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## WBHS Class of 2023 recognized at Senior Honors Banquet

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William Byrd High School recognized the accomplishments of the Class of 2023 at the Senior Honors Banquet on April 24. The ceremony and dinner were held in the William Byrd High School annex gymnasium.

WBHS Principal Tammy Newcomb welcomed the students and their parents; dinner was served, and then the awards and recognitions began, distributed by Newcomb and Assistant Principals Marcee Cook, Travis Anderson, and Phillip Martin.

The highlight of the

honors ceremony– the naming of the Best All Around Female and Best All Around Male for the WBHS Class of 2023– comes at the end of the evening. This year’s winners were Bethany Beecher and Justin Patrick.

The first recognition of the evening on April 24 was for the Top Terrier, Justin Patrick. The Top Terrier is nominated by students, elected by the faculty, and awarded to the senior who best exemplifies the qualities of integrity, loyalty, courage of character, and who serves as a role model for everyone. This person

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**Justin Patrick, 2023 Best All Around Male and Top Terrier shown with Vinton Breakfast Lions Club president Hal Mabe**



**Bethany Beecher, 2023 Best All Around Female, shown with Vicki Newburn of the Vinton Woman's Club**

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## RCPS teachers honored with Apple Awards, including Wray and Adams from Vinton schools



**Heather Wray, a kindergarten teacher at W.E. Cundiff Elementary, won the Red Apple Award for elementary school teachers in Roanoke County Public Schools.**

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This year’s Roanoke County Public Schools 2023 Golden Apple Teacher of the Year Awards Ceremony was held at the Vinton War Memorial on April 19.

According to RCPS Director of Community Relations (and emcee for the evening) Chuck Lionberger, “The Golden Apple Teacher of the Year Awards were established in 2001 to recognize outstanding instruction in Roanoke County Public Schools. The Golden Apple Teacher of the Year Award is

the highest award presented each year to a teacher in Roanoke County Public Schools. With the support of donors and corporate partners,” the awards program has expanded to include the Red Apple and Green Apple Awards. The Golden Apple Awards are presented by the Roanoke County Public Schools Education Foundation.”

Over 60 RCPS teachers were nominated for the prestigious honor this year. Seventeen were named as finalists, including 10 from Vinton area schools.

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**Ryan Adams won the RCPS Green Apple Award for teachers who have taught three years or less.**

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## Local artist Jon Murrill teams up with Vinton Vet, William Byrd Art Dept. to bring outdoor art to Vinton



**Beginning of Day 1– the initial work for Byrd art students is laying down a base coat with rollers and brushes. Murrill will then use artist's spray paint to apply and shade the finer elements of the design, which features wildlife and the outdoors.**



**Award winning mural artist Jon Murrill, Dr. Courtney Wiegard from Vinton Vet, and students and teachers in the Art Department at William Byrd High School are collaborating on a wall mural at the new Vinton Veterinary Specialty Services Center on East Washington Avenue in Vinton. Shown left to right are student Hannah Johnson, artist Jon Murrill, students Mikayla Blair and Cadence Fralin, and art teachers Denise Sartell and Alicia Spangler.**

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On March 1, the Vinton Veterinary Specialty Services Center

held a ribbon-cutting and dedication ceremony at the new state-of-the-art facility on East Washington Avenue in Vinton.

Ground had been broken

symbolically in October 2022 for the new center which represented an expansion of next-door Vinton Veterinary Hospital. The specialty center is

located in what was the Sweet Dreams Mattress Store, now completely renovated.


Chief Medical Director Dr. Courtney Wiegard,

DVM, says, “Once we knew the Specialty Services Center project was a go, and there was a huge blank white wall, we knew we had to make it gorgeous.”

That led them to award-winning artist Jon Murrill.

“I posted on Facebook asking for recommendations for muralists, and Jon Murrill’s name was mentioned repeatedly,” Wiegard says. “I reached out to him, and he immediately came to see the wall. He was thrilled with the idea of bringing gorgeous mural art to Vinton, and we loved that he is an alumni of William Byrd and a Vinton resident.”


Murrill has a history of community-driven projects. His large-scale artwork can



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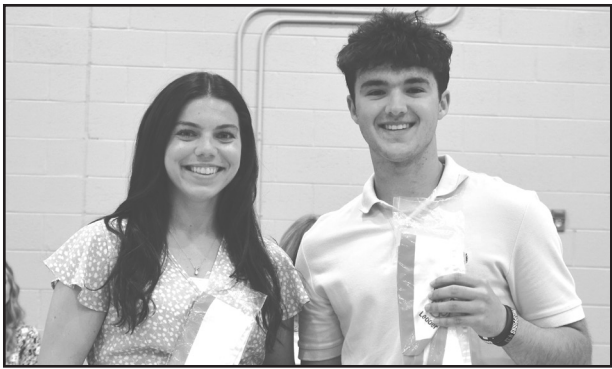
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**Blue Ridge Academics Awards winners, (left to right) Ella Ashworth, Maci Glass, Sophia Chrisley, Emma Gordon, and Case Crawford**



**Dog Pound Leaders for 2023, Maddy Simmons and Dylan Hughes**



**Madison Burks (on left) and Sydney Haddox, 2023 Yearbook Awards**



**William Byrd B'Nai Brith winner for 2023, Olivia Hurd. Dustin Richards is the 2023 male B'Nai Brith winner for WBHS.**



**Lily Kroese, 2023 Math Department Award**



**Latriva Pierce, 2023 Band and Spanish Departments Award**



**Hayden Thomas, 2023 Business Dept. Award**



**Magdalene Rusinak, 2023 Choir Dept. Award**



**Adrian Nunez, 2023 Drama Dept. Award**



**Reagan Booth, 2023 English Dept. Award**



**Makayla Collins, 2023 FACs Dept. Award**



**Elijah Dillon, 2023 French Dept. Award**



**Sophia Chrisley, 2023 Latin Dept. Award**



**Sydney Haddox, 2023 Marketing Dept. Award**



**Devin Foutz, 2023 Physical Education Dept. Award**

values education as well as the traditions of the school. The Top Terrier is named on the first day of school each fall.

Newcomb next presented the Blue Ridge Academic Awards to Case Crawford, Emma Gordon, Sophia Chrisley, Maci Glass, and Ella Ashworth, who have the highest GPA's and the most awarded school letters in the Class of 2023.

Olivia Hurd and Dustin Richards were named as the 2023 William Byrd B'Nai Brith winners. These awards are given each year to a male and female winner from among 19 schools in the Roanoke Valley. It is viewed locally as the area "Heisman trophy" of high school awards. The student-athletes are judged differently than most awards of this kind. The award is weighted 40-percent on athletic success, 40-percent on academic success and 20 percent on community service. Hurd and Richards will compete with the other 19 schools for the prestigious award.

Newcomb next honored the 2023 Dog Pound leaders, Madeline Simmons and Dylan Hughes. Each year the senior class nominates and votes for two students to lead the award-winning school spirit, rowdy--but fun, student section known as the Dog Pound.

Coveted Department Awards were also presented. Each department selects an outstanding senior who maintains good academic standards in the department, displays good character, and contributes constructively to the class, department, and school. They are recommended by teachers and determined by a consensus vote by the teachers of that department. The names of the department award recipients are kept secret until the night of the banquet.

- Department Award recipients for 2023 include:
- Art: Lily Kroese
  - Band: Latriva Pierce
  - Business: Hayden Thomas
  - Choir: Magdalene Rusinak
  - Drama: Adrian Nunez
  - English: Reagan Booth
  - Family and Consumer Science (FACs): Makayla Collins
  - French: Elijah Dillon
  - Latin: Sophia Chrisley
  - Marketing: Sydney Haddox
  - Math: Thomas McGregor
  - Physical Education: Devin Foutz
  - Science: Bailey Warden
  - Social Studies: Matan Morse
  - Spanish: Latriva Pierce
  - Yearbook: Sydney Haddox and Madison Burks

According to William Byrd Assistant Principal Marcee Cook, "Best All Around" is a "coveted honor based first on academic success, and second on who best represents good character and investment in their school and community. These young people have also participated in a variety of academic and extracurricular activities and the selections are determined by a faculty nomination and vote."

Each year these two awards are presented by members representing organizations active in the Vinton community—the Vinton Breakfast Lion's Club and the GFWC Vinton Woman's Club—who graciously award each winner a \$250 scholarship.

Vicki Newburn, secretary of the Vinton Women's Club, presented the Best All Around Female Award to Bethany Beecher.

"Presenting this award has been a main focus of our club for many years," Newburn said. "We work to raise funds to be able to see the smiles of happiness each year."

"This young lady has been involved in a variety of school activities and volunteer work, and she has work experience beginning as a 14-year-old until now. She has worked hard in many clubs such as the FCA, Leo Club, Outdoor Club, and BETA Club. She has found time to run cross country and play lacrosse serving as the team captain since 2021. This year she served as FCA Club president and in 2022 she attended Girl's State at Longwood University. She volunteers at Vertical Church, Friendship House, and has helped with fundraisers and recycling through the Leo Club."

"Her work experience includes babysitting, serving on the kitchen staff at Camp Bethel, and working at Copperman Farm, operating machinery and caring for the animals."

"I have no idea how this young lady found time to attend school, much less to be this shining star."

Vinton Breakfast Lions Club president Hal Mabe introduced Justin Patrick as Best All Around Male for the Class of 2023.

"This individual has strong leadership qualities developed over his life experiences including serving in his church, winning awards in Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) and running his own small business," Mabe said before revealing the winner's name. "He has served in the SCA helping with various events. He has also stayed busy by serving on Junior Council and the student yearbook."

"Church is important to him and his family and he gives of his time there also by serving as a student leader; he traveled to the Dominican Republic to help with a construction project for a school and also helped prepare a house for a family through the Friendship Ministry in downtown Roanoke. He and his family volunteer at Straight Street to provide dinners for local teens."

"This individual will most likely head in the direction of a communications career as he has already worked in media production at his church, with the Rail Yard Dawgs, the Salem Red Sox, and for events at the Berglund Center. To add to that, he does the same for the William Byrd Terrier TV."

"This young man doesn't skip any effort on his grades while being busy in the community. He has a 4.5 GPA at the Governor's STEM Academy, a 4.11 GPA at William Byrd High School, and a 4.0 GPA at Virginia Western Community College."

"This young man is a Top Terrier in so many ways and he can shoot the material with his camera, edit the story, and present it to the masses, and maybe while wearing the Dog Pound Terrier Mascot costume."

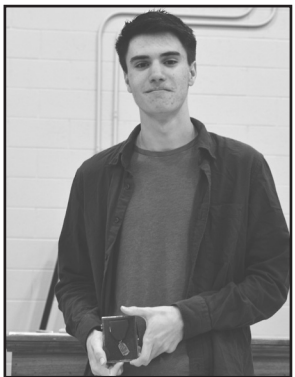
Candidates for Valedictorian were announced at the banquet. Valedictorians have achieved a cumulative GPA of 4.0 or higher during their high school years. In recognition of that accomplishment, the students were presented with their Valedictorian Stole to be worn at graduation, their Valedictorian Certificate, and an Honor Graduate gold tassel. This year all of the valedictorians are also BETA Club members and received a BETA Club pin. If they completed the required 10 volunteer hours, they also received a BETA Club cord. (Starred \* names also received Advanced Studies Diploma pins.)

Class of 2023 valedictorians include Ella Ashworth\*, Bethany Beecher\*, Casi Carawan\*, Sophia Chrisley\*, Brandon Clark\*, Jason Cox\*, Case Crawford\*, Taylor Davis\*, Kara Defibaugh\*, Reagan Dillard\*, Kristianna Fitzgerald\*, Maci Glass\*, Emma Gordon\*, Sydney Haddox\*, Breanna Hodges\*, Olivia Hurd\*, Kathryn Johnson\*, Ashton Kanode, Carsyn Kotz\*, Jakob Kroese\*, Lily Kroese\*, Sage Kushman\*, Tina Lin\*, Alejandro Lopez, Anne Martin\*, Thomas McGregor\*, Martina Mihelcic\*, Holly Mills\*, Harley Morgan\*, Matan Morse\*, Maggie Parkhurst\*, Justin Patrick\*, Kristen Patrick\*, Latriva Pierce\*, Magdalene Rusinak\*, Kenna Sarver\*, Julie Sattah\*, Pari Shah\*, Madeline Simmons\*, Kathryn Toney\*, Xavier Vaughn\*, Bailey Warden\*, and Madeleine Wolters-Argenio\*.

Those receiving BETA Club cords for completing volunteer hours were Ella Ashworth\*, Bethany Beecher\*, Casi Carawan\*, Sophia Chrisley\*, Brandon Clark\*, Jason Cox\*, Taylor Davis\*, Kara Defibaugh\*, Reagan Dillard\*, Kristianna Fitzgerald\*, Maci Glass\*, Breanna Hodges\*, Olivia Hurd\*, Ashton Kanode, Carsyn Kotz\*, Lily Kroese\*, Tina Lin\*, Alejandro Lopez, Anne Martin\*, Martina Mihelcic\*, Holly Mills\*, Harley Morgan\*, Matan Morse\*, Maggie Parkhurst\*, Justin Patrick\*, Kristen Patrick\*, Latriva Pierce\*, Magadelene Rusinak\*, Julie Sattah\*, Pari Shah\*, Madeline Simmons\*, Kathryn Toney\*, and Madeleine Wolters-Argenio\*.



