

Ironman Triathlon returns on June 4



The Ironman 70.3 Virginia's Blue Ridge Triathlon will be returning to the Roanoke Valley once again on Sunday, June 4. Participants will swim at Carvins Cove, bicycle on the Blue Ridge Parkway, and run along the Roanoke River Greenway.

The event, which first came to Roanoke in 2021, showcases the area's outdoor recreation and brings millions of dollars in regional tourism to the local economy.

The race begins with a 1.2 mile, 1-lap swim in the water at Carvins Cove Reservoir.

The 56-mile bike portion of the race then leaves from Carvins Cove and continues along Route 11 through Roanoke County and Botetourt County, before reaching the historic Town of Buchanan,

located along the banks of the James River.

From Buchanan, the bike route takes riders along an epic 5-mile climb up Route 43 to Bearwallow Gap, where they'll access the Blue Ridge Parkway for that 21-mile biking portion of the race.

Participants will exit the Parkway at Route 24 and make their way down Washington Avenue in Vinton and on to downtown Roanoke enroute to River's Edge Park along the Roanoke River.

There will some road closures that day in downtown Vinton mainly between 8 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Affected roads include Washington Avenue (from Bypass to King Street), Poplar, Maple, and Pollard Streets, Lee, Railroad, Walnut, and Cleveland Avenues, and First and Second Streets in the downtown area.

The currently published route shows the bike portion of the race exiting the Blue Ridge Parkway onto East Washington Avenue, continuing down Washington to a left turn on South Pollard, a right turn on East Lee, a left turn onto Walnut (which becomes Wise Avenue), and then continuing into Roanoke City.

The running course will follow the Roanoke River Greenway, beginning and ending at River's Edge Park—a 13.1-mile course that will be completed in one loop.

Runners will make their way through several local parks, including River's Edge Park, Smith Park, Wasena Park, and Vic Thomas Park, which will help provide shade.

Several churches in Vinton have announced changes to their morning worship schedules due to the race.

Organizers announced in recent days that following this year's Ironman 70.3 Triathlon, the race will be paused while extensive road improvements are made to the Blue Ridge Parkway by the National Park Service. The plan is for the event to return to the Roanoke Valley once improvements are completed.

Information from Ironman 70.3 Virginia's Blue Ridge Triathlon



Participants in the William Byrd Middle School 1st block trial of SpongeBob SquarePants included (left to right) Amy Rickman, Jayda Jordan, Bedford County Commonwealth Attorney Wes Nance (Judge), Grayson Mundy and Nathaniel Roberts.

WBMS puts SpongeBob on trial for murder of Mr. Krabs

As a culmination of the school year, Tracy Addison's seventh grade English classes at William Byrd Middle School prepared for and presented the "Trial of SpongeBob SquarePants" on May 17.

According to Addison, "SpongeBob was accused of murdering Mr. Krabs."

Using skills including evaluating context clues, inferencing, questioning techniques, persuasion, and the elements of formulating a thesis and conclusion, the classes chose their attorneys and witnesses, prepared their case, and welcomed guest judges to oversee the trial. Their trial also involved public speaking, improvisation, and even some skills in drama.

Students were all given the same crime scene evidence. They were instructed to research the evidence and use context clues, then decide which side they wanted to represent—the prosecution or the defense. That established their legal teams.

They chose attorneys and assembled their cases. They decided what witnesses would be included and they took volunteers to portray the witnesses. They had only two half-days and one full class day to organize and prepare.

"On May 17, our guest judges came, and each block independently held a trial," Addison said. "The judges were fabulous, and each offered great feedback to the students along with their verdict. In the end, out of three class blocks, SpongeBob was found innocent twice and then once was convicted. The students

learned a lot about preparedness, public speaking, improvisation, and cooperation along the way."

Addison's first block guest judge was Bedford County Commonwealth Attorney Wes Nance. The second block judge was Assistant Principal Katie Hutchison, and third block judge was Ryan Hutchison, head football coach and Tech Ed teacher.

"To be supported by such outstanding adults was especially meaningful to the classes," Addison said. "The students did an incredible job summarizing the evidence and putting on an impressive trial."

"I've done this end-of-the-year project for three years, but it gets more elaborate each year," Addison noted. "I can't take credit for coming up with the lesson plan itself, just the implementation of it with my own spin."

"In the end, I explain to the students how the trial and the preparations all relate back to their skills in inferencing, context clues, citing sources, persuasion, and other language arts elements we have practiced throughout the year. After completing their testing for the year, it's a fun way to use their skills in a creative manner."

Addison said, "I am so proud of all of my students and their ability to work hard and try something new. My hope is that the skills we have learned this year will translate into life lessons for years to come."

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Participants in the third block trial of SpongeBob SquarePants included (l to r) Emma Thierry, Gwen Summo, Allen Nunez, Franklin Apple, Landon Hollins, teacher Ryan Hutchison (Judge), Caleb Bryant, Jacob Perez, and Conley Serreno. (Not pictured: Caeden Eanes.)



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Participants in the William Byrd Middle School second block trial of SpongeBob SquarePants included (l to r) Vicki Smith, Logan Beverage, Lexi Rock, Assistant Principal (Judge) Katie Hutchison, Jaiden Swanson, Mason Hershel, and Caridad Palmero. (Not pictured: Michael Fleisher)

Lions

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The new Valley Metro bus shelter at Lake Drive Plaza is the most-used bus shelter by transit riders in Vinton; it is ADA compliant.

installation site (with a large donation from Rosie’s) and made sure the shelter is ADA-compliant, but PFG and Lake Drive Plaza who contributed portions of their property for the shelters.

Valley Metro funded the fabrication and installation of the bus shelters; the First Four Petroleum Group donated the bollards, and Town of Vinton staff (especially McClung) assisted in managing the project and worked as a liaison with stakeholders.

Other contributors include Renaissance Contract Lighting & Furnishings, Joseph Wall with Prestige Building & Renovation, and Grand True Value Rental of Vinton.

According to Valley Metro, the new bus shelter at Kroger has shopping cart corrals to enable shoppers to

park carts before boarding the bus. Both shelters are covered, have benches, trash cans, and solar-powered lighting.

Speakers at the ribbon-cutting included Vinton Breakfast Lions Club President Hal Mabe, Roanoke City Vice Mayor and Council member Joe Cobb, who also serves as board president of the Greater Roanoke Transit Company (GRTC), and Vinton Mayor Brad Grose. Kevin Price, the general manager at GRTC, also attended.

Mabe noted that the ribbon-cutting ceremony signaled a “great day for Vinton.” He also said that the organizations involved had faced some challenges in completing the structure. For instance, the metal railings for carts “were taken out twice by cars. It



PHOTO BY DEBBIE ADAMS

Members of the Vinton Breakfast Lions Club celebrated completion of the new bus shelter at Lake Drive Plaza, which has been several years in the planning and construction. Shown left to right are Gary Myers, Chris McCarty, Sabrina McCarty, Vinton Mayor Brad Grose, Lions President Hal Mabe, John Berry, John Dyer, Joel Lytton, and Zach McCarty.

took a lot to put together the resources to make it happen.”

Mabe said that the motto and mission of Lions Club International is “We Serve.” This project was another way to fulfill that goal.

Cobb also thanked all involved in building the shelters, commenting that “it all started by someone seeing a need.” He explained that there are approximately 800 bus stops in the Valley Metro system, but a “deficit of shelters.”

Mayor Grose noted that the new bus shelters are a “shining example of public-private partnerships” and what can be accomplished “when we all work together. We do this a lot in Vinton. Our community is better off when we work together.”

William Byrd Middle School presents eight grade achievement awards

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William Byrd Middle School presented academic achievement awards to its eighth graders in a special assembly on May 22,.

Eighth graders Luke Richardson and Emmalee Dodson were recipients of the prestigious Levi Freeman Character Award “in recognition of outstanding character and personal values.” The Levi Freeman Award is presented annually to two students, who, in the opinion of the faculty, best embody the characteristics of kindness, compassion, honesty, tolerance, and the willingness to do the right thing even when it’s not popular.

The award is given in memory of Levi Freeman, a fellow eighth grade student whose life was cut tragically short after a diagnosis of bone cancer. His memory lives on through his family, friends, and this award.

Students who maintain a 4.0 GPA in middle school from sixth grade through the end of the third nine weeks of their eighth grade year are named as “Terrier Scholars.” Terrier Scholars this year are Alyssa Abdelhadi, Erica Barton, Christopher Boyd, Addison Collins, Heidi Dixon, Britton Jordan, Olivia Long, Olivia Lorek, Emma Milliron, Tyler Minnix, Elena Mullen, Sarah Nguyen, Carly Norton, Kendall Norton, Sebastian Perdomo, Thomas Purcell, Willow Seth, Gavin Thornton, Heidi Wienke, and Maggie Zimmerman.

Students who made the A Honor Roll in their eighth grade year through the third nine weeks were recognized. They are Alyssa Abdelhadi, Erica Barton, Christopher Boyd, Addison Collins, Heidi Dixon, Britton Jordan, Olivia Long, Olivia Lorek, Emma Milliron, Tyler Minnix, Elena Mullen, Sarah Nguyen, Carly Norton, Kendall Norton, Sebastian Perdomo, Thomas Purcell, Willow Seth, Gavin Thornton, Heidi Wienke, and Maggie Zimmerman.

