adding the milk mixture, beginning and ending with dry ingredients.

In a small bowl, beat the egg whites until foamy. Gradually add the remaining 1/2 cup sugar and beat until stiff and glossy. Carefully fold the meringue into the batter, folding just until there are no patches of white. Bake in a greased and floured 12-cup Bundt pan at 350 degrees for 45-50 minutes or until cake tests done. Cool in pan 10 minutes; turn out onto serving plate to complete cooling.

Glaze with a fairly thick mixture of 2 cups sifted confectioners' sugar, 1 tablespoon soft butter, 1/4 tsp vanilla extract, 1/4 tsp almond flavoring and enough coconut milk to obtain a desired consistency; sprinkle with flaked coconut and if desired, top with drained maraschino cherry halves.

History Museum schedules garage sale fundraiser for April 1

The Vinton Historical Society is conducting a garage sale on the grounds of the Vinton History Museum from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on April 1. Furniture,

toys, housewares, home decor, books, and more will be available. All proceeds will benefit the various Vinton History Museum projects.

The Vinton History Museum is located at 210 E. Jackson Ave. For more information email info@vintonhistorymuseum.org or (540) 342-8634.

Vinton Farmers' Market opening April 1



PHOTO BY DEBBIE ADAMS

The Vinton Farmers' Market will be re-opening for the season April 1.

The Vinton Farmers' Market will be re-opening for the 2023 season on Saturday, April 1, with hours from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. As a special treat, Deb's Frozen Lemonade will be onsite from 10 a.m. until at least noon.

According to Caroline Loveland, Vinton Community Programs Coordinator, who will be in charge of operations at the market this season, "The vendors this week are selling soaps, lotions, starter plants, loofahs, art, flowers, and microgreens."

Rueda Plants and Produce will return with bedding plants and produce in mid-April on Saturdays and selected weekdays, to be announced. For the time being, the

Vinton market will be open Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Loveland says the Roanoke County Library will be at the Vinton Farmers' Market on several Fridays this spring and summer from 2 to 4 p.m.—June 2, June 9, July 7, July 21, August 4, and August 18.

Additionally, the library is going to host a special story time and corresponding kids' craft at 9 a.m. on May 27, July 8, and September 2.

"Currently I have the Fame Allstars doing a performance on July 29 from 10 a.m.-12 p.m.," Loveland says. "Some of the other vendors that will participate this season will be selling hand sewn crafts, wood working, dried flowers, paper crafts, pet beds, breads, and other crafts. I am hoping to continue adding vendors throughout the season."

The Farmers' Market

was established in 1988 and is located at 204 West Lee Avenue in downtown Vinton. The market was built in the summer and fall of 1988, originally to solve the need for additional parking spaces in the downtown area, but quickly expanded to include a market selling produce, baked goods, and crafts—covered with a canopy—with plans for a stage for entertainment. In fact, the stage was built across the street from the market later when property became available, along with a parking lot behind the post office.

The Grand Opening was celebrated with an "old-fashioned" Open House on November 19, 1988, with a ribbon-cutting ceremony.

Submitted by Caroline Loveland, Vinton Community Programs Coordinator



Beyond Books

Vinton Library activities for April

By Vinton Library Assistant Molly Meador

Spring is officially here and, we don't know about you, but Spring puts us in the mood for poetry. Good thing April is National Poetry Month! The Vinton Library is calling all poets at heart to try their hand at Book Stack Poetry. During the first week of April, we will have a table set out where you can create fun poems with the book titles on the spines of stacked books. Let's see how creative you can get! Participants will get a piece of library swag to take home.

All Roanoke County Public Library locations will be closed from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. on Friday, April 14. Library staff members are meeting to develop the library's next strategic plan and explore ways to best serve the community looking toward the future. All locations will resume normal hours of operation at noon on April 14.

Calling all older adults in Vinton! It's been a long winter and if you're feeling a little cabin fever and looking for some human connection, we have a new weekly program just for you. Come by on Fridays from 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. for the Vinton Community Connection. Join us to connect with other adults in your community. Each week offers a chance to spend time with other Vintonites, reminisce about the past, enjoy activities and programs, or just grab a cup of free coffee with neighbors. On April 7 we will have old school clapping and rhyming games with Caitlin; on April 21 you can reminisce about your favorite oldies with Melinda by playing a game of "Name That Tune"; and on April 28 there will be a performance by the Star City Dulcimer Quartet (no program on April 14).

Interested in learning some new money management skills? April is Financial Literacy Month. Adults and teens are welcome to Learn Money Management from a Pro on Thursday, April 20 at 6 p.m. Regardless of how much money you make, this program is for you. Learn to save, spend, invest, and protect your money with tips and tricks from Alex Lucas of Member One Federal Credit Union. It is never too early to learn about how to manage money. We will have a Financial Literacy Program for children ages 3-5 on Wednesday, April 5 from 11 a.m.-12 p.m. Come by to enjoy fun literacy books and activities as we play, sort, spend, save, and share play money.

On Saturday, April 22 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Vinton Library's Plant Swap returns. Drop by the front of our building to spread smiles and share plants. Bring a plant and exchange it for a plant someone else has brought. Please bring only healthy plants in a container, as well as a box or bag to take your pick home in.

Attention adult and teen chess fans, masters, and novices! Drop in for a match of Pick-up Chess every second Saturday from 1-4 p.m., starting on Saturday, April 8.

