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## Vinton Historical Society and Museum dedicates appreciation bricks, memorial bench

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The Vinton Historical Society and Museum dedicated several honorarium bricks in their Memory Pergola to individuals and organizations who have supported the society and museum and their work, at a ceremony on June 3, 2023.

The pergola stands on the lawn of the museum. It was built in the summer of 2004 by Jeremy "Muffin" Allen of Boy Scout Troop 18 as his Eagle Scout project.

Bricks were placed within the pergola in honor of Sherri Winkler of Nite Owl Artz, Chris Duncan of Vinton Computer, Rosie's Gaming Emporium, and the Town of Vinton.

"Sherri Winkler, owner of Nite Owl Artz, started her creative multimedia business in 2017," said Denny Dickens, vice president of the Vinton Historical Society. "She named it Nite Owl Artz because she had always worked nights during her career in the news industry. After living here for a few years, she decided she wanted to volunteer in the community. Meanwhile, the Vinton Historical Society and Vinton Museum needed a website to reach out to the community about the programs and services offered at the museum. It was a perfect match. Sherri offered her services to create our first webpage



**The Vinton Historical Society and Vinton History Museum dedicated appreciation bricks in the Memory Pergola to several of their most significant supporters on June 3. Sherri Winkler (on right) was one of the recipients. As owner of Nite Owl Artz, she has made a generous donation of her time and creative skills to setting up and maintaining the museum's website. Vinton Community Programs Director Chasity Barbour (on left) led the dedication of a bench in the pergola to the late Kevin Wilhelm, donated by his family. Denny Dickens, vice president of the Historical Society, emceed the ceremony.**



**The Vinton Historical Society and Museum held a brick and bench dedication ceremony in the Memory Pergola on June 3, with bricks engraved for Sherri Winkler of Nite Owl Artz, Chris Duncan of Vinton Computer, Rosie's Gaming Emporium, and the Town of Vinton.**

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**PHOTO BY DEBBIE ADAMS**  
**The first bike rider in the 2023 Ironman 70.3 Virginia's Blue Ridge Triathlon, Michael Chronert, came through Vinton at 9:16 a.m. and went on to become the overall first place finisher in the race.**

## Ironman 70.3 Triathlon zooms through Vinton

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The Ironman 70.3 Virginia's Blue Ridge Triathlon returned to the Roanoke Valley, including the Town of Vinton, on June 4. The event, which first came to the area in 2021, showcases the region's outdoor recreation opportunities along with its beauty, and brings in millions of dollars in regional tourism to the local economy. The race involves months of planning, hundreds of athletes, thousands of volunteers, intensive coordination among law enforcement agencies and other organizations, and public support.

Athletes started the first leg of the course at Carvins Cove around 6:30 a.m. Sunday, swimming a 1.2-mile lap in the reservoir, which normally does not allow swimming.

They then embarked on the 56-mile bike portion of the race which left Carvins Cove and continued through Roanoke County into Botetourt County and the historic Town of Buchanan. In the next, and possibly most challenging phase of the race, bike riders made the epic five-mile climb up Route 43 to Bearwallow Gap to access the Blue Ridge Parkway. Then they headed to Vinton.

Bikers exited the parkway at Route 24 towards Vinton and made their way down Washington

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## Vinton Town Council receives \$60,000 from Pathfinders for Greenways for Glade Creek Project; adopts FY2024 budget of \$14.2 million

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Pathfinders for Greenways is a non-profit organization, incorporated in 1997, which has involved citizens in the development of the greenway network throughout the Roanoke Valley. It is best known for its efforts in building and maintaining trails, selflessly donating up to 5,000 hours of volunteer service each year. Members have completed many projects on Vinton's Wolf Creek Greenway, involving stream restoration and maintenance of the tunnel under Washington Avenue; they built the Gladetown Trail near the Craig Avenue Center, including a wooden bridge over the stream, along with many other projects in Vinton. They are also well-known for their financial support of the greenways.

At the Vinton Town Council meeting on June 6, Brian Cahill and several other Pathfinders members, Roanoke Valley Greenway Coordinator Frank McGuire, and Vinton's representatives to the Greenway Commission, Bud LaRoche and Janet Scheid, presented the town with a check for \$60,000 (\$30,000 in 2021 and \$30,000 in 2023) for the Glade Creek Greenway Phase 2 Project. The organization previously donated \$15,000 for the Walnut Avenue Bike and Pedestrian Accommodations Project Phase 1 in 2021, for a total of \$75,000.

Vinton Planning and Zoning Director Anita McMillan, a strong advocate for the greenways, recognized the Pathfinders for their continued support. Mayor Brad Grose presented the members with a certificate in appreciation of their "generous" cash donations and continued support which "have made Vinton a more walkable community."



**Pathfinders for Greenways made a donation of \$60,000 to the Town of Vinton for the Glade Creek Greenway Phase 2B project which will be used towards the construction of the overhead fall shelter protection under the Norfolk Southern overpass on Walnut Avenue. The presentation was made at the council meeting on June 6.**

Development Specialist Marshall Stanley noted, "Vinton Town Council is proud to partner with a

local organization dedicated to expanding outdoor recreation and greenway development in Vinton. This

donation helps expand the town's outdoor assets and improves quality of life for residents and visitors."

Council members then voted to appropriate funds in the amount of \$30,000 for the Glade Creek Greenway Phase 2B project. These funds will be used towards the construction of the overhead fall shelter protection under the Norfolk Southern overpass on Walnut Avenue.

According to McMillan, "This fall shelter protection is required for the last section of the Glade Creek Greenway Phase 2B, a 2,900-linear



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Piano and voice teacher Susan Lewis has so many students that she decided to divide the group for two Spring Recitals in 2023. This group performed at 3 p.m. in the sanctuary at Thrasher Memorial United Methodist Church.

## Susan Lewis Music Studio expands to two Spring Recitals



Students performing in the second Susan Lewis Music Studio Spring Recital at 5:30 p.m. on June 4.

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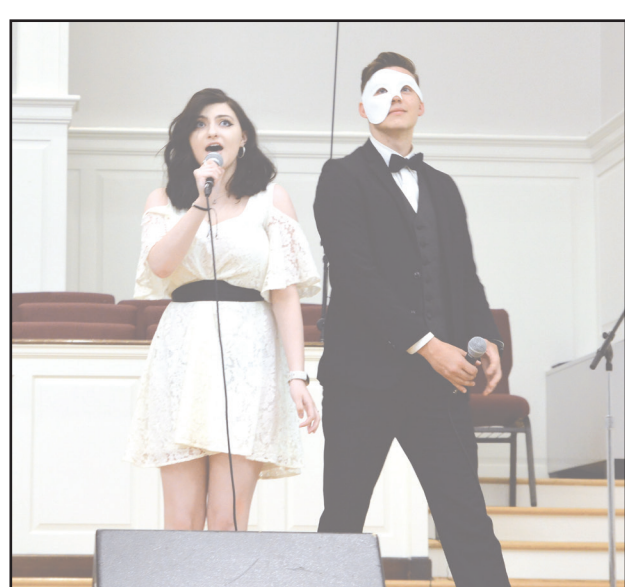
Susan Lewis has been an acclaimed piano and voice teacher in the Roanoke Valley for many years. As her reputation has grown, so has her list of students – and the waiting list for those wishing to take lessons.

Seventy-one students were scheduled to perform in the 2023 Spring Recital. That led to her decision to divide the group in half and host not one, but two recitals, back-to-back.

The recitals were again held in the sanctuary of Thrasher Memorial United Methodist Church in Vinton.

“These two Susan Lewis Music Studio Recitals were like no other in many ways,” Lewis said “Numerous guests were commenting on their astonishment to me afterwards about the stellar, masterful performances! Different pre-school through college and adult students performed in each recital, with the featured two graduating seniors and associate teachers performing in both.

“If the two recitals had been combined into one large recital (as in the past), the sanctuary would have been overflowing. About 65 piano and voice students performed. To say that I am beyond



PHOTOS BY DEBBIE ADAMS  
Abby Shelton and Simon Sealey performed an incredible duet from “Phantom of the Opera” at the Susan Lewis Music Studio Spring Recital.

proud is an understatement! June 4 was truly one for the books.”

The 3 p.m. recital performers included:

- Vivian Cain playing “Jumping Frogs”
- Rosalind Regal singing “Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star”
- Brooklyn Williams playing “Don’t Stop Believing”
- Hank Regal playing the “Star Wars Theme”
- Livia Regal singing “Old McDonald Had a Farm”
- Edward Saben playing “In the Hall of the Mountain King”
- Courtney Walls singing “Count on Me”
- Hazel Cole-Rueff

playing “Liebestraum” (Dream of Love)

- Keegan Thacker playing “Let it Go” from “Frozen” and singing “A Whole New World”
- Emory Mullins playing “Take Me Out to the Ball Game”
- Cecilia Tollin playing “Be Our Guest” from “Beauty and the Beast”
- Addy McLennan playing “Hallelujah, Praise the Lord”
- Chloe Hopkins singing “I Want to Stroll Over Heaven with You” (accompanied by Lisa Ratliff on guitar), and playing “I See the Light” on piano

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## Mingle at the Market concerts begin on June 10 – that’s Saturday

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The Vinton Area Chamber of Commerce has scheduled its first Mingle at the Market concert of the season for Saturday, June 10, at the Vinton Farmers’ Market, in downtown Vinton.

The always popular Vinyl Nation band is back on the HomeTrust Bank stage from 7 to 10 p.m., “reliving the glory days of ‘vinyl rock & roll,’ fronted by award-winning vocalist Christy Bowles.”