**Bailey Warden, 2023 Science Dept. Award**



**Matan Morse, 2023 Social Studies Dept. Award**

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Distinguished Honor Graduates with GPA's of 3.5 or higher were also recognized and presented with an Honor Graduate Gold Tassel. (Starred \* names also received Advanced Studies Diploma pins.)

Distinguished Honor Graduates for 2023 include Addisyn Ackley, Dillon Anderson\*, Jacob Archambo\*, Landon Barber\*, Aleyah Basham\*, Mikayla Belanger\*, Dakota Bell\*, Makayla Bell\*, Jacob Blevins\*, Reagan Booth\*, Nathaniel Bowles, Carter Bray\*, Madison Burks\*, Cadin Byrd\*, Alex Coffey\*, Makayla Collins\*, Kyle Colvin\*, Melissa Cruz-Quiroz\*, Katelyn Davis, Paige Davis\*, Jacob Dickerson\*, Elijah Dillon\*, Bailey Dollberg\*, Jonathan Farmer\*, Samuel Ferris\*, Summer Garmon\*, Ricardo Gaspar-Cabrera\*, Tabitha Giles, Clayton Gilmore\*, Madison Gray\*, Anthony Harris\*, Shane Heldenbrand\*, Daniel Hiemstra, Dylan Hughes\*, Hannah Johnson\*, Victoria Johnson\*, Logan Jones, Peyton Leftwich\*, Cayden Litchford, Olivia Lyles\*, Colin Murtaugh\*, Alexis Nelms, Alice Palmer\*, Zachary Palmer\*, McKenna Paradis\*, Katelin Patrick\*, Brooklyn Peters\*, Corinna Pittenger\*, Trace Poindexter, Jackson Powell, Kiefer Rea, Caley Riley, Tanner Sarver, Kaiden Schuder\*, Garrett Sexton\*, Krenar Sinani\*, Tymothy Spradlin, Nicolette Stiltner\*, Abigail Stoehr\*, Bryce Sutphin, Caleb Thompson\*, Haleigh Vaughan\*, Grayson Webb\*, Aiden Williams, Sydney Wintz\*, Madison Wright\*, and Collin Young\*.

Distinguished Honor Graduates who are members of the BETA Club were also recognized, including Aleyah Basham\* (pin and cord), Mikayla Belanger\* (pin and cord), Jacob Blevins\*, Reagan Booth\*, Madison Burks\* (pin and cord), Makayla Collins\* (pin and cord), Melissa Cruz-Quiroz\*, Elijah Dillon\* (pin and cord), Bailey Dollberg\*, Summer Garmon\* (pin and cord), Ricardo Gaspar-Cabrera\*, Dylan Hughes\* (pin and cord), Hannah Johnson\* (pin and cord), Victoria Johnson\* (pin and cord), Colin Murtaugh\*, McKenna Paradis\*, Corinna Pittenger\*, Kiefer Rea (pin and cord), Kaiden Schuder\*, Nicolette Stiltner\* (pin and cord), Caleb Thompson\*, Haleigh Vaughan\* (pin and cord), and Collin Young\* (pin and cord).

The Best All Around Male and Female awards were presented at the end of the evening. Each year the awards are presented by members representing organizations active in the community—the Breakfast Lions Club of Vinton and the GFWC Woman's Club of Vinton. Winners were awarded a \$250 scholarship.

Each Distinguished Honor Graduate was asked to create a "Senior Board" with their pictures and accomplishments, which were then displayed in the gym.

The 2023 Senior Honors Banquet was organized and facilitated by Senior Sponsor Hannah Prater, art teacher Alicia Spangler, and members of the WBHS Guidance Department.

The meal, which was served to about 300 students and guests, was catered by Sal's and served by cadets from the William Byrd High School Navy National Defense Cadet Corps.



# 68th Vinton Dogwood Festival scheduled for April 28-29

The 68th Annual Vinton Dogwood Festival on April 28 and 29 celebrates “Hometown Heroes” this year.

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.

Here’s the Vinton 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. ID required for beverage garden. Bring seating. No pets.

**April 29:** Festival Activities include: a Craft show with over 85 vendors, a business showcase with over 25 vendors; the RVA-AACA Antique Car Show; two entertainment stages; free Kids’ Zone with inflatables, a petting zoo, STEM activities, games; free “Teen Space” with “Escape Rooms,” Corn Hole and 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 p.m. – Craft Show



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

## Pollard Street

- 12 noon – Presentation of the Dogwood Festival Court and Crowning of Miss Dogwood Festival Queen, music by Floyd Boone, at the Vinton Municipal Building
- 10 a.m.-Street Entertainment, “The Beat Goes On, Line Dancers,” Vinton Municipal Building.
- Juggler David Bear Stuart and Magician Mark Fuller, various times and locations
- Giant Jenga, Giant Four Over, and other large games on the Neely 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 – Open House 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; open for tours and research, plus “Spring Pop-Up” sale inside with unique gifts for Mother’s Day/ birthdays. Dogwood Festival History scrapbooks on display. The Thrasher Quilters will be on the museum lawn with beautiful handmade quilts for sale in various sizes and designs.
- S t r e e t Entertainment -Juggler

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

## Thrasher UMC Parking Lot

- R V R - A A C A Antique Car Show, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm
- Annual Vinton Dogwood Festival Parade – 2:30 p.m. beginning at the Vinton War Memorial and proceeding down Washington Avenue and through the streets of downtown Vinton, ending up on Gus Nicks Boulevard. The Vinton Fire Department will lead the “Hometown Heroes Parade” as Grand Marshals. Their bravery and dedication on July 2, 2022, saved downtown Vinton from more serious loss. 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 and novelty units, classic vehicles, costumed characters, clowns, and much more during the parade.

Visit [www.vintondogwoodfest.com](http://www.vintondogwoodfest.com) to download a Vinton Dogwood Festival Schedule of Events or check [facebook.com/vintondogwoodfestival](https://facebook.com/vintondogwoodfestival) for frequent updates.

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

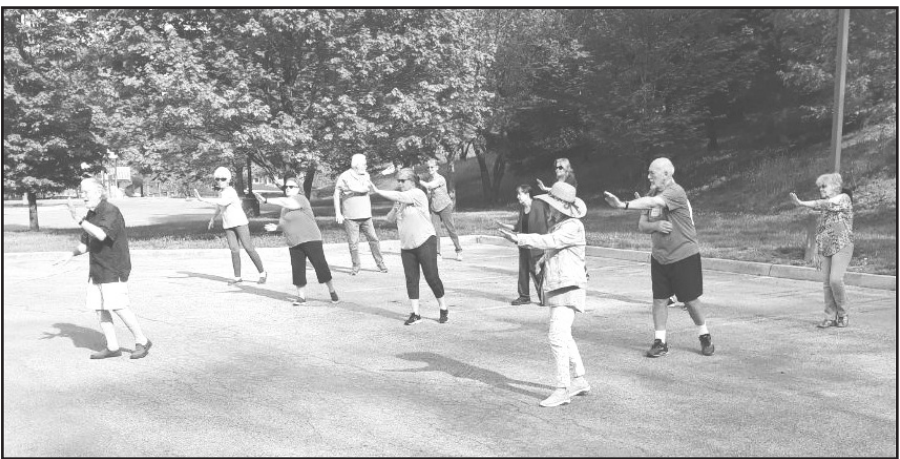


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**Tai Chi has moved outside at the Vinton Community Center. Chris Saegar leads a Tai Chi session for Fall Prevention and Arthritis.**

# Spring has sprung... Tai Chi moves outside

By Mike Ferguson

Spring has sprung and Tai Chi is outside; exercisers are showing off their style and pride.

Borrowing heavily from an old Ogden Nash rhyme (“Spring has sprung and the grass is riz, I wonder where the flowers is”), the Vinton Seniors Tai Chi class made its first foray outside last week.

The class, which by the way is free, is generally held inside the Charles Hill Community Center, located beside the Vinton War Memorial Building. However, when the weather is nice, not too hot and not too cold, the 9:00 a.m. on Thursdays’

exercise session is held outside. The parking lot at the center offers an almost perfect spot for the gentle, circular in its movements, exercise that Tai Chi provides.

Everyone is invited to try this “Meditation in Motion.” The dress is very informal, (but wear good shoes, meaning no flip flops that can potentially cause trips and falls), and the price is right!

The class has three instructors who have been certified as completing the Dr. Paul Lam Tai Chi for Health Institute’s Instructor/Leader training courses. The type of Tai Chi practiced is for Fall Prevention and Arthritis, which is sanctioned by the Arthritis Foundation.

Dr. Lam is internationally known

as a leading expert on and purveyor of Tai Chi exercise. He began suffering arthritis as a young man and while in medical school started doing Tai Chi as a way to combat the debilitating and painful effects of the malady. Over several years and with some advice and input from the Arthritis Foundation, he developed the form of Tai Chi now performed worldwide and particularly at the Vinton Community Center.

Instructors are Chris Saegar, Judy Gruber, and Mike Ferguson. The classes were originally started in Vinton more than 10 years ago by Steve Garay, a local minister, bon vivant and all around good guy. So, the bottom line is, come on by and check it out.

# Teachers

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PHOTO BY DEBBIE ADAMS

**William Byrd had several nominees for the 2023 Golden Apple Award. Shown left to right are teachers Melissa Carr, Barbara McGrath, Eric Royal, Allison Thornton, and Ryan Adams, with WBHS Principal Tammy Newcomb and Vinton’s School Board representative Tim Greenway.**

Education Foundation President Joseph Higginbotham welcomed nominees and their guests to the annual event and then introduced RCPS School Superintendent Dr. Ken Nicely, who said the teachers recognized “show us what excellence looks like; these teachers care about WHAT they teach and even more about WHO they teach.”

Teachers are nominated for the award by students, parents, co-workers, and administrators. Once nominated, they are invited to fill out an application. Those chosen as finalists are asked to submit a short video and a narrative to the Education Foundation. A panel of Education Foundation board members then reviews the applications and videos and narrows down the entries to four winners.

“Several Foundation Board members served on the selection committee and watched every video from our finalists,” Lionberger noted. “I can tell you that the selection process was extremely difficult, and the committee was very impressed with every one of our finalists.”

Mary Alcocke, a first grade teacher at Penn Forest Elementary, won the highest honor—the Golden Apple Award. She has been teaching for 30 years. As winner of the Golden Apple, Alcocke becomes the Roanoke County Educator of the Year for the Salem-Roanoke County Chamber of Commerce and Roanoke County Public Schools’ nominee for the 2025 Virginia Teacher of the Year.

Other finalists for the Golden Apple Award on the elementary school level were Kristen Witt from Herman L. Horn, Emily Woolridge from Penn Forest, and Heather Wray from W.E. Cundiff.

Golden Apple finalists at the middle school level included Jeremy Baldwin from William Byrd Middle School, Karen Perry from Northside Middle, and Bonnie Reedy from WBMS.

Golden Apple finalists at the high school level included Melissa Carr, Eric Royal, Barbara McGrath and Allison

Thornton from WBHS, Chris Overfelt from BCAT, and Alan Strecker from Northside High School.

Heather Wray, a kindergarten teacher at W.E. Cundiff in Vinton, was announced as the winner of the Red Apple Award for top teachers at the elementary school level.

“This winner says relationships are a key component in her classroom. She does her best each day to teach her students key skills, but also to make sure every student knows the classroom is a safe place with love and support,” Lionberger said in announcing Wray’s award.

Karen Perry, who teaches science at Northside Middle School, received the Red Apple Award at the middle school level.

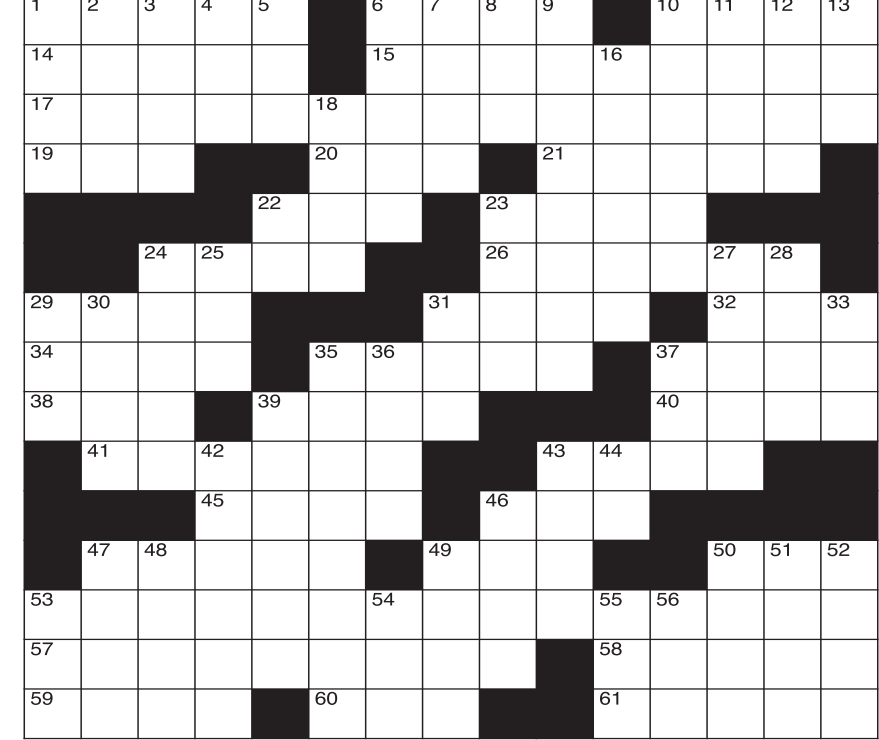
Chris Overfelt, sports and welding instructor at the Burton Center for Arts and Technology, won the Red Apple Award at the high school level. He has taught many WBHS students over the years, who are also enrolled at BCAT.