The President’s Education Award recognizes student excellence and achievement. Eighth graders who received the “President’s Education Award” for maintaining a 3.5 GPA in sixth, seventh and eighth grade (through the third nine weeks) are Alyssa Abdelhadi, Elizabeth Abrams, Erica Barton, Janelle Bibby, Aubrey Blewett, Raegen Bowman, Christopher Boyd, Madelyn Brown, Lane Brunk, Nate Buck, Hudson Cain, Casey Carter, Emily Clinebell, Addison Collins, Cohen Cook, Jenna Cruz, Chase Daugherty, Alexis Davis, Fallon Davis, Colter Dean,

Alyssa Dennis, Carinna Dibenedetto, Heidi Dixon, Sidney Draper, David Foster, Jaxon Fowler, Mariah Garrett, Clarissa Gill, Kaiden Harnish, Jeremiah Harper, Emmalee Harris, Aaron Hemming, Sophia Hoagland, Christopher Hurd, Lukas Johnson, Owen Johnson, Cole Johnston, Evelyn Jones, Stella Jones, Britton Jordan, Cameron King, Reagan Kirby, David Krawczyk, Arianna Krista, Austin Kroner, Scotlyn Leonard, Vincent Liu, Olivia Long, Olivia Lorek, Joseph Madonna, Bradley Martin, Mia Martin, Layla Matz, Ella McCoy, Jackson McCoy, Michael McGrath, Caden McReynolds, Emma Milliron, Tyler Minnix, Penley Moore, Elena Mullen, Sarah Nguyen, Sydney Nichols, Carly Norton, Kendall Norton, Giovanni Pandolfini, Brody Parrish, Jeremy Paul, Sebastian Perdomo, Maggie Peters, Nathan Pickeral, Eric Pierce, Myles Preston, Thomas Purcell, Michael Ramos, Luke Richardson, Makayla Ring, Bruce Robinson, Jamya Rosborough, Abigail Saritelli, Willow Seth, Colten Sheppard, Aubrey Sink, Riley Slusher, Elliott Smith, Nathaniel Smith, Noah Spradlin, Riley Spradlin, Ramsay Stephens, Zachary Stiltner, Bailey Tabor, Zane Taylor, Zane Telsch, Gavin Thornton, McKayla Tingler, Jakeen Toler, Lauren Toney, Nicholas Toney, Izabella Trumble, Sydney Tuck, Kara Watkins, Owen Webb, Colton West, Connor

Whitehead, Heidi Wienke, Skye Williams, Makayla Witt, Aden Wright, and Maggie Zimmerman.

WBMS eighth graders who made the A-B Honor Roll through the third nine weeks were recognized. They are Levi Adok, Ava Betterton, Aubrey Blewett, Janelle Bibby, Raegen Bowman, Madelyn Brown, Sage Brown, Lane Brunk, Hudson Cain, Riley Carlisle, Cohen Cook, Jenna Cruz, Chase Daugherty, Colter Dean, Alyssa Dennis, Carinna Dibenedetto, Colton Edwards, David Foster, Jaxon Fowler, Clarissa Gill, Kaiden Harnish, Aniyah Harper, Jeremiah Harper, Emmalee Harris, Aaron Hemming, Braedyn Henritze, Sophia Hoagland, Christopher Hurd II, Brandon Hurley, Lilly Jarels, Lukas Johnson, Owen Johnson, Cole Johnston, Evelyn Jones, Stella Jones, David Krawczyk, Arianna Krista, Scotlyn Leonard, Vincent Liu, Charley Lord, Joseph Madonna, Bradley Martin, Ella McCoy, Jackson McCoy, Caden McReynolds, Penley Moore, Sydney Nichols, Brody Parrish, Jeremy Paul, Nathan Pickeral, Eric Pierce, Mia Pippin, Myles Preston, Luke Richardson, Colin Rodgers, Jamya Rosborough, Abigail Saritelli, Jonah Schofield, Colten Sheppard, Aubrey Sink, Riley Slusher, Nathaniel Smith, Noah Spradlin, Riley Spradlin, Ramsay Stephens, Bailey Tabor, Kaitlyn Tang, Zane Taylor, Zane Telsch, McKayla Tingler, Lauren Toney, Izabella Trumble, Sydney Tuck, Makayla

Twining, Owen Webb, Colton West, Connor Whitehead, Skye Williams, Makayla Witt, and Aiden Wright.

Assistant Principal John Eggleston addressed the eighth grade class, saying that he was proud of how they had grown during their middle school years. He advised them that while their middle school teachers and staff had prepared them for high school, the high school faculty and staff would

“prepare them for society.” He commented that William Byrd High School is “like a family” that takes you in.

WBHS Principal Tammy Newcomb welcomed the students who will be moving across the parking lot in the fall, saying, “High school will be the beginning of adulthood for you. We are excited for you to come up and join our family. You will be able to explore different avenues of interest and classes that

you select to take. Don’t just ‘get through’ high school. ‘Get all you can out of high school.’” She also talked about the newly remodeled high school building and the opportunities it will afford.

WBMS Principal Dana Stevens also expressed her pride in the Class of 2027 and their resiliency in persevering through the years of the pandemic. She urged them to always remember “The Terrier Way” of living.



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Eighth graders Emmalee Dodson and Luke Richardson received the highest award given by the school– the Levi Freeman Character Award– at the WBMS awards assembly on May 22.

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1. 007 Connery

5. Presides over meetings (abbr.)

9. Trefoil

10. Father of Paris

12. Asian nut for chewing

13. Machine gun from the air

16. The communion table

17. His razor

18. Father

19. Doctor of philosophy

22. Cologne

23. Black tropical Am. cuckoo

24. Diversifies

28. Razor author 14th C

31. Maple sugar fluid

32. A corp.'s first stock offer to the public

34. The premier bike race

42. References

43. Extremely high frequency

44. Actress Farrow

46. Not good

47. State of annoyance

48. S. China seaport

51. Bengal quince

52. Provide the means

54. A large and imposing house

55. Excessively fat

57. Spars

58. Former wives

59. Repeat

CLUES DOWN

1. Podetiums

2. Frankenberg river

3. Feel ill

4. 12th state

5. "Anything Goes"

author's initials

6. Daily time units (abbr.)

7. Cagiva __: motorcycle

8. Drug agent (slang)

9. Study of poetic meter

11. Ceremonial staffs

12. Russian pancake served with caviar

14. Supervises flying

15. Large Australian flightless bird

16. As fast as can be done (abbr.)

19. Before

20. Hall of Fame (abbr.)

21. Constitution Hall org.

24. Atomic #35

25. Ducktail hairstyle

26. Independent ruler

27. Oval water scorpion

29. Modern London Gallery

30. On top

33. Identicalness

35. 2002 Olympic state

36. Tease or ridicule

37. Arrived extinct

38. Opposite of begin

39. Ol' Blue Eye's initials

40. South Am. nation

41. Type of salamander

42. S. China seaport

44. Woman (French)

45. 007's Fleming

47. __ Domingo

49. A French abbot

50. Gorse genus

51. An uproarious party

53. Point midway between E and SE

54. A waterproof raincoat

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WESLEYAN
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.



William Byrd High School senior Katelin Patrick was named the DAR Good Citizen of the Year for 2023. She is shown with DAR Treasurer Carol Honaker (left) and DAR Regent Cindy Higgins.

DAR presents prestigious Good Citizen Award to Katelin Patrick

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The Roanoke Valley Chapter National Society Daughters of the American Revolution presented the 2023 DAR Good Citizen Award to William Byrd High School senior Katelin Patrick at the meeting on May 20. The DAR Good Citizens Award and Scholarship Contest, created in 1934, is intended to encourage and reward the qualities of good citizenship. The award recognizes and rewards high school seniors who possess the qualities of dependability, service, leadership, and patriotism in their homes, schools, and communities.

The DAR Good Citizen is nominated by the faculty at WBHS and voted on by fellow students.

As part of the DAR Good Citizen process, Katelin was invited to write an essay to participate in the scholarship segment of the competition. This year's assigned topic was "How will the essentials of being a good citizen, leadership, and patriotism meet the challenges that America faces in this decade?" She read her essay to the DAR members at the meeting.

Katelin's Essay:
"How will the essentials of being a good citizen, leadership, and patriotism meet the challenges that America faces in this decade?"

There are many ways to show how to be a good citizen in America. We can vote, pay taxes, obey the law, and we can follow the rules. Though it is great to do all those things as you should; you not only need to follow them but also improve and help the country in some way.

Our country needs to be pushing things that are more important than what the media is trying to say about them. Nowadays we are so stuck in what happens in a 'now moment' than what happens in the next moment. Our country needs to be more dependable and show strength. I mean, yes, we have the strongest military in the world right now, but who is to say we will in the next year. Everyone catches up eventually. Our country needs to show service like helping others because we have such an incredibly high percentage of homelessness and crimes and many other things that the world likes to look over sometimes just because this one political person said this. We need more people to step up to the bat who have the leadership skills to show others the right direction and to help them.

We need people who have patriotism and show their love for the country that they have rights, because men and women have fought in wars and many battles to earn them, and we take that for granted. When 9/11 happened our country was in a panic and completely afraid of what will happen next, but some people forget what happened after the attack and to help the first responders. Many people did not know how to help other than donating blood. The Red Cross had to tell them that they were not even able to take any more because they had plenty. Though that time was hard and impacted many lives that day, it also showed that our country can come together, but it took something that big for it to happen. Why is it that it took that to happen for our country to be together? We need more people today that are willing to help.

We need more people to step up and show their leadership and patriotism. Good citizens giving dependability, services, leadership, and patriotism is what makes the country come together. We need to be ready for the next thing that happens in this county and be that "Good Citizen."

