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Pollard 107 South restaurant plans summer opening



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Pollard 107 South will be opening soon in Vinton, just across from Vinyard Station.

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Anticipation is building as the new Pollard 107 South restaurant is making visible progress toward a summer opening.

The restaurant is located at the corner of South Pollard and Gus Nicks Boulevard in the former Star City Playhouse building. Jonathan Pate is the owner. He 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.

The building was previously owned by attorney Bruce Mayer. Over the years, it has been home to the Gus Nicks Furniture Store, Sam's Variety Store, and an antique mall, before Star City Playhouse opened there in 2017. But this will be the first restaurant

on this site at one of the gateways into Vinton.

The building was completely gutted during preconstruction, but has now taken shape with two separate dining areas, one with a steel bar and high-topped tables, plus an outdoor patio (with firepit and wrought iron railing) and a few tables planned at the entrance on Pollard Street. Patrons will also be able to enter through the back of the restaurant, as they do for Twin Creeks Brewing Company next door.

The interior has that "industrial feel" and "open air atmosphere" Pate was aiming for, along with some unique lighting, a striking color scheme, and glass garage doors leading outside to the patio. Some of the garage doors will roll up halfway to allow food and beverages to be served to the outdoor diners.

The restaurant occupies about 2,000 sq. ft. inside; 1,400 sq. ft. on the larger patio, and another 1,000 sq. ft. on the front patio.

Pate plans to add some unique artwork/murals carrying out the industrial, "blue collar" feel, emphasizing man-made achievements such as the Empire State Building and the Golden Gate Bridge.

Although the restaurant fronts right on Pollard Street, parking should not be an issue. There is parking at the nearby Vinton Farmer's Market, behind the Post Office, and construction is soon to begin at the former McClung Lumber site behind the Farmers' Market stage. There is parking on the downtown streets

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Christian Lovern, apprentice with the Western Virginia Water Authority.

Roanoke County Student Registered Apprentices sign with partner businesses

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The Student Registered Apprenticeship program is a regional program and joint partnership involving three public school systems – Roanoke County, Salem, and Roanoke City. Students are hired by participating businesses and work part-time to earn industry-recognized credentials and learn specific workplace skills.

Dozens of new student registered apprentices, including eight from William Byrd High School, officially signed with their partner businesses at a special event on May 5 at the Haley Toyota Field in Salem prior to the Salem Red Sox game.

The Student Apprenticeship Program is managed by the Department of Labor and Industry in Virginia and offers a work-based learning experience for 16- to 18-year-old students. They are actually employed by their partner business.

Through the apprenticeship program, students can learn many skills all while earning a paycheck, high

school credit, and an industry credential that means they could go straight into the workforce after high school graduation. For students, apprenticeships can lead to careers. For employers, apprenticeships can help companies train future workers and fill open jobs.

In signing the partnership agreement, students make a commitment to maintaining good grades in school and working part-time at the business under specific Virginia Department of Labor and Industry regulated conditions toward becoming a highly trained and credentialed employee of the business.

The process of being selected for the apprenticeship program includes students being screened by school system officials to ensure graduation requirements can be met and an interview with the business.

According to a press release from Roanoke County Schools, "The Student Registered Apprenticeship program began in the Roanoke Valley in 2017 with a pilot program by Roanoke County Public Schools, the Va. Department of Labor and Industry, and the Western

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Vinton Business of the Week – Vinton Pawn Shop



Guitars and other musical instruments are top-selling items at Vinton Pawn Shop.

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John Mullins and his wife Shirley established the Vinton Pawn Shop at the corner of Walnut Avenue and Third Street in 1989. Two years later they purchased the building at 310 West

Virginia Avenue where they are still located today.

Mullins says the pawn shop sits on the site of the Virginia Etna Springs bottling company, famous for its mineral water – and credited with being one of the reasons Vinton became a "boom town" at the end of the 19th century.

He says the well is still there under the front parking lot. They found that out when they were installing a sign for the shop. The mineral spring is said to produce 10 gallons of water a minute. It was abandoned to build the four lanes of West Virginia Avenue that passes by in

front.

Mullins is not a native of Vinton, having come originally from Kentucky, but has lived in the Roanoke area since the 1960s. He says he started his business when he grew tired of working in as a construction contractor, "and wanted to get out of

the weather." Mullins lived on Olney Road in Vinton and basically emptied out his home of its furnishings to use as merchandise to open the first pawn shop on Walnut.

Mullins added a second floor to the current building to create an apartment of about

5,000 square feet – which has served not just as a residence but as a security measure for the store with someone continually on the premises 24/7.

"The business has been good to us – me, my son Tommy, and my family," Mullins says. "We have been blessed."

Vinton Pawn Shop is the oldest pawn shop in the valley, having outlasted or bought out much of the competition.

Mullins describes the pawn shop business as "a poor man's bank" and often a lifesaver for someone needing a short-term loan quickly, for people living on fixed incomes, or those "living month to month."

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Vinton Pawn Shop is located at 310 West Virginia Avenue in Vinton, where it has been in business for over 30 years.



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WBHS recognizes Class of 2023 scholarship award



Justin Patrick won the RCPS Education Foundation Gordon C. Willis Scholarship and the Quincy Development Company \$4,000 Scholarship. His sister Kristen was awarded the Community College Access Program Scholarship from Virginia Western Community College which is renewable for three years and valued at \$18,000.



Taylor Davis and Collin Young were awarded the Dr. Charlie J. "Jay" Lovelace III Memorial Scholarship for 2023.

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William Byrd High School held its annual Awards Program on May 3 to announce the winners of awards and scholarships by members of the Class of 2023. The program is sponsored by the PTSO (Parent-Teacher-Student Organization). PTSO President Kori Webb welcomed the students and their families. She thanked her fellow PTSO officers—Shea Davis, Kim Yonce, Jennifer Sink, Wendy Niday, Cindy Dickerson, and Alicia Spangler—for their hard work on PTSO projects this school year. The PTSO is supported by the sale of concessions



Garrett Sexton was awarded the Arnold R. Burton Scholarship and the RCPS Education Foundation Betty Lou Harlan Memorial Scholarship at the WBHS Awards ceremony on May 3.



Kathryn Toney was awarded the Reindeer Club Scholarship, the Herman L. Horn PTA Scholarship for a former HLH student, and the WBHS PTSO Scholarship.



Shane Heldenbrand, a student in the WBHS Business Dept., was awarded the WBHS Class of 1955 Scholarship.

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at home varsity sports events. They sponsor Homecoming, Teacher Appreciation Week, After Prom, the PTSO scholarships, and other

events. WBHS Principal Tammy Newcomb thanked the PTSO, the faculty, staff, parents, students,

and participants in the ceremony for "everything you have done to make this a successful school year." The WBHS Awards

Program includes the awarding of many scholarships established in memory of former students, past educators, or community leaders,

making the presentations often very poignant as they are remembered. Scholarships are

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Pollard

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Owner Jonathan Pate has allowed the town to install an eye-catching wall wrap “Welcome” mural created by Sun Solutions on an exterior wall.

and at Vinton Baptist.

Pate has allowed the Town of Vinton to install a wall wrap mural (designed by Sun Solutions) on an exterior side wall welcoming one and all to Vinton.

As for the food, Pate is putting final touches on the menu, which he promises will include some steaks, so that Vintonites don't have to travel out of Vinton in search of that menu item.

He has already been interviewing for managers. He estimates Pollard 107 South will have about 20 full-time employees with 30-35 total employees.

The restaurant will be open seven days a week from 11 a.m. to midnight and serve lunch and dinner. It will seat about 250.

Pate says he chose Vinton as the site of his new venture because he loves “working with towns like Vinton who are clearly pro-business and eager to bring new retail, restaurants, and businesses to the area and truly make you feel appreciated.” He says working with Town Manager Pete Peters and Community Programs Director Chasity Barbour has been “awesome.”



Pollard 107 South will offer indoor and outdoor dining, with a firepit on the patio.



PHOTOS BY DEBBIE ADAMS

The interior of Pollard 107 South has an “industrial feel” and “open air atmosphere.”

