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The 2023 Vinton Dogwood Parade honored "Hometown Heroes." Grand marshals this year were firefighters and first responders from Roanoke County Fire & Rescue Station No. 2 in Vinton who bravely fought the fire in downtown Vinton on July 2. 2022.

Enthusiastic crowds turn out for 68th annual Vinton Dogwood Festival

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A huge and enthusiastic crowd turned out on a beautiful, sunny, summer-like day for the Vinton Dogwood Festival on April 29 – ready to shop, eat, and be entertained.

Rainy weather the night before discouraged attendance at the Rare Form concert on the Vinton Farmers' Market, "a great band," said Dogwood Festival Committee President Dr. Jeff Teass, "but we can't control the weather.'

Teass commented that the committee had "only good things to say about this year's Dogwood Festival. Everything went smoothly. The lines at the various food vendors were incredible- all the vendors should be very happy. The fire trucks in the parade were great. The teen activities continue to grow in popularity."

Booths were crowded at the craft show on Saturday with over 100 vendors. There was entertainment

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The William Byrd High School Marching Terriers were featured in the parade.

Carsyn Kotz crowned Vinton Dogwood Queen for 2023

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Carsyn Kotz was crowned as Vinton Dogwood Queen for 2023 at a ceremony at the Vinton Municipal Building on April 29.

She was chosen by a panel of judges from among 10 bright, beautiful, and highly accomplished seniors at William Byrd High School. The nominees for Dogwood Court were selected by the faculty at WBHS.

Kotz is the daughter of Mitchell and Shawna Kotz. She was captain of the varsity volleyball team and was named 1st Team All District and All-Region, and Blue Ridge Volleyball Player officer in the DECA and study Elementary



Carsyn Kotz, a senior at William Byrd High School, was crowned Vinton Dogwood Queen for 2023 by Vinton **Mayor Brad Grose.**

Club, president of the Education. She works International Club, a at Carilion Wellness as member of the SCA and a nursery attendant and BETA Clubs, and a 2023 front desk attendant. Valedictorian. She plans of the Year. She is an to attend Virginia Tech _

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This year's Dogwood Court was made up of 10 seniors from William Byrd High School, nominated by the faculty for their academic standing and service to the community. Shown left to right are Kristen Patrick, Katelin Patrick, Lily Kroese, Bailey Warden, Carsyn Kotz, Mayor Brad Grose, Madeline Simmons, Ella Ashworth, Olivia Hurd, Sophia Chrisley, and Bethany Beecher.

Herman L. Horn Elementary students and the Town of Vinton celebrate Arbor Day 2023

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The Town of Vinton has been designated as a Tree City USA for the past 21 years. In order to retain the Tree City USA designation, the town is required to hold an Arbor Day Celebration, along with tree plantings and tree education outreach each year.

This year's Arbor Day celebration was held at Herman L. Horn Elementary School on April 28 with HLH students, representatives from the town participating in the event, facilitated by Vinton's Planning and Zoning Department.

Associate Fayula Gordon opened



SCA students in fourth and fifth grade took on the challenge of the "Recycling Fashion Show" to celebrate Arbor Day. The winners were Maci Morrison as "Queen of Cardboard" and Brenner Alterio as "King Wasteless."

the Arbor Day assembly with an explanation of Arbor Day and the poem "Come and Plant a Tree,"

which says in part, "Plant a tree to save the world; plant a tree to save the earth; tree provides the



Herman L. Horn Elementary and the Town of Vinton celebrated Arbor Day on April 28 with the planting of the ceremonial tree—this year a Japanese Maple. Shown left to right are Vinton's Associate Planner Fayula Gordon, Smokey Bear, Vinton Mayor Brad Grose, and HLH Principal Julie Sandzimier, along with the current Students of the Month.

shelter and food, cleans ways; bring clouds and up the air and makes it good; cools up the ground and cools up the

trees bring rain; trees add beauty to our place."

Vinton Mayor Brad

Grose led the audience in the traditional "Let's Go Trees" and "Let's Go Bees!" cheers, along with some loud buzzing. (The bee is the Herman L. Horn mascot.) He noted that trees are so important to Vinton that the town is about to undertake a study to count just how many trees it has. The mayor declared

April 28 as Arbor Day in Vinton at the Town Council meeting on April 18. The official



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Vinton Public Works employees compete in Regional Equipment Rodeo



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

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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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 continued to volunteer

their time to complete a project designed by mural artist Jon Murrill. On April 29 student

brother Philip, their mother Jessica Jones, and art teachers Allyson Goin on the project.

