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Vinton State of the Town Address celebrates successes, shares vision for the future

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The Town of Vinton and the Vinton Area hosted their traditional War Memorial on April residents, and visitors. 6. Headline speakers were

Commerce.

that the presentation has become your mayor and I thank "an opportunity to reflect everyone in the room for Chamber of Commerce on our progress, while your role in making our also looking forward to town such a very special State of the Town how we can improve our place to live and work." Address at the Vinton community for businesses,

Vinton Mayor Brad Grose without challenges, but I of Commerce for their and Angie Chewning, cannot imagine working partnership with the Executive Director of the with a better team or town and "bringing our Vinton Area Chamber of working for a better business

ommerce. community," Grose said. together. The mayor commented "I consider it an honor appreciates annual to fulfill my part as

The mayor recognized Angie Chewning and the "We have not been Vinton Area Chamber community



PHOTO BY DEBBIE ADAMS

Members of Vinton Town Council, town leadership, and the Vinton Area Chamber of Commerce gathered on April 6 for the annual State of the Town Address. Pictured front row, left to right, are Director of Community Programs Chasity Barbour, Vinton Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Angie Chewning, Mayor Brad Grose, Chamber Executive Assistant Kathryn Sowers, and Councilwoman Sabrina McCarty; back row, Assistant Town Manager Cody Sexton, Vice Mayor Mike Stovall, Town Manager Pete Peters, and Councilwoman Laurie Mullins.

The town appreciates all that the Chamber does to represent Vinton by providing valueadded services, creating awareness for our private sector partners, and hosting events that give us a chance to celebrate."

He thanked fellow Council members- Vice Mayor Mike Stovall, Sabrina McCarty, Laurie Mullins, and Keith Lilesfor their "continued vision, leadership, your love for our community, and your dedication to serving our great citizens."

Grose recognized the town's Leadership Team: Town Manager Pete Peters, Assistant Town Manager Cody Sexton, Police Chief Fabricio Drumond, Deputy Chief Tim Lawless, Human Resources and Risk Management Director Donna Collins, Planning and Zoning Director Anita McMillan, Assistant Planning and Zoning Director Nathan McClung, Community Programs Director Chasity Barbour, and Public Works Director Bo a few improvements-Herndon. "Thanks to this these couldn't happen dedicated team for their tireless efforts in serving the citizens of Vinton!"

He welcomed the newest members to the Leadership Team: Capital it takes a valley, and I Projects Manager Jamie would like to recognize

Andrew Keen, Economic across the region. Thank Development Specialist you for your partnership Marshall Stanley, and to help make Virginia's Administrative Manager Blue Ridge a region Antonia Arias-Magallon. full of opportunity and

recently retired Town life for current and future Clerk and Executive residents." Assistant to the Town Manager Susan Johnson– thanks to Roanoke "a great public servant."

of Vinton staff, current county has helped and past, thank you the town with many for your service to our redevelopment and new community," Grose said. business projects over the "I especially want to say years and we are fortunate 'thank you' to our public to have such a great safety and emergency working relationship. We services crew members. also say thanks to the Your dedication to Roanoke County school protecting our citizens system for educating and makes Vinton a safe and supporting our children,

great place to live. owners, we say 'thank their services accessible, you' for your devotion. and Roanoke County Fire Not only do you give our & EMS for protecting our community character and community.³ provide much needed products, services, and jobs, but when you look saying, "Your team has around our town and see helped us capture the freshly paved roads, new highlights of Vinton, share sidewalks, and updated traffic signals, just to name without your investment non-profit organizations into our community.

the phrase that it takes a Historical Society for village, I like to say that

Hurt, Finance Director our mission partners He also recognized provide a high quality of

Grose gave special County, saying, "The To the entire Town coordination with the the Roanoke County "To our business Public Library System for

He thanked Scott Ramsburg and RVTV, important public service messages, and ultimately tell the story of Vinton.

"Our local volunteer and also continue to serve. "We have all heard Thanks to the Vinton

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Lancerlot partners with WBMS for swimming, ice skating classes

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Sixth, seventh, and eighth graders at William Byrd Middle School have been spending class time each week in April at the Lancerlot Sports Complex to learn and/or practice ice skating and swimming.

This program started out in 2019 when the WBMS physical education teachers contacted the Lot's Health and Fitness Manager Robin Hartman about physical fitness classes their students might be able to participate in at the Lancerlot. PE teacher Jeremy Baldwin coordinated the program along with Lancerlot Assistant Manager Kathleen Sink in the years since.

Baldwin says the teachers "enjoy working with the community to give kids experiences that they otherwise might not be able to have."

Their goal is to encourage students to participate not just in school sports but in lifelong physical fitness activities.

They settled on ice skating and swimming as the most manageable and the "most fun" activities for large groups of students to enjoy.

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William Byrd Middle School students enjoy their skating session at the Lancerlot.



PHOTOS BY DEBBIE ADAMS WBMS students were able to participate in both swimming and ice skating at the Lancerlot during the April program.

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Vietnam-era Veteran Lapel Pins were presented to several Vietnam veterans at the National Vietnam War Veterans Day commemorative ceremony in Vinton on March 29.

Veterans honored in Vinton on National Vietnam War Veterans Day

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The commemorated National Vietnam War Veterans 29. The ceremony also recognized the 40th anniversary of Roanoke Valley Chapter 81 of the Vietnam Veterans Association (VVA).

The chapter includes Vietnam veterans of all branches of the military some are retired; others served and were discharged. Some served

meet on the last Thursday Vietnam of most months at VFW Veterans of America Post 1264 in Roanoke. In addition to fellowship, the meetings provide updates Day at the Charles R. on veteran activities, Hill Community Center changes in Veterans in Vinton on March Affairs and the Medical Center, and discussion like Agent Orange, PTSD, of opportunities to help veterans. Their priority as Vietnam veterans is working to ensure that "never again will one generation of veterans abandon another."

Music for the ceremony was provided by the 29th Division Band.

in Vietnam, while others Grose and Marine Corps served elsewhere. They veteran Fred Fralin, President of VVA Chapter 81, welcomed guests to the event.

> Fralin commented that "as veterans get older, we think about the things that have affected us as a result of our military servicethe contaminated water at Camp Lejeune currently in the news." He encouraged veterans to make the most of every day they are given, emphasizing his point with mention of a song from the past, "Live Like You Were Dying," by Tim McGraw.

During a wreath-laying Vinton Mayor Brad ceremony at the nearby High Ground Monument, Fralin also used a song-this one by Billy Ray Cyrus, to note that "Some Gave All."

Fralin was 19 years old when he was sent to Vietnam to serve as a machine-gunner. Many of his fellow soldiers were even younger.

For the duration of his year of service in Vietnam, Fralin volunteered as

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68th Vinton Dogwood Festival scheduled for April 28-29

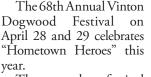


A highlight of the Vinton Dogwood Festival each year in the introduction of the Dogwood Court and crowning of the Dogwood Queen. Here's the 2022 Dogwood Court with Vinton Mayor Brad Grose.



The 68th Vinton Dogwood Festival features a free Kids'

Zone with petting zoo, inflatables, and much more.



The two-day festival features over 100 vendors offering handmade crafts and a Business Showcase, a Friday night concert, festival entertainment stages, an antique car show, a free Kids' Zone, a free Teen Space, oversize games, street entertainment, a Virtual Reality Area, the crowning of the Vinton Dogwood Festival Queen, the presentation of the Dogwood Court, and the Vinton Dogwood Festival Parade.

Rare Form, a modern country and rock band, will present a concert on Friday evening, April 28, at the Vinton Farmers' Market Stage, from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. The gate, beverage garden and concessions will open at 6 p.m. Admission is \$5. Bring seating and ID.

Saturday, April 29, is a fun day of activities for all ages. Events include a large craft show, business showcase, antique car show, live entertainment on two stages including jazz, big band, top forty, classics and country, gymnastics and cheer, and martial arts.

"The Beat Goes On Line Dancers" will provide street loss. entertainment. The free Kids' Zone located at the Vinton Farmers' Market will feature large inflatables, a

Juggler David Bear Stuart,

Magician Mark Fuller and

petting zoo, crafts, STEM activities, a fire engine, games, and prizes. The "Teen Space" located on "Escape Rooms," Corn vehicles, activities.

In keeping with tradition, the crowning of the Vinton Dogwood Festival Queen will take place on the Vinton Municipal Building stage at noon. One William Byrd High School student will receive the coveted crown and the honor of riding along with her court in the ID required for beverage 68th Annual Dogwood garden. Bring seating. No Parade.

The parade steps off at 2:30 p.m., following a route from the Vinton War show with over 85 vendors, Memorial on Washington a business showcase with Avenue through downtown over 25 vendors; the AACA Vinton to Gus Nicks Boulevard.

Vinton The the "Hometown Heroes Parade" as Grand Marshals. Their bravery Rooms," Corn Hole and

and dedication on July 2, 2022, saved downtown Vinton from more serious

All ages will enjoy the William Byrd High School Band, the Virginia Highlands Pipe and Drum Band, Island Trio, the Virginia Fire Museum Fire Engines, Miss Kitty's Cosmonaut Stilt Walkers, a variety of floats, walking Lee Avenue will feature and novelty units, classic costumed Hole, and interactive characters, clowns, and much more during the parade.

> Vinton Here's the Dogwood Festival Schedule of Events for April 28-29

April 28: Festival Concert: Rare Form Band, 6-10 p.m. on the Vinton Farmers' Market Stage, \$5.00 cover, Beverage Garden and Food Truck.

April 29: Festival Activities include: a Craft Antique Car Show; two entertainment stages; free Fire Kids' Zone with inflatables, Department will lead a petting zoo, STEM activities, games; free "Teen Space" with "Escape

more; oversize games, street entertainment including line dancing, juggling and magic on Pollard Street. and Maple Street.

Vinton Farmers' Market Stage and Parking Lot 10:00 a.m.