Mountain Grille food truck will be on site with the popular Butter Burgers. There will be the usual beer garden, ID required. The Chamber asks that you have your ID out and ready for volunteers to check to speed up entry.

Admission is \$6 for adults. Kids under 12 are free.

Bring your own chair; no pets and no outside food or drinks are allowed.

Sponsors for this year’s Mingle at the Market concerts include: Alcovia Mortgage, Coastal Insurance Planning, MemberOne, PFG, Mountain View Real Estate, Fox Radio 910, ServPro, Winters Storage, Bank of Botetourt, the Vinton War Memorial, Jason Boothe Realtor, Blue Ridge Beverage, The Vinton Messenger, Vertex Signs, Magnets USA, Lotz Vinton Chapel, Carilion Clinic, TL Electric, HomeTrust Bank, the Town of Vinton, Vinton McDonald’s, Roanoke County,



COURTESY OF VINTON AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

and RVTV.

Mingle at the Market concerts are scheduled for June 24 (Mended Fences), July 8 (the Eric Wayne Band and Mark Osbourne), July 22 (Glam’r Kiti and Adrenaline 6), Aug. 12 (Filthy Souls and Gasoline Alley), Aug. 26 (\$5 Shake), Sept. 9 (Fuzzy Logic), and Sept. 23 (Five Shades of Grey).

Any organizations interested in volunteering at the Mingle events may contact the Chamber office at 540-343-1364.

## GFWC Vinton Woman’s Club installs new officers, awards scholarships



COURTESY OF KATHRYN SOWERS

The GFWC Vinton Woman’s Club installed new officers at the meeting on May 23. Shown left to right are Carol Guilliams Mills, GFWC Blue Ridge District President, who installed the officers, Treasurer Lois Creasy, Secretary Mary Kay Brown, 2nd Vice President Vicki Newburn, 1st Vice President Jane Banton, and President Judy Banik.

Members of the GFWC Vinton Woman’s Club installed new officers at their meeting on May 23. Judy Banik will be serving as president; Jane Banton as 1st vice president; Vicki Newburn as 2nd vice president, Lois Creasy as treasurer, and Mary Kay Brown as

secretary. Carol Guilliams Mills, GFWC Virginia Blue Ridge District president, conducted the installation.

The Vinton Woman’s Club has been serving the Vinton community wherever there is a need for over 65 years. In April, the members planted the annual Pinwheel Garden at the Vinton Municipal

Building in partnership with the Vinton Police Department in observance of Child Abuse Awareness Month.

On April 24, member Vicki Newburn presented the coveted “Best All Around Female” Award to William Byrd senior Bethany Beecher at the Senior Honors Banquet at William Byrd High School. On May 3, member Kathryn Sowers presented the organization’s annual \$1,000 scholarship to WBHS senior Taylor Davis during the William Byrd High School PTSO Scholarship Assembly.

The Vinton club recently received the GFWC Virginia state award for Membership and the state President’s Project. They also signed up to participate in the GFWC National Day of Service on September 30, which will emphasize food insecurities.

Plans were made for members who will be attending the International Convention in Louisville, Ky.; the GFWC Virginia Conference in Suffolk, Va., and the Southeastern Region meeting in Huntington, W.Va.

The meeting to install new officers was held at El Rodeo on Orange Avenue. Submitted by Kathryn Sowers, GFWC Vinton Woman’s Club

### LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF VINTON, VIRGINIA NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Please be advised that the Vinton Town Council will hold a public hearing at its meeting on Tuesday, June 20, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, in the Council Chambers of the Vinton Municipal Building, located at 311 South Pollard Street, Vinton, Virginia, concerning the proposed amendment to the Town of Vinton’s FY 2022-2023 budget to appropriate funding for additional milling and paving, economic development expenditures, projected operational expenditures, capital reserves, and stormwater projects in the total amount of \$5,329,163.16 in the General Fund, Capital Fund, and Stormwater Fund.

Any additional information on this public meeting is available in the Town Manager’s Office, located in the Vinton Municipal Building, (540) 983-0607. Persons requiring special assistance to attend and participate at this public meeting should contact the Town Manager’s office at (540) 983-0607.

Richard W. Peters, Jr.  
Town Clerk

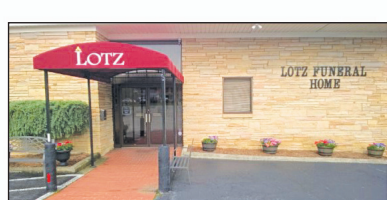
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# Recital

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- Ryan Saunders played “Harp Song”
- Dejayaye Burnell played “Standin’ in the Need of Prayer”
- Emily Hall sang “As the Deer” and played “Turkey in the Straw” on piano
- William Dodge played “Cotton-Eyed Joe”
- R. J. McLennan played the “Battle Hymn of the Republic”
- Petra Dodge sang “Reckless Love” and played “This is My Father’s World” on piano
- Bailey Williams sang “I’ll be Waiting”
- Philip Saben played “Monody”
- Lilla Clark accompanied herself on the piano as she sang “Cover Me in Sunshine”
- Abigail Harvey played “Blessings”
- Dr. Mark Schueler sang his original composition “Brother to Brother” while accompanying himself on the guitar
- John Saben played “Married Life” from “Disney’s Up”
- Trey Saunders sang “Folsom Prison Blues” as he accompanied himself on the guitar
- David Saben played “Unity”

- Kayleigh Taylor played “Dancing Queen”
- Angela Janney sang “Echo Holy” while accompanying herself on the piano
- Henry Saben played “Maybe”
- Latriva Pierce played “Yonah/Ashes of Dreams” (from NieR)
- Simon Sealey and Abby Shelton performing a vocal duet “The Phantom of the Opera”
- Students scheduled to perform in the first recital, but unable to attend, included Molly Bogen, Nolan Ferguson, Elizabeth Becker (adult), and Enna Schofield.
- Students performing at the 5:30 recital were:
  - Trey Satterwhite playing “By the Seashore”
  - Katherine Figgins singing “Mom”
  - Joelle Card playing “Welcome to Spring” and singing “Ruins”
  - Faith Dooley playing “Scales and Arpeggios” from “The Aristocats”
  - Jayda Baldwin playing “Over the Rainbow” and singing “I’m So Blessed”
  - Jackson Doss playing “I Just Can’t Wait to be King” from “The Lion King”
  - Daniel Binns-Loveman playing “From the New World Symphony Theme”

- Cheyenne Grantham, accompanying herself on the guitar, singing “Landslide”
- Kori Carter playing “Attention”
- Josue Smales singing “Ghosts” and accompanying himself on the piano, also playing “The Heart Asks for Pleasure First” on the piano
- Aubri Kessler playing “Blue Suede Shoes” on the piano and then singing “Never Enough” from “The Greatest Showman”
- Mara Roche playing “Under the Sea” from “The Little Mermaid”
- Deon Staunton playing “Theme from Symphony No. 5”
- Jackson Morris playing “Imperial March” (Darth Vader’s Theme)
- Emily Mower singing “Cups” (When I’m Gone)
- Kathryn Dodson playing “Take Me Home, Country Roads”
- Brent Saunders singing “Monster” from “Frozen: the Broadway Musical”
- Lucy Sealey playing “Ave Maria”
- Scott Dreyer singing “Go Ask”
- Lily Sealey playing “Greensleeves”
- Kelly Ronan singing “Zombie”
- Trevor Bono singing “Starting Over”

- Heather Saunders singing “A Thousand Years”, accompanying herself on the piano
- Allie Watson playing “Tocatta—Carpimus Noctem”
- Amanda Morris singing “She’s In Love with the Boy”
- Deborah Dreyer playing “Canon Fantasy”
- Trey Saunders singing “A Matter of Time” while accompanying himself on guitar
- Steve Miller playing “Half as Much”, accompanied by Seth Miller on upright bass
- Paul Sealey singing “Stars” from “Les Miserables”
- Latriva Pierce playing “One Summer’s Day” and singing “Eight (Sleeping at Last)”
- Angela Janney singing “Over All I Know” accompanying herself on the piano
- Paul Sealey and Abby Shelton performing the vocal duet “In a Crowd of Thousands” from “Anastasia”
- Abby Shelton singing “In My Dreams”
- Simon Sealey singing “You’ll Be Back” from “Hamilton”

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# Ironman

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**Doug Ross from Knoxville passes the LOVE art sign at the Vinton War Memorial going down Washington Avenue.**



**Vinton Police officers were on hand to facilitate the Ironman race, here at the corner of Washington Avenue and Pollard Street, downtown.**

Avenue, Pollard Street, Lee Avenue, and Walnut Avenue on their way to Roanoke and the running segment of the triathlon.

The final running course— a 13.1 mile half marathon— followed the Roanoke River Greenway, beginning and ending at River’s Edge Park.

The first bike rider through Vinton was Michael Chronert, from Connecticut, who eventually was named the overall winner of the Ironman race— out of the approximately 882 who finished. He turned the corner from Washington Avenue to Pollard Street at RND Coffee at 9:16 a.m.

He had entered the water at Carvins Cove at about 6:33 a.m. and completed the triathlon in 4 hours, 17 minutes, and 41 seconds, at around 10: 51 a.m.

The weather cooperated nicely on June 4— cool, foggy in patches, and even a little misty at times. Spectators turned out to cheer on the athletes; some stationed themselves at Vinton Baptist Church and the Vinton Farmers’ Market ringing cowbells.

