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Local artists raise funds for music education with RSO Painted Violins Project

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During their 2023 season, the Roanoke Symphony Orchestra (RSO) has sponsored “The Painted Violins Project” in collaboration with local artists in Southwest Virginia. Twelve violins were donated to the artists who created a piece of visual art on the surface of the violin. Once completed, the violins were raffled off online and the proceeds will be used to fund strings education in Roanoke and the surrounding communities.

The project revived a previous RSO initiative—Painted Violins: Music to the Eyes, a 50th Anniversary Celebration.

The new Painted

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PHOTO COURTESY OF ALLYSON GOIN
William Byrd High School art teacher Allyson Goin was one of the local artists chosen for “The Painted Violins Project” sponsored by the Roanoke Symphony Orchestra. She is pictured at the Artists Reception at the Hotel Roanoke with her violin.



PHOTO COURTESY OF SENIOR CHIEF DAVID PERRIN
Cadet Noah Nicely, The American Veterans JROTC Award

William Byrd Navy National Defense Cadets recognized for high achievements

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During the 2022-2023 school year, Roanoke County Public Schools introduced a new Navy National Defense Cadet Corps (NNDCC) program at William Byrd High School. The program is open to all RCPS students at William Byrd, Glenvar, Cave Spring, Northside, and Hidden Valley High Schools.

Senior Chief Petty Officer David Perrin, USN (Retired) was named as the Naval Science Instructor for the NNDCC program.

Five cadets in the program recently received awards for their achievements this year.

Cadet Noah Nicely and Cadet Katelin Patrick were presented with “The American Veterans JROTC Award.” This award is presented for “possessing individual characteristics contributing to leadership, positive attitude towards the JROTC program, outstanding personal appearance, dependability, and sound judgment.”

The American Veterans JROTC Award certificate reads: “Presented for diligence in the discharge of duties, and willingness to serve both God and country for the mutual benefit of all.”

Cadet Patrick was also presented with a \$1,000 scholarship check for her essay submission on Americanism.

“The Military Order of the World Wars Roanoke Chapter Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps Medal of Merit” was presented to Cadet Trevor Robinson.

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Vinton author Kevin Lewis releases ‘Can You Trust Me This Much?’

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Author Kevin Lewis grew up in Vinton and graduated from William Byrd High School in the Class of 1988— he was a wrestler and football player. In 2010, he left Vinton for Buffalo, Minn., where he opened a gymnastics gym. After 11 years, he sold the business and moved back to Vinton. He is currently a voice-over artist, and he hosts a fascinating podcast, “The Next Step with Kevin Lewis.” He is a father and a speaker. He has also just completed his first book, “Can You Trust Me This Much?” which provides a message of hope in trying

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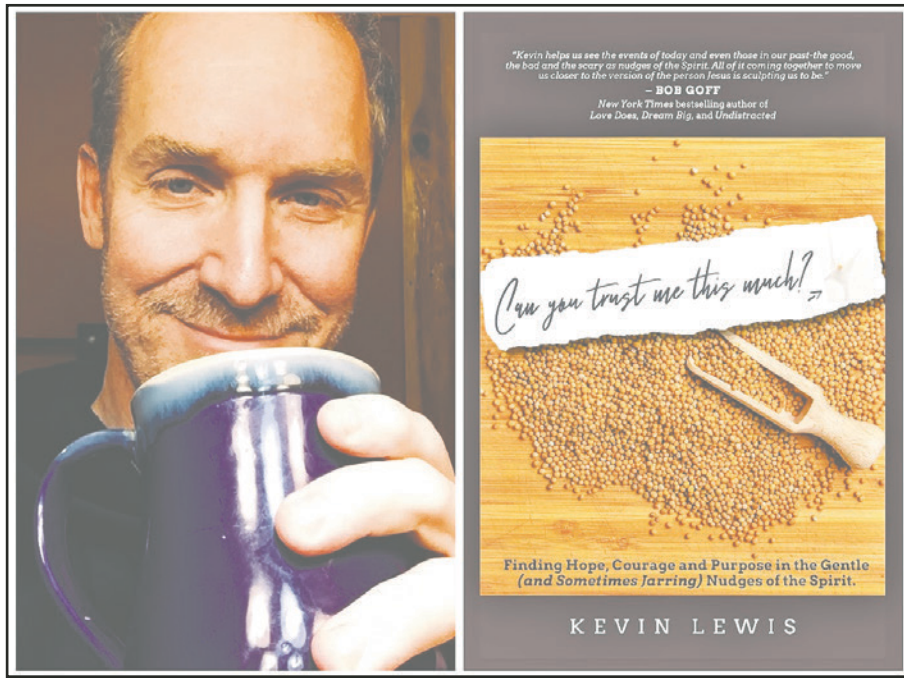


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Vinton author Kevin Lewis has a new book, “Can You Trust Me This Much?” coming out in June.

Vinton Town Council holds public hearing on proposed budget, recognizes Rail Yard Dawgs



Vinton Town Council honored the Rail Yard Dawgs hockey team for the franchise’s first ever President’s Cup Championship title at the meeting on May 16. Shown left to right are Head Coach Dan Bremner, Councilman Keith Liles, Mayor Brad Grose, Vice Mayor Mike Stovall, Councilwoman Laurie Mullins, Captain Mac Jensen, Councilwoman Sabrina McCarty, Sarah Brabham, Rail Yard Dawgs Vice President Alexandra Crutchfield, and President Mickey Gray.



PHOTOS BY DEBBIE ADAMS
Vinton Town Council recognized Public Works employees Justin Davison (on left) and Billy Robb (on right) for winning first and second place, respectively, in the Bucket Truck Competition at the Regional Public Works Rodeo. They are shown with Public Works Director Bo Herndon.

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Vinton Town Council

members held a public hearing on the proposed FY2024 budget at their meeting on May 16.

Finance Director Andrew Keen presented details of the budget to council. No input was received from


citizens. The proposed budget was presented previously to council at the meeting on May 2

by Town Manager Pete Peters and is posted on the town’s website at www.vintonva.gov.

The FY24 budget for all funds totals \$14,282,116, down 19.5% from last year, mainly due to the end of ARPA federal funding. 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.

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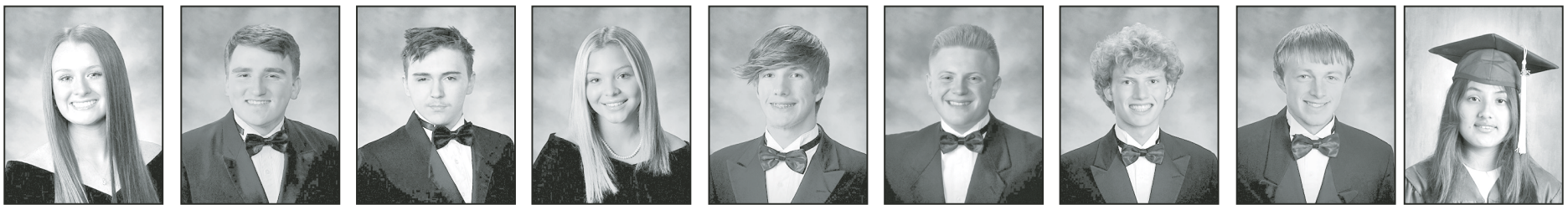
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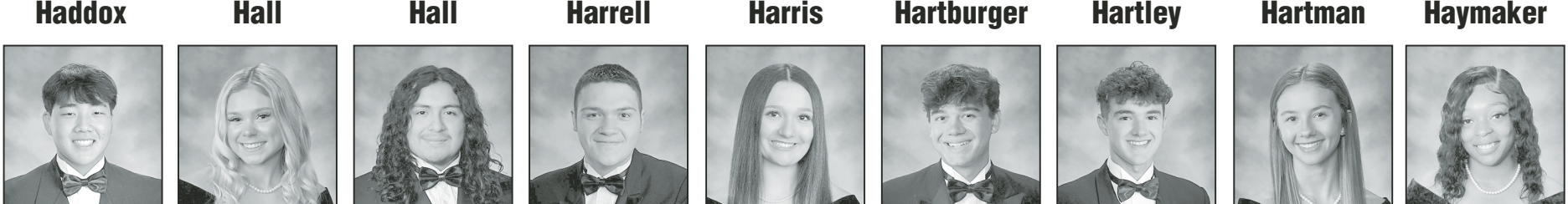
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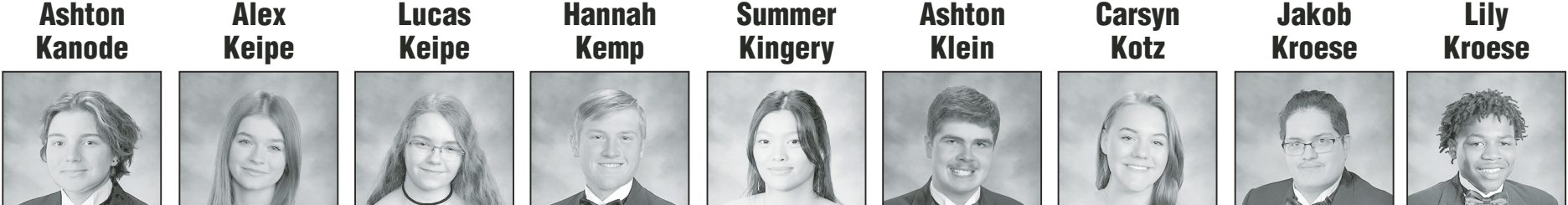
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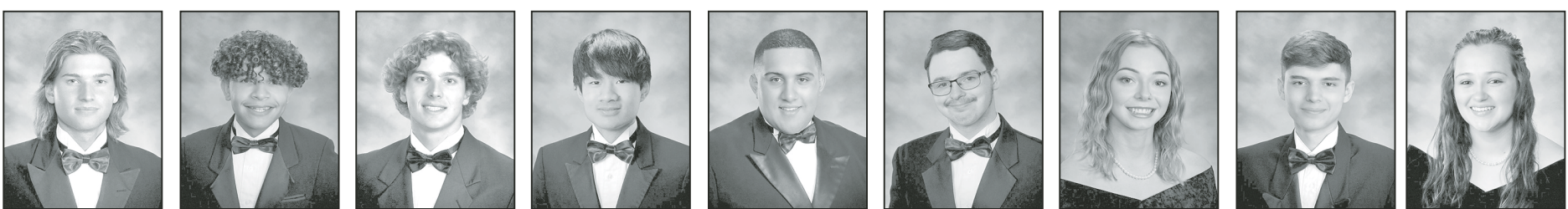
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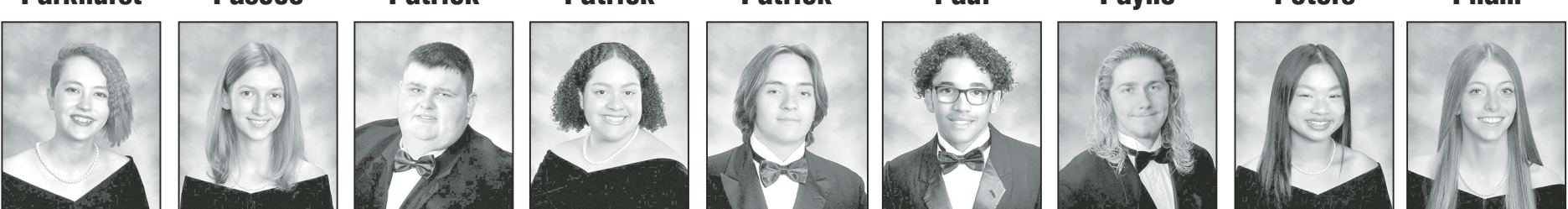
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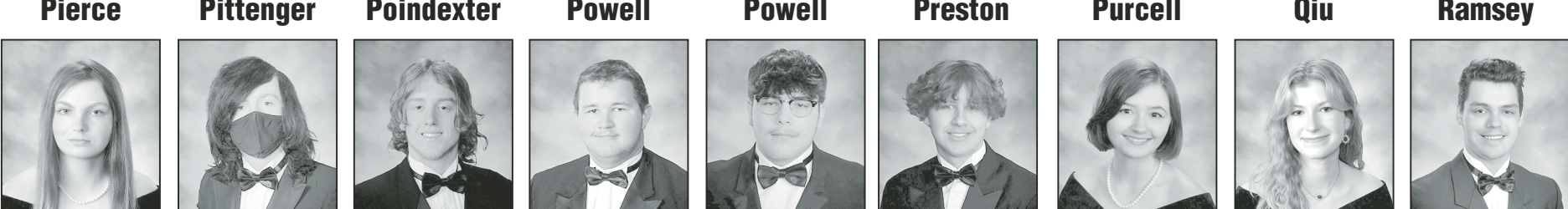
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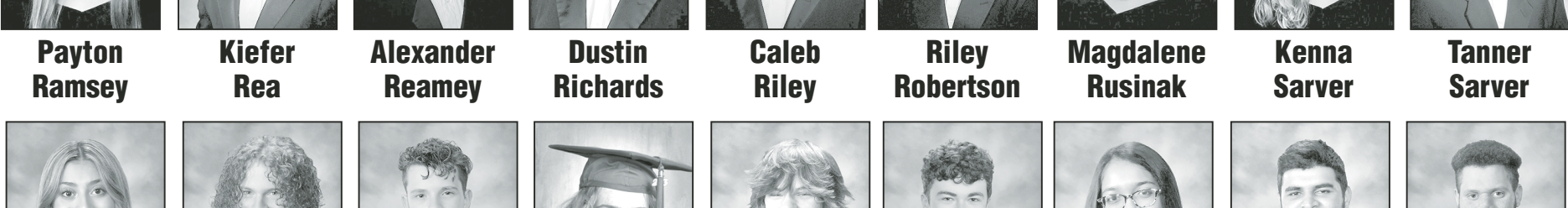
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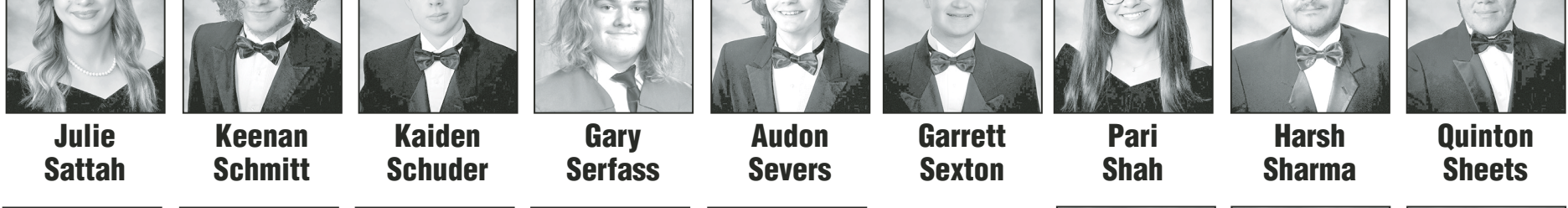
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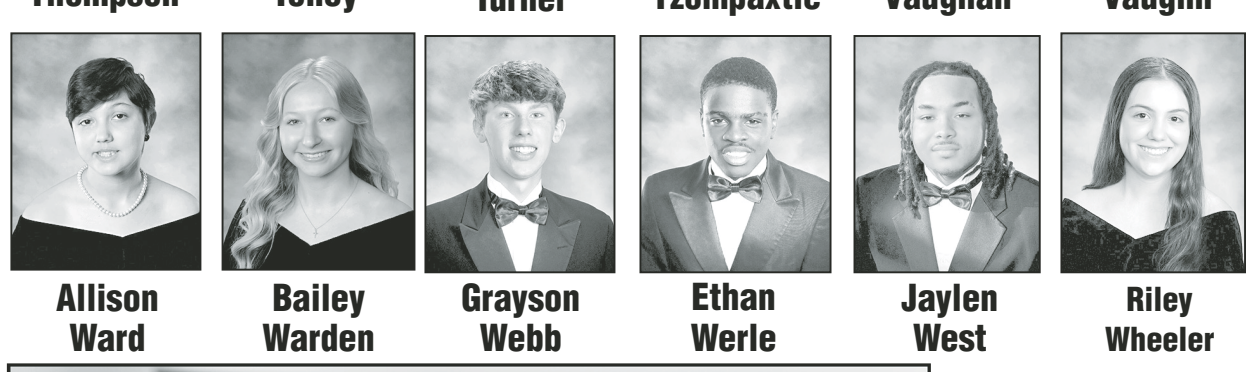