William Byrd Jazz Band • 10:30 a.m. – Mish

Moves Dance Co. 11:00 a.m. - Let's • Dance Band (Big Band,

Swing, Pop) 11:30 a.m. •

Hoppie Vaughn

12:15 p.m. – Let's Dance Band 1:00 p.m. – Defy •

Gravity Cheer 1:15 p.m. – Terry •

and Raymond Duo • Kid's Zone

10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Street Performer • Christian "Yeah - Yeah"

Thompson, Twirling Ninja Food Vendors Vinton Baptist Church

Parking Lot and Stage Lee Avenue

10:00 a.m. - 4:00 ٠ p.m. – Craft Show

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 • p.m. - Jimmy Wilson and Friends (Americana, covers of Willie Nelson, CCR, Johnny Cash, John Prine) Pollard Street

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Grand Marshals for this year's Dogwood Festival Parade will be the Vinton Fire Department who fought so gallantly on July 2, 2022, to save the downtown area of Vinton.

and Crowning of Miss Dogwood Festival Queen, music by Floyd Boone, at the Vinton Municipal Building

10 a.m.--Street noon-- Entertainment, "The Beat of the Goes On, Line Dancers," Dogwood Festival Court Vinton Municipal Building.

David Juggler Bear Stuart and Magician Mark Fuller, various times and locations

Giant Jenga, Giant Four Over, and other large games on the Neely

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Vinton Woman's Club members who attended the District Birthday Tea and Annual Spring Meeting were (left to right): Judy Banik, Club President; Lois Creasy, Club Treasurer; Camilla Cabaniss, Maggie Angell, 2nd Vice President; Carol Guilliams-Mills, Blue Ridge District President; Vicki Newburn, Kathryn Sowers and Ardy Kidd.

GFWC Vinton Woman's Club wins District awards

The GFWC Vinton Woman's Club members attended the 70th Birthday Tea and Annual Spring Beeting of the General Federation of Women's Clubs Blue Ridge District meeting at the Bent Mountain Community Center Saturday, April 1. This was a special celebration and included a tea party and dressing up in hats and gloves from the '50s.'

Vinton Woman's Club members attending included Judy Banik, Club President; Lois Creasy, Club Treasurer; Camilla Cabaniss, Maggie Angell, 2nd Vice President; Carol Guilliams-Mills, Blue Ridge District President; Vicki Newburn, Kathryn Sowers and Ardy Kidd.

The club walked away with first place awards in the small club category of Education & Libraries, Legislation & Public Policy, Communications & Public Relations, Leadership, GFWC VA Signature Project (Domestic Violence) and GFWC Signature Project (Domestic Violence).

The club received second place awards in Environment, Health & Wellness, Civic Engagement, Fund Raising & Development, Membership and Woman's Resource Center. These awards are judged against the other clubs in the district and by many judges. The entries will be sent to GFWC Virginia to be judged against all other clubs in Virginia.

Submitted by GFWC Vinton Woman's Club

Next Vinton Cruise-In set for April 15 at Farmers' Market

The second Vinton Cruise-In for 2023 is scheduled for Saturday, April 15, from 3-6 p.m. at the Vinton Farmers' Market at 204 West Lee Avenue in downtown Vinton.

The Cruise-Ins are organized by Vinton



INTON HISTORY: DOUGH BOWL



This dough bowl is on display at the Vinton History Museum, donated by Claiborne Wood Vinyard.

history written in wood

until they, in turn,

bequeathed their dough

bowl to their children.

But those who pioneered

America were not just

valued a good dough

bowl because they were

have always been the

preferred choice for

bread-making because

the heat generated by

the yeast is retained in

the wood, giving the

A hand-hewn dough

dough an even rise.

they

bowls

sentimental:

practical, too.

Wooden

Dough bowls were a vital tool in Colonial America, found in every home, and were carved from a large piece of wood. They provided a snug, warm place in which bread could rise prior to baking.

They were often handed down through often a family, passing along the memory of Mother and the wealth of experiences that make a kitchen the heart of a home.

Descendants added their own mark to this

$F_{\rm ROM \ THE \ PULPIT}$ A Beginning

Travis Russell

Sr. Pastor Vinton Baptist Church

the other Mary went following is an excerpt: to see the tomb. 2 And appearance who was crucified. 6 He ending. is not here, for he has

suddenly there was a "Mary Magdalene, on the sk great earthquake, for the way to the tomb on ending. an angel of the Lord, the first Easter, thought descending from heaven, that she was in the midst many Good Fridays. You came and rolled back the of an ending. In many could probably make a stone and sat on it. 3 His of our communities on list of the Good Fridays in was like [Easter Sunday], families your own life: days when lightning and his clothing gather around grave you have felt forsakenwhite as snow. 4 For fear plots, placing flowers on ending; of him the guards shook them. Easter is about strength and life and and became like dead memory. The women had breath seem to be leaving men. 5 But the angel said gone to the tomb to care your body—ending; days to the women, "Do not for the body of the dead when you were betrayed, be afraid, for I know that Jesus. It would be a time and you wrestled with you are looking for Jesus to remember. It was an forgiveness-ending. Life is about endings reminds us . . . what been raised, as he said. and beginnings. Life is a looks like an ending is Come, see the place succession of losses. For actually a beginning.

bowl tray of the late 19th century that is on display at the Vinton History Museum was donated by Claiborne Wood Vinyard.

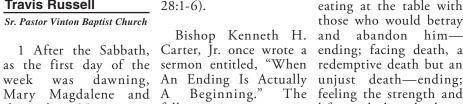
The Vinton History Museum is open to the public at no charge on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and every first Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Submitted by Judy Cunningham, Vinton Museum History Executive Director

eating at the table with those who would betray Bishop Kenneth H. and abandon himlife and breath leave his body at the place of

In our lives there are

where he lay" (Matthew Jesus it was the same:



"Mary Magdalene, on the skull, Golgotha-

Programs Community Director Chasity Barbour, along with car owners and enthusiasts Will Thomas and Franklin Ridpath.

Upcoming Cruise-In dates for 2023 are May 20, June 17, July 15, Aug. 19, and Sept. 16.

Cruise-Ins have been Vinton tradition for many years held at various locations around town, including Valley Hall and

PHOTO BY DEBBIE ADAMS

Vinton Motors. Last year they moved to the Farmers' Market.

Cruise-Ins are informal - a time to socialize, show off your vehicle, and admire those of others. There is no admission charge.

For more information contact Vinton Community Programs Director Chasity Barbour at cbarbour@ vintonva.gov.

Submitted by Town of Vinton

days when

And yet . . . Easter

PCOMING EVENTS

Vinton April 13-19

Charles Hill Community Center:

Tai Chi on Apr. 13 at 9 a.m.; Senior Card Games on Apr. 13 at 10:15 a.m.; line dancing Apr. 18 at 10 a.m., 11:30 a.m., and 6 p.m.; Monday Music Jam on Apr. 17 from 2:30 to 5 p.m.; Big House Dance on Apr. 15 from 6:30 to 11:30 p.m.

Lancerlot Sports Complex (The Lot):

Push & Pull by the Pool Deadlift and Bench competition is scheduled for May 20 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Proceeds go to the Boulder Crest Foundation and the family of Danielle Holloman. Check their Facebook page for more information and to register.

New Freedom Farm:

New Freedom Farm will host their 5th annual FREEDOM FEST on April 22 and 23 opening with a T-6 Texan aircrafts flyover performing the Missing Man formation, the Freedom Farm Color Guard, the VA Highland Pipe and Drums, craft and food vendors, over 150 auction items, live music, and national championship mustang trainer Mary Miller Jordan performing live at liberty with her wild mustangs. The event is a fundraiser for New Freedom Farm and will bring awareness to the farm's mission of "healing heroes through horses." Freedom Fest will take place each day from 11:00 am – 5:00 pm, rain or shine. Daily entry is \$8 (adults and children 17 and under free). Tickets are available in advance at www. newfreedofarm.org. New Freedom Farm New Freedom Farm is a nonprofit organization founded by Navy veteran and forensic nurse Lois Dawn Magill in 2016, located on 27 acres in Buchanan, the farm is home to a number of wild mustangs. New Freedom Farm is dedicated to helping those who have served our country and their families.

Roanoke County Parks, Recreation, and Tourism:

Blue Ridge Kite Festival, April 15 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Green Hill Park. Roanoke County Public Schools:

School Board work meeting on Thursday, Apr.20 at 6 p.m. at the Central Administration offices on Cove Road.

Rosie's Gaming Emporium:

21 Tribes performs at 8 p.m. on Apr. 14; The Bogeys perform on Apr. 15 at 8 p.m. Both are free shows for those 21 and older.

Town of Vinton:

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. Second Cruise-In of the spring at the Vinton Farmers' Market on April 15 from 3 to 6 p.m.

Twin Creeks Brewing Company:

Apr. 13 Trivia with DJ Unique at 6:30 p.m.; Neil Dalton acoustic show on Apr. 14 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; Mason Creek Bluegrass on Apr. 15 from 6:30 to 9:30 on the Dock; Let's Party Creatively on Apr. 16 from 2-3:30 p.m. (sign up on EventBrite); Apr. 19 at 6:30, Comedy Bingo.

Vinton Public Library:

All Roanoke County Library locations closed from 10 a.m. to noon on April 14 for staff development. Roanoke Valley Dulcimers meet on April 15 from 10:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; Open Bridge, April 18 from 1 to 4 p.m.; Teen Book Club meets on Apr. 17 from 5 to 6 p.m.; Wondertime meets on Apr. 13 from 11 a.m. to noon for ages 2-5. Junior Makers will meet on Apr. 19 from 4 to 5 p.m. to explore a new STEM concept; Jammie Time starts on Tuesday, April 18 at 6 p.m. for ages 3-5.

Vinton Town Council:

Next meeting on April 18 in Council Chambers at 6 p.m.

Please submit Upcoming Community News announcements to dadams@ mainstreetnewspapers.com.

Roanoke County School Board receives updates on William Byrd HS renovation



Renovations are substantially complete to the WBHS auditorium.

