

Vinton Public Works employees compete in Regional Equipment Rodeo



PHOTO BY DEBBIE ADAMS

Vinton Public Works employees participating in the Public Works Regional Equipment Rodeo included (front row, left to right) Jerry Bishop, Jimmy Brown, Garrett Chappell, and Steven Newman and (back row) Keith Childress, Charles Barber, Jason Davison, Andrew Critcher, Kenny Sledd, Jill Acker, Bo Herndon, and Billy Robb.

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Several Town of Vinton Public Works employees competed in the Regional Equipment Rodeo at the Berglund Center on April 26, including Kenny Sledd, Jason Davison, Billy Robb, Steven Newman, Jerry Bishop, Charles Barber, Keith Childress, Garrett Chappell, and Andrew Critcher.

Public Works Director Bo Herndon, Administrative Manager Jill Acker, and Chief Mechanic Jimmy Brown also attended and assisted with the zero-turn mower competition, which was sponsored by the Town of Vinton.

Teams from municipalities across the region participated. The rodeo began originally as a Roanoke City event and grew through the years to include workers from surrounding areas such as the Town of Vinton, Salem, Roanoke County, Blacksburg, Christiansburg, the Western Virginia Water Authority, and others.

Individual competitions required specific skills, accuracy, and/or speed

with various pieces of equipment— the knuckle boom truck, backhoe, bucket truck, mini-excavator, zero turn mower, and front-end loader.

On the job a knuckle boom operator uses a hydraulically operated arm to pick up brush, appliances, and other large bulk items. In the competition, the operator is required to use the arm and its claw to pick up a small brick, swing it around the vehicle, and lower it onto a bulls-eye target.

Mini-excavator operators must pick up a toy ball with the bucket and dump it into a bucket.

The bucket truck competition this year required the operator to replace a traffic signal light on a pole between 18 and 35 feet in the air, dressed in full safety harness and using all safety precautions. The zero-turn mower competition is a tight course with many obstacles to avoid in a timed competition.

Participants sign up for the events they wish to compete in. Events are scored on the actual time taken to complete the task and any penalties acquired.

Town of Vinton employees and their

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PHOTO COURTESY OF JON MURRILL

Work continued on the wall mural at Vinton Vet on April 29 with volunteer students and teachers (and a parent) donating their time to mural artist Jon Murrill's project. Shown left to right are student Abbie Haroulakis (a 10th grader), WBHS art teacher Allyson Goin, Jon Murrill, art teacher Alicia Spangler, and parent Jessica Jones.

Progress continues on wall mural at Vinton Vet

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Progress continues on the wall mural at the Vinton Veterinary Specialty Services Center on Washington Avenue in Vinton, next door to Vinton Vet. Students and teachers from the William Byrd High School Art Department continued to volunteer

their time to complete a project designed by mural artist Jon Murrill.

On April 29 student Abbie Haroulakis, her brother Philip, their mother Jessica Jones, and art teachers Allyson Goin and Alicia Spangler worked on the project.

"Jessica Jones is a great example of how selfless and charitable the parents in this community are," said

Spangler. "She and her son Phillip grabbed a brush and stayed the entire day."

The volunteers continued to apply base coats of paint on a scenic mural of the Blue Ridge Parkway, using brushes and rollers. Murrill expects the students' part of the project to be completed on May 6 (weather permitting). He

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Mural artist Jon Murrill tests out the colors of spray paint he will use in completing the wall mural once the base coats are complete.

Vinton Town Council approves performance agreement for new economic dev. projects



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An architectural rendering of the proposed Cleveland Mart project.



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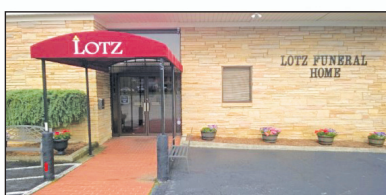
Front, street view of Cleveland Mart on May, which will be redeveloped into commercial space.

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Members of Vinton Town Council heard nothing but good news economically speaking at their meeting on May 2. They adopted two resolutions authorizing performance agreements for new projects that will bring a new restaurant to downtown Vinton and a mixed-use development to a blighted area on Cleveland Avenue.

Economic Development Specialist Marshall Stanley presented both resolutions to council. The performance agreement with South Pollard LLC will redevelop the former Star City Playhouse at the corner of Pollard and Gus Nicks Boulevard into the Pollard 107 South restaurant. The owner is Jonathan Pate who is also an owner at Cast Plates and Pints in the Cave Spring

area as well as at local Awful Arthur restaurants throughout the valley. His company has made a \$1.2 million investment in the Pollard Street project.

The Town of Vinton, in partnership with the Roanoke County Economic Development Authority, has negotiated terms of a Performance Agreement with South Pollard Improvement LLC valued at up to \$205,000 to incentivize the project. The initial \$155,000 will be appropriated when the restaurant is issued a certificate of occupancy. The remaining \$50,000 will be appropriated once the restaurant generates at least \$50,000 in tax revenue during the first year of occupancy.

Pollard 107 South will occupy 2,000 square feet of interior dining space with 1,000 sq.ft. of exterior seasonal dining space. They plan to create 20 new

jobs. Pate says they hope to open in mid-summer. Vice Mayor Mike Stovall commented that it had been great working with Pate, and he looks forward to the new restaurant with its "Vinton flair."