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From the Vinton Messenger

Vinton Veterinary Center wall mural almost complete



Savannah Powell (second from left) also joined the group finishing up the community portion of the painting on May 13.



Mural artist Jon Murrill will now add the finishing touches and shading to the wall mural.

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Art students and art teachers from William Byrd High School have completed their part of the wall mural at the Vinton Veterinary Specialty Services Center on Washington Avenue.

After four and a half days spread over several weekends, undeterred by inclement weather, the artists have applied base coats of paint on a scenic mural of the Blue Ridge Parkway, using brushes and rollers to rough in shapes of birds, other wildlife, trees, and people that mural artist Jon Murrill will now apply the finishing touches to.

He will be using special Montana brand artist spray paints (with specialized nozzles and caps), said to have incredible UV resistance and color longevity, to add and shade the wildlife, trees, and other elements of the mural. He will then seal it with a coat of clear anti-graffiti paint.

Students contributing their time and talents to the wall mural project have included Abbie Haroulakis, Cadence Fralin, Mikayla Blair, Hannah Johnson, Sage Kushman, Jakob Kroese, Lily Kroese, Kierstin Mabry, Lake Paul, Savannah Powell, and Lenorah Garcia. Even parents and siblings have also joined in.

WBHS art teachers Denise Sartell, Allyson Goin, and Alicia Spangler have donated their time to the project as well.

Murrill is a 2005 graduate of William Byrd and a Vinton resident. 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. He has completed several wall mural projects throughout the valley along the Greenways, and on, or inside, commercial businesses.



PHOTOS BY DEBBIE ADAMS

The group of art students and art teachers from William Byrd working on the wall mural at Vinton Veterinary Specialty Services Center on Washington Avenue included (left to right): art teacher Denise Sartell, students Kierstin Mabry and Lenorah Garcia, teacher Allyson Goin, students Lily Kroese, Jakob Kroese, Sage Kushman, and mural artist Jon Murrill.

The striking wall mural has caught the attention of those passing by on busy Washington Avenue and those who have seen the work on social media and has generated a great deal of enthusiasm for more local projects that use outdoor art. The Town of Vinton is in discussions about future mural projects with Murrill.

Murrill hopes to have this wall mural completed by the end of May. He has several other projects in the works for summer throughout the region.

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That involves increases for Public Works and Public Safety employees to bring them to market rates in positions often difficult to fill. There has been no change to the Employee Health Plan premiums—with no increase in rates.

The budget provides enhanced support for Economic Development projects and a full allocation for an “aggressive Capital Improvement Plan.”

Keen told council that town staff has been “ultra conservative” in projecting budget revenues. They foresee an increase in the state sales tax. (The town receives approximately 8% of the state sales tax collected by Roanoke County based on population.) The town also expects a hefty increase in meals tax revenues due to the opening of new restaurants in Vinton and expansion of others. Pari-mutuel tax revenues are trending upward and are expected to exceed \$1 million in FY2024.

Keen commented that “folks want to do business in Vinton,” demonstrated by an “incredible” increase to 600 business licenses in the past year. He mentioned that 19 Vinton businesses won awards from the Roanoker Magazine with “Best of 2023” awards. They will be recognized by council on June 6.

More budget details included the breakdown of expenditures by departments with Public Safety and Public

Works totaling 52% of the budget. The town currently has 69 full-time employees. Approximately 42 % of the budget goes to personnel costs, 19% to operating costs, and 17% to capital projects.

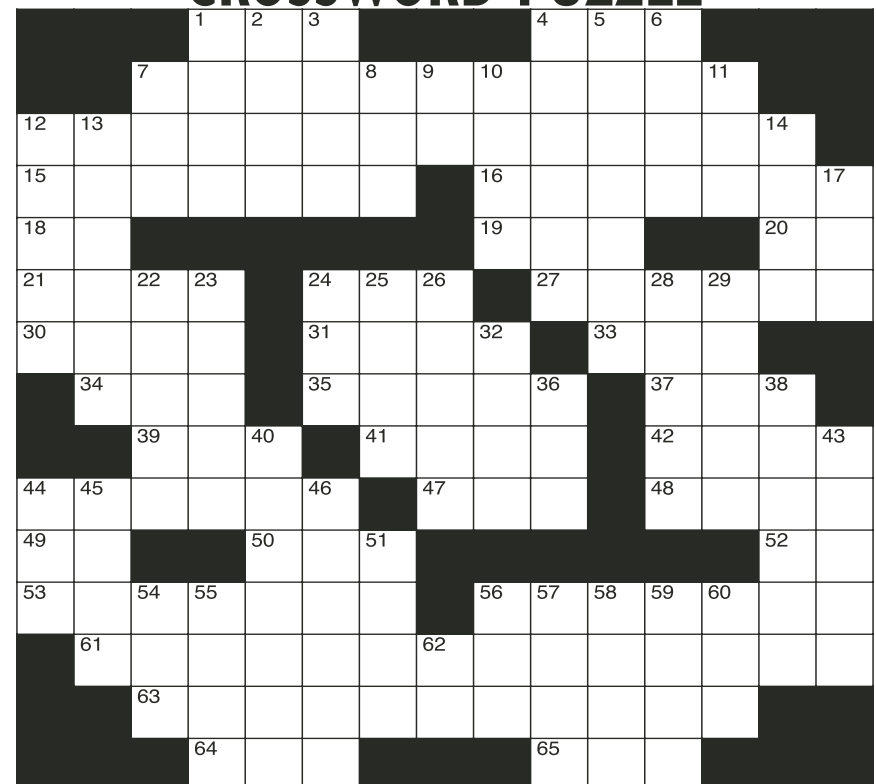
Those capital improvement projects for FY2024 will include infrastructure improvements to Pollard 107 South, Flood-Prone Hazard Mitigation and Acquisition, Community Blight Abatement and Redevelopment at the Cleveland Mart, gateway signage, replacement of a dump truck and snow plow, Phase 2 of the multi-generational park development at the site of the former Vinton Pool, the Wolf Creek Greenway restroom grant match, traffic signal improvements at Washington/Bypass, Mountain View, and Gus Nicks/Pollard, and curb, gutter, and sidewalk construction along Cleveland and Bedford.

Council will take action on the budget at the next meeting on June 6.

Public Works employees Jason Davison and Billy Robb were recognized by council. Public Works Director Bo Herndon presented them with certificates for placing in the Regional Equipment Rodeo held at the Berglund Center on April 26. Davison won first place in the Bucket Truck competition, with Robb taking second place.