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Roanoke County Schools Director of Facilities and Operations Todd Kageals presented School Board members with an update on the renovation project at William Byrd Ĥigh School at their work session on April 6.

According to Kageals, work is continuing on the renovation project.

"We have hit some significant milestones," Kageals said. "Hopefully by the end of the month (April), the majority of classrooms will be turned over to us as substantially completed" with the exception of the "B Wing."

Materials containing asbestos were found in "B Wing."

"Ăsbestos abatement plan which is currently in production," Kageals explained. "We hope to have the plan by the start of has completed its work in next week. Once we have the main gym, installation the plan, an abatement of the new gym floor will contractor will provide a cost estimate. There is a mandatory 30-day waiting period for the plan abatement permit to be issued. Due to the delay created by the asbestos abatement, additional costs will be incurred for the lease of the mobile of the additional costs and an updated construction schedule will be provided once abatement details have been finalized."

Demolition of the gym floor has been completed which will remain until rest of the WBHS staff.

requires an engineered the new floor has been installed. Demolition of the existing duct work should be started soon. Once Avis commence.

The auditorium is substantially completed. Work in the cafeteria to be approved and the has been started. HVAC control systems and unit replacements recently approved by the board are in procurement and should be started soon.

School Superintendent classrooms. An estimate Dr. Ken Nicely commented on the "great progress" that has been made in the renovation project at Byrd and the high level of staff involvement in the project, especially from Principal Tammy Newcomb and with the exception of the Assistant Principal Travis area under the bleachers, Anderson, as well as the



The view from the second floor shows the new front entrance and senior lobby.





PHOTO BY DEBBIE ADAM

The Roanoke County Board of Supervisors has announced a record \$130 million funding proposal for CIP projects, including the renovation of W.E. Cundiff Elementary School in Vinton- an open classroom concept school.

Board of Supervisors announces record funding for Roanoke County Schools capital projects

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Roanoke The Board County Supervisors of announced on April County Public Schools (RCPS) \$130 million to fund a new Career and Technical Education (CTE) Center and make improvements to two elementary schools.

This is the largest amount of funding the county has ever provided to RCPS and enables them to complete all three projects sooner than expected. This funding will be available starting in early 2024.

RCPS identified the critical needs for a new CTE Center in Roanoke County, as well as renovations W.E. Cundiff to Elementary School and Glen Cove Elementary School.

The current CTE Center has to turn away students each year due to capacity issues.

"Our business community has shared their desires for wellenter the workforce projects, immediately," Chair Hooker.

students, and meet the I needs of our business importance of providing community. Ensuring an environment that our children's success encourages growth and and sustaining our local learning, and provides economy is critical."

7 a proposal that Glen Cove Elementary "I'm proud that we will provide Roanoke Schools were also have been able to secure identified as schools in this record amount of need of renovations to funding for our school help facilitate learning. system. We've paved the The Board of Supervisors way for them to advance agreed there are issues at their capital projects and these two schools and ensure the educational improvements of the needs of our students open-classroom spaces are met.' are needed.

The Board Supervisors and county proposed Memorandum staff worked for many of months to find solutions (MOU) on the projects within current and to the School Board on future funding streams Wednesday, April 5. that would also allow them to meet the capital County's needs across all county Information programs and remain Amy Whittaker, the fiscally responsible with MOU "is still in draft taxpayer dollars. In the form and a couple of last four months, the changes will likely be Board of Supervisors made regarding the provided two funding date for the \$5 million proposals to the School in cash and updating Board intended to meet the language that \$50 the desired needs.

will provide \$80 million schools." to be utilized for the new CTE Center and \$50 its purpose is to "update million to be utilized for the policy for the improvements to Glen financing of necessary Cove and W.E. Cundiff Roanoke Elementary Schools.

trained students to underway for the three Public Schools (RCPS) said recommendations from Board of Supervisors renovation studies for the Combined Debt-Martha the elementary schools, Payment Reserve Fund "A new and the purchase last Policy outlined in the CTE facility will year of 28 acres of land MOU include: expand the programs to build the new CTE "As a former educator,

understand the the foundation for our W.E. Cundiff and future," added Hooker.

The Board of Supervisors sent Understanding

According to Roanoke Public Officer million will be utilized This new proposal for both elementary

The MOU states that County Government (ROCO) Planning has been and Roanoke County including capital projects."

Proposed updates to

PHOTOS COURTESY OF RCPS

Demolition of the main gymnasium floor has been completed at WBHS, except under the bleachers.

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Lancerlot from page 1

This is now the third year for the program (with two years off during COVID). Beginning on April 3, all WBMS students have been given the opportunity to swim during one learning block each week and ice skate during another learning block the following week.

As an added field trip treat, the students will be able to bowl at the Vinton Bowling Center once each week in the last two weeks in April.

Many of the students at the Lancerlot on April 11 were quite adept at skating, due to ice skating and hockey classes offered at the center. A couple spent a while clinging to the ledge around the inside of the ice rink before they gained their confidence. PE teacher Chris Pratt joined them on the ice, while teacher Sara Boxler supervised the group of swimmers.

Lancerlot is enthusiastic about partnering with other schools in the area for similar activities. It charges a minimal fee with special rates for the students and works to accommodate the school schedule with both morning and afternoon sessions for two weeks. The morning session generally lasts from 8:40 to 11:30 a.m. with another group arriving on buses in the afternoon from 12:30 until around 3 p.m.



PHOTOS BY DEBBIE ADAMS

A William Byrd eighth grader enjoys the ice.

Sink says some area schools come for the day on field trips, but no other schools have developed the complete program that WBMS has.

The Lancerlot and Vinton Bowling have been amazing to work with," Baldwin said.

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1) FY 2024 is a scheduled bonding year for RCPS. In FY 2024, RCPS are authorized a borrowing amount of \$25 million in order to facilitate full participation in the FY 2024 literary loan program. This \$25 million is comprised of the scheduled \$17 million in planned borrowing by RCPS and an additional \$8 million borrowing

2) FY 2025 is also a scheduled bonding year for RCPS. On July 1, 2024 (FY 2025), the RCPS are authorized a borrowing amount of up to \$95 million. This \$95 million is comprised of the scheduled \$17 million in planned borrowing, \$20 million in borrowing authority advanced from FY 27, and an additional borrowing of \$58 million.

3) In addition to the total borrowed amount, as set forth in items #1 and 2 above, ROCO and RCPS each commit to providing \$5 million in cash by June 30, 2025, to add an additional \$10 million in total cash to supplement the proposed borrowing.

4) The \$130 million, as set forth in items #1, 2, and 3 above shall be utilized as follows: a new CTE facility: \$80 million, and improvements to Glen Cove Elementary School: \$25 million and improvements to W.E. Cundiff Elementary School \$25 million.

5) The amounts set forth in Item #4 cannot be repurposed for other capital needs.

6) RCPS may apply any additional funds received from the Commonwealth, as well as other grant funding, to the projects set forth in Item #4. Further, RCPS may also apply additional RCPS CIP funds to these projects.

7) Beginning in FY and ongoing, an increase in the annual borrowing amount will be authorized up to \$20 million for both ROCO and RCPS. RCPS will not borrow in FY 2027 because this bonding authority was advanced to FY 2025.

8) The School Board agrees that it will continue annually to contribute \$1.8 million to the combined Debt-Payment Reserve Fund once the 2009 Virginia Public School Authority (VPSA) bonds are paid off.

9) The Board of Supervisors agrees that it will continue annually to contribute \$1.2 million to the Combined Debt-Payment Reserve Fund once the 2008 lease revenue bonds are paid off.

10) Both boards will budget for

and include in their annual budget an amount required to maintain the Future Capital Projects Fund (to hold an acceptable cash balance while planning for future debt service payments). This amount is estimated to be \$300,000 in FY 2024 and \$530,000 in FY 2025 and thereafter, for each board.

11) Both boards confirm their commitment to continue the incremental increases into the Future Capital Projects Fund, even in future economic downturns.

Proposed additional provisions detailed in the Board of Supervisors MOU include:

The School Board agrees that it will apply for all potential state and federal grants that may become available for school capital projects and work cooperatively with the Board of Supervisors to seek funding legislatively through the Commonwealth budget based on similar efforts for the regional Chesapeake, Norfolk, Portsmouth Regional CTE.

The School Board agrees to participate in a Board of Supervisors funded, Board of Supervisors-managed, demographic study to analyze a wide variety of demographic trends within the county, to include future school enrollment projections. Data from this effort will be utilized in the planning of future capital projects for both boards.

Further, the boards recognize that all future appropriations to the School Board are within the discretion of the Board of Supervisors; the present Board of Supervisors or School Board cannot bind the actions of a future Board of Supervisors or School Board.

Additionally, the proposed debt assumption schedule, as outlined in this MOU, may need to be re-evaluated in the event of economic recession or other circumstance. However, it is the intent of the presently constituted Board of Supervisors to follow the policy set forth in this MOU.

School Board members held a previously scheduled work session on Thursday, April 6, and discussed the MOU to a limited degree since they had not had time to review it thoroughly. They plan to discuss and consider the MOU further at their regular meeting on April 20.

Media release and MOU from Roanoke County Board of Supervisors.

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As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us (Psalm 103:12).

God totally wipes clean our forgiven past. He not only removes the guilt of our sin, but the punishment we deserve. Because Jesus died for our sins, we can live eternally. He set us free from sin and guilt.

Guilt exposes the wrong committed. A forgiven sinner has no reason for guilt to remain (1 John 1:9). If you struggle with guilt, ask God to help you fi nd release.

Thought for Today: Let guilt guide you to God. He has the solution.

Quicklook: Psalm 103:1-12

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Vinton Chamber of Commerce shares the business perspective on the State of the Town

Debbie Adams

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The Vinton Area Chamber of Commerce joins the Town of Vinton each year in hosting the State of the Town Address at the Vinton War Memorial.

Chamber Executive Director Angie Chewning opened the 2023 meeting with comments on the state of Vinton from the perspective of area businesses.