All teens and adults are also welcome to come by for an Introduction to the Mountain Dulcimer on Thursday, April 6 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Register to learn more about the instrument and the basics to get started playing for yourself. The Roanoke Valley Dulcimers will meet Saturday, April 15 from 10:15 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Be sure to register for this month's Creations and Temptations on Saturday, April 8 from 3-4 p.m. We will be making an adorable book page folded hedgehog. Just bring a medium-sized book with you for this fun craft; all other supplies will be provided.

Do you enjoy creative writing? Do you want to meet other people who love it just as much as you? Want to share your work and receive healthy feedback in a supportive environment? Register for the Vinton Writers Group held on Thursday, April 27 from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

This month the Vinton Book Club will be reading and discussing "The Paris Apartment" by Lucy Foley on Thursday, April 6 at 3 p.m. The As the Page Turns Book Club will discuss "Her Hidden Genius" by Marie Benedict on Wednesday, April 12 at 2 p.m.

Open Bridge continues every Tuesday from 1-4 p.m.

Medicare 101 is back on Monday, April 3 at 11 a.m.; the Harmon and Prouty Financial Group will be here to answer all of your Medicare-related questions.

The DMV will be here Thursday, April 6 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., closing from 12:30-1:30 p.m. for lunch.

GED classes with Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Region 5 Adult Education will continue every Tuesday and Thursday from 5-7:30 p.m. Register online at www.regionfiveadulthood.com. And don't forget to call us to make a Tech Time appointment for all your technology-related questions!

Swing by the library on Saturday April from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. during the Dogwood Festival for some fun: we will have chalk drawing, giant tic-tac-toe, a prize wheel, and a button-maker, as well as the RCACP Adoption Fair from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Come by during the festival to see your favorite librarians and take home a new fur-ever friend. You can also register for Saturday on Saturday, April 1 from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Drop by the Teen Center for Switch Gaming on Monday, April 24 from 5:30-7:30 p.m.; come to hang out, play games, and have snacks. Our monthly teen Book Club will meet on Monday, April 17 from 5-6 p.m.

Love the library? Want to give your input on how to make the library a better place for teens? Register for the Teen Advisory Group, meeting on Monday, April 10 from 5-6 p.m. Register for Anime Club on Monday, April 3 from 6-7 p.m.

April may be National Financial Literacy Month, but every month is reading literacy month at the library, and on Monday, April 3 at 2 p.m. we will have a Literacy Easter Egg Hunt; come for story time, a literary Easter egg hunt and a fun craft.

This month's Crafternoon will be on Wednesday, April 12 from 4-5 p.m. Register to celebrate Spring with a fun paper craft and bring in your own hard-boiled eggs and we will provide all that is needed to decorate (best for ages 5-12).

Register for Wondertime on Thursday, April 13 from 11 a.m.-12 p.m. for STEM and sensory activities for ages 2-5. Junior Makers will meet on Wednesday, April 19 from 4-5 p.m. Register to explore a new STEM concept each month. Don't forget to drop in for Lego Play on Wednesday, April 26 from 4-5 p.m.

The next Storytime session starts April 17 and runs through May 19. We have Jammie Time (ages 3-5) on Tuesdays at 6 p.m. and Family Storytime (ages 0-5) Wednesdays at 11:30 a.m.

Don't forget to register for programs on www.rocolibrary.org.



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Council from page 1

the policies and ideas of council—turning them into reality.

Hartgrove interviewed all members of Town Council prior to the retreat and noted that Vinton is fortunate in that there is little gap between the visions and strategies of council and those of town management. Town Council members work well together and respect the town leadership.

He also noted that local government is facing more and more challenges, being asked continually “to do more with less,” but that the Town of Vinton is doing quite well in navigating the challenges. In the past year, the town has become basically debt-free thanks to the sale of its water and wastewater system to the Western Virginia Water Authority and the judicious use of state and federal funding from the pandemic. In addition, the sale of the utility systems has allowed town staff to focus on quality of life goals and projects rather than concentrating funding on water line repairs.

Hartgrove identified many advantages the town has economically with Rosie’s Gaming Emporium thriving within the town, the addition of several unique non-franchise restaurants in the downtown area, the innovative branding which has defined Vinton, and its proximity to the Blue Ridge Parkway and Smith Mountain Lake. The town continues to focus on expansion with a hotel project and plans to build up, not out, with businesses being encouraged to concentrate on retail on first floors with residential space above.

In her presentation, Bentson commended Vinton for “putting all the tools in place to be the best you can be,” and shared some short-term and long-term strategies Lynchburg has used to foster growth.

Pete Peters then reviewed the town’s 2020-2025 Strategic Plan, including its mission, vision, and the three goals selected to enhance growth when the plan was developed. Those goals include: enhancing the town’s infrastructure and livability, maintaining an efficient and high performing government, and ensuring the town’s continued financial viability by actively pursuing quality economic development. Council thanked Roanoke

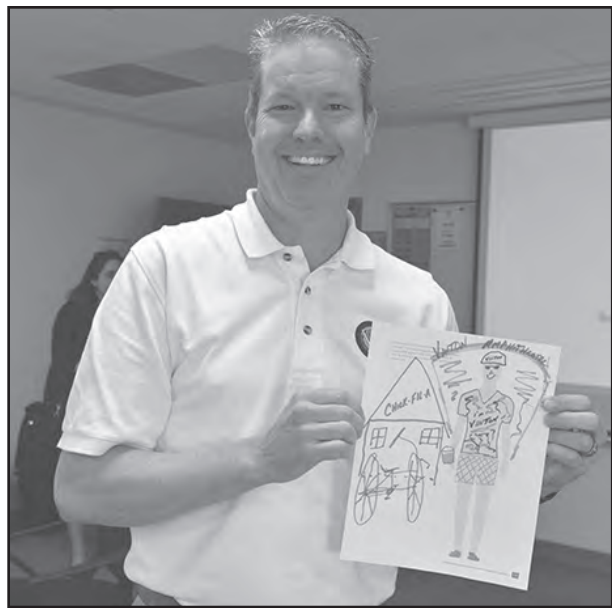


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A visioning exercise was part of the Town Council Retreat. Participants were asked to draw a picture of what a successful Vinton might look like to them. Here is Councilman Keith Liles’ version: a smiling citizen biking on the greenways, visiting a new amphitheater at the Farmers’ Market, and stopping by a longed-for Chick-fil-A.