The second performance agreement approved by council involves redeveloping the former Cleveland Mart at 522 and 528 East Cleveland Avenue into a mixed-use commercial and residential property. The Town and the Roanoke County EDA are partnering with CMART Holdings, LLC, on the project. CMART Holdings owners are local developers Chris Dowdy and Dominic Bastile. (Dowdy, a William Byrd High School graduate, is also a teacher at Patrick Henry High School; Bastile is the Chief Financial Officer at North Cross School.)

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will then begin using artist’s spray paint to add the finer and final components of the artwork, including trees, wildlife, and birds. Once the painting is complete, a coat of clear anti-graffiti paint will be applied. The goal is to complete the wall mural by the end of May.

Murrill is a 2005 graduate of William Byrd. He 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 and is currently an art teacher at Patrick Henry High School.

The wall mural has piqued the interest and enthusiasm of passersby and those who have seen the beginnings of the work on social media. The Town of Vinton is in discussions with Murrill about future outdoor art.

Arbor Day

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Several members of the Town of Vinton staff joined Smokey Bear and Mayor Grose for the Arbor Day celebration at HLH.

proclamation stated, “In 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees; this holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska; Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world.”

The Proclamation went on to say that “trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce oxygen and provide habitat for wildlife; trees are a renewable source giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires and countless other wood products; trees in our town increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community; and trees, wherever they are planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal.”

Next up in the program was the annual “Recycling Fashion Show” in which fourth and fifth graders in the SCA dress up and walk the runway in fashions made from recyclable materials– to the cheers of fellow students. Costumes were judged by a panel made up of Town of Vinton staff.

Fourth graders on parade included:

- Hayden McClure as “The Recycled Football Player”
- Jacob Tingle as “Earth Vader”
- Harper Cain as “Harper the Hockey Legend”
- Delaney Blewett as “The Daring Delaney”
- Spencer Boyd as “Optimistic Ocean”
- Landon Clinebell as “Recycle Back”

Fifth graders walking the runaway were:

- Zaniyah Jennings as “Recycled Sponge Bob”
- Brenner Alterio as “King Wasteless”
- Lorelai Colvin as “Pillowcase”
- Evan Bays as “Trashman Joe”
- Jostyn Atkinson as “Recycle Knight”
- Olivia Morrison as “Queen of Plastic”
- Maci Morrison as “Queen of Cardboard”
- Serenity Jones as “Trash Goddess”
- Owen Seth as “Cardboard Man”
- Riley Martin as “Jedi Recycle”



Zaniyah Jennings as “Recycled Sponge Bob”

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Queen

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The Dogwood Queen and Court rode in the Dogwood Festival Parade in two horse-drawn carriages from Remington Carriage Company.

members of the 2023 Dogwood Court were:

- Ella Ashworth (parents Andy and Emily Ashworth)
- Bethany Beecher (parents Grant and Amy Beecher)
- Sophia Chrisley (parents Mark and Marci Chrisley)
- Olivia Hurd (parents Chris and Taessa Hurd)
- Lily Kroese (daughter of Lori and Theo Kroese)
- Katelin Patrick (daughter of Keith and Ginny Lynn Patrick)
- Kristen Patrick (daughter of Keith and Ginny Lynn Patrick)
- M a d e l i n e Simmons (daughter of Brian and Samantha Simmons)
- Bailey Warden (daughter of Denise and Steve Sartell and Matt Warden)

The ceremony opened with the singing of “God Bless America” by vocalist Floyd Boone, a welcome by Dogwood Festival President Dr. Jeff Teass, and remarks from Vinton Mayor Brad Grose.

“The young women comprising the Queen’s Court today are members of this year’s Senior Class of William Byrd High School,” Grose said. “Their selection to the court is based on academic standing and their volunteer service to the entire Vinton community. They are all winners and worthy of the title of Dogwood Queen.”

The mayor thanked Dr. Teass and the Dogwood Committee for “moving us into a new, exciting era of the Vinton Dogwood Festival.”

He individually thanked Susan Teass and Nita Echols of the Queen and Court Committee for their hard work leading up to the crowning of the Queen, and Roanoke

County Commissioner of the Revenue Nancy Horn and her staff member Heather Langford for decorating the horse-drawn carriages the court would ride in during the Dogwood Parade. He also expressed his appreciation to the Vinton Police and Public Works Departments, and the entire town staff, for their dedication and diligence in preparing for the Dogwood Festival and making it a success.

“How blessed we are to live in a community that is willing to accept change and move forward, while at the same time preserving our great traditions, such as the Dogwood Festival and the Dogwood Queen and her Court.

“The combination of change with tradition has set up a powerful dynamic that is propelling Vinton into a truly exciting

future.”

Mayor Grose announced the names of the Dogwood Court nominees who were presented with gifts of dogwood necklaces, and then crowned Kotz as the new queen.

She was presented with a scholarship for \$750 by the Vinton Dogwood Festival Committee. WBHS/Burton Center for Arts and Technology students Cole Genaro and Divya Tennant received scholarships in the same amount for designing the new Dogwood Festival website. Their teacher at BCAT is Sarah Cubberly.

A reception followed in the Municipal Building and then the young women boarded two horse-drawn carriages to parade through the downtown streets and again later in the Dogwood Festival Parade.