"As we gather here today, we stand on the cusp of a new chapter in the history of our beloved town," Chewning said. "Since we met right here in this very room last year, so many things have been happening. The Chamber has witnessed great strides in our community's growth and development. From the opening of new businesses, to hosting a slew of events, and all things in between, our town has been bustling with energy and excitement.

"We are a small town, but we are doing big things. And that is thanks to the hard work and dedication of our town staff, our businesses, and our citizens, who continue to work tirelessly to make our town a better

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place to live, work, and play.

"As we move forward into the future, I am confident that we will continue to build on our successes and achieve even greater heights. Let us work together to make our town a shining example of what can be accomplished when a community comes together with a common purpose."

Chewning then introduced and thanked the 2023 Chamber Board of Directors and officers: Anthony Conner (The Conner Group), Chris McCarty (Grand Rental Storage), Libby Patterson (The Hemp Mill), Julie Wheeler (HomeTrust Bank), Tim Greenway (Mountain View Real Estate), Tyler Fisher (Fisher Financial Services), Michelle Barklow (Dodge Stores), Chris Wheeler (Twin Creeks), Kat Pascal (Farmburguesa), Joy Rierson (Neely's Accounting), Paula Robins (Bank of Botetourt), Dr. Richard Turner (JMU/Fritz Sports and Event Enterprises), Chamber President Jason Boothe (Mountain View Real Estate), 1st Vice President Allison Finney (American Efficiency Inns), 2nd Vice President Page Stovall Lovern (Pheasant Ridge), Past President Justin Davison (MemberOne), and Town of Vinton representatives Mayor Grose, Town Manager Pete Peters, and Director of Community Programs Chasity Barbour.

"From the smallest acts of kindness to the most ambitious projects, many of you have played a role in building a brighter future for our town," Chewning continued. "Whether you are a longtime resident or a newcomer, or here for a visit, your presence here today is a testament to the strength and resilience of our community.

"So let us take a moment to reflect on all that we have accomplished together, and to look forward to the many great things yet to come. Thank you all for being here, and once again, welcome to our small town, doing big things."

Prior to the event, the crowd was entertained with videos from the enormously popular "All Things Vinton" series– a combined effort of the town, the Chamber, and RVTV. Chewning and Barbour have become a comedy duo promoting businesses in Vinton and the town online on Facebook and YouTube.

operating the History Museum; the Advancement Foundation for hosting the annual Gauntlet Competition; and the Vinton Breakfast Lions Club for the new bus shelters at Lake Drive Plaza and near PFG."

The mayor then went on to mention accomplishments of specific departments within the town.

"A pillar of a great community is public safety, which is why we are very proud of the Vinton Police Department," Grose said. "Under the leadership of Chief Drumond, they continue to represent the town positively and attract and retain some of the very best officers to keep our community safe. The relationships our officers have built with our citizens, the community engagement programs, and the emphasis on transparency are just a couple of reasons why this department is an exceptional steward of law enforcement.

"Our Police Department has done a fantastic job in working with external agencies and leveraging grant funding in 2022 to improve and update their operations. Chief Drummond and Deputy Chief Lawless have been able to provide body worn cameras and updated in-car cameras, new firearms, and state-of-the-art technology to handle crime across the spectrum. I have full confidence in their capabilities to continue delivering exceptional public safety in Vinton.

"A great community doesn't happen by accident, in fact, it requires some smart planning," he continued. "That's why our Planning and Zoning Department has an important task in planning for Vinton's future. Staff oversees the town's code enforcement, stormwater permitting, and assists construction permitting with Roanoke County. In 2022, staff updated the zoning ordinance and modernized many local regulations. These updates were made to be business and development friendly while maintaining responsible standards. "Our Planning and Zoning staff also coordinates many transportation and infrastructure projects. Vinton is updating Bike & Pedestrian Improvements along Walnut Ave and is planning for two new signalized crosswalks for Gus Nicks Boulevard and Hardy Road. Planning and Zoning staff also work to maintain and improve our natural assets, such as the Woodland Place Stream Bank Restoration Project which will improve stormwater management and restore a waterway in our town. And of course, Glade Creek Greenway Phase 2B will expand our already impressive greenway system, which will make Vinton even more walkable. "Another important element in bringing town projects to life is our Capital Projects team. Their work with other town departments, private contractors, and public partners ranges from building system improvements at the Vinton War Memorial and the Farmers Market, to building the new Walnut Avenue parking lot, scheduled to be completed this summer, providing over 80 new spaces for residents and visitors in downtown. "These transformative projects couldn't happen without our Finance and Treasurer's Office and their fantastic management of the town's finances. They also provide our citizens and businesses assistance with account inquiries, daily payment collection, and handling the Town's accounts payable and receivables. "The department was again recognized in 2022 by GFOA for the Financial Audit and the Budget Document, which has become a regular occurrence with this department. I am also very proud to announce that through responsible management of the town's finances, the Town of Vinton budget is once again balanced and is now debt free. That is something I am very excited to say, and I know this team will continue their exceptional work and service to our citizens and businesses. "Our mix of local restaurants, unique retail, professional service providers, entertainment venues, and large employers truly gives our town great character," Grose said in recognizing business owners who were present. "They help paint the picture of what Vinton has to offer."

"I would also like to welcome a few new members to our business community– Cory Welch with Pok-E-Joe's and Johnathan Pate with Pollard 107 South. I don't think I'm alone when I say this community is beyond excited for you be in Vinton.

"There were also a few businesses with exciting expansion and grand opening announcements this year," Grose noted. "The Dogwood Restaurant will extend their offerings and add a night-life component in adjacent space, as well as an attractive new outdoor patio for guests to enjoy in the heart of downtown. Vinton Vet added the Specialty Services Center, which offers surgery and dental services for pets. And congratulations to Salon 121 for returning to downtown Vinton by opening their second location.

"Economic development is key to a thriving community, and staff is tasked with creating those opportunities for the future of business growth. The town has been strategic in redevelopment to make the highest and best use of our three square miles, and that mission continues with the Gish Mill Redevelopment Project and the Vinton Hotel Project.

"Gish Mill is slated to begin construction this summer and, once complete, will provide a unique, mixeduse experience with lodging, restaurant, and market opportunities. This will help make Vinton a 'drive to, not drive through' town, as my fellow Council member Keith Liles likes to say. This is a good time to be in business in Vinton, and the commercial activity and opportunities will only continue to grow."

Grose recognized the Community Programs Department for the "great placemaking within work in tne town and giving the town flair. Their management of the public facilities, including this very building we're in, is so important in making our community special. The Vinton War Memorial, Charles R. Hill Community Center, and Farmers' Market all play a role in providing communal space and events of all kinds. Their work with the Vinton Dogwood Festival, the July 4th celebration, Fall Festival, the Christmas Parade, and the Santa Crawl bring so much joy to our residents. "Thanks to our Human Resources and Risk Management Director Donna Collins, who continuously keeps operations running smoothly and works very hard in recruiting exceptional employees for the town. She has also taken on a large role in renovating the former HIVE building which will provide much needed space for several town staff. "Our Public Works team, led by Bo Herndon, continues to improve infrastructure, provide public services, and improve the quality of life for our residents. The Public Works Department had its single largest year in paving in the town in 2022 and we're slated to have another big year of freshly paved roads in 2023. "Public Works was also in charge of critical infrastructure projects such as the Garthright Bridge rehabilitation, and re-lamped dozens of streetlights along Hardy Road, Washington Avenue, and Gus Nicks Boulevard with brighter LEDs for improved driver and pedestrian safety. Take a moment to test out the town's new synchronized signals at all 11 intersections. I'm very proud of this project which has lessened the time drivers are waiting at stoplights and ultimately made traveling through our town more efficient. "The recent, and seemingly abundant, road construction can cause a little heartburn for our citizens and businesses, but these projects are a sign of progress and a growing community, and they truly will position our town for continued and responsible development. "In 2022, the town made a major step forward by transferring water and sanitary sewer operations to the Western Virginia Water Authority. This has been a success for a several reasons. One- our



PHOTO BY DEBBIE ADAMS

One of the two most impactful events in the Town of Vinton this year was the transfer of ownership of the town utility systems to the Western Virginia Water Authority, contributing to the "debt-free" status of the town. Town Council and town staff are shown celebrating the symbolic "turning of the valve" on the day of transfer. (The other event was the tragic fire in downtown Vinton on July 2.)

Public Works staff is now freed up to handle many other construction projects occurring in the town. Two, it allows the Water Authority to deploy their professionals and provide high quality service to our infrastructure. And finally, Vinton residents benefit from a larger customer base which has helped stabilize their rates. We appreciate our partnership with the Water Authority to take this step and we look forward to our continued work together."

The town is also working with the Water Authority on the East Cleveland Water Line Replacement project, which is improving water line infrastructure along East Cleveland Avenue from Bedford Avenue to South Pollard Street and the town will repave all affected roadways once the project is completed, which is expected this spring.' another mayor touted The accomplishment in 2022: the Town of Vinton launched the CodeRED system which will directly notify residents and business about public safety, road closures and other important updates. (You can register for this free service at www.vintonva.gov.)

"Though 2022 was filled with accomplishments and exciting news, we also witnessed a devastating loss in our downtown last July Fourth weekend," Grose remarked. "This was a difficult event which misplaced several of our local businesses, although staff has been working diligently with property and businesses owners, as well as Roanoke County and contractors to initiate demolition while minimizing impacts our downtown.

^{*k*}We plan to continue growing upward, both figuratively and literally, while we still retain Vinton's unique community charm. We are in a very favorable financial position, and we will continue to strategically invest in public safety, business attraction, redevelopment, and critical infrastructure projects. I again want to thank our local private industry, as well as our public sector partners for their investment into Vinton!

"We have a lot to celebrate InVinton and I know we can accomplish great things when we work together."

The State of the Town event was catered by Bella Events.