Our issues need to be addressed when we first hear them and not let them become out of control. We have had many issues these past years with school shootings, and we need even our teenagers to speak out and to be good citizens to prevent these things happening. Our country needs to come together and act together and make every single person accountable; no one should be left out."

Katelin is a distinguished Honor Graduate of William Byrd in the Class of 2023. She has served as the Commanding Officer of the Navy National Defense Cadet Corps at WBHS. She was a member of this year's Vinton Dogwood Festival Court. She participated in Student Voices, the Student Council Association, the Leo Club, and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes Club. She was a Senior Class representative and assisted as an office aide at William Byrd. She has played varsity volleyball and soccer and participated in varsity indoor track.

During her 9th, 10th, and 11th grade years, Katelin took a three-year course in cosmetology at the Specialty Center for Mass Communication, Governor's STEM Academy-Burton Center for Arts & Technology. She obtained her State Board Cosmetology License in August 2022 and



Grayson Honaker, a rising senior at Virginia Tech, gave a presentation on the Battles of Saratoga at the May 20 DAR meeting. He is shown with Carol Honaker (left) and Regent Cindy Higgins.



The Roanoke Valley Chapter of the DAR welcomed new member Sabra Breslin at the meeting on May 20. Shown left to right are Chaplain Diane Good, Registrar Janice Taylor, Sabra Breslin, and Regent Cindy Higgins.

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PEOPLE, PLACES AND THINGS

By Angie Chewning

What a beautiful day for a Palooza. Saturday, the Vinton Chamber held the Second Annual Palooza on the lawn of the War Memorial. Thank you to all the people who came out to enjoy Vinton Palooza. We love doing events. We love seeing everyone have a great time!

Thank you to our Stage Sponsors for Solacoustix- Expect More Home Inspections and Jason Boothe, Realtor. Thank you to our Kids Zone Sponsor Big Lick Comic Con & Big Lick Comics. Thank you to our Wristband Sponsor Fisher Insurance Services. Thank you to our Platinum sponsors, Member One Federal Credit Union and Bank of Botetourt. Thank you Blue Ridge Beverage Company, Inc., Samuel Adams (Boston Beer



Kids Zone at Vinton Palooza

Company) for quenching our thirst all day. Thank you, McDonald's INVinton for feeding our volunteers breakfast. Thank you to the Town of Vinton Public Works Dept. and Town of Vinton Police Dept.- you are the best.

Lastly, thank you to our countless sponsors, volunteers, food trucks, vendors, staff and the Town of Vinton, Virginia government team.

Next up, we have a Chamber Golf Tournament on June

2 at Blue Hills. For information call the Chamber office 540-343-1364.

Then, on June 10, our Mingle at the Market Summer Concert Series kicks off with Vinyl Nation Band and Mountain Grille Food Truck.

All Mingles are held at the Vinton Farmers' Market Stage from 7-10 p.m. on the second and 4th Saturdays of each month from June through September. Admission is \$6; kids under 12 are free. Hope to see ya' there!



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Solacoustix provided the entertainment at the second annual Vinton Palooza.

has been working as a cosmetology assistant for the past three years.

She and her family volunteer at Straight Street to provide dinners for the local teens who mostly reside in the downtown Roanoke area. Straight Street provides a safe place for teens to hang out and provides basic needs.

She has also volunteered at the non-profit Friendship House assisting with preparing a newly acquired house in Roanoke for refugee families, along with volunteering for Teen Challenge and at Ronald McDonald House.

Katelin is an active member of the Bonsack Baptist Youth Student Council. She has participated in international missions in the Dominican Republic on a school construction project. She also sings in the Bonsack Baptist Praise Band.

Her future plans are to attend Virginia Military Institute (VMI), where she received early acceptance, to major in psychology and graduate with an internship or career opportunity with the FBI.

Katelin is the daughter of Ginny Lynn and Keith Patrick.

Also at the May 20 DAR meeting, new member Sabra Breslin was sworn in. Her Patriot is John Tayloe. Breslin commented that she was fulfilling her mother's dream by becoming a member of the DAR.

Membersdiscussedtheupcomingplanting of American flags at the Vinton Municipal Building in observance of Memorial Day. Shannon Campbell explained the history of the holiday, which began as "Decoration Day" in 1866, following the Civil War. General James Garfield made a speech at Arlington National Cemetery and the graves of 20,000 Confederate and Union soldiers were decorated with flowers and flags. The World Wars turned it into a day of remembrance for all members of the U.S. military who fought and died in service. In 1971, Congress standardized the holiday as "Memorial Day," scheduling it for the last Monday in May.

The DAR meeting concluded with a presentation by Virginia Tech rising senior Grayson Honaker on the 1777 Battles of Saratoga, a turning point in the American Revolution. He is majoring in history, with a minor in War and Society. His passion is the American Revolution. He hopes to eventually become a college professor of history.

He described two battles at Freeman's Farm and Bemis Heights, which turned the tide in the war for the Americans, when the British were forced to surrender. Of equal importance was the change the battles brought about in the country's relationship with France, who became more willing to back the cause of the Patriots.

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Edmondson recognized with Golden Apple by Thrasher Preschool

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In 2017, Erin Edmondson received the coveted Red Apple Award at the elementary school level from the Roanoke County Public Schools Education Foundation. At the time she was teaching third grade at W.E. Cundiff Elementary School. The Red Apple is a prestigious award— only one is given in the entire county at the elementary level.

Edmondson was described as “inviting, inventive, innovative, and creative; she teaches with passion and humility,” by the colleague who nominated her.

“Erin is a teacher because of all of the right reasons,” said Sherry Bryant, then principal at W.E. Cundiff. “She values all of her students and is willing to go above and beyond to make certain they are successful. She has high expectations for her students, and they learn to believe in their abilities. Erin provides activities that require students to create, problem solve, and work collaboratively with others. The children rise to her expectations because they know she cares for them as individuals.”

On May 18, 2023, Edmondson received another special Apple award— this time a Golden Apple from the families of students in the Thrasher United Methodist Church Preschool.

The idea for the Golden Apple first came up when the parents were brainstorming end-of-the-year gifts for Edmondson, in just her first year as preschool director (her dream job).

Ashley Buck says she was approached by a church staff member who filled her in about the previous Red Apple Award and mentioned how there was a Golden Apple Award.

“He explained it was a dream of Mrs. Ed’s to win the Golden Apple. Since she left the county schools, she wouldn’t be able to win one with them, but she has done incredible things for the program at Thrasher. It was a no brainer that this would be the perfect end to her first year.”

Buck ordered the golden apple and then began working on the logistics of arranging the surprise. She and teacher Rhonda Walls secretly sent home letters to preschool families making them aware of what was going to happen, what the award stood for, and asking parents to “send a word that came to mind when they thought of Mrs. Ed.”

“The timing ended up working out perfectly with the last day of school celebration,” Buck says. “We had a carnival for the preschoolers and families. Following the carnival, they gave class awards to each student. Mrs. Ed had finished up with her class awards and was getting ready to pray for pizza and I quickly jumped in and told her there was one more award that needed to be given.

“As this year is coming to an end, I think we can all agree that this year has been one of the best and it’s all thanks to the amazing staff here at Thrasher,” Buck said in her speech that followed. “This year was a year of transitions in many ways and one of those being gaining a new director, teacher, and friend in Mrs. Ed.

“Mrs. Ed has proven to be a fearless leader, a devoted educator, and compassionate friend to all. Her dedication to her staff, this program, and our kids has not gone unnoticed. She’s the one who, when you drive by long after the school day is over, you’ll still see her office light on and her car in the parking lot.

“She’s the one who has instilled a love of learning in all the kids she’s worked with and who has helped set our kids

up for academic success, even if it took a little Swedish Fish bribery for some. She’s the one who has gone the extra mile for the families here, in the good times and in some difficult times.

“The families here at Thrasher describe Mrs. Ed as humble, generous, patient, extremely loving, enthusiastic, professional, friendly, kindhearted, devoted, compassionate, creative, caring, helpful, inspiring, funny, and a positive role model, full of love and acceptance. She radiates warmth and kindness.

“We gained Mrs. Ed from the county schools, and in 2017 she won the Red Apple Award. There is also the sought-after Golden Apple Award given in the county to a teacher who has demonstrated accomplishments in the classroom and with individual student performance. It is based on effectiveness as a role model, making learning fun, mentoring students, and making an impact on students’ lives.

“Since Mrs. Ed has now left the county and has chosen Thrasher to be her new forever home, she unfortunately won’t have the opportunity to win the highest honor of a Golden Apple Award— until today.

“Mrs. Ed, it is my honor to give you the Golden Apple Award on behalf of our Thrasher family. You couldn’t be more deserving!”

After the speech, Buck’s son Cooper and nephew Macklin presented Edmondson with the Golden Apple and the certificate which reads, “Thank you for your hard work and dedication while inspiring a love of learning in your students.”

There were few dry eyes. Parents who sent longer messages thanking Mrs. Ed included Jess Curtin.

“Our sweet girl had a really tough time starting preschool this year at Thrasher,” Curtin said. “As a true pandemic toddler, her whole world had been inside our home for her entire life— no daycare, minimal contact with friends or peers. When it came time for me to drop her off at school that first week, it was a struggle. Thankfully, Erin Edmondson was there, along with her incredible staff of teachers and assistants. Mrs. Ed, as she’s lovingly known as, was so dedicated to helping our sweet girl find comfort and routine in coming to school. Mrs. Ed and the whole Thrasher Preschool staff worked hard as a team with us as parents to ensure that our child was a success at school this year. I’m astonished at the growth we’ve seen from our girl this year— and I know it’s mostly thanks to the incredible team at Thrasher. Mrs. Ed is so great about communicating with parents and family; she’s phenomenal with the children; and she’s so incredibly organized and meticulous that every detail is always covered. The overall vibe from the school is ‘we love your child’ regardless of circumstance. It has been an incredible school year.”

