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Vinton Town Council considers Full-Depth Reclamation process for Mountain View Road rehabilitation

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Several members of Vinton Town Council and the town leadership team took a field trip to Pitzer Road in the Mount Pleasant area of Roanoke County on July 18 to learn about Full-Depth Reclamation (FDR), a process recommended by VDOT for the rebuilding of about a half mile of Mountain View Road in Vinton.

Highway infrastructure maintenance with a never-ending cycle of cracks, holes, and repairs is a common source of citizen complaints. Generally, the asphalt is not to blame, but the road base.

Common solutions are filling in holes, sealing the cracks, or covering the pavement with another layer of asphalt – removing the old pavement, hauling it



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Council member (left to right) Sabrina McCarty, Mayor Brad Grose, Council member Laurie Mullins, and Vice Mayor Mike Stovall visited a work site on Pitzer Road in Roanoke County on July 18 to familiarize themselves with the Full-Depth Reclamation process as they consider its use for rebuilding Mountain View Road in Vinton.

away, and bringing in the new – all options the town has utilized on Mountain View. However, eventually

problems with the base need to be addressed.

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PHOTO COURTESY OF THRASHER UMC

Youth and leaders from Thrasher UMC and Red Valley UMC traveled to Kentucky to repair homes as part of the Appalachia Service Project.

Thrasher youth change the lives of others and their own through Appalachia Service Project

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A group of youth and their leaders from Thrasher Memorial and Red Valley United Methodist Churches traveled to Prestonburg, Ky., on July 9 to participate in the annual Appalachia Service Project (ASP). When they returned on July 15, they had significantly changed the lives

of others and, in many cases, their own through their service.

According to youth leader and project organizer Bonnie Jones, this is the 24th year that Thrasher has participated in ASP, whose goal is to make homes “warmer, safer, and drier” through the work of volunteer mission teams. This

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WBHS football players and Vinton Breakfast Lions team up for community service project

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Members of the Vinton Breakfast Lions Club and the William Byrd High School Terriers varsity football team partnered to clean up the Gladetown Trail on July 14. The trail is part of the Roanoke Valley Greenway system.

Lion Chris McCarty, Head Coach Brad Lutz (also a Breakfast Lion), and Assistant Coach Kim Colls organized the effort to clean up the trail before football practices begin in late July. They came armed with weed eaters, lawn

mowers, and chainsaws. Part of the group started at Woodland Place; the others began at the Craig Avenue Center.

McCarty says the team, Lions Club members, and other volunteers “did weed eating on the wooded part of the trail and picked up debris.” McCarty cut some limbs that had fallen across the trail.

Football players who participated included Cannin Lutz, Lane Shoemaker, Wyattte Bailey, Israel Hairston, John Kiker, Nicholas Toney, Jackson McCoy, Justyn Rozenboom,

Caden McReynolds, Lukas Riddle, Titus Beatty, and Ethan Haston.

According to Lion John Berry, the Gladetown Trail is a walking/biking trail about 0.7 miles in length with a natural surface. It is mostly flat at about 165 feet in elevation. The trail is heavily wooded, circling a stormwater management pond. Many wildlife species – birds and mammals – frequent the area. Those who use the trail have reported seeing 56

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Members of the William Byrd High School football team and the Vinton Breakfast Lions Club partnered in a project to clean up the Gladetown Trail on July 14. Shown left to right are Lion Sam Cundiff, football players Cannin Lutz, Lane Shoemaker, Wyattte Bailey, Israel Hairston, John Kiker, Nicholas Toney, Jackson McCoy, Justyn Rozenboom, Caden McReynolds, Lukas Riddle, Titus Beatty, and Lion Chris McCarty.

Vinton Town Council hears briefing on Tuesday about Multi-Generational Park at former Municipal Pool site

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Vinton’s Associate Planner Fayula Gordon briefed Vinton Town Council on the proposed Multi-Generational Park to be located on the grounds of the former Vinton Municipal Pool on the hills behind the Vinton War Memorial at council’s meeting on July 18.

Gordon wrote the application for the Virginia Outdoor Foundation (VOF) Open Space Lands Preservation Trust Fund

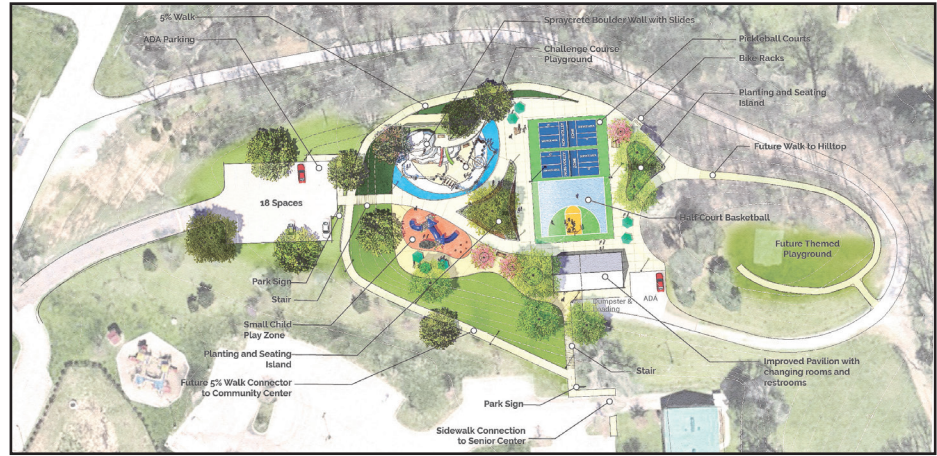


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Preliminary conceptual plan for Vinton Multi-Generational Park.

Grant which was awarded to the town in June for \$218,295 (with no match

required). Town Manager Pete Peters said the VOF

complimented the application completed by Gordon, which included


a video of town residents and business owners, some talking about their memories of the pool in summers’ past – Joyce Castelli, Kathryn Sowers, Quincy Randolph, Chris and Sabrina McCarty, and Keith Liles.

The cost of the project is expected to be approximately \$1 million. In addition to the VOF grant, the town has money set aside in the Capital Improvements Project funds for the project which will bring them to approximately half a million dollars with hopes to attract more partners

and additional funding to bring the project to fruition.

In the application, the project area is described as “the blighted pool site.” The town plans to “transform the underutilized space and rejuvenate the area.” This aligns with one of the town’s long-term goals of “enhancing the town’s infrastructure and livability, promoting a healthy, active lifestyle for the residents.” The park will include activities


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Kids 'Climb in a Cop Car' at Vinton Farmers' Market event



Community Resource Officer Will Holland invites children to "Climb in a Cop Car."

The Saturday series of special events continued at the Vinton Farmers' Market on July 15 with an invitation to "Climb in a Cop Car."

Vinton Police Community Resource Officer Will Holland welcomed children and their families to investigate the inside of a Vinton police car, turn on the flashing lights, and even activate the siren.

Over at the Market pavilion, there were free crafts, including tie-dying a T-shirt, supervised by Caroline



Preschooler explores the inside of a Vinton Police Car.

Loveland, Vinton Rueda Produce and Community Programs several craft vendors were open for business. Coordinator.



Family tie-dyes T-shirts at the latest Vinton Farmers' Market Saturday family event.

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for all ages – from infants to seniors. Plans include a playground, a picnic shelter, and a planting and seating wall, along with pickleball courts and a half basketball court.

Phase 1 of the project will get underway soon with site preparation, demolition work, and filling (closing) the existing pool. The work on the park will be completed in phases.