William Byrd High example of how selfless and School Art Department charitable the parents in this community are," said

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

The volunteers Abbie Haroulakis, her continued to apply base coats of paint on a scenic mural of the Blue Ridge Parkway, using brushes and and Alicia Spangler worked rollers. Murrill expects the students' part of the project "Jessica Jones is a great 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 commented that it had been million investment in the Pollard Street project.

The Town of Vinton, in partnership with the Roanoke County Economic Development Authority, has negotiated by terms of a Performance Agreement with South Pollard Improvement LLC valued at up to \$205,000 Avenue into a mixed-use 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 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 great working with Pate, and he looks forward to the new restaurant with its

"Vinton flair." The second performance agreement approved involves council redeveloping the former Cleveland Mart at 522 and 528 East Cleveland 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 occupy 2,000 square feet is the Chief Financial Officer at North Cross

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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



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, 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

Fourth graders on parade included:

- Hayden McClure as "The Recycled Football Player"
- Jacob Tingler 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
- Wasteless" Lorelai Colvin as "Pillowcase" Evan Bays as "Trashman Joe"
- Jostyn Atkinson as "Recycle Knight
- Olivia Morrison as "Queen of Plastic'
- Maci Morrison as "Oueen of Cardboard' "Trash Serenity Jones as
- Goddess
 - Owen Seth as "Cardboard Man" Riley Martin as "Jedi Recycle"

The winners were Brenner Alterio (King Wasteless) and Maci Morrison (Queen of Cardboard).

The SCA students then sang "They Paved Paradise" which included the lyrics, "Don't it always seem to go that you don't know what you got till it's gone. They paved paradise and put up a parking lot. They took all the trees and put 'em in a tree museum and they charged the people a dollar and a half to see them!"

Senior Area Forester Denny McCarthy (from the Virginia Dept. of Forestry) and Smokey Bear stopped by to greet the students and remind them about the value of trees. McCarthy described Arbor Day as a "birthday for trees."

McCarthy also talked to the students about the importance of trees- to increase property values, to reduce the need for air conditioning when trees are planted near homes for shade, and to reduce heating costs when trees are planted near homes as wind buffers. Trees also assist with minimizing stormwater run-off through "interception" of rainwater by the tree crowns and

He also encouraged students to help prevent forest fires as forest fire season is just winding down.

The celebration then moved outside for the ceremonial planting of the Arbor Day tree (this year a Japanese Maple) by the current Herman L. Horn Students of the Month, the mayor, Smokey, and Gordon near the school playground.

Town of Vinton staff have been responsible for securing Virginia Department of Forestry grant funding each year, for 22 years, by partnering with the Roanoke Valley Urban Forestry Council and the Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission (RVARC) in submitting the grant request, with the Town providing the required matching funds.

These funds have enabled the town to plant trees on public properties, including the elementary schools in Vinton, on Wolf Creek Greenway, at M.A. Banks Park, on the grounds of Vinton Public Works, the Vinton War Memorial, the Vinton Municipal Building, the Craig Avenue Recreation Center, and Glade Creek Greenway. This year the trees are being planted in the medians along the town's rights-ofway on Hardy Road, Bypass Road, and Washington Avenue.



Queen from page 1



The Dogwood Queen and Court rode in the Dogwood Festival Parade in two horsedrawn 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)
- Hurd Olivia (parents Chris and Taressa Hurd)

Kroese

(daughter of Lori and Theo Kroese) Katelin Patrick (daughter of Keith and

Lily

- Ginny Lynn Patrick) Kristen Patrick (daughter of Keith and
- Ginny Lynn Patrick) Madeline 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 horsedrawn 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 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 exciting into a truly

future." Mayor announced the names of the Dogwood Court were nominees who 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 the Municipal Building and then the young women boarded 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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Zaniyah Jennings as "Recycled Sponge Bob"

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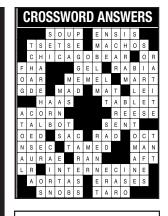
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provided for himself.

One commentator spontaneous overflow of love in the heart. It is the spirit that would rather be In Colossians 3:12, hurt by others than hurt Paul writes to the others. More of us should be as tenderhearted as their new "Christ-like" we are thin-skinned, as garment, commanding impulsive in kindness as explosive in anger." (C. Norman Bartlett: and beloved, to put on Galatians and You: a heart of compassion, Studies in the Epistle of kindness, humility, Paul to the Galatians, gentleness, and patience. 1948) Let's all make a Kindness reflects the more concentrated effort tender concern of God, this week to be kind to providing for helpless, everyone God places in



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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

W.E. Cundiff turns school principals into 'human sundaes'

By Ashley McCallum, W.E. Cundiff Elementary Principal

Cundiff W.E. 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



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

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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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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 Festivalone of over 100 vendors on site.