Lancerlot announces ‘Push/Pull by the Pool’ competition



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE LANCERLOT

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The Lancerlot Sports Complex and C&E Performance have joined forces to introduce the first ever “Push/Pull by the Pool” competition at the Lancerlot on May 20 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

This event includes both deadlift and bench competitions. If the weather is good, the event will take place by the outdoor pool; in case of inclement weather, the competition will move indoors.

The cost to enter the Bench event is \$15; participating in the Deadlift competition is \$15; or \$30 for both. Proceeds go to the Boulder Crest Foundation, a non-profit organization dedicated to improving the physical, economic, spiritual, and emotional well-being of veterans and first responders and their families.

There will also be a raffle with proceeds going to the family of Danielle Holloman, a Lancerlot employee who passed away in January.

Chris and Elizabeth Osborne are the co-owners of C&E Performance, based in Salem. He is a physical therapist focused on injury intervention and rehabilitation, sports rehab, and strengthening. One of his special interests is in working with individuals suffering from Post Traumatic Stress Disorders (PTSD) and mitigating

their issues.

Osborne reached out to Robin Hartman, the Lancerlot's Health and Fitness manager, about his interest in bringing local gyms together for an event and the results was the “Push/Pull by the Pool” competition.

The event will include food trucks (2Dye4Que), DJ Marissa Hitchcock, sports and nutrition vendors, 5 STAR Nutrition, SSF,

Complete Health, Buff Stuff, Hard Hands, Serious Steel, and more.

There will be prizes for the top overall male and female, along with a trophy for the top overall team of three.

You may register for the competition at <https://www.eventcreate.com/e/pushpullbythepool>.

The Lancerlot is located at 1110 Vinyard Road in Vinton.

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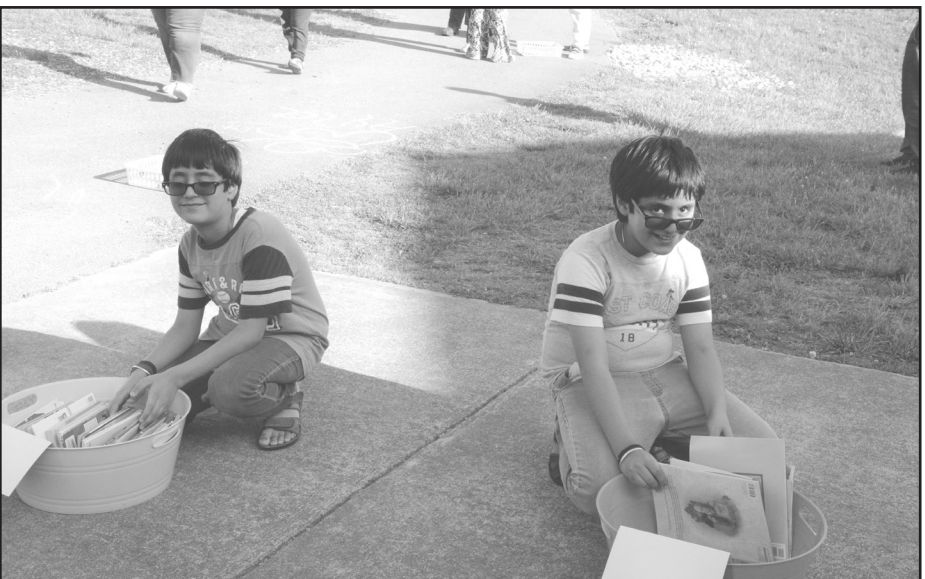
Herman L. Horn hosts Books & Barbecue



Students enjoying creating some sidewalk art at the Herman L. Horn Books and Barbecue night on May 4.



Volunteers from Vinton Baptist Church did the grilling on Books and Barbecue night, including Barry Trent (on left) and Andy Nicely.



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Students were invited to choose some books to take home for summer reading at the HLH Books and Barbecue event.

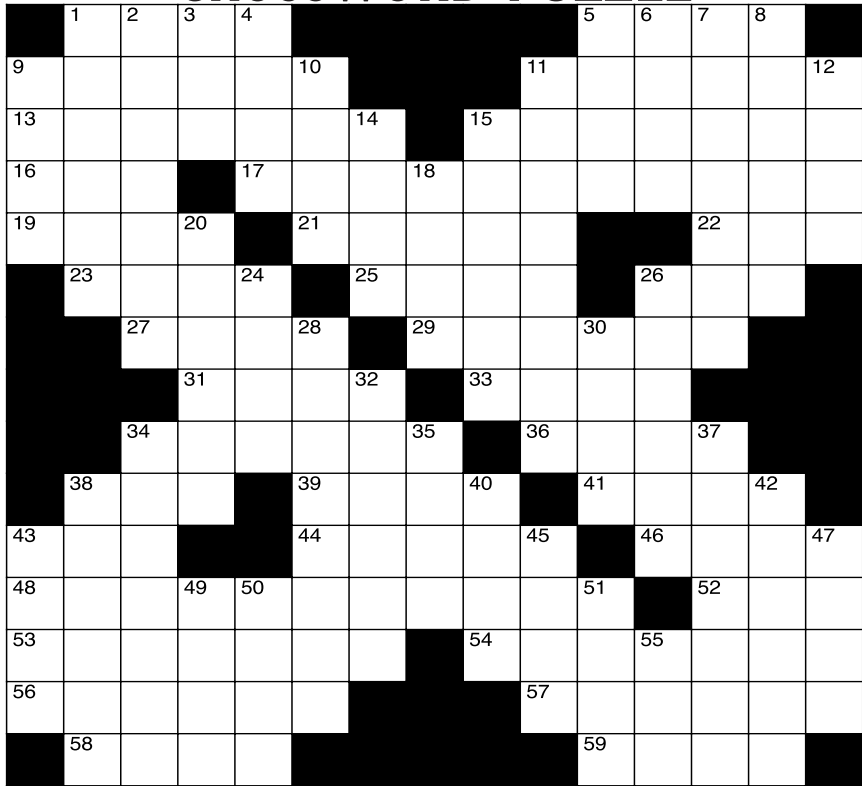
The Title 1 program at Herman L. Horn Elementary School in Vinton held their final event of this school year on May 4. All HLH students and their families were invited for a picnic supper and given the opportunity to select some books for summer reading. Representatives from Roanoke County Library were also there to issue library cards and share the summer calendar of events.

Children enjoyed the playground, spun a wheel for prizes, decorated the sidewalks with chalk drawings, and read everyone's favorite “Rainbow Fish” on a story wall.

Volunteers from Vinton Baptist Church were in charge of the “barbecue” part of the event, grilling and serving hot dogs and fixings. Vinton Baptist has “adopted” Herman L. Horn this school year.

Submitted by Sandy Hunt, Title I teacher at Herman L. Horn

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CLUES ACROSS

1. As fast as can be done
5. WC's
9. Religious retreat
11. Warfare
13. One you wouldn't expect
15. Disease-causing micro-organisms
16. For each
17. Grammatical term
19. One point east of southeast
21. ___ Dern, actress
22. Popular HBO drama (abbr.)
23. Shampoo
25. Scale drawing of a structure
26. An enclosure for confining livestock

CLUES DOWN

27. Goat-like mammal
29. Cigar
31. Appear
33. “Westworld” actress ___
34. Leaked through
36. The highest adult male singing voice
38. Musical group ___
39. Soundsystem
39. Aurochs
41. Crazy (Spanish)
43. Swiss river
44. Strains
46. Frock
48. Found in most body tissues
52. Cool!
53. Reasons behind
54. Christian recluse

CLUES ACROSS

56. Removes
57. Repents
58. Energy
59. Tailless amphibian
1. Not awake
2. Type of dessert
3. They ___
4. Retired Coast Guard admiral
5. Gene positions
6. Exclude
7. One who is bound
8. Where drinks are served
9. Small vipers
10. Blackbird
11. Adventurer
12. Shade
14. A way to gain
15. A salt or ester of boric acid
18. Monetary units

CLUES DOWN

20. Removed
24. “My country, tis of ___”
26. Horses
28. Drives back by force
30. Bold, impudent behavior
32. Rates
34. Types of nerves in males
35. A ridge of sand created by the wind
37. Wind instrument
38. Pakistani city
40. Dry or withered
42. Delivered a speech
43. Peak
45. Small waterbird
47. Days falling in mid-month
49. Elvis' daughter
50. Flat and smooth
51. Dallas Cowboys great Leon
55. What cows say

Vinton Community Programs and Facilities report issued for January-March

Business is booming in Vinton at the Vinton War Memorial and the Charles R. Hill Community Center. In the first quarter of 2023, there were 57 regular rentals, with revenues totaling \$8,817, and 2,010 people attending. Each month there were 10 line-dancing classes, two Monday Music Jams, four Tai Chi classes, and four senior card game sessions. There were also in-kind programs with the Vinton Booster Club, the Vinton Area Chamber of Commerce, and Fleet Reserve. The Vinton War Memorial earned \$28,570 for 64 room rentals, with guests totaling 4,643. There was one wedding in



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the first quarter. The Town of Vinton hosted six events at the venue with 225 guests and a revenue value of \$3,462. Other in-kind programs were held at the Vinton War Memorial by the Vinton Area Chamber of Commerce, the Vinton Woman's Club, and Q99.