The town must meet certain grant requirements from the VOF, including undergoing subdivision with five acres being designated as open-space land. Substantial components of the park are to be completed by July 2025.

Council was next briefed by Vinton Deputy Police Chief Tim Lawless on the 4th Quarter Police Report for April through June. In that time period, the department received 3,910 calls for service with 293 reports written, and made 836 traffic stops with 540 traffic summonses issued. There were 104 traffic accidents. There were 115 arrests overall. The

police handled 17 drug cases and 12 DUI's. Officers completed 787 security checks. Lawless explained that citizens may request security checks on the Vinton Police website for their homes for instances such as going on vacation.

Animal control received 175 total calls – 37 for animal ordinance violations, 10 for an animal attacking a person, 33 dealing with wildlife, 17 for animal cruelty, 25 for dogs at large, 19 to report strays, and nine for code enforcement.

The Criminal Investigations Division received three new criminal cases in the fourth quarter with two cases under investigation, four cases made inactive, and one case pending lab results. Two search warrants were obtained; two arrests were made; and two items were sent to the crime lab.

As far as records management, 283 warrants were entered into RMS, along with 539 summonses. There

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Members of the audience were invited to try their hand at playing the violin and viola after the performance.

Mount Pleasant Library welcomes guests from the Roanoke Symphony Orchestra

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Mount Pleasant Library welcomed musicians and brothers Kevin and Bryan Matheson from the Roanoke Symphony Orchestra for an interactive journey through music for all ages, entitled "Bach to Bluegrass," on July 11.

The Mathesons played selections from different styles and eras of music, from Johannes Sebastian Bach to P.D.Q. Bach (Peter Schickele), from Mozart and Vivalde to "Turkey in the Straw" and "The Orange Blossom Special," while discussing what makes folk and classical music unique.

They delighted those present, both children and adults, by creating bird calls, insect sounds, the humming of bagpipes, bubbling brooks, and thunder with their violin and viola.



Brothers Kevin (on left) and Bryan Matheson performed for an enthusiastic audience at the Mount Pleasant Library on July 11.

The brothers have traveled all over the world to perform in Japan, Europe, and at Carnegie Hall in New York, "following their dreams." They also teach music lessons to those ages 3 to 83 in the Roanoke area. Brian Matheson began lessons himself at age 3-1/2.

At the end of the mini-concert, members of the audience were encouraged to examine the stringed instruments and try their hand at playing the violins and violas available, with some individual instruction from the guest artists.



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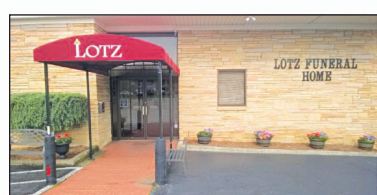
April Ferguson demonstrates her skills with stringed instruments.

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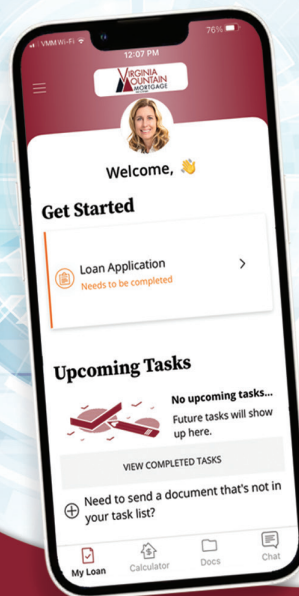
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Roanoke County School Board updated on school projects; clarifies classroom décor and displays policy

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Roanoke County Public Schools Facilities and Operations Director Todd Kageals updated the School Board on projects underway in Vinton area schools at the board's work session on July 13.

According to Kageals, the asbestos abatement which slowed the renovation and expansion project at William Byrd High School is about halfway finished with an estimated completion date for the abatement



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Progress continues on the William Byrd High School renovation and expansion project with an anticipated completion date in March 2024. The new front entrance is complete.

of September 28. The entire renovation project is scheduled to be completed in March 2024.

The wood floor has been installed in the gymnasium after proper acclimation. The installation process is

expected to be finished on August 31. Painting, ceilings, and ductwork

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different bird species along with several species of mammals.

The land was originally part of the Vinyard Farm, owned by Vinton's founding fathers in the 1700s. The trail started out as a footpath and was turned into a greenway trail by the Pathfinders for Greenways Midweek Crew.

Formerly known as the Gladetown Loop Trail, the pathway came to the town's attention in October 2005, when community leader Joe Banks asked the Town of Vinton to consider building a trail from the Gladetown community to Niagara Road – not only for recreation and eventual connection to the Wolf Creek Greenway, but also to give residents the option of walking via a shortcut to Lake Drive Shopping Center.

Due to its own limited resources, the town submitted a grant application to the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation in 2007 for funding to complete the part of the proposed trail which is on town-owned property and used for a stormwater management

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In the FDR process, existing pavement is pulverized and mixed with cement powder and water to form a stabilized base for the roadway.

That's what the town is planning for Mountain View Road – solving the problem of the base.

Full-Depth Reclamation recycles materials from a deteriorated asphalt pavement and, with the addition of cement and water, creates a new stabilized base. There is no need to haul in aggregates or haul out old materials for disposal.

The FDR process saves costs and time in comparison to other methods of road rebuilding and is also more environmentally friendly than conventional road construction techniques.

According to Town Manager Pete Peters, council wanted to see the process in action before making a commitment to using the FDR process on Mountain View. No formal action will be required by council, as funds have already been authorized for the \$1.1 million project, which will require \$550,000 from the Town of Vinton (coming from CIP funds) and \$550,000 from VDOT funding. VDOT will take the lead in the Vinton project.

The project is tentatively planned for June or July of 2024, once schools are out for the summer, depending upon scheduling with contractors and subcontractors.

The Mountain View Road project will involve road rehabilitation from Washington Avenue to the town limits,

about a mile in length, or two lane-miles.

Peters said the FDR process, in addition to being more economical, is more of a long-term solution than traditional repaving and is a trending technology with VDOT. The FDR pavement is expected to have a life of 30 years.

Vinton Public Works Director Bo Herndon says that the FDR process is fairly new to the area and not widely used up to this point – although it was developed in the 1960s.

According to David Stowell with Southeast Cement, the process was initially used along the I-95 corridor in eastern Virginia and now has moved west for use on I-81.

During the Town Council visit to the Pitzer Road site, Herndon and representatives from general contractor Boxley and subcontractors Southeast Cement and New Field were on hand to answer questions. Several VDOT and Federal Highway Administration officials were there to observe and learn about the FDR process as well.

In simplest terms, the FDR process involves a train-like formation of vehicles, hooked together, that recycle the existing roadway on-site.

The first truck lays down a thin layer of cement powder (the concentration is predetermined by analyzing core samples beforehand). It is followed by a water truck hooked to a pulverizer/reclaimer



A powerful roller is used to compact the base material.



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Water from a tanker truck is added to the cement powder and pulverized materials to form the new base.

vehicle which mills/grinds up the existing roadway (pavement, dirt, rocks) to a depth of about eight inches at the Pitzer Road project (this can vary) and mixes it with the cement powder and water to form a new stabilized base which is spread on the roadway to the depth required. Afterwards, a compactor (roller), so heavy and powerful that bystanders can feel the ground shake, uses a foot roller to compact the mixture forming a bond. Paving and sealing follow.

The process requires fewer trucks for hauling, less equipment, and produces

fewer materials to be hauled away than traditional methods. This process shortens the construction schedule and reduces traffic disruption. The Pitzer Road project took about two days followed by another day of paving. One lane of the roadway remained open each day during the road construction process to provide access for motorists.