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.



): Vinton Town Council members made their traditional appearance in the Vinton 🛮 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

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

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

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Other: Bank of Botetourt, Chris McCarty, Nita Echols, National Pools of Roanoke, Inc., and Twin Creeks Brewery

This year's Dogwood Festival Committee, who works tirelessly yearround 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/Nonprofit 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

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

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

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



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

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.

Town manager previews FY2024 budget for Town Council

Debbie Adams

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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. I here has been no change to the Employee

The budget provides enhanced support for Development Economic projects and a full allocation for an "aggressive Capital Improvement Plan," according to Peters.

Health Plan premiums—no

increase in rates.

The proposed General in Planning and Zoning, 27 the purchase of the town's Community Programs. water and wastewater utility systems by the Western up 47% of the proposed Virginia Water Authority, budget; operating costs will the Utility Fund is being total 21%. 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.

Works Public (\$3.5 million) and Public Safety (\$3 million) represent 52% of Vinton's budget. The Public restroom grant match, Works budget will increase traffic signal improvements substantially mainly due to at another \$1 million paving Mountain View, and program in the coming fiscal Gus Nicks/Pollard, and

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 June 6.

Fund budget increases in the Police Dept., 22 in by 22%; however, with Public Works, and four in

Personnel costs will take

The proposed budget includes Capital Funding the amount \$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 Washington/Bypass, curb, gutter, and sidewalk construction along Cleveland

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

and Bedford.

VINTON HISTORY: HALL TREE

trees 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

Pictured is a beautiful hall tree in the foyer of the Vinton History

In 1914, Montilious Preston and Elizabeth Johnson McKeever 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.

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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

Public Works from page 2



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 miniexcavator competition.



events included:

- Charles Barber--Bucket Truck and Zero Turn Mower
- Jerry Bishop--Bucket Truck and Zero Turn
- 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 City Stormwater, also and Backhoe
- Kenny Sledd--Mini Excavator and Backhoe first place in the bucket minutes, 2 seconds.



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

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

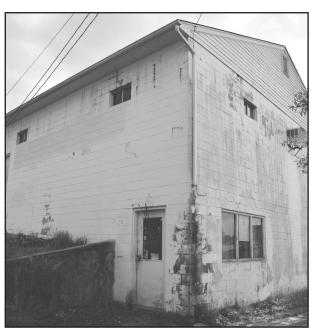
Jason Davison took

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

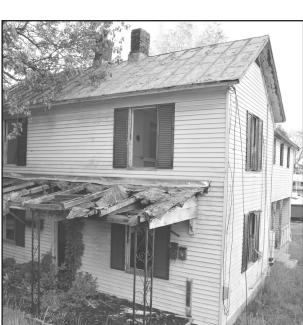
Council from page 2



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.



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



The nearby home that will be demolished as part of the

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

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 collaborative relationship between Vinton,

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

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 singleuser 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. health crises and reduce stigma; and The MOU outlines a plan for a reduce arrests and traumatization, while



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

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

increasing treatment and support.'

The Marcus Alert system will "remove jails as treatment centers and accelerate

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.



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\$12,532,963

Total All Funds

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

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

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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Grandson Kellen's eighth birthday party.

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.

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Fire & EMS	2,385
Police/Animal Control	2,880
Public Works Administration 4	98,207
Maintenance/Highways/Streets/Bridges 1,8	80,722
Snow and Ice Removal	23,983
Traffic Signs and Street Light	81,800
Refuse Collection 5	76,716
Recycling	84,317
Building & Grounds 3	60,039
Health Department	18,560
Special Programs 2	42,012
	76,824
Vinton Veterans Monument	5,000
Swimming Pool/Parks	2,965
	14,297
	61,984
	98,511
Public Transportation 1	00,000
Vinton Business Center	2,765
	80,150
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Retiree Insurance	5,000
	24,430
Total General Fund \$12,5	32,963

Grant Fund:

Revenues

General 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.