The Town of Vinton, the Vinton Police Dept., and Vinton Public Works Dept. had made every possible attempt to prepare residents and motorists for the event in advance with announcements on social media and regular media, electronic signs, and road signs weeks in advance, advising motorists

to find alternate routes of travel for several hours that day and offering suggested detours. Vinton law enforcement officers, plus several volunteers, were present early Sunday morning, located at different intersections, to facilitate the movement of cyclists, motorists, and spectators. Rescue personnel were on hand.

Unfortunately, those first responders were needed when a vehicle collided with one of the cyclists in the race, leading to minor injuries and a trip to the hospital.

According to Vinton’s Deputy Chief Tim Lawless, “During the cyclist portion of the Ironman race, a vehicle traveling west on Washington Avenue went around the traffic safety cones into the cyclist course, in an attempt to turn onto a side road. This caused a cyclist to make contact with the vehicle. Rescue personnel transported the cyclist to the hospital with what appeared to be minor injuries. The driver of the vehicle was charged.”

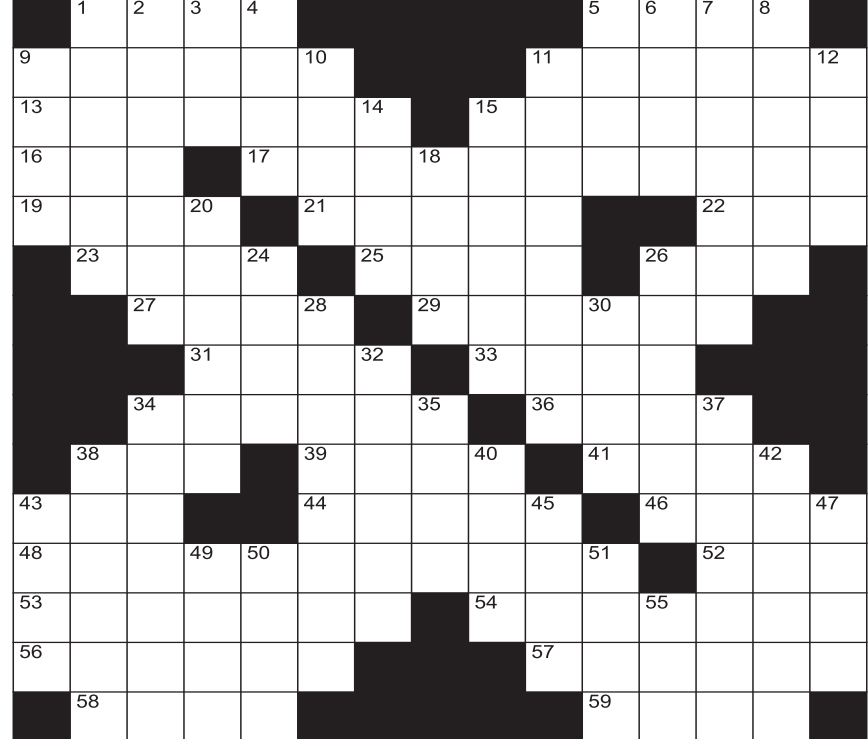
Organizers announced in recent days that following this year’s Ironman 70.3 Triathlon, the race will be paused while extensive road improvements are made to the Blue Ridge Parkway by the National Park Service. The plan is for the event to return to the Roanoke Valley once improvements are completed.



PHOTOS BY DEBBIE ADAMS

**A cyclist rounds the curve from Pollard Street onto Lee Avenue in Vinton in Sunday’s Ironman triathlon.**

## CROSSWORD PUZZLE



- CLUES ACROSS**
- Slovenian mountain
  - Growl
  - Where things stand
  - Made a sharp sound
  - Female spirit in Irish folklore
  - Deteriorate with age
  - A way to save for retirement
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  - City in New Hampshire
  - Giving a bad impression
  - Samsung laptops
  - Without (French)
  - Scientist’s tool (abbr.)
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  - nipple
  - Pandemonium
  - Satisfy
  - Arrived extinct
  - Shipborne radar (abbr.)
  - Network of nerves
  - Monetary unit
  - Showed old TV show
  - They help you hear
  - One who eliminates
  - Congress’ investigative arm
  - Parties
  - Most supernatural
  - Takes illegally
  - Breathes while asleep
  - Sea eagles
  - German surname
- CLUES DOWN**
- Looks at for a long time
  - Solution for diseases
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  - Contemptible person
  - One billionth of a second (abbr.)
  - Helps
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  - Female sheep
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  - Affirmatives
  - “Full House” actress Barber
  - Traveled rapidly
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# Mt. Pleasant Library hosts STEAM Powered Summer events

The newly renovated Mt. Pleasant Library is planning a STEAM Powered Summer with many fun events for all ages.

Adults can stop by for "Book Chat" on Thursdays at 2 p.m. to discuss what they are reading or what is on their "To Be Read" list.

Do you need a passport? The library's Passport Team is traveling to Mt. Pleasant on Monday, June 26 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for a Passport Acceptance Open House; first come, first served.

Adults may register online for VR Gaming to experience Virtual Reality gaming and other apps on Thursday, June 8 at 3 p.m.

Teen Art Club meets on third Thursdays at 4:30 p.m. to create unique art to take home.

Teens are also invited to come make a Rube Goldberg machine and create a chain reaction that does a simple task in an overly complicated way. They'll learn about the cartoonist who inspired the trend and then get creative with dominoes, pulleys, tubes, and more on Friday, June 23, at 4 p.m.

Families are welcome to decorate the sidewalks with Chalk Art on Tuesday, June 13 at 4:30 p.m.

Join Farmer Minor, his Book-Loving

Pig Daisy, and the pugs for fun storytelling on Thursday, June 29 at 2 p.m. We'll have a reading of one of Daisy's favorite books, then participate in the Daisy Library Reading Pledge. Afterward, meet, pet, hug, and get your photo with Daisy and the pugs. All participants will receive a free pig book. Ideal for ages 3-5 but all who share a love of reading, storytelling, and animals are welcome. Register online.

JammieTime storytime for preschoolers meets on Thursdays, June 22 and June 29, at 6 p.m.

Use recycled newspaper and glitter glue to make a fireworks skyline that pops off the page on Tuesday, June 27 at 2 p.m.

Register online for specified events at <https://www.roanokecountyva.gov/1970/Library>.

Mt. Pleasant Library is located at 2918 Jae Valley Road. New hours of operation are:

- Monday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Tuesday 2 p.m. to 8 p.m.
- Wednesday 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.
- Thursday 2 p.m. to 8 p.m.
- Friday 1 to 5 p.m.
- Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Sunday - Closed

Submitted by Allyson Frick, Community Engagement Librarian for Roanoke County Public Library.

# FROM THE PULPIT

## God's True Calling for Your Life

**Pastor Bryan Couch**  
*Lynn Haven Baptist Church*

God has a specific plan (or calling) for your life. As a true believer in Jesus Christ and what He did on the cross, you are now part of an even bigger plan. God's love for all humanity is a message that you are expected to take to a lost world.

God's desire is that all mankind would be saved (1 Timothy 2:4) and as a believer in Jesus Christ you are an ambassador (2 Corinthians 5:20), or His personal representative on earth until His return. Your calling as that ambassador is to further the Kingdom of God.

We are to live according to the Scriptures, leading a Spirit-filled life that draw others closer to a saving

knowledge of Jesus Christ.

Every parable that Jesus Christ taught during His three-year ministry on this earth had something to do with the Kingdom of God and/or the responsibility of expanding it.

I have been telling the congregation at Lynn Haven Baptist Church that how we act, what we say and what we do OUTSIDE the walls of the church matter so much more to an unbelieving world than what we do inside the church building.

People in your circle of influence are watching you, if they know that you claim to be a Christian. Is your life drawing people closer to a relationship with Christ? Do the people in your "circle of influence" see Christ in you especially when things do not go your way, or you are struggling?

# Local Artist Walt Hodges partners with the Roanoke Drop-In Center for a benefit art show

The Roanoke Drop-In Center has announced its partnership with renowned local artist Walt Hodges for a benefit art show, "Just Off The Easel," on Sunday, June 11, from 2-6 p.m. The event will be held at the Garden City Recreation Center, 3741 Yellow Mountain Road, Roanoke. Admission to the show is donating at least one canned food item.

Hodges's main goal is to unite people with his art while supporting the center's community services and reviving the recreation center by housing the event there.

"Walt has a very special

way of connecting with others, in person, and through his art," said Joe Cobb, vice mayor of Roanoke. "The Drop-In Center focuses on that human connection too... That's what makes this partnership so unique."

During the show, attendees can participate in what Hodges coined "Creative Assembly." It describes a collaborative art process to create one cohesive piece. He will donate the final piece to the Garden City Recreation Center, where it will permanently hang.

"Art has always been the voice of change," said Todd Rothrock, the office manager of

the Drop-In Center. "It brings people together for a common yet uniquely personal experience. Art captures the truth of a moment, amplifies voices, and unites people. This show serves as a testament to the transformative power of art."

Hodges recently was recognized at the Gold Level by the Roanoker Magazine as the "Best Place to Buy Local Arts & Crafts."

For more information: contact: Cameron Masters, creative director for Walt Hodges Fine Art, at 540-524-8511 (PST) or [cam@socialcollective.com](mailto:cam@socialcollective.com).

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## WORSHIP DIRECTORY

**Almighty God**  
Read Genesis 40:1 through 41:57

Joseph spent two years in a dungeon after interpreting the dreams of Pharaoh's cupbearer. Joseph had asked this man to mention him to the king upon being reinstated, but, as each day dragged on, no communication came from the Pharaoh. When Pharaoh had a dream and told it to all his wise men, no one could interpret it. The cupbearer finally remembered Joseph and told Pharaoh about him.