County for collaborating with the town, “embracing us as true economic partners,” and working to make Vinton the urban center of Roanoke County. The retreat agenda then moved on to accomplishments and future goals of individual departments presented by department leaders.

Jamie Hurt, who leads the Building Maintenance and Capital Projects Department, updated those present on several projects including the Walnut Avenue parking lot, expected to begin construction in May, adding over 80 parking spaces in downtown Vinton near the Farmers’ Market, and helping to revitalize Walnut Avenue.

Hurt shared details on the \$1 million Multi-Generational Community Park planned for the site of the former Vinton pool. Pool demolition and site preparation are anticipated this summer with Phase 1 construction of a playground in 2024, athletic courts in 2025, and building of a shelter in 2026. There is potential to include a skateboarding area in the plans. The town plans to spend \$15,000 to renovate the present playground at the War Memorial for continued use while the community park is being built.

War Memorial building controls have been upgraded to reduce humidity in the building. Another project will allow the town to utilize available technology and

improve efficiency through implementing a work order management system.

The HIVE building in downtown Vinton is being renovated for office space for several town employees with an estimated completion date of June 2023. Much of the work is being completed by town staff, saving about 30% on costs.

Community Programs Director Chasity Barbour reported increased bookings for events at the Vinton War Memorial and the Charles R. Hill Community Center, renovations at the Farmers’ Market resulting from damage caused by frozen pipes over the winter, and an increase in the fireworks budget for the Fourth of July event which has been nothing less than spectacular in the past two years.

Barbour has worked diligently to expand the reach of the town—collaborating with organizations in Roanoke, at Smith Mountain Lake, and throughout the region. She, Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Angie Chewning, and RVTV have revolutionized business relationships in the town with production of “All Things Vinton” videos highlighting local businesses in a comedy format.

Economic Development (and Communications) Specialist Marshall Stanley shared some details about a \$1 million redevelopment project in the works on Cleveland Avenue which

UPCOMING EVENTS

Charles Hill Community Center:

Tai Chi on March 30 at 9 a.m.; Senior Card Games on March 30 at 10:15 a.m.; line dancing April 4 at 10 a.m., 11:30 a.m., and 6 p.m.

Explore Park:

Easter Eggsploration on April 8 from 10 to 10:30 a.m. Just a good old fashioned Easter egg hunt! The eggs have all been hidden along with a special “golden egg” that contains a ticket for a “special prize.” All children must be accompanied by an adult. Fee (\$5) for active participants only. Please bring basket or bag for egg collection.

Roanoke County Public Schools:

Schools closed for Spring Break March 27-31. Schools closed for Easter holiday on both April 7 and 10 (calendar change). School Board work session on Thursday, April 6 at 3:30 p.m. at the Central Administration offices on Cove Road.

Roanoke County Board of Supervisors:

Roanoke Plan 200 public hearing on April 3 at the Roanoke County Administration Center at 5 p.m. Citizen comments are welcome.

Rosie’s Gaming Emporium:

T-Fox performs at 8 p.m. on March 31; Midnight Blue performs on April 1 at 8 p.m. Both are free shows for those 21 and older.

Town of Vinton:

State of the Town address is coming up on April 6 at 7:30 a.m. at the Vinton War Memorial. 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.

Vinton History Museum:

Open for First Saturday on April 1 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Garage sale fundraiser on April 1 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Vinton Public Library:

See the Beyond Books column for the April library schedule of events.

Vinton Town Council:

Next meeting on April 4 in Council Chambers at 6 p.m.

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will potentially result in redevelopment of a blighted site into mixed-use development with both retail and residential space.

Stanley also updated council on redevelopment of the downtown area affected by the fire in July 2022 which involved seven properties. Since he was hired last fall, he has worked to develop a monthly e-Newsletter highlighting business, community development, and events in Vinton. The town has also been able to offer a CodeRED emergency alert system to citizens and businesses. The town is expanding its social media presence in an effort to more effectively illustrate community projects, as well as attract visitors to Vinton and keep those who already live here informed.

Human Resources/Risk Management Director Donna Collins answered the question “How does a department assist with meeting strategic goals when they have little to no interaction with citizens?”

Her answer is “supporting those individuals who do interact with citizens, by recruiting quality candidates, supporting those who are employed by the town, training them and retaining them.”

Planning and Zoning Director Anita McMillan briefed those present on a host of projects,

including Glade Creek Greenway Phase 2B (to be completed in 2023), Walnut Avenue Phase I Connector (June 2023), Walnut Avenue Phase II Connector (August 2023), Walnut Avenue Phase III Connector (with VDOT beginning May 2026), the Gus Nicks Boulevard Crosswalk Project (June 2024), the Hardy Road Crosswalk Project (August 2024), and the Woodland Place Stream Restoration Project (December 2023).