Community Programs Director Chasity Barbour received the prestigious honor of being named "Female Star of the Star City" by the Roanoker Magazine.

Submitted by the Town of Vinton

FROM THE PULPIT

Living Out 'The Fruit of the Spirit': Goodness

Pastor Bryan Couch
Lynn Haven Baptist Church

Biblical goodness describes an active virtue of excellence and generosity. It is a high moral character reflected in being good in both nature and effectiveness for the Kingdom of God.

The Hebrew word "agathosune" (a-gath-i-soon) is found only in Biblical and religious writings (no Greek writings). Biblical goodness is moral goodness found only in believers and only as the result of the working of

the Holy Spirit in the lives of those who submit to His divine will and power. This Biblical goodness is found most completely in the willing sacrifice for other people.

Kindness is an active moral characteristic of all true believers. 2 Thessalonians 1:11-12 tells us, "With this in mind, we constantly pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of his calling, and that by his power he may bring to fruition your every desire for goodness and your every deed prompted by faith. We pray this so that the name

of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ."

Paul would plead with all readers of his letter to allow Biblical goodness to be evident in their interactions with others in their circle of influence. He even went on to imply that the presence of Biblical goodness is evidence of the Holy Spirit in their lives. Biblical goodness is an expectation for those that call themselves believers of Jesus Christ.

Vinton Palooza at the War Memorial May 20

The Vinton Palooza is coming up on Saturday, May 20, from 1 to 6 p.m. on the lawn of the Vinton War Memorial. Sponsored by the Vinton Area Chamber of Commerce, the event will feature food and craft vendors, cold adult beverages, and entertainment by Solacoustix. Admission is \$10; children under 12 are admitted free of charge.

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It was a great privilege and honor to be one of the men chosen to be gatekeepers at the entrance to God's house. Even more awesome was the responsibility of four principal gatekeepers who guarded the rooms and the treasures.

They would spend the night stationed around the house of God, because they had to guard it; and they had charge of the key for opening it each morning (1 Chronicles 9:27).

No doubt some nights must have felt especially long, but falling asleep while on duty was not an option. The gatekeepers needed to remain alert to any sound or movement that might indicate the treasures they guarded were in danger.

Today many churches install electronic security systems, although they probably rely on a person to make sure all the windows and doors are locked each night. But when it comes to guarding that which is most important—our children and youth—nothing can replace the prayers of parents and the church family.

Challenge for Today: Ask the Lord for the name of a young person He wants you to safeguard with prayer.

Quicklook: 1 Chronicles 9:22–27

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presented by local organizations as well.

The following scholarships and awards were presented on May 3:

Charlie and Carolee Lovelace presented two Dr. Charlie J. “Jay” Lovelace III Memorial Scholarships to Taylor Davis and Collin Young. Recipients of these \$1,000 scholarships must be members of Vinton Baptist Church and planning to attend a four-year college or university. The Lovelaces established this scholarship in memory of their son, Jay, a dentist, who was tragically killed in an accident in 1997. Taylor Davis will be attending Virginia Tech to major in Elementary Education and minor in music. Collin Young will attend Virginia Tech to major in Computer Science working towards a mechanical engineering degree.

The Erica Thomas Memorial Scholarship was presented to Brooklyn Peters, Madeline Simmons, and Haleigh Vaughan by Newcomb and the Thomas family—Eric and Robin, and their son Brad. Erica, a 1999 honor graduate of WBHS and leader of the Varsity Girls Soccer Team, died tragically in a car accident in 2003, and her family has chosen to honor her memory with the annual scholarship. Erica was also a graduate of UVA.

Kathryn Sowers from the GFWC Vinton Woman’s Club presented the organization’s annual \$1,000 scholarship to Taylor Davis. She described Taylor as “talented, well-rounded, involved in her church and community, with strong academic and leadership skills.” The Vinton Woman’s Club has been serving the Vinton community for over 65 years.

Sowers also presented the Arnold R. Burton Scholarship to Taylor Davis and Garrett Sexton. Sexton will be attending Virginia Tech to study computer science and engineering. Arnold R. Burton was a principal at WBHS. He is remembered for his advice to students, to “Always go first class.”

Mount Pleasant Volunteer Fire Department Chief Eric Stump and Captain Lori Campbell presented the organization’s 2023 scholarship to Carsyn Kotz, who plans to attend Virginia Tech and major in elementary education.

Retired pharmacist Sam Cundiff presented the Vinton Breakfast Lions Club \$1,500 scholarship to WBHS Leo Club member Bailey Warden. The Leo Club is a service organization at William Byrd sponsored by the Lions. The Leo Club is very active in the school and community. Cundiff reminded the seniors present that “wherever you go, there will be a community to serve.”

He also presented four Wallace Cundiff Memorial Scholarships in memory of his father, S. Wallace Cundiff. Wallace was a beloved member of the Vinton community, a School Board member, and a lifelong Lions Club member. He loved and always served his Vinton community. The Wallace Cundiff Scholarships were presented to Ella Ashworth, Case Crawford, Taylor Davis,

and Breanna Hodges. Reindeer Club \$1,000 scholarships were awarded to Ella Ashworth, Sydney Haddox, Breanna Hodges, and Kathryn Toney by Len Hale. He and Sam Cundiff were members of the Reindeer Club as William Byrd students. One of the scholarships is given in memory of his son, who was the victim of an automobile accident and named the Josh Hale Love of Child Scholarship.

Carolyn Payne from Virginia Western Community College presented CCAP (Community College Access Program) scholarships to 32 William Byrd students. These scholarships pay the first year’s tuition at VWCC and can be renewed with a value of \$18,000 for three years of tuition. Payne says that’s “an investment in the future.”

Recipients included Raelyn Adams, Kylie Altizer, Emily’Anne Booher, Joshua Bryant, Tristan Bunn, Sedona Canner, Alex Coffey, Katelyn Davis, Paige Davis, Samuel Ferris, Ricardo Gaspar Cabrera, Christopher Haymaker, Dajanique Johnson, Hannah Johnson, Logan Jones, Ashton Kanode, Summer Kingery, Jakob Kroese, Alejandro Lopez, Olivia Lyles, Mario Martinez Maldonado, Harley Morgan, Zachary Palmer, Kristen Patrick, Trace Poindexter, Payton Ramsey, Ian Spaulding, Hayden Thomas, Allison Ward, Riley Wheeler, Emory Whitehead, and Cole Wolters-Argenio.

Chuck Lionberger, from the Roanoke County Public Schools Education Foundation and Director of Community Relations for RCPS, presented the following Education Foundation scholarships to William Byrd students in the Class of 2023:

- Bayes E. Wilson Scholarship (\$750): Case Crawford
- Betty Lou Harlan Memorial Scholarship (\$250): Garrett Sexton
- Carilion Clinic Research Scholarship (\$1,000): Maggie Parkhurst
- Education Foundation Golf—Member One (\$500): Collin Young
- Garland Reeves Life (\$1,000): Case Crawford
- Gordon C. Willis (\$500): Justin Patrick
- Herman L. Horn Elementary PTA Scholarship available to a former HLH student (\$500): Kathryn Toney
- LaCole Board Memorial Scholarship # 1(\$500): Grayson Webb
- LaCole Board Memorial Scholarship # 2 (\$500): Xavier Preston
- LaCole Board Memorial Scholarship # 3 (\$500): Jaiden Childress
- Michelle Montano Dowdy Memorial (\$1,000): Madison Burks
- Quincy Development Company (\$4,000): Justin Patrick
- Robert A. Patterson Memorial Scholarship (\$500): Dustin Richards
- Vinton McDonald’s Scholarship (\$500): Carsyn Kotz

The Roanoke County Education Foundation was created in 1991 as a non-profit organization to help young people in

Roanoke County Public Schools meet some of their educational and personal goals. Its mission has been to promote the advancement and further the aims and goals of Roanoke County Public Schools through the development and application of donated financial resources. In addition to student scholarships for graduating seniors the Education Foundation provides classroom grants for innovative teaching ideas; assists with student travel to attend state and national competitions; provides resources for international education; assists students in remedial education and substance abuse programs; and recognizes teachers with the Golden Apple Awards.