So Pharaoh sent for Joseph, and he was quickly brought from the dungeon. When he had shaved and changed his clothes, he came before Pharaoh (Genesis 41:14).

Joseph was going to be taken into the presence of the nation's highest ruler. His first order of business was to make himself presentable. His prison clothing and his haggard appearance were hardly appropriate to stand before royalty. Joseph prepared to see the king, honoring the authority and majesty of Pharaoh.

We have the privilege of an audience at any time with our King, Jesus Christ. May we never forget His majesty or approach Him with less than honor and adoration.

Thought for Today: Consider the majesty of God.

Quicklook: Genesis 41:1-14

**If you would like to see your church services listed here in the Vinton Messenger contact Tucker Frye at 540-473-2741 or email [tfrye@ourvalley.org](mailto:tfrye@ourvalley.org)**

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](http://www.eck-va.org), [www.meetup.com/Roanoke-Spiritual-Experiences](http://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](mailto: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; [cmcp2verizon.net](http://cmcp2verizon.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**  
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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.

# Historical from page 1



**Virginia State Senator David Suetterlein, his wife, Ashley, and their four children stopped by the Vinton History Museum for the dedication ceremony and ice cream social.**

and continues to manage and edit it at no cost to the museum...and the rest is history!

“Roanoke-area native Chris Duncan founded Vinton Computer in 2010,” Dickens noted. “Chris got the inspiration to change the model for computer repair after witnessing the frustrations others were experiencing with computer stores, both large and small. To get their computer issues resolved, people were paying hundreds of dollars just for labor and waiting weeks to get their computers back. This was unacceptable to Chris. He knew he could do it better, faster, and much more affordably. Chris decided to open a new type of computer-repair store – one that delivered outstanding customer service, fast turnaround, and value – located at 360 East Virginia Avenue in Vinton.

“The Vinton History Museum has one part-time employee and volunteers that work to manage all of the programs and services offered,” Dickens continued. “As you can imagine, it does not have a technology department to keep its vital computer systems working. Chris and Vinton Computer have donated equipment, technical support, repairs, and much-needed advice to create our computer network so we can manage our collections, scan documents, and communicate through email and social media.

“Rosie’s and Colonial Downs began operation in the Commonwealth several years ago, bringing action all across Virginia with folks experiencing their favorite games, jackpots, and more,” Dickens said. “At the core of Rosie’s corporate philosophy is a commitment to ‘Lead by Example.’ This is the standard set to provide



**Alyssa Moorman, who has served as an intern at the Vinton History Museum since January, is leaving to intern at Thomas Jefferson’s Poplar Forest this summer and then to study archaeology at the University of Arizona in the fall.**

continual investment in the growth of communities where team members live and work. Rosie’s selected the Vinton Historical Society as a recipient of the ‘Rosie’s Gives Back’ grant two years in a row. The first grant has been used to purchase equipment and supplies for the Museum Preservation Project, which will allow us to digitalize our paper documents and photos and create a photographic record of our artifact collection. This project is ongoing and just getting started, and would not have been possible without Rosie’s support.

“The Town of Vinton is one of the founding partners of the Vinton Historical Society with its inception in 1984 and made it possible for the Historical Society to utilize the donated Upson Home at the site of the only history museum in Roanoke County,” Dickens explained. “Since 1984, the town has been an active and supportive partner in the funding and operation of the museum for the community. We are very proud of this partnership and support the town’s efforts to preserve its history and to provide

research to enhance economic development, to recognize businesses and citizens, and contribute to the education of our youth. The museum officially opened in 1989 – and is still ‘Preserving the Past for the Future’ with thousands of artifacts that relate to the history of Vinton.”

Vinton’s Community Programs Director Chasity Barbour continued the ceremony with the dedication of a bench in memory of Kevin Mark Wilhelm, a retired U.S. Navy Chief Petty Officer and well-known citizen of Vinton, who passed away in 2022. At an event on Memorial Day 2022, Wilhelm’s family and friends unveiled a bench they had raised funds for and had built in his honor. They chose to have the Trex bench placed at the Vinton History Museum with a plaque remembering Wilhelm as a “beloved son, brother, husband, Chief, father, friend, and ‘Papa,’ strong in his beliefs, stronger in his love, proud of his service, and loving his Lord above. He taught us to preserve and learn from the past.”

Wilhelm was born in  
See **Historical**, page 7

# VINTON HISTORY: PENCIL SHARPENER

The first pencil sharpener was a knife. As early as 1828 a hand-cranked planetary sharpener was invented with a blade inside a cone-shaped metal container creating a pencil sharpener, which we still use as a hand sharpener to this day.

The first electric pencil sharpeners were invented around 1910 and used mostly in large offices and didn’t become available to the public for several more decades.

Today, hand-cranked pencil sharpeners are still a common sight in classrooms, although they are less common in offices and other spaces now dominated by digitization.

Pictured is a familiar vintage hand cranked pencil sharpener at the



**This vintage pencil sharpener is on display – and used – at the Vinton History Museum.**

Vinton History Museum (and used at the museum). Visit the museum at 210 East Jackson Avenue in Downtown Vinton – Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and every first Saturday, 10 a.m.-2

p.m. and see thousands of artifacts from Vinton and the surrounding area, “Preserving the Past for the Future.”

Submitted by Judy Cunningham, Executive Director, Vinton History Museum

# Get to know the Vinton Police Department



**The Vinton Police Dept. Platoon A (from left): front row, Corporal William Boyd, Corporal Dustin Bray, Officer Jair Ponce, Officer Milton Clark; back row, Sergeant Brandon Alterio, Lt. Michael Caldwell, and Sergeant Jeremy Shrewsbury.**



**The Vinton Police Platoon B (from left): front row, Officer Grant Shepherd, Corporal Brandon Charlton, Officer Jesse Dibble, Officer Daniel Valladares; middle row, Sergeant Chris Froeschl and Sergeant Andrew O’Connor; and top row, Lieutenant Scott Hurt.**

The Town of Vinton recently celebrated National Police Week. The department is led by Police Chief Fabricio Drumond and Deputy Chief Tim Lawless.

Vinton Police “Platoon A” Officers work both day shift and night shift to ensure that the town and citizens are safe and protected. The A Platoon is led by Lieutenant Michael Caldwell, with Sergeant Brandon Alterio and Sergeant Jeremy Shrewsbury in charge of each shift. These supervisors, along with Corporal William Boyd, Corporal Dustin Bray, Officer Jair Ponce, and

Officer Milton Clark, are honored to serve the citizens of the Town of Vinton.

Platoon B, led by Lieutenant Scott Hurt, works tirelessly around the clock, making sure our citizens feel safe in their community. Sergeant Chris Froeschl and Sergeant Andrew O’Connor, along with Officer Grant Shepherd, Corporal Brandon Charlton, Officer Jesse Dibble, and Officer Daniel Valladares work hard to make sure Vinton is a safe place to live and visit.

Courtesy of Vinton Police Dept.

# Celebrating The Town of VINTON!

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

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

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

Vinton represents the ideal type of community, small enough to provide a feeling of belonging, yet progressive enough to provide the facilities, services, and conveniences that are necessary to make a community feel like home to its citizens.

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118 Conner Lane  
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8 am-2pm  
Rain or Shine  
Handmade Crafts  
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Bake Sale  
FOOD-  
Hot dogs, chilli, Fixings,  
Chips, Petros & drinks

## miscellaneous

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## General Information

**Piedmont Pentecostal Holiness Church**  
Sunday morning service 11am. 5007 Jewell Dr. Shawsville Va. Pastor Tim Clyburn. 8 miles from Shawsville rt 460, on Alleghany Spring Rd.

## Legals - Botetourt County

### TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 201 CULPEPPER AVE, BUCHANAN, VA 24066.

In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated January 5, 2011, in the original principal amount of \$92,000.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Botetourt County, Virginia as Instrument No. 110000138. The undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the front of the Circuit Court building for Botetourt County, Main Street, Fincastle, VA 24090 on July 3, 2023, at 12:00 PM, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows: LOCATED IN THE COUNTY OF BOTETOURT, STATE OF VIRGINIA; BEING LOT NO. 4 AND THE WESTERN ONE-HALF OF LOT NO. 5, BLOCK 204, AS SHOWN ON THE MAP OF THE BUCHANAN REALTY COMPANY, INC., RECORDED IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BOTETOURT COUNTY, VIRGINIA, IN PLAT BOOK NO. 2, AT PAGE 11. 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 Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. A form copy of the Trustee's memorandum of foreclosure sale and contract to purchase real property is available for viewing at www.bwwsales.com. Additional terms, if any, to be announced at the sale and the Purchaser may be given the option to execute the contract of sale electronically. This is a communication from a debt collector and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. The sale is subject to seller confirmation. Substitute Trustee: Equity Trustees, LLC, 8100 Three Chopt Road, Suite 240, Richmond, VA 23229. For more information contact: BWW Law Group, LLC, attorneys for Equity Trustees, LLC, 6003 Executive Blvd, Suite 101, Rockville, MD 20852, 301-961-6555, website: www.bwwsales.com. VA-208643-6.

## Legals - Botetourt County

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### TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 17 KNOLLWOOD DRIVE, TROUTVILLE, VA 24175.