“This winner feels strongly that for someone to truly learn, they have to buy into the instruction and understand why learning is important,” Lionberger said. “Sometimes his classes can be a drag—literally. That’s because he and his students built a drag racer. As he says it, career and technical education is so much more than just ‘shop class,’ everything all around us is due to the hard work of talented individuals working in the trades.”

Ryan Adams, who teaches science at William Byrd High School, won the Green Apple Award for teachers who have taught for three years or less. Other nominees for the Green Apple Award were Victoria Buck from BCAT, Callie Ivanov from Bonsack Elementary, and Ana Lopez Muguero from Mountain View Elementary.

All members of the Roanoke County School Board were present for the awards ceremony, including Chairman Brent Hudson from the Catawba District, Vice Chair Tim Greenway from the Vinton

## CROSSWORD PUZZLE



- CLUES ACROSS**

1. North American people

6. Chinese surname

10. Fit in at the last minute

14. “Very” in musical terminology

15. Underwater displays

17. Crosby’s bandmates

19. Belong to he

20. Informed about the latest trends (archaic)

21. Sequences of alternating turns

22. Genus of grasses

23. Satisfy

24. Petty quarrel

26. Made level

29. Ruler of Iran

31. Historical region of Syria

32. Food suitable for babies

34. Something to lend

35. Zone of oceanic trenches
37. Philippine island

38. Domesticated animal

39. Plant of the lily family

40. Bluish green

41. \_\_ Tomei, actress

43. Without (French)

45. Lilly and Manning are two

46. Apply pressure to

47. Divide in half

49. Bad deed

50. Don’t know when yet

53. Hollywood’s greatest honor

57. Aiming to exhort

58. Faked

59. A way to pierce

60. Midway between north-east and east

61. Points

**CLUES DOWN**

1. Chop up

2. \_\_ Spumante (Italian wine)

3. Egyptian goddess

4. Split pulses

5. Afflict

6. Type of area rug

7. Tide

8. Affirmative

9. Sudden change

10. One picked

11. Debauched man

12. Stiff bristles

13. Famous arena

16. Established rules and methods

18. Injection

22. Father

23. Protein-rich liquids

24. He delivers gifts

25. Advanced degree

27. Fencing swords

28. Chinese mountain range

29. Shaft horsepower (abbr.)

30. Precursor to hemoglobin

31. Much \_\_ about nothing

33. Compound fabric (abbr.)

35. A way to act slowly on

36. Ottoman military commanders

37. Popular kids’ network

39. Hard compound

42. Sympathize with

43. Northeast college

44. Blood group

46. Frosted

47. Turn away

48. Benefit

49. Dry or withered

50. Bangladeshi monetary unit

51. Reproduced

52. Contributes

53. Thrust horse power (abbr.)

54. Wear

55. Promotes retention of water (abbr.)

56. Very small



# Vinton History Museum volunteers get a head start on Christmas

Volunteers at the Vinton History Museum have been working this spring to create ornaments for their next entry in the Fashions for Evergreens holiday event at the Hotel Roanoke in December. For two years the museum has entered a tree in the fundraising competition, which benefits the United Way of the Roanoke Valley.

The group gathers at the museum to design and make ornaments from doilies, costume jewelry, and ribbons. They have already met once in March and once in April and are scheduled to continue meeting on one Wednesday each month through November, hoping to make from 100 to 125 ornaments and a special garland for the tree. So far, 38 ornaments are complete.

Mary Beth Layman, who is heading up the project, says in addition to the ornaments and garland, they will also create some “special designs for under the tree and the tree topper.”

“We are repurposing jewelry and white crocheted doilies for

the ornaments and decorations,” Layman explains. “The theme this year is ‘traditional with a twist.’ So far, we’ve had 10 volunteers participate during the two sessions. Every ornament created has been unique and attractive. The fun and positive vibe during the ‘creative days’ have been extremely enjoyable. We just need a willingness to create. The synergy in designing the tree has been awesome.”

Layman says, “We need additional costume jewelry and clean white doilies. Jewelry includes pins of all sizes, chain

necklaces (all sizes), necklaces of all types, stick pins, bracelets, button covers, we use it all. The only thing we don’t need is Mardi Gras beads. We also need nice sheer ribbon and lace 1/4” to 1. We provide the hot glue, adhesives, tools, and scissors.”

The ornament-making sessions will continue on May 17, June 14, July 12, October 11, and November 8 from noon to 2 p.m. More volunteers are welcome to join the group. For more information, call the museum at 540-342-8634.



PHOTO BY JUDY CUNNINGHAM

**Vinton History Museum volunteers are creating Christmas tree ornaments for the December 2023 Fashions for Evergreens event at the Hotel Roanoke. Shown left to right are Shaye Hicks, Mary Beth Layman, Becky Miller, Debbie Cregger, and Alice King.**



## From the Pulpit

**Pastor Bryan Couch**  
**Lynn Haven Baptist Church**

Galatians 5:22-25, “The Fruit of the Spirit”, “fruit” includes love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, gentleness, faithfulness and self-control.

Next in our study of the fruit is patience. This ought to be fun, right? Patience is literally having a long-temper, being able to control one’s emotions without “flying off the handle,” able to hold-out emotionally before giving into action or passion. It describes a state of emotional calm or quietness in the face of provocation, misfortune or unfavorable circumstances.

Does this describe you? Yeah, me neither. The most illuminating thing about this topic is that it is commonly

used in the New Testament of the attitude of God towards mankind in general.

In 1 Timothy 1:15-16 Paul tells us, “Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst. But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his immense patience as an example for those who would believe in him and receive eternal life.”

That is quite the expectation, isn’t it? It is an expectation for all believers that in all of our dealings with the rest of humanity we must reproduce this type loving, forbearing, forgiving, patient attitude of God. We are expected to show the patience towards others which God has shown to us.

## VINTON HISTORY:

### What is the Legend of the Dogwood Tree?

There is nothing more majestic than a dogwood tree in the spring, decked out with fabulous flowers! To some people, though, dogwoods hold a deeper meaning. The “Legend of the Dogwood” is an age-old story that tells of this magnificent tree and how it became so beloved.

According to the legend, the dogwood is said to have been “chosen as the timber for the cross” and carries the marks of Jesus’ crucifixion. Its four large petals represent the cross he died upon, and each petal displays four red-tinged notches, believed to be representative of the four nail holes. In the center of each flower is a green cluster, symbolic of the crown of thorns.

This “Legend of the Dogwood” most likely originated in the United States in the 20th century. The author is unknown. It is a legend – a nice poem– in which believers and non-believers alike can find joy.

A copy of the Legend

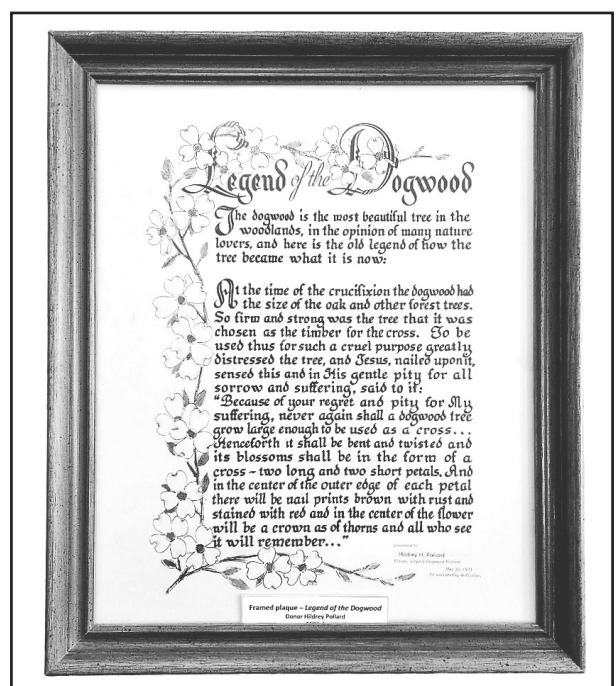


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hangs in the foyer of the Vinton History Museum donated by Hildrey Pollard, president of the Vinton Dogwood Festival in 1965. The museum can be visited

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By Vinton History Museum Executive Director Judy Cunningham

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### God’s COVENANT

Read Genesis 9:1 through 11:32

A covenant is a promise or contract between two parties. However, a biblical covenant involved much more. It was a permanent arrangement designed to promote friendship and understanding between God and man. After the flood, God made a covenant with Noah and every living thing.

I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and the earth (Genesis 9:13).

This covenant had three parts. Never again would a flood devastate the earth. Season would follow season as long as the earth remained. Then God gave the rainbow to show that He could be trusted to keep His part of the covenant.

The rainbow speaks of God’s grace and mercy. But His grace didn’t stop with the rainbow. God wanted to have a relationship with us in spite of our unworthiness, so He sent us a Mediator—Jesus—who, by His death, opened up a new and better covenant, one that removed our sin and cleansed our conscience (Luke 22:20).

Prayer for Today: Lord, with Your help I will keep my part of the covenant—to love and honor You. Amen

Quicklook: Genesis 9:8–17

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# Stewartsville/Chamblissburg Volunteer Fire Dept. continues annual Ham Dinner tradition

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After you watch the Vinton Dogwood Festival Parade on April 29, jump in your car and travel down Route 24 to Goodview Elementary School for the annual Ham Dinner sponsored by the Stewartsville/Chamblissburg Volunteer Fire Department (SCVFD). Dinner is available from 2 p.m. until 7:30. No advance ticket is necessary, although you can RSVP on their Facebook page. You can eat in the school cafeteria or drive through.

Your dinner will include ham, with green beans, candied yams, homemade coleslaw, rolls, and a selection of desserts—homemade, homecooked, from scratch. The firemen cook the hams on Thursday evening, slice them on Friday, and add

the fixings to assemble the meals on Saturday with support from other community volunteers.

The Ham Dinner has been a tradition since the 1960s, when the Ladies Auxiliary to the Stewartsville/Chamblissburg Fire Department began the event to support the department.

The dinner is the organization's biggest fundraiser of the year. Proceeds help with operating costs, purchases of vehicles, gear, and equipment. The Stewartsville/Chamblissburg Volunteer Fire Department is operated strictly 100% by volunteers, 24/7. They serve approximately 150 square miles of Southwest Bedford County.

This year's dinner is officially named the

Edward "Pete" Dooley Memorial Ham Dinner," after long-time member Pete Dooley who passed away in December 2020. He was the last surviving founding member of the volunteer fire department and became the organizer of the annual dinner in 1966. He served as a firefighter for over 50 years, Treasurer of the SCVFD for many years, and played a vital role in the administrative duties of the department.

The ham dinner is always scheduled after the Dogwood Parade. In fact, in 1973 it was named the "Dogwood Ham Supper."

The cost for dinner is \$12 for adults, \$9 for children.

Check the Stewartsville/Chamblissburg Volunteer Fire Department Facebook page for more information.



PHOTO BY DEBBIE ADAMS

**The Stewartsville/Chamblissburg Volunteer Fire Dept. dinner is scheduled for April 29 after the Dogwood Festival parade.**

## PEOPLE, PLACES AND THINGS

**By Angie Chewning**

Happy 100th Birthday to Lionberger Construction! Mom (aka Bootie), brother Greg Chewning, and Nancy Mastry had the pleasure of attending the birthday/anniversary celebration at the Grandin Theatre last week.

The Lionberger family members are old and dear friends of our family. Mom met Rindy in the Junior Woman's Club and the Juniors helped with the PBS Auction back when the station started. Husband Sam Jr. came to help; Sam and Mom became auctioneers and had a blast. The Lionbergers were, and are, just loved by the station and community through the years.

Sam and Mom served on several boards together over the years. Fast forward—Sam and Mom did a show called "Now and Then" on Blue Ridge PBS two years ago. Son Sam III and wife Vicki are still big supporters



**Pictured left to right are Sam Lionberger, Jr., Bootie Chewning, and Sam Lionberger III at the 100th birthday/anniversary celebration of Lionberger Construction at the Grandin Theatre.**

of many projects in the community, as well as keeping the family business going. Son Greg

has recently returned from living in Atlanta to work in the family business, too.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF ANGIE CHEWNING

**Rindy Lionberger (on left) and Bootie Chewning celebrate Lionberger Construction's 100th anniversary.**

## Artist

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**Work began on the wall mural project on April 23 with plans to finish up by the end of May. This was the end of Day 1.**

be seen throughout the Roanoke Valley, from Salem to Roanoke, and now in Vinton. His murals can be found under the 9th and 13th Street bridges in Southeast Roanoke, work funded by the National Endowment of the Arts and Roanoke City. He has been selected for another project which will get underway this summer at River's Edge.

Dr. Wiegard says, "We collaborated on the idea, and we are just thrilled with the final concept. Being able to have William Byrd art students help is the icing on the cake. Truly a community effort!"

She also says the project has received welcome financial support.

"We have received generous donations from the Oursler family (beloved Vinton clients), Crystal Armes of Off Leash K9, and Zoetis Animal Health" in funding the project.