Several of their awards are county-wide scholarships, with students competing against seniors from all Roanoke County Schools. The Herman L. Horn Elementary PTA Scholarship, LaCole Board Memorial Scholarships, Quincy Development Company Scholarship, Robert A. Patterson Memorial Scholarship, and Vinton McDonald’s Scholarship are only available to William Byrd students.

PTSO president Kori Webb next presented WBHS PTSO Scholarships for \$500 to Bethany Beecher, Sophia Chrisley, and Kathryn Toney. These scholarships are based on being a member of the PTSO, academic performance, extracurricular activities, and community service.

The William Byrd High School Class of 1955 presented a scholarship to Shane Heldenbrand – “an outstanding student from the business department.”

The American Association of University Women, the leading voice promoting equity and education for women, awarded scholarships to Aleyah Basham, Sydney Haddox, and Holly Mills.

“Recognition of the Stovall-Page scholarship is an annual WBHS tradition spanning the past 45 years,” Newcomb said. “Raymond Page and Joseph Stovall were both graduates of WBHS and lifelong members of Vinton Baptist Church. Mr. Stovall was also a lifelong member of the Lions Club. Mr. Page, who developed the scholarship, made the original class ring for William Byrd High School; and he wanted to do something to help the students of WBHS.” These scholarships were presented to Taylor Davis and Collin Young.

Newcomb also presented the Uri D. and Blanche A. Smith Scholarship to Ella Ashworth. This fund was established to provide one scholarship to each of the five Roanoke County high schools. Recipients must be planning to pursue higher education in Virginia. This year’s William Byrd winner is Ella Ashworth.

“Our students have made incredible strides over the past four years, and we are proud of all of their accomplishments,” Newcomb said in conclusion.



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Asbestos found in the original section of WBHS, now identified as the B Wing, has delayed the renovation project at Byrd.

Asbestos discovery delays renovation project at William Byrd High School

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The discovery of asbestos in the B Wing of William Byrd High School will delay completion of the renovation project at the school by about one year (late spring of 2024) with an added cost of approximately \$1.5 million. Renovations were initially budgeted at \$30.7 million with completion by the time school opens for the 2023-24 year.

The B Wing is the original building of the high school, constructed in 1969, and includes history and language classrooms on the first floor of the school and labs on the second floor. The classrooms were sealed off when the asbestos was discovered.

Roanoke County School Board members discussed the situation at their work session on May 4, which included a presentation by Avis Construction Company President Troy Smith and Avis Project Manager Laura Bradford. Avis is the general contractor for the renovation project.

Smith expects the abatement in the affected area to begin around June 1 and to take about four months to complete. The abatement in the B Wing will be completed by the Alloy Group, a specialty environmental engineering company in accordance with a design by Hurt & Proffitt, an engineering and environmental consulting firm.

The added costs include \$450,000 for the abatement and about \$15,000/month to continue leasing the mobile classroom units on site now, which had been leased through December 2023.

Once the asbestos abatement is completed and a clear air test is obtained, demolition will begin in the B Wing and take about six months.

On the first floor, work stopped in the B Wing when it was discovered that asbestos containing fire proofing was exposed on beams and found in several other locations. Further testing also identified asbestos in black pipe insulation mastic and on hard elbows on water line insulation. On the second

floor, testing confirmed asbestos in black pipe insulation mastic, white duct mastic, roof drain insulation elbows and flanges and lab tabletops. Asbestos was also found in dust on the floor level.

Vinton’s representative to the School Board, Tim Greenway, questioned why the asbestos was not detected in an earlier inspection during the preconstruction period.

He pointed out that procedure would seem to have been indicated for a school built in 1970. He and other School Board members also noted that W.E. Cundiff Elementary, which has just been funded for renovations, is the same age as WBHS and might have the same problems of which the school system should be cognizant.

The asbestos at William Byrd was discovered behind drywall, with over-spraying of fire-proofing on duct and piping concealed within a structural bulkhead. Smith advised that “every square inch” of B Wing has to be wiped down, and then receive a final air testing clearance.

The next topic of discussion was where to obtain an additional \$1.5 million to complete the renovations. Finance Director Susan Peterson pieced together money from Minor Capital Reserves, Major Capital Reserves, and the remaining WBHS contingency funds that should cover the costs but leave little in the funds for other unrelated projects.

Board members discussed requesting more bids for the abatement work but did not want to risk delaying construction even more. Given little other choice, the board decided to place approval of the abatement plan on the action item list at the next meeting on May 18.

Roanoke County School Superintendent Dr. Ken Nicely expressed his appreciation for the quality of work Avis Construction has completed at both William Byrd High School and Cave Spring High School, as did members of the School Board.

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Vinton Public Works report issued for March 2023

The Vinton Public Works Director's Report has been released for March 2023.

In March, 318.1 tons of Municipal Waste and Wood Waste were collected; 48.75 tons of Residential Waste and Wood Waste were disposed of; and 1.87 tons of Curbside Recycling were collected. The streetsweeper cleaned 47 miles of roadway, collecting 4.64 tons of debris.

As for Fleet Maintenance, during March, four police vehicles were serviced, along with 11 Public Works light and medium duty vehicles, and seven Public Works heavy duty vehicles. State Inspections were completed on five vehicles.

Public Works employees completed seven work orders involving removal of dead animals and eight jobs involving sign installation and signal repair. They completed 36 work orders for utility markings, and two building maintenance orders. Five work orders were completed on storm drains; 223 feet of storm drainpipe was installed on Lee and Walnut Avenues using 8.4 tons of concrete. Twenty-one tons of asphalt were used in repairing those streets.

In other Vinton Public Works news, Town Manager Pete Peters announced that Public Works has developed the 2023 paving cycle plan with Boxley, with final adjustments to be made when the final Town of Vinton budget is determined on June 30. Staff estimates between \$1million and \$1.4 million in paving to take place

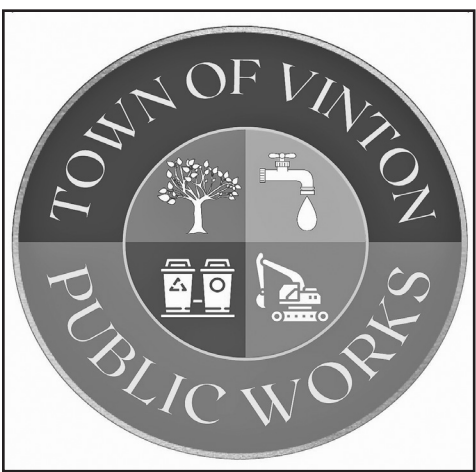


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in August/September. The majority of the paving will be in the neighborhoods behind Kroger and Oakey's.

In April, Public Works staff worked on numerous small stormwater projects throughout the town in anticipation of spring rains including clearing out pipes, removing debris upstream, and making small physical repairs. They also freshened curbs, and sprayed for weeds, in anticipation of the Dogwood Festival at the end of April.

Work on the PFG traffic signal was completed in April and is operational. Their general manager was most appreciative of the town's commitment to replacing the signal and stated how valuable the signal is to their operations and keeping their employees safe.

The Cleveland Avenue Water Main and Lateral Replacement project by the Western Virginia Water Authority remains on schedule.

Submitted by Town of Vinton

Williamson receives 2023 Leadership Award at Shenandoah University

Leeann Williamson has received the "Outstanding Graduate Student Leader of the Year Award" at Shenandoah University, where she is a student in the School of Pharmacy. Shenandoah University is located in Winchester.