Town Council members and staff were impressed with what they saw on their visit to the Pitzer Road project and the benefits and savings with the FDR process.

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were 35 weapons permit checks, 113 FOIA requests, 88 officer subpoenas processed, and 50 criminal histories checked.

One new officer, Andrew Hagy, was sworn in. According to Lawless, Hagy was just released from field training. "He has a great work ethic and wants to spend his career here."

Lawless detailed several community events the police were involved in – the Blue Ridge Marathon, the Little Feet Meet, the Murph Challenge, the Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament, the Torch Run, and the Vinton Library Summer Reading Kick-off.

There was overtime work with DMV traffic enforcement and several trainings – RADAR, Evidence Technician School, Police Background Investigation, SWAT School, CIT training, a Violent Crime Conference, and Drug Interdiction training.

The Vinton Police have applied for and received grants that paid for the Traffic Enforcement overtime and will provide needed supplies for the department. One block grant will be used to purchase gym equipment (\$4,716) and an ARPA grant in the amount of \$158,000 will fund additional equipment, upgrade the weapons system, upgrade rifle accessories, purchase a less lethal weapon as a tool for officers, purchase a new CID vehicle, pay for a TruNarc Handheld Narcotics Analyzer, and more.

Vinton Historical Society President Randy Layman updated council on events at the Vinton History Museum and Historical Society. He expressed his appreciation to Public Works Director Bo Herndon and the Public Works employees who have resolved rainwater intrusion problems there.

Layman and Peters revisited the project "most pressing" to the museum – the installation of a cargo

lift to upgrade access to the second floor of the museum. The lift will enable the staff and volunteers to reposition large displays from one floor to another and make exhibits and artifacts more accessible to all. The pending plan is to use museum funds, seek grants, and solicit donations through a formal fundraising effort.

Peters noted that the Historical Society has approximately \$60,000 on hand to contribute to the project and that grants exist across the state to fund projects such as this. Town Council agreed to make the cargo lift a priority and to meet with the Historical Society board to come up with methods for generating additional funds.

Assistant Planning and Zoning Director Nathan McClung updated council on Town of Vinton Community Rating System and Hazard Mitigation Projects. These were set forth in the 2019 Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan. Under this plan, localities are tasked with revisiting specific mitigation projects denoted for their specific jurisdiction and annually update local governing bodies – in this case, Vinton Town Council.

Some specific projects completed in the past year include providing an informational brochure on emergency or weather events (by mail), the addition of the CodeRED Alert System, and ensuring that water and sewer service can be operational during hazardous events. For example, the town has elevated the generators behind the 3rd Street Pump Station so that they are above the flood plain. Generators have been added throughout town facilities.

Other projects McClung highlighted include retaining Class 8 certification in the National Flood Insurance Program which gives a 10% discount to those qualifying, maintaining an inventory of

flood prone residential properties and repetitive loss properties and FEMA's efforts to initiate new flood maps over the next three years.

The Streambank Restoration Project at Woodland Place has been completed; the town has upgraded and repaired elements of the stormwater system and drainage system; and a new flood gauge has been installed on Glade Creek.

Herndon briefed council on the latest Public Works Committee meeting. The Cleveland Avenue Water Line project is complete, and all lines are functional. Paving is also complete on the street. The town is working to design a striping plan for Cleveland which will be completed in the fall for both the roadway and parked vehicles. Consideration will be given to slowing traffic with selective striping.

Stormwater projects on Holiday Road and Sharon Circle are in the works. Glo-Fiber construction is still underway within the town. The fall paving schedule will be underway in August and September, mainly in the neighborhoods behind Kroger and Oakey's, but also on Walnut Avenue once that Phase 1 project is complete.

Herndon spoke enthusiastically about the Pitzer Road Full-Depth Reclamation (FDR) Project in Roanoke County that council members visited earlier in the day and its application to the rehabilitation of Mountain View Road in Vinton. The Pitzer Road project is only the third of its kind in Virginia and drew quite a crowd of spectators. The FDR process saves time, money, and especially fuel.

There will be no council meeting on August 1 as council members will be attending National Night Out from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Vinton War Memorial to meet informally with citizens.

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Read Ecclesiastes 1:1 through 4:16

The familiar phrase "been there; done that" is often said by those who feel they've seen it all and done it all, and they're bored by it. This appears to be the outlook of the author of Ecclesiastes.

He concluded that everything he had experienced was meaningless, including the pursuit of wisdom and pleasure—things many in our modern culture seek. Even the hedonistic lifestyle of "wine, women, and song" proved to not be satisfying. These indulgences created only fleeting enjoyment.

Much of happiness depends on attitude. Quicklook: Ecclesiastes 3:1-13

I know that there is nothing better for people than to be happy and to do good while they live. That each of them may eat and drink, and find satisfaction in all their toil—this is the gift of God (Ecclesiastes 3:12-13).

Once we determine to find satisfaction in life's simple things, including what God has given us to do, we will no longer base our worth or our hope in the accumulation of more things.

Thought for Today: "People are just as happy as they make up their minds to be." —Abraham Lincoln

WORSHIP DIRECTORY

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

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

FOURSQUARE
EVANGEL CHURCH - 2330 Hardy Road, Vinton (corner of Hardy Road and Feather Road), 540-982-3694, www.evangel4sq.com, Pastor Tim Wright. Worship Service Sunday, 10AM. Bible Study Wednesday 11AM-12PM.

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

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

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

PRESBYTERIAN
CAMPBELL MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1130 Hardy Rd, Vinton, VA, 540-343-1842; 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
THREE OAKS FELLOWSHIP UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - 1026 Gravel Hill Road, Vinton, Va. 540-512-8070. Pastor: Rev. Dr. Rob Colwell. Sunday School - 9:45 a.m., Worship 11 a.m.

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.

Thrasher from page 1



The Thrasher ASP team prepared to leave Vinton on the morning of July 9.

PHOTO BY DEBBIE ADAMS

is the second year that Red Valley joined the group from Thrasher.

Thrasher took 23 youth and adults on this year's trip. Red Valley, located in Boones Mill, added nine more, making a team of 32. The team members were commissioned at the 8 a.m. worship service at Thrasher on July 9, just before they started their journey.

Team members included: Aaron, Adam, Ania, April, Bonnie, Cary, Chelsea, Dave, Drew, Ginger, Ilgha, Isaac, Izzy, Jacob, Jae, Jo. B, J.R., Karen, Levi, Luke, Madison, Marty, Mary Ann, Mayzie, McKenzie, Megan, Molly, Nick, Sean, Shane, Stella, Tyler G., and Tyler W.

They were housed at First United Methodist Church in Prestonsburg.

ASP, created in 1969, brings thousands of volunteers from around the country to Central Appalachia annually to repair and replace homes for low-income families. It is meant to be a transformational service experience for volunteers as well.

More than 25 communities are served by over 15,000 ASP volunteers each year, impacting over 350 families. More than 3,000 repair projects are completed each summer.

ASP repairs roofs, walls, floors, foundations, and bathrooms, in addition to making homes accessible through porch and ramp repairs or additions. Those were the jobs the Thrasher and Red Valley youth took on this summer as well.

"Our jobs were repairing floors, siding, insulation, and more floors," Jones said.

Several participants shared their experiences and testimonies during the three worship services at Thrasher on July 16, including Nick Edmondson.