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Legals - Botetourt County

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30" EAST 188.85 FEET TO MELODY LANE SOUTH 62 DEGREES 51' 00" EAST 65.00 FEET TO AN IRON PIN FOUND; THENCE LEAVING MELODY LANE SOUTH 27 DEGREES 09' 00" WEST 280.92 FEET TO AN IRON PIN FOUND: THENCE NORTH 65

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CONTAINING 2 539 ACRES, CONVEYED TO ROBERT D. DYE AND DEIDRE E. MEADOR, BY DEED DATED DECEMBER 15, 2017 AND RECORDED **DECEMBER 18, 2017, IN** AFORESAID CLERK'S OFFICE AS INSTRUMENT NO. 170004879 AND AS SHOWN ON PLAT OF SURVEY OF RECORD IN THE AFORESAID CLERK'S OFFICE IN PLAT BOOK 61, PAGE 121,

TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder's deposit of ten percent (10%) of the sale price or ten percent (10%) of the original principal balance of the subject Deed of Trust, whichever is lower, in the form of cash or certified funds payable to the Substitute Trustee must be present at the time of the

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against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. A form copy of the Trustee's memorandum of foreclosure sale and contract to purchase real property is available for viewing at

www.bwwsales.com. Additional terms, if any, to be announced at the sale and the Purchaser may be given the option to execute the contract of sale electronically. This is a

communication from a debt collector and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. The sale is subject to seller confirmation. Substitute Trustee: Equity Trustees, LLC, 8100 Three Chopt Road, Suite 240, Richmond VA 23229. For more

information contact: BWW Law Group, LLC, attorneys for Equity Trustees, LLC, 6003 Executive Blvd, Suite 101, Rockville, MD 20852, 301-961-6555, website: www.bwwsales.com. VA-358737-2.

VIRGINIA:

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BOTETOU9RT COUNTY IN RE: ESTATE OF WILMA CHERRY TODD, DECEASED

NOTICE Having been requested to do so by Carolyn McCoy of Atlantic Union Bank, executor of the estate of Wilma Cherry Todd, Deceased, and in accordance with Section 64.2-550 of the 1950 Code Of Virginia, as amended, all creditors of Wilma Cherry Todd , and all persons in any way interested in her estate, are hereby notified that I have fixed the 31st day of May, 2023 at 10:00a.m., at my office at 13 South Roanoke Street, Fincastle, Virginia as the time and place for determining an account of the debts and demands against said Wilma Cherry Todd or her estate, the priorities among them, and the names of the persons to whom they are due. All creditors of Wilma Cherry Todd, deceased, and persons interested in her estate should appear at the time and place named, or any other time or place to which the proceedings may be adjourned, and protect their

Given under my hand this the 28th day of April, 2023. Malcolm McL. Doubles Commissioner of Accounts

interest.

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Order of **Publication**

Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code§§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316-317,20-104 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

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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 Council of the City of Salem at its regular meeting on Monday, May 22, 2023, at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 114 N. Broad Street, in the City of Salem, Virginia, will hold a public hearing, pursuant to Sections 15.2-2204 and 15.2-2285 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, to consider approval of the following requests relative to the CODE OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA: 1. 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

have an opportunity to be heard relative to the said requests.
THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA BY:H. Robert Light

Clerk of Council

interest and citizens shall

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

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

Commission,

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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**

NORTH CAROLINA

ALAMANCE COUNTY IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE

DISTRICT COURT DIVISION **BEFORE THE CLERK**

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NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY **PUBLICATION**

IN RE CHANGE OF NAME

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OF BRANDON JOSUE **ZUNIGA JUANES**, A Minor Child. And

IN RE CHANGE OF NAME OF BRITNEY ZUNIGA JUANEZ, A Minor Child.

TO: WILMER FRANCISCO ZUNIGA, Respondent

TAKE NOTICE that pleadings seeking relief against you have been filed in the above entitled Proceedings pending before the Alamance County Clerk of Superior Court. The nature of the relief being sought in these **Proceedings are Petitions**

for the Name Change of the minor children, **Brandon Josue Zuniga** Juanes and Britney Zuniga Juanez to change the last names of the children to "Jimenez Juanez".

You are required to make defense to such pleadings not later than the 5th day of July, 2023, said date being more than forty (40) days from the first publication of this Notice and upon your failure to do so the Party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought

TAKE NOTICE that you are further notified that in connection with this Action the following hearings are scheduled for hearing by the Court following the publication of this Notice:

herein

July 13, 2023 at 2:00 PM: Hearing by the Clerk of the pending issues at the Alamance County Historic Courthouse, 1 Court Square, Graham, NC 27253.

This the 4th day of May, 2023. FREDERICK J. **STERNBERG** Attorney for the Petitioner NC State Bar No. 4155

OF COUNSEL: FREDERICK J. STERNBERG, P.A. 38 S.W. Court Square Graham, NC 27253-2878 Telephone: (336) 228-0273 Fax: (336) 228-1932 F-Mail: efrederickjst@triad.rr.com

ABC NOTICE

VISTARA LLC, trading as EASY DAY #1 16 CHESTNUT STREET, Salem VA. 24153.

applying to the VIRGINIA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) AUTHORITY for a convenience Grocery Store license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages.