"I am very passionate about advocating for the profession of pharmacy so that we are able to practice at the top of our licenses," Williamson said.

She is obtaining her Master of Pharmacogenomics and Personalized Medicine. After obtaining her Doctorate of Pharmacy, she hopes to go to residency in an institutional setting.

Williamson graduated from William Byrd High School in the Class of 2017. She earned her Bachelor's Degree in Chemistry at Shenandoah in May 2020 and her Master's in Business Administration there in May 2022.

Submitted by Jennifer Williamson



Leeann Williamson PHOTO COURTESY OF JENNIFER WILLIAMSON

Pawn

from page 1

Customers bring items to pawn shops they want to use as collateral for a loan. The pawnbroker assesses the item's value and offers the customer a loan based on that value. If you pay off your loan in time, you get your item back. If you don't pay the loan in time, the pawn shop is free to sell your item. The Vinton store also sells new and used items that were not pawned.

While some customers come in to pawn items, others come in just to shop for great bargains. It's not only fun to browse through the merchandise, but it's surprising what you might find. There's a wall of guitars, firearms, cases with engagement and wedding rings, vintage electronic games, shelves of hardware items, fishing poles, and more.

They sell coins, TVs, gaming systems, musical instruments, power tools, appliances, sports and pop culture memorabilia and collectibles, and sports equipment. Mullins says he once sold a camper and a horse trailer. They sell boats, bikes, tractors, and lawn and garden supplies and equipment.

"We will take just about anything," Mullins says. In fact, someone once tried to pawn his prosthetic leg – which they didn't accept.

Tommy's wife Laurie Mullins, who serves on Vinton Town Council, says, "Inventory changes almost daily, so it's always a new experience!"

Johnny Hill is the manager. He came to work for Mullins, when Mullins bought out the pawn shop where he worked. The store has three full-time employees in addition to Mullins. Son Tommy serves as vice-president.

Pawn shops are considered to be financial institutions

under federal law and are highly regulated. They are required to keep detailed daily records of all transactions and report any suspicious activity to local law enforcement. They also work with ATF and the Virginia State Police.

Pawn shops make the bulk of their money by collecting interest and fees on secured personal loans given in exchange for holding onto the collateral. Each loan has a term length (30 days with 15 days grace at the Vinton shop), and an interest rate (10%).

While pawn shops typically charge higher interest rates than banks or credit unions, they can be a perfect fit for people with poor credit, those who need cash fast, or those who don't want to deal with the hassle of completing loan applications at a bank.

Since the government regulates pawn shops, customers can be sure that their transactions are safe and secure. They test gold, silver, and diamonds for authenticity in negotiating a loan.

Mullins says they have loyal customers from around the valley and surrounding areas – "a loyal customer base." He estimates that about 90% are repeat customers, some pawning the same item more than once.

Tommy Mullins explained the traditional pawn shop symbols displayed on their sign – three golden balls. There are different historic versions of how the symbol came to represent pawn shops, however, he says the three balls are more representative of customers – one in three don't come back to pick up the items they have pawned.

Through almost 35 years, Vinton Pawn Shop has built up a reputation for honesty and "treating people right."

Mullins, age 80, has considered retiring, but usually he and his dog, Buddy, can be found in the office at the pawn shop, with some great stories to share about his years raising and training horses and in the pawn shop business.

Vinton Pawn Shop hours are Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday from 9 to 4. For more information, call 540-345-7818 or visit the Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/vintonpawn/>.

If you would like your business featured as the Vinton Business of the Week, contact dadams@mainstreetnewspapers.com.



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Vinton Pawn Shop offers a wide range of hardware, lawn, and garden equipment and supplies.

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

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

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Apprentice

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Thomas Wood, apprentice with G.J. Hopkins, Inc.



Aaron Glass, apprentice with Lawrence Companies



Hayden Hamblin'Lish, apprentice with Lawrence Companies.



Braedon Scruggs, apprentice with G.J. Hopkins, Inc.



Daemeon Lowe, apprentice with Integer, shown with Integer Manager Craig Schillinger.



Adam Harris, apprentice with WABTEC/Graham White



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Benjamin Sink, apprentice with Southern Air

Virginia Water Authority. Salem City Public Schools and Roanoke City Public Schools joined the regional program a few years later. Currently, more than two dozen businesses have hosted student apprenticeships, and many students have been hired by their partner business to work full-time after graduation.”

Students and representatives from their partner companies for the 2023-2024 school year were introduced to the crowd by Chuck Lionberger, Roanoke County Schools Director of Community Relations.

William Byrd High School students signing on May 5 included Braedon Scruggs, Thomas Wood, Daemeon Lowe, Hayden Hamblin'Lish, Aaron Glass, Benjamin Sink, Adam Harris, and Christian Lovern.

Braedon Scruggs, a junior at both WBHS and BCAT, will be working for G.J. Hopkins, Inc. as an electrical apprentice. He chose the apprenticeship program because he wanted to get further into the electrical field and sees it as a possible career choice.

Thomas Wood will also be working for G.J. Hopkins. He is also a junior and will be an apprentice working in sheet metal. He credits John Richardson, his teacher at WBHS, with getting him interested in the apprenticeship program.

Daemeon Lowe, a junior at both WBHS and BCAT, will be an apprentice with Integer, training as a machinist. He became interested in the apprenticeship program through his mechatronics studies at BCAT.

Hayden Hamblin'Lish, a student at both WBHS and BCAT, will be an apprentice with Lawrence Companies. He is completing his sophomore year. He will be working as an auto body apprentice. He chose the apprenticeship program because he considers it to be a “good learning experience and a good first job.”

Aaron Glass, a junior at both WBHS and BCAT, will be an apprentice with Lawrence Companies in heavy construction/diesel mechanics. He became interested in the apprenticeship program through his experiences at BCAT. He wanted to challenge himself and get started on a career and building his “401K” at an early age.

Benjamin Sink will work for Southern Air. He is finishing his junior year at WBHS. He will be working as an electrician during his apprenticeship program. He chose the program because he enjoys hands-on learning. He knows some people in the electrical trade and settled on that in selecting a partner business.

Adam Harris, a student at both WBHS and BCAT, will be an apprentice with Wabtec/Graham White. He is completing his junior year in high school and studied masonry at BCAT. His plans are working as a machinist because it “sparked my interest.”

Christian Lovern will be working as an apprentice with the Western Virginia Water Authority. He is completing his junior year and signed up because of the opportunities the apprenticeship program offers. He is unsure of his exact position with the WVWA but hopes to be working in several different areas.

Businesses involved with the apprenticeship program include First United Methodist Church in Salem, G&H Contracting, G.J. Hopkins, Inc., Henritze Dental, Hotel Roanoke, Integer, Lawrence Companies, Medeco, Mersen, Optical Cable Corporation, the Salem City Street Dept., Southern Air, Varney, Inc., WABTEC/Graham White, and the WVWA.

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF VINTON, VIRGINIA

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Please be advised that the Vinton Town Council will hold a public hearing at its meeting on Tuesday, 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

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VINTON HISTORY: RABBITS



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Papier-mâché rabbits donated to the Vinton History Museum from the estate of Lillian McCarty Abbott by her granddaughter, Ann Richards Hewitt.

The Vinton History Museum is home to several rabbits from the estate of Lillian McCarty Abbott. They were donated to the museum by her granddaughter, Ann Richards Hewitt, a volunteer at the museum.

Ann's grandmother was known to Vintonites by several nicknames – one was "Sis" because she was the only girl with five brothers. Her husband called her "Mrs. Abbott" and she was

"Memaw" to her grandchildren.

She moved from Stewartsville to Vinton to a house on Washington Avenue in 1915. Lillian's children were Mamie Abbott Richards (mother of Ann Hewitt) and Clarence Abbott (wife, Nadine Richards Abbott).

Ann's mother gave the rabbits to her as she remembers they were always displayed every Easter. The

rabbit (center) is ceramic, circa 1940. The other two are brown and pink and are of papier-mâché circa 1900. All are displayed at the Vinton History Museum, 210 East Jackson Avenue in downtown Vinton – open Monday, Wednesday, Friday and every first Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Stop by for a visit!

By Vinton History Museum intern Alyssa Moorman

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Vinton Farmers' Market hosts Storytime on the Stage

The Vinton Farmers' Market will be hosting "Storytime on the Stage" on May 27 at 9 a.m. Children and their families are invited to stop by and learn about local food production, celebrate summer, and participate in educational kids' activities.