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- CLUES ACROSS**
- 1. Small lump
 - 4. Helps little firms
 - 7. A way of performing
 - 12. Lawyers
 - 15. Stirred up
 - 16. Believed in
 - 18. The Bay State (abbr.)
 - 19. Makes computers
 - 20. Sodium
 - 21. As fast as can be done (abbr.)
 - 24. Institute legal proceedings against
 - 27. More compact
 - 30. Ethiopian river
 - 31. Quantitative fact
 - 33. No (Scottish)
 - 34. A concession of no great value
 - 35. Tony-winning actress Daisy
 - 37. More (Spanish)
 - 39. Russian space station
 - 41. Helicopter
 - 42. At the peak
 - 44. Makes ecstatically happy
 - 47. Excellent
 - 48. Material body
 - 49. The Golden State (abbr.)
 - 50. A unit of plane angle
 - 52. Argon
 - 53. Fancy
 - 56. Fried mixture of meat & spices
 - 61. How green plants use sunlight
 - 63. Without wills
 - 64. Unhappy
 - 65. Meat from a pig's leg
- CLUES DOWN**
- 1. Mentor
 - 2. Lyric poems
 - 3. A dry cold north wind in Switzerland
 - 4. Trapped
 - 5. Used for road surfacing
 - 6. Cuckoos
 - 7. Prefix “away from”
 - 8. Seth McFarlane comedy
 - 9. Not out
 - 10. “The Simpsons” bus driver
 - 11. Popular HBO drama (abbr.)
 - 12. Acclaimed Indian physicist
 - 13. Removes
 - 14. One-name NBA player
 - 17. Revolutionary women
 - 22. Small
 - 23. Ground-dwelling songbird
 - 24. Midway between south and southeast
 - 25. American state
 - 26. Keen
 - 28. Khoikhoi peoples
 - 29. Int'l defense organization
 - 32. Samoan money
 - 36. A sign of assent
 - 38. One from Somalia
 - 40. Boat race
 - 43. Trims
 - 44. French coins
 - 45. Indigenous Scandinavian
 - 46. Flew alone
 - 51. Loch where a “monster” lives
 - 54. Japanese title
 - 55. Pros and ___
 - 56. Present in all living cells
 - 57. Something to scratch
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Faithfulness as used in Scripture usually refers to one's belief or faith in God, in His Son, in His Gospel, by which one is saved through grace. But, in context, faithfulness takes on a different meaning; instead, it is referring to a person, someone who is trustworthy and/or dependable. This characteristic is a direct reflection of God's faithfulness to His creation. 2 Peter 1:3-9 says, "His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature, having escaped the corruption in the

world caused by evil desires. "For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith, goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; and to godliness, mutual affection; and to mutual affection, love. "For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. But whoever does not have them is nearsighted and blind, forgetting that they have been cleansed from their past sins." Faithfulness refers to the commitment found in a believer. Commitment to the Word of God and allowing it to change them from the inside outward ultimately changing the world around them too!

Council

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Council issued a proclamation declaring May 21-27 as "Public Works Week" in the Town of Vinton, which said, in part, "Public Works services provided in the town are an integral part of our citizens, institutions, businesses, and industries' everyday lives and well-being. Public Works staff also provide critical response capabilities, experience, and support in times of emergency; the health, safety, economic growth and quality of life in our town greatly depend on these vital Public Works services." Mayor Brad Grose noted that "the Public Works Department touches the lives of thousands of people every day." Vinton Director of Community Programs Chasity Barbour read a proclamation recognizing May 2023 as "Small Business

Appreciation Month" in the Town of Vinton. The proclamation stated, "The local business community creates jobs, grows the local tax base, and drives traffic within the Town of Vinton to support the local economy; public-private partnerships are the backbone of economic development which catalyze the attraction of new businesses and the retention and expansion of existing businesses; and the Town of Vinton recognizes the accomplishments of Vinton's entrepreneurs, small and medium-size businesses, and major employers that contribute greatly to building and sustaining Vinton's economy." Town Council also welcomed representatives from the Rail Yard Dawgs hockey team who recently made history

by winning the franchise's first-ever Presidents Cup Championship title. Several council members are avid hockey fans, having grown up in Vinton skating, playing hockey, or just watching games at the Lancerlot. "The Town of Vinton is proud to celebrate this victory with the Rail Yard Dawgs and be a part of hockey history in the Roanoke Valley by once being home to the Virginia Lancers, a predecessor of the Rail Yard Dawgs, who played at the Lancerlot Sports Complex in Vinton," said Mayor Grose. Henry Brabham, a former Vintonite, founded the East Coast Hockey League and helped build the Lancerlot Sports Complex to be home to the Virginia Lancers. The mayor noted that Brabham served on Town Council and was appointed mayor when

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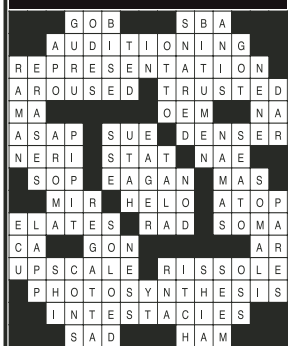
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VINTON

WATCH OUT FOR PRIDE

Read 2 Chronicles 24:1 through 26:23

After Uzziah became powerful, his pride led to his downfall. He was unfaithful to the Lord his God, and entered the temple of the Lord to burn incense on the altar of incense (2 Chronicles 26:16).

Uzziah became king in Judah at sixteen years of age. During his reign, he fortified towers, dug wells, increased agriculture, invented weapons, and raised an impressive army. However, after forty blessed and prosperous years as king, he made a monumental mistake in judgment. He let pride settle in.

He entered into the sanctuary to offer incense on the golden altar, a ministry rite belonging to the consecrated temple priests, not him. When the high priest, along with a band of eighty priests, withstood him, Uzziah became furious. While screaming back at the priests, leprosy broke out on Uzziah's forehead. Sadly, he remained a leper, living in an isolated home until the day he died.

Pride can slip into a believer's life almost unnoticed. The consequences are never good. If pride ever raises its ugly head, deal with it immediately. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you.

Thought for Today: Humility is our best defense against pride.

Quicklook: 2 Chronicles 26:16-23

VA 24016. A spiritual event is held on the 2nd Sunday of each month at 10:30 a.m. Since contracting COVID-19 may still be possible, please take the health steps that are best for you. It is appreciated that by attending you are taking responsibility for your own health. Visit www.eck-va.org, www.meetup.com/Roanoke-Spiritual-Experiences * Group* or call 540-353-5365 for other Eckankar programs and for more information about how the teachings of Eckankar can lead you to spiritual freedom.

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LUTHERAN

ST. TIMOTHY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH, "The Church Under The Cross", 1201 Hardy Rd, Vinton VA 24179, Pastor, Rev. Dr. James B. Davis (540) 342- 1715, Sunday School 10:00am, Worship 11:00am, sttimothy1201@verizon.net.

NAZARENE

FIRST CHURCH OF NAZARENE, 728 Highland Ave., SE, Roanoke, Virginia. 342-4003. Sunday Morning Wor-

ship 10:30 a.m., Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Wednesday Night Bible Study 7 p.m.

PRESBYTERIAN

CAMPBELL MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1130 Hardy Rd, Vinton, VA, 540-343-1842; cmcpc2verizon.net Sunday school 9:45am, Worship 11:00am; Communion 1st Su.ndays; 2nd Sunday Session; Monday Noon Bible Study; Tuesdays & Thursdays Stretch Class 9:00am; 1st Tuesdays Deacons; Wednesday Choir 7:00pm; Monday Girl Scouts 7:00pm; 3rd Saturday Men's Breakfast 8:00am. Rev. Jonathan Moelker, pastor

UNITED METHODIST

THREE OAKS FELLOWSHIP UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - 1026 Gravel Hill Road, Vinton, Va. 540-512-8070. Pastor: Rev. Dr. Rob Colwell. Sunday School - 9:45 a.m., Worship 11 a.m.

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VINTON WESLEYAN CHURCH - 246 E. Jefferson Ave., Pastor Ricardo Rodriguez, 345-3385; Sunday Worship Service 11:00 AM and 6:00 PM. Sunday School for all ages, 10:00 AM, Wednesday Night Life Ministries - Children - Awana; G-5 Youth Ministry; Adult Bible Study 6:30 PM.

Vinton War Memorial hosts Relay for Life Survivor/Caregiver Dinner



The Vinton War Memorial recently hosted the Relay for Life Survivor/Caregiver Dinner.

The Vinton War Memorial hosted the Relay for Life Survivor/Caregiver Dinner for the American Cancer Society Relay for Life of Virginia's Blue Ridge on April 21. Approximately 50 survivors, caregivers, and their guests attended the event, which honored and celebrated cancer survivors and their caregivers from across the Blue Ridge area.

A spaghetti dinner, along with salad and desserts, was donated by Lib & Amy Catering.

The program was highlighted by a survivor and a caregiver speaker each sharing their respective stories about their journeys. Many door prizes were donated and awarded to the attendees.

The event organizers would like to thank the Vinton War Memorial for their continued support in hosting this special night.

This year's 2023 American Cancer Society Relay for Life will be held at the Salem Civic Center on Saturday, May 20, from 2 to 9:30 p.m.

For more information Google Relay for Life of Virginia's Blue Ridge or contact Erika Newberry at Erika.Newberry@cancer.org.

Relay For Life is the world's largest volunteer-based fundraising event. For more than 36 years, communities across the world have come together to honor and remember loved ones and to take action for lifesaving change. Organizers strive to make this event as safe as possible and follow local COVID-related guidelines.

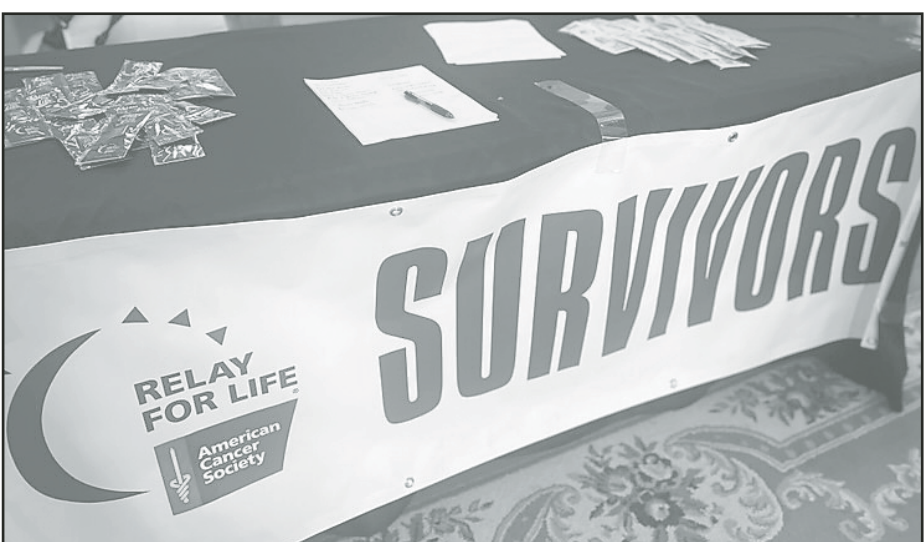
At Relay For Life, you'll find community members taking turns walking around a track lined with luminaria bags. You'll have the opportunity to cheer for local survivors (or participate as a survivor) in the first lap of the day. Caregivers of cancer patients (currently or previously diagnosed) will then be invited to join the Survivors. As it gets dark, we will light the luminaria bags surrounding the track in a memorable luminaria ceremony.

The American Cancer Society is a volunteer driven, staff supported 501C-3 non-profit organization, whose mission is to improve the lives of people with cancer and their families through advocacy, research, and patient support, to ensure everyone has an opportunity to prevent, detect, treat, and survive cancer.

With over 1.5 million volunteers nationwide, the ACS is the leading cancer-fighting organization with a vision of ending cancer as we know it, for everyone. Find out more by visiting cancer.org or calling 1.800.227.2345.

- \$5B invested in research since 1946
- 3.2M patients served in the last decade
- 16.9M cancer survivors alive today
- 1M+ cancer screenings in underserved communities

Submitted by Suzy Lawrence



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This year's Relay for Life of Virginia's Blue Ridge will be held at the Salem Civic Center on May 20 beginning at 2 p.m.



The Order of the Eastern Star Virginia Hillcrest Chapter 159 hosted a dinner at the Vinton War Memorial on May 12 to benefit the Shriner's Children's Hospitals. Shown left to right, seated, are Dolores Switzer, Susan Moxley, Doris Smith, and Dr. Nancy Dye; standing, Larry Moxley, Dexter Gaines, Mildred Scott, Congressman Ben Cline, Rhonnie Smith, and Dr. Kevin Dye.