Jyoti Sansoa (Member)

NOTE: Objections to the issuance of this license must be submitted to ABC no later than 30 days from the publishing date of the first of two required newspaper legal notices. Objections should be registered at www.abc.virginia.gov or 800-552-3200.

ABC NOTICE

Rye Management Group, trading as Brood Restaurant and Bar, 210 E. Main Street, Salem VA. 24153.

The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) AUTHORITY for a Retail Mixed Beverage license to sell or manufacture

alcoholic beverages. A. Crenshaw Reed IV/ Ted Polfelt/ Lindsay Polfelt

NOTE: Objections to the

issuance of this license must be submitted to ABC no later than 30 days from the publishing date of the first of two required newspaper legal notices. Objections should be registered at www.abc.virginia.gov or 800-552-3200.

Montgomery County Order of

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Publication Commonwealth of Virginia

VA Code§§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316,-317, 20-104 Case No. CL23000688-00 MONTGOMERY COUNTY Circuit Court, 55 EAST MAIN STREET, SUITE 1, CHRISTIANSBURG, VA 24073 Commonwealth of Virginia, in re AMY J. KELLY v. WARREN

THOMAS AUSTIN

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The object of this suit is to: DIVORCE. It is ORDERED that WARREN THOMAS AUSTIN appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before JUNE 19, 2023. **APRIL 18, 2023** K. MIKE FLEENOR, JR JUDGE, TIFFANY M. COUCH,

Order of **Publication** Commonwealth of Virginia

CLERK

VA Code§§ 1-211.1; 8.01-Case No. CL23000646-00 MONTGOMERY COUNTY Circuit Court, 55 EAST MAIN STREET, SUITE 1 CHRISTIANSBURG, VA 24073 Commonwealth of Virginia, in re ALVARO ALEJANDRO LIMON PEREZ v. MARIA

GUADALUPE MORALES MENDOZA. The object of this suit is to: DIVORCE. It is ORDERED that MARIA **GUADALUPE MORALES** MENDOZA appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before JUNE 19,2023. APRIL 19, 2023

K MIKE FLEENOR, Jr., JUDGE TIFFANY M. COUCH, **CLERK**

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY **COUNTY OF** MONTGOMERY, VIRGINIA, a political subdivision of the Commonwealth of Virginia, Complainant,

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

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

delinquent real estate taxes

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 conveved 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

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

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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

Clerks's Office of the Circuit Court of Montgomery County, Virginia, and do what may be necessary to protect their interest in this cause. Entered on the 20th 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

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Phone: (804) 545-2500

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TACS No.: 592925

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 A. Rezoning request by

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Montgomery Jones Real Estate Investment & Recycling Company, Inc., Property Owner, to rezone

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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, and identified as Tax Parcel 499 - ((A)) - 10, Parcel ID 008134; and approximately 1.21 acres located at 1413 Scott St. NE, identified as Tax Parcel 529-(7)-A,

Parcel ID 008135; and approximately 0.26 acres located adjacent to the east side of 1413 Scott St NE. identified as Tax Parcel 529-7-76. Parcel ID 008136; from General Business District B-3 to Multiple-Family Residential designated as Residential on the Future Christiansburg

District R-3. The property is Land Use Map of the 2013 Comprehensive Plan. B. Conditional Use Permit request by Jones Real Estate Investment & Recycling Company, Inc., Property Owner, to allow a Planned Housing Development for 49 single-family attached townhouses on the property located at 1413 Scott St. NE, further identified as Tax Parcels 499 - ((A)) - 10; 529 - (7) – A; 529 - (7) - 76; 499 - (17) - 48 through 56; 529 - (7) - 44 through 47; and 529

(7) - 75; Parcel IDs 008134, 008135, 008136, and 210197, currently zoned General Business District B-3 and proposed for rezoning to Multiple-Family Residential District R-3. The property is

on the Future Land Use Map of the 2013 Christiansburg Comprehensive Plan. Town Hall will be open and available to receive public

designated as Residential

time of this Public Hearing. A copy of the application, the Town's Zoning Map, Zoning Ordinance, and

comment in-person at the

Future Land Use Map may be viewed in the Planning Department Office, 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, VA 24073 during normal office hours

of 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Contact Andrew Warren, Assistant Town Manager, at (540) 382-6128 Ext. 1130 or by email at

awarren@christiansburg.or g, with any questions or if accommodations

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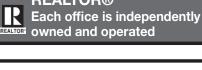
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