Amanda Dooley said, “Mrs. Ed is enthusiastic, professional, encouraging, friendly, fun, and kind. This job is the perfect fit for her. She has the experience of the school system to help run the preschool well from an administrative and professional standpoint, but she is also a hands-on person who genuinely engages students. She makes everyone feel special and important. Mrs. Ed went the extra mile for my son, Sawyer, with his broken finger and he had to wear a splint to school that made daily tasks harder. The kids feel safe, loved, and have fun every day. She is a true gem and makes Thrasher the place to be.”

Parent LaShawn Campbell said in her message that her daughter was in Edmondson’s class in November 2018



Thrasher Preschool Director Erin Edmondson with her Apple Awards— the Red Apple from Roanoke County Schools, the Golden Apple from Thrasher Preschool.



PHOTOS BY DEBBIE ADAMS

when LaShawn was diagnosed with Lymphoma cancer.

“I was devastated and didn’t know how I was going to help Neriah with her homework and start my chemo treatments. I called the school and spoke with Mrs. Ed. I explained to her what was going on. She was willing to do anything to help. She stayed late after school to help Neriah with her homework. My husband and I were so thankful for the help and support that she has given my family from teaching and taking care of Neriah up till this year at Thrasher with our son, D.J. You are so special to us. You deserve the Golden Apple every day and every year.”

“We love Mrs. Ed and are so appreciative of her loving Colter and all of the PreK kids,” says Caitlin Gills. “When we lost Grandude (my dad) a few weeks back, I honestly don’t know

what I would have done without her. She made sure Colter was well taken care of, loved on, and checked in on me and my family frequently. She added us to the prayer list and sent us cards. Her caring nature is what makes her an amazing educator.”

“Mrs. Ed is patient, kind, caring, and more like family than our son’s preschool teacher,” says Whitney Marie. “She provides a sense of calm and reassurance while also providing a sense of reality to work through tough situations. She provides a preschool director/teacher point of view, while also taking into account a parent point of view.”

Ashleigh Pinion said, “Mrs. Ed’s been a part of our family since 2016. She has taught all three of our children. She has made a lasting impact and we can’t imagine their education without her being a part of it.”

Celebrating The Town of VINTON!

The Town of Vinton, a community nestled in the Blue Ridge Mountains, welcomes you to our community. Vinton, a town rich with history, has over the years found itself to be one of a few communities that continue to relish the past by offering an environment of a comfortable lifestyle with the feeling of being a part of a large community family. The town, with its proximity to the Blue Ridge Parkway and Smith Mountain Lake, provides many opportunities for those who wish to stop and shop at our local farmers market or one of our unique specialty shops.

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

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

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Graduation

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A WBHS tradition each year is for graduating seniors to visit their former Roanoke County elementary schools. These members of the Class of 2023 visited Mount Pleasant Elementary on May 22.

are less fortunate.”

Newcomb went on to recognize several individual students and groups of students in the Class of 2023.

Eight students will be serving in the military: Shannon Armstrong (Air Force), Sam Bautista-Cardenas (Army), Landon Barber (Marines), Zackary Fedor (Marines), Dennis Friedel (Army), Holley Morehead (Army), Samuel Wilcox (Army), and Ava White (Marines).

Several students will be continuing their athletic careers at the collegiate level: Dustin Richards (football at Emory and Henry), Dylan Hughes (track at Roanoke College), Olivia Hurd (track at VMI), Colin Murtaugh (swimming at George Mason University), Mikayla Belanger (cheer at Ferrum College), Madeline Wolters-Argenio (soccer at Utica University), Maci Glass (soccer at Emory and Henry), Braeden Crossan (soccer at Ferrum), James Purcell (baseball at Concord University), Clayton Gilmore (golf at Ferrum), Haleigh Vaughan (softball at Roanoke College), Ella Ashworth (volleyball at Emory and Henry), Xavier Preston (wrestling at Roanoke College), and Dominic Pascoe (wrestling at Averett College).

She congratulated two seniors who are state champions– Xavier Preston, state wrestling champion in the 175 weight class, and Colin Murtaugh, repeat state champion in swimming. Murtaugh was a state champion in the 50 free and the 100 fly as a sophomore and this year was state champion in the 50 fly.

Two members of the Class of 2023 participated in All-State Choir– Magdalene Rusinak and Daniel Chappell.

Several students achieved Bilerteracy seals for excellent achievement in foreign languages–Riley Wheeler, Luis Hernandez, Melissa Cruz, Kathryn Johnson, Xavier Vaughn, Casi Carawan, Anna Martin, Latriva Pierce, and Breanna Hodges.

These students served apprenticeships with businesses in the valley through the Student Apprenticeship program: Collin Young (Balzer and Associates), Samuel Wilcox (Western Virginia Water Authority), Chandler Lusk (Do It All Siding and Windows), Christopher Haymaker (Graham White), and Brandon Clark (Avis Construction, through the engineering program at BCAT).

Newcomb went on to recognize students who completed programs at BCAT: Maci Glass and Victoria Johnson (certifications in CNA and EKG Technology), Trace Poindexter (certified EMT and volunteer for the Vinton First Aid Crew), Katelin Patrick (certified in cosmetology), Katelyn Davis, Alexis Helton, and Mia Wright (CNA certification); Alice Palmer (certifications in CNA, EKG Tech, cosmetology and the radiological technologist program).

“Each student graduating today is a symbol of success,” Newcomb said. “I am so proud of you.”

Newcomb closed her address with a quotation from Franklin Roosevelt, “We cannot always build the future for our children, but we can build our children for the future. We believe we have done that.”

The final address of the commencement ceremony was from Top Terrier Justin Patrick. The Top Terrier is selected each year by the faculty and senior students at WBHS, the highest honor a student can receive.

In his address, Patrick noted that for almost a century, William Byrd has been the cornerstone of the Vinton community, providing students with a topnotch education, instilling values of hard work, perseverance, and community service.

“We are part of a proud legacy that stretches back nearly 99 years. We have the privilege of carrying the torch passed down by the generations who came before. We will be taking with us not only lessons learned in the classroom, but the spirit of community and

service that defines WBHS. We are equipped with the tools and values necessary to make a positive impact in the world.”

He noted that their high school careers had begun with a year cut short by COVID and ended with a senior year of no snow days.

He concluded with a quote from Joel Olsteen which says, “When you drive home today, realize you have a big windshield in front of you and a little bitty rearview mirror. The reason for the windshield being so large and the rearview mirror so small, is because what happened in your past is not nearly as important as what’s in your future.”

The William Byrd Senior Choir, led by Choral Director Matt Bartley, performed the beautiful “I Will Sing You to the Stars.” Choir members included Braelyn Byrd, Daniel Chappell, Jason Cox, Taylor Davis, Corben Draper, Lily Kroese, Hailey Lascell, Madison Grace Long, William Overstreet, McKenna Paradis, Hailey Ramsey, Payton Ramsey, Kiefer Rea, Magdalene Rusinak, Kathryn Toney, Riley Wheeler, and Sydney Wintz.

Next up was the eagerly awaited “Presentation of Diplomas” beginning with the valedictorians: Ella Ashworth, Bethany Beecher, Casi Carawan, Sophia Chrisley, Brandon Clark, Jason Cox, Case Crawford, Taylor Davis, Kara Defibaugh, Reagan Dillard, Kristianna Fitzgerald, Maci Glass, Emma Gordon, Sydney Haddox, Breanna Hodges, Olivia Hurd, Kathryn Johnson, Ashton Kanode, Carsyn Kotz, Jakob Kroese, Lily Kroese, Sage Kushman, Hailey Lascell, Tina Lin, Alejandro Lopez, Anna Martin, Thomas McGregor, Martina Mihelcic, Holly Mills, Harley Morgan, Matan Morse, Colin Murtaugh, Mason Nguyen, Maggie Parkhurst, Dominic Pascoe, Justin Patrick, Kristen Patrick, Latriva Pierce, Xavier Preston, Rebecca Qiu, Magdalene Rusinak, Kenna Sarver, Julie Sattah, Pari Shah, Madeline Simmons, Kathryn Toney, Xavier Vaughn, Bailey Warden, and Madeleine Wolters-Argenio.

While the graduates were coming to the stage to receive their diplomas and congratulations from Newcomb, Assistant Principals Marcee Cook, Travis Anderson, and Phillip Martin, School Board members David Linden and Tim Greenway, and School Superintendent Dr. Ken Nicely, their photos and future plans were displayed onscreen.

Those future plans for the Class of 2023 include:

Apprenticeship Do It All Siding and Windows: Chandler Lusk

Averett University: Dominic Pascoe
Bombshell Beauty Salon: Rachel White
Coastal Carolina University: Makayla Bell
College of William and Mary: Mason Nguyen

Concord University: James Purcell
East Carolina University: Arianna English
East Tennessee State University: Kyle Colvin, Emily Jones

Embry Riddle Aeronautical University: Hailey Lascell

Emory and Henry College: Ella Ashworth, Bethany Beecher, Jonathan Farmer, Maci Glass, Peyton Leftwich, Jackson Powell, Dustin Richards, and Madeline Simmons.