"This past week, our church's youth (along with some adults) participated in Week 5 of the Appalachia Service Project, otherwise known as ASP," Edmondson explained. "We arrived in Prestonsburg, Kentucky last Sunday to continue the work of previous churches who had been there before us. Alongside our church, we were there with three other churches. River Road Presbyterian Church from Richmond, First UMC from Belvedere, Illinois, and Red Valley UMC, from Boones Mill. Despite the large crowd, my team consisted of people from Thrasher only – those amazing people being Marty Crowe, Madison Crowe, Levi Anderson, Mayzie Jones, and Karen Hemming.

"Our team was given the house of Ms. Renee and her daughter, Sara. Renee and Sara lived in an area that was greatly affected by the floods in Kentucky back in February. Our team was assigned to start (and hopefully finish) the crown molding/trim in the living room and kitchen.

"Our second objective was to put a girder (a long support beam that goes underneath the sub-floor of a house) under one of the bedrooms in Renee's house that had been washed out from underneath due to the flooding. We started this by clearing out the room, removing a custom closet that was built onto the room, and tearing up all the carpet.

"By this time, it was Wednesday afternoon, meaning we only had two more days to finish the rest of the trim and get the girder into place under the house. Thursday morning, Levi and I pulled nails out of the plyboard flooring on the far side of the room so that we could get under the floor to put in the girder. After we removed all three pieces of plyboard from their respective place in the floor, we noticed that underneath them was a layer of rotted wood.

"At this time, it was only Levi, Karen, and myself in the room. So, jokingly, I said to Levi: 'You know, we could probably throw our hammers at this wood, and it would break.' We chuckled about it as we set the last piece of plyboard off to the side.

"As the three of us stood there looking at the rotted wood before us, Karen said: 'It needs to come out anyways!' So, Levi and I had the time of our lives knocking rotted wood down to the ground beneath, using our hammers, prybars, and sudden karate skills.

"After eating lunch Thursday afternoon, Levi and I worked on our ceiling trim a little longer while everyone else got the room ready for us to put the floor joists in. We left Thursday afternoon with three pieces of trim missing from the kitchen and a room that was (for the most part) ready for floor joists.

"We arrived Friday morning ready to work, and while everyone else worked on putting in the first of four floor joists, Levi and I finished putting in our three missing pieces of trim.

"Afterwards, all six of us signed the backside of the last piece of trim and we attached it to the wall; Levi and I joined everyone else in the room to work on the remaining floor joists.

"We ended up getting all the floor joists in, the girder set on the ground in the room, and we even started digging the holes for the concrete that would go underneath the girder. Renee was especially happy about her newly trimmed rooms and how nice the whole place was starting to look again.

"Leaving Renee and Sara was a difficult experience for all of us. We talked about the day on the way back to the church and how we were going to miss Renee and Sara, as well as their dog Scooby and their cat Greyson. However, as we started driving home on Saturday morning, as I watched Kentucky's rocky cliffsides slowly morph their way back into the familiar rolling hills of Virginia, I realized just how lucky I was to be able to go on this trip; how lucky I was to be able to meet these people and build new relationships with people not only from different churches, as well as Renee and Sara, and, of course, my own teammates.

"How lucky was I to be able to be a part of something so big that will be remembered by not only Renee and Sara, but also all the other homeowners that were blessed by the other teams that I never got the chance to meet.

"This trip has truly been a blessing all the way around, not only for the people whose houses were worked on, but also for the people who worked on the houses. And for that, I would like to thank many people for making this experience possible.

"Thanks to all of you in the congregation today for helping by donating money, snacks, and some construction experience. Thanks to Bonnie and Dave for coordinating this whole trip and supplying tools that were used during the process. Thanks to the people at ASP for making this whole thing possible to begin with. Thanks to all of the adults who went to assist all of the youth while working. And last, but certainly not least, thanks to God for guiding all of us this week as we worked and drove and played all week long."

Luke Hemming shared that this year was his second ASP trip, along with his brother, Aaron. His job was to install insulation (an itchy task) and a vapor barrier underneath a house in the crawl space; along the way he learned to use a staple gun.

"Doing work for people who can't do it for themselves was a rewarding, amazing experience," Hemming said. "So many relationships were built. I could feel the Holy Spirit through the work, working through me, giving me joy, true joy. It had nothing to do with the circumstances. God was woven through the trip."

Hemming especially recalled a powerful speaker who

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The ASP team did a variety of jobs in repairing homes in Kentucky, from flooring to insulation to siding.



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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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CHRISTMAS ITEMS: Artificial Christmas Trees, Tree lights, Ornaments, and Many Christmas/Winter Decorations as well. These weekend morning sales are expected to continue until smaller items are sold.

Auctions



Online Only Estate Auction of Mr. Milton Hale in Daleville, Va

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Bidding Begins to Close Thursday, July 27th @ 7:30 p.m.
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Services - Other

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Employment

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Daleville

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Employment

managing volunteers and assisting with the FSWVA Food Box Program. Must be able to lift up to 25 lbs. Must provide own transportation reimbursed at \$.50 per mile. Benefits include Paid Time Off 14 paid holidays. Must be sensitive to the needs of the elderly. \$13.16 per hour.
Older workers are encouraged to apply. For an application or further information contact the LOA Central office at 540-345-0451 or online at www.loaa.org. Completed applications must be received by 4:30 p.m. July 31, 2023 at the LOA Office on 4932 Frontage Road, NW, Roanoke, VA 24019.

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SENIOR TEST ENGINEER

TORC Robotics, Inc. seeks Senior Test Engineer based out of U.S. headquarters in Blacksburg, VA; however, this is purely telecommuting/work-from-home employee may reside anywhere within U.S. Requires domestic travel up to 10% of the time. Position will support real-world testing of TORC's automated vehicles and provide feedback to development team and perform analysis of test data, generating reports to communicate performance issues and capability improvements over time, among other duties. To apply, email resume to careers@torc.ai. Reference job number 736.

Services - Elderly Care

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We are seeking a Non Medical Care Giver For Elderly to join our team. You will assist in the daily care of elderly or disabled individuals. Responsibilities:

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Contact Melissa Boone 540-440-0571 or boonemelissa@aol.com

Events

Chittum Family Reunion

Sunday, July 30th 2023
Charles Hill Community Center (Senior Citizen Building), 820 E Washington Ave, Vinton Va

Legals - Botetourt County

Order of Publication

Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code §§ 8.01-316-317
Case No. **CL23-249**
BOTETOURT Circuit Court, Commonwealth of Virginia, in re Professional Foreclosure Corporation of Virginia v. Estate of Timothy D. May and Unknown Heirs of Timothy D. May
The object of this suit is to: Interplead funds from a Foreclosure case. It is ORDERED that The Estate of Timothy D. May and Unknown Heirs of Timothy D. May appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before July 3, 2023.
JUNE 8, 2023 S. Perry Deputy Clerk

Order of Publication

Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code §§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316.20-104
Case No. **CVF210000018**
BOTETOURT COUNTY Circuit Court, 5 WEST MAIN STREET, FINCASTLE, VA 24090

Commonwealth of Virginia, in re ESTATE OF NEWSOM ELLYSON VIA, JR.
The object of this suit is to: SHOW CAUSE AGAINST DISTRIBUTION OF ESTATE. It is ORDERED that the CREDITORS OF, AND ALL OTHERS INTERESTED, IN THE ESTATE OF NEWSOM ELLYSON VIA, JR., so show cause, if they can, on the 26th day of July, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. before this Court at its courtroom in Fincastle, Virginia, against the payment and delivery of the Estate of Newsom Ellyson Via, Jr. deceased, to the legatees entitled thereto under the Last Will and Testament of Newsom Ellyson Via, Jr., without requiring bonds, subject only to the retention by the Executor of sufficient funds to satisfy the remaining costs of administration.