Order of the Eastern Star dinner benefits Shriner's Hospitals

The Order of the Eastern Star Virginia Hillcrest Chapter 159 hosted a dinner at the Vinton War Memorial on May 12 to benefit the Kazim Shriner's Children's Hospitals. Order of the Eastern Star and its subordinate jurisdictions have enjoyed a long and rewarding relationship with the Shrine Charities working together to support children in need.

The Grand Chapter of Virginia Order of the Eastern Star is a renowned organization committed to community service activities and outreach. Their members are dedicated women and men who sincerely reflect the spirit of fraternal love and desire to work together for the greater good.

By giving their time and energy to meaningful projects that include charity fundraising, supporting community youth, and

fellowship/community outreach, members strive to embody their defining principles of fidelity, constancy, loyalty, faith and love.

The event was facilitated by Jackie and David Peale. About 90 guests attended

the dinner, which was catered by Mildred Scott. Entertainment was provided by the Lee Palmer Band.

The event included a silent auction, a 50/50 raffle and door prizes, including some of Scott's famous homemade cakes.



PHOTOS BY DEBBIE ADAMS

Jackie and David Peale facilitated the Order of the Eastern Star dinner at the Vinton War Memorial on May 12



"I first started working for a funeral home when I was in high school and I watched how the directors helped families and saw how they made families' grief easier and helped them get through the things they were going through and decided that's what I wanted to do. I wanted to help folks."

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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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Cadet Jamey Rowlett, Military Officer Association of America, Southwest Virginia Chapter MOAA JROTC Medal



Cadet Trevor Robinson, The Military Order of the World Wars Roanoke Chapter Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps Medal of Merit.



Cadet William Sloane, The Major James Milton Archer, Jr., Award

The certificate for this award reads, “Military Order of World Wars proudly presents its Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps Medal of Merit to Cadet Trevor Robinson for displaying abilities that led to individual and team success, for exemplary leadership, military skills, and service to the community, for exemplifying self-esteem, self-discipline, and self-improvement, and for dedication to the principles of duty, honor, and country.” Cadet Robinson participated in all 16 Color Guard ceremonies this school year.

“The Military Officer Association of America, Southwest Virginia Chapter” presented its award to Cadet Jamey Rowlett for demonstrating potential for leadership. The certificate reads: “The Southwest Virginia Chapter is proud to present the MOAA JROTC medal to Cadet Jamey Rowlett for having demonstrated exceptional potential for military leadership as a member of the Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps for school year 2022-2023.”

“The Major James Milton Archer, Jr., Award” was presented to Cadet William Sloane. His certificate reads: “The Southwest Virginia Chapter MOAA is pleased to present the Major James M. Archer, Jr. award to Cadet William Sloane of William Byrd High School

for the cadet’s outstanding academic, community service, and leadership qualities that demonstrate exceptional potential for military leadership while a member of the JROTC program. Cadet Sloane received a plaque for “distinguished Senior JROTC Midshipman”; along with a scholarship check for \$50.00.

The Navy established the NNDCC in 2008 and offers the program to qualifying secondary educational institutions. The program provides schools who do not qualify for a Navy Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps (NJROTC) unit (due to enrollment numbers) an opportunity to provide a similar program designed to expand students’ opportunities to gain the values of citizenship, service to the United States, personal responsibility, and a sense of accomplishment.

The program has been described as a citizenship development program based on a military model with a major goal of completing community service projects which make a positive impact on the local community.

To host an NNDCC unit, the school must be approved by the Secretary of the Navy and enter into an agreement with the Naval Service Training Command.



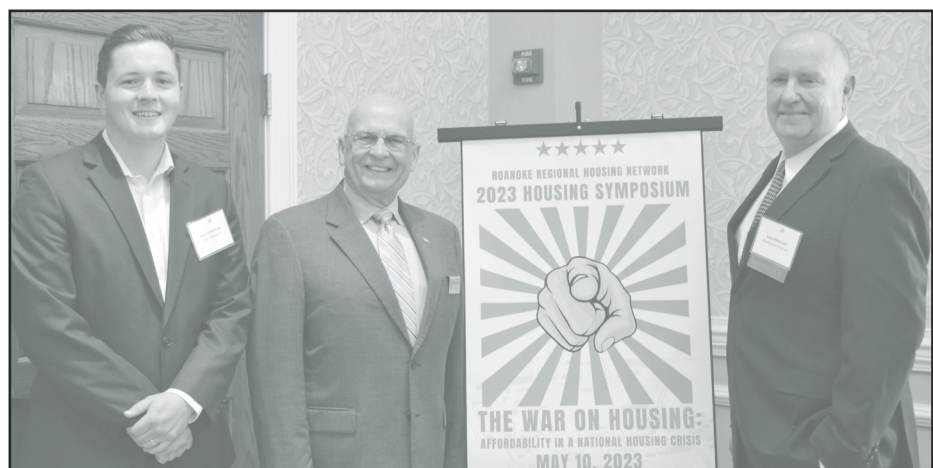
Cadet Katelin Patrick, The American Veterans JROTC Award

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Roanoke Regional Housing Network meets at Vinton War Memorial for Symposium on Affordable Housing



Panelists (from left) Jeff Reed, Dale Wilkinson, and Jillian Papa Moore discussed “Overcoming the Challenges of Incentivizing Affordable Housing.”



Vinton Assistant Planning and Zoning Director Nathan McClung (on left) serves as vice chair of the Roanoke Regional Housing Network. He facilitated the Symposium on Affordable Housing at the Vinton War Memorial on May 10. Vinton Mayor Brad Grose (center) and developer Dale Wilkinson were guest speakers.

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The Roanoke Regional Housing Network (RRHN) held its 2023 Symposium at the Vinton War Memorial on May 10. The topic was “The War on Housing: Affordability in a National Housing Crisis.” Approximately 125 attendees represented social service agencies, realtors, builders, financial institutions, local governments, and non-profit agencies.

Nathan McClung, Assistant Director of Planning and Zoning for the Town of Vinton and Vice Chair of the RRHN, welcomed guests and described the mission of the RRHN, which is “to serve as a collective of housing advocates that assists the public, private, and non-profit sectors in providing safe, accessible, and affordable housing through education and communication in the Roanoke Valley.”

He then introduced Vinton Mayor Brad Grose. “As mayor of Vinton, I am delighted to welcome you to our great town,” Grose said. “I am glad that you are ‘In Vinton! Of course, ‘In Vinton’ is our marketing slogan. I certainly consider it a great honor to be with people that I hold in such high regard. I am keenly aware of your efforts, and I admire you deeply for what you are doing.

“In addition to serving as mayor, I also served as chair of the Roanoke Valley-Allegany Regional Commission for six years. So, I’ve had the opportunity to meet some outstanding, dedicated people, who are working diligently on the various challenges we have in our region. Thankfully, we are making progress in many areas such as: economic development, the environment, education, and recreation, just to name a few quality-of-life issues. But you, and the cause you pursue, are really something special!

“Your mission as advocates for modern, safe, and affordable housing is one that I greatly admire and enthusiastically support! There are few pursuits in life that are any greater than yours. How could anything be more important than providing proper housing? You help in providing housing, that becomes homes, and that is a core requirement for stable families and a strong community.

“I think we can claim some success here in the Town of Vinton in expanding our modern housing stock. In just the past few years we have added over one hundred new, modern, affordable housing units, both apartments and single-family dwellings, and there have been many home remodels. We have been blessed with great developers who want to contribute to our community

while making a profit. Nothing wrong with making a profit. In fact, we must diligently assist our developers as they work to improve our community in a profitable manner.

“Just a few days ago, I had a great conversation with a young man who lives in the Roland E. Cook Lofts apartments. He described how he often sees his neighbors talking with each other in the hallways. He also mentioned that he feels safe enough to walk his dog on our streets here in Vinton. The former school building has a common area or community room that the residents use for special occasions or to just ‘hang out’ and relax. So, I hesitate to call it a former school building, or structure; it’s actually a neighborhood, or a community within our town. It’s a great place, an awesome part of Vinton.

“Recently, we updated the Town of Vinton ordinance for additional housing by allowing accessory dwelling units on single family lots, as well as changes to our requirements for mixed-use development and our density standards.

“The Town of Vinton has had some great economic development success in the past few years. I celebrate our accomplishments and appreciate everyone involved in our progress. I thank God for where he has brought us. There are many goals that economic development can help us obtain, such as safe neighborhoods, good streets, recreational opportunities, a thriving business community, good government services, and the list goes on. In my opinion, part of successful economic development must include safe, modern, affordable housing.”

Grose then talked about the importance of communication with citizens in undertaking economic development projects. He described a recent community meeting he attended on a new mixed-use development project at the Cleveland Mart. Over 100 voices were sent to nearby residents inviting them to the meeting, but only four showed up. Zoning ordinances did not require that the developers hold the meeting; they arranged the meeting and invited members of town council and staff to introduce themselves and communicate their plans.

Mayor Grose said he was not discouraged because the four who attended—a former town councilman and his wife, a nearby homeowner, and the pastor of a church in the neighborhood would be able to carry back to the community the message that the new project would “be a nice development which would add character to the neighborhood.”

McClung next introduced Johnathan Knopf, Executive Director for Programs from HousingForward VA, who shared a wealth of information on “what

affordable housing is, current housing trends in 2022 and what to expect in the future.” He noted that the current crisis in affordable housing is the result of low supply and high demand. Rents have been rapidly rising. The average home is out of reach for the average renter across Virginia. He spoke of making affordable housing from the supply side and making housing affordable from the demand side.

Next up was a panel discussion titled “From Policy to Practice: Overcoming the Challenges of Incentivizing Affordable Housing” which included Jeff Reed from Community Housing Partners, developer Dale Wilkinson from the Wilkinson Group, and Jillian Papa Moore from the City of Roanoke Planning, Building, and Development Department. Knopf moderated the discussion.

Community Housing Partners is a non-profit organization which has built over 6,000 apartment units from Maryland to Florida. Their goal is to develop affordable rental housing for low and moderate-income families. One challenge they face is the stigma of the “affordable housing” label and resistance from the surrounding community to larger housing units in their neighborhoods.

The for-profit Wilkinson Group has completed several economic development projects in Vinton (including the Roland E. Cook Lofts and Vinyard Station) and many others across the region.

Wilkinson described a new economic development project his company has undertaken, “Harvest at Blue Ridge” in Botetourt County. The plan is for a traditional neighborhood development with higher density residential, commercial, and mixed-use dwellings—the creation of a walkable community.

Moore discussed challenges the City of Roanoke has faced recently with citizen opposition to proposed zoning changes to allow for construction of apartment complexes in areas zoned for single-family dwellings.

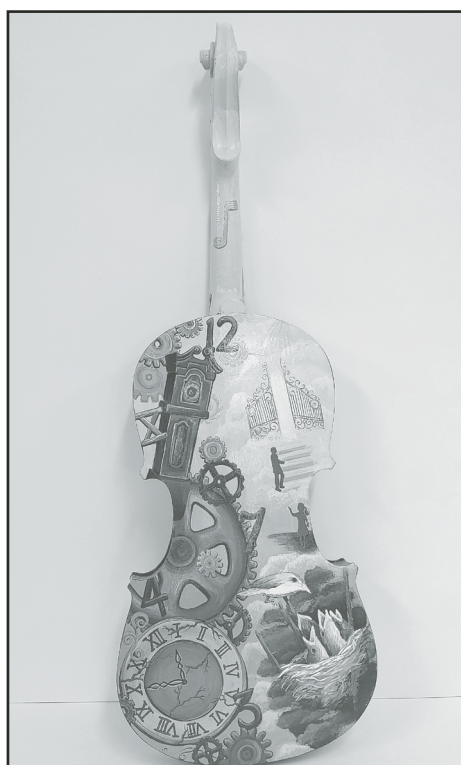
The next panel, made up of Brian Burnette, the Director of Homeless Services, Council of Community Services, Mahalia Dryden-Mason, Fair Housing Training Specialist for the Virginia Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation, and Mel Jones, research scientist and Associate Director of the Virginia Center for Housing Research at Virginia Tech, addressed the topic of “Housing as a Human Right: Addressing the Needs of Vulnerable Populations.” Chris Chittum, serving as an Apprentice for Assistant City Manager in the City of Roanoke, moderated the discussion.