PHOTO BY DENISE SARTELL

Bailey Warden, a member of this year’s Dogwood Court, is a member of an equestrian team and quickly bonded with one of the horses pulling the Dogwood Court carriages in the parade.

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Hot meal
5. Razor clams
10. Blood-sucking African fly
12. Chauvinists
14. Windy City football player
16. An alternative
18. Federal Housing Administration
19. Styles hair
20. Arabic female name
22. Paddle
23. Area once separated from Germany
25. Marketplace
26. Gode Airport
27. Upset
28. Where wrestlers sweat
30. Garland
31. Robert __, poet

33. An iPad is one

35. Fruit of the oak tree
37. Della __, singer
38. Women's clothing retailer
40. Mailed
41. Largest English dictionary (abbr.)
42. Pouch
44. Radioactivity unit
45. Month
48. Nanosecond
50. Domestic
52. What a boy becomes
53. Breezes (anc. Greek)
55. Jogged
56. At the stern
57. Lawrenceium
58. Destructive to both sides
63. Arterias
65. Removes

66. Pretentious people

67. Tropical Asian plant
CLUES DOWN

1. Type of whale
2. Type of medication
3. Land of the free
4. Formed an opinion of
5. Logo
6. No (Scottish)
7. Leaves tissue
8. Sacred state to Muslims
9. Thus
10. African nation
11. Someone who has a stake in
13. Parties
15. Subsystem producers
17. Large, flightless birds
18. Compromises visibility
21. A ballet enthusiast
23. More (Spanish)

24. Skeletal muscle

27. Hands (Span.)
29. Weighed
32. Businessman
34. Famous clock Big __
35. Unkeyed
36. Break between words
39. Ink (slang)
40. Disappointed
43. Stroke
44. Curdled milk
46. Restaurants
47. Explosive
49. Type of terrier
51. Disfigure
54. Innermost cell layers
59. Bar bill
60. Distinct period of history
61. Mode of transportation
62. Equal (prefix)
64. Operating system

FROM THE PULPIT

Living Out ‘The Fruit of the Spirit’ — *Kindness*

Pastor Bryan Couch
Lynn Haven Baptist Church

Kindness is having a gracious attitude, and thus describes the quality of being helpful and beneficial to others. Romans 2:3-4 tells us, “So when you, a mere human being, pass judgment on them and yet do the same things, do you think you will escape God’s judgment? Or do you show contempt for the riches of His kindness, forbearance, and patience, not realizing that God’s kindness is

intended to lead you to repentance?” Kindness is an attribute of God and a godly trait which the Spirit produces in the true believer of Jesus Christ. In Colossians 3:12, Paul writes to the Colossian saints regarding their new “Christ-like” garment, commanding them as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, to put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. Kindness reflects the tender concern of God, providing for helpless, hurting mankind what

we could never have provided for himself. One commentator says that kindness “is the spontaneous overflow of love in the heart. It is the spirit that would rather be hurt by others than hurt others. More of us should be as tenderhearted as we are thin-skinned, as impulsive in kindness as explosive in anger.” (C. Norman Bartlett: Galatians and You: Studies in the Epistle of Paul to the Galatians, 1948) Let’s all make a more concentrated effort this week to be kind to everyone God places in our path.



Good sports Ashley McCallum and Connor Hill were turned into “human sundaes” at W.E. Cundiff to reward students for being “safe, respectful, responsible, and ready to learn” each day.

W.E. Cundiff turns school principals into ‘human sundaes’

*By Ashley McCallum,
W.E. Cundiff Elementary
Principal*

W.E. Cundiff Elementary School held their annual Fun Run on Friday, April 2. One of the favorite activities was the Principal Sundaes at the end of the day. “The students at W.E. Cundiff filled up their schoolwide Terrier Ticket Bin for the second time this year and were rewarded with a fun event that afternoon,” said Principal Ashley McCallum. “Staff members from WEC took turns turning the principals, Miss McCallum and Mrs. Hill, into human sundaes outside with the entire student body (grades PK-5) cheering them on!” said McCallum. “We are proud of our students for earning Terrier Tickets for following the TEAM CUNDIFF pledge by being ‘safe, respectful, responsible, and ready



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W.E. Cundiff Principals Ashley McCallum and Connor Hill were turned into “human sundaes” by their staff on Fun Run Day.

to learn’ each day as Positive Behavioral part of our schoolwide Interventions and implementation of Supports (PBIS).”

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OUR PATIENT GOD
Read 2 Kings 14:1 through 16:20

And since the Lord had not said he would blot out the name of Israel from under heaven, he saved them by the hand of Jeroboam son of Jehoash (2 Kings 14:27).

Reading through the Old Testament can seem like an exercise in frustration. We read about privileged people who regularly rebel against God and get themselves into trouble. God becomes angry at their constant attraction to sin, and threatens to punish them. From truly remorseful hearts, they repent in sackcloth and ashes, and God stays His hand. He keeps His word by punishing the ringleaders or by allowing them all to go into slavery. However, He always comforts and rescues them. Why, we wonder, do they never learn their lesson?

Interestingly, if we are honest with ourselves, we might just see our own failings mirrored in the lives of these Israelites. Like them, we, too, experience the loyal heart of a God who is unwilling to leave us in our sin and never ever willing to abandon us.