In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated August 1, 2003, in the original principal amount of \$111,000.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Botetourt County, Virginia, in Book 0000 at Page 0167 as Instrument No. 0307051. The undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the front of the Circuit Court building for Botetourt County, Main Street, Fincastle, VA 24090 on July 3, 2023, at 12:00 PM, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows: ALL THAT CERTAIN TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE COUNTY OF BOTETOURT, STATE OF VIRGINIA, AND MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, TO-WIT: LOT 1, BLOCK 1, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OF SECTION 1, KNOLLWOOD, MADE BY T.P. PARKER AND SON, ENGINEERS AND SURVEYORS, DATED FEBRUARY 2, 1973, OF RECORD IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR BOTETOURT COUNTY, VIRGINIA, IN PLAT BOOK 7, PAGE 76. 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 Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. A form copy of the Trustee's memorandum of foreclosure sale and contract to purchase real property is available for viewing at www.bwwsales.com. Additional terms, if any, to be announced at the sale and the Purchaser may be given the option to execute the contract of sale electronically. This is a communication from a debt collector and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. The sale is subject to seller confirmation. Substitute Trustee: Equity Trustees, LLC, 8100 Three Chopt Road, Suite 240, Richmond, VA 23229. For more information contact: BWW Law Group, LLC, attorneys for Equity Trustees, LLC, 6003 Executive Blvd, Suite 101, Rockville, MD 20852, 301-961-6555, website: www.bwwsales.com. VA-208643-6.

## Legals - Botetourt County

### TRUSTEES SALE OF 392 FIELDS AVE, BLUE RIDGE, VA 24064

In execution of a Deed of Trust in the original principal amount of \$61,128.90, with an annual interest rate of 7.590000% dated April 23, 2002, recorded among the land records of the Circuit Court for the County of Botetourt as Deed Instrument Number 0203585, the undersigned appointed Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction all that property located in the County of Botetourt, at the front of the Circuit Court building for the County of Botetourt located on Main Street, Fincastle, Virginia on July 12, 2023 at 3:00 PM, the property with improvements to wit: FORREST ADD 5 THRU 8 IN C Tax Map No. 103B(1) BK C 5-8 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 23-293531. 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.

## 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

### Notice is hereby given to all interested persons

that the Council of the City of Salem, at its regular meeting on Monday, June 26, 2023, at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 114 N. Broad Street, in the City of Salem, Virginia, will hold a public hearing, pursuant to Sections 15.2-2204 and 15.2-2285 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, to consider approval of the following requests relative to the CODE OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA:

- The request of Joshua Davis, lessee, and Dallas Scaggs, Jr., and Paul Walrond, property owners, for the issuance of a special exception permit to allow for a pawn shop on the property located at 1617 West Main Street (Tax Map # 139 - 3 - 4).
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## Legals - City of Salem

Copies of the proposed plans, ordinances or amendments may be examined in the Office of Community Development, 21 South Bruffey Street, Salem, Virginia.

At said hearing, parties in interest and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard relative to the said requests.

### Notice is hereby given to all interested persons

that the City of Salem Planning Commission, at its regular meeting on June 14, 2023, at 7:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 114 N. Broad Street, in the City of Salem, Virginia, will hold a public hearing, pursuant to Sections 15.2-2204 and 15.2-2285 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, to consider approval of the following requests relative to the CODE OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA:

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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

## PUBLIC HEARING

The City of Salem School Board will hold a public hearing for comment on the Return to In-Person Instruction & Continuity of Services Plan on Tuesday, June 13, 2023. The hearing will begin at 7:00 PM at the School Administrative Office, 510 South College Avenue, Salem. The updated plan is currently posted on the division website for public review. Any citizen of Salem who wishes to address the Board should contact Susan E. Young, Clerk of the Board, at 389-0130 by Monday, June 12, 2023, in order to be placed on the agenda. Individuals who plan to address the Board are requested to bring copies of their remarks for the record. In accordance with Board Policy KD, Public Participation in Board Meetings, individuals who plan to address the Board are requested to:

- provide their name and address,
- address their remarks to the Board,
- be brief and address all stated concerns to the chair,
- a time limit of three minutes per speaker is allotted,
- provide 8 copies of their remarks for the record, and
- be prepared to answer questions from the Board,
- In unusual cases or cases of emergency, the Board, by consensus, may allow an individual or organization to speak if not on the agenda.

## Legals - City of Salem

### 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 June 22, 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. Request of Jeffrey M. & Kathleen A. Shelton, property owners, for a variance from Section 106-202.3(B)(1), minimum setback requirements, of the Code of the City of Salem, to allow the construction of a pergola/future sunroom addition in the rear yard of 2113 Mountain Avenue (Tax Map # 213-3-1). Section 106-202.3(B)(1) states that the rear setback shall be twenty-five feet (25'). The petitioner is therefore requesting a variance of five (5) feet of rear 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

## Legals - Montgomery County

### Order of Publication

Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code§§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316.20-104  
Case No. CL23000949-00  
MONTGOMERY COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT, 55 EAST MAIN STREET, SUITE 1, CHRISTIANSBURG, VA 24073  
Commonwealth of Virginia, in re MAKALA ANN POFF v. COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA  
The object of this suit is to: NAME CHANGE OF A MINOR: CAIDEN LEE HAMBRIK IT IS ORDERED that BRANDON SCOTT appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before JULY 24, 2023.  
MAY 25, 2023  
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1957 in Roanoke and grew up in the Vinton area, including at Montgomery Village where he established a paper route and built a customer base for The Roanoke Times. He was a graduate of William Byrd High School.

He worked as a boilermaker/blacksmith at Norfolk & Western Railway (N&W), ran "Mama's Mercantile" with his wife, Page, in Montvale, owned concession businesses with her along the Gulf Coast, and served as a chief petty officer in the United States Navy.

Wilhelm joined the Navy in November 1986, when he was about 30 years old, and went on to serve his country aboard the USS Saratoga (CG-60), the USS Vicksburg (CG-69) where he earned the honor of becoming chief (an astounding accomplishment he achieved in under eight years), the USS DeWert, and at Pensacola Naval Station.

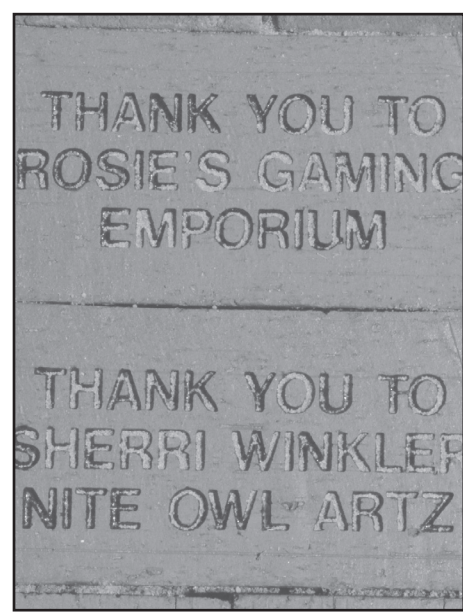
In his retirement, Wilhelm was a familiar figure in Vinton with his daily walks throughout the downtown

area, especially enjoying the Vinton War Memorial grounds and the High Ground Monument and introducing them to his grandchildren. His family and friends say he was a "stranger to none wherever he went."

Barbour and museum board members also thanked the Vinton Public Works Department for the continuing assistance with improvements and maintenance at the museum, and especially singled out Tobbie Russeau in Building Maintenance for his efforts.

After the bench and bricks were dedicated, the History Museum held its annual ice cream social, with treats from the local Neighborhood Walmart, and offered tours of the museum.

The museum also bid a poignant farewell to Alyssa Moorman who has been serving as an intern at the Vinton History Museum since January. Museum Executive Director Judy Cunningham said Moorman "has been a huge asset to the museum. She has brought so



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many skills to the museum— writing, photography, creative design, technology, and organization. She has written articles

for The Vinton Messenger and social media

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Students unable to perform at the 5:30 recital included Ethan Dailey, Ryleigh Woolwine, Sofia Gonzalez, Cary Jones, and Ellawyn Pagan.

At the end of each recital, Lewis recognized her two students who just graduated from high school – Trey Saunders from Lord Botetourt and Latriva Pierce from William Byrd.

“Trey has been a dedicated voice student for the past several years,” Lewis said. “He has quite a list of accomplishments and exciting future plans for continuing his music at East Tennessee State University.” He received the Creative Arts Scholarship from East Tennessee State University’s Bluegrass, Old-time, and Roots Music Program, where he plans to continue studying guitar and voice to pursue a career in classic music performance and production.

In addition to his music, Saunders has been a four-year varsity starter as a wrestler at Lord Botetourt and made it to States his senior year. He is a member of the National Future Farmers of America organization, the National Honor Society, and an Honor Roll student. He won second place locally in the Bland Foundation Music Scholarship Competition.

He is a singer, guitar player, and songwriter who has played locally at The Hangout, the Botetourt Farmers’ Market, Lackey’s Art Studio, and the Galax Fiddler’s Convention.

Latriva Pierce graduated as a valedictorian from William Byrd. She has studied music with Lewis for seven years.

“Latriva recently became one of my studio’s Associate Teachers of Piano and Voice,” Lewis said. “Her future plans include attending Oberlin College and Conservatory of Music in Ohio in the fall to double major in Creative Writing and Musical Studies. She is a high achiever both musically and scholastically.”

She has been an A Honor Roll student throughout all four years of high school, a Beta Club member, an AP Scholar, and a QuestBridge Scholar. As far back as 8th grade at William Byrd Middle School, Latriva received the coveted Levi Freeman Character Award given by the school to those “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.”