Planning and Zoning also reminded council of the monumental task undertaken to encourage home ownership with the painstaking overhaul of the Zoning Ordinance which took effect last year.

The Vinton Police Department shared its goals for the year:

- Continuous evaluation of law enforcement resources needed as the community grows: specifically, RADAR Eagle 3, BWC and In-Car Cameras, AVL Mapping, an ammo trailer, vehicles, patrol bikes, and renovations to the Sally Bay

- Increasing the law enforcement footprint of valley-wide mental health response and crisis within communities with discussions of mental health hotspots, CITAC, the George Mason Center for Evidence Based Crime Policy, and the Marcus Alert

- Implementation of a valley-wide violent crime and drug task force for proactive crime reduction and accountability through the Star City Violent Crime and Drug Taskforce, CITAC, Internet Crimes Against Children, and the Roanoke County School Safety Task Force.

- Incorporate innovative community outreach programs that fortify relationships with Vinton residents: TRIAD, Drug Take Back, supplemental School Resource Officers, community business/civic/religious partnerships, and events such as National Night Out, the Summer Reading Program, Hot Chocolate with Police, Coffee/Pizza/Pancakes with a Cop, Shop with a Cop, and the Thrasher Church Daycare tours.

- Yearly evaluation of department organization and deployment of personnel: through accreditation, PowerDMS, personnel restructuring, and grants.

- Completing a comparative analysis of pay in relation to neighboring localities.

The remainder of the Vinton Town Council Retreat focused on a review of revenue and expenditures, the capital improvement plan, and an overview of the FY24 budget. Details will be in the April 6 Vinton Messenger.

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

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

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Roanoke County School Board adopts 2023-2024 budget, awaits Board of Supervisors approval

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At the meeting on March 23, the Roanoke County School Board adopted its proposed budget for the 2023-2024 school year. That budget must still be approved by the Roanoke County Board of Supervisors. The budget totals \$280,914,139 based on an ADM (Average Daily Membership) of 13,087 students.

The two boards had reached a deadlock in recent weeks over the Capital Improvements Projects section of the budget, as the future of the new Career and Technical Education Center (CTE), to replace the antiquated Burton Center for Arts and Technology was debated. In short, School Board members wanted the supervisors to contribute more to the project that they were willing to commit, and also wanted two elementary schools—

W.E. Cundiff and Glen Cove— to be replaced or renovated at the same time. The point of dissension has been how to pay for the three schools— and all at once.

The two elementary schools were both built decades ago when open concept schools were the trend. Open classroom schools are no longer accepted as “best practice.” In fact, NPR used the headline recently, “Open Schools Made Noise in The ‘70s; Now They’re Just Noisy.” The open classroom theory was that children learned best when they were moving around and exploring on their own, not sitting in rows at their desks. That has proven not to be the case.

Vinton’s representative to the School Board, Tim Greenway, has been a very vocal proponent of coupling the building of BCAT with replacement of the two open classroom elementary schools.

The School Board removed the CTE project from the CIP list, basically in protest because the supervisors would not agree to fund the elementary school projects at the same time. Eventually the career center project was added back as Priority No. 1 on the School Board CIP list before the budget was adopted. The total cost of the CTE center is estimated at \$84.1 million, and the costs of the elementary schools would be \$35.9 million each.

The Board of Supervisors wants the School Board to take on \$21 million in debt for the CIP projects. The School Board now wants to split the difference with each board contributing \$10.5 million to the projects.

The Board of Supervisors has yet to respond to that offer. The supervisors will discuss the issue again at their April meeting before funding is finalized.

Gauntlet Business Program and Competition helps refine dreams

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Many entrepreneurs join the Gauntlet Business Program and Competition to find assistance in establishing a specific business. Zuheil Alvarez Cortes is already a business owner with a long history of accomplishments and interests. She signed up for the Gauntlet at the urging of friend Kat Pascal, co-founder of the Latinas Network, to discover and establish a business or career which will allow her to be available to her special needs children 24/7.

Cortes began classes with the Gauntlet in February, working with Pascal and the Latinas Network, meeting on Tuesday evenings at The Greater Williamson Road Area Business Association co-offices to participate in the Gauntlet online and in Spanish.

Her mother brought the family to California from Mexico when she was 16 years old “to have a better quality of life.” She has lived in the Roanoke area for 14 years.

Zuheil says she gained a great appreciation for education due to working in factories in Mexico when she was 14-15 years of age. In the time since, she has earned a Master’s degree in Hispanic Literature from the University of New Mexico, served as a visiting professor of Spanish at Roanoke College, a language instructor at Hollins University, a dance instructor, an

interpreter, translator, stylist, wellness advocate, and an advocate for special needs students and for the Spanish community.

She has founded support groups including The Dream Initiative, Diferentes Habilidades (Different Abilities), and the Roanoke Valley Autism Support Group. She launched Closet Exchange (bring 10 pieces of clothing; take home 10 pieces of clothing) and Beautifully Homemade (creating home décor and furniture from recyclables), both in support of autism awareness.

Cortes became a United States citizen in 2019 (over a five-month period, at a cost of \$800, and by passing a rigorous 100-question exam) at the urging of her mother so that she “could vote and have a voice in the community.” That’s one reason for establishing The Dream Initiative—to help other Latino immigrants find the resources to establish their own citizenship. So far, she has assisted nearly 10 others in reaching that milestone.

The main goal of The Dream Initiative has been to help residents of Roanoke and the surrounding area to “achieve the American Dream” by providing resources within the Latino community.