Entering the Work Force: Juan Alatorre, Ireland Aldrich, Logan Baker, Maddox Beaman, James Berry III, Mikayla Blair, Nathaniel Bowles, Variah Bradac, Camrie Cadd, Madilyn Cadd, Melody Campbell, Tayshawn Clark, Ezekiel Colwell, Mackenzie Cook, Hunter Cox, Ryan Cundiff, Landon Daniel, Malaura Dilts, Benjamin Doss, Corben Draper, James Driscoll, Matthew Epperly, Emilee Fellows, Devon Foutz, Cadence Fralin, Chadwick Gaddy, Reina Garcia, Marissa Gearheart, Isaiah Gediek, Matthew Hall, Keira Hartley, Wesley Hill, Zy’norae Jackson, Ashton Janney, Jordan Johnson, Katherine Johnson, Breanna Jones, Alec Keipe, Lucas Keipe, Abby Lamonde, Donaven Love, Ashton Lynn, Kaiden Mandakis, Anastasia

Jason Peters seeking Roanoke County Commissioner of the Revenue office

Current Board of Supervisors member Jason Peters has received the Republican nomination to run for Commissioner of the Revenue in Roanoke County. The Commissioner of the Revenue is a constitutional officer elected for a four-year term.

Peters’ background encompasses 10 years of service on the Board of Supervisors, 23 years of business leadership in the banking industry, and over 30 years of active volunteer community involvement.

Peters says these positions have formed the perfect pathway for success in this newly sought position. He believes he will bring new insights, modernized changes and crucial relationships that will enable him to lead for many years to come.

According to his media release, “Through his banking career, Peters knows how businesses function and understands their ever-changing, complex needs. Since Covid, many businesses have faced a number of challenges and through those obstacles many became more automated and adapted to new ways. Recognizing those changes, Peters sees the need and has plans to develop, modernize, and streamline the process for Roanoke County businesses.

“As an active member of the Roanoke County Board of Supervisors. Peters understands the necessity of having a vibrant, expanding community. During his Board time, he was

a driving force behind several teams that helped transform many stagnant county-owned properties to productive entities. Those significant changes are apparent in the development and revitalization of Vinton, the Reimagine 419 project, and the success of Explore Park.

“Most recently, he crafted the memorandum of understanding (MOU) between the Board of Supervisors and Roanoke County Schools to renovate two elementary schools and build a much-needed career and technical center.

“Peters’ community involvement demonstrates his desire to serve the Roanoke area. He has served over 30 years with Roanoke County Fire and Rescue through the Vinton First Aid Crew, where he currently serves as president of the board. Peters has served in various other volunteer organizations throughout Vinton and Roanoke County.

“Through his career, his community service and his volunteerism, Peters has gained many years of experience and beneficial relationships that will help him to serve in the capacity of Roanoke County Commissioner of the Revenue. Those relationships that he has formed will be crucial to making the Commissioner of Revenue office a place that is seen by citizens and business owners as a valuable community resource. This is his true desire – to help put tools in the hands of businesses and young professionals



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Jason Peters

to inspire them to become future leaders in Roanoke County.”

According to the Roanoke County website, The Commissioner of the Revenue’s office is responsible for:

- Assessments and audits of individual and business personal property
- Issuance, renewals and audits of business licenses
- Real estate transfers and real estate tax Relief administration
- Assistance and processing of Virginia state income tax returns
- Assessment of bank franchise and public service corporation taxes
- Administration of excise (trust) taxes

The Commissioner’s office also maintains the Real Estate Land Books, Personal Property Land Books, and collects prepared food, beverage and lodging taxes.”

His Democratic opponent will be current Commissioner of the Revenue Nancy Horn, first elected in 2001.

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Martin, Crystal McCadden, Bailey Meadows, Dominique Murphy, Adrian Nunez, William Overstreet, Riley Payne, Faith Powell, Hailey Ramsey, Kiefer Rea, Tanner Sarver, Keenan Schmitt, Gary Serfass III, Jayden Sink, Riley Sloane, Owen Spence, Andrew Spencer, Bryce Sutphin, Malachi Taylor, Kobe Turner, Xally Tzompaxtle, Allison Ward, Ethan Werle, Jaylen West, Taylor White, and Zachary Wilson.

Ferrum College: Mikayla Belanger, Jaiden Childress, Braeden Crossan, and Clayton Gilmore

Galen College of Nursing: Mia Wright
Gardner Webb University: Corinna Pittenger

George Mason: Elijah Dillon, Colin Murtaugh, Kenna Sarver, Aidan Williams
Hawaii Pacific University: Laney Stroop
Hollins University: Olivia Staten

James Madison University: Reagan Booth, Julie Sattah, and Madison Wright
Liberty University: Kristianna Fitzgerald, Braelyn Swan, Justin Thacker

Longwood University: Dakota Bell
NASCAR Technical Institute: William Workman

North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University: Reagan Dillard

Oberlin University: Latriva Pierce

Paul Mitchell The School Roanoke: Kaitlyn McKenzie

Radford University: Dillon Anderson, Calvin Bannister III, Carter Bray, Samuel Bautista-Cardenas, Logan Brown, Landon Bruner, Madison Burks, Kara Defibaugh, Jacob Dickerson, Tabitha Giles, Davian Hopkins, Hannah Kemp, and Alexis Nelms.

Radford University–Carilion: Makayla Collins, Alexis Helton, Victoria Johnson, and Alice Palmer

Randolph College: Lake Paul, Nicolette Stiltner

Randolph Macon College: Luis Hernandez

Regent University: Makenzie Stalworth

Roanoke College: Braelyn Byrd, Cadin Byrd, Keltie Clinebell, Melissa Cruz-Quiroz, Hayden Fairtrace, Dylan Hughes, Ashton Klein, Madison-Grace Long, Haleigh Vaughan

The Apprenticeship School Newport News: Briar Boksa

Universal Technical Institute: Jacob Bell

United States Air Force: Shannon Armstrong

United States Army: Samuel Bautista-Cardenas, Dennis Friedel, Holley Morehead, Samuel Wilcox

United States Marine Corps: Landon Barber, Zackary Fedor, and Ava White

University of Virginia: Sophia Chrisley, Breanna Hodges, Tina Lin, Matan Morse, Maggie Parkhurst, and Rebecca Qiu.

Utica University: Madeleine Wolters-Argenio
Virginia Commonwealth University: Addisyn Ackley, Jacob Blevins, Jason Cox, Summer Garmon, Nicholas Genaro, Madison Gray, Lily Kroese, Sage Kushman, Magdalene Rusinak, and Sydney Wintz.

Virginia Military Institute: Olivia Hurd and Katelyn Patrick

Virginia Tech: Aleyah Basham, Casi Carawan, Brandon Clark, Case Crawford, Taylor Davis, Emma Gordon, Sydney Haddox, Tristan Harrell, Shane Heldenbrand, Kathryn Johnson, Carsyn Kotz, Anna Martin, Thomas McGregor, Martina Mihelcic, Holly Mills, Justin Patrick, Brooklyn Peters, Kaiden Schuder, Garrett Sexton, Pari Shah, Krenar Sinani, Caleb Thompson, Kathryn Toney, Xavier Vaughn, Bailey Warden, Grayson Webb, and Collin Young.

Virginia Western Community College: Raelyn Adams, Kylie Altizer, Jacob Archambo, Isaia Bailey, Callie Blankenship, Emily-Anne Booher, Kayleigh Brown, Robert Brunner, Joshua Bryant, Jr., Tristan Bunn, Sedona Canner, Daniel Chappell, Alyssa Chocklett, Alex Coffey, Katelyn Davis, Paige Davis, Bailey Dollberg, Macie Emerson, Samuel Ferris, Ricardo Gaspar-Cabrera, Noah Hall, Anthony Harris II, Kyleigh Hartberger, Sebastian Hartman, Christopher Haymaker, Daniel Hiemstra, Da’janique Johnson, Hannah Johnson, Logan Jones, Ashton Kanode, Summer Kingery, Jakob Kroese, Cayden Litchford, Alejandro Lopez, Olivia Lyles, Julieth Maldonado-Melghem, Mario Martinez-Maldonado, Jayden McClure, Harley Morgan, Evan Mullen, Zachary Palmer, McKenna Paradis, Kristen Patrick, Phillip Pham, Trace Poindexter, Payton Ramsey, Alexander Reamey, Caleb Riley, Auden Severs, Harsh Sharma, Macy Shepherd, Ian Spaulding, Tymothy Spradlin, Abigail Stoehr, Hayden Thomas, Riley Wheeler, Emory Whitehead, Nathen Williamson, and Cole Wolters-Argenio.

Senior Sponsor Hannah Prater facilitated the Class of 2023 Graduation Ceremony. The ceremony can be viewed online in its entirety at <https://www.rcps.us/graduation>.



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Seniors in the William Byrd High School Choir performed “I Will Sing You the Stars” during the commencement ceremony.

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Legals - City of Salem

VERONICA PERKINS, trading as HAMMER & STAIN ROANOKE LLC., 901 S. COLORADO ST. SALEM VA. 24153

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

VERONICA PERKINS 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.

ABC NOTICE

SALEM VAPE AND TOBACCO,LLC, trading as SALEM VAPE AND TOBACCO, 29 E. MAIN STREET, Salem VA. 24153.