JUNE 29, 2023.
Tommy L. Moore, Clerk

ABC NOTICE

NEW BELGIUM BREWING COMPANY, INC., trading as NEW BELGIUM BREWING COMPANY, 555 International Parkway, Daleville VA 24083.
The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) AUTHORITY for a Wine and Beer DISTILLERY AND BREWERY license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages.
BRIAN WOLF, SECRETARY

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

Legals - City of Radford

Order of Publication

Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code §§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316.20-104
Case No. **CR23007031-00**
RADFORD CITY Circuit Court, 619 Second Street, Radford, VA 24141
Commonwealth of Virginia, in re DAVID FERRARO v. MERCEDES FERRARO
The object of this suit is to: OBTAIN A DIVORCE. It is ORDERED that MERCEDES FERRARO appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before AUGUST 24, 2023.
JUNE 26, 2023
MELISSA WHITE, DEPUTY CLERK

Order of Publication

Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code §§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316
Case No. **JJ004181-01-03**
RADFORD J&DR JUVENILE DIVISION Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court, Commonwealth of Virginia, in re VELAZQUEZ, DAMIAN XALVADOR, MADRID, ANGEL RAMOS v. ALVARADO, NICOLE MICHELLE
The object of this suit is to: AMEND CUSTODY ORDER AND HAVE A SHOW CAUSE ISSUED. It is ORDERED that the defendant ALVARADO, NICOLE MICHELLE appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before 8/11/2023, 3:30 PM.
7/05/2023 SALLY DAVIS, CLERK

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE CITY OF RADFORD

In re Last Will and Testament of Hywyn Russell Owen Churchill dated July 12, 1997, Petition to Establish Holographic Will and to Qualify Executor
Case No. CL22006832-00
ORDER OF PUBLICATION
The reason for this cause is proper under Va. Code 8.01-316(A)(1). An affidavit having been made and filed showing that the Respondent Michael Robbins cannot be found and that due diligence has been used without effect to ascertain his location and last known mailing address is unknown. Upon consideration, this Order of Publication is granted, and it is ORDERED that the above-named Respondent shall appear in the Circuit Court of Radford City on or before 31st day of July, 2023, after proper publication of this Order, to protect his interest in this cause.
Entered: 6/2/2023
Teste: Melissa White DEPUTY CLERK
CIRCUIT COURT, RADFORD, VA.
Written Answer may be filed in lieu of Court appearance. Reply should be received by 31st day of July, 2023.
Kristen L. Mynes (VSB No. 94905) Counsel for Petitioner
323 Second Street SE #700
Charlottesville, VA 22902
(434) 977-2569

ABC NOTICE

Staffe & Cork, LLC., trading as Staffe & Cork, LLC, 115 E. Main Street, Salem, Roanoke County, VA. 24153.

The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) AUTHORITY for a Retail Restaurant or Caterer Application-Restaurant, Wine, Beer, Consumed On and Off Premises license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages.

Bobby and Susan Baker, Owners

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

Legals - City of Salem

Notice is hereby given to all interested persons that the Council of the City of Salem,
at its regular meeting on Monday, July 24, 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 SALEM, VIRGINIA:

- The request of Brittany M. Haddox, contract purchaser, and Juilliard Enterprises, LLC, property owner, for rezoning the property of 1201-1203 Texas Street (Tax Map # 149 - 1 - 1.1) from HBD, Highway Business District with conditions to HBD, Highway Business District without conditions.

Salem City Council will consider adoption of the ordinance associated with the above item on first reading, with a second reading of the ordinance at

Legals - City of Salem

a subsequent meeting. Copies of the proposed plans, ordinances or amendments may be examined in the Office of Community Development, 21 South Bruffery Street, Salem, Virginia. At said hearing, parties in interest and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard relative to the said requests.

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA
BY: H. Robert Light
Clerk of Council

Order of Publication

Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code §§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316.20-104
Case No. **CA23-04, CA23-05**
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE CITY OF SALEM
CRYSTAL YVONNE TERRY, petitioner
IN RE: Children to be known as:
Landon Jordan Pierce
Birth certificate: 145-16-074993 DOB: 9/21/2016
And
Lukas Wayne Pierce
Birth certificate: 145-16-074992 DOB: 9/21/2016

The object of this suit is to: Enter a Final Order of Adoption allowing Crystal Yvonne Terry to adopt Landon Edward Scott Pierce and Lucas Roman Wayne Pierce and change their names to Landon Jordan Pierce and Lukas Wayne Pierce.
An affidavit having been made and filed showing that the biological parent, Stephanie Marie Hudgins, cannot be found and that diligence has been used without effect to ascertain the address of Stephanie Marie Hudgins, for service purposes.
It is ORDERED that this Order of Publication be published once a week for four successive weeks in the SALEM TIMES REGISTER, 1633 W. Main Street, Salem, Virginia 24153.
It is further ORDERED that Stephanie Marie Hudgins appear at the above named court located at 2 E. Calhoun Street, Salem Virginia on or before August 30, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. Entered this day 28th day of June, 2023.
Chance Crawford, Clerk

ABC NOTICE

Staffe & Cork, LLC., trading as Staffe & Cork, LLC, 115 E. Main Street, Salem, Roanoke County, VA. 24153.

The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) AUTHORITY for a Retail Restaurant or Caterer Application-Restaurant, Wine, Beer, Consumed On and Off Premises license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages.

Bobby and Susan Baker, Owners

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 - Montgomery County

ABC NOTICE

THE BURG RESTO-BAR CORPORATION, trading as THE BURG RESTO-BAR, 204 DRAPER RD NW, BLACKSBURG, VA.24060.

The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) AUTHORITY for RETAIL RESTAURANT OR CATERER APPLICATION-RESTURANT, WINE, BEER, MIXED BEVERAGES, CONSUMED ON AND OFF PREMISES license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages.

VICTOR JIMENEZ V.PRESIDENT

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

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registered at www.abc.virginia.gov or 800-552-3200.

Order of Publication

Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code §§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316,
Case No. **JJ019985-03-00**
MONTGOMERY COUNTY Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court, 55 EAST MAIN STREET, CHRISTIANSBURG, VA 24073
Commonwealth of Virginia, in re Baby Girl Doe v. Unknown Father
The object of this suit is to: Terminate the residual parental rights of Unknown Father, legal parent of Baby Girl Doe, a minor, in that said parent has, without good cause, failed to correct the conditions which resulted in the child entering foster care and it is not reasonable likely that they will be able to do so in a reasonable amount of time, failed to maintain continuing contact with the child and substantially plan for the child's future. Residual parental rights include, but are not limited to the right to visitation, consent to adoption, the right to determine religious affiliation, and the responsibility for support.
The termination of your residual parental rights will permanently end all of your rights and responsibilities to the child named in the petition.
It is ORDERED that the Unknown Father appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before AUGUST 21, 2023.
JUNE 29, 2023
Amie Blankenship, CLERK

Legals - Montgomery County

ABC NOTICE

HAMRO KITCHEN LLC, trading as HAMRO KITCHEN LLC, 403.DRAPER RD. BLACKSBURG VA 24060

The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) AUTHORITY for a Retail Restaurant or Caterer Application-Restaurant, Wine, Beer, Mixed Beverages, Consumed ON AND OFF Premises license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages.