While her list of achievements is lengthy and noteworthy, her family is the main focus of her life. She has three sons and one daughter. Her sons are all on the autism spectrum. Her 16-year-old was diagnosed at age 3 with “profound autism” and is non-verbal.

That’s what led to her focus on autism awareness



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Zuheil Alvarez Cortes is completing the 2023 Gauntlet Business Program and Competition with the Latinas Network.

and support for families of children with special needs—and her need for a business/career with the flexibility to always be available to her children around the clock. Discovering that career or business has become her goal through the Gauntlet program.

She says one of her main challenges in life, finding the balance between family and career, became even more apparent during the pandemic when schools were closed.

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.

Pascal co-founded the Latinas Network in November 2020 to create a support system for local Latina businesswomen and entrepreneurs—to empower them in professional development, business development, and representation.

Cemetery

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The Gladetown Cemetery was buried in debris, brush, and undergrowth when the Lions legacy project began in 2015.

asking that the property issue be settled. Over the years everyone from Vinton town managers to the Roanoke County administrator and county attorney to a state delegate and state senator, got involved in the issue. At one time there was a request for the cemetery property to be taken over by First Baptist Church of Vinton or Reed Street Baptist for maintenance.

Banks and the Gladetown /Carline/ Midway Reunion Committee asked for the cemetery property to be conveyed to their organization either by allowing them to purchase the parcel or by donation; or that they be given permission to clean and maintain the cemetery; or that the county do regular maintenance. In 2014, there was still no resolution.

An in-depth survey completed in 1996 by the Department of Historic Resources (DHR) indicated that there are at least 126 gravesites at the cemetery, some over 100 years old. Sixty-six graves had markers, while there were upwards of 40 unmarked internments identified by surface depressions. All the graves were facing east as was the custom. Gravestones vary from the oldest un-inscribed fieldstone to metal alloy to granite and cement.

The study noted that the “Gladetown Cemetery is the only known African American cemetery in Vinton and is an important part of the region’s cultural and social history.”

Darlene Richardson, a student working on her thesis at Hollins University, was instrumental in researching and surveying the cemetery.

One of the earliest graves is that of George Crockett, who was born in 1823. Death dates on the inscribed markers range from 1891 to 1975. Several

veterans from World War I and World War II are buried in the Gladetown Cemetery as well.

Thomas Klatka from the DHR said that cemeteries are commonly considered to be one of the best sources of genealogical information, and that cemeteries need to be protected as historic resources. He noted the overgrowth of saplings, brush, briars, and shrubbery in his report.

He expressed his opinion that the Gladetown Cemetery has special historical significance because “a local African American craftsman, Albert Woods, designed and constructed many of the tombstones in the cemetery. Many of the tombstones were engraved by hand and are unique in style and features.”

Albert Woods was well-known in the early years of Vinton for his handmade concrete blocks which are evident in homes and buildings throughout the downtown area.

Banks and a group of men, which included

Frank Miller, James Childress, Bob Benninger, and Allen Kasey, worked to clean and maintain the cemetery for a time. Banks began a conversation with Chris McCarty of the Vinton Breakfast Lions Club about the need for restoration and preservation of the Gladetown Cemetery. That led to the Lions Club taking on the maintenance of the cemetery as a legacy project.

March 2023 marks the 8th anniversary of the beginning of that project. That sprang, the Lions took up chain saws, rakes, trimmers, mowers, and clippers to remove years of debris, brush, and undergrowth deposited by Mother Nature.

The Lions have continued to maintain the cemetery. In warm weather, a small crew stops by about once a week to spruce things up. They have added a decorative fence around the property, signage, and a bench for visitors stop and rest, once again fulfilling the Lions motto “We Serve.”



PHOTO BY JOHN BERRY AND DEBBIE ADAMS

Gladetown Cemetery in 2023.

—PEOPLE, PLACES AND THINGS—

By Angie Chewning

When the dinner bell rings, you can bet a Chewning will run! Many thanks to Mark and Karen Chewning (our cousins who are now living here, they moved from California).

They hosted another Chewning reunion cookout on their beautiful property in Boones Mill. Not everyone could make it, but it was so good to visit with those that could. And I can assure you “there was some good eatin’s.”

We reminisced about going to Pet and Della’s every Sunday and playing on the farm. I sure do wish our kids got together like that. Dean brought boxes of old pictures we sorted through to find our parents and even some of us when we were young.

Those joining in the fun were myself and brother Greg, (Bob and Bootie’s), Shirley Chewning and daughter Kelley C. Hamrick (Corky’s wife and daughter), and her husband Todd, Keith and Patti



Chase Hendricks celebrates his 19th birthday.

Thompson, Dean and Jenna Thompson (Nancy’s boys and wives), Julie and Roger Creasy (Melvin’s daughter and husband), Tim, Teresa, Hannah, and Hallie Chewning (Alvin’s son and family), Alvin and Alice Meador, and Melvin Chewning. Can’t wait for the next gathering!

On the other side of the family – the Bell Family Circus – cousin Valerie’s son Chase turned 19 this weekend. Wow! Chase is attending Virginia Tech. We celebrated at Macado’s. Those joining us were Valerie, Kyle, Chase and Cade Hendricks, Lindsey and Amber Wells (all in

from Richmond), Suzanne and Jim Bell (grandparents), Bootie, Greg, and Angie Chewning.

I said at dinner that I saw a meme that said “Cousins were your first best friends.” That is so true and these two stories prove it!