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Mount Pleasant Elementary hosts STEM Night

Mount Pleasant Elementary School hosted a PTA/Title 1 STEM Night on March 14.

The Title 1 program provided dinner for the MPE families from 5:30-6 p.m. and science reading books for the students. Students and their families were able to participate in activities at a variety of STEM stations from 6 to 7 p.m., including:

- Nails for Breakfast
- Busy as a Bee
- Alka Seltzer Rockets
- Cool Colors
- Catching a Bird
- Dancing Raisins

Journey Through the Bloodstream

- **Balloon Skewers**
- Its Chemical Balloon Inflate
- Strange Acting Goop Coding with Botley Robots

Students were able to rotate through all the stations at their

own pace. The Mount Pleasant Elementary PTA provided funds to purchase the materials needed for the stations. The stations were all STEM-related and aligned with the Virginia State Standards. Fifth grade science teacher Krista Lyle organized the event and staff members came back for the night to run the stations. Submitted by Lynez Humphries,

MPE librarian, media specialist, and computer coordinator

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Accounting Driveway Food Vendors Lee Avenue

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Business Showcase Vendors and Festival Food Vendors, Teen Space, Virtual Reality Area Maple Street

Vinton History Museum – Thrasher Quilters and Dogwood Festival History Displays • Street Entertainment -Juggler David Bear Stuart and Magician Mark Fuller, various times and locations

Thrasher UMC Parking Lot

• RVR-AACA Antique Car Show, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

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Submitted by Mary Beth Layman, Vinton Dogwood Festival Committee Publicity Chairwoman

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part of the U.S. Marine Corps Combined Action Program, embedded in villages initially controlled by the Viet Cong.

This counterinsurgency program involved in each village, a 13-member Marine rifle squad, augmented by U.S. Navy Corpsmen, backed up by a Vietnamese militia platoon from the Popular Forces– usually older youth and elderly men who were too young, too old, or reluctant to join the Army of the Republic of Vietnam.

The CAP platoon lived in the village 24/7/365 to train the Vietnamese in weapons, tactics, and more. They stayed until the Popular Forces were able to take care of the village and defend it from the Viet Cong, and then the team moved on to another village.

The Combined Action Program is viewed historically as highly successful. Not one village in the program was retaken by the Viet Cong. Fralin told those attending the ceremony that by volunteering for the CAP program, he felt like he was doing something positive; it was a great and

"invaluable" experience; he got to see the Vietnamese people close-up, living their daily lives, mostly in poverty. He felt like those in the CAP program were truly able to help the Vietnamese and impact their lives.

Fralin said for those serving in the CAP program in Vietnam, it was "pretty hairy at times."

On one occasion, his company traveled between a village split in half at night, from one half to the other, and were told by other marines they were "crazy" for going in at night. On nights of the new moon, or with no clouds, it was pitch black. But "they went, did their job, and came home."

Fralin says he and many others have chosen to remember the good things, and not dwell on the bad things, although at times they "creep back into your Col. John Miller, United States Army (Ret.), presented congressionally authorized Vietnam Veteran Lapel Pins to a group of Vietnam veterans during the commemorative ceremony, honoring their service to the nation.

Pegram Johnson (USN), Claude Baker (USAF), Gary Leavens (USA), Ed Ridout (USA), Ronnie Brooks (USA), Ron Geiger (USMC), Ralph Barb (USA), Michael Tamblyn (USA), Danny Washburn (USAF), William Albert (USN), Ted Wilhelm (USMC), John Taylor (USMC), David Thurston (USMC), James Sell (USA), Gary Jones (USAF), Franke Hale (USA), and David Wagner (USA). Two surviving spouses also received the pins: Joyce Bryant for her husband William (USN) and Rachel T. Nichols for her husband Alfred (USAF).

The guest speaker for the event was Dan Karnes, LTC, USA (Ret.), a native of Roanoke. He served two tours of duty in the Army in Vietnam, and 33 years altogether in the regular Army, the Army Reserves, and the Virginia National Guard. He retired as a joined the service the year lieutenant colonel in 2003. Karnes attended Radford University, Virginia Commonwealth University, and Virginia Tech. He worked as a Clinical Social Worker than 58,000 Americans for the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Roanoke Valley and



PHOTO BY BY SUE VAIL The National Vietnam Veterans Day ceremony included a wreath-laying ceremony at the High Ground Monument.

finished his career as the Director of the Vet Center, a counseling service for veterans. He volunteers and serves on the board of several organizations.

Karnes shared the story of a childhood friend who

surrounding areas were killed during the conflict.

The event closed with the playing of TAPS by the bugler from the 29th Division Band, followed by the annual cake cutting ceremony

businesses, organizations, and individuals for this event. Those who contributed include Bojangles (Peters Creek Road), the Roanoke Valley Veterans Council, New York Pizza-Vinton, American Legion Post 3, the 29th Division Band VANG, Humana, VFW Post 1264, Macado's-Chick-Fil-A Vinton, Bonsack, Mayor Brad Grose, the Rev. Ed Ridout, VFW Post 4522, and Bravo Co 4th CEB, USMC.

They included:

before he did and was killed in action and how devastating that was for him and for many other soldiers who lost friends in combat in Vietnam. More and over 78 residents of

The Vietnam Veterans of America organization represents veterans from across the region. Last year's ceremony was held in Roanoke City; this year in Vinton; next year's will most likely be in Salem.

The VVA received support from several local

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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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OF SECTION NO. 4,

announced at the time of the sale. The Substitute Trustee will convey the above-described property to the purchaser(s) by Special

4:30 pm. The program will take applications online only. The website to apply is virginiahousing.apply4housi ng.com. The Radford City waiting list area cove

situate, lying and being in the Shawsville Magisterial District of Montgomery County, Virginia, containing 112 acres of land, more or

is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown: Robert Spotswood Payne, who is believed to be deceased

last known address is unknown; James Kent Langhorne, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Thomas Hardy Langhorne, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address in unknown: Alice Langhorne Bavto, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown: Genevieve Bayto Knowles, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Jane Parker, whose last known address is 224 Shadywood Drive, Newport News, Virginia 23602; Dorothy Bayto Bristow; who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Dorothy Alice Armstrong, whose last known address is 5428 Sunnywood Drive, Virginia Beach, Virginia 23455;Berkley Bristow, Jr., whose last known address is 1602 Linden Avenue, Chesapeake, Virginia 23325: Janet Bristow Hogwood, whose last known address is 1425 Willow Avenue, Chesapeake Virginia 23325; David Cloyd Langhorne, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown: Margaret Anne Knakkergaard, who is believed to be decease and whose last known address is unknown; Nannie Kent Ellis, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown: Elvira Ellis Rachal, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; William M. E. Rachal, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown: Maria Fraser Rachal, whose last known address is 1550 Westminster Canterbury Way, Richmond, Virginia 23227; Adolphe S. Rachal, Jr., who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is u unknown; Laura Rachal, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown Laura Rachal Rinehart, whose last known address is 14307 Fox Hurst Place, Midlothian. Virginia 23113;Ruth Rachal Wilhelm, whose last known address is 8306 Eden Street, Richmond, Virginia 23228; Margaret Rachal

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CAMBRIDGE.RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 11, PAGE 56, IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF BOTETOURT, VIRGINIA. TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder's deposit of ten percent (10%) of the sale price or ten percent (10%) of the original principal balance of the subject Deed of Trust, whichever is lower, in the form of cash or certified funds payable to the Substitute Trustee must be present at the time of the sale. The balance of the purchase price will be due within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Purchaser's deposit may be forfeited to Trustee. Time is of the essence. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser may, if provided by the terms of the Trustee's Memorandum of Foreclosure Sale, be entitled to a \$50 cancellation fee from the Substitute Trustee, but shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. A form copy of the Trustee's memorandum of foreclosure sale and contract to purchase real property is available for viewing at www.bwwsales.com. Additional terms, if any, to be announced at the sale and the Purchaser may be given the option to execute the contract of sale electronically. This is a communication from a debt collector and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. The sale is subject to seller confirmation. Substitute Trustee: Equity Trustees, LLC, 8100 Three Chopt Road, Suite 240, Richmond VA 23229. For more information contact: BWW Law Group, LLC, attorneys for Equity Trustees, LLC, 6003 Executive Blvd, Suite 101, Rockville, MD 20852, 301-961-6555, website: www.bwwsales.com. VA 360977-1

Warranty deed at settlement and makes no additional representations or warranties of any kind regarding the title to said property. John K. Prillaman, Esq. Substitute Trustee For Information Contact: John K. Prillaman, Esq.

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Notice

is hereby given to all interested persons that the Council of the City of Salem, at its regular meeting on Monday, April 24, 2023, at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 114 N. Broad Street, in the City of Salem, Virginia, will hold a public hearing, pursuant to Sections 15.2-2204 and 15.2-2285 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, to consider approval of the following requests relative to the CODE OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA: 1. Consider the 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 COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA BY: H. Robert Light

Clerk of Council

Radford City. Two hundred applicants who apply will be chosen randomly by lottery to be added to the waiting

list. Not everyone who applies will be added to the waiting list. Applicants will receive a confirmation

number once their application is submitted indicating the application was received. Receiving a confirmation number does not guarantee you will be added to the waiting list. You may apply using a

laptop or desktop computer or mobile device. Anyone can apply on behalf of another applicant. You may check to see if you were chosen in the lottery on April 28, 2023, after 12 pm by going to the following website:

Virginiahousing.apply4housi ng.com/status. You will not be able to check your status if you have previously applied to a Virginia Housing waiting list. Applications will not be taken by phone, mail or in person. If the applicant is a person with a disability and they require an

accommodation in order to apply, please contact the Radford City Rental

Assistance Office staff for assistance to apply during the opening time period. For more information about the application process. please contact the Radford office at 540-731-3663 or

visit www.virginiahousing.com.