ANUP GAUTAM, OWNER

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NOTE: HOUSE WILL BE SOLD FIRST AT 10:00 AM. ALL VEHICLES, MOTORCYCLES, RIDING MOWER, TRAILERS WILL BE SOLD AROUND 12:00 NOON.
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Twice the entertainment at July 22 Mingle at the Market concert

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Glam'r Kiti and Adrenaline 6 will be performing on July 22 at the fourth Mingle at the Market concert of the season. Glam'r Kiti is described as "The Nation's Premiere '80s Rock Tribute Band," with "big hits and bigger sound."

Adrenaline 6 focuses on "the classic rock and '80s stuff," covering Van Halen, Pat Benatar, Billy Idol, Blondie, Guns N Roses, Joan Jett, ACDC, Quiet Riot, The Pretty Reckless, Bangles, Pink Floyd and Cheap Trick, just to name a few."

Food vendors on July 22 will be Las Tapatias Taco Truck and Ken & Jayne's Burgers and Dogs.

The Mingle concert series is sponsored by the Vinton Area Chamber

of Commerce and takes place on the HomeTrust Stage at the Vinton Farmers' Market in downtown Vinton from 7 to 10 p.m. Gates open at 6:30.

Mingle admission is \$7 for adults. Kids under 12 are free. Bring your own chair. No pets are allowed. No outside food or drink.

There will be the usual cold beverage garden, ID required. The Chamber asks that you have your ID out and ready for volunteers to check to speed up entry.

Sponsors for this year's Mingle at the Market concerts include: Alcova 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,



The featured performers for the July 22 Mingle at the Market concert are Glam'r Kiti and Adrenaline 6.

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McDonald's, Roanoke County, and RVTV. Upcoming Mingle at the Market concerts include Filthy Souls and Gasoline Alley on



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Las Tapatias Taco Truck and Ken & Jayne's Burgers and Dogs will be on site at the July 22 Mingle.

August 12, Five Dollar Shake on Aug. 26, Fuzzy Logic on Sept. 9, and Five Shades of Gray on Sept. 23.

Individuals are interested in volunteering at the Mingle events, contact the Chamber office at 540-343-1364.

Thrasher

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was severely injured along with his entire family at age 14, in a wreck caused by a driver under the influence. The man had lost so much, but God still worked through him and in his life.

Youth leader Jacob, in his fifth year of ASP, said he was honored to help guide the members of his team, not just in construction, but in their spiritual journey. Watching them have fun serving God and the community was "really a blessing that touched my heart in many ways."

Madison, also a youth leader, said that she loved bonding with the homeowners, Renee and Sara, who personified Appalachia "with their pure love and strength. They showed nothing but gratefulness, paired with beautiful smiles as they saw all the projects come together and that's just the best thing you could see all week."

"I felt my team was strong together

and fed off each other for encouragement and support. We had amazing group leaders, that always made sure everyone had an equal role; and in each of us I saw compassion and dedication. We encouraged each other; God's strong hand guided us, with no cliques, no separation; each youth molded into the group together to create a friendship with memories, I'm sure they'll cherish forever. There were hearts that were changed extending God's love to others."

Izzy also loved the homeowners, their cat and dog. "They said they loved the way their house looks now. It was awesome to see how we touched someone."

"It was an amazing week with amazing youth who were not afraid of hard, sweaty work," Jones said. "I don't know if I have ever seen a group of teenagers, many who had never met before this trip, bond as quickly and as well as these kids did."

WBHS

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pond, built in the years after the flood of 1985. The construction of the town's industrial park on Third Street and the Lake Drive Shopping Plaza on Hardy Road had led to some flooding issues in the area. At one time it was estimated that two-thirds of the town's water drained into the Gladetown section.

When the grant did not receive approval, the town decided to seek assistance from the Pathfinders for the Greenways in building the trail.

When siting the trail in the fall of 2009, town staff discovered that, in order to be out of the wet area, a portion of the remainder of the proposed pathway would have to be built on property owned by Woodland Place.

Town staff met with Tommy and Karen Wood, then owners of the Woodland Place property, to ask for an easement. Instead of granting an easement, the Woods generously donated a triangular portion of their property to the

Town of Vinton for the trail. The trail was completed in 2012.

The Pathfinders for Greenways built not only the trail, but a picturesque wooden bridge across the stream.

The Town of Vinton recently completed a Streambank Restoration Project at the Woodland Place end of the trail with the assistance of grant funding from the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) Stormwater Local Assistance Fund (SLAF).

School

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are complete in the gym. The retracting goals have been installed as well, awaiting the electrical wiring hookups.

The main office of the school is expected to be completed by August 1, also the completion date for the cafeteria. The front entrance is finished.

As for other Roanoke County schools, Kageals informed board members that the NESHAP asbestos reports on Glen Cove and W.E. Cundiff Elementary Schools are due on July 17 (undertaken to avoid the asbestos situation encountered at William Byrd).

Site surveys are almost finished at Glen Cove; those at W.E. Cundiff are expected within a couple of weeks. A pre-proposal meeting for the two elementary schools was held on July 12 with multiple contractors attending.

Work continues on seven playgrounds in the school system. Materials have been delivered to W.E. Cundiff with installation scheduled. Mount Pleasant equipment is yet to be delivered.

The Request for Proposals for the Vinton Bus Lot project was published on July 11.

At the work session, School Superintendent Dr. Ken Nicely presented a new policy to the School Board, formally clarifying expectations about the primary role of educators as focused on student learning, and the manner in which the school system demonstrates care and inclusivity and creates a sense of belonging for students. This is accomplished through daily activities by showing kindness and respect to everyone in the school community.

"Our teachers and staff are good people, who care about students," Nicely said.

The new policy focuses on acceptable décor and displays within the schools' classrooms.

Nicely presented some background information on the policy prior to discussion:

"The policies of the Roanoke County School Board support the establishment and operation of schools focused on the educational goals and objectives of the school division, and committed to the principles of nondiscrimination, equal opportunities, and tolerance, including for all protected classes of individuals as enumerated in state and federal law and School Board policies."

"The Roanoke County School Board strives to maintain a learning environment in which all students can reach their highest potential. The School Board believes that this is best achieved in supportive and respectful environments in which teachers focus on the curriculum and learning objectives for their particular courses of study."

"The Roanoke County School Board recognizes that preparation for effective citizenship is one of the major purposes of education, and that the preparation for effective citizenship includes the study of issues that are controversial. Such study will be carried out in an atmosphere free from bias, prejudice, or coercion."

"Personal beliefs about political views, sociopolitical issues, or religion are often deeply held and personal to many members of the school community and their families. Out of respect for the diversity of personal beliefs represented in



The wood has been installed for the gymnasium floor with completion expected by August 31.

the school community, the school and classroom decor and displays should contribute to, and not distract from, a school environment free from bias, prejudice, or coercion."

Dr. Nicely also defined the purpose of classroom décor and displays as supporting "the curriculum and learning objectives of Roanoke County Public Schools and contributing to a learning environment in which all students are valued and supported, regardless of their beliefs about political views, sociopolitical issues, religion, or their status as a member of any protected class of individuals as enumerated in state and federal law and School Board policies."

The RCPS policy on classroom décor and displays reads:

1. All classroom displays must directly relate to the curriculum and instructional goals of the courses of study conducted in that classroom.

2. Employees may not use their position or use school or classroom decor and displays to advocate for their personal beliefs about political views, sociopolitical issues, or religion, to students. The School Board recognizes the right of employees, as citizens, to engage in political activity and advocacy on issues important to them outside of the classroom. School division time, resources, property, or equipment, however, may not be used for such purposes by any employee.