Many thanks to our presenting sponsor Happy Health, Happy Life and all of our sponsors, vendors, volunteers, the Vinton War Memorial staff and, of course, everyone who came out to check out all the vendors at our Senior Services Expo last week. It is officially event season! Let the fun begin.



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The Chewning family holds a reunion cookout.



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Legals - City of Salem

Notice

is hereby given to all interested persons that the City of Salem Planning Commission, at its regular meeting on April 12, 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 OVB Investments LLC, property owner, to designate the Old Virginia Brick sign located at 2500 West Main Street, Tax Map # 175-2-3, as a landmark sign.
2. Consider the requests of Patane, LLP and Walter S. Kearns, Jr. and Laurel P. Kearns, property owners, for rezoning the properties located at 1640 Roanoke Boulevard (Tax Map # 222-2-6) and 1630 Roanoke Boulevard (Tax Map # 222-2-5) from RB Residential Business District to LM Light Manufacturing District. Copies of the proposed plans, ordinances or amendments may be examined in the Office of Community Development, 21 South Bruffey Street, Salem, Virginia. At said hearing, parties in interest and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard relative to the said requests.
THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA
BY: James E. Taliaferro, II
Executive Secretary

Legals - Town of Vinton

Order of Publication
Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code §§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316, -317, 20-104 Case No. **CL23000348-00**
ROANOKE COUNTY Circuit Court, 305 EAST MAIN STREET, SALEM, VA 24073 Commonwealth of Virginia, in re MAILEIGH MCKENNA REDMOND v. MAILEIGH MCKENNA CULVER
The object of this suit is to: NAME CHANGE OF MINOR It is ORDERED that RANDOLPH ALLEN REDMOND JR appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before April 27, 2023 @ 11:00 AM.
MARCH 15, 2023 Benjamin Guerrant, DEPUTY CLERK

Legals - Town of Vinton

Order of Publication Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code Ann. §§ 8.01-316, -317 Case No. CL23-344
ROANOKE COUNTY Circuit Court, Commonwealth of Virginia, in re Elizabeth Paige Lyles v. Cody Chandler Lyles The object of this suit is to: obtain a decree of divorce pursuant to Virginia Code Sec. 20-91(9)(A). It is ORDERED that Cody Chandler Lyles appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before MAY 9, 2023. March 15, 2023 Jennifer Vest, Deputy Clerk

LEGAL NOTICE Town of Vinton: Gus Nicks Boulevard Midblock Pedestrian Crosswalk Project Between: Glade Creek Greenway Trailhead Parking And: West Madison Avenue

Willingness to Hold a Public Hearing Find out about a proposal to provide a mid-block pedestrian crosswalk on Gus Nicks Boulevard, to connect the Glade Creek Greenway to the Gish Mill Property (formerly Holdren's Country Store), as approved by the Roanoke Valley Transportation Planning Organization (RVTPO) on July 2, 2020, and again on May 27, 2021, and by Vinton Town Council on March 1, 2022, respectively. The Project will reduce the likelihood of accidents involving pedestrians attempting to cross Gus Nicks Boulevard, a very heavily-traveled right-of-way. The Project will provide a safer connection for pedestrians and/or greenway users from Glade Creek Greenway, located to the south of Gus Nicks Boulevard to the Gish Mill Property, located to the north of Gus Nicks Boulevard. You may view the Project information on the web at https://www.vintonva.gov/509 or by visiting the Town of Vinton Municipal Building, Planning and Zoning Department, 311 S. Pollard Street, Vinton, VA 24179. Your request must be received on or prior to April 20, 2023. If a request for a public hearing is received, a notice of date, time, and place of the hearing will be publicly posted. The Town of Vinton ensures nondiscrimination and equal employment in all programs and activities in accordance with Title VI and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. If you need more information in regards to your civil rights on this Project or need special assistance for persons with disabilities or limited English proficiency, please contact Anita McMillan at the phone number listed above. State Project: RSTP-U000-149-258, UPC: 119911

LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF VINTON, VIRGINIA NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Please be advised that the Vinton Town Council will hold a public hearing at its meeting on Tuesday, April 4, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, in the Council Chambers of the Vinton Municipal Building, located at 311 South Pollard Street, Vinton, Virginia, concerning the proposed amendment to the Town of Vinton's FY 2022-2023 budget to appropriate funding for the Grand Fund and the Woodland Place Stream Restoration Project in the total amount of \$285,000. Any additional information on this public meeting is available in the Town Manager's Office, located in the Vinton Municipal Building, (540) 983-0607. Persons requiring special assistance to attend and participate at this public meeting should contact the Town Manager's office at (540) 983-0607.