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Christiansburg Town Council will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, April 25, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Christiansburg Town Hall, 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, Virginia 24073. The purpose of the public hearing is to receive public comments concerning:An unbuilt rightof-way vacation request by Clayco LLC for an ordinance vacating unbuilt rights-of-way on Angle Drive SW from First Street SW to West Main Street for a length of approximately 400

linear feet. on First Street

less, described as Tax Map Number 084-A 48, S F R, Booth Rd.

And being the same real property conveyed to Margaret K. Langhorne from Robert T. Ellett, clerk of the Circuit Court of Montgomery County, Virginia, by Deed dated June 1, 1889 and recorded in the Montgomery County Circuit Court Clerk's Office in Deed Book 29 at Page 91 on July 30, 1889.

This description is made subject to all easements, conditions, agreements, restrictions, and reservations of record which affect the property herein described. IT APPEARING that an affidavit has been made and filed stating that due diligence has been used, without effect, to ascertain the identity and location of certain parties to be served, that the last known addresses for the Respondents herein are as follows: Margaret L.K. Langhorne, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; James Henry Langhorne who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Elizabeth Allen Payne, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Jacob Kent Langhorne, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Maurice Daniel Langhorne, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; John William Langhorne, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Margaret K. Langhorne Ellis, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Mary B. Langhorne Cloyd, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Archer Langhorne Payne, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; John Payne, Jr., who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Eliza M. Payne,

and whose last known address is unknown; David Gray Langhorne, Sr., who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown. Edmund A. Langhorne, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Emily Langhorne Garlock, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown: Emily Addison Langhorne, III. whose last known address is 1736 Green Hill Road, Virginia Beach, Virginia 23454; David Gray Langhorne, Jr., who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Clara Chrisman Langhorne, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Maurice Daniel Langhorne, Jr., who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Maurice Daniel Langhorne, III., who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; David Cloyd Langhorne who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Mary Kunkel Langhorne, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Elizabeth Kent Langhorne, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; J.W. Langhorne, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Jacob V. Langhorne, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; John Archer Langhorne, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Ethel Langhorne Ambrose, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address in unknown; Edmond Gray Ambrose, Jr., whose last known address is 750 Clyde River Rd, Unit 209, Oxnard, California 93036; Anne Ambrose Jernigan, who is believed to be deceased and whose las known address is unknown; William L. Ambrose, whose last known address is 1835 Duke of Norfolk Quay,

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McKee, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; John R. McKee, whose last known address is 2426 Sandy Hook Road, Goochland, Virginia 23063; Margaret Ellis Topping, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; John Topping, Sr., who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Doris Topping, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Munford Topping, whose last known address is 202 SE 11th Street, Washington, DC 20003; Munford Ellis Topping, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; William Topping, whose last known address is 590 S. 5th Street, Wytheville, Virginia 24382; Charles Topping, whose last known address is 120 Mims Drive, Calhoun, Georgia 30701; Kent Cloyd Martin, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Langhorne Martin Phillips, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown: Margaret Martin Norris, who is believed to be Legals -Montgomery <u>Coun</u>ty

deceased and whose last known address is unknown; LTC Roger Millar, Sr., who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown: Sara Millar, whose last known address is 2253 Glenbar Drive. Germantown. Tennessee 38139 Ralph Millar, whose last known address is 592 Pomfret Street Apt 56, Putnam, Connecticut 06260; Margaret Kent Stow, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Frederick Stow, whose last known address is 107 Fairway View Lane, Montgomery, Texas 77356; Cloyd Martin, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Nancy Martin Payne, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; John Miller Payne, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Harwood Ellis Martin, who is believed to be deceased and whose address is unknown; Dorothy Langhorne Martin, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Barry

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Martin, whose last known address is unknown; C.J. Martin, whose last known address is unknown; Roger Martin, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Col. Maurice L. Martin, Sr., who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Maurice L. Martin, Jr., whose last known address is 1309 Renaissance St. Chattanooga, Tennessee 37419; Michele Hovey, whose last known address is 448 High Street, Denver, Colorado 80218; Joan White, whose last known address is unknown; Anne Sherman, whose last known address is unknown; Nancy Ross, whose last known address is unknown: David M. Cloyd, Jr., who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown: Frances Wright Cloyd, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; David M. Cloyd, III., who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown: Eula Bartlett Cloyd, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown: Lelia

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Cloyd Iseman, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown: Kathie Curtis, whose last known address is unknown: Karen Walsey, whose last known address is 74 Spyglass Way, Palm Beach Gardens, Florida 33418: Joanie Merrow, whose last known address is 4052 Statewood Road NE, Atlanta, Georgia 30342; Joseph W. Iseman, Jr., whose last known address is 3028 Creek Drive, Duluth, Georgia 30096;James Guthrie Cloyd, Who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Mary Cloyd Stevens, who is believed to be deceased and whose last address is unknown; Margaret Kent Stevens, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Frances Stevens Byrne, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; William Byrne, Jr., Who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Jane Byrne Sheppard, whose last known address is unknown; Mary Langhorne Kucera, who is believed to be deceased and whose last

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known address is unknown; Mary Langhorne Kucera. who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown: Mary Stevens Phillips, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown: Elizabeth A. Stevens, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown: Robert G. Stevens, Jr., who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown. Rebecca Stevens Shea. whose last known address is 130 River Street. Southport, Connecticut 06890: David C. Stevens. who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown: Bettie Stevens, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Sandra Stevens Johnson, whose last known address is 4550 Blue Heron Drive, Christiansburg, Virginia 24073; Jean Stevens Daigre, whose last known address is 60 Thunderbird Lane, Pinehurst, North Carolina 28374; John Archer Cloyd, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Allen

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Earnest Cloyd, Sr., who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Allen E. Cloyd, Jr., who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Francis Cloyd, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Betsy Cloyd Sykes, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Robert Sykes Jr., whose last known address is 1485 highway 176 BYP, Pacolet, South Carolina 29372; Margaret Pederson, whose last known address is 1011 Creekwood Place. Greensboro, Georgia 30642: Johnnie L. Clovd. who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown: Twyla Cloyd, whose last known address is 6418 W. Pershing Avenue, Glendale, Arizona 85304; Samuel Cloyd, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; and that any officers, heirs, devisees, and successors in title of the Respondent named herein are made parties Responder to this action individually and/or by the general description of

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Parties Unknown, it is hereby **ORDERED** that the parties herein and all Parties Unknown and/or whose location cannot be ascertained appear on or before May 15, 2023 in the Clerks's Office of the Circuit Court of Montgomery County, Virginia, and do what may be necessary to protect their interest in this cause. Entered on the 5th day of

Entered on the 5th day of April, 2023 K. Mike Fleenor, Jr., Judge I ask for this:

John A Rife, Esq. (VSB No. 45805) Jeffery A. Scharf, Esq. (VSB No. 30591) Mark K. Ames, Esq. (VSB No. 27409) Andrew M. Neville, Esq. (VSB No. 86372) Paul L. LaBarr, Esq. (VSB No. 91609) Gregory L. Haynes, Esq. (VSB No. 37158) Seth R. Konopasek, Esq. (VSB No.97065) Taxing Authority Consulting Services, PC P.O. Box 31800. Henrico Virginia 23294-1800 Phone: (804) 545-2500 Facsimile: (804) 545-2378 TACS No.: 496189



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WBMS announces honor rolls for third nine weeks

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

A HONOR ROLL

Sixth Grade: Ace Adkins, Noah Adok, Carlee Akers, Tabitha Allen, Katie Altamirano Diaz, Elizabeth Ball, Lola Barbour, Addison Bradford, Madison Brigdon, Garrett Brunk, Ethan Camper, Savannah Chassereau, Calvin Chen, Pavten Childress, Avery Chitwood, Carston Di Benedetto, Reid Divers, Kelly Dixon, Michael Dixon, Landon Dolan, Dakoda Downs, Claire Draper, McKinley Edberg, Kayden Gibson, Jaxon Glatt, Landon Hagy, Tenley Hardifer, Alyssa Harless, Madelyn Huffman, Nathen Hurley, Zachary Ingram, Marygann Jenkins, Caroline Johnson, Brogan Jordan, Briggs Kotz, Rylan Lang, John Lee, Brooke Lomax, Ashlynn Lovern, Melissa Madonna, Lixi Martinez'Maldonado, Ella McReynolds, Cale Meador, Corinne Michalski, Layna Miller, Bryce Moding, Miriam Moore, Grady Morck, Gracie Morgan, Vanessa Mullen, Philip Nguyen, Jaxon Oneill, Alaura Overstreet, Madilyn Overstreet, Bryn Padgett, David Pham, Mahkenna Ramsey, Madelynn Ray, Maxwell Reeves, Kayleigh Roberts, Emily Robtison, Isabella Shropshire, Olivia Strassburg, Jonathan Underwood, Isabella Wertz, Temperance Whorley, Wesley Wilson, and Carlie Zimmerman.

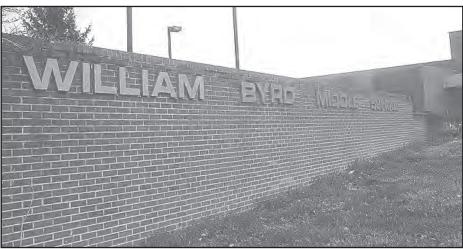
Seventh Grade: Kayden Althoff, Caleigh Aremia, Tayler Austin, Corey Bailey, Jr., Asia Bannister, Kayleigh Barber, Isabella Barrette, Madelyn Barrette, Logan Beverage, Jaiden Blankenship, Logan Blevins, Jackson Booze, Grevson Bradford, Norah Buck, Stephen Byars, Gabriel Campbell, Ryan Carroll, Isabella Clark, Milton Clark, Jazmine Clifton, Jahniya Coles, Claire Cooper, Bradley Counts, Riley Cummings, Isabella Davis, Helen De la Cruz'Cala, Braylon Dent, Nathan Doan, Dustin Dudley, Keeli Emery, Payton Farmer, Reagan Fike, Alanna Fitzgerald, Peyton Gates, Kyleigh Ginger, Thalia Green, Ainslee Hall, Michal Hamlar, Aubrey Harris, Kenleigh Hetherington, Camryn Hicks, Christian Hodges, Raelyn Hodges, Benjamin Hoyos, Margaret Jennings, Cooper Kageals, Naleigh Lewis, Áva Lorton, Olivia Marcus, Mallory Michalski, Katelyn Mills, Kenley Minnix, Leah

Montgomery, Kennedy Moseley, Mallorie Mullins, Riley Niday, Allen Nunez, Daniel Ochoa, Emma Olivit, Cooper Peery, Jacob Perez, Anna Perkoski, Jack Petersen, Jenna Petersen, Kendall Ranson, Aiden Rhodes, Lexi Rock, Elliana Ruble, Enna Schofield, Luke Scott, Aaron Start, Alyssa Steahly, Gwen Summo, Kara Sutton, Hadyn Terrell, Emma Thierry, Cameron Thomas, Hope Thomas, Isaiah Thompson, Mia Vest, Kolee Walter, Hailey Webster, Carson Wheeler, Emma Whitcomb, Levi Whitcomb, Haleigh White, Bindi Whitenack, Jaden Williams, Sabrina Wray, Hendrix Wright, Caleb Wrye, and Gianna Zivelonghi.