When Murrill was a student at WBHS, current art teacher Denise Sartell was one of his instructors. He is working with her and the two other art teachers at WBHS, Allyson Goin and Alicia Spangler, and their students, all volunteering their time on weekends to assist with the wall mural.

The project began with Vinton Vet first pressure washing the wall and having white primer applied. Murrill then roughly sketched his design, which features the great outdoors and local wildlife, on the primer layer.

He says the role of the William Byrd students will be "laying in all of the base layers with brushes and rollers prior to me shading it and detailing the mural using spray paint."

The group was rained out on their first scheduled day of painting, but on April 23, several William Byrd students and two of their art teachers, along with Murrill, spent the afternoon applying base coats of some very vibrant colors (including "Marsh Magnolia" and "Solar Smash") to the walls.

The art students who volunteered their time on the first day included Cadence Fralin, Mikayla Blair, and Hannah Johnson, along with teachers Sartell and Spangler.

Other art students, the teachers, and Murrill will continue the painting during the remaining weekends in April, with the goal of finishing by the end of May.

Once the base coats are applied (probably in two coats), Murrill will be using special Montana brand artist spray paints (with special nozzles and caps), said to have incredible UV resistance and color longevity, to add and shade the wildlife, trees, and other elements of the mural.

Then finally the entire wall will be sealed with a clear coat of anti-graffiti paint.

It turns out that you can't just take

a notion to paint the exterior wall of a business in Vinton, or in most localities. There are rules.

Murrill has been working with the Town of Vinton Planning and Zoning Department and Assistant Director Nathan McClung to navigate the local signage rules for wall murals. One rule is that you cannot actually advertise the business in the mural. Murrill says the Town of Vinton has been very supportive and easy to work with on the wall mural project.

"The revised Zoning Ordinance that went effective in 2022 provided for more robust definitions and distinctions between art (e.g. murals, etc.) and signage," McClung says. "This allows for freedom of speech and expression to be protected while also ensuring that all our businesses, non-profits, and other use types are on a level playing field in terms of advertising according to the sign codes."

Murrill was recently featured in the Roanoker Magazine in the annual "40 Under 40" issue featuring "up and coming young professionals."

According to the magazine, "He has been awarded multiple times for his artwork at national juried shows over the last five years and has displayed his work at the Taubman Museum of Art, Virginia Tech's Perspective Gallery, Roanoke College's Olin Gallery and many more."

After graduating from William Byrd in the Class of 2005, Murrill earned his BA in Art from Roanoke College (2009) and his MFA in Painting and Drawing from Radford University. He started his career in teaching art at Craig County High School. He married his high school sweetheart; they have two young sons.

He is currently an art teacher at Patrick Henry High School in Roanoke (since 2015) and volunteers as assistant coach for the PH boys varsity soccer team (he was team captain in high school). He has served as an adjunct professor in Studio and Art History at Virginia Western Community College.

The magazine also noted that Murrill endeavors to "bring out the best in his students." That certainly was evident when working on the wall mural on April 23. He was enthusiastically supportive of the students' work and constantly encouraging them throughout the afternoon.

The wall mural in Vinton has been enthusiastically supported by the community, with many positive comments from passersby this week and on social media and those excited and anxious to see the finished product— and hoping for more outdoor art throughout the town.

To see more of Murrill's work, visit <https://roanokearts.org/southeast/>.

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Several members of Vinton town staff and Mayor Brad Grose spent the afternoon of April 20 sprucing up in Vinton in observance of Clean Valley Day. Pictured are (front row, left to right) Vinton Director of Community Programs Chasity Barbour and Planning and Zoning Director Anita McMillan, and (back row) Capital Projects Manager Jamie Hurt, Mayor Brad Grose, Associate Planner Fayula Gordon, and Assistant Planning and Zoning Director Nathan McClung.

## Town of Vinton observes Clean Valley Day

Vinton Mayor Brad Grose and several members of town staff spent the afternoon of April 20 volunteering for Clean Valley Day in Vinton, in cooperation with the Clean Valley Council.

The mayor was joined by Planning and Zoning Director Anita McMillan, Assistant Director Nathan McClung, Associate Planner Fayula Gordon, Capital Projects Manager Jamie Hurt, Community Programs Director Chasity Barbour, and Economic Development Specialist Marshall Stanley in sprucing up the area around the CVS detention basin, Bypass Road, and Nelson Street in Vinton.

Each year, all team members are provided with trash bags, gloves, and safety vests for the clean-up project. This year the team picked up not only trash, but a car bumper.

This annual event represents “Spring Cleaning” of the great outdoors. Tons of trash are collected every year during the valley-wide event. Volunteers throughout the valley choose their own locations for litter collection.

According to the Clean Valley Council website, “This valley-wide clean up promotes respect and care for the beautiful community we share. It



PHOTOS COURTESY TOWN OF VINTON  
The Clean Valley Day volunteers in Vinton collected not only trash, but a car bumper on April 20

is great fun, and a team-building opportunity for corporations, civic organizations, and youth and church groups.”

The Clean Valley Council is a non-profit organization that has provided litter prevention, recycling education, and outreach programs to residents of the Roanoke Valley since 1978.

CVC provides free educational resources and programming for the school systems, the public, and the municipalities in the cities of Roanoke and

Salem, the counties of Botetourt and Roanoke and the town of Vinton. They host and sponsor several valley-wide litter cleanups and other events each year, including a fall clean-up of the waterways.

“Each of us is a steward of our environment and has an influence on the health and beauty of the place we live – the beautiful Roanoke Valley,” is the message they hope to convey.

Submitted by Vinton Planning and Zoning Department

## Ruritans holding chicken barbecue May 20

The Bonsack/Blue Ridge Ruritan Club will sponsor a chicken barbecue on May 20. The dinners will be available from 4-6 p.m. by drive-thru only at Bonsack United Methodist Church, 4493 Bonsack Road. The cost is \$15 for half a chicken, baked

beans, slaw and roll. Order tickets by phone at 540-330-6093 or email smelser1995@gmail.com.

Submitted by Bonsack/Blue Ridge Ruritan Club

## Mount Pleasant Lions resume Roadside Cleanup

By Mike Ferguson

Last Saturday the Mount Pleasant Lions Club resumed its roadside cleaning of Sterling Road, SE, in Roanoke County. This is the 25th year, at least that is the best estimate as the fog of time and failing memories have obscured the actual start date, that the club has participated in the VDOT program. The Covid years necessitated a reduction in the picking up of trash along the road, but now the Lions are back to their semi-annual, April and October efforts.

This year club members Warren Burger, Mike Ferguson and Pat Musselwhite were joined by William Byrd alumnus Brian Musselwhite, which allowed them to make up two teams of two men each. They began at the approximate midpoint of Sterling Road, with one team going east and the other going west. Upon reaching their respective ends of the road, each team turned around and headed back to the starting position, picking up a combined nine bags of trash which otherwise might clog streams, ultimately draining into Smith Mountain Lake.

The large orange trash bags supplied by VDOT were later picked up for proper disposal by a highway department crew. The bright, reflective vests worn by



COURTESY OF MOUNT PLEASANT LIONS CLUB  
Mount Pleasant Lions (left to right) Pat Musselwhite, Brian Musselwhite and Warren Burger clean up Sterling Road in Roanoke County, at the intersection with Rt. 116.

the trash pickers, which were also provided by VDOT were returned to club storage along with the big, temporary, CLEANUP CREW WORKING signs, until fall when they will be used once again.

While the road crews were doing their thing, other members of the Mount Pleasant Lions Club– Anne Ferguson, Brenda Musselwhite and Lea Whitbeck–

were busy cleaning and sprucing up the club’s meeting hall, “The Lions Den,” located at 2432 Mayfield Drive, SE, in Roanoke. The meeting place, while mainly used for Lions functions, is also available for family and community events, such as reunions, bridal/ baby showers and birthday parties. Rental inquiries may be made to Lea Whitbeck at 540-204-2183.

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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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# Vinton Police present annual report to Town Council

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Vinton Police Chief Fabricio Drumond, along with Executive Assistant to the Chief Mandie Baker, Lt. Scott Hurt, Records Manager Ginny Rhodes, Community Resource Officer William Holland, and Det. Justin Baker, presented the Vinton Police Department's annual report for 2022 to Vinton Town Council at its meeting on April 18.

Chief Drumond started off by discussing the administration of the VPD and its all-important accreditation. The department must be reaccredited every four years and passed with flying colors during their last evaluation in 2022. There are certain standards each department must comply with to attain that status.

The VPD was first accredited by the Virginia Law Enforcement Accreditation Coalition in 2002 and has been reaccredited in 2006, 2010, 2014, 2018, and 2022. In the latest evaluation, 191 files were reviewed. The VPD was found compliant in 187 of those files. Waivers had been granted for the four others, which mainly concern jails (Vinton does not have a jail).

Mandie Baker updated council on the department's increasing use of social media (Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter) to boost outreach. She reported that the most popular posts involve animals and officer recognition.

Baker next talked about Grants Management and the department's 100% approval rate on grants they have applied for. Grants have enabled the VPD to purchase six new bullet-proof vests and replace two others through the Bulletproof Vest Partnership.

Local Law Block Grants have allowed the department to purchase Streamlight Stinger Flashlights, Riot Cabinets, police bikes, CID equipment, and made



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available funds for health and wellness equipment for officers.

Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding has supplied funds for overtime reimbursement.

A DMV Selective Enforcement grant has provided funds for Radar Eagle 3 units. A Body Worn Camera Grant has been received for nearly \$100,000. The dept. is awaiting approval of a Law Enforcement ARPA Equipment Grant which aims to reduce violent crime and gun violence in a region. The VPD portion is \$158,000 which they plan to use for TruNarc narcotics analyzers, riot gear, lights for firearms, and more.

Records Manager Ginny Rhodes next explained the duties of her division: to process all warrants and protective orders, responsibility for all Virginia Criminal Investigation Network (VCIN) entries/activities during regular business hours, completing and submitting the VCIN Validation Monthly Report, processing all traffic citations, handling all Freedom of Information Act requests, receiving and processing Concealed Handgun Permits, receiving and processing officer subpoenas for court, reviewing all officer reports on a daily basis, completing monthly Officer Statistics and Crime Analysis Reports, and submitting monthly State Incident Based Reports.

She reported that in 2022, 860 warrants were issued by the VPD; 201 VCIN files were validated;

1733 traffic citations were issued (606 moving, 1127 others); 339 FOIA requests were completed; 119 Concealed Handgun requests were completed; and 339 officer subpoenas were processed.

Also in 2022, 965 Incident Based Reports (IBR) were written and 1,792 merged. Police reports are written when citizens report a crime; when an officer initiates a criminal case; when there are custodial arrests, and for reportable vehicle accidents. Information included in the reports includes the involved people, vehicles, and property, the offenses that occurred during the incident, and the officer's narrative detailing the incident and/or investigation.

In 2022 these are some of the dispatches reported in Vinton:

- 2598 traffic stops, 1698 traffic summons issued, 449 accidents, 0 fatalities, 77 with personal injury, 273 with property damage, 3 hit and run with personal injury, 96 hit and run with property damage; 31 abandoned vehicles, 44 auto thefts/unauthorized use, 113 disabled vehicles, 109 improper parking, 117 keys locked in vehicles, 45 larcenies from vehicles, 13 larceny of tags, 110 other larcenies; 4 littering, 90 loud music/party noise, 12 missing persons, 173 reckless driving, 55 roads blocked

- 484 animal control calls—93 involving animal ordinances, 8 attacking other animals, 17 attacking a person, 24 for barking, 2 bears, 102 for Code Enforcement, 51 cruelty, 7 dead animals in the road, 87 dogs at large, 32 injured or sick animals, 6 involving livestock, 3 snakes, 38 strays, and 14 wildlife calls,
- 268 hang-up calls to 911; 17 annoying communications
- No bank robberies or bomb threats, 7 brandishing a firearm, 16 discharging a firearm, 384 disturbances with weapons, 23 fights with weapons, 0 homicides, 116 frauds and forgeries, 10 personal assaults, 3 prowlers,
- 5 break-ins at businesses, 33 break-ins at residences, 131 burglar alarms at businesses, 32 burglar alarms at residences, 50 shoplifting, 2 stalking, 12 suicide attempts, 1207 instances of suspicious activity, 50 threats, 93 trespassing,
- 7 children locked

in vehicles, 177 domestic calls, 63 juvenile problems, 15 runaways, 6 screams for help, 492 well-being checks,

- 27 drug overdoses, 39 drug possessions, 39 drunk drivers, 43 drunk subjects, 32 indecent exposures,
- 141 fire and EMS calls
- 1,580 security checks

Of those incidents, reports were written for 965 with 333 arrests made (custodial or non-custodial).

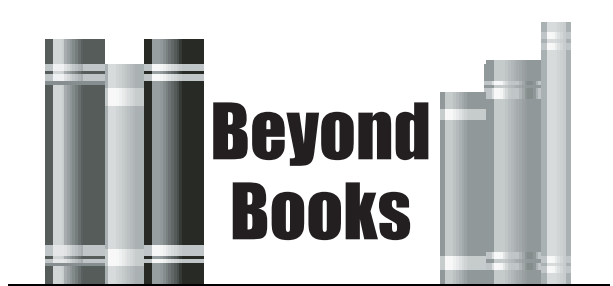
Lt. Scott Hurt reviewed the activities of the Patrol Division for 2022. He reported the Total Calls for Service at 12,593, security checks at 1,580, Suspicious activity 1207, Civil Advice at 596, and disturbances at 384. He also reported 372 community policing opportunities, which the police sponsored or participated in, in 2022.