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

Legals - City of Salem

Ayeda Sati, Owner

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Order of Publication

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE CITY OF SALEM

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

Case No. **CL 23-102**
TO: THE RESPONDENTS: The object of this suit is to enforce the lien for taxes assessed by the City of Salem, Virginia against certain real property designated as Tax Map Parcel No. 39-2-5
An affidavit having been made and filed that diligence has been used without effect to ascertain the location of George W. Welch and Mary Elizabeth Welch and that there are or may be persons with an interest in the subject property, including heirs, devisees, and successors in title of George W. Welch and Mary Elizabeth Welch, who may be deceased, whose names and addresses are unknown, it is hereby ORDERED that each of the parties appear on or before the 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
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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 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.
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Legals - City of Salem

Order of Publication

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

Case No. **CL23000635-00**
ROANOKE COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT, 305 EAST MAIN ST, SALEM VIRGINIA 24153

Commonwealth of Virginia, *in re* OLDSON,HUDSON LEE DAVID v. LOVE, HUDSON LEE DAVID
The object of this suit is to: NAME CHANGE OF MINOR. It is ORDERED that MICHAEL LEE OLDSON appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before JULY 6,2023 @ 11:00 AM.
MAY 16, 2023
BENJAMIN GUERRANT, DEPUTY CLERK

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.

Legals - Craig County

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 146 HANNAH CIR AKA RR 2 BOX 1482, NEW CASTLE, VA 24127

In execution of a Deed of Trust in the original principal amount of \$165,000.00, with an annual interest rate of 3.000000% dated March 6, 2006, recorded among the land records of the Circuit Court for the COUNTY OF CRAIG as Deed Book 154, Page 537, the undersigned appointed Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction all that property located in the COUNTY OF CRAIG, on the courthouse steps at the front of the Circuit Court building for the County of Craig located at 303 Main Street, New Castle, Virginia on August 1, 2023 at 3:00 PM, the property with improvements to wit: 5.00 ACRE AS DESCRIBED ON PLAT RECORDED IN CLERK'S OFFICE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CRAIG COUNTY, VIRGINIA IN DEED BOOK 135, PAGE 266 Tax Map No. 35-2-2
THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR.
TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder's deposit of 10% of the sale price, will be required in cash, certified or cashier's check. Settlement within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Trustees may forfeit deposit. Additional terms to be announced at sale. Loan type: Conventional. Reference Number 17-265489. PROFESSIONAL FORECLOSURE CORPORATION OF VIRGINIA, Substitute Trustees, C/O LOGS LEGAL GROUP LLP, 10021 Balls Ford Road, Suite 200, Manassas, Virginia 20109 (703) 449-5800. Publishing Dates: May 24, 2023, June 28, 2023, and July 5, 2023



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 - 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

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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.
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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
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WBHS Choir ends the year on a high note

The William Byrd High School Choir has been busy over the past month. Five Byrd singers traveled to Richmond for All-Virginia Choir from April 27-29, the most from one school in the musical district of over 30 high schools.

The five singers—Connor Wheeler, Cindel Camper, Olaedo Anyanwu, Maggie Rusinak and Daniel Chappell—also set a record for the number of delegates WBHS has sent to All-Virginia in one year.

While in Richmond, they gathered with about 300 of the best singers from across the state and worked with nationally recognized clinicians. At the end of the event, they performed a public concert to put their talents and work on display.

Three middle schoolers also traveled to Richmond at the same time for the Middle School All-Virginia choir event—Sidney Draper, Aubrey Blewett and Claire Draper.

The WBHS Spring Choir Concert was held on Thursday, May 18.

There, the students performed music that represented their ability levels and highlighted their growth. They were joined on stage by Jillian Donahue, a student teacher from Virginia Tech, as well as their regular piano accompanist, Becky Batts. The choir also celebrated many students for receiving letters and provided a send-off for a large group of seniors, many of whom received music honor cords to be worn at graduation.

Several students were also recognized for their superlatives:

- Most Improved awards to Corben Draper, Kiefer Rea and Taylor Spangler

- Leadership awards to Marissa Camper and Elizabeth Young

- Outstanding Musician awards to Alyssa Adams and Demarion Williams

- National Choral Award to Daniel Chappell and Maggie Rusinak

- Fidelity Award to Olivia Staten

By William Byrd Choral Director Matt Bartley



Miley Moses, Aubrey Booze, and Brook Hershel performed during the Choir Concert on May 18.



William Byrd Middle School All-Virginia singers (from left) Sidney Draper, Claire Draper, and Aubrey Blewett



Megan Grant, 2023 Elon University graduate

Grant graduates with honors from Elon University

Megan Grant has graduated from Elon University with summa cum laude honors with a double major in psychology and sociology. She is a 2019 graduate of William Byrd High School and was a member of their acclaimed 2019 Softball State Championship Team.

Grant continued her athletic career in college and won the Golden Glove Award for 2023.

She is a Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Society inductee and was named to the 2023 Academic All-District by the College

Sports Communicators (CSC), which recognizes the nation's top student-athletes for their combined performances on the diamond and in the classroom.

She is a four-year letter winner, made second team all-conference in 2021 and the conference all-tournament team. She also won the Phoenix Award in 2021.

Grant will be playing her fifth year of softball at Elon University in the fall and begin work on her Master's degree.

Submitted by Lori Grant



PHOTOS COURTESY OF LORI GRANT

Megan Grant, a member of the William Byrd 2019 Softball State Championship Team, continued her athletic career at Elon University.

Perfect Day for inaugural Push/Pull by the Pool weightlifting competition



The Team Squat Rack Diaries was the Top Overall Team at the Lancerlot's first Push/Pull by the Pool weightlifting competition on May 20. Shown left to right are sponsor Chris Osborne of C&E Performance, Michael Bennett, Trevor Vasser, Tommy Henritze, and Lancerlot Health and Fitness Manager Robin Hartman.



Claire Steger (center) took first place in the Push/Pull at the Pool weightlifting competition female division. She is shown with Chris Osborne, co-owner of C&E Performance who sponsored the event, and Lancerlot Health & Fitness Manager Robin Hartman.

The Lancerlot Sports Complex and C&E Performance joined forces on May 20 to introduce the first "Push/Pull by the Pool" competition at the Lancerlot – and as advertised – outdoors by the pool, thanks to some nice weather.

The inaugural competition was such a success that plans are for Push/Pull by the Pool to become an annual event.

The event included both deadlift and bench competitions. Proceeds from the competition will 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 was also 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 result was the "Push/Pull by the Pool" competition.

The event also included DJ Marissa Hitchcock, sports

and nutrition vendors (5 STAR Nutrition, SSF, Complete Health, Buff Stuff, Hard Hands, Serious Steel) and more.

Prizes were awarded for the top overall male and female, along with a trophy for the top overall team of three.

Claire Steger took first place in the female division, with second place going to Keesey Presson, and third place to Jennifer Dixon.

Trevor Vasser won first place in the male division (lifting 800 pounds) with second place going to Michael Bennett, and third to Tommy Henritze.

The trophy for the top overall team of three went to "Team Squat Rack Diaries," made up Vasser, Bennett, and Henritze.



Trevor Vasser (center) took first place in the male division Push/Pull by the Pool weightlifting competition. He is shown with Chris Osborne and Robin Hartman.



PHOTOS BY DEBBIE ADAMS

Sarah Brabham lifts a personal-best 150 pounds at the Push/Pull Competition. Her late husband, Henry Brabham, founded the Lancerlot Sports Complex.

Nick Jones is among five in Salem-Roanoke Baseball Hall of Fame Class of ‘23

Five area baseball players and contributors have been selected for induction into the Salem-Roanoke Baseball Hall of Fame for the 31st induction ceremony, scheduled for Sunday, July 23rd, at the Salem Civic Center. The Class of ‘23 includes Roy Clark, Nick Jones, Randy Lawrence, Reggie Poff and Matt Trent, and Gary Oyler will receive the Wayne LaPierre, Sr. Community Service Award.

Jones is a Roanoke native who played his high school ball at William Byrd High, where he was a key player on three Blue Ridge District champions, three region champs, a state runner-up team in 2000 and a state championship team in 1997. A two time all-state selection, he was Blue Ridge District and Region Player of the Year and a recipient of the Ray Bellamy Award, presented by the Salem-Roanoke Baseball Hall of Fame, in 2000. Jones left Byrd as the school career leader in runs scored and was in the top five all-time in seven hitting categories.

After graduation Nick played at Virginia Commonwealth University, where he was a part of three NCAA Regional teams along with two CAA Regular Season and Tournament Champions. Nick was selected in the 11th round of the 2003 Major League Baseball Draft by the Chicago Cubs and, while in the Cubs Organization, he was a member of three league championship teams. He resides in the Roanoke Valley and is active in coaching youth sports.

Clark is a Martinsville native who made a name for himself in baseball as a player, scout and administrator. He was a first team All-American infielder at Ferrum College in 1977 and is a member of the college Hall of Fame.

Roy went to start at the University of North Carolina and was drafted by the Seattle Mariners in the MLB draft. After playing four years of Minor League ball he began scouting in 1985 with Seattle, then Cleveland followed by 20 years with the Braves, including 10 as Scouting Director. After four years with Washington as assistant GM he spent time with the Dodgers, then went back to Atlanta and he is currently a Senior Advisor for the Kansas City Royals. Roy is a member of the Georgia Scouts Association Hall of Fame and the Mid-Atlantic Scouts Association Hall of Fame.

Lawrence is a native of Montgomery County and a 1989 graduate of Christiansburg High School,

where he held 13 athletic records in three sports, baseball, basketball, and football. In baseball he received all-state honors as a pitcher, twice, and also as a firstbaseman along with numerous all-district and all-region honors. Randy was the AA State Player of the Year in 1988 after leading Timesland in both pitching and hitting.

Lawrence began his college baseball career at Ferrum in the spring of 1990 where he played on a nationally ranked team for three seasons, was named two time Dixie All Conference Pitcher, Dixie Conference Pitcher of the Year in 1992 with a 9-0 record, and was an All-American. He was drafted by the Boston Red Sox in June ‘92 and played for three seasons with the organization’s minor leagues in Florida and New York. Randy was inducted as an inaugural member of Christiansburg High School’s Sports Hall of Fame in April 2023.