Latriva won first place twice in Instrumentals at the Bland Music Scholarship Competition, playing piano. She served as Drum Major (student conductor) of the William Byrd Marching Band as a senior and Woodwind Captain in her junior year. She qualified for All-District Band as a senior and attended the Virginia Tech Honor Band twice as a freshman and as a senior. She was awarded the coveted “John Phillip Sousa Award” at William Byrd, where she participated in symphonic, jazz, and marching band all four years of high school.

Pierce has also been a member of Byrd’s Forensics team, competing in dramatic interpretation. She was named Regional Champion as a sophomore, State runner-up in 10th and 12th grades, a state competitor in 9th and 11th grades, and placed second in State in 11th grade.

Lewis next recognized Associate Teachers Latriva Pierce and Abby Shelton, saying, “The addition of two associate

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# PEOPLE, PLACES AND THINGS

By Angie Chewing

The Vinton Area Chamber of Commerce hosted its annual Golf Tournament on Friday, June 2. Thank you for everyone who came out to support the event at Blue Hills Golf Club.

Thank you to our great sponsors who made this event possible. Hole sponsors included the Town of Vinton, Roanoke County, Bank of Botetourt, Winter Storage, Magnets USA, Carilion Clinic, Vertex, Fox Radio, PFG, Alcovia Mortgage LLC, Coastal Insurance Planning of VA, Lotz Funeral Home, TL Electric, HomeTrust Bank, The Vinton Messenger, Vinton McDonald’s, RVTV, MemberOne, The Connor Group, Neely’s, Dodge Stores, Jason Boothe, Pok-E-Joe’s, Deb’s Lemonade, Fat Boys, Vinton Town Council, Family Stone, the Vinton Police Department, Greenway Group Realtors, Summit Home Improvements, Expect More Home Inspections, Oakey’s Funeral Home, and Grand Storage of Vinton.

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Rosie’s, Magnets USA, and Jason Boothe.

And of course, thanks to all the teams that participated. We had 26 teams this year. We hope you all enjoyed the day!

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this Saturday, June 10,

from 7-10 p.m. Vinyl Nation will keep you on your feet and Mountain Grille will feed your belly and, of course, Blue Ridge Beverage will quench your thirst. See ya’ there.

# Council from page 1

foot, 10-foot wide, paved, off-road, ADA-accessible, bicycle/pedestrian trail, which will run from Gearhart Park to Walnut Avenue.”

Construction activity is set to start in July with an estimated completion in Spring 2024.

Community Programs Director Chasity Barbour recognized Vinton businesses and individuals who were recently named “Roanoke’s Best of 2023” by the Roanoker Magazine.

They include:

Best Regional/Locally Based Bank: Bank of Botetourt (Platinum Level) and Pinnacle Bank (Gold Level)

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Best CPA: Neely’s Accounting Service (Gold Level)

Best Computer Repairs: Vinton Computer (Gold Level)

Best Spray Tanning Salon: Glo Custom Spray Tan (Platinum Level)

Best Dry Cleaner: Cleaner World (Platinum Level)

Best Rental Store: Grand Rental Station (Gold Level)

Best Massage Therapist: Tristina Pagans at Therapeutic Elements LLC (Silver Level)

Best Esthetician: Chelsea Williams at Therapeutic Elements LLC (Silver Level)

Best Dental Group: Cross, Lavinder, Quinn, and Park Family Dentistry (Silver Level)

Best Doggie Day Care/Overnight Service: Field of Dreams (Gold Level)

Best Individual Real Estate Agent: Brad Thomas, Mountain View Real Estate LLC (Silver Level)

Best Wedding Florist: Flowers by Eddie (Gold Level) and Creative Occasions (Gold Level)

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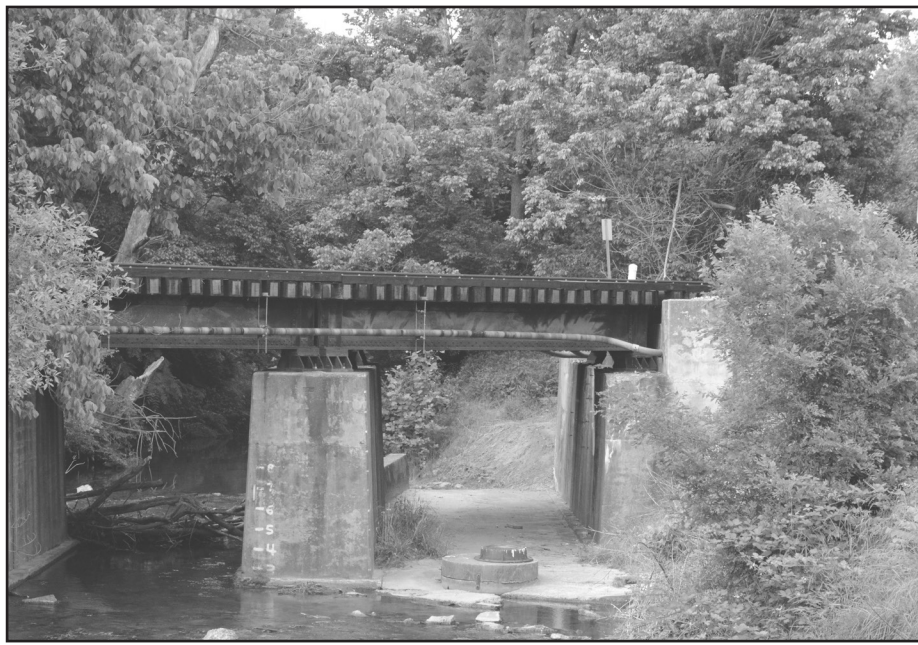


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Eddie (Gold Level) and Creative Occasions (Silver Level)

Most Dependable Car Repair and Service: Woods Towing & Service Center (Silver Level)

Female Star of the Star City: Chasity Barbour (Platinum Level) and Melissa Gaona (Silver Level)

Best Library Branch: Vinton Public Library (Silver Level)

Best Place to Host a Corporate Event/Conference: Vinton War Memorial (Silver Level)

Best Local Artwork: Jon Murrill (Platinum Level)

Best Local Artist to Watch: Jon Murrill (Silver Level)

Best Indoor/Outdoor Quality/Disinfecting Provider: W. C. Butler Heating and Air Conditioning (Platinum Level)

Barbour and Stanley will be delivering certificates to all the individuals and businesses who were recognized.

Town Council issued a proclamation declaring June as “National Safety Month”

for the sixth year. The National Safety Council is a nonprofit organization with the mission of eliminating preventable deaths at work, in homes and communities, and on the road through leadership, research, education and advocacy. NSC advances this mission by engaging businesses, government agencies, elected officials, and the public to help prevent the fourth leading cause of death in the U.S.— preventable injuries. This year NSC is focusing on Emergency Preparedness, Heat-Related Illnesses, Hazard Recognition and Slips, Trips, and Falls. The overall goal is to bring awareness, prevent deaths, and stop loved ones and coworkers from becoming a statistic. Studies show three people in the U.S. are killed every ten minutes in preventable incidents.

Vinton Director of Human Resources and Risk Management Donna Collins thanked council, town administration, and all employees for their support and efforts in “bringing us to the level where everyone

has a safe and healthy workspace.” Mayor Grose in return thanked her for all the trainings and support she provides to make that happen.

Under Action Items, council adopted an ordinance approving the Town of Vinton budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024. Assistant Town Manager and Treasurer Cody Sexton reviewed the proposed budget once again. The budget has been thoroughly discussed in previous council meetings and at a public hearing. In the final version, the FY24 Budget has only minor changes from what has been presented previously.

Sexton noted that this year’s budget represents a balanced budget “with an optimistic outlook despite the modest concerns of an elevated inflationary national outlook and the potential for economic recession.”

The FY24 Budget of the General Fund totals \$12,532,963, which represents an increase of 22.3% over the previous

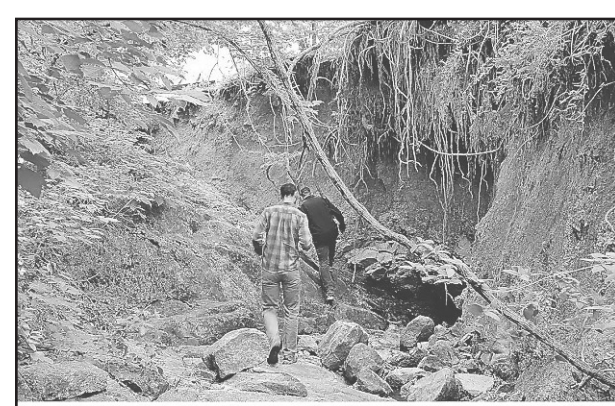


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**Vinton Town Manager Pete Peters informed council that the Woodland Place Stream Restoration Project off Niagara Road is now complete. Instead of an eroded ravine (top photo), there is now beautiful landscaping (bottom photo).**

fiscal year. However, the FY24 Budget for all funds totals \$14,232,116— an overall decrease of 19.8% from the previous year. About half of the town’s budget goes toward personnel costs.

The budget includes a 7% Cost of Living Adjustment for all employees with no increases to their healthcare costs. There are also targeted increases for the Police Dept. and Public Works Dept. since positions within those departments are often more difficult to fill. The Town of Vinton remains “virtually debt free” with only pass-through debt service on the books— due mainly to the sale of the town’s water and wastewater utility systems to the WVWA.

There was no increase in tax rates for the upcoming year, although some real estate and property tax bills have increased due to assessed market value increases.

Sexton noted that the town will be able to increase its paving budget substantially again this year to the delight of citizens, with plans for \$1.4 million in paving work. Council is pleased that the town’s budget once again includes substantial Capital Funding— \$1,286,000— for projects in highway maintenance, building and grounds, traffic signs and streets, planning and zoning, and economic development.