Det. Justin Baker reported on the Criminal Investigations Division (CID) and the circumstances in which the CID takes the lead in an investigation, rather than the Patrol or Community Services Divisions. The CID is on call 24/7/365. At times, due to the seriousness of an incident, detectives respond to the initial scene to investigate. Investigators are also available to assist with major accidents and shift coverage. Generally, CID cases involve felony cases that require substantial follow-up for investigations such as robbery and major breaking and entering.

Detectives conduct interviews with victims, witnesses, and suspects; coordinate with the Commonwealth Attorney's Office and neighboring agencies; and document investigations with detailed reports, photographs, photo line-ups, and lab results.

In 2022, the CID received 33 referrals; five remain active; eight are closed; five arrests were made, and 15 are inactive. Nine cases involved personal assault; seven, grand larceny; and five, fraud.

In the final presentation of the annual report, Officer William Holland talked about Community Services— as an Animal Control Officer, a



## Beyond Books May 2023

*By Vinton Library Assistant Molly Meador*

Spring is in full swing now; are you as excited about this as we are? If so, why don't you swing by any Friday this month (and beyond) for the Vinton Community Connection. Join us to connect with adults in your community. From 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. every Friday, each week offers a chance to spend time with other Vintonites, reminisce about the past, enjoy activities and programs, or just grab a cup of free coffee with neighbors. We've got lots of fun things planned this month. On May 5 learn about crochet and knitting; on May 12 we'll have some classic board and card games; on May 19 come to learn about genealogy; and on May 26 we will learn about spinning fibers.

Saturday Morning Cartoons are back! Drop in every Saturday morning (weather permitting) from 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. to enjoy the sunshine on the patio and watch classic cartoons. Have some puzzles laying around that you'd like to swap out for some new ones? Then the Vinton Library Puzzle Exchange is for you! Bring a 300-or-more-piece puzzle (without any missing pieces) to the library between May 13-18 and you will get a voucher for each one you bring; then bring your vouchers on Saturday, May 20 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. to select a new-to-you puzzle (one puzzle per voucher).

This month's Creations and Temptations will take place on Saturday, May 6 from 3-4 p.m. Let's get creative and make your own unique hidden note cards with beautiful scrapbook paper and embellishments. We will have Pick-up Chess on Saturday, May 13 from 1-4 p.m. Do you like creative writing? Don't forget to register for the Vinton Writers Group on Thursday, May 25 from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

The Vinton Book Club will discuss "Wish You Were Here" by Jodi Picoult on Thursday, May 4 at 3 p.m. The As the Page Turns Book Club will discuss "A World of Curiosities" by Louise Penny on Wednesday, May 10 at 2 p.m.

The Roanoke Valley Dulcimers will meet on Saturday, May 20 from 10:15 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and don't miss the Blue Ridge Dulcimer Ensemble on Thursday, May 25 at 6 p.m.; come listen to a recital of music played on the dulcimer, a folk instrument whose name means "sweet

sound".

Open Bridge meets every Tuesday from 1-4 p.m. GED Classes with Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Region 5 Adult Education continue every Tuesday and Thursday from 5-7:30 p.m. with the last session being Thursday, May 25. The DMV will be here Thursday, May 4, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., closing from 12:30-1:30 p.m. for lunch.

Come to your favorite library for Children's Book Week! During the week of May 1-7, we will have fun activities in the children's area such as writing a letter to your favorite book character, designing picture book cover art, and coloring your own bookmarks. Be sure to swing by on Wednesday, May 4 from 4-5 p.m. for our "May the Fourth" Event and celebrate all things Star Wars with fun crafts for all ages, yummy-themed snacks, and a viewing of a Star Wars movie.

We will be having Storytime at the Vinton Farmers' Market on Saturday, May 27 from 9-10 a.m.; be sure to drop in with the family for this special storytime while you pick up some locally grown produce. Caturday will also be on Saturday, May 27 from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. along with visiting author, Valerie Archual and her rescue cat, Roger, the same day from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Teens can drop in for Switch Gaming on Monday, May 22 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. in the teen center. Also, register to join us for High School Teen Book Club on Monday, May 15 from 5-6 p.m. and Middle School Teen Book Club on Monday, May 1 from 5-6 p.m. And don't miss Anime Club on Monday, May 1 from 6-7 p.m.

Kids can drop in to the children's area on Saturday, May 13 to make Mother's Day Cards while supplies last. Lego Play is on Wednesday, May 24 from 4-5 p.m. Register for this month's Crafternoon (ages 5-12) on Wednesday, May 10 from 4-5 p.m. and Wondertime (ages 0-5) will be on Thursday, May 11 from 11 a.m.-12 p.m., as well as Junior Makers on Wednesday, May 17 from 4-5 p.m.

The next Storytime session will begin on Monday, April 17 and run until Friday, May 19. During this time, we will have Jammie Time (ages 3-5) on Tuesdays at 6 p.m., and Family Storytime (ages 0-5) on Wednesdays at 11:30 a.m.

Don't forget to register for programs online at [www.rocolibrary.org](http://www.rocolibrary.org).

### Fralin Equipment & Estate Sale

*Conducted by Mark Fralin on behalf of his father's estate*

**Monday, May 1 at 12 Noon**  
**5627 Williamson Road, Roanoke**  
**(across from Citgo)**  
**Equipment Inspection 10-12**  
**To be sold to the highest offers**

★ All the equipment has recent oil changes and current inspection stickers/equipment inspections ★

- Bandit Wood Chipper – model 90W, 005416, Caterpillar diesel engine, 374 hours, brand new battery, purchased used in 2006 for \$18,000, 005416
- John Deere 320 Skidloader – on wheels, hand-controlled, 605 hours of use, diesel engine, tires two years old, with clamshell bucket, purchased new in 2007 for \$35,840, T0032A127025
- Ambusher Bush Hog attachment – for Skid-loader, 72," purchased new in 2007 for \$5,000, AM7200T80977
- Better Built Trailer – for Skidloader, empty 3,000, gross 10,400, purchased new in 2007 for \$3,000, tires three years old, 18," 4MNF8182171000364
- Chevrolet Dump Truck – White, Allison Duramax 3500, 2-wheel drive, 6.6 turbo diesel, 10,549 miles, 6 new tires and battery, 6,070 empty weight, 12,000 gross weight, 12-foot bed, purchased new in 2007 for \$33,808, 1GBJC34D37E121293
- Chevrolet Box Truck – White, with Tommy Gate hydraulic lift tailgate, 8x15 Bay Bridge box, 6-liter V8 engine, 7,060 empty weight, 12,499 gross weight, 14,000 GVWR, 27,509 miles, brand new battery, 1GBJG31U751159638, purchased new in 2005 for \$25,651, Tommy Gate purchased new in 2005
- Chevrolet Pick-up Truck – White, 4.3-liter V6 engine, 2-wheel drive, standard bed, 68,115 miles, 4 new tires a year old, purchased new in 2005 for \$19,000, 1GCEC14X15Z131256
- Landa 3500 PSI Pressure Washer – purchased in ?? for \$3,000
- John Deere D155 Mower – Gas, bad motor

**MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS INCLUDE:** Outside metal tables and chairs, Pumpjacks & Walkboards (4), plastic water tank, Gray Trex decking, display case, sink, walk-in bathtub, 8-ft. pool table, ping pong table, desk & chair, and dining room table & chairs, more.

**Mark Fralin - 540-815-3040**

## Teachers

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District, David Linden (Hollins District), Mike Wray (Cave Spring) and Cheryl Facciani (Windsor Hills).

"I want to express my thanks to the Education Foundation board—this is a group of individuals who work throughout the year to support our teachers," Lionberger said. "From selecting classroom grants and the annual golf tournament in the fall, to selecting student scholarships, the Golden Apple Teacher of the Year and our Red and Green Apple winners, and the annual Backpack Run in the spring, these board members are working hard for you and for our students."

"We are thankful to the Education Foundation for their continued support of our students and teachers," said Dr. Nicely. "We have so many amazing and inspirational people at Roanoke County Public Schools and we're grateful to all our teachers for their continued dedication." The Golden Apple Awards are sponsored by Southern

Team Auto, who gave \$100 to each finalist. The Golden Apple winner received \$1000 and the Red and Green Apple winners, \$500.

"Southern Team has been a long-time supporter of the Golden Apple Awards and the Education Foundation," Lionberger said. "We are very grateful for their continued support. I'd like to especially thank David Dillon and Mike Munsey. Dave is a former Education Foundation board member and Mike is a current board member. Through the generous support of Southern Team, we have been able to present financial prizes for our Golden Apple, Red Apple and Green Apple winners for many years."

The annual ceremony was held in the ballroom at the Vinton War Memorial and catered by Chanticleer Catering.





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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

5 tracts of land located in Botetourt County

Parcel 2 - 0.28 acres, Tax Map 61-85B, Parcel 21438  
Parcel 3 - 608.59 acres, Tax Map 61-90, Parcel 21444  
Parcel 4 - 2.533 acres, more or less, Tax Map 62-39, Parcel 21613  
Parcel 5 - 15.002 acres, more or less, Tax Map 62-38, Parcel 21612  
Parcel 6 - 53.880 acres, Tax Map 62-43, Parcel 21618  
5 tracts of land located in the Town of Fincastle (Botetourt County)  
Tract 1 - 87.5070 acres, Tax Map 73-118, Parcel 23865  
Tract 2 - 9.8590 acres, New Lot E, Tax Map 73-122E, Parcel 30519  
Lot 7, Phase IV, Santillane, 0.4770 acres, Tax Map 73(13)7, Parcel 31461  
Lot 16, Phase IV, Santillane, 0.5660 acres, Tax Map 73(13)16, Parcel 31470  
Lot 18, Phase IV, Santillane, 0.5680 acres, Tax Map 73(13)18, Parcel 31472  
BOTETOURT COUNTY, VA In execution of a Credit Line Deed of Trust dated April 23, 2014 (the "Deed of Trust"), recorded in the Office of the Circuit Court of Botetourt County, Virginia, as Instrument No. 140001192 as corrected by the Corrected Credit Line Deed of Trust dated April 23, 2014, recorded in the Office of the Circuit Court of Botetourt County, Virginia, as Instrument No. 140002419, the undersigned substitute Trustees, any or all of whom may act, will offer for sale at Daleville Town Center Clubhouse, 150 Shenandoah Ave, Daleville, Virginia, on April 28, 2023, at 12:00 o'clock noon, the following property located in Botetourt County, Virginia, which properties are more particularly described as follows: Parcel 2: Tax Map 61-85B, Parcel 21438  
BEGINNING at a point at the lowest point of Catawba Creek which borders the property of George P. Moore, Jr. and Emily W. Moore and Earl G. and Annie Bell Cahoon property; thence in an easterly direction over the Cahoon property to the Moore property known as Spiller's Ridge; thence in a southerly direction 50' along the Moore property known as Spiller's Ridge to a point; thence westerly to a point on Catawba Creek which borders the Moore property; thence northerly 50' to the point of BEGINNING; and being a parcel 50' wide and approximately 250 yards long over which there is a road bed. Parcel 3: Tax Map 61-90, Parcel 21444  
BEGINNING at a point in the East line of the Earl G. Cahoon property, said beginning point being in the extreme westerly line of the herein conveyed property; thence with the Cahoon property North 43° 59' East, 396.78 feet to an old iron pipe set in concrete; thence with the South lines of a tract of 6.53 acres, to be conveyed to Earl G. Cahoon, the following eleven courses and distances: North 45° 05' E. 388.13 feet to an iron pin by an 8" cedar; North 2° 16' West, 327.47 feet to an iron pin by a 6" pine; North 45° 18' East, 133.96 feet to an iron pin in an old road; North 13° 28' East 120.15 feet to an iron pin in old road; North 36° 40' East, 103.20 feet to an iron pin in an old road; North 28° 16' East, 94.83 feet to an iron pin in an old road; North 10° 28' East, 125.30 feet to an iron pin in old road; North 21° 10' West, 101.09 feet to an iron pin in old road; North 7° 36' East, 91.82 feet to an iron pin in old road; North 63° 22' East, 126.73 feet to an iron pin in old road; North 52° 10' East, 167.96 feet passing the center of a newly established 50 foot right of way and easement leading from the herein conveyed property to Virginia State Route 681 at 142.93 feet to the East side of said newly established 50 foot right of way and easement, said point also marking the southwest corner of a tract of 8.70 acres heretofore conveyed to James I. Lowdon (see Deed Book 182, page 370); thence with the Lowdon tract of land the following seven courses and distances, continuing with the center of said old road: North 60° 02' East, 24.86 feet; North 46° 47' East, 208.68 feet; North 58° 48' East, 126.92 feet; South 85° 21' East, 90.83 feet; thence leaving the center of said old road, North 54° 54' East, 116.46 feet to an old