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LEGAL NOTICE Town of Vinton Hardy Road Midblock Pedestrian Crosswalk Project 1200 Block of Hardy Road
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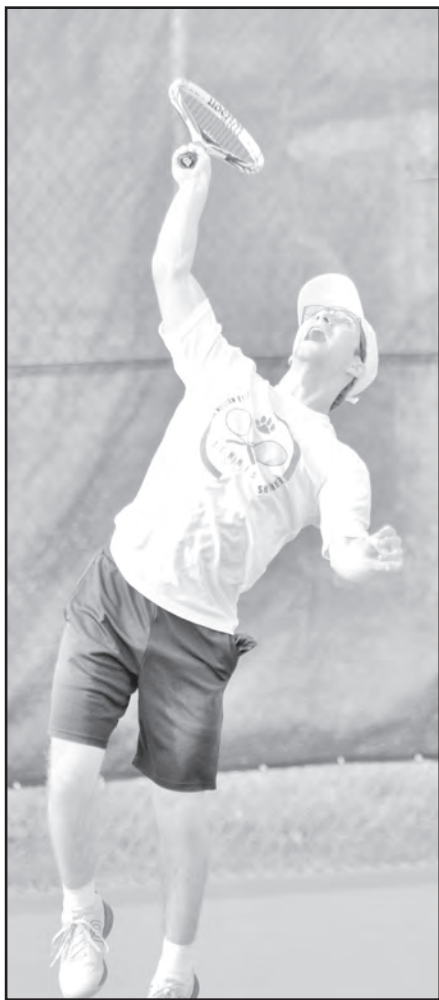
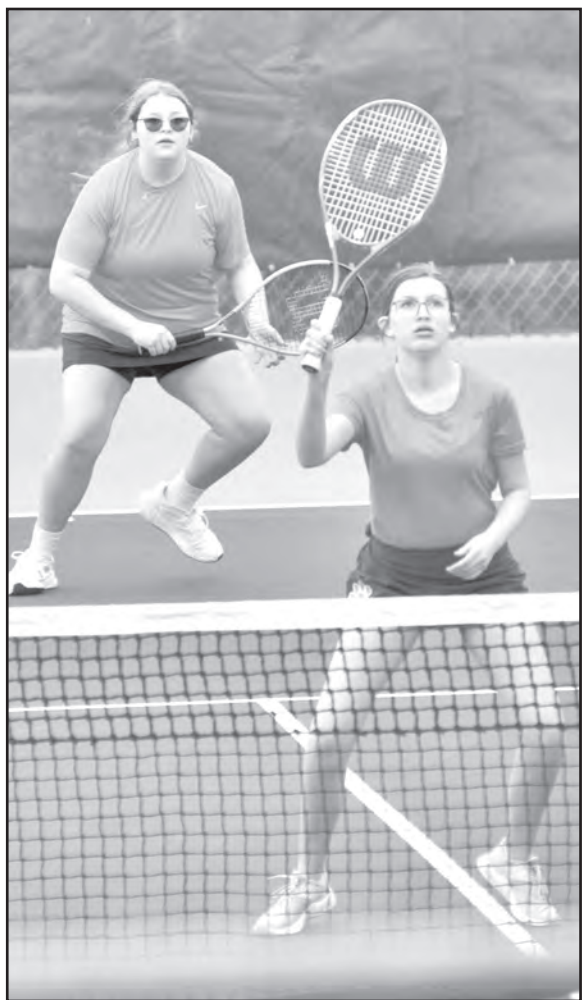
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Terrier baseball team to play in Tennessee event

The William Byrd baseball team will be playing in the Johnny Whited Memorial tournament in Bristol, VA this weekend as part of spring break. Byrd has games on Friday and Saturday.

The Friday game will be against Karns High School from Knoxville, Tennessee. It will be a 7 pm game at the West Ridge High School Field. The Beavers are 3-6 thus far playing in Class 4A in Tennessee.

On Saturday the Terriers will take on Tennessee High in Bristol at noon. The Vikings are 4-0 playing in Class 3A.

Byrd will leave for Tennessee on Thursday morning and stop at Radford University for an intra-squad scrimmage on the Highlanders' diamond. Although the games in Tennessee are non-district games, Byrd coach Jason Taylor is taking the trip seriously.

"We have to win 'em," he said. "Every game means so much because there are so many good teams in our region. It may take 15 wins to make the region tournament, and these games count."

Byrd is 2-1 so far, having been flooded out of a game with Cave Spring last Thursday. A water valve in centerfield malfunctioned and water ran all Wednesday night, making the outfield a quagmire come Thursday. A middle school and varsity doubleheader was scheduled for Thursday night and both were postponed.

The Terriers will return from break next Wednesday, April 5, with a home game against Salem at 5:30 pm.

Knights walk off girls

A walk-off single left the William Byrd girls on the wrong end of an 8-7 softball defeat to Cave Spring Knights Varsity Girls Softball on Thursday. Sofia DeLeon singled in the winning run in the bottom of the eighth to win the back-and-forth game between two Roanoke County rivals.

Byrd fell behind by four runs in the second inning before battling back. The Terriers put up seven runs in the failed comeback as Haleigh Vaughan, Brooklyn Peters, Sydney Blewett, and Mandolin Draper all picked up RBIs in the rally.

A single by Peters and a double by Vaughan highlighted a four

run second inning. Blewett had a home run in the fourth and the Terriers were able to tie the game at 7-7 before the extra inning hit sent everyone home.

Addison Clark was on the rubber for Byrd, pitching seven and a third innings before being tagged with the loss. She allowed seven runs on 12 hits and struck out four.

The girls played in the Franklin County Invitational on Saturday and split two games, winning against Patrick County and losing to Turner Ashby. With the split the girls are 2-4 on the season and will return from spring break on Wednesday, April 5, with a game at Christiansburg.

Left, Byrd's Miley Moses plays the net with Brooke Justus guarding the baseline in last week's match with Bassett at the William Byrd High School tennis courts. Right, Ryan Carista serves one up for the Terrier boys' team.

PHOTOS BY BRIAN HOFFMAN & SUZANNE WITCHER

Tennis teams play NS Wednesday

The William Byrd tennis teams will return from spring break with matches against Northside next Wednesday, April 5th. The boys will be home and the girls will be at Northside.

The girls dropped two matches last week prior to the break but continue to improve. On Wednesday they played Bassett at home and dropped a hard-fought 5-4 decision. Makenna Jacobsen and Ashley Begasse won at one and two singles and combined for a win at first doubles. Hannah Johnson also won at third singles.