The Keynote Address was presented by Decca Knight, founder of Standing for Equity in the Roanoke Valley (SERV). Her topic was “Implicit Bias and the History of Housing.”

Artists from page 1



Goin's theme for her painted violin was "Time." Here is her beautiful work on the front surface of the violin.



Goin chose to paint her violin front and back.

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Violins Project is meant to make the community aware of the deficits in the Roanoke area in string education. Their ultimate goal is "building tomorrow's symphony."

The RSO says, "String education is at the core of the Roanoke Symphony's Educational Programming. Students in Roanoke and the surrounding communities have limited access to string education. While we have worked to take action in closing the gap between our community and string education, there is always more we can do. Like many arts organizations in our community, the youth ensemble programs in Studio: RSO have declined through the Covid-19 pandemic and without proper outreach, engagement, and interest, these student ensembles will continue to suffer."

"The Painted Violins Project directly supports the initiatives of musical education at the RSO. Not only will this project engage community support and interest in string education, but it will also open the conversation to the importance of the arts in our community. Our hope with project is to be able to bring more string educators, teachers, performers, and opportunities to the students we serve."

One of the 12 artists selected for the Painted Violins Project is Allyson Goin, who has been teaching art at William Byrd High School for 23 years.

"I applied and was chosen," Goin explains. "I had to submit a resume,

show pieces of art I'd done, and explain why I wanted to be a part of the project. They chose who would be a part of the project, called us, and then provided us with the violins to paint."

"We submitted a proposal for our theme, a sketch of our design," she says. Goin chose the theme of "Harmony of Nature and Time."

"The last few years I have found myself reflecting on 'time' and how it affects everything around us," Goin said. "I chose to visually represent 'time' through the changing of seasons, metamorphosis, birth/nurturing, and death— while also showing ways we have and continue to tell time: sundial, pocket watch, hourglass, cracked clock, and grandfather clock."

"We then had set dates to check in with the person in charge so they could make sure we were staying on track, and they wanted to see how things were going," Goin notes. "It was well organized, and Hannah Cox (Community Engagement and Education Director of the RSO) then had a great variety of places to put the violins on display to show them off while raffle tickets were sold."

The RSO hosted an Artists Reception Cocktail Hour and Gallery of the Painted Violins Project at the Hotel Roanoke, inviting all local teachers to attend and giving each one free ticket to the raffle.

The Painting Violins Project has been a great success and has raised thousands of dollars for string education.

PEOPLE, PLACES AND THINGS



I hope everyone had a great Mother's Day. I know I sure did! We celebrated at our house with all our favorite people. Greg and I hosted Mom (Bootie), my brother Greg, my son Drake and his wife Hannah, daughter Abbie, Hannah's parents—Steve and Tara Jones—and sister Emilee, with her fiancé Holden. We also called daughter Cydney and facetime'd with her and Grandson Kellen. There were a few missing, but we enjoyed the laid-back fun day.

If you don't have plans this weekend — I sure have a list for you

to check out:

The Vinton Chamber will host our Second Annual Vinton Palooza on the beautiful lawn of the Vinton War Memorial from 1-6 p.m. We will have food and craft vendors, children's activities, adult games, cold adult beverages, and great music provided by Solacoustix. If you haven't heard them, you are missing out. Come join us — \$10 entry, kids under 12 free.

Plus,

- Lancerlot will host the first annual Push/Pull by the pool. Charity event for first responders and veterans along with a raffle to help

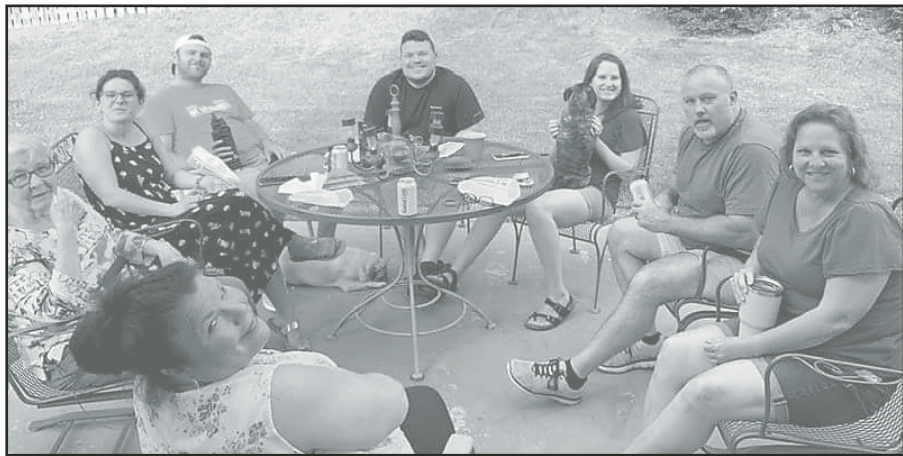
the children of Danielle Holloman. 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Deadlift ONLY: \$15; Bench ONLY: \$15; Deadlift & Bench: \$30. Prizes to top overall male & female. Trophy to top overall team of 3.

- Vinton Cruise-In Car Show from 3-6 p.m.

- Vinton Farmers Market
- Palooza Music Bingo After party at Twin Creeks Brewing Co. from 6:30-9:30 p.m.

- Shattered Glass Band at Rosie's Gaming in Vinton 8 to 11 p.m.

- Public Paper Shredding Event from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Vinton Municipal Building, no more than 3 boxes. Free!



The Chewing family celebrates Mother's Day 2023.

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times.

On one of his podcasts, Lewis interviewed beloved William Byrd High School coach and teacher Barry Trent, one of the "great influencers" who "had a life-changing impact" on Lewis' life. Lewis says that in high school he was convinced that he was going to be an Olympic wrestler. He "learned a lot from Coach Trent off the wrestling mat," and that "there is more to life than competition." He especially remembers that Trent ended every practice with prayer.

The theme of his podcasts is "This life is a journey, for many a spiritual one. But spiritual or not, life is hard and sometimes turns upside down leaving us in search of what's next. Don't be pressured by the world saying you have to have it all figured out. Because it's not true. You are not alone and together we just have to figure out 'The Next Step.'"

The title of his new book, "Can You Trust Me This Much?" derives from a mass shooting at a medical clinic in his town of Buffalo, Minn., that brought him to ask that question.

"On February 9, 2021, a mass shooting occurred in our town," Lewis shares. "I didn't know it then but a conversation with a student and a reply from a podcast host were about to change my life."

"The town was on lockdown and then we got the 'all clear' to hold classes—and return to a sliver of normal. One of my five-year-old students asked if I had 'heard about the man who took the gun and shot the people dead?' I was not prepared to try and answer his question. I thought back to when I was his age. All I could think of was how five-year-olds shouldn't have to think of questions like this."

"That night I got a reply from podcast host and New York Times best-selling author Bob Goff," Lewis continues. "I had emailed him that morning asking him to be thinking about our small town. He assured me of his prayers, but hoped I was taking notes. He thought I had a book or two in me."

"I laughed because at the time I was working six or seven days, 60 to 75 hours a week running my gym. But Bob was right, and I just made my long days longer. I've heard about the hard life challenges we all face—the really hard ones, the ones that make you wonder, 'If there is a God, how do these things happen?'"

Lewis considered the story of the mustard seed. "God asks us to have faith the size of an itty, bitty, tiny mustard seed. Now that shouldn't be so hard, should it? And yet, so many times we experience difficult, even traumatic events in our lives that make us ask questions like, 'If God loves us and wants the very best for us, why does He allow such horrible things to happen?'"

Each time Lewis prayed, he heard the words, "Can you trust me this much?" Those words kept replaying in his mind over and over again. He eventually wrote those six words down on strips of paper and Scotch-taped a



Author Kevin Lewis graduated from William Byrd High School in the Class of 1988. He was a wrestler and football player at Byrd.

mustard seed to each one. He proceeded to place the strips in random places. They were in his house, his business, on his computer, and even in his car.

What he discovered was how the traumatic events we all face in life can either destroy us or bring us to a place where we realize our pain has a purpose. "And when we finally get real and have the crazy courage to face the big hurts—those life-changing events— we can answer with certainty, 'Yes, yes, I can trust you this much!'"

In his book, "I wrote about all the uncertain times from my life. Everything from Little League life lessons through making the decision to sell the business. I talk about working up the courage to ask the prettiest girl to dance, and lessons learned from wrestling and football. I even share about the time in high school I nearly committed suicide, the beautiful story of how a teammate and a coach came alongside to help and how all of that led to me unknowingly move 1200 miles away, buy a gymnastics gym, coach young ladies in a sport I'd never participated in, and how that ended up saving the life of one of my young athletes who was contemplating suicide."

"What I found was the answer I wished I'd had for my five-year-old student the night of the shooting. That even in those really hard circumstances we can find courage, hope, and purpose," Lewis said.

"I eventually sold the gym but kept writing and was able to attend a writers' conference out at Bob Goff's



His book is the result of a conversation with best-selling author Bob Goff.

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place, The Oaks. The book is done and comes out this June. It's already been picked up as a featured book for FaithBox.

"Unfortunately, those really hard events and mass shootings continue, making the message of my book more relevant than ever before."

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You may preorder Lewis's book at www.hizworks.com and follow him on Facebook and Instagram. Check out his podcasts with Coach Barry Trent and Camp Bethel Director Barry Lenoir at <https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/the-next-step/id1613368608>.



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Employment

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Legals - Botetourt County

ABC NOTICE

SHREE HARE RAM LLC., trading as ROADSIDE MARKET, 10761 W LYNCHBURG SALEM TURNPIKE, MONTVALE, VA. 24122.

The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) AUTHORITY for a WINE AND BEER OFF PREMISES license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages.

SAI KRISHNA CHEERANJEEVI, OWNER

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.

Legals - City of Radford

ABC NOTICE

RIVER CITY DISTILLERY, LLC., trading as RIVER CITY DISTILLERY, 92 HARVEY ST. RADFORD VA 24141.

The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) AUTHORITY for a DISTILLERY license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages.

CHARLES COSMATO, Managing/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.

Legals - City of Salem

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 or before MAY 31, 2023. APRIL 11, 2023 STACY L. OWEN, DEPUTY CLERK

NORTH CAROLINA ALAMANCE COUNTY

IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE

DISTRICT COURT DIVISION

BEFORE THE CLERK

23 SP 74
23 SP 73

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION

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

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 no 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 herein.

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:
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 E-Mail: efederickjst@triad.rr.com

Legals - City of Salem

ABC NOTICE

DBH Salem Concessions, LLC, trading as DBH Salem Concessions, 1004 Texas St. Salem VA, 24153.

The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) AUTHORITY for a Wine and Beer ON and OFF Premises license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages.

Chirag Mithani, VP/Secretary

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.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to all interested persons that the Board of Zoning Appeals of the City of Salem, Virginia will hold a public hearing, in accordance with the provisions of Sections 15.2-2204 and 15.2-2309 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, on May 25, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 114 North Broad Street, in the City of Salem, Virginia, to consider the following applications. The request of Boone Thomas LLC, property owners, for a variance from Section 106-208.3(B)(1) of the City of Salem Zoning Ordinance pertaining to site development regulations, for the property located at 100 block Richfield Avenue, Tax Map # 120-1-3. The petitioners are requesting a 13 foot rear-yard setback variance to allow for the construction of a house and deck. Section 106-208.3(B)(1) states that single-family dwellings shall conform with the setback requirements of Section 106-202.3(B)(1), which requires a 25 foot rear-yard setback. At this hearing, all parties in interest will be given an opportunity to be heard, present evidence, and show cause why such requests should or should not be granted. For additional information, contact the Office of the Zoning Administrator, 21 South Bruffey Street, Salem, Virginia (Phone 3753032).

THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS OF THE CITY OF SALEM

BY: Mary Ellen H. Wines, CZA, CFM Planning & Zoning Administrator

PUBLIC NOTICE

Cellco Partnership and its controlled affiliates doing business as Verizon Wireless (Verizon Wireless) proposes to collocate wireless communications antennas at a centerline height of 82 feet on the rooftop of a building with an overall height of 90 feet at the approx. vicinity of 220 E Main St., Salem, City of Salem, VA 24153. Public comments regarding potential effects from this site on historic properties may be submitted within 30 days from the date of this publication to: Trileaf Corp, Elsie,e.boone@trileaf.com, 8600 LaSalle Road, Suite 301, Towson, MD 21286, 410-853-7128.

Order of Publication

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE CITY OF SALEM

CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA, complainant, vs. GEORGE W. WELCH, et al, Respondents.

Case No. CL 39-2-5 TO: THE RESPONDENTS: The object of this suit is to enforce the lien for taxes assessed by the City of Salem, Virginia against certain real property designated as Tax Map Parcel No. 39-2-5 An affidavit having been made and filed that diligence has been used without effect to ascertain the location of George W. Welch and Mary Elizabeth Welch and that there are or may be persons with an interest in the subject property, including heirs,

Legals - City of Salem

devises, and successors in title of George W. Welch and Mary Elizabeth Welch, who may be deceased, whose names and addresses are unknown, it is hereby ORDERED that each of the parties appear on or before the 5th of June, 2023, and do whatever is necessary to protect their interest in said land. It is further ORDERED, pursuant to Va. Code Ann. §8.01-321, that this Order of Publication be published for two successive weeks in the Salem Times Register, a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Salem, and that a copy be posted at the front door of the courthouse in the City of Salem, Virginia. Entered this 4th day of May, 2023. Chance Crawford, Clerk I ask for this: Mark D. Kidd, Esquire-VSB#24149 OPN Law 3140Chaparral Drive, Suite 200-C Roanoke VA 24018 Phone: (540) 725-4700 Fax:(540)772-0126 E-Mail: mkidd@opnlaw.com Counsel for Complainant

Order of Publication

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE CITY OF SALEM

CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA, complainant, vs. MARY LUE GRAVES, et al, Respondents.

Case No. CL 23-103 TO: THE RESPONDENTS: The object of this suit is to enforce the lien for taxes assessed by the City of Salem, Virginia against certain real property designated as Tax Map Parcel No. 160-3-4 An affidavit having been made and filed that diligence has been used without effect to ascertain the location of Mary Lue Graves and that there are or may be persons with an interest in the subject property, including heirs, devisees, and successors in title of Mary Lue Graves, who may be deceased, whose names and addresses are unknown, it is hereby ORDERED that each of the parties on or before the 5th of June, 2023, and do whatever is necessary to protect their interest in said land. It is further ORDERED, pursuant to Va. Code Ann §8.01-321, that this Order of Publication be published for two successive weeks in the Salem Times Register, a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Salem, and that a copy be posted at the front door of the courthouse in the City of Salem, Virginia. Entered this 4th day of May, 2023. Chance Crawford, Clerk I ask for this: Mark D. Kidd, Esquire-VSB#24149 OPN Law 3140Chaparral Drive, Suite 200-C Roanoke VA 24018 Phone: (540) 725-4700 Fax:(540)772-0126 E-Mail: mkidd@opnlaw.com Counsel for Complainant

Notice of Initiation of the Section 106 Process: Public Participation

T-Mobile proposes the upgrade of a rooftop telecommunications facility at 220 E. Main St., Salem, VA. Members of the public interested in submitting comments on the possible effects on historic properties included in or eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places may send their comments to Andrew Smith, RESCOM Environmental Corp., PO Box 361 Petoskey, MI 49770 or call 260-385-6999.

Legals - Montgomery County

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 5070 GOLD RUSH ROAD, PILOT, VA 24138.

In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated February 12, 2007, in the original principal amount of \$324,000.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Montgomery County, Virginia as Instrument No. 07001815. The undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the front of the Circuit Court building for Montgomery County, 55 East Main Street, Christiansburg, Virginia on June 23, 2023, at 12:30 PM, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as

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follows: ALL THAT CERTAIN TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VIRGINIA, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT A 1" IRON PIPE FIFTEEN (15) FEET SOUTH OF A THREE (3) FOOT MAPLE TREE WHICH IS 502.5 FEET SOUTH OF STATE ROUTE 726 AND AT CORNER OF MRS. A. P. NAFF'S PROPERTY; THENCE S 04 DEG. 18' 18" E 585.50 FEET TO A 1" PIPE; THENCE IN A EASTERLY DIRECTION 122.83 FEET TO A 1/2" PIPE, THENCE CONTINUING IN AN EASTERLY DIRECTION 210.66 FEET TO A 1" PIPE; THENCE IN A NORTHWESTERLY DIRECTION 84.87 FEET TO A 9" HICKORY; THENCE CONTINUING IN A NORTHERLY DIRECTION 79.58 FEET TO A 14" WILD CHERRY; THENCE NORTHWESTERLY 151.00 FEET TO A PIPE; THENCE CONTINUING IN A NORTHWESTERLY DIRECTION 200.00 FEET TO A 1" PIPE; THENCE CONTINUING IN A NORTHWESTERLY DIRECTION 34.17 FEET TO THE EAST CORNER OF A CONCRETE CATTLE GUARD; THENCE WEST 46.2 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. TOGETHER WITH A RIGHT-OF-WAY FROM THE HEREIN CONVEYED PROPERTY TO STATE ROAD 726 FOR INGRESS AND EGRESS TOGETHER WITH THE RIGHT TO ERECT OR PLACE UPON THE PROPERTY ALL UTILITIES NECESSARY FOR THE ENJOYMENT OF SAID PROPERTY TOGETHER WITH THE RIGHT TO MAINTAIN, REPAIR, REPLACE AND IMPROVE ANY AFORESAID FACILITIES. TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder's deposit of ten percent (10%) of the sale price or ten percent (10%) of the original principal balance of the subject Deed of Trust, whichever is lower, in the form of cash or certified funds payable to the Substitute Trustee must be present at the time of the sale. The balance of the purchase price will be due within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Purchaser's deposit may be forfeited to Trustee. Time is of the essence. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser may, if provided by the terms of the Trustee's Memorandum of Foreclosure Sale, be entitled to a \$50 cancellation fee from the Substitute Trustee, but shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. A form copy of the Trustee's memorandum of foreclosure sale and contract to purchase real property is available for viewing at www.bwvsales.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: BWV Law Group, LLC, attorneys for Equity Trustees, LLC, 6003 Executive Blvd, Suite 101, Rockville, MD 20852, 301-961-6555, website: www.bwvsales.com. VA-208631-2

Legals - Montgomery County

Order of 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 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

Legals - Montgomery County

Order of 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 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, CLERK

Legals - Montgomery County

Order of Publication

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

The contents of the listed unit will be sold at Public Auction May 26, 2023 at 11am at 1st Security Self Storage 5 Midway Plaza Dr. Christiansburg, VA. D020 D025 F40 1st Security reserves the right to refuse any bid. Terms: CASH OR CREDIT CARD AT SALE.

Legals - Town of Vinton

ABC NOTICE

MARUTINANDAN VA LLC., trading as FRANKLIN MARKET, 3001 FRANKLIN RD SW, ROANOKE VA. 24014, ROANOKE CITY VIRGINIA

The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) AUTHORITY for a Wine and Beer, OFF Premises license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages.

SAI KRISHNA CHEERANJEEVI, OWNER

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.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Planning Commission of Town of Vinton, Virginia, hereby gives notice of a dinner work session to be held on Thursday, May 23, 2023, at 5:30 p.m., or shortly thereafter. The purpose of the work session is to discuss Fiscal Year 2024 Capital Improvement Projects (CIP). The dinner work session will be held in the Council Chambers of the Vinton Municipal Building, 311 South Pollard Street, Vinton, Virginia. Further information concerning this notice may be obtained by calling (540) 983-0605. NOTICE OF INTENT TO COMPLY WITH DISABILITIES ACT. Reasonable efforts will be made to provide assistance or special arrangements to qualified individuals with disabilities in order to participate in or attend the meetings. Please call (540) 983-0605 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting so that proper arrangements may be made.

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Remembering Ocelia Pollard, 1926-2023



Ocelia and Hildrey Pollard were married soon after he returned from serving in the Army Air Corps in the Pacific Theatre in World War II. They were married for 74 years.



Ocelia Pollard was named "Mother of the Year" for civic activities by the Vinton Chamber of Commerce in 1980.

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For many years, the Vinton Chamber of Commerce honored a woman each May as "Mother of the Year." That honor went to Ocelia Hogan Pollard in 1980 when she was named "Vinton Mother of the Year" for civic activities, especially for her work with church functions at Waverly Place Baptist Church.

The Vinton Messenger article recognizing her award stated that "Mrs. Pollard's greatest joy has come from her active participation and leadership at Waverly Place Baptist Church. She began attending church there at age 3 and was baptized when she was 12 years old. She became a Sunday School teacher when she was 18."

She was an active member of the church's WMU until her health failed. Her desire was that people locally and worldwide would accept Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior.

She had a passion for working with the youth at her church and for missions. Her daughter Carolyn Philpott says children were "just drawn to" her mother. She and her brother, Tom, sometimes wondered whether the neighborhood children came to play with them or

kind and loved children," Carolyn says.

A long-time resident of Vinton, Mrs. Pollard held various offices in the Vinton area schools' PTAs. She was a member of the Vinton Garden Club as well.

She worked for Holdren's, Inc. as the secretary-cashier for over 20 years.

Mrs. Pollard was married to her husband, Hildrey, for 74 years. They married at Waverly Place Baptist on April 20, 1946, just after he returned from serving his country in the Army Air Corps in the Pacific Theatre in World War II.

Her daughter says they had a wonderful marriage for all those years and provided a wonderful home for Carolyn and Tom.

On the occasion of one of their anniversary celebrations, the Pollards revealed their secret to a long and happy marriage—"We tried to put God first in our marriage. We let God lead us to do His will. We are grateful to God and couldn't have done it without His help. Putting God in your marriage is very important."

The Pollards were both named "Shining Lights" at Waverly Place in 2007.

Mrs. Pollard was born in Roanoke in 1926. She passed away on April 30, 2023.

She will be missed by the community she

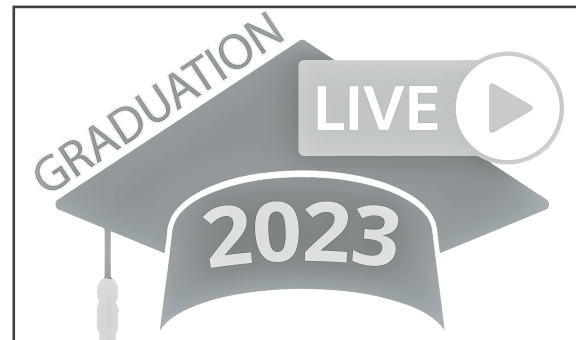
individual acts of kindness. She was well-known for her wonderful pound cakes, delivered to those who were ill or bereaved. The Pollards were supporters of the Vinton History Museum, making many donations of family heirlooms to help "preserve the past for the future."

Mrs. Pollard is survived by her two children, Thomas (Tom) G. Pollard and daughter-in-law Kathy of Opelika, Ala., and Carolyn Pollard Philpott and son-in-law Tom of Vinton. Survivors also include three grandsons, Phillip Pollard and great-grandson, Mason of Auburn, Ala.; Eric Pollard

and wife, Brittany, and twin great-grandchildren, Parker and Kinsley of Helena, Ala.; and Mark Pollard of Houston, Texas; a granddaughter, Patricia Philpott Williams and husband, Mike, of Blacksburg; and three great-granddaughters, Lauren W. Mehford (Greg) of Charlottesville, Mackenzie Williams of New York City, and Abby Williams of Arlington; along with sister-in-law, Nellie Pollard Henry, Bedford, and two brothers-in-law, Carl Price Pollard, Roanoke, and John Garland Pollard, of Roanoke; and sister-in-law, Annie St. Clair Pollard, Bedford County.