Sponsors for the event, in addition to the Town of Vinton, include Deb's Frozen Lemonade (their lemonade truck will be on site), the Roanoke

County Public Library, Kefi (Greek food with passion), Jake's Garden with garden starter plants, and the Boys and Girls Clubs of Southwest Virginia.

The Vinton Farmers' Market is located at 204 East Lee Avenue. For more information contact Caroline Loveland at cloveland@vintonva.gov.

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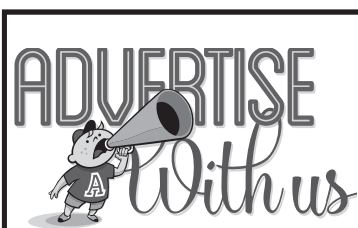
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Ruritans holding Chicken Barbecue May 20

The Bonsack/Blue Ridge Ruritan Club will sponsor a Chicken Barbecue on May 20. The dinners will be available from 4-6 p.m. by drive-thru only at Bonsack United Methodist Church, located at 4493 Bonsack Road.

The cost is \$15 for half a chicken, baked beans, slaw and roll. Order tickets by phone at 540-330-6093 or email smelser1995@gmail.com.

Submitted by Bonsack/Blue Ridge Ruritan Club

Town of Vinton holding free paper shredding event on May 20


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The Town of Vinton, the Vinton Police Dept., and the LOA will be sponsoring a free public paper shredding event on May 20 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the rear parking lot (across from the fire station) at the Municipal Building at 311 South Pollard Street.

Up to three boxes of tax papers, personal documents, and other paper materials will be accepted and securely shredded.

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Outdoor Report – An Evolving Sport

By Lacey Sullivan for Whitetail Times/ DWR

Recently I found myself sorting through some old family photos that we believe were taken throughout the 1980s and '90s. In a big stack of photos with no order or method of organization, I came across some pictures of my uncles and papa with deer and turkeys they had taken many years ago.

During the passing hours of sorting, the photos began to change to different decades featuring new hairstyles, new clothes, and even new hunting gear. Finding some of those old trophy photos reminded me of an article I read last year about the evolution of hunting whitetail deer. I'm sure any family with a long line of hunters has those iconic photos of their grandpa and great grandpa standing next to a six-point buck that looks like it's standing on its hind legs while hanging from the 100-year-old oak tree in the backyard.

Outdoor writer Patrick Durkin interviewed 10 different veteran hunters and writers from all across the country last spring. The fascinating article he published highlighted all the things that the veteran hunters we know personally have told tales about for our entire lives—being dropped off in the woods to sit on a tree stump waiting for a man-drive to take place or for the dogs to hopefully run deer through the line of gunners. In fact, some of the hunters interviewed for Durkin's piece voiced that they feel the sport didn't really change much from the 1940s to the 1970s. Hunters sat in the woods waiting for deer until their feet went numb, spent no time patterning deer and pre-season scouting, and had little time invested in any tactics for their drives. Even well-known hunters like Fred Bear saw no need for climbing a tree and smacking antlers together to take bigger bucks and ultimately more deer.

As technology changed and knowledge flowed across the land, hunters began

to learn about growing trophy whitetail deer. Farmers were out with tractors and chainsaws in an attempt to build travel corridors for deer and quiet entry and exit points from their tree stands. While technology was evolving and hunters were learning, the deer population was rising. Hunters were taking note that they could pass up basket-racks and let them grow into mature whitetails. A new breed of serious hunters was being created.

Today it's a normal sighting for a hunter's pack to have a rangefinder, a grunt call, a bleat can, hand warmers, and a pair of binoculars that can help you count the whiskers on that ancient doe's face while she stomps at you.

We as hunters never stop thinking about deer. We leave cameras up all year, we find rubs and scrapes and even put them into categories, plant food plots yearly, and keep buying and hanging the latest and greatest tree stands to hit the market. Is it crazy to think that 100 years ago our hunting ancestors didn't enter the woods until opening day with no game plan and a lot of hope? Did you know that in the early 1990s the modern day trail camera was sometimes clock-connected thread to show when a deer walked by?

I think we, today's modern technology-spoiled hunter, tend to completely forget that all of these items were non-existent for hunters in 1922. The sport was different, the deer were smaller, and the hunting was slow. Next time you're yelling in your head at the cell camera that isn't working, or upset because the stand you chose isn't as comfortable as the stand you hunted last weekend, remember that you have more tools in your arsenal for success today than hunters 100 years ago. Your physical tools are different, yes, but the knowledge you have tucked away about deer and deer hunting today has far surpassed those years before you. This season take a moment to remember the hard hunting that came before you!

Mount Pleasant Lions kick off shoe collection drive

By Mike Ferguson

The Mount Pleasant Lions Club, in coordination with Funds2Orgs.com, kicked off its shoe collection fundraiser last week. This is the first collection of new and gently worn shoes and the acceptance of shoes will continue until June 2. The goal is to collect 2,500 pairs.

Club members have set personal goals of gleaning 100 pairs of shoes each for the project. Already club and community members have brought in over 200 pairs, so a good start has been made. The Lions are reaching out to the Vinton and surrounding communities for help.

Beginning Monday, May 15, shoes can be dropped off at Studio 45 Dance at 116 Jefferson Avenue in Vinton, as well as the Mount Pleasant Volunteer Fire Department at 2909 Jae Valley Road in Roanoke.

All kinds and sizes of shoes are acceptable, kids and adults, men and women, everything from sandals to boots. The footwear, once processed by Funds2Org, will be distributed to deserving and needy people in Latin American countries such as Haiti and even as far as South Africa, so that they can begin their own micro-business.

All funds raised by the Lions Club will go toward the club's ongoing community service efforts, particularly



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those benefiting the local schools. Last year the club distributed packs of 25 pairs each of Bombas socks to over 15 area wide schools in Roanoke, Bedford and Franklin Counties and the City of Roanoke, and even to a school in rural East Tennessee. A pack of the socks also went to an intercity mission organization in Baltimore, Md., operated by a daughter of Lion Lynn.

The Mount Pleasant Lions also provide and pack food and snack bags for Garden City Elementary, and shop at Christmas for students in need at Mount Pleasant Elementary. The club is also involved in the support of Rivermont School. Rivermont provides state-mandated education opportunities for children

from Roanoke City and the surrounding counties who are unable to attend school in a regular classroom setting.

So, root around in your closets, find those shoes that looked good in the store, but now hurt your feet, or are too small, or for whatever reason you are no longer wearing; fill up a bag (you keep the shoe boxes) and contact any Mount Pleasant Lion to hand them off, or bring them to the club's meeting place, the "Lion's Den" at 2432 Mayfield Drive, SE Roanoke.

Call Lion Mike Ferguson at 540-529-7531 or Lion Heather Wray at 540-526-7334 for further information on how to donate them.

PEOPLE, PLACES AND THINGS

By Angie Chewning

This weekend was one for the Memory Book! Abbie (my daughter) graduated from Roanoke College with degree No. 2. But instead of attending the graduation (she walked last year), we headed to Nashville with cousins Lindsey (Bell) and daughter Amber Wells to see Taylor Swift.

Taylor performed for 3.5 straight hours for three nights in a row. The Sunday night concert was delayed due to lighting and rain. But as they say, "the show must go on." Glad we were there for Saturday's show. The road trip was worth it all. Amber and Abbie attended the concert while Lindsey and I visited many well-known night-life venues. We even ran into folks we knew from home. Small world. I hope everyone who attended the concert, or was just in Nashville for fun, had as good of a weekend as we did.

Another Memory Book story – on May 3, Betty Hepinstall celebrated her 95th birthday. Wow! A birthday lunch was held at Pok-E-Joes with many friends joining to celebrate with her. Mayor Brad Grose presented Betty with a Proclamation from the Town of Vinton. Those celebrating with her were Nita Echols, Vickie Damico, Susan Teass, Donna Liener, Sandra Lowe, Pat Myers, Ethel Vogt, Brenda Bain, Julie Huckaby,



Betty Hepinstall celebrates her 95th birthday at Pok-E-Joes in Vinton with Mayor Brad Grose.