3. The School Board recognizes that school and classroom decor and displays may communicate multiple intended and unintended messages. A sticker, sign, flag, or other display hung by a teacher may be intended to show support and affinity for a subset of students, but it can unintentionally imply that other teachers who do not display such messages or symbols in their classroom do not support inclusion for all their students, or that students who do not share



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The retracting goals have been installed in the gym, awaiting electrical wiring hook-ups.

the same identity are unwelcome. All teachers and other employees are expected to demonstrate care, respect, and support for all their students. All classrooms must be safe for students' physical, intellectual, emotional, social, and psychological growth and well-being and, therefore, no sub-classification system will be implemented within the school except as authorized and designated by approved school safety and emergency response plans.

4. Nothing in this policy should be interpreted:

a. to preclude an employee from wearing symbols on discreet personal jewelry or having small personal items that are meant to be viewed by the employee, rather than by students; nor

b. to contravene RCPS policies promoting school rules, student behavior expectations, patriotism or character education; nor

c. to preclude displays the sole purpose of which is decorative, rather than an expression of political, sociopolitical, or religious views, or a cause of disruption; nor

d. to preclude decor and displays related to school-sponsored clubs, athletic teams, or extracurricular activities, or special events; nor

e. to preclude decor and displays related to accredited colleges and universities or the United States military.

An addition is also proposed to the Employee Standards of Conduct Code "unacceptable conduct" section: "Use of position or use of school or classroom decor and displays to advocate for personal beliefs about political views, sociopolitical issues, or religion to students. School division time, resources, property, or equipment may not be used for such purposes by any employee."

Action will be taken on the policies at the next School Board meeting on July 27.

Vinton Police, Town of Vinton to host annual National Night Out on Aug. 1

The Vinton Police Department and the Town of Vinton will host this year's National Night Out celebration on Tuesday, August 1, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Vinton War Memorial/Charles R. Hill Community Center.

Other participating agencies and organizations include Roanoke County Fire and Rescue, the National Night Out organization, the Roanoke County Sheriff's Office, the Virginia State Police, Roanoke County Public Library, the National Park Service, and the Office of the Virginia Attorney General.

Entertainment will be provided by DJ Leftwitch. There will be free food, ice pops, drinks, games, and more.

According to the Vinton Police Department, "National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer,



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more caring places to live."

The first Tuesday in August is traditionally celebrated across the nation and the world as "National Night Out," a time for citizens and law enforcement officers to come together informally to build relationships. National Night Out was founded in 1984.

The regular Vinton Town Council meeting scheduled for August 1 has been cancelled so that council members and town staff may participate in the event and talk with citizens informally.

The Vinton War Memorial is located at 814 Washington Avenue in Vinton.

Submitted by Vinton Police Department

PEOPLE, PLACES AND THINGS

By Angie Chewning

Morgan Canterbury's and Zach Bowles's wedding was not only a special day for them and their families but also for their friends.

Monica West, their cheer coach at WBHS, said, "These girls are all still besties and go to each other's baby showers and parts of weddings. It's the best friendship I've seen from a high school group in ages. Life lasting! They are all my angels and I would move mountains for them and any other athlete I've ever coached. This was a special day catching up with them and the cheer moms and dads! It's family at the end of the day!"

What a special day all around. Congrats to Morgan and Zach and also to these girls for embracing your sisterhood for all these years. What a gift!! They still have it. Pictured are Courtney Higgerson, Ragen Drew, Caitlin Clark, Danielle Carr, Courtney Ashby, and Monica West.

Don't forget Mingle at the Market this Saturday on the HomeTrust Bank Stage, 7-10 p.m., \$7 admission, kids under 12 free. Gates open at

6:30. Glam'r Kiti will take the stage at 7 p.m., followed by Adrenaline 6. Come hungry - Las Tapatias Taco Truck and Ken & Jayne's Burgers & Dogs will be on site! And, of course, Blue Ridge Beverage will have some cold beverages. See you Saturday!



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Twin Creeks to celebrate grand opening of Creekbank Music Pavilion

Twin Creeks Brewing Company in Vinton will celebrate the grand opening of their new Creekbank Music Pavilion on Friday, July 21, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Twin Creeks has been busy this summer adding an outdoor stage behind the brewery - a new addition to Vinton's live music scene.

"We have future plans to continue expanding the patio area by adding an outdoor beer shack, complete with eight taps to grab your favorite TCBC beer while you're outside enjoying the patio and pavilion," Special Events Coordinator Jess Curtin said.

"The patio currently features outdoor furniture, lighting, and custom

fire pits for cozy evenings. The work done by Roanoke Valley Concrete and Renaissance Lighting on the poles, fencing, stonework, and fire pits was just phenomenal. We're planning to utilize the Creekbank for all sorts of outdoor fun - Bingo, trivia, live music, and maybe even a movie night. In addition to the seating provided, we've got a beautiful grassy hill that's perfect for a picnic blanket.

"We're looking forward to booking larger bands and hosting exciting events," Curtin added.

In addition to a ribbon-cutting ceremony with the Vinton Area Chamber of Commerce on July 21,

Twin Creeks will be hosting the Jared Stout Trio, and debuting a new special release beer, Hazy Creekbank.

Twin Creeks will be collaborating with Pok-E-Joe's that night, who will set up in the TCBC garage serving a limited menu.

Twin Creeks Brewing Company is located at 111 South Pollard Street in downtown Vinton. All are welcome to attend. Admission is free. Parking is available throughout the downtown area.

Follow Twin Creeks Brewing Company on Facebook and Instagram for the latest news.

Submitted by Jess Curtin and The Vinton Messenger



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Twin Creeks Brewing company in Vinton now has a permanent stage for outdoor concerts, with a grand opening planned for July 21 with the Jared Stout Trio.



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Left to right, Megan Grant is a standout player for Elon University, Jada Karnes earned all-state honors for Roanoke College and Bri Hodges and Lexi Powell are key members of the University of Lynchburg softball team.

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2019 champs are still close four years later

Four years ago the William Byrd girls were queens of the diamond as they won the Virginia High School League Class 4 state softball championship. It was a special year for the Terriers and coach Greg Barton as the girls finished 20-6 and had walk-off wins in both the semifinal and final games at the James I. Moyer Complex in Salem.

“Special team, special young ladies,” said Barton. “The 2019 team was a team that bought into what we were coaching and never questioned us. The girls were a tight knit group of kids that trusted and believed in each other.”

The season didn’t start out like anything special, as Byrd was 2-3 after the first five games. However, they returned from spring break with three big wins and started rolling. After they lost in the Blue Ridge District tournament to Lord Botetourt they wouldn’t lose again, winning the Region 4D championship and the state crown.

“Everything went our way,” remembers Barton. “We beat Woodgrove in the final and they were big favorites to win the whole thing. They were three-time defending state champs.”

The Terriers beat Great Bridge in the state semifinal, coming back from 2-0 behind to win 3-2. Mo Icard hit a sacrifice fly with the bases loaded to score Sydney Burton with the winning run. Burton had doubled to lead off the inning.

In the championship Byrd came from behind again, winning in the bottom of the seventh. This time it was Burton’s bloop single with the bases loaded that scored Megan Grant with the winning run and another walk-off win, setting off a wild celebration on the field.

“We were the home team in all three state games, and that’s big,” said coach Barton. “You always want to have last at bat in big games like that.”