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Roanoke County Public Schools will again broadcast Graduation Live 2023

Family and friends of Roanoke County Public Schools graduates who are unable to attend graduation in person may once again watch "Graduation Live 2023" on May 23 and 24.

You may watch live and on-demand playback of the graduation ceremonies held at these times:

- May 23:
 - 2:30 p.m.: Cave Spring High School from the Salem Civic Center
 - 5:30 p.m.: William Byrd High School, Salem Civic Center
- May 24:
 - 2:30 p.m.: Hidden Valley High School, Salem Civic Center

5:30 p.m.: Northside High School, Salem Civic Center

7:00 p.m.: Glenvar High School from Highlander Stadium (if there is inclement weather, the ceremony will move to the Salem Civic Center at 8 p.m.)

The Graduation Live tradition began over a decade ago to bring the graduation ceremonies to families and friends who do not live in the Roanoke Valley or even in the United States, including those stationed abroad in the military.

Submitted by Roanoke County Public Schools

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Gus Nicks passed away.

Public Works Director Bo Herndon presented a report on the recent meeting of the Public Works Committee. He announced that Glo-Fiber is on schedule to complete installation of its lines in the town by mid-summer.

The Western Virginia Water Authority has installed 2,800 feet of 8-inch ductile water lines on Cleveland Avenue, along with several water service connections, and is on track to complete the project by the end of May. The town is working with Boxley on paving Cleveland in mid-June and will also pave Walnut Avenue from the town limits to 5th Street once the greenway project is complete.

Fifteen streets, mainly in the area behind Kroger and Oakey's will be repaved in the summer paving program—one of the biggest paving projects in town history. The town continues to work with VDOT on plans for the reconstruction and paving of Mountain View Road.

Councilman Keith Liles commended town staff for major repairs to the playground located at the Vinton War Memorial which makes it "look brand new." The playground is to be replaced by a



The William Byrd girls(left) and boys both won Blue Ridge District track championships at Staunton River High School Saturday.

PHOTOS COURTESY OF WILLIAM BYRD TRACK

Terriers sweep Blue Ridge Track championships

The Blue Ridge District track meet was held at Staunton River High School in Moneta last Saturday and it was a big day for the William Byrd team. Both the Terrier boys and girls won BRD titles.

The boys scored 180 points to outdistance second place Franklin County, who had 105. The boys team started the day off with Walter Barrows winning the long jump with a distance of 21'11.25 while Ethan Haston finished 4th (20'1") and Deshawn Austin finished 5th (19'10").

Wyatte Bailey won the pole vault with a height of 13', Haston finished 2nd (11') and Kyle Holdaway 3rd (9'6"). Austin won the triple jump competition with a distance of 43'6" and Haston finished 3rd (39'7") and DeShannon Reed took 4th (39'7").

In the shot put Caleb Thompson finished 2nd with a throw of 42'3" and Gregory Stiltner was 4th with a throw of 39'7". In the discus Thompson was 2nd at 130'3" and Barry Cheatwood finished 5th at 105'10".

Barrows finished 5th (11.19) in the 100m and 2nd in the 200m(22.48) while Brady Reachy finished 3rd in the 200m with a state qualifying time of 22.80. In the 400m dash Bailey won the event with a time of

50.96 and Isaiah Board finished 5th (55.26).

In the 800m Reid Hanson finished 6th (2:18.28) and in the Mile Donald Mullins finished 2nd with a time of 4:38.38. Drew Bartley finished 3rd in the two mile run in 13:16.74. Austin finished 3rd (16.32) in the 110 hurdles and Landon Martin was 4th (16.33). In the 300m hurdles Austin won the event with a time of 40.57.

The 4x100m of Barrows, Reed, Lane Shoemaker and Dylan Hughes won the event with a time of 44.22 and the 4x400m relay of Bailey, Austin, Reachy and Board won with a time of 3:32.88. The 4x800m relay of Griffin Yakob, Reagan Lilley, Jhaquin Johnson and Reid Hanson finished 3rd in 9:46.91.

The girls scored 130 points to win the meet, with William Fleming second at 115. Emma Matthews finished 5th in the 100m dash and Grace Owni finished 3rd in the 400m dash and 6th in the 200m dash. In the 800m run Olivia Hurd won the event in 2:26.52, Liz Dixon finished 3rd and 5th place was Lucy Whitenack.

In the mile Alex Bonilla finished 4th and Riley Roth finished 5th. In the 100m hurdles Emma

Kageals finished 3rd with a time of 17.76 and in the 300m hurdles Emma finished 4th while Virginia Yonce finished 3rd and Emily Fisher finished 5th.

The 4x100m relay of Olaedo Anyanwu, Matthews, Allyson Mavredes and Jazaria West-Brown finished 2nd with a time of 54.39 and the 4x400m of Hurd, Owni, Jayden Niday and Matthews finished with a time of 4:22.37.

In the high jump Olivia Bustamante won the competition, tied the school record and qualified for the state track meet with a height of 5'. In the pole vault Spencer Peters won the competition with a height of 7' and Alexia Donahue finished 3rd and Emma Kageals finished 4th.

Lily Perez finished 2nd in the triple jump with a leap of 32'10" while Kageals finished 4th and Emily Fisher finished 5th.

In the throws, Olaedo Anyanwu finished 2nd in the shot put with a throw of 27'7" and Samantha Flippen finished 5th in the discus with a throw of 72'11".

The Terriers are now off until Thursday, May 25, when they compete in the Region 3D meet at Cave Spring, beginning at 2 pm.



William Byrd's Israel Hairston is hit by a pitch in last week's game at Salem.

PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Cavs shut out Byrd again

The William Byrd baseball team has given up five runs to Lord Botetourt in three games, so you'd figure Byrd would win at least one of those games. Well, guess again.

After losing to the Cavaliers twice during the regular season, both times by 1-0 scores, the Byrdmen played LB in the Blue Ridge District tournament semifinal in Daleville Tuesday. And, for the third time, Byrd failed to score as LB defeated the Terriers 3-0 to advance to tonight's BRD final at Vinton's Walthall Park.

Nolan Medley, who shut out the Terriers in the first meeting, was on the hill again for Botetourt and pitched six and two-thirds shutout innings before his pitch count ran out. Peyton Leftwich and James Purcell had two hits each for the Terriers but once again Byrd couldn't push a run across.

Brogan Dent pitched a good game for Byrd but was the victim of poor fielding, as all three LB runs were unearned. Brogan scattered eight singles and struck out four.

With the loss Byrd fell to 12-10 on the season and will await word of their Region 3D opponent. That will be announced on Friday night when all regular season games are over.

Byrd also played Salem and William Fleming, twice, in the past week. Last Thursday at Billy Sample Field in Salem the host Spartans took an 8-1 win as lefty Trace Monroe struck out 13 Terriers. Dent also started that one and was hurt by poor infield play once again, giving up two earned runs in five innings. Cannin Lutz and Brenin Witcher combined to pitch the sixth inning and Keller Spraker led the Byrd offense with three hits.

The Terriers wrapped up the regular season with a trip to hapless William Fleming on Friday and Jacob Dickerson, Purcell and Conner Jones combined to no-hit the Colonels in five innings, 24-0. Of the 15 outs recorded 12 were strikeouts. Hunter Obenchain, who was called up from the jayvee team, had three hits.

As luck would have it, Byrd hosted Fleming for the first round of the Blue Ridge District tournament on Monday, and this one ended up 10-0. For the third time in three meetings the Terriers pitched no-hit ball as coach Jason Taylor paraded six different pitchers to the mound, Ethan Powell, Cooper Minnix, Witcher, Kylin Spence, Dickerson and Lutz. The combo combined for a dozen strikeouts again.

Byrd Lax teams sweep FC

The William Byrd lacrosse teams will begin region play in the coming days, with the girls opening Friday against E.C. Glass in Lynchburg and the boys opening Monday in Salem. Region semifinals are May 24 and championship games are May 26.

Both teams ended regular season action on Monday of this week against Franklin County. The boys ended their regular season with a 9-7 win on a rainy day in Rocky Mount to finish the regular season at 5-9.

Beau Brady led Byrd with three goals and an assist. Dawson Brinkley and Ben Waid had two goals each and scoring once each were Jonathan Farmer, Dom Dulak and Landon French.

"Tough conditions on a wet, rainy Monday evening," said coach Will Satterfield. "We dug ourselves in a hole early in the game. Our guys fought to get back in the game. Julian Pantoja came up big in the second half in the goal and Jay Rozenboom really helped us at the faceoff x. Our young team grew a lot this year during the regular season and this win should give us momentum going into the playoffs."

The girls also beat Franklin County, taking a 9-8 win in Vinton. Sam Martin had three goals and two assists, Annika Hilton had three goals and one assist and Olivia Hurd had two goals. Barb Hernandez made 12 saves as the Terriers won for the third time against 11 losses.



Youth Lacrosse

River's Edge Park in Roanoke was the site of lacrosse tournaments for boys ages eight through 14 last Saturday and Vinton had teams entered in the U10 and U14 divisions. Here Vinton U10 players battle against Franklin County. Top left, Gavin Feazell handles the ball, top right, Archer Smith plays some defense and, left, Miles Berry shadows his man.

PHOTOS BY BRIAN HOFFMAN



William Byrd's Patrick Hodges hits a return.

PHOTO BY REGINA DEVINNEY

WB tennis teams sweep Franklin with Region 3D tourney nearing

The William Byrd tennis teams wrapped up the regular season this week with matches against Northside. The boys and girls also both won against Franklin County last Friday.

The girls beat Franklin on Senior Night in Vinton, 6-3. Hannah Johnson is the only senior on the team.

On Tuesday Byrd beat Northside, 5-4. Wins included Makenna Jacobsen, Ashley Begasse, and Ashlynn Thomas for singles and Jacobsen and Begasse, Thomas and Brooke Justus for doubles.

The boys beat Franklin, 8-1, but lost to Northside, 2-7. Region team tournaments for both teams start within the next week.

Wm. Byrd is host for four BRD championships tonite

William Byrd High School will be the site of four Blue Ridge District tournament championship games tonight. Baseball, softball and both boys' and girls' soccer will be decided in Vinton.

The baseball championship will begin at 6 pm Lord Botetourt will be one finalist after beating William Byrd on Tuesday. The other team will be either Northside or Franklin County. That semifinal game was rained out Tuesday and scheduled to be made up on Wednesday.

In softball third seeded Northside defeated second seeded Staunton River on Tuesday to gain one spot in tonight's 6 pm district final at Byrd. The other finalists will be either the host Terriers or Franklin County, as their game was rained out Tuesday and rescheduled

for Wednesday.

The soccer championships will be played on Highfill Field at Patterson Stadium in Vinton with the boys scheduled for 5:30 pm and the girls at 7:30 pm. The boys' game will be William Fleming against either Lord Botetourt or Franklin

County and the girls' game will match host William Byrd against Lord Botetourt.

Region 3D tournaments will begin next week, with seedings and home sites announced Friday evening after all regular season games conclude.

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Byrd girls host LB for district tournament championship tonight

The William Byrd girls wrapped the Blue Ridge District regular season soccer championship last week. Tonight, they'll try to add the BRD tournament



Byrd's Maddy Simmons(#10) is congratulated by Emily Glass(#9) and Addiayn St. Clair after a goal.

PHOTO BY SUZANNE WITCHER

trophy to the case in the school lobby.