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650.99 feet to an iron pin set at a corner post in the North line of Earl G. Cahoon's property; thence with the Cahoon property North 62° 21' West, 1325.33 feet to the place of BEGINNING, and containing an area of 608.59 acres, in accordance with a survey and plat thereof made on November 4, 1969, by T. P. Parker, State Certified Engineer, a plat or a map of which survey was being recorded with the Deed recorded in Deed Book 189, page 295, in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court for the County of Botetourt, Virginia, said Map being also recorded in Plat Book 6, page 16, in the aforesaid Clerk's Office. The plat or map also shows the following 50 foot right of way or easement leading from said tract of 608.59 acres in a general northwesterly direction through the Earl G. Cahoon property to Virginia Route 681, the centerline of said right of way being described as follows: BEGINNING at a point in the old road as shown on insert on said plat, said beginning point being 25.03 feet from the southwest corner of the James I. Lowdon tract of 8.70 acres, as shown on plat; thence through the 6.53 acre tract of land to be conveyed to Earl G. Cahoon and the remaining Cahoon property, North 33° 45' West 125.02 feet to a point; thence continuing through said Cahoon property the following eight courses and distances: North 29° 29' West, 583.02 feet; North 63° 16' West, 253.33 feet; North 74° 55' West, 145.18 feet; North 36° 39' West 103.72 feet; North 53° 16' West, 197.80 feet; North 59° 30' West, 435.80 feet; North 43° 42' West, 260.61 feet and N. 57° 05' W. 93.95 feet to a point in the center line of Route 681, which said right of way or easement is to be for the joint use and benefit of the grantee, his heirs or assigns and devisees, and likewise for the equal benefit of the Earl G. Cahoon and Annie Bell Cahoon, his wife, and their heirs, devisees and grantees, who are joined in a deed in Deed Book 189, page 295, as parties of the third part for the purpose of establishing said right of way and easement. Parcel 4: Tax Map 62-39, Parcel 21613 All of that certain tract or parcel of land containing 2.533 acres, more or less, and shown more fully as Tract VI on that certain "Plat of the Property of Sarah L. and Virginia Smith Patterson" dated November 20, 2003, prepared by Christopher N. McMurry, L.S., a copy of which is recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Botetourt County, Virginia, in Plat Book 30, Page 19. Parcel 5: Tax Map 62-38, Parcel 21612 All of that certain tract or parcel of land containing 15.002 acres, more or less, and shown more fully as Tracts IV and V on that certain "Plat of The Property of Sarah L. and Virginia Smith Patterson" dated November 20, 2003, prepared by Christopher N. McMurry, L.S., a copy of which is recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Botetourt County, Virginia, in Plat Book 30, Page 19. Parcel 6: Tax Map 62-39, Parcel 21618 Beginning at a stone, at 1, corner to the land of A. A. Bryant and runneth thence, new lines N. 40°W. 27 poles crossing the branch and passing over a spring to a water oak, at 2, on the south bank of the branch; thence down said branch N. 61° W. 10 4/10 poles to a point, at 3; N. 49° W. 17 8/10 poles to a cedar, at 4, on the south bank of the branch; N. 82 ½° W. 22 poles, passing a walnut tree marked as a corner at 20 poles, to the middle of the creek, just above the mouth of said branch; thence up the creek as it meanders 70 poles to a point, at 6, corner to E. I. Lemon and I. L. Twyman, and with the latter, leaving the creek S. 50° E. 111 poles to a point, at 7, corner to the heirs of Austin Thompson, and with the same, N. 7 ½° E. 65 2/10 poles, passing a double cedar, corner to said heirs and Barnett, at 45 poles to a white oak, old corner, at 8, corner to said Barnett, and with the same S. 47° E. 40 poles to a stake, at 9, N. 34° E. 23 poles to a white oak, old corner at 10; S. 60 ½° E. 16 ½ poles to a dead white oak, at 11, corner to A. A. Bryant, and with the same, N. 35° E. 13 poles to a gum and cedar,

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somewhat recently marked, at 12; and thence N. 61° W. 70 ¼ poles to the place of beginning, at 1, and containing 53 7/8 acres. Tract 1: Tax Map 73-118, Parcel 23865 All of that certain tract or parcel of land containing 91.775 acres as more fully described on "Plat of the Property of Helen S. Cronise, et als, To Be Conveyed to Santillane, LLC", dated February 25, 2004 and prepared by McMurry Surveyors, Inc., a copy of which is recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Botetourt County, Virginia, in Plat Book 30, Page 60. LESS AND EXCEPTING Phase IV, Santillane, as shown on survey dated March 28, 2013, prepared by McMurry Surveyors, Inc. of record in the aforesaid Clerk's Office in Plat Book 56, Pages 5-7. Tract 2: Tax Map 73-122E, Parcel 30519 All that certain lot or parcel of land, with improvements thereon lying and being situate in the Fincastle Magisterial District of the County of Botetourt, Virginia, shown as New Lot E, containing 19.496 acres, by survey, with metes and bounds as shown on plat of survey made by Christopher N. McMurry, L.S., dated December 1, 2005, a copy of which plat is recorded in the Office of the Circuit Court of Botetourt County, Virginia, in Plat Book 35, Page 8. TOGETHER WITH those rights conveyed by Deed of Easement dated April 8, 2013, from Clay O. Fitzgerald and Juanita F. Fitzgerald, husband and wife, of record in Instrument No. 130002677, and corrected by Instrument No. 130002725. LESS AND EXCEPTING Phase IV, Santillane, as shown on survey dated March 28, 2013, prepared by McMurry Surveyors, Inc. of record in the aforesaid Clerk's Office in Plat Book 56, Pages 5-7, inclusive. Tax Map 73(13)7, Parcel 31461: Lot 7, Phase IV, Santillane as shown on plat of survey dated March 28, 2013, prepared by McMurry Surveyors, Inc. and recorded in the aforesaid Clerk's Office in Plat Book 56, at Page 5-7. Tax Map 73(13)18, Parcel 31472: Lot 18, Phase IV, Santillane as shown on plat of survey dated March 28, 2013, prepared by McMurry Surveyors, Inc. and recorded in the aforesaid Clerk's Office in Plat Book 56, at Page 5-7. This sale is subject to all liens, easements, restrictions, conditions, and reservations of record affecting the title to the property hereinabove described, to the extent any of them have priority over the lien of the Deed of Trust. TERMS AND CONDITIONS: 1. Registration: Bids will only be accepted from registered bidders. Your driver's license and a cashier's check or cash in the amount of 10% of the bidder's high bid will be required to register. 2. Deposit: The successful bidders will be required to sign a Memorandum of Sale immediately following the fall of the hammer, and the cashier's check or cash, as described above, will be delivered to the Substitute Trustee. The deposit will be applied to the purchase price at closing. The deposit is non-refundable unless Seller is unable to convey marketable title. Closings are to take place within 45 days of sale. Time is of the essence. 3. Deed: The property will be conveyed by Special Warranty Deed. 4. Announcement: Announcements made on the day of sale, take precedence over all prior communications, both verbal and written, concerning the sale or the property. 5. Buyer's Premium: There will be a 5% Buyer's Premium in effect on the day of sale. The Buyer's Premium is added to the high bid amount, to determine the contract sale price. 6. "As-Is," "Where-Is": The property is being sold "AS-IS", "WHERE-IS". Potential Buyers must perform such independent investigations

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

Lot 17, Phase IV, Santillane, 0.5660 acres, Tax Map 73(13)17, Parcel

BOTETOURT COUNTY, VA In execution of a Credit Line Deed of Trust dated July 25, 2013 (the "Deed of Trust"), recorded in the Office of the Circuit Court of Botetourt County, Virginia, as Instrument No. 1303476 and by a certain Deed of Addition of Collateral dated January 31, 2014, duly recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court for Botetourt County, Virginia, as Instrument No. 1400364, the undersigned substitute Trustees, any or all of whom may act, will offer for sale at Daleville Town Center Clubhouse, 150 Shenandoah Ave, Daleville, Virginia, on April 28, 2023, at 12:00 o'clock noon, the following property located in Botetourt County, Virginia, which property is more particularly described as follows: Tax Map 73(13)17: Lot 17, Phase IV, Santillane as shown on plat of survey dated March 28, 2013, prepared by McMurry Surveyors, Inc. and recorded in the aforesaid Clerk's Office in Plat Book 56, at Page 5-7. This sale is subject to all liens, easements, restrictions, conditions, and reservations of record affecting the title to the property hereinabove described, to the extent any of them have priority over the lien of the Deed of Trust. TERMS AND CONDITIONS: 1. Registration: Bids will only be accepted from registered bidders. Your driver's license and a cashier's check or cash in the amount of 10% of the bidder's high bid will be required to register. 2. Deposit: The successful bidders will be required to sign a Memorandum of Sale immediately following the fall of the hammer, and the cashier's check or cash, as described above, will be delivered to the Substitute Trustee. The deposit will be applied to the purchase price at closing. The deposit is non-refundable unless Seller is unable to convey marketable title. Closings are to take place within 45 days of sale. Time is of the essence. 3. Deed: The property will be conveyed by Special Warranty Deed. 4. Announcement: Announcements made on the day of sale, take precedence over all prior communications, both verbal and written, concerning the sale or the property. 5. Buyer's Premium: There will be a 5% Buyer's Premium in effect on the day of sale. The Buyer's Premium is added to the high bid amount, to determine the contract sale price. 6. "As-Is," "Where-Is": The property is being sold "AS-IS", "WHERE-IS". Potential Buyers must perform such independent investigations

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Legals - City of Radford

Notice of Application to Establish a Branch of a State Member Bank

The Bank of Marion, 102 West Main Street, Marion, Virginia, intends to apply to the Federal Reserve Board for permission to establish a branch at 220 West Main Street, Radford, Virginia. The Federal Reserve considers a number of factors in deciding whether to approve the application including the record of performance of applicant banks in helping to meet local credit needs. You are invited to submit comments in writing on this application to the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond, P.O. Box 27622, Richmond, VA 23261. Comments can also be sent electronically to comments.applications@rich.frb.org. The comment period will not end before May 12, 2023. The Board's procedures for processing applications may be found at 12 C.F.R. Part 262. Procedures for processing protested applications may be found at 12 C.F.R. 262.25. To obtain a copy of the Federal Reserve Board's procedures, or if you need more information about how to submit your comments on the application, contact Brent B. Hassell, Assistant Vice President, at (804) 697-2633. The Federal Reserve will consider your comments and any request for a public meeting or formal hearing on the application if they are received in writing by the Reserve Bank on or before the last day of the comment period.

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ABC NOTICE

AUDRA DOYLE, trading as 2<sup>ND</sup> ON MAIN, 2 MAIN ST. SALEM, VA 24153.

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Order of Publication  
Commonwealth of Virginia  
VA Code§§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316-37,20-104  
Case No. CL23000084-00  
CITY OF SALEM CIRCUIT COURT, 2 EAST CALHOUN STREET, SALEM, VA 24153  
Commonwealth of Virginia, in re GABRIEL SENTINELLAR SALAZAR V. MAY ANNE SALAZAR  
The object of this suit is to: OBTAIN A DIVORCE. It is ORDERED that MAY ANNE SALAZAR appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before May 31, 2023.  
APRIL 11, 2023 STACY L. OWEN, DEPUTY CLERK

Notice is hereby given to all interested persons that the City of Salem Planning Commission,

at its regular meeting on May 10, 2023, at 7:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 114 N. Broad Street, in the City of Salem, Virginia, will hold a public hearing, pursuant to Sections 15.2-2204 and 15.2-2285 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, to consider approval of the following requests relative to the CODE OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA: 1.Hold public hearing to consider the request of Salem Montessori School, Inc., property owner, for rezoning the property at 112 Corporate Boulevard (Tax Map # 148-1-2.2) from RSF Residential Single-Family District and BCD, Business Commerce District with conditions to RSF Residential Single-Family District.  
2.Hold public hearing to consider the request of Salem Montessori School, Inc., property owner, to revise the Special Exception Permit approved February 28, 2011, to allow the construction of an educational facility, primary/secondary on the property located at 112 Corporate Boulevard, (Tax Map # 148-1-2.2). Copies of the proposed plans, ordinances or amendments may be examined in the Office of Community Development, 21 South Bruffey Street, Salem, Virginia.  
At said hearing, parties in interest and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard relative to the said requests.  
THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA BY: James E. Taliaferro, II Executive Secretary

Order of Publication VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE CITY OF SALEM

CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA, complainant, vs. MARY LUE GRAVES, et al, respondents.  
Case No.CL 23-103

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TO: THE RESPONDENTS: The object of this suit is to enforce the lien for taxes assessed by the City of Salem, Virginia against certain real property designated as Tax Map Parcel No. 160-3-4  
An affidavit having been made and filed that diligence has been used without effect to ascertain the location of Mary Lue Graves and that there are or may be persons with an interest in the subject property, including heirs, devisees, and successors in title of Mary Lue Graves, who may be deceased, whose names and addresses are unknown, it is hereby ORDERED that each of the parties on or before the 19th of May, 2023, and do whatever is necessary to protect their interest in said land. It is further ORDERED, pursuant to Va. Code Ann §8.01-321, that this Order of Publication be published for one week in the Salem Times Register, a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Salem, and that a copy be posted at the front door of the courthouse in the City of Salem, Virginia. Entered this 20th day of April, 2023.  
Chance Crawford, Clerk I ask for this: Mark D. Kidd, Esquire-VSB#24149  
OPN Law  
3140Chaparral Drive, Suite 200-C Roanoke VA 24018  
Phone: (540) 725-4700  
Fax:(540)772-0126  
E-Mail: mkidd@opnlaw.com  
Counsel for Complainant

Order of Publication VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE CITY OF SALEM

CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA, complainant, vs. GEORGE W. WELCH, et al, respondents.  
Case No.CL 23-102  
TO: THE RESPONDENTS: The object of this suit is to enforce the lien for taxes assessed by the City of Salem, Virginia against certain real property designated as Tax Map Parcel No. 39-2-5  
An affidavit having been made and filed that diligence has been used without effect to ascertain the location of George W. Welch and Mary Elizabeth Welch and that there are or may be persons with an interest in the subject property, including heirs, devisees, and successors in title of George W. Welch and Mary Elizabeth Welch, who may be deceased, whose names and addresses are unknown, it is hereby ORDERED that each of the parties appear on or before the 19<sup>th</sup> of May, 2023, and do whatever is necessary to protect their interest in said land. It is further ORDERED, pursuant to Va. Code Ann. §8.01-321, that this Order of Publication be published for one week in the Salem Times Register, a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Salem, and that a copy be posted at the front door of the courthouse in the City of Salem, Virginia. Entered this 20<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2023.