Mayor Grose thanked not only the Finance Department, but the entire town staff, for their efforts in budget development and fiscal responsibility. He also thanked previous councils who “left the town in good shape and made wise decisions, helping us to get to where we are today.” He noted that the town is “doing a lot and with a staff of only

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# WB SOCCER

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a red, only gave us a PK. Unfortunately the PK hit the post so we remained tied at half.”

The second half was much of the same. Addi St. Clair had a good chance midway through the second half that Byrd players claimed crossed the line, but it bounced out and a goal was not awarded.

Finally, with 8:25 on the clock, Logan Andrews found Maddy Simmons and the district Player of the Year put it away for what would be the winning goal. LB had a corner kick late but Chrisley handled it to secure the win, clinching a berth in the state tournament and advancing the girls to the region final on Friday.

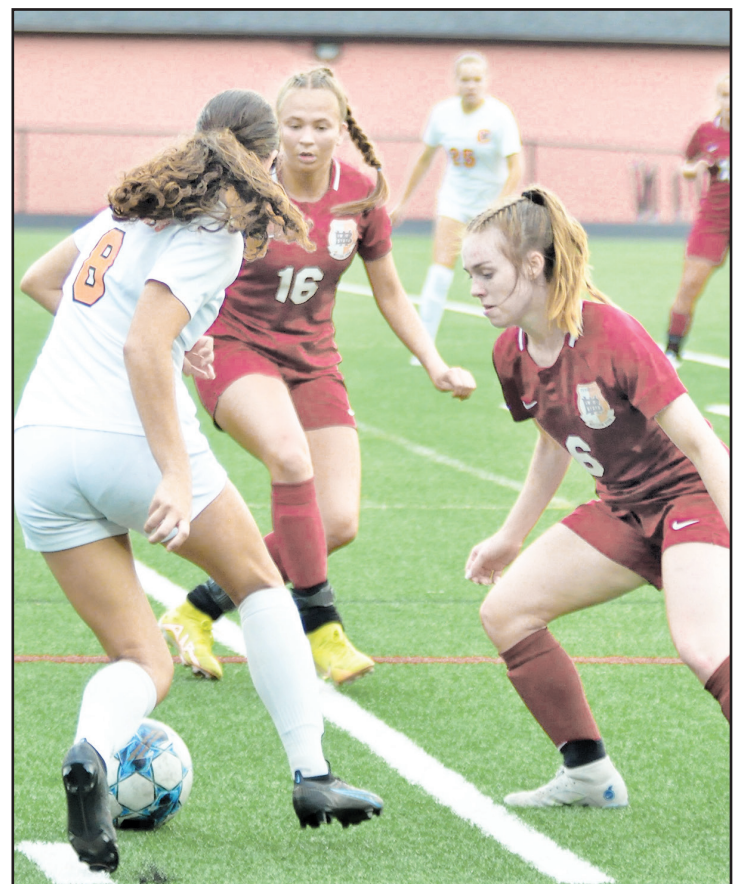
The Region 3D championship game was played at the Smith River Sports Complex in Martinsville against the number one seed, Magna Vista. The Warriors had lost just once during the regular season, a 4-0 loss to Byrd in the first week of the season in March. The Terriers were anxious to show that win was no fluke, and they did just that with a 5-0 win to add a region trophy to the high school trophy case.

The Terriers jumped on top early when St. Clair found Simmons for a score just four minutes into the game. The second goal came after Magna Vista committed a foul near mid-field with 22 minutes left in the first half. Maci Glass took the free kick and played it beautifully into the box, where it was headed into the goal by a Magna Vista player.

One minute later St. Clair found Simmons again and Byrd was up 3-0 and had the Warriors on their heels. The Terriers scored one more in the first half, with three minutes to go, when Simmons played a cross into the box and a Warrior knocked it past the keeper for the second “own goal” of the half.

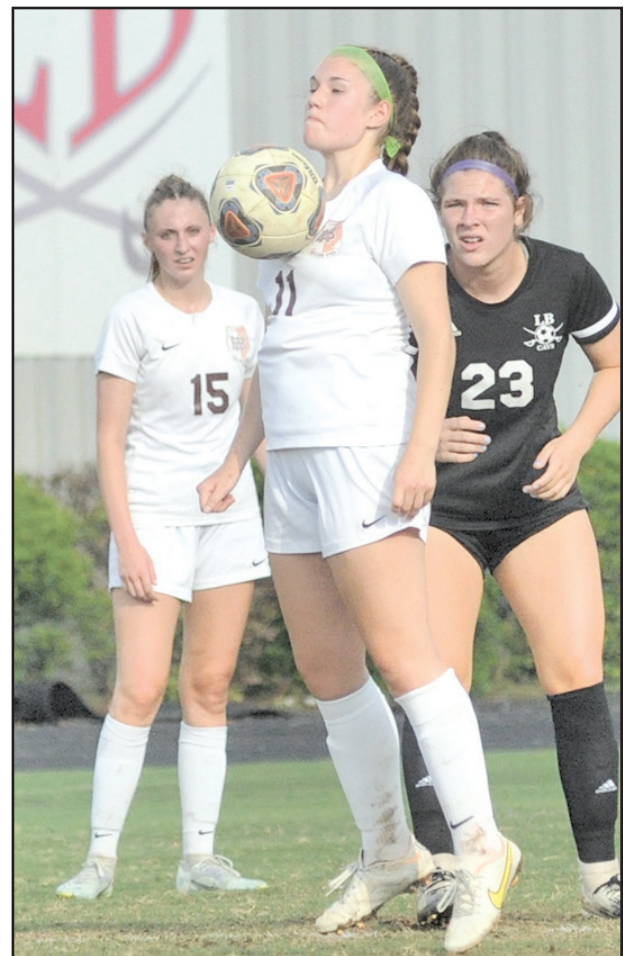
With the big lead the Byrd girls played defense in the second half, making sure not to make a mistake or two that would allow the Warriors to get back in the game. With three minutes left the Terriers put some icing on a very sweet cake as Eva Brown found Andrews just outside the 15, and Logan put it over the keeper for a 5-0 final score.

“Overall we had a very successful season as district champions, region champions and a state tournament appearance,” said Cox.



Above left, Byrd keeper Sophia Chrisley goes high to grab the ball in Tuesday's state game with Charlottesville. Above right, Maci Glass(#16) and Ella Ashworth(#6) defend a Black Knight forward. Below left, Maddy Simmons(#10) kicks the ball just over the bar in last week's game with Lord Botetourt and, below right, Anna Martin plays the ball off her chest in the shutout win over the Cavaliers.

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## Recital

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teachers has allowed more students to begin their music education rather than just sitting on my waiting list. What better choice for my first two associate teachers than two current, experienced, and extremely capable students who are continuing their lessons and music education with me and whom I have continued to mentor through this process.

“In February, Latriva started her new young students and in March, Abby began teaching hers. Abby teaches voice in the Salem area and Latriva has been teaching piano and voice here in the Vinton area. Even after only a few months of lessons, most of their students were able and chose to do the recital. I am so proud of not only these young ladies, but their students as well.

“With Latriva going away to Oberlin College, her students will need a teacher after summer is over, and as much as we love her and will miss her, a blessing has fallen into place with another associate teacher who is a new adult voice student of mine who performed today – Angela Janney.

“Angela has been teaching students already and will be able to take both piano and voice students in this area. She has had some college music classes and college piano lessons and is excited to join us. To quote her, ‘I feel like the Lord has been using so many things in my life over these past few years to prepare me for this very thing, and He definitely orchestrated me ending up at your studio for voice lessons. My true heart's dream is simply to share my own God-given love and passion for music with other people, which



Trey Saunders (on left) and Latriva Pierce (on right) have been long-time music students with Susan Lewis. Saunders has graduated from Lord Botetourt and will be continuing his education at East Tennessee State University, studying guitar and voice to pursue a career in classic music performance and production. Pierce, a graduate of William Byrd, will attend Oberlin College to major in creative writing and music studies.



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Susan Lewis added associate music teachers this year to allow students to begin their music education sooner, rather than waiting for openings with Lewis. Pictured left to right are Angela Janney, Susan Lewis, Latriva Pierce, and Abby Shelton.

is what led me to start teaching in the first place.”

Associate Teacher Abby Shelton will continue to teach voice next year. She has taken lessons with Lewis for several years and is also a former teaching artist at PB&J Theatre Company, and a former teaching assistant at the Roanoke Children's Theatre.

She placed first locally

and second regionally in the Bland Foundation Music Scholarship Competition for vocals in her senior year. She has had extensive roles in both musical theatre and films including Mill Mountain Theatre, Showtimers Theatre, Roanoke Children's Theatre, and the RCT Professional Youth Ensemble. She has training

in both acting and dance, as well as musical theatre, and has studied with the Stella Adler Studio of Acting. As the students of the associate teachers advance, they may transition to lessons with Susan Lewis as openings become available.

For more information on the Susan Lewis Music Studio visit <https://www.facebook.com/susanlewismusicstudio>.

## Council

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69 employees.

Vice Mayor Mike Stovall thanked residents, visitors to the town, and businesses such as Rosie's who have helped put the town on such strong financial footing.

Town Manager Pete Peters updated council on several ongoing projects. The work on Cleveland Avenue waterlines by the Western Virginia Water Authority will be completed this month, with paving to follow.