"We did a lot better the second time

around," said coach Kayla Mitchell of Byrd's second meeting with the Bengals. "Although we still lost, it was a very exciting match."

On Thursday at Cave Spring the girls dropped a 7-2 decision. Begasse won at second singles and Ashley and Makenna won tight first doubles matches.

"All girls gave their best effort and that's what we want to see this season," said Mitchell.

The boys lost to Cave Spring Thursday at home, 8-1. Their match with Bassett was postponed.

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Left, William Byrd's Jordan Johnson competes in the long jump in last week's season opening track meet in Vinton. Middle, Audrey Booze(left in photo) and Emma Matthews run the 100 meters. Matthews was the winner in 13.78. Right, Lily Perez is on her way to a second place finish in the 100 hurdles. PHOTOS BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

William Byrd girls win first track meet of spring season

The William Byrd boys and Glenvar girls were team winners when the Terriers hosted the first outdoor track meet of the season at Patterson Stadium last week. Byrd, Glenvar, Northside and Roanoke Catholic participated.

The Byrd boys won several events

on a sunny third day of spring. Walter Barrows won the 200 in 22.84, Donald Mullins won the 1,600 meters with a time of 4:56.11 and Caleb Thompson won the shot put at 41'3".

Second places went to Barrows in the 100, Wyatt Bailey in the 400, Landon Martin in the 110 hurdles,

Jaiden Childress in the high jump, Ethan Haston in the long jump, Nathan Williamson in the shot and Thompson in the discus.

For the girls, Emma Matthews won the 100 in 13.78. Seconds went to Grace Onwi in the 400 meters, Lily Perez in the 100 hurdles, Emma

Kageals in the 300 hurdles, Riley Roth in the pole vault, Samantha Flippen in the discus and McKenna Paradis in the shot put.

The Terriers are on spring break this week but return to action Wednesday, April 5, with a meet at Staunton River High School.



Above, William Byrd's Justyn Rozenboom(#9) fires a shot past the Spartan goalie to score in last week's game in Salem, and top right Justyn celebrates with a Byrd teammate. Left, Anika Hylton(#20) of the Terrier girls' team puts a move on a Salem defender in the second game of the lax doubleheader. PHOTOS BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Terrier lax teams battle but fall to more experienced teams in Salem

The William Byrd lacrosse teams played a boys-girls doubleheader in Salem last week and dropped both ends of the twin bill at Salem's Spartan Field.

The boys played first and were defeated by a 9-3 count as Byrd coach Will Satterfield returned to the site of his high school playing day. Although the Terriers didn't win they made a solid showing against a much more experienced Salem team.

"Very proud of our guys," said Satterfield. "Salem is a very good team and established program. We went into a tough road game and limited Salem's chances. Julian Pantoja is proving himself a top tier goalie in our region. Not the result we wanted, but tremendous effort from the boys."

Byrd got goals from Dom Dulak, CJ Roberts and Justyn Rozenboom. Ben Waid had an assist and Pantoja had 27 saves in the goal.

The girls followed with a 16-4 loss to the Spartans. Both the girls and boys are now 1-2 on the season and they'll return from spring break with a doubleheader against Cave Spring on Wednesday, April 5, at Patterson Stadium. The girls will play at 5:30 pm with the boys to follow.

Terrier soccer boys fall to CS in OT

The William Byrd boys' soccer team dropped a nail-biter to Cave Spring in their final game before spring break last Thursday. The Terriers fell 2-1 in overtime on Jeff Highfield Field in Vinton.

"It was a tough one in the end but there were good points to build on as well as some issues that need to be addressed in training," said Byrd coach Russell Dishman. "I felt the first half went well but, similar to Magna Vista, we struggled to find a rhythm and when we struggled with that we started trying to force the ball."

Cave Spring scored first to take a 1-0 lead. Byrd had a golden opportunity to tie the game just before the half but the Knight goalie saved a penalty kick and Cave Spring led 1-0 at the half.

Daniel Britts scored for Byrd in the second half to

level the score, and that's how it stood at the end of regulation.

"It was 1-1 at the end of 80, and I felt we were in a good spot going into the overtimes," said Dishman. "Midway through the first overtime half, we had an issue settling the ball and there was confusion as to what was going on when the ref set everything up. In that confusion, they were able to score."

"It was a tough way to go into break, so hopefully the guys who are at training can be prepared for next week as we jump back into play with two huge matches."

Now 1-2, the Byrdmen will return from break with a game at Staunton River on Tuesday and a rematch with the Knights at Cave Spring a week from tonight, on Thursday, April 6.

William Byrd girls shut out Cave Spring on the Knights' pitch

The William Byrd girls remained unbeaten on the young season with a 2-0 win at Cave Spring in their last game before spring break. The girls are 2-0-1.

The Terriers broke a scoreless tie with 14 minutes to go until halftime. Maddy Simmons crashed the goal after a shot,

putting pressure on the keeper and then was able to connect with Addi St. Clair for the goal. Two minutes later Byrd got the last goal of the night when Anna Martin assisted Simmons to give the Terriers a 2-0 lead going into the half.

The second half was score-

less as Byrd's defense put up a solid wall in front of keep Sophia Chrisley, who recorded the shut-out in goal.

The Terriers will be back in action next week with two home games. They host Staunton River on Tuesday and Cave Spring a week from today.



William Byrd's Ethan Sutton(#6) controls the ball in last week's game with Cave Spring. PHOTO BY REGINA DEVINNE