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Legals - Craig County

CRAIG COUNTY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
The Board of Supervisors of the County of Craig, Virginia will hold a public hearing to receive public input regarding a proposed amendment to Chapter 18- ELECTIONS, Article II. Election Districts Precinct Boundaries §18-26. THROUGH §18-34.- of Craig County Code of Ordinances, updating Craig County Election Boundary Lines.  
The public hearing will be held Thursday, May 4 th , 2023, at 6:00 p.m., in the Craig County Courthouse, on Main Street, New Castle, Virginia. Anyone having questions regarding the above or who would like to review the proposed map and descriptions, may contact the County Administrator's office (540) 864-5010, located at 108 Court Street, or mailed to P.O. Box 308, New Castle, Virginia 24127.  
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Public Notice – Environmental Permit

PURPOSE OF NOTICE: To seek public comment on a draft permit from the Department of Environmental Quality that will allow the release of treated wastewater into a water body in Craig County, Virginia. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: April 19, 2023 to May 22, 2023  
PERMIT NAME: Virginia Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit – Wastewater issued by DEQ pursuant to applicable water laws and regulations  
APPLICANT NAME, ADDRESS AND PERMIT NUMBER: Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Virginia; 1290 Enterprise Drive, Lynchburg, VA 24502; VPDES Permit No. VA0027952  
FACILITY NAME AND LOCATION: Craig Springs Camp and Retreat Center WWTP, 30 Craig Springs Circle, New Castle, Virginia  
PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Virginia has applied for reissuance of a permit for the private Craig Springs Camp and Retreat Center WWTP. The applicant proposes to release treated sewage wastewaters at a rate of 10,000 gallons per day into a water body. The facility proposes to release the treated sewage wastewater into Grannys Creek in Craig County in the Johns Creek watershed. A

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watershed is the land area drained by a river and its incoming streams. The permit will limit the following pollutants to amounts that protect water quality: physical and chemical properties, organic matter, solids, inorganics, nutrients, and bacteria.  
HOW TO COMMENT AND/OR REQUEST A PUBLIC HEARING: DEQ accepts comments and requests for public hearing on the draft permit by hand-delivery, e-mail, fax or postal mail. All comments and requests must be in writing and be received by DEQ during the comment period. DEQ must receive hand-delivery and postal mail by close of business and email and fax comments by 11:59 p.m. on the last day of the comment period. Submittals must include the names, mailing addresses or email addresses of the commenter/requester and of all persons represented by the commenter/requester. A request for public hearing must also include: 1) The reason why a public hearing is requested. 2) A brief, informal statement regarding the nature and extent of the interest of the requester or of those represented by the requestor, including how and to what extent such interest would be directly and adversely affected by the permit. 3) Specific references, where possible, to terms and conditions of the permit with suggested revisions. A public hearing may be held, including another comment period, if public response is significant, based on individual requests for a public hearing, and there are substantial, disputed issues relevant to the permit.  
CONTACT FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS, DOCUMENT REQUESTS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Kevin A. Harlow: DEQ Blue Ridge Regional Office, 901 Russell Drive, Salem, VA 24153 Phone: (540) 759-9855; E-mail: Kevin.Harlow@deq.virginia.gov; Fax: (804) 698-4178. The public may review the draft permit and application at the DEQ office named above by appointment or may request copies of the documents from the contact person listed above.

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Legals - Montgomery County

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY, VIRGINIA, a political subdivision of the Commonwealth of Virginia, Complainant, V. CHARLES HOWARD SLATE, JR., ET AL., respondent(s). Case No. CL23-273

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

The object of this suit is to enforce the lien of the Complainant, County of Montgomery, Virginia, for delinquent real estate taxes against certain real property located in the County of Montgomery, Virginia, described as follows: Tax Map No. 036-A-24A Account No. 200399 All that parcel, or land located in Price's Fork Magisterial District of Montgomery County, Virginia, and bounded and described as follows: All that parcel "A" containing 1.000 AC, as shown, and described on a plat entitled, "Plat of Survey of Boundary Line Adjustment & Minor Subdivision Between Tax Parcel Numbers 36-(A)-23 and 36-(A)-24, Along Norris Run Road, Route 708 Price's Fork Magisterial District Montgomery County, Virginia, prepared by Ralph O. Clements, Land Surveyor for Gay and Neel, Inc., dated March 13, 2011, designated as Job No. 2250.0 a copy of which plat is recorded in the Office of the Clerk of The Circuit Court of Montgomery County, Virginia, as Instrument Np. 2011003829.  
And Being the same real property conveyed to Charles Howard Slate, Jr., Carolyn Sue Slate, And Samantha Jean Main from Carolyn Sue Slate, by Deed dated and recorded November 09, 2017 in the Circuit Court Clerk's Office of Montgomery County, Virginia as Instrument No. 2017008738.  
Further Being a portion of the same real property conveyed to Carolyn Sue Slate from Joshua Adam Cook by Deed dated November 26, 2003, on record in the Montgomery County Circuit Court Clerk's Office as Instrument No. 2004015300.  
And Further Being a portion of the same real property conveyed to Carolyn Sue Slate from Loy/Mary Burch III, LLC., by Deed dated October 3, 2013, on record in the Montgomery County Circuit Court Clerk's Office as Instrument Number 2013009794.  
This description is made subject to all easements, conditions, agreements, restrictions, and reservations of record which affect the property herein described including but not

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limited to those recorded in Instrument Number 2011003829; Deed Book 152, Page 249; Deed Book 356, Page 93; Deed Book 434, Page 20; Deed Book 865, Page 32.  
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: Eddie D. Love, shoes last known address is 745 Dunlap Dr., Christiansburg, Virginia 24073; April Dawn Love, whose last known address is 4977 Whitehorn Rd, Blacksburg, Virginia 24060; and that any officers, heirs, devisees, and successors in the title of Respondent named herein are made parties Respondent to this action individually and/or by the general description of 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 25, 2023 in the Clerk'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 20<sup>th</sup> 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  
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LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

OF THE TOWN OF CHRISTIANSBURG

TOWN COUNCIL

The Town of Christiansburg Town Council will hold a Public Hearing on, Tuesday, May 9, 2023, at 7:00 PM 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:  
A. Rezoning request by Jones Real Estate Investment & Recycling Company, Inc., Property Owner, to rezone an approximately 1.1 acre portion of a 2.002 acre parcel located between the south side of Scott Street NE and the north side of Roanoke Street,

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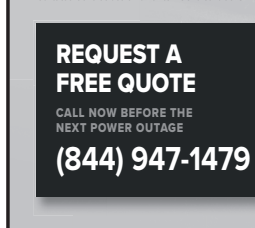
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# Roanoke County's free Just in Time Tutoring service used 2200+ times in first two months

Just In Time Tutoring, powered by Tutor.com and the Princeton Review, is a free online tutoring service provided by Roanoke County Public Schools for middle and high school students. Initially launched in mid-February, the service has been used by Roanoke County Public School students more than 2,200 times as of mid-April.

The most popular subjects are math, science and writing with the average session length running just under 20 minutes.

"We knew when we launched Just In Time Tutoring that our students would use this for help mostly in our core subjects," said Ben Williams, director of research and assessment for Roanoke County Public Schools. "We are seeing a surprising number of students seeking assistance with coding, which shows the versatility of this service."

After each session, students are asked some feedback questions. More than 94-percent of students responded that Just In Time Tutoring was helpful in completing homework assignments and is helpful in improving grades. More than 92-percent said they would recommend Just In Time Tutoring to a friend.

"When we announced Just In Time Tutoring, our goal was to level the playing field for our students by providing free on-demand tutoring services for our middle and high school services," said Dr. Ken Nicely, superintendent of Roanoke County Public Schools. "In just two months, we're already starting to achieve that goal. We are excited to see just how much more this service will help our students in the coming school year."

The Roanoke County School Board is using some of the remaining COVID-related grant funding to provide this opportunity for secondary students through the 2024-2025 school year.

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

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

In addition to on-demand tutoring resources, students can submit any writing assignment for expert proofreading with a 12-hour turnaround time. Proofreaders will review and make suggestions on writing elements including grammar, sentence structure, theme development and more.

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

*Submitted by Roanoke County Public Schools*

## Police

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supplemental resource for Code Enforcement, and the division dealing with disabled, inoperable, or abandoned vehicles. He works with local veterinary hospitals and organizations such as the Southwest Virginia Wildlife Center and the Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources.


Holland wears many hats, also serving as the liaison between the chief of police and citizens and between churches, schools, and the police department. He facilitates and coordinates special projects, briefings, and partnerships. He is the Crime Prevention Outreach Officer and the Community Events Liaison Officer. He coordinates National Night Out, local school events, Drug Take-Back days, and community outreach events such as Coffee with a Cop, Pancakes with the Police, Downtown Vinton Trick or Treat, Hot Chocolate with a Cop, Shop with a Cop, the Bedford L.E. Car Show, the Little Feet Meet, and many more.

In his position, Officer Holland works as a supplement to Roanoke County Resource Officers at W. E. Cundiff and Herman L. Horn Elementary Schools. He deals with school safety, building security, staff acclimatization, and traffic safety. In 2022, he completed 217 school security checks, up from 74 in 2021.

He is also serving as the Roanoke County Program Coordinator for TRIAD for the Virginia Attorney General's Association. TRIAD is a cooperative effort of law enforcement agencies (police/fire/sheriffs), senior citizens, and senior organizations, focused on reducing crimes against seniors, "empowering them and teaching them not to be victims."

Mayor Grose commended the VPD for their efforts saying, "We are very proud of our police department; they are very professional and it shows every day."



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Abby Fitzgerald cuts loose.

PHOTO BY JIM DEVINNEY

## Girls are alone at the top in BRD

The William Byrd girls find themselves in first place in the Blue Ridge District and hope to stay there when they host Lord Botetourt Friday night on Highfill Field.

The Terriers and Cavaliers came into the week tied for first place in the BRD, with neither team having lost a district game and playing to a draw in their first meeting. However, Staunton River upset LB on Tuesday, 2-1 in overtime, while Byrd was shutting out William Fleming. That gave Byrd a 4-0-1 district record and put them atop the BRD standings by themselves. The Terriers are 7-1-2 overall.

The girls have been playing well, winning decisive shutouts in their last two outings. On Friday they beat Northside on the road, 7-0. Addi St. Clair started the scoring for when she crashed the goal after a shot from Maci Glass. The shot bounced off the keeper and Addi was there to tap it in.

Maddy Simmons did the same thing a few minutes later for another tap in goal to put Byrd up 2-0. Logan Andrews had the next goal off an assist from St. Clair and Simmons had the next two goals of the night, giving her a hat trick, one assisted by Ella Ashworth and the other assisted by Madeleine Wolters'Argenio. Logan Andrews scored her second of the night off a pass from Eva Brown and Wolters'Argenio had the

final goal of the evening when she finished a PK to make it a 7-0 final.

On Tuesday the girls welcomed William Fleming to town and took a 9-0 win. Addi St. Clair had the first assist to Simmons and Maddy returned the favor to St. Clair a few minutes later for the second goal. Sophia Chrisley had to make one save on the night and she punted the ball for Simmons to run on to for the third goal of the evening.

St. Clair got the fourth goal off a cross from Andrews, and Logan got the fifth goal off an assist from Taylor Davis for a 5-0 halftime lead.

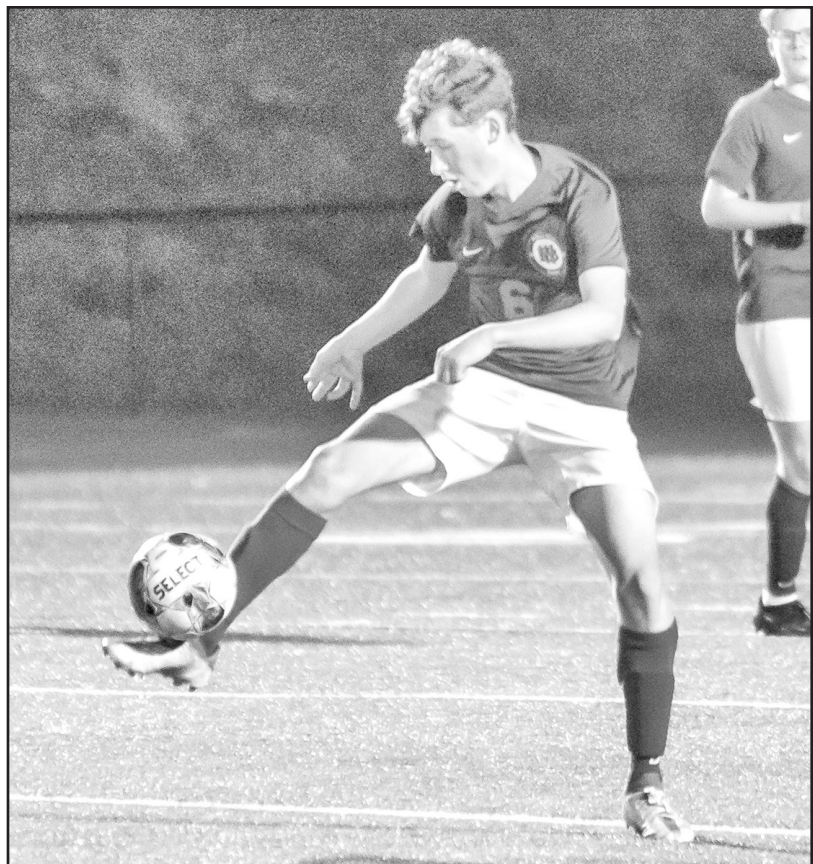
The second half was filled with goals as well. Simmons picked up two more goals off assists from St. Clair and Addi added a third of her own off an assist from Simmons. Davis finished the scoring off an assist from Emma Gordon for Byrd's third straight shutout win. In the past three games the Terriers have shut out three district opponents by a combined score of 20-0.