He thanked Vinton Associate Planner Fayula Gordon for her work which led to the awarding of a Virginia Outdoors Foundation Grant for \$218,000 for the multi-age park planned for the former Vinton Pool site near the Vinton War Memorial. The park is now in the conceptual design phase and will be an “in excess of \$1 million” project. Funding currently available will cover over half of the estimated costs; more grants are pending. Local organizations, such as the Lions Club, are anticipated as community partners in the park project.

The Woodland Place Stream Restoration Project off Niagara Road is now complete, turning what was described as an “eroded cavern or ravine” into what Councilman Keith Liles says, “now looks like a park,” with giant boulders— a mini-Stonehenge. The project was funded by the Town of Vinton and the Virginia Dept. of Environmental Quality (DEQ) Stormwater Local Assistance Fund (SLAF).

Peters told council that the town received notification this week that the eastbound lane of Walnut Avenue from 2nd Street to Jackson Avenue will be closed to through traffic until June 30 while contractors continue construction along Walnut Avenue. This begins phase 2 of the Walnut Avenue improvement project which includes roadway paving and development of a shared-use path along the corridor to get bicycles off of the right-of-way, making it safer for both vehicles and bicyclists. Vehicles traveling eastbound on Walnut Avenue can use 2nd Street to access Cleveland Avenue.

The town manager also commended the Vinton Police Dept. for applying for and receiving grants totaling \$160,000 which will be used to replace weapons (sidearms and shotguns) and purchase non-touch drug testing equipment, bike control equipment, fitness equipment, and a vehicle for the Task Force— money which taxpayers will not have to spend.

## Historical

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about museum artifacts.

Moorman has accepted an internship position at Thomas Jefferson's Poplar Forest this summer and will then be heading to the University of Arizona in August to attend graduate school, studying archaeology.

The Vinton History Museum, located at 210 E. Jackson Ave., Vinton, is open Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and the first Saturday of each month from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

There is room for about 700 bricks in the Memory Pergola. If you are interested in honoring or memorializing an individual or group with a memorial brick, contact the museum at [info@vintonhistorymuseum.org](mailto:info@vintonhistorymuseum.org) or (540)342-8634.

# SPORTS

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Above left, William Byrd's DeShawn Austin placed 3rd in the 300m hurdles with a time of 40.97 at the Class 3 state championship meet. Above right, Grace Onwi placed 11th in the 400m dash. Below left, Sydney Blewett placed second in the Class 3 state shot put competition and, below right, Wyatt Bailey placed second in the Class 3 pole vault with a height of 13-00.

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## Byrd boys take 9th at state track meet

The William Byrd boys finished ninth and the girls were 21st in the Class 3 track meet last weekend. Liberty University hosted both the Class 3 & 4 meets over two days in Lynchburg.

Tabb High School won the boys' championship with 45.5 points, followed by Abingdon with 40. Byrd finished with 26.5 points, second among Region 3D teams and best in the Blue Ridge District. A total of 34 teams scored points among over 50 schools in the Virginia High School League's Class 3 division.

The Byrd boys had two second place finishes. Junior Walter Barrows took second in the long jump with a school record leap of 23'6". Markus White of Heritage won the event at 24'4.75".

Junior Wyatt Bailey was second in the pole vault, clearing 13'. Three vaulters tied for first at that height but Callan Smith of Charlottesville was awarded first due to the tie-breaker, Bailey was second and Ryan Wright of New Kent was third. Byrd's Ethan Haston also earned All-State honors by clearing 12', good for seventh place.

Sophomore DeShawn Austin placed third in the 300 meter hurdles with a time of 40.97, about a half second off the winning time of 40.4 by Isaiah Hayes of Phoebus. Austin, Bailey, Brady Reachy and Isaiah Board were all-state with a sixth place finish in the 4x400 relay, running a time of 3:27.78.

"This has been one of the most athletic and self-driven boys' team that I have ever had the pleasure of coaching," said Byrd coach James Pannell. "They compete with each other and put in the work that's necessary to earn all-state honors at the end of the



season." Abingdon High, a Region 3D school, won the girls' state championship with 66 points. Northside was the top Blue Ridge District school with 34 points to tie for fifth, and the Byrd girls were second among BRD schools with 12 points.

Sydney Blewett, a junior, earned eight of the points for Byrd with a runnerup finish in the shot put. She put the shot 36 feet even, second only to Theresa Breckley of Culpepper's toss of 41'3".

Emma Kageals scored the other four points for the Byrd girls with a fifth place finish in the 100 meter hurdles, running a time of 16.88 for all-state honors. Grace Onwi finished 11th in the 400m dash with a time of 1:01.42 and 13th in the 100m dash at 13.33.

"This ladies team has had a season of up and downs and great performances," said Pannell. "They're done a great job of coming together in the post season and winning a Blue Ridge District title and coming in third place in the region."

## Byrd girls win region soccer, fall in state quarterfinal

The William Byrd girls saw their soccer season come to an end in the Class 3 state quarterfinal round Tuesday. The Terriers lost for just the

second time this season when they fell to Charlottesville, 3-0, on Jefferson Highfill Field in Vinton.

"They were a tough opponent and we struggled to gain momentum," said Byrd coach Molly Cox. "We had several chances but were unable to capitalize."

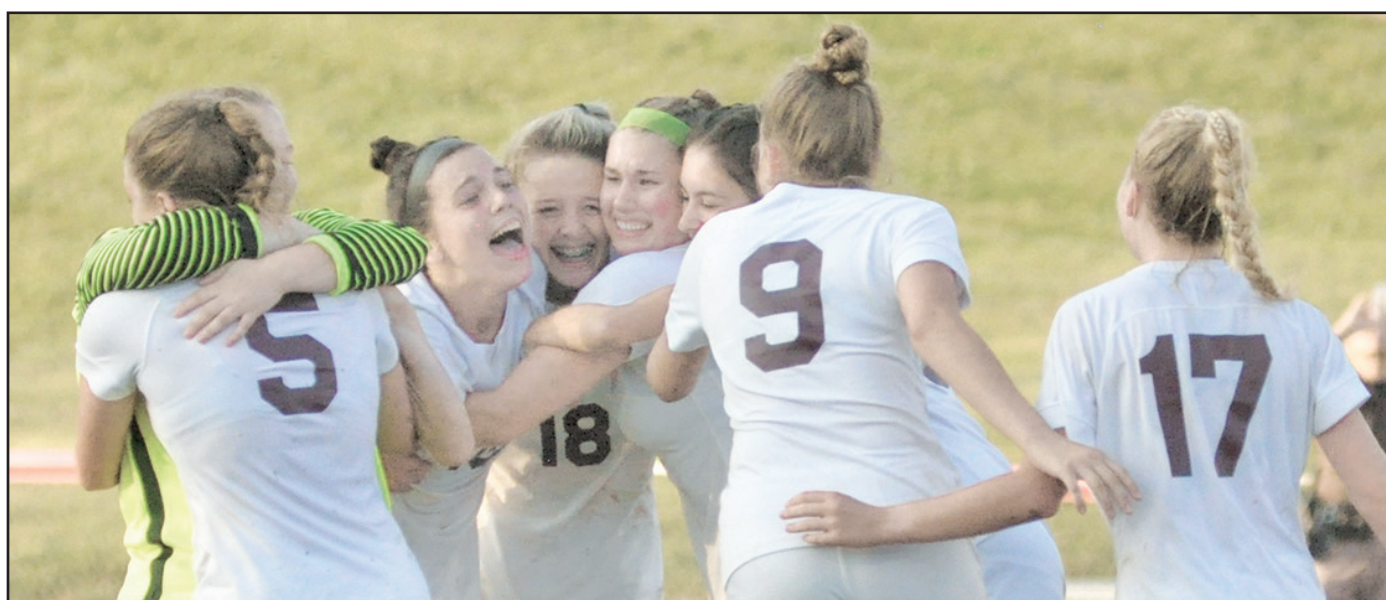
The game was scoreless for most of the first half, but the Black Knights were able to score twice late in the half to take a 2-0 lead into intermission. Charlottesville made it 3-0 early in the second half and that was too big a deficit for the Byrd girls to overcome despite a solid performance in goal by Sophia Chrisley, who kept the score relatively close with eight saves.

With the loss Byrd finished the season at 17-2-3 while the Black Knights advanced to Friday's state semifinal at Riverbend High School in Fredericksburg. The Terriers won the Blue Ridge District season and tournament championships and last week they won the Region 3D championship, defeating two higher seeded teams on the road.

Last week's region semifinal was particularly satisfying, as Byrd defeated district arch-rival Lord Botetourt for the second time this season. Prior to this year Byrd had not beaten the Cavaliers for years, as LB dominated the district. However, this year Byrd tied the Cavaliers twice during the regular season, beat them 4-3 in Vinton in the district tournament final and last week they ended Botetourt's season with a 1-0 shutout win in Daleville.

The region semifinal was a hard-fought battle from start to finish. The game was back and forth in the early going but as the Terriers settled in they seemed to gain control. Byrd had the ball in their offensive end for most of the half but couldn't get one in the net, and it was scoreless at the half. The Terriers couldn't convert a penalty kick midway through the first half, and that looked to be big at the time.

"In the first half we were awarded an indirect kick in the box when a Lord Botetourt player had a high kick," said Cox. "We hit the indirect kick on frame but an LB player, not the goalie, stopped it with her hand. This should be a red card, which would make LB play down a player, but the ref did not give



Above, Byrd girls celebrate after the final horn in Daleville last week, signaling the end of their 1-0 region semifinal win over Lord Botetourt. Below, Madeleine Wolters-Argenio kicks a penalty kick attempt that hit the post.

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