Challenge for Today: Read through the entire Old Testament this summer. Rejoice in God’s long-suffering heart of love for you.

Quicklook: 2 Kings 14:23–27

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Enthusiastic

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The Dogwood Parade was filled with fire engines of all sizes, most from the Virginia Fire Museum, Inc. in Roanoke.



Members of the DAR handed out American flags at the Vinton Dogwood Festival—one of over 100 vendors on site.



J: Vinton Town Council members made their traditional appearance in the Vinton Dogwood Festival Parade. Shown left to right are Council members Laurie Mullins, Sabrina McCarty, and Keith Liles, Vice Mayor Mike Stovall, and Mayor Brad Grose.



The William Byrd High School Jazz Band performed to great acclaim on the Farmers' Market Stage for the Dogwood Festival. Latriva Pierce performs a solo on the saxophone.

on two stages. Performers at the Farmers' Market included the William Byrd High School Jazz Band, Mish Moves Dance Co., the Let's Dance Band, Hoppie Vaughn, Defy Gravity Cheer, and the Terry and Raymond Duo. Jimmy Wilson and Friends performed at the Vinton Baptist stage.

Saturday events also included the traditional RVR-AACA Antique Car Show at Thrasher UMC, a Corvette show at Advanced Auto, a free Kids' Zone, the Little Critters Petting Zoo, a free Teen Space, Escape Rooms, inflatables, a Virtual Reality area, street entertainment, politicians campaigning for office (David Suetterlein, Will Davis, Chris Head, and Ben Cline), and tours of the Vinton History Museum with a quilt show by the Thrasher Quilters.

Vinton's Mayor Brad Grose introduced the 2023 Dogwood Court at the Municipal Building at noon and crowned the new queen, Carsyn Kotz. Coincidentally, in keeping with the "Hometown Heroes" theme of the day, her father is Roanoke County Fire and Rescue Captain Mitchell Kotz. Roanoke County Fire Marshal Brian Simmons is the father of Madeline Simmons, also a member of the Dogwood Court.

The 2023 Dogwood Festival Parade honored "Hometown Heroes" from the Roanoke County Fire and Rescue Station No. 2 in Vinton, and others from Roanoke County and Roanoke City fire departments and first responders who fought the fire in downtown Vinton on July 2, 2022. They were recognized as the grand marshals of this year's Dogwood Parade.

The Virginia Fire Museum, Inc., delighted the crowd along the parade route with 14 fire trucks, including their youth lieutenant's miniature Jeep brush truck.

There were fire trucks from other localities and, of course, the Kazim clowns, with fire engines of their own.

The Dogwood Queen and members of the Dogwood Court rode in the parade in horse-drawn carriages from Remington Carriage Company.

Other parade units included the Vinton Police Officer of the Year Det. Justin Baker, the Roanoke County/Vinton Honor Guard, a float with members of Town Council, the WBHS Marching Terriers Band, the Virginia Highlands Pipe and Drum Corps, Island Trio, Miss Kitty's Cosmonaut Stilt Walkers, a BSA Scout Troop from Bonsack, the Vinton Girl Scout Troop 94 that meets at Thrasher, students from the

YMCA Boys and Girls Clubs, the Jordantown Wesleyan Church Band, a huge tractor-trailer from Virginia Transformer, the Southernettes Twirlers, and more.

"Another great tradition preserved in Vinton," noted Mayor Grose.

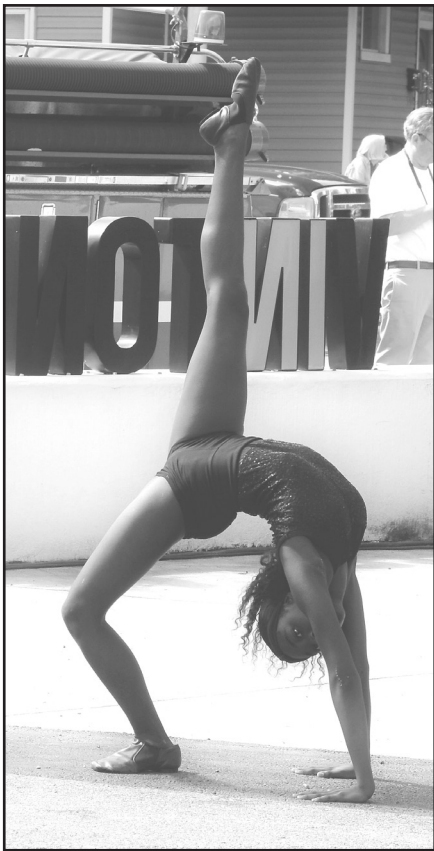
Teass thanked Darryl Thompson, co-founder of the Virginia Fire Museum, for the appearance of the firetrucks, along with Barry Webster and Josh Nelson of Whatchaneed Productions for their generosity in funding electronic signage, billboards, marketing, and advertising for the Dogwood Festival.

He also thanked the two largest cash donors— Rosie's Gaming Emporium and the Community Foundation. Rosie's sponsored the Friday night concert and funded the scholarships. The Community Foundation once again sponsored the Kids' Zone.