Byrd's only loss was a 1-0 non-district loss to Hidden Valley, a team they tied in their other meeting. Byrd was scheduled to play at Bassett Wednesday before the big game with Lord Botetourt at Vinton's Patterson Stadium Friday night.



Addi St. Clair controls the ball for the Terriers.

PHOTO BY REGINA DEVINNEY



Byrd's Ethan Sutton settles the ball.

PHOTO BY JIM DEVINNEY

## Tennis team play NS today

The William Byrd tennis teams are scheduled to play Northside today in matches that were moved up a day with inclement weather in the forecast for Friday. The girls will play at home and the boys will take on the Vikings at Walrond Park.

The boys split matches in the past week, losing 6-3 to Staunton River last Friday but bouncing back to shut out Franklin County on Tuesday, 9-0.

The girls results were more of the same. Byrd lost to Staunton River, 8-1, but defeated Franklin County on Tuesday, 6-3.

"We were able to redeem ourselves against Franklin County," said coach Kayla Mitchell-McCroskey. "Our number one doubles, Makenna Jacobsen and Ashley Begasse, had their girls scrambling on the court, as they did the same in their singles. Our number three doubles, Ashlyn Thomas and Brooke Justus were able to secure their first win of the season."

Thomas was also able to secure her first singles win of the season and Byrd's number three, Hannah Johnson, was able to seal the win.

"We were very pleased with the girls," said Mitchell-McCroskey. "Hopefully, it'll carry over against Hidden Valley and Northside this week."



Brooke Justus hits a backhand for the Terriers.

PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

## Byrd boys score seven goals in BRD win over Northside

The William Byrd boys soccer team split two games in the past week, both by shut-out. Last Friday the Terriers took a 7-0 win over Northside in Vinton, and Tuesday they fell to William Fleming, 4-0, in Roanoke.

Of the seven goals against Northside Byrd had six different goal scorers. Braden Crossan had two goals and an assist, Daniel Britts had a goal and two assists while Grayson Webb, Dexter Gaines, Ethan Sutton and Cole Kovacevic had a goal each. Bryson Lancaster had the shut out in goal with two saves.

"We have came into the match playing solid and the boys continued with a strong

start," said coach Russell Dishman. "The guys played well from the start and I was really pleased with how they moved the ball and were able to open up the field."

Fleming was a different story, as the Colonels remained undefeated in Blue Ridge District play with the shutout win. Byrd was down 3-0 at the half.

"We struggled early," said Dishman. "We made a few adjustments at the half and really improved, but struggled to finish in the final third. They were a quality team."

Now 4-5-1, Byrd is scheduled to play at Lord Botetourt Friday in a big Blue Ridge District match.

## Lax teams host Bruins tonight

The William Byrd lacrosse teams will host Blacksburg tonight in a girls-boys double-header at Patterson Stadium. The girls were scheduled to play at 5:30 pm with the boys to follow at approximately 7:15 pm.

Both teams were scheduled to play Rockbridge Wednesday, but results were too late for publication. The Terriers dropped games to strong Class 4 E.C. Glass teams last Thursday, with the girls losing 20-4 in Lynchburg and the boys falling to the Hilltoppers in Vinton 22-1. Dawson Brinkley scored Byrd's goal.

The boys came into the week with a 3-5 record while the girls were 1-6.



Left, Byrd's Samantha Martin rushes the ball up the field for the William Byrd girls' lacrosse team, and right Benjamin Waid carries the mail for the boys' team.



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## Big night for Big Orange at RVWA Hall of Fame banquet

The Roanoke Valley Wrestling Association held their annual Hall of Fame banquet on Monday at the Holiday Inn-Tanglewood and William Byrd High School played a big role. Byrd not only had an inductee but also took home some impressive hardware.

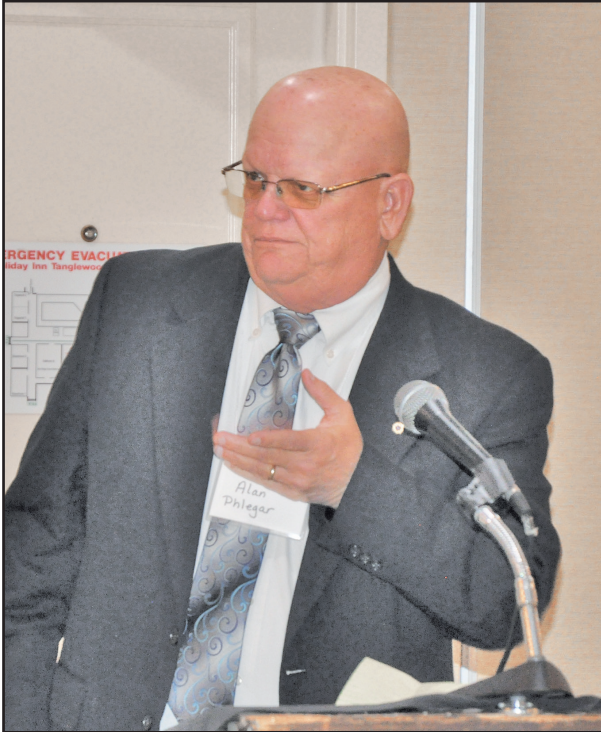
Byrd senior Xavier Preston was named Co-Wrestler of the Year along with Jake Cline of Glenvar. Both were state champions, Preston in Class 3 and Cline in Class 2. Xavier was also awarded one of three Ken Shelton Memorial Scholarships.

Michael Bryant of Byrd was the recipient of the Sonny Boyd Assistant Coach of the Year Award and Byrd senior Dustin Richards took home three honors. Dustin was the recipient of the Roy Stanley Outstanding Achievement Award for overcoming adversity, in his case several injuries. Dustin also received the Larry France Memorial Scholarship and the Kip Nininger Memorial Scholarship.

After the awards were handed out the inductees took their turn and Byrd graduate Alan Phlegar was inducted along with Rory “Tater” Benson, Rob Hale and Brandon Semones. Each inductee was introduced by a person special to them and Alan chose his former Byrd coach, Chuck Altice.

Alan wrestled at Byrd for Coach Altice from 1971-1975. As a junior he was the 2A District and Region champion and was a member of the State Champion team. He was named to the All-Metro Wrestling Team. Alan was an inspiration to his teammates and showed great dedication as he battled health issues.

Alan became part of the Big Orange Tournament beginning with the inaugural event in 1976. He has been a scorekeeper, timer, and has helped line up table workers for the tournament for over 40 years. His continuous dedication to this tournament has earned him the title of Mr. Big Orange.



Left, former William Byrd wrestling coach Chuck Altice(facing) gives inductee Alan Phlegar a hug after introducing him at the RVWA banquet Monday night. Right, Phlegar addresses the crowd. PHOTOS BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Phlegar has also worked other tournaments in the valley including district, region, and state tournaments along with the Titan Toughman, Northside Middle School Invitational, Ron Childress Tournament, River Rumble, and the Hokie Open/Southeast Open, Southeast Region for Ferrum, and the Division 3 NCAA Nationals. He has helped pick up mats and deliver them for the state tournament and is always willing to help whenever

needed. He was given the Lifetime Achievement Award from the RVWA in 2017.

Alan and his wife, Terri, have a son, Adam, and a daughter, Lauren, and three grandchildren. Terri also helped at the Big Orange providing food for the hospitality room. His daughter participated in sports at Byrd and his son wrestled at Byrd and continues to come to town to help with the Big Orange Tournament.



Left to right, Byrd’s Xavier Preston was named Co-Wrestler of the Year at the Roanoke Valley Wrestling Association banquet Monday night, Michael Bryant, with wife Laura, was named the assistant Coach of the Year and Dustin Richards received three awards. PHOTOS BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

## Baseball team heating up down the home stretch

The William Byrd baseball team won three games in seven days as the season heads down the stretch, and it’s a good time to get hot.

Byrd is in the mix for one of the 10 playoff spots in Region 3D. As of this week the third through 12th spots are very close, and two of those teams aren’t going to make it. Byrd could finish anywhere from third to 12th depending on how they do the rest of the regular season.

The Terriers have two more big games this week, as they were scheduled to host Hidden Valley on Wednesday and tonight, Thursday, Lord Botetourt will be in Vinton for a 5:30 pm game. The LB game was originally scheduled for Friday but moved up a day due to weather concerns.

After opening the season 3-6 the

Terriers have battled back to .500 at 6-6. That streak started last Wednesday with a 7-3 win over Staunton River in a game that had been delayed by lightning the previous Friday. The game was resumed in the third inning with the score tied at 1-1 and Brogan Dent on the mound for Byrd. The sophomore lefty allowed just two more runs as Byrd rallied for a big win. Keller Spraker and Noah Thompson had three hits each and James Purcell had two and drove in two runs.

On Friday the Terriers played at Northside and came from behind for a 7-5 win. The Vikings touched Cooper Minnix for three first inning runs to take an early lead before Byrd rallied with a run in the third and four in the fourth to go up 5-3. They put two insurance runs on the board in the top of the

sixth when Kam McKee homered over the fence and Jerrett Shepherd drilled a pinch-hit inside-the-park home run to the spacious centerfield area at Northside. Those runs proved to be big when the Vikings scored two in the bottom of the inning.

Blake Glover picked up the win in relief for Byrd. He went five and two-thirds innings and struck out four. In addition to the two homers Purcell had two more hits and Evan Mullen drove in two runs.

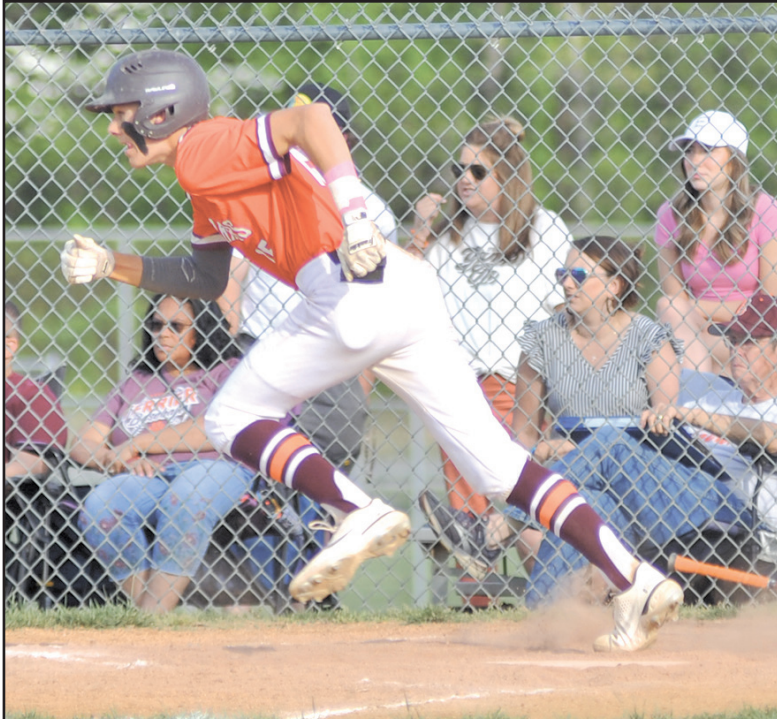
On Tuesday of this week the Terriers played host to William Fleming, which is all but a sure win. This time was no exception as Byrd won 16-0 in five innings. The Terriers scored six runs in the first inning after a dropped pop up would have ended the inning. They scored eight in the fourth to put it

away.

Ethan Powell and Israel Hairston combined to no-hit the Colonels. Powell struck out 11 in four innings and Hairston struck out the side in the fifth as 14 of Fleming’s 15 outs came by strikeout.

Everyone on the Byrd team got in the game, including two boys called up from the jayvee team. Mullen drove in three when he tripled with the bases loaded in the first inning and 11 different Terriers had hits.

The rest of the week won’t be as easy, as the Terriers hope to turn things around against two teams that beat them on the road by one run. They lost to Hidden Valley, 10-9, and LB, 1-0, and if Byrd can beat those two at home this week it will go a long way toward their playoff hopes.



Left, Hayden Eads slides safely into third. Right, Kam McKee takes off after hitting a home run at Northside Friday. PHOTOS BY SUZANNE WITCHER