Eighth Grade: Alyssa Abdelhadi, Eleanor Ball, Erica Barton, Aubrey Blewett, Addison Collins, Heidi Dixon, Jeremiah Harper, Aaron Hemming, Sophie Hoagland, Cole Johnston, Britton Jordan, Arianna Krista, Olivia Long, Olivia Lorek, Emma Milliron, Tyler Minnix, Elena Mullen, Sarah Nguyen, Carly Norton, Kendall Norton, Giovanni Pandolfini, Sebastian Perdomo, Thomas Purcell, Jamya Rosborough, Abigail Saritelli, Willow Seth, Aubrey Sink, Ramsey Stephens, Gavin Thornton, McKayla Tingler, Izabella Trumble, Sydney Tuck, Heidi Wienke, Aiden Wright, and Maggie Zimmerman.

A/B HONOR ROLL

Sixth Grade: Kendall Adams, Raylend Agee, Levi Amos, Alexander Ashwell, Lakyn Austin, Laylah Austin, Elyshah Ball, Jayden Beasley, Ryan Bell, Ethan Bibby, Evan Bibby, Tristen Blevins, Emma Boyd, Karla Brumback, Liam Bruner, Sienna Burkus'Landis, Sofia Butler, Cooper Butrym, Jennifer Cabrera, Robert Campbell, Sariah Carpenter, Colten Carter, Serenity Cassell, Joshua Christensen, Allyssa Clyburn, Riley Cobb, Eliana Colwell, Alexander Dolan, Ashlynn Doss, Iris Dudley, Izaih Duncan, Lillian Duncan, Remington Duncan, Drayven English, William Etue, Jayden Ferris, Macie Fields, Russell Fisher, Ryleigh Fisher, Kyleigh Flurnoy, Brayden Furrow, Nyah Gaines, Cohen Gill, Jeffrey Gill, Nyankor Gon, Madison Gordon, Carter Gray, Joshua Hale, Jackson Henderson, Katelynn Howell, Ayriana Huff, Jackson Johnson, Makenzie LaPradd, Zoe LaRose, Makinleigh Lee, Chase Madonna, Charlotte Manning, Silas Marshall'Emma, Kyler Martin,



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McGlothlin, Oliver Moore, Nancv Mason Moses, William Muddiman, Hailey Mullins, Sophia Nester, La'Riah Noel, Jayden Omiyo, Vishva Patel, Aiden Perdue, Marley Poindexter, Talon Ray, Nolan Riley, Landon Rodgers, Aubrey Roye, Evan Scott, Cora Shell, Kennedi Shifflett, Nami Shively, Rafe Smith, Corryn Speed, Jacob Spradlin, Graceyn Tavlor, Nicholas Trettner, Christopher Turner, Peyton Turner, Paylin Waldron, Holden White, Jack R. Williams, Joshua J. Williams, Briana Willis, Gavin Wintz, and Josiah Wright.

Seventh Grade: Bryce Angle, Jacob Artrip, Aiden Beasley, Katelyn Bennett, Allison Bowling, Paxton Brown, Olivia Bush, Mason Campbell, Eric Chen, Wyatt Childress, Noah Ciafardini, Aarolyn Cohen, Elliana Conner, Bella Craddock, Kayden Creel, Meranda Dilcher, Morgan Dillard, Kylie Dixon, Marshall Dooley, Lily Duffy, Timothy Duncan, Justin Dunn, Caeden Eanes, Angelyce Enriquez, Gabriel Felty, Logan Ferguson, Debra Gamble, Adrian Garcia, Benjamin Gardner, Madison Garman, Mackenzie Gillett, Blair Godlesky, Kur Gon, Carson Gordon, Haydn Grubb, Preslee Hamm, Josiah Harper, Mirian Hernandez'Lemus, Mason Hershel, Jude Hinkle, Landon Hollins, Anthony Holmes, Jr., Khloe Humphrey, Jayda Jordan, Alyvia Lee, Samuel Leftwich, Reese Mahanes, Andrea Maldonado, Gray Matthews, Jacob McCoy, Luke Mihelcic, Adalie Mills, Mia Mohamad, William Morgan, Josephine Mullen, Eric Nguyen, Brooklynn Padgett, Carter Palmer, Ethan Parker, Khloe Peters, Riley

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Submitted by William Byrd Middle

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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)(Å). 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



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Terrier Team Challenge track meet at Byrd Saturday

Robert A. Patterson Stadium in Vinton will be the site of the Terrier Team Challenge track meet this Saturday,.

The meet is scheduled to begin at 9 am with field events and running events starting at 11:30 am. The meet will run straight through and should go into the late afternoon.

The Terriers warmed up for the big

home meet with a trip to Lynchburg for the Twilight High School Invitational at the University of Lynchburg last Friday night. Byrd had some strong early season performances in the meet.

The 4x100 relay team of Allyson Mavredes, Olaedo Anyanwu, Jazaria West-Brown and Emma Matthews finished 2nd with a time of 55.58, and Matthews also took fifth in the 100. Grace Owni was third in the 400 and Emma Kageals was fourth in the 100 hurdles and fifth in the 300 hurdles. Samantha Flippen finished 3rd in the discus with a throw of 81'.

For the boys Wyatte Bailey won the pole vault with a state qualifying effort of 13'6". Walter Barrows state qualified in the 200m dash with a time of 22.86 and Lane Shoemaker finished 6th with a time of 24.02. Donald Mullins state qualified in the 800m with a time of 2:02.02 and DeShawn Austin state qualified with a time of 42.23 in the 300m hurdles

Brady Reachy finished 3rd in the 100m dash with a time of 11.75. In the 400m dash Isaiah Board finished 5th and Landon Martin finished 5th in the 110m hurdles.

Byrd girls tie LB, remain unbeaten

The Lord Botetourt girls have ruled the Blue Ridge District in recent seasons but the William Byrd girls sent them a message Tuesday night. Byrd battled the host Cavaliers to a 2-2 tie in Daleville.

"The second half and overtime were very even and both teams had chances, but our defense held up and we finished with a tying result," said Byrd coach Molly Cox. "I don't know how long it has been since William Byrd got a tie or win over LB in girls varsity soccer, but it hasn't happened since I've been here so that was a huge feat for our team.

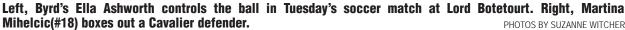
The Cavaliers took an early lead Tuesday, scoring in the first 10 minutes. Byrd responded quickly when Maci Glass played a ball for Maddy Simmons, who was able to finish and tie the game at 1-1.

The Byrd girls took the lead with 12 minutes remaining in the first half when Simmons again scored, this time off a pass from Addi St. Clair. Lord Botetourt was able to tie it with five minutes remaining in the first half when they scored off a corner kick and the second half and overtime periods were scoreless, with much of the credit going to Byrd keeper Sophia Chrisley, who finished with 10 saves.

Sophia had a huge game in goal for us," said Cox.

The tie kept the Byrd girls undefeated at 4-0-2 along with a 2-0 shutout win over Cave Spring on Jeff Highfill Field in Vinton last Thursday. Simmons crossed the ball and found Claire Glover for the first goal of the game with 12 minutes remaining in the first half. The score stayed 1-0 through most of the second half until St. Clair





was able to play a ball through to Maddy who scored Byrd's second goal of the night. Chrisley had five saves behind a defense that played another strong

game.

The girls will be back on the pitch tonight when they host Hidden Valley.



There's no doubt the William Byrd soccer team is playing exciting games this spring. The Terriers had two more contests go down to the wire in the past week as they tied Cave Spring and lost by one goal to Lord Botetourt.

Last Thursday at Cave Spring the Terriers and Knights battled to a scoreless draw. The Byrdmen had a penalty kick in the first half but weren't able to convert.

"It was tough not to get the win as the kids played well but the tie was a positive bounce back from the Staunton River game(a 3-0 loss)."

On Tuesday the Terriers hosted Lord Botetourt and dropped a 3-2 decision. Byrd fell early, 1-0, off a misplayed ball in the back that LB was able to convert. Dylan Hughes put Byrd level on a put back after the Terrieres had a restart near the box that the LB goal keeper initially saved but did not secure. Then Jorda Bryant was able to play Daniel Britts through to put Byrd ahead on a quick counter, giving the Terriers a 2-1 halftime lead.





Left, Byrd's Dylan Hughes(dark jersey) goes high to contest a 50-50 ball in Tuesday's soccer game in Vinton. Right, Krenar Sinani(#21) controls the ball on the sideline.

The Cavaliers tied the game midway through the second half, then took the lead.

"We did not pressure the ball at the top of the box," said Dishman. "We could not convert a few late chances and ended up losing a close one."

The Terriers will return to the pitch tonight at Hidden Valley's Bruce Mahan Field. Byrd is now 1-4-1.