Sponsors for this year's Dogwood Festival included:

- Platinum Sponsors: Rosie's Gaming Emporium, Whatchaneed Productions, Town of Vinton, Community Foundation Serving Western Virginia – Melva P. Jones Fund, WFXR TV, and Roanoke County
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This year's Dogwood Festival Committee, who works tirelessly year-round to make the event the success it always is, was led by President Dr. Teass, Vice President Callie Webb, Secretary Lauren Tilley, Treasurer Connie Houff, Publicity Chair Mary Beth Layman, Retail Vendor/Non-profit Vendor Chair Heather Beamer, Kids Zone/Teens Zone Chair Mary Beth Layman, Food Vendors Chair Chasity Barbour, Crafter Vendors Chair Callie Webb, Floats Chair Heather Beamer, Bands/Festival Entertainment Chair Joey Nicely, Parade Chair Chasity Barbour, Website Chair Taylor Johnson, Fundraising Co-Chairs Beth Abbott and Lauren Tilley, and Queen and Court Chair Susan Teass.



Dancers from Mish Moves performed for enthusiastic crowds at the Farmers' Market.



The butterfly stilt walkers have become popular entries in the parade each year.

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WBHS students compete in The Stock Market Game

By Mary Jean Sullivan

This spring, 98 William Byrd High School students got a taste of what it's like to invest in the stock market. Mary Jean Sullivan's Economics and Personal Finance students competed in The Stock Market Game, which is a nationwide contest sponsored by the SIFMA Foundation every year since 1977. Twenty-five teams were allocated \$100,000 each to invest in stocks, bonds, and mutual funds. Using a simulated investment platform, students were challenged to develop a diversified portfolio that would produce the largest return on their investment. Over the course of two months, team members bought, sold, and closely monitored their securities. While the money was not real, the stocks, bonds, and mutual funds chosen by the teams were very real. Senior Tabitha Giles and juniors Marlee Francisco, Mykiah Garrison, and Avery Fay finished in first place among Sullivan's 25 teams. Regionally, the team finished in eighth place out of 67 teams. The winning team's portfolio grew by an impressive 3.28%. Their holdings included Nvidia, McDonalds, Microsoft, FedEx, Coca-Cola, PepsiCo, Marathon Petroleum, Walmart, Crown Castle, Vanguard Health Care Mutual Fund, and treasury bonds. "Tabitha, Marlee, Mykiah, and Avery worked very well together," says Sullivan. "I watched them select quality stocks that pay dividends while passing on stocks that were overvalued. Their instincts and rationale were solid. I'm so proud of them." Marlee was surprised by her group's win. "This was unexpected," she said. Mykiah agreed, saying, "We thought other teams would outsmart us." However, their win was not pure luck. Tabitha, explaining her group's methods, said, "We went on Yahoo Finance, researched each stock to see if it would do well in the next few weeks, and then checked the risk to see if it was risky or not. Obviously, you don't want a super risky stock." She added with a large smile, "We rock!" Avery commented, "Everybody worked together really well, and I'm really proud of everyone in my team and in our class." Many teams experienced the roller coaster ride of emotions that comes with Wall Street's volatility. Juniors Jada Satterwhite, Noah "Zepp" Shelor, and Noah Thompson, along with senior Malachi Taylor, initially enjoyed gains with Tesla, Valero Energy, and Bank of America. However, those investments declined in value by double digits and dragged their portfolio's value down. Noah Thompson said that one aspect of their investment strategy was to pair similar industries. "We started investing in gas manufacturing and then companies that help the people making the gas. We thought that would work, but it didn't." Zepp Shelor took his group's portfolio performance in stride, smiling and shrugging his shoulders while stating, "It is what it is." Sullivan feels for them. "If this game ran for a longer time frame, I have no doubt that their portfolio would rebound. Investing is kindest to folks with long horizons. I'm proud of my students for taking risks and experimenting with a real-world scenario." Sullivan thanks Virginia Professional Educators for their \$260 Classroom Mini-Grant which funded this unique learning opportunity for her students. She teaches Business Education and is the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) adviser at William Byrd High School.



PHOTO BY MARY JEAN SULLIVAN

WBHS Students (from left) Marlee Francisco, Mykiah Garrison, Tabitha Giles, and Avery Fay recently competed in The Stock Market Game™.

Town manager previews FY2024 budget for Town Council

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Vinton Town Manager Pete Peters presented an overview of his recommended budget for FY2023-2024 at the Town Council Meeting on May 2. He credited Assistant Town Manager/Treasurer Cody Sexton and Finance Director Andrew Keen with doing the bulk of the work in developing the proposed budget. The proposed budget total is \$14,282,116—down 19.5% from last year's budget. This is a balanced budget and involves no tax increases. The town is effectively "debt free" at this point. The budget proposes a 7% Cost of Living Adjustment for all employees to enable the town to attract and retain top-quality personnel. That involves increases for Public Works and Public Safety employees to bring them to market rates. There has been no change to the Employee Health Plan premiums—no increase in rates. The budget provides enhanced support for Economic Development projects and a full allocation for an "aggressive Capital Improvement Plan," according to Peters.