Poff played high school baseball for Glenvar under coach Joe Davis, where he was a teammate of fellow S-R Baseball Hall of Famers Sandy Hill and Scott Atkins. He gained his fame as an official, and umpired baseball for 47 years before retiring in 2022. He also officiated basketball, volleyball and softball. As an umpire Reggie could be found on the high school, American Legion, AAU and recreation league diamonds. He was a crew chief for VHSL finals at several levels and umpired the Virginia Commonwealth Games for over 25 years.

Trent is a Roanoke native and Cave Spring High School graduate, where he was a standout outfield and pitcher. As a walk-on at Wingate University Matt earned a scholarship and led the Bulldogs in saves and strikeouts per nine innings before undergoing Tommy John surgery as a sophomore. Upon returning, he led Wingate again in saves and strikeouts and in 2005 Matt was drafted round by the St. Louis Cardinals.

In his first professional season, Trent led the New Jersey Cardinals of the NY-Penn League in saves before being promoted to Class A and finished his first season with an ERA of 2.51. In his second season for Quad Cities Matt was a leader out of the bullpen where he maintained a 2.61 ERA. The following year, Matt was promoted to the Palm Beach Cardinals in the Class A Advanced League. After being traded to the Colorado Rockies, he finished the season with a combined 3.02 ERA.



NICK JONES

Oyler will receive the 19th annual Wayne LaPierre, Sr. Community Service Award. Oyler who owns Gary Oyler Insurance and has been a long time supporter of the Salem-Roanoke Baseball Hall of Fame and little league baseball.

The Salem-Roanoke Baseball Hall of Fame was founded in 1991 and honors players and contributors from the counties of Alleghany, Roanoke, Bedford, Botetourt, Craig, Floyd, Franklin and Montgomery and the independent cities located within the boundaries of those counties. The Hall of Fame building is located on the grounds of the James E. Taliaferro Complex, next to the Salem Red Sox administrative office behind the third base seating area of Salem Memorial Ballpark. It is open to the public on selected nights during the 2023 season and upon request.

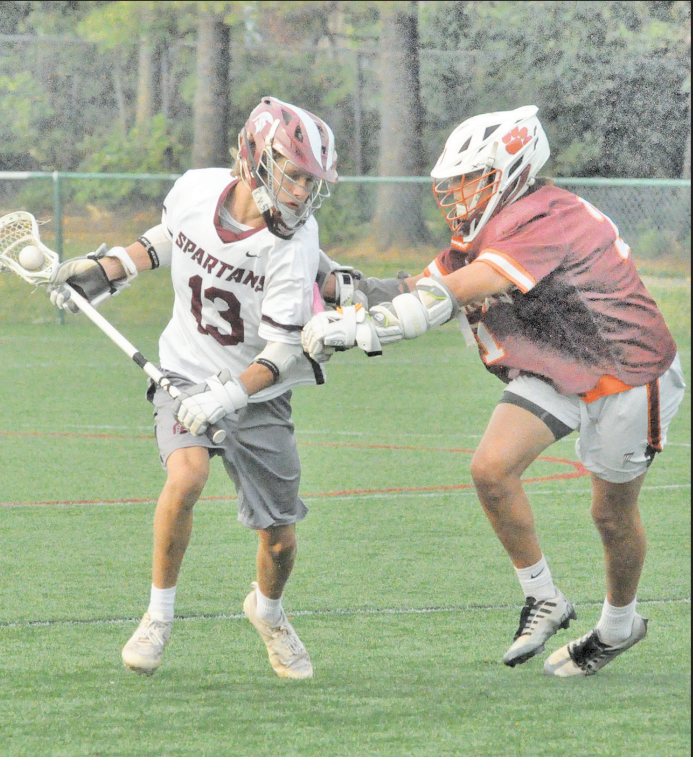
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Future is bright for Byrd lax teams

The William Byrd lacrosse teams saw their seasons come to an end in the first round of the Region 4D tournaments. The Byrd girls lost to E.C. Glass in Lynchburg, 18-2, and the boys dropped a 15-0 decision to Salem at Spartan Field in Salem Monday.

The boys finished the season with a 5-10 record. That was three more wins than last year and the Terriers made the region field for the second time in school history with a very young team under second year coach Will Satterfield.

“Our boys took great strides this year,” said Satterfield. “We came in with the youngest team in the Roanoke Valley and possibly the state. It is hard to transition from play-



Left, William Byrd’s Beau Brady checks a Salem High player in Monday’s Region 4D game in Salem. Right, Byrd goalie Julian Pantoja guards the crease.



PHOTOS BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

ing middle school and jumping right into a varsity season.

“We had 10 freshman and eight sophomores with a significant number of those getting a lot of varsity minutes. Our guys never quit in any games this season and I was proud of how we fought all season. We almost tripled our win total

from last year, but more importantly we laid a foundation for this program moving forward. We hope to be adding a JV team next year which will allow younger players to transition to the speed and physicality of the varsity game.”

“I look forward to this offseason continuing to develop skill

wise and in the weight room. Our guys really committed to lifting this year and moving forward, that will be something that separates us from other programs.”

The girls finished with a 3-12 record, but they also had a young team and showed growth and improvement as the season

progressed.

“Of the 20 rostered players 14 are freshman and sophomores,” said coach Dan Eberhardt. “We only graduate three with six coming up from the youth program, so I anticipate a much better season next year and a very solid season in two.”

Region 3D track meet at CS today

The Region 3D track meet, with William Byrd High School athletes, is scheduled for today at Cave Spring High School. Field events will start at 2 pm to open the meet.

The top four place winners in each event will qualify for the state Class 3 meet, as well as those who have prequalified. The state meet is scheduled for June 2 and 3 at Liberty University in Lynchburg.

Net girls fall

The William Byrd tennis season is over after the girls lost to Abingdon in the first round of the Region 3D tournament. Byrd ended the season with a team record of 8-8.

“We were proud of how we ended the season since we were so young,” said coach Kayla Mitchell-McCroskey.

The boys did not qualify for the region, and Byrd will not be represented in the singles or doubles region tournaments.



COACH PITCH ACTION

Vinton’s Arabella Ferguson fires the ball to first in a coach-pitch game against a South County team in recreation action at Vinyard Park.

PHOTO BY JEFF MARVIN

Karnes is 1st team All-ODAC

The Roanoke College softball season came to an end Saturday but not until the Maroons advanced to the NCAA Division III regional final at Christopher-Newport University in Newport News, VA. The Maroons lost to the host Captains twice in the double elimination tournament.

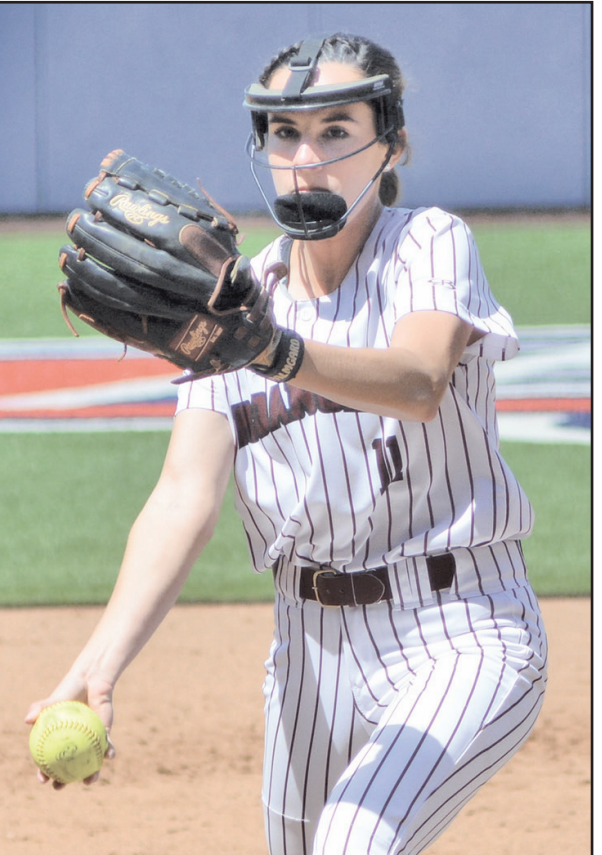
Seven members of the Roanoke team were named All-ODAC with head coach Mike Mitchell being honored as the 2023 ODAC Coach of the Year. William Byrd graduate Jada Karnes, a senior, was named First Team All-ODAC with Lilly Burns, Kate Houle, Rachel Sirbaugh, and Adriana Rivera all being selected Second Team All-ODAC. Lindsay Gedro and Makayla Austin were both Third Team All-ODAC selections.

Mitchell is in his 15th season guiding the Maroons softball program. This is his second ODAC top coaching honor. Mitchell currently owns a 352-220 (.615) overall record.

Also, College Sports Communicators (CSC)

has announced its Academic All-District selections, and five Roanoke softball players were recognized for their performances both in the classroom and

on the diamond. Lilly Burns, Lauryn Chappell, Morgan Clark, Adriana Rivera and Rachel Sirbaugh all earned CSC Academic All-District honors.



William Byrd grad Jada Karnes won two games in the NCAA tournament and finished with a season record of 18-6, garnering first team all-conference honors.

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Left, Maci Glass controls the ball in last week’s Blue Ridge District tournament championship win over Lord Botetourt. Center, BRD Player of the Year Maddy Simmons (#10) battles a Cavalier for the ball. Right, Anna Martin kicks her leg high to send the ball down the pitch.