"It's tough to really work on a lot as our training schedule is basically preparing or recovering each day, but I am confident we will get things squared away," said Dishman.

Terriers boys win lacrosse game at Hidden Valley

The William Byrd lacrosse teams split a doubleheader at Hidden Valley Tuesday night with the girls falling 21-10, followed an 8-7 win for the boys. The win for the boys was their first road win of the season.

"We came in determined to get more shots than we have been getting in previous games and we accomplished that," said Byrd coach Will Satterfield. "I'm proud of our guys for our first road win of the season. Our young group keeps getting better week by week and we are getting really good minutes from some younger guys right now."

Justyn Rozenboom controlled the faceoffs for Byrd all night, keeping the Terriers in the game. Julian Pantoja had 17 saves in the goal and a few very important ones down the stretch. Ben Waid had five goals and an assist. CJ Roberts, Morrison Wright and Beau Brady had one each.

"We've played some really tough teams to start this season," said Satterfield. "Our first five games were against the number four, two, three, five and four seeds from last year's region tournament. Really proud how this team takes care of one another on and off the field."

The girls got four goals from Annika Hylton and three from Sam Martin. Last Wednesday at home the girls dropped a 22-7 game to Cave Spring as Hylton scored four and Martin had two. The girls are now 1-4.

The boys are 2-3, dropping a 12-5 decision to a solid Cave Spring team last week. Both the girls and boys will be back in action tonight with a doubleheader at Blacksburg High.

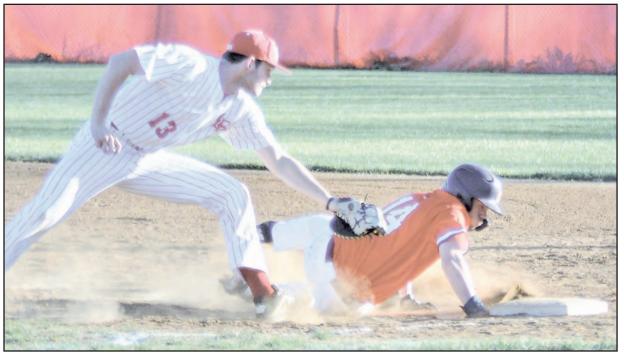


Left, Byrd's lan Vest rushes the ball up the field in last week's lacrosse game against Cave Spring at Highfill Field. Right, Justyn Rozenboom(#9) battles for control of the ball on a faceoff.

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Above, Byrd's Noah Thompson dives back to first in Tuesday's game at Lord Botetourt. Right, Cooper Minnix gave up one run in five innings but the Terriers lost a 1-0 decision to LB. PHOTOS BY SUZANNE WITCHER

Terriers look to rev up offense with back-to-back games against Staunton River & Hidden Valley

How do you go two games without scoring and come out 1-1? Just ask anyone from the William Byrd baseball team.

The Terriers went back-to-back games without crossing the plate but still got a win when Salem forfeited a game last week at Walthall Park. On the field the Spartans won 8-0 but when it was discovered Salem pitcher Trace Monroe threw 124 pitches Salem had to forfeit the game. First year Salem coach Jimmy Winterer was under the impression the limit was 120 pitches when the last batter is faced, and the actual number is 110.

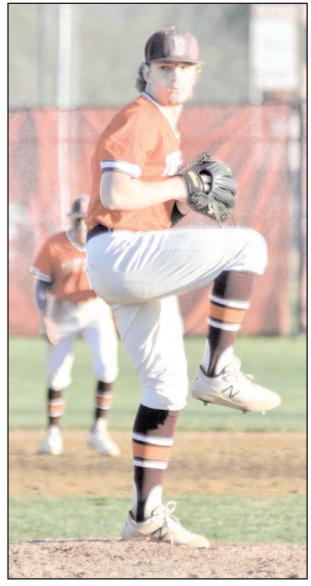
"I was keeping track but I was mistaken about the rule," said Winterer. "That won't happen again."

So, all the statistics from that game will not count in the season totals. Byrd's five hits, including a double by James Purcell, are like it never happened and the Terriers were happy to pick up a win on a day they didn't play well.

On Tuesday, Byrd coach Jason Taylor wasn't so happy. The Terriers were shut out again, this time 1-0 at Lord Botetourt, and this time the loss counted.

'We need to learn how to win," said Taylor. "We only start two seniors and we've been shut out three times now, and Tuesday's game was one we could have won.

Cooper Minnix was the tough luck loser on the mound, allowing just one run over five innings. The Cavaliers scored in the first inning on two walks and two hits and that was the only run of the game. Minnix worked around nine LB hits while the Terriers managed just four hits off Cavalier pitcher Nolan Medley. Ian Burnett, Keller Spraker, Noah Thompson and Purcell all had singles for the Terriers. winning streak and I hope it's us."



Byrd will try and snap a two game scoreless streak on Friday night when the Terriers host Staunton River in a jayvee-varsity doubleheader, with the varsity expected to start around 7 pm. On Saturday the Terriers are at Hidden Valley for another jayvee-varsity doubleheader, with the varsity expected to begin around 2:30 pm. Byrd is 3-4 counting the forfeit win.

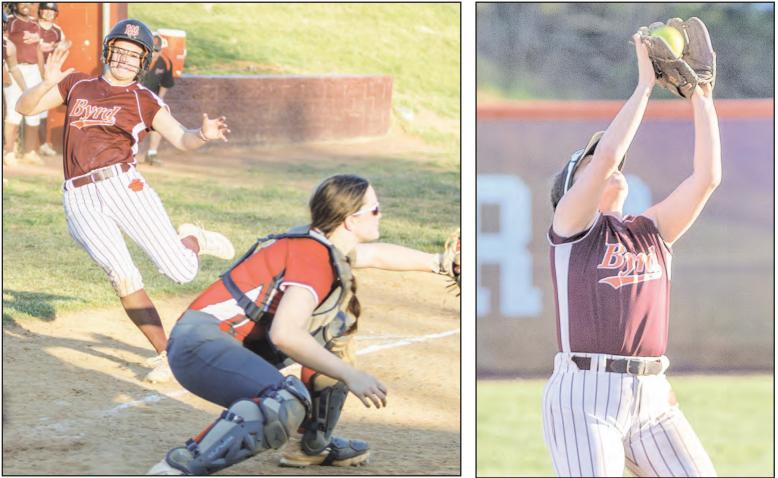
"A lot of teams in our region have been losing some games," said Taylor. "Somebody is going to go on a

Softball battles back against LB but comeback falls short

The William Byrd softball team will be looking snap a five game losing streak when the Terriers play Staunton River in Moneta Friday night. Byrd dropped two games since returning from spring break, falling at Christiansburg last week and at home to Lord Botetourt on Tuesday.

Against Christiansburg the Terriers dropped a 7-4





decision. The game was tied at 4-4 into the bottom of the fifth when the Blue Demons rallied for the win.

Addison Clark pitched for Byrd and went six innings, allowing six hits while fanning four. Brooklyn Peters had a home run for Byrd and Mandolin Draper, Sydney Blewett Makayla Bell, Haleigh Vaughan and Clark all had hits in the loss.

Addison Clark was on the rubber for William Byrd Terriers. Clark lasted six innings, allowing six hits and seven runs while striking out four.

On Tuesday at home the Terriers fell to visiting Lord Botetourt, 8-6. The Cavaliers jumped on top early, scoring seven runs in the first inning and giv-

Left, William Byrd's Sydney Blewett slides home with a run in Tuesday's game with Lord Botetourt. Right, Haleigh Vaughan catches an infield popup for the Terriers. PHOTOS BY JIM & REGINA DEVINNEY

ing the Byrd girls too high a hill to climb despite a valiant effort. Byrd scored six runs in the failed comeback on a single by Vaughan in the first, a single by Peters in the first, a double by Mandolin Draper in the fifth and a groundout by Peters in the fifth.

Clark was on the rubber again. The freshman allowed 13 hits and eight runs over seven innings, striking out eight. Vaughan had

two hits.

After Friday's jayvee-varsity doubleheader in Moneta the Terriers will get right back on the bus Saturday morning for a doubleheader at Hidden Valley. The jayvees will play at noon with the varsity expected to start around 2 pm.



Samantha Webster(left) has been a jayvee coach and varsity assistant for Byrd. PHOTO BY JI M DEVINNEY

Webster is new HV coach

William Byrd will be losing a top basketball assistant but Hidden Valley is gaining a promising young coach as Byrd graduate Samantha Webster has been named head coach of the Titan girls' basketball team.

"I am beyond excited for Sam," said Byrd girls' coach Randy Bush, who had Samantha as an assistant. Webster served as jayvee coach under Randy and former Byrd girls' coach Brad Greenway for six years before becoming a varsity assistant last season.

"I hated it for us but I am truly happy for her," said Bush. "She has put in her work and I know she will do a great job over there. She has the tools to build something. I told her I liken it to when a kid leaves the house. You're gonna miss them but you want to see them do great things so you give them the support they deserve and watch with pride as they spread their wings.'

Webster is a 2010 William Byrd graduate, where she was a standout in basketball and volleyball. She played basketball at Concord University.

The Hidden Valley position opened when Doug Henson stepped down last December. He was replaced by interim coach Nick Alterio, another

Byrd graduate.

"My time at Byrd was great," said Webster. "Coming back home and starting my coaching career at my alma mater was more than I could've ever asked for. I had the opportunity to work with and learn from some incredible coaches both in basketball and volleyball. I'm grateful for all the experiences and for the people who have supported me and poured into me over the years there. It's bittersweet for sure to leave a program that has such an influence on me but I'm excited to take what I've learned and use it to make a positive impact over at Hidden Valley."

The Titans have struggled in recent years, but Webster sees a lot of potential at the school.

"Hidden Valley truly is a blank slate after a few rough years," she said. "I believe they have a great group of girls who are ready to buy in and find success. I think the first thing my staff and I will have to do is change the mindset and create a culture of working hard and being 'all in' for one another. I'm excited to start building relationships and work to grow the program and take it back to the standard of success it had in previous years."