The proposed General Fund budget increases by 22%; however, with the purchase of the town's water and wastewater utility systems by the Western Virginia Water Authority, the Utility Fund is being eliminated. Revenues are expected to increase by 22%. While there is no increase in tax rates, there will be increased real estate and personal property revenues due to increases in market values. Vinton's portion of state sales taxes through Roanoke County is expected to increase by about \$227,000. Meals taxes are trending upward. Parimutuel tax revenues (think Rosie's) are up as well. Public Works (\$3.5 million) and Public Safety (\$3 million) represent 52% of Vinton's budget. The Public Works budget will increase substantially mainly due to another \$1 million paving program in the coming fiscal year. The town budgets for 69 full-time positions, although two are frozen currently. There are three positions in Administration, one in Economic Development, two in Building Maintenance, five in the Finance Dept., one in Human Resources and Risk Management, four in Planning and Zoning, 27 in the Police Dept., 22 in Public Works, and four in Community Programs. Personnel costs will take up 47% of the proposed budget; operating costs will total 21%. The proposed budget includes Capital Funding in the amount of \$1,336,000. Projects include infrastructure improvements to Pollard 107 South, Flood-Prone Hazard Mitigation and Acquisition, Community Blight Abatement and Redevelopment at the Cleveland Mart, gateway signage, replacement of a dump truck and snow plow, Phase 2 of the Multi-generational Park Development at the site of the former Vinton Pool, the Wolf Creek Greenway restroom grant match, traffic signal improvements at Washington/Bypass, Mountain View, and Gus Nicks/Pollard, and curb, gutter, and sidewalk construction along Cleveland and Bedford. The proposed budget will be posted on the town's website this week. The public is invited to make comments on the budget at the public hearing on May 16. The final budget will be adopted on June 6.

VINTON HISTORY: HALL TREE

Hall trees were introduced in the early 1800s. They were usually six to nine feet tall and designed to stand flat against a wall. Typically, a hall tree had a combination of a mirror, umbrella stand, bench, and hooks for hanging coats. As the name suggests, a hall tree is a piece of furniture that was designed specifically for use in the hall, entryway, or foyer. The popularity of hall trees dwindled when homes with lower ceilings became fashionable. Hat racks and closets later replaced them. Pictured is a beautiful hall tree in the foyer of the Vinton History Museum. In 1914, Montilious Preston and Elizabeth McKeever Johnson bought a farm in Moneta. The hall tree was purchased when their son, William Montilious Johnson, bought the farm, including the house and furniture. It remained on the Johnson farm until 1982, when it was gifted to his daughter, Joyce Johnson Moorman. She has donated it to the Vinton History Museum.



PHOTO BY JUDY CUNNINGHAM

This hall tree was donated to the Vinton History Museum by Joyce Johnson Moorman.

The Museum is open Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and every first Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

By Judy Cunningham,
Vinton History Museum
Executive Director

Celebrating The Town of VINTON!

The Town of Vinton, a community nestled in the Blue Ridge Mountains, welcomes you to our community. Vinton, a town rich with history, has over the years found itself to be one of a few communities that continue to relish the past by offering an environment of a comfortable lifestyle with the feeling of being a part of a large community family. The town, with its proximity to the Blue Ridge Parkway and Smith Mountain Lake, provides many opportunities for those who wish to stop and shop at our local farmers market or one of our unique specialty shops. If festivals are your interest, the Vinton area hosts several festivals throughout the year from the Vinton Dogwood Festival to the Vinton Fall Festival. Each festival offers its own unique atmosphere. When you are away from home it's always nice to feel as if you never left. The Town of Vinton provides small town character with urban services and amenities located nearby. The small town atmosphere is characterized by a low crime rate; small, locally, and regionally owned businesses; and moderately priced homes. Views of the mountains and Blue Ridge Parkway abound. Vinton represents the ideal type of community, small enough to provide a feeling of belonging, yet progressive enough to provide the facilities, services, and conveniences that are necessary to make a community feel like home to its citizens.

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Mt. Pleasant Fire Dept. holding annual spaghetti dinner fundraiser

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The Mt. Pleasant Fire Dept. will hold its annual spaghetti dinner drive-thru fundraiser this Saturday, May 6, from noon to 6 p.m. (or until sold out). The cost is \$10 a plate, which includes spaghetti, bread,

salad, a drink, and a dessert (cash, checks, and credit/debit cards will be accepted). Kids under 6 eat free.
The Mount Pleasant Fire Dept. is located at 2909 Jae Valley Road.

Submitted by Mt. Pleasant Fire Dept.

Council

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Chasity Barbour, who works tirelessly for the Town of Vinton as Community Programs Director, was named “2023 Female Star of the Star City” by the Roanoker Magazine.

Under terms of the Performance Agreement, the town and the Roanoke County EDA will appropriate \$250,000 to the developers over a one-year period. The initial appropriation of \$187,500 will be made in five payments as the project reaches periodic benchmarks. The town will appropriate the final \$62,500 to the Roanoke County EDA once the redeveloped Cleveland Mart is issued a certificate of occupancy. The developers are making a private investment of \$1.1 million in the project.

Under the performance agreement, the town will provide local grant funds to the EDA not to exceed \$250,000 for expenses associated with infrastructure improvements, site engineering and development, and façade enhancements to include: \$230,000 for site engineering, site improvement, concrete pouring for parking, exterior lighting, removal of telephone poles, sanitary sewer installation, landscaping for stormwater management purposes, utility vault and water line installation, and Western Virginia Water Authority connection and related fees and expenses.