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Byrd girls win BRD soccer title, open Region 3D play at home

The William Byrd girls added a Blue Ridge District tournament championship to their regular season title last week, and this week they begin a quest for a Region 3D championship. The region tournament opens this week and Byrd will be home Friday against Carroll County for a 6 pm game on Highfill Field.

The Terriers come into the tournament with a 14-1-3 record but that only gets them the third seed. Top seeded Magna Vista and second seeded Lord Botetourt get first round byes, even though Byrd beat Lord Botetourt in the district championship last week and has

a better record than the Cavaliers, who are 12-3-3.

Byrd and Botetourt have played three times thus far, tying twice during the regular season by 1-1 and 2-2 scores. Last week they met for a third time in the BRD tournament final in Vinton and the Terriers came out on top, 4-3, in a thrilling game at Patterson Stadium.

Botetourt scored first, but Maddy Simmons drew the Terriers even with a goal assisted by Addi St. Clair and the game was 1-1 at the half.

The Cavs regained the lead eight minutes into the second half, but just

five minutes later Simmons scored again off a St. Clair assist and it was level again at 2-2. Byrd then took the lead for the first time with 23 minutes on the clock when Maci Glass scored off a corner kick, but just three minutes later Botetourt answered and it was 3-3 with 20 minutes remaining.

Simmons scored her third goal of the night for the game winner, heading in a corner kick from Glass, and Byrd keeper Sophia Chrisley sealed the win with a big save just before time ran out. Chrisley had 13 saves.

“It was an exciting game,” understated Byrd coach Molly Cox, who

was named BRD Coach of the Year after the tournament. Simmons was named BRD Player of the Year and four other girls made first team as well, Glass, St. Clair, Chrisley and Claire Glover. Second team selections included Madeleine Wolters-Argenio, Ellas Ashworth and Anna Martin.

If the Terriers play Lord Botetourt again it will end the season for the loser. Friday’s winners will meet in the Region 3D semifinals next Tuesday, and LB and Byrd will play for a fourth time if they both survive Friday games. As the higher seed LB would get to be home for that game.

WB boys draw Cave Spring in region soccer

William Byrd was at Cave Spring Wednesday night to open the Region 3D soccer tournament. Results were too late for press deadlines, but the winner advances to Friday’s game against top-seeded Magna Vista in Ridgeway.

Byrd came into the regional as the ninth seed with a 5-8-3 overall record, while Cave Spring was seeded eighth. They played twice during the regular season with the Knights win-

ning Vinton, 2-1, and the county rivals playing to a scoreless draw at Cave Spring.

The All-Blue Ridge District team was announced last week and Byrd had two on the first team, senior Braden Crossan and sophomore Ian Sigmon. Second teamers were senior Dylan Hughes, junior Bricen Lancaster and sophomore Daniel Britts.

Baseball team opens region at Northside today

The William Byrd baseball team will open Region 3D play today when the Terriers travel to Northside to take on the Vikings at 5 pm.

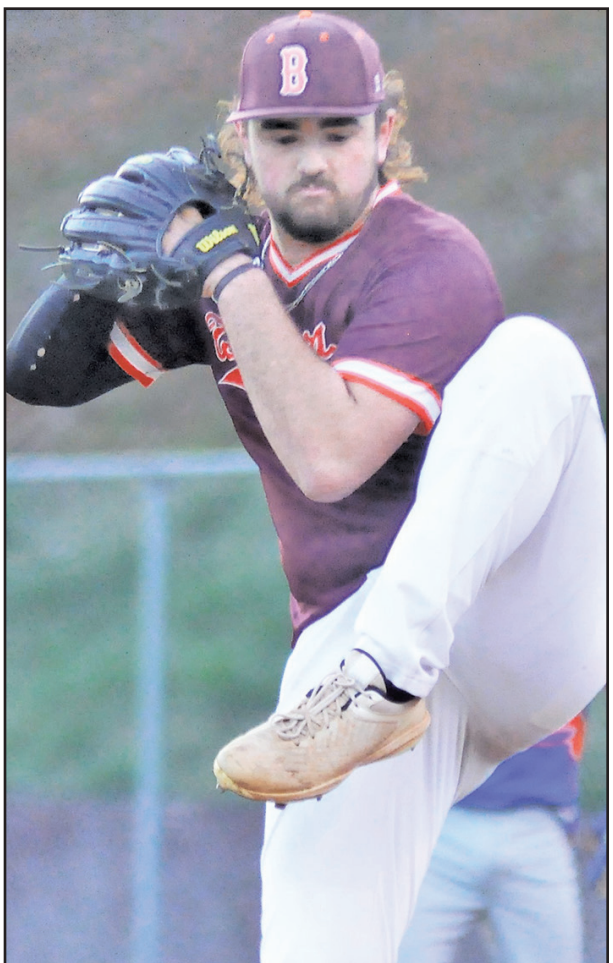
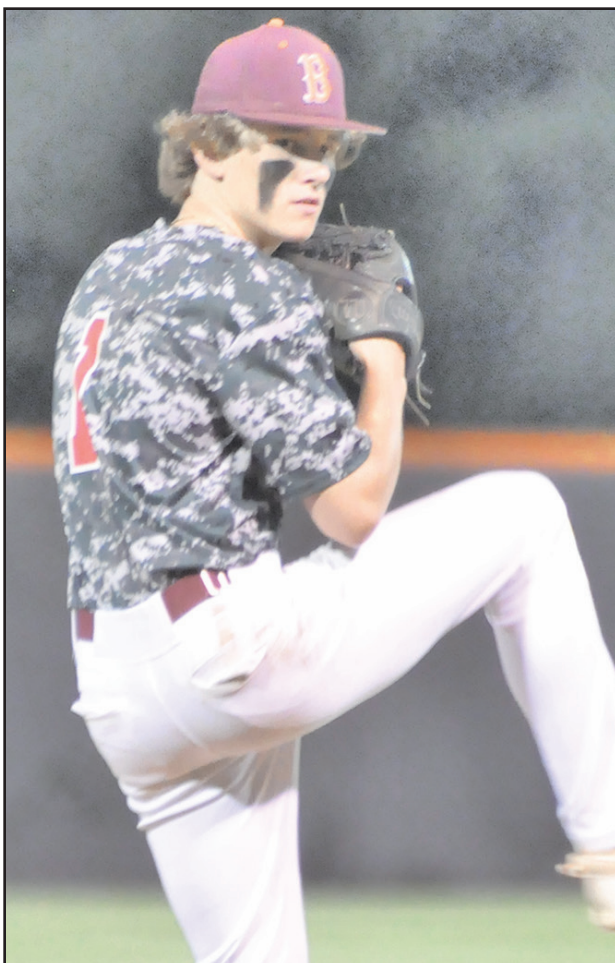
Byrd comes in as the ninth seed in the 10 team region tournament and Northside is eighth. They both come into the game with a 12-10 record and, as Blue Ridge District rivals, they played twice during the regular season. The Terriers swept the season series, winning 7-5 at Northside and 18-8 in Vinton.

At press time Terrier coach Jason Taylor was still undecided who would start on the mound for the Terriers Thursday. He indicated either righthander Blake Glover or lefty Brogan Dent would get the start.

Glover picked up the win in both regular season games against Northside, both in relief. Cooper Minnix started the game at Northside and Glover relieved, earning the decision when the Terriers came from behind for the win. In Vinton, Glover relieved Jacob Dickerson, who started on “Senior Night,” and again Blake came out of the bullpen to get the win. The Vikings have yet to see Dent in the two previous games.

If Byrd wins tonight the Terriers will travel to South Roanoke County Friday to take on top-seeded Cave Spring. The Knights come in at 16-5-1 but the Terriers played them tough in two regular season games, losing 3-0 at Cave Spring early in the season but returning the favor with a 7-4 Byrd win in Vinton on May 3rd. Cave Spring is coming off an 8-3 loss to Salem in the River Ridge District championship game last Friday.

The Region 3D semifinals will be next Tuesday and the championship is Friday, June 2nd. Both teams in the championship game will advance to the state tournament.



Byrd coach Jason Taylor will decide between either Brogan Dent(left) or Blake Glover to start on the mound in today’s Region 3D baseball game at Northside.

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Haleigh Vaughan is BRD Player of the Year.

PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Softball season ends with loss to Franklin County in BRD tourney

The William Byrd softball season came to an end when the Terriers lost to Franklin County in the Blue Ridge District tournament semifinals last week. The host Eagles took an 11-3 win in Rocky Mount.

The loss followed an exciting upset of higher seeded Lord Botetourt in the district opener, when Sydney Blewett’s seventh inning homer was the difference in a 6-4 win. The Terriers were hoping to ride that momentum into Franklin County and that appeared to be the case as the game was tied at 3-3 after four and a half innings. However, the Eagles finished strong and eliminated Byrd from the tournament.

Addison Clark took the loss for William Byrd Terriers. The freshman righthander allowed 13 hits and 11 runs over five and two-thirds innings,

striking out five. Haleigh Vaughan and Mandolin Draper had multiple hits.

With the loss the Terriers finished the season with a 6-15 record and that wasn’t good enough to make the Region 3D tournament, which begins this week. Byrd battled some tough injuries during the season and had a young team, with six freshmen and two sophomores on the 15 girl roster. They’ll graduate just four seniors, Vaughan, Brooklyn Peters, Makayla Bell and Olivia Lyles.

After the tournament the All-Blue Ridge District team was announced and Vaughan was named BRD Player of the Year. Peters joined her on the first team and second team selections from Byrd included Clark, Bell and Draper.