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Abbie Lewis (on right) and Amber Wells were part of the crowd at the third Taylor Swift concert in Nashville last weekend.

and Dot Ferguson. A little birdie (Betty's daughter-in-law Kaye) told me a story about Betty renewing her driver's license— she

passed with flying colors and doesn't have to renew till she's 100.

Happy Birthday, Betty!

Byrd & Salem play at Kiwanis Field today

The William Byrd baseball team will wrap up the regular season this week with a game at Salem today and at William Fleming on Friday. With two games to go the Terriers are in a good spot to make the Region 3D playoffs, and possibly move up a few spots.

Through Tuesday’s win over Northside the Byrdmen are 10-8 overall, which is good for eighth place in the region. The top 10 teams make the Region 3D tournament and three teams are within reach for Byrd to move up. Hidden Valley and Carroll County are fifth and sixth at 10-7 and Lord Botetourt is seventh at 12-7. The top four spots, as of Tuesday, belonged to Cave Spring, Abingdon, Christiansburg and Tunstall.

Byrd picked up some big points last week when they defeated Cave Spring, 7-4, at Walthall Park. Cooper Minnix started on the mound and went four innings, striking out eight but walking nine and leaving with the score tied at 4-4. Freshman Cannin Lutz relieved Minnix and finished with three shutout innings, picking up his first varsity win when sophomore Hayden Eads hit his first varsity home run, a three run shot in the bottom of the fifth that proved to be the winning blow.

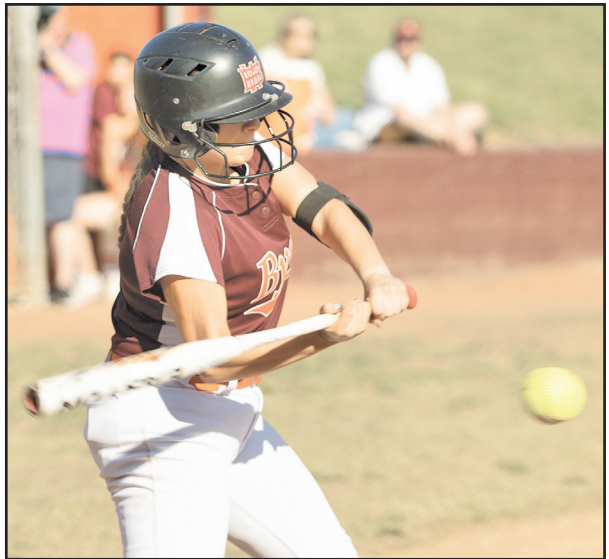
On Friday the Terriers were at Franklin County where Eagles’ ace Preston Crawl shut them out, 4-0, on one hit. Crawl took a no-hitter into the seventh but Evan Mullen broke that up for Byrd’s only hit. Brogan Dent allowed just one earned run in four innings but was tagged with the loss, and Brenin Witcher pitched the sixth.

Tuesday was “Senior Night” for Byrd and Jacob Dickerson got the start on the mound as Byrd hammered Northside, 18-8. James Purcell and Blake Glover had two hits each and Glover picked up the win on the mound with four innings of relief. Keller Spraker drove in three runs as the Terriers pulled away with 11 runs in the fourth inning. Northside



Left, Byrd’s Hayden Eads runs the bases. Right, Jacob Dickerson pitches for the Terriers on “Senior Day.”

PHOTOS BY SUZANNE WITCHER



Haleigh Vaughan has seven hits in Byrd’s last two games.

PHOTO BY REGINA DEVINNEY

Girls hope to turn around close losses in BRD tourney

The William Fleming girls will be in Vinton Friday to wrap up the softball regular season against host William Byrd. The Terriers will be looking to finish strong in what has been a challenging season.

Byrd is 5-14 overall and 1-8 in Blue Ridge District games after falling to Northside in another close game Tuesday. A late rally by the Terriers fell short as the host Viking took an 11-9 win.

A home run by Makayla Bell and a double by Brooklyn Peters sparked a five run fourth inning but it wasn’t enough to catch the Vikings. Haleigh Vaughan, Sydney Blewett and Mandolin Draper also drove in runs in the game, and Vaughan had three hits.

Last Friday at home the girls dropped a 4-3 game to Franklin County, their fourth straight one run loss at that point. The Byrd girls took a 3-1 lead into the seventh inning but the Eagles rallied against Byrd pitcher Addison Clark, who struck out a dozen in another tough defeat. Franklin County remained undefeated in Blue Ridge District games with the win.

Byrd had 10 hits, including a home run by Peters. Vaughan was four-for-four for the Terriers.

The girls will be participating in the Blue Ridge District tournament next week, with games at the higher seeds on Monday and Tuesday. Byrd won’t open at home, and the most likely scenario is a rematch at Northside on Monday for the quarterfinal round.

The BRD championship game will be at William Byrd on May 18.

Byrd boys win Junior Cosmo Track crown

The annual Cosmopolitan Club Track meet was held at William Fleming High School last week and the William Byrd boys’ Junior Division team kept Blacksburg for sweeping the affair. The Terrier juniors, for freshmen and sophomores, won the Cosmo title while Blacksburg swept the boys’ and girls’ Senior Division titles and also won the girls’ Junior championship.

Byrd had some individual champions among the junior boys. Isaiah Board won the 400m and DeShannon Reed took the 200m, with Alex Dunn finishing eighth in that event. Landon Martin and Michael Goins were first and third in the 300m hurdles.

Ethan Haston won the pole vault and set a new meet record by clearing 11’7”, and he also won the long jump and was runnerup in the triple jump.

The 4x100m team of Jamez Toler, Kyle Holdaway, Dunn and Reed finished second with a time of 45.05 and the 4x400m relay of Board, Haston, Jhaquin Johnson and Goins finished second with a time of 3:53.53. Tolar was fourth in the 100 and Jesus Leon was fourth in the high jump.

For the Senior Boys, Walter Barrows won the long jump with a jump of 21’2.25” and finished third in the 100m dash and fourth in the 200m dash. DeShawn Austin finished third in the 110m hurdles at 16.14 and second in the 300m hurdles with a time of 40.52.

Donald Mullins was runnerup in the 800m and Caleb Thompson took second in the discus. Jaiden Childress was fifth in the high jump and Brady Reachy qualified for the state in the 100m with a fifth place finish in 11.20.

For the Senior girls, Grace Onwi had a big day with a second in the 400m, a fourth in the 100m and a fifth in the 200m. Olivia Bustamante was fifth in the high jump and Olaedo Anyanwu was seventh in the shot put.

In the Junior Division, Alexa Donahue took second in the girls’ pole vault and Aubrey Boose was seventh. Lucy Whitenack was fifth in the 800m while Virginia Younce took sixth in the 300m hurdles and seventh in the 100m hurdles. Anya Moore was sixth in the discus and seventh in the shot put. Jazaria West-Brown ran a state qualifying time of 12.97 in the 100m dash.

Byrd had two relays that placed in the girls’ Junior Division. The 4x400m team of Emma Matthews, Whitenack, Yonce and Jayden Niday finished second with a time of 4:38.38 and the 4x100m team of Matthews, Alexia Donahue, Niday and West-Brown was third.

This weekend the Terriers will travel to Staunton River for the Blue Ridge District Championships on Friday.



Above, DeShawn Austin competes in the Cosmo Triple Jump Saturday. Below, Virginia Younce runs the 300 meter hurdles and, bottom, Kyle Holdaway hands off to Alex Dunn in the 4x100 relay.

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A group photo of five young women, former Byrd softball players, posing together outdoors. They are wearing various softball uniforms, including ones from Lynchburg and Roanoke.

Former Terriers compete on ODAC diamond

These William Byrd graduates competed in the Old Dominion Athletic Conference softball tournament at Liberty University last week when Roanoke College took on the University of Lynchburg. Left to right are Amber Vaughn of RC, Lexi Powell of Lyn., Keely Hoal of RC, Bri Hodges of Lyn, who was out with an injury, and RC pitcher Jada Karnes. The Maroons took a 5-4 win in a close game and will play Randolph-Macon in a best-of-three at the Botetourt Sports Complex this week for the ODAC championship.

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Shepherd will take Vinton football tradition to Cave Spring

Hunter Shepherd, whose family has deep roots in the Vinton football community, will be taking his talents to South County. Hunter was named the new head coach of the Cave Spring High School football team last Friday.