The town will also provide \$20,000 for expenses associated with façade enhancements including storefront windows and doors, awnings and signage, improvements to exterior walls, including painting, crack repair, power washing, and trim repair.

Stanley said that this project will “remove blight and revitalize the surrounding neighborhood. It will increase commercial opportunities and add to the housing inventory.”

The Town and EDA expect the project will promote economic development and neighborhood beautification as well as generate new local tax revenues.

The area is currently zoned as mixed use, so no rezoning is required for the project to proceed.

The owners have closed on the property and expect demolition to begin on a neighboring house and trailer within the next two weeks. The commercial section of the building will occupy approximately 1,162 sq. ft. There will be six to seven one and two-bedroom apartments ranging from 700 to 900 sq. ft. in size. Dowdy and Bastile said they expect rents to be between \$900 and \$1100.

Each apartment will have its own

thermostat, its own washer and dryer, and water heater. The plans indicate maximized storage space. Appliances will be stainless steel; countertops will be granite.

The footprint of the building will not be changed. There will be no new entrances off of Cleveland Avenue. Parking will be on site, not on the street. The redevelopment project is expected to take about a year to complete.

Neighbors who attended a community meeting on the project at the Roland E. Cook Lofts on May 1 expressed their concerns about parking and traffic, which the developers were able to assuage in presenting their plans. Pastor Ricardo Rodriguez of nearby Vinton Wesleyan Church thanked the developers for their interest in the town and called the new project a “win-win” situation. Another commented that this project “complements what Vinton is already doing.”

At the council meeting, Planning and Zoning Director Anita McMillan presented a resolution for council to sign the necessary paperwork to apply for the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation 2023 Recreational Trails Program grant to build restroom facilities and improve the existing trailhead parking at the Wolf Creek Greenway.

The grant would provide two single-user fully accessible restrooms and replace perimeter parking fencing, add an accessible parking space and a concrete pad for the restroom building and a concrete trail connection from the parking area to the restroom facility and the existing greenway.

The estimated cost of the project is \$233,750. This is an 80/20 grant with \$187,000 provided by the grant and \$46,750 as the local match. The match will come from labor of town Public Works employees working on the project and town funds.

Town Council also adopted a resolution approving and establishing a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the MARCUS Alert Program for behavioral health which was explained by Vinton Police Chief Fabricio Drumond and Mandy Lee, Director of the Marcus Alert and Crisis Intervention Team.

The MOU outlines a plan for a collaborative relationship between Vinton,



The “tower” at the Cleveland Mart, which will be redeveloped into apartments.



The nearby home that will be demolished as part of the Cleveland Mart project.

Public Works

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Jason Davison picks up a brick, swings it around the truck and places it on a target using the hydraulic arm of the knuckleboom.



Billy Robb participating in the mini-excavator competition.

events included:

- Charles Barber--Bucket Truck and Zero Turn Mower
- Jerry Bishop--Bucket Truck and Zero Turn Mower
- Garrett Chappell--Knuckleboom,
- Keith Childress--Mini-Excavator
- Andrew Critcher--Knuckleboom, Zero Turn Mower, and Mini Excavator
- Jason Davison--Knuckleboom, Mini Excavator, Bucket Truck, and Backhoe
- Steven Newman--Zero Turn Mower
- Billy Robb--Bucket Truck, Zero Turn Mower, Front End Loader, Mini-excavator and Backhoe
- Kenny Sledd--Mini Excavator and Backhoe



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The bucket truck competition required the changing of a traffic signal light.

(his wife Cyndi, who works for Roanoke City Stormwater, also competed at the rodeo)

Jason Davison took first place in the bucket

truck competition with a time of 6 minutes, 32 seconds; Billy Robb came in second in bucket trucks with a time of 7 minutes, 2 seconds.



PHOTOS BY DEBBIE ADAMS

Vinton Town Council recognized its Vinton War Memorial staff for being awarded the Roanoker Magazine’s “Best Place to Have a Corporate Meeting/Conference” award. Shown left to right are Amanda Payne, Dana Boyd, Caroline Loveland, and Chasity Barbour.

the Cities of Roanoke and Salem, Craig County, Roanoke County, and Botetourt County to develop a system of uniform communications and operation of the MARCUS Alert System. This will ensure that individuals experiencing behavioral health crises are served by the behavioral health comprehensive crisis service system when feasible and reduce the likelihood of physical confrontation.

The goal of the Marcus Alert is “to provide a behavioral health response to behavioral health emergencies. The system enhances services for people experiencing a crisis related to mental health, substance use, or developmental disability. The program creates a coordination between 911 and regional crisis call centers and establishes a specialized behavioral health response from law enforcement when responding to a behavioral health situation.”

Use of the MARCUS Alert system aims “to diminish the role of the police in response to behavioral health crises; shift the primary response to qualified behavioral health professionals, involve police in a supporting role if necessary for public safety; prioritize de-escalation and non-lethal force; decriminalize behavioral health crises and reduce stigma; and reduce arrests and traumatization, while increasing treatment and support.”

The Marcus Alert system will “remove jails as treatment centers and accelerate access to care.”

A proclamation was issued at the council meeting declaring May as “GBS and CIDP Awareness Month” to educate the public on Guillain-Barre Syndrome and Chronic Inflammatory Demyelinating Polyneuropathy—rare, paralyzing, and potentially catastrophic disorders of the peripheral nerves.