Top-seeded Byrd will host second seeded Lord Botetourt on Vinton's Jeff Highfill Field in what is expected to be a spirited game for the district tournament crown. The Byrd girls come in at 13-1-3 and Lord Botetourt is 12-2-3. In their two regular season meetings the two rivals battled to a draw, with a 2-2 tie in Daleville and a 1-1 tie in Vinton. This one won't end in a Mexican Standoff, as it will be played to conclusion to determine who takes the big trophy.

Byrd's only loss of the season was a 1-0 defeat to non-district Hidden Valley over a month ago, on April 14. In the last 10 games Byrd has won nine of the 10 along with a tie against LB.

The Terriers clinched the BRD regular season championship with an 8-0 win over William Fleming in Roanoke last Friday. The scoring started early when Maddy Simmons beat the defenders and scored two minutes into the game, and Simmons also had the second goal of the night off an assist from Addi St. Clair.

Logan Andrews scored the third goal off an assist from Ella Ashworth, and St. Clair made it 4-0 off an assist from Emma Gordon. Claire Glover then hit the net off an assist from Madeleine Wolters' Argenio, making it

5-0. Martina Mihelcic scored the sixth goal of the night and Andrews scored again off an assist from Eva Brown and it was 7-0 at the half. Wolters' Argenio scored the last goal of the night off an assist from Maci Glass to end the game by slaughter rule, 8-0.

The district tournament opened Monday and Byrd had a first round bye as the top-seed, as did Botetourt with the second seed. Byrd hosted Franklin County in the semifinal round Tuesday and took a 6-0 win over the Eagles. Simmons had both goals in the first half, one off an assist from Ashworth and the other from Glover.

The Terriers put it away after intermission. Gordon made it 3-0 on a rebound shot, then Simmons scored two more with assists from St. Clair and Andrews. With 26 minutes remaining Andrews would make it 6-0, and that was the final.

Byrd has won by shutout 10 times this season with Sophia Chrisley in goal a majority of the time. The Terriers have given up just eight goals all season and only once, in the 2-2 tie with LB, have they given more than one in a game.

Regardless of what happens tonight, Byrd is sure to have a high seed when the Region 3D schedule is announced at the end of this week.

Boys soccer falls to Fleming

William Fleming, the top-seeded team in Blue Ridge District boys soccer, beat William Byrd to end the regular season last week, then eliminated the Terriers from the BRD tournament on Tuesday. The Terriers now await their fate for the coming Region 3D tournament, with seedings scheduled to be announced this Friday.

The Byrdmen hosted Fleming last Friday in the regular season finale and the visiting Colonels ended the district regular season a perfect 10-0 with a 2-0 win over Byrd. It was Byrd's sixth match in a 12 day span and the host Terriers struggled to keep up with the speedy Colonels.

"We came into the match looking for a good performance to close out the regular season," said Byrd coach Russell Dishman. "We wanted to focus on some key aspects from the previous time we played them as well as build off what we have been working towards from the last week. The guys played well and we were able to do better defensively in the middle and protecting the back, we just could not mount much in the final third."

Byrd finished the regular season 5-8-3 with a 3-6-1 record in district play, making them the fifth seed for this week's tournament. That sent them to fourth seeded Staunton River to open the tourney Monday and the Terriers came up big with a 3-1 win.

"This was an important match as we were not thrilled with the previous results when we played them," said Dishman. "The guys were ready to play and we wanted to play with high pressure and look to open the field up. We played well from the opening whistle. It was an emotional win and it was an exciting match."

Byrd took the lead when Sergio Leon scored off a rebound shot from Daniel Britts. Ian Sigmon scored the second goal when he headed in a corner kick from Britts, and Dexter Gaines scored Byrd's third goal off an assist from Leon. The Eagles scored a late goal for the final count as Bricen Lancaster had seven saves to record the win in goal.

That set up another meeting with Fleming in Roanoke Tuesday, and Fleming eliminated Byrd from the tournament with a 5-1 win. The Terriers actually had an early 1-0 lead on a goal by Leon but Fleming leveled the score shortly thereafter and controlled the game from that point.

"This was our eighth match in 16 days," said Dishman. "This is a tough load on the players both physically and mentally when you look at it as our 18th match of the season and eight of those matches took place in that short of a time span. It is a concern especially as it is late in the season just prior to the region."

"We now wait for confirmation of our first round region opponent."



Byrd's Grayson Webb has a leg up for the Terrier soccer team.

PHOTO BY REGINA DEVINNEY

Blewett's blast powers Byrd to first round BRD softball win

The William Byrd softball girls appear to be saving their best for last. The Terriers opened Blue Ridge District tournament play with a 6-4 win over Lord Botetourt in Daleville Monday as Sydney Blewett blasted a two-run homer in the top of the seventh for the deciding runs.

Byrd was just 6-14 overall, and 2-8 in the district, coming into the BRD tournament but you wouldn't have known they were the underdogs by the play on the field. Addison Clark pitched all seven innings and held the Cavaliers to five hits while benefiting from some solid defense behind her.

The Terriers took the lead in the third inning when

they loaded the bases and Brooklyn Peters brought all three home with a triple to right center. The Byrd girls never trailed after that.

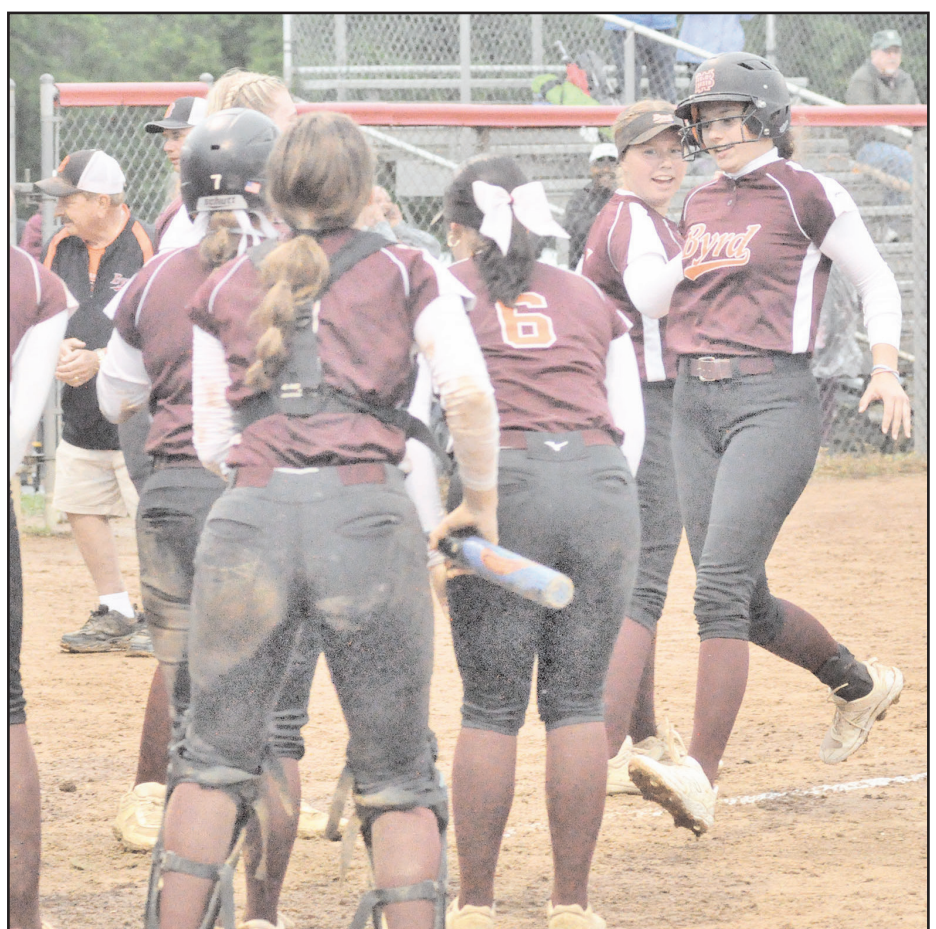
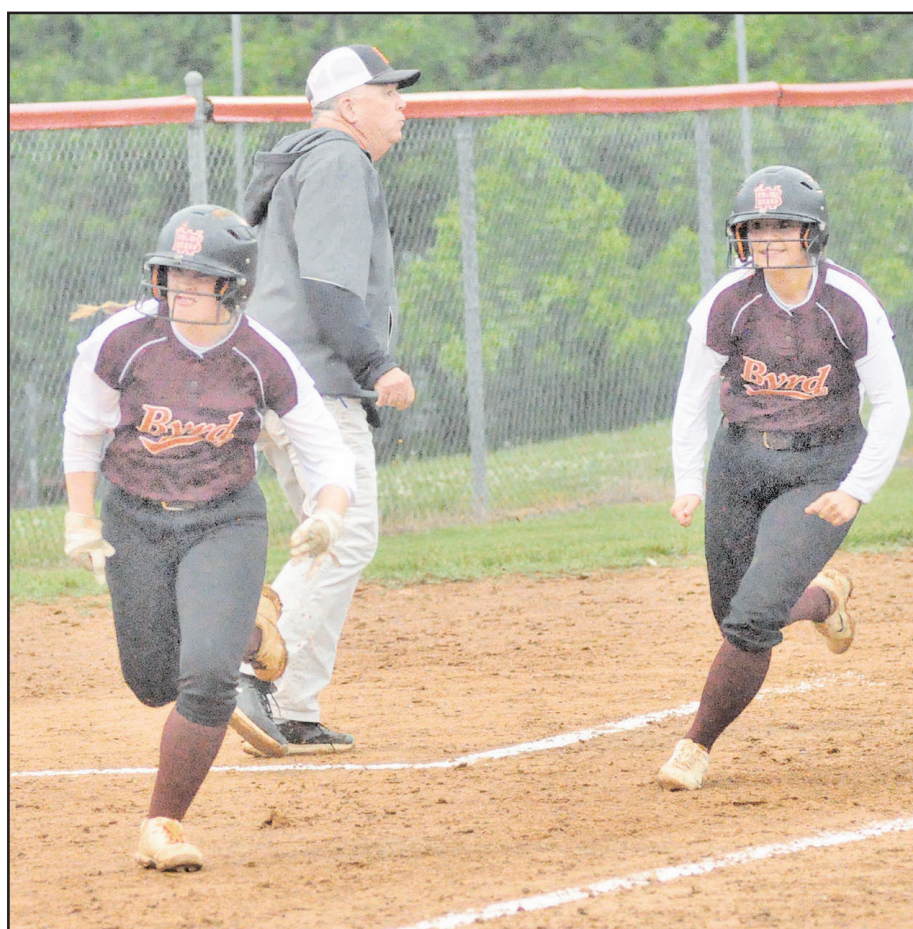
Byrd was ahead 4-2 heading into the bottom of the sixth, when LB rallied to tie the game at 4-4. However, Blewett came to bat with one runner on base in the top of the seventh and sent a Grace Thomas pitch over the fence for the deciding two-run homer. Clark then set the Cavaliers down in order in the bottom of the inning and Byrd advanced to the BRD semifinal against top-seeded Franklin County. That game was rained out Tuesday and rescheduled for Wednesday, with the winner meeting Northside

tonight at the William Byrd field for the district championship.

Byrd had 10 hits against LB, as Mandolin Draper, Haleigh Vaughan, Carson Wood, and Blewett all had two hits each.

The win was the second in a row for the Byrd girls, who finished the regular season with a 10-0 win over William Fleming in Vinton last Friday. Sara Lang pitched a no-hitter for the Terriers, striking out 11 in the five inning game.

Offensively, Vaughan was three-for-three with five runs batted in and a home run. Wood and Peters also had multiple hits for the Terriers.



Left, Byrd coach Greg Barton waves home Mandolin Draper(left in photo) and Haleigh Vaughan who scored on a bases loaded triple by Brooklyn Peters. Right, Sydney Blewett(far right in photo) has a welcoming party at home after blasting a two-run homer in the seventh inning to beat Lord Botetourt Monday.

PHOTOS BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

TERRIERS COMING HOME