Football has been a big part of Hunter's life. Growing up he played recreation football in Vinton, where he played for Bear Adams, Pete Alterio and his dad, long-time Vinton sandlot coach Robert Shepherd. Robert coached a Vinton PeeWee team last fall and has coached on all levels of the program for many years. In fact, you'd be hard pressed to find a William Byrd player in the past 20 years who didn't play for or against Robert's team at one time or another.

"He's where I got my hard-nosed nature," said Hunter of his dad. "He's had a big influence on me." Hunter played on the Byrd varsity as a defensive back under retired coach Jeff Highfill, graduating in 2014. His mother, Tammy, was president of the football booster club and she's also a Byrd graduate.

After high school Hunter went to Averett University in Danville. He figured to be a safety for the Cougars but after two weeks in camp he was moved to middle linebacker.

"I was a big safety in high school," said Shepherd. "They thought I was more suited to linebacker and I liked playing there. It was more physical, and I had always enjoyed that part of the game. I'm planning on bringing that mentality to Cave Spring."

Hunter suffered a back injury the first game of his sophomore year. He toughed it out but after the season he went to the doctor and it was discovered he cracked a few vertebrae and that was the end of his playing career, but not his football career. He came back home and finished school on line at Mary Baldwin, and during that time he volunteered to help coach Highfill at William Byrd. He stayed on the

staff through the 2018 season, when Highfill retired, and even then Jeff saw Hunter's potential as a future head coach.

"He did a good job for us," said Highfill. "I think he's stepping into a good situation. Cave Spring has been more physical the past two years under coach (Nick) Leftwich and he'll continue that."

After Highfill retired Hunter was offered a position as defensive coordinator down the road at Staunton River High School, where another Highfill protégé, Shaun Leonard, was hired as coach beginning with the 2019 season. Shepherd took his dad along and for the past four years Hunter has called the defense and Robert has coached the defensive backs.

This spring, when Leftwich left Cave Spring to take the job at William Fleming, Hunter saw a chance to move up in rank. He was chosen to replace Leftwich, and he's bringing along dad to coach the Knights' defensive backs. It was tough to leave Staunton River, but he's excited for a new challenge.

"A little bit nervous, but excited," he said. "I enjoyed my time at Staunton River and made some great relationships, but I didn't know when an opportunity like this might come around again."

Shepherd was an Algebra and Geometry teacher at the Noel C. Taylor Alternative School while coaching the Eagles, but he'll be moving to Cave Spring full time and teaching Health and Physical Education. He met several of the players last week and had a more formal meeting planned for this week as he wades into the very important weight program.

"They don't have a very big weight room, but they have top of the line equipment," he said. "I learned how important the weight program is playing for coach Highfill at Byrd. In fact, most of what I learned about football has come from coach Highfill. He's been a great influence on me."

Hunter is in the process of assembling a staff, and



Hunter Shepherd(left) with former Byrd coach and mentor Jeff Highfill.

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he said he'll reach out to the current assistants and welcome them to stay on. He was impressed by the job Leftwich did at Cave Spring in his two years as head coach.

"It was a real culture change," said Shepherd. "They ran the ball more under coach Leftwich and became more physical. They changed the way they went about business and I credit that to coach Leftwich. That's something I plan to continue. He built that team up and this a great chance for me to step in and continue the process."



Byrd keeper Sophia Chrisley clears the ball.

PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Girls soccer team can wrap up regular season title Friday

The William Byrd girls can clinch the top seed in the Blue Ridge District soccer tournament with a win or a tie in Friday's regular season finale at William Fleming. The girls are undefeated in BRD play after hammering Northside, 8-0, on Senior Night at Highfill Field Tuesday.

Byrd won't be taking Fleming lightly on Friday with the district regular season title on the line, but by all intents and purposes it should be an easy win for the Terriers. Fleming has yet to win a district game and has one just one win overall. In the first meeting, in Roanoke, Byrd breezed to a 9-0 victory.

The Blue Ridge District tournament is set to begin Monday at the sites of the third and fourth seeds. Byrd will get a first round bye and open tournament play Tuesday at home against the winner of a Monday game between the fourth and sixth seeds. That most like will be Franklin County. The BRD championship game is a week from today at Patterson Stadium.

On Tuesday Byrd honored 11 seniors with the shutout win over Northside. Senior Maddy Simmons had a three-goal hat trick in the first 13 minutes of the game and Addi St. Clair added a fourth for a 4-0 halftime lead.

Simmons scored her fourth and fifth goals early in the second half, both off assists from Maci Glass. Logan Andrews had the seventh goal and St. Clair notched her second of the night to close out the scoring. Sophia Chrisley and Kadence Fernatt split time in goal for the shutout, and Sophia has an assist on Byrd's last goal as she got a chance to play the field with a big lead.

"It was a great night for Senior Night as we got to celebrate an excellent group of young ladies," said coach Molly Cox.

Byrd also won at Franklin County last Friday, 2-0. Simmons had a goal in each half, one assisted by Claire Glover and the second by St. Clair with 11 minutes to go to for some insurance. Chrisley had two saves in the shutout win.

WB boys soccer shuts out Northside

The William Byrd boys' soccer team split two defensive battles as they prepare for next week's Blue Ridge District tournament. Byrd dropped a 1-0 game at Lord Botetourt on Monday, then turned around and shut out Northside on Tuesday, 2-0.

Monday's game went overtime as Byrd and Botetourt battled to a scoreless time after regulation. In the final two minutes of the second overtime the Cavaliers were awarded a penalty kick and Cadyn Bowles converted for the only goal of the game.

"Credit has to go to Terrier goalkeeper Bricen Lancaster and the rest of the squad for a superb performance," said Byrd coach Russell Dishman.

On Tuesday the Byrdmen were able to finish the job, shutting out Northside on the Vikings' pitch. Again the game was scoreless at intermission but Byrd was able to find the net twice in the second half, once on



Byrd goalie Bricen Lancaster makes a big save in Monday's game with Lord Botetourt. The Terriers lost, 1-0, on a penalty kick in overtime.

PHOTO BY REGINA DEVINNEY

an unassisted free kick by Daniel Britts and a second time on a goal by Cole Kovacevic, assisted by Braden Crossan. Lancaster was in goal again and earned the shutout.

Last Friday was Senior Night for Byrd at Highfill

Field and Franklin County put a damper on the night with a 2-1 win. Britts had Byrd's goal.

The Terriers will wrap up the regular season Friday with a home game against William Fleming. Byrd is 5-7-2 with the Blue Ridge District

tournament due to start Monday with quarterfinals at the higher seeds. Semifinals are at the sites of the first and second seeds on Tuesday and the championship game will be played at Byrd's Patterson Stadium a week from today, on May 18.

Byrd wrestlers announce college choices



Two William Byrd High School senior wrestlers announced their intention to continue their education and wrestle in college last week. Dominic Pascoe(seated left) will be wrestling at Averett University and Xavier Preston is headed to Roanoke College. Xavier was state champ as a senior and runnerup as a junior and Dominic placed for three years, including a runnerup finish his senior season. Looking on behind them are Byrd coaches, left to right; Thomas Kessler, Ron Wood and Michael Bryant.

PHOTO BY SUZANNE WITCHER

Rockbridge too talented for WB lax

The William Byrd lacrosse teams took a trip to Lexington to battle talented Rockbridge County teams, and the results showed the Terriers what they aspire to become. The Wildcats took lopsided wins in the both girls and boys games, much like they did when Rockbridge came to Vinton.

The boys dropped a 12-1 decision with Landyn French scoring his first goal of the season. Byrd hung tough in the early going, holding Rockbridge to a scoreless tie for 17 minutes. Julian Pantoja had a strong effort in goal with 17 saves and

Jonathan Rozenboom won five of six faceoffs for the Terriers against the Wildcats.

"We're turning a corner, and with a young team we're moving toward reaching our goal this season," said Byrd coach Will Satterfield.

The girls lost 22-3 to the Wildcats. Annika Hylton had two goals and Olivia Hurd had one for Byrd.

The Terriers were hoping for a better result with games against Patrick Henry on Wednesday of this week. The girls were at home and the boys were scheduled to play at PH.



Nick Bustamante defends.

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