The week of May 14-20 was proclaimed as National Police Week.

Council recognized several of its employees as winners of the Roanoker Magazine “Best of 2023” awards. Employees Chasity Barbour, Dana Boyd, Caroline Loveland, and Amanda Payne were acknowledged for their hard work in promoting the Vinton War Memorial, which received the Silver Award for “Best Place to Have a Corporate Meeting/Conference.” Rentals, events, and revenues have increased and far surpassed expectations in recent years due to their dedication to service to their clients.

Barbour, who is Vinton’s Director of Community Programs, also received the prestigious “Female Star of the Star City” award.

Other Roanoker Award winners from Vinton will be recognized at a later date.

PEOPLE, PLACES AND THINGS



Dance Flash Mob at Valley View Mall.



Grayson and Haisleigh Boothe enjoying the Dogwood Parade.



Grandson Kellen’s eighth birthday party.

PHOTOS COURTESY OF ANGIE CHEWNING

I hate when a great weekend comes to an end. I hate I missed the Dogwood Festival, but I couldn't miss Grandson Kellen's eighth birthday! Uncle Drake, Aunt Hannah, and myself traveled to Concord, N.C. for the big party.

Stars & Strikes did not disappoint. (Check it out online.) There was bowling, laser and bumper tag, arcade games– lots of arcade games, pizza– with a robot that brings it to your table– cake, presents and lots of fun. The rest of the weekend was spent with Cydney, Todd and Becky, along with all the animals, just hanging out, playing, talking, eating and relaxing with some of our favorite people. Can't wait to see them again soon!

Congratulations Carsyn Kotz for being crowned Miss Dogwood Festival. Carsyn is the daughter of Mitch and Shauna Kotz and granddaughter of Mike and Helen Hastings. Carsyn will attend Virginia Tech in the fall. I know her family is proud. I know I sure am.

Speaking of the Dogwood Festival, look at these two cuties enjoying the parade– Grayson and Haisleigh Boothe. Parents are Tyler and Madison Boothe. I love them keeping this Vinton tradition up.

A Dance Flash Mob broke out at Valley View Mall on Sunday. About 40-50 dancers showed off their dancing skills while folks watched and many recorded.

Angela Lancaster teaches line dancing several nights a week around town. Autumn Murray- Burns and Kameron Anderson help, but also dance with folks in the crowd to help them feel comfortable. Classes are Tuesday and Thursday nights at Los Amigos, from 7 to 10 p.m. (no charge); and Wednesday night at Ippy's restaurant 7 to 10 p.m. (\$5 cover charge). Open to all ages.

Line Dancing with Angela is also available for birthday parties, weddings, retirement parties, school functions, and just about any other public and private events where you want to get people out of their seats and on their feet. Check out "Line Dancing with Angela." You can find out more on Facebook and You Tube where she posts the songs and dances.

Angela was a Jazzercise instructor/ business owner in the Vinton area for 13 years. She closed the business to attend college in the evening to get a degree and after she received her associate's in business management and accounting, she was bored, so she started doing line dancing in the evenings to satisfy that dancing part of her. So much fun!

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Please be advised that the Vinton Town Council will hold a public hearing at its meeting on Tuesday, May 16, 2023, at the Vinton Municipal Building, 311 S. Pollard Street, Vinton, Virginia, at 6:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, for the purpose of discussing the proposed FY2023-2024 Town of Vinton Budget.

Revenues

General Fund
Grant Fund
Capital Fund
Stormwater Fund
Total Revenues

Total All Funds

\$12,532,963
\$4,000
\$1,336,000
\$409,153
\$14,282,116

Expenditures

General Fund:

Town Council	\$155,714
Town Manager's Office	458,641
Human Resources	221,781
Legal Services	58,517
Treasurer/Finance Department	651,123
Police Department	2,888,815
Communications Services	150,000
Fire & EMS	2,385
Police/Animal Control	2,880
Public Works Administration	498,207
Maintenance/Highways/Streets/Bridges	1,880,722
Snow and Ice Removal	23,983
Traffic Signs and Street Light	81,800
Refuse Collection	576,716
Recycling	84,317
Building & Grounds	360,039
Health Department	18,560
Special Programs	242,012
War Memorial	376,824
Vinton Veterans Monument	5,000
Swimming Pool/Parks	2,965
Town Museum	14,297
Planning & Zoning	461,984
Economic Development	198,511
Public Transportation	100,000
Vinton Business Center	2,765
Debt Retirement	1,180,150
Performance Agreements	104,825
Retiree Insurance	5,000
Transfer to Other Funds	1,724,430
Total General Fund	\$12,532,963

Grant Fund:

VML Risk Management Grant	\$4,000
Total Grant Fund	\$4,000

Capital Fund:

Highway Maintenance	\$260,000
Building & Grounds	250,000
Traffic Signs & Streets	390,000
Planning & Zoning	36,000
Economic Development	400,000
Total Capital Fund	\$1,336,000

Stormwater Fund

Administration	\$103,458
Street & Road Cleaning	100,506
Operations	205,189
Total Stormwater Fund	\$409,153

Total Combined Expenditures

\$14,282,116

Persons requiring special assistance to attend and participate at this public hearing should contact the Town Manager's office at (540) 983-0607.

Antonia Arias-Magallon
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