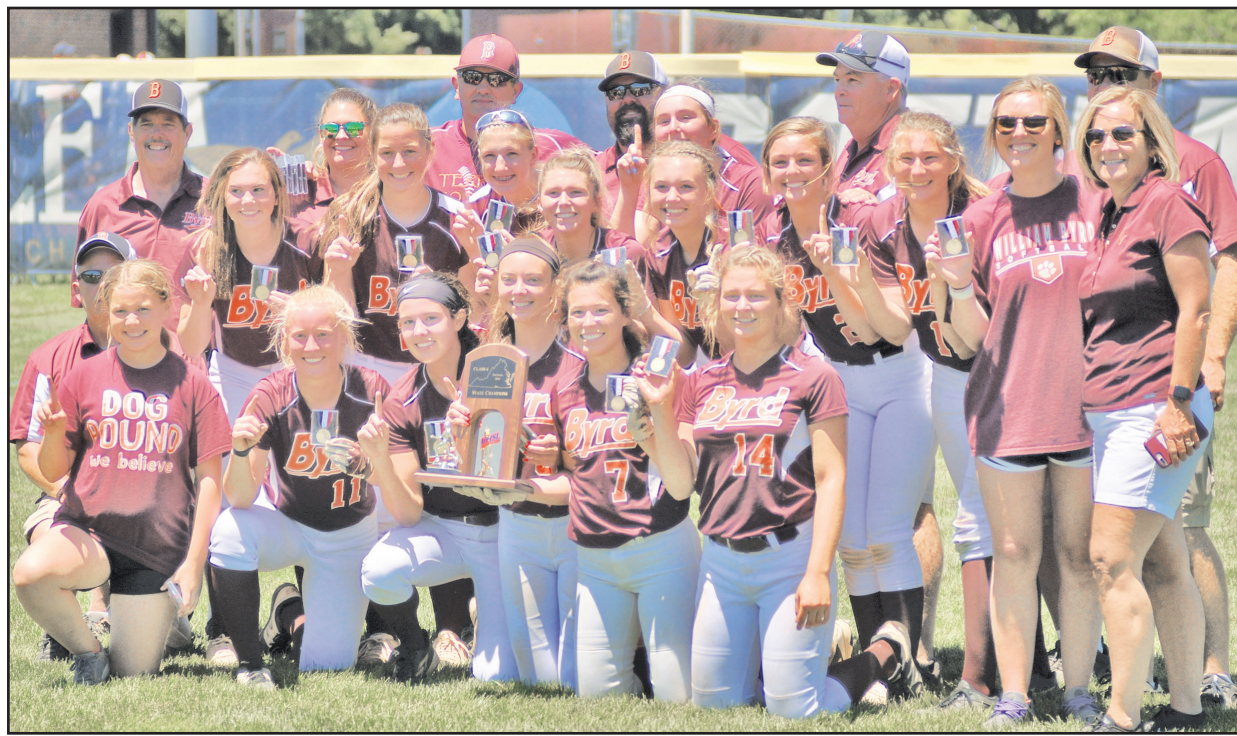
After the season Burton, Grant and pitcher Jada Karnes, all seniors, were named Class 4 All-State, and Barton was named Coach of the Year. Several of the girls went on to play in college, and four years later several of the girls have had continued success on the ballfield.

Grant went on to play at Elon University, where she’s had an outstanding career. Megan will be a fifth year senior next spring, having an extra year to play due to COVID. She was the CAA Rookie of the Week on March 3rd before the season was shut down in 2020. In 2021 Megan was an All-CAA second team selection and this past season she was CSC Academic All-District.

In four years on the varsity Grant has a career batting average of .278 while playing in 161 games, 160 of which she was a starter. She has 122 total hits with 17 doubles, eight triples and a home run. Her on base percentage is .425 with 94 walks and 20 times she was hit by a pitch. Megan has a slugging percentage of .360 for the Phoenix. As a junior she tied an NCAA Division I softball record with three triples in one game against Providence.

Karnes went to Roanoke College where she’s had an outstanding four years career. Jada will continue her softball career as a graduate assistant with the Liberty University softball program in the coming school year.

Jada was the horse the Terriers rode to the state championship in 2019. Karnes finished the season at



William Byrd girls gather for a team picture with the state championship trophy after winning the Class 4 title at the James I. Moyer Complex in June of 2019.

PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

16-6 with a two-year record of 24-6 on the mound for Byrd. In the championship win over Woodgrove she allowed just three hits to one of the best hitting teams in the state, fanning five.

In four years at RC Jada was the undisputed ace for Mike Mitchell’s Maroons. She won 54 games in four years while losing just 23. As a junior she was 20-7 and this past season she posted an 18-6 record to lead the Maroons to a 29-14 record and a bid to the NCAA Division III tournament.

Jada started 76 games in the past four years and struck out 422 batters with 58 complete games and 493 innings pitched. She finished with a four-year earned run average of 1.76. She also had 24 hits while playing first base on occasion and finished with a .276 batting average.

This past season Jada was named first team all-state by the Virginia Sports Information Directors, third team All-NFCA and first team All-ODAC.

Burton, Byrd’s third senior all-state player in 2019, did not play college softball. Sydney was also a standout basketball player for the Terriers during her high school career.

Two juniors on the 2019 championship team went on to play at the University of Lynchburg, Lexi Powell and Bri Hodges. Powell was a second team all-state catcher for the Terriers but has played outfield an some corner infield for the Hornets. In 2021 she was VaSID second team All-State and second team All-ODAC when she hit .331 with 10 doubles and 25 runs batted in. In three years at Lynchburg Lexi has 90 hits, including five triples and a home run.

Hodges was Byrd’s cleanup hitter in 2019 as a junior. In three years at Lynchburg Bri has 56 hits, including five home runs. She’s an outfielder.

Hallie Cox was Byrd’s second pitcher in the championship season as a sophomore. She recently completed her second year on the Bluefield College

team and led the Rams with 19 starts and 123 innings pitched. She struck out 103 and had a team best 4.57 ERA. She won five games on a team that finished 6-29. She also had 14 hits and nine runs batted in as a hitter.

Two freshmen on the 2019 team were Maddy Tuck and Keely Hoal. Both were college freshmen this spring on successful teams, Tuck at Liberty University and Hoal at Roanoke College.

Tuck was a catcher for the Terriers and she went on to earn All-Blue Ridge District Player of the Year honors as a senior at Byrd in 2022, leading the district with a .520 batting average. As a freshman at Liberty Maddy appeared in 29 games and scored 10 runs as a pinch-runner.

Hoal was a backup infielder for the Maroons this year. She appeared in four games and batted three times.

Icard, Erin Courtemanche, Morgan Webb, Logan Pekala and Rachel Cruff were also key members of the 2019 team but didn’t play college ball.

“Morgan Webb, Erin Courtemanche, Sydney Burton, Morgan Icard, Logan Pekala and Rachel Cruff all could have played college ball if that is what they chose to do,” said Barton.

Barton was assisted by Mike Andrews on the coaching staff in 2019 and both are still with the club. That year Greg also added a former Terrier player to the staff, Kassie Crammer. A couple years later Kassie got the head coaching job at Northside, and this past season she was named Class 3 state Coach of the Year after leading the Vikings to the state championship.

Four years later, the team remains close.

“They all remain close and in contact with each other,” said Barton. “They believed we could win and never quit in any game or any inning. I’m proud to have been the coach of a group of girls I truly love.”

Three Terriers will play in “The Last Inning” Saturday in Salem

On Saturday, July 22nd, the Salem Red Sox and Salem-Roanoke Baseball Hall of Fame will once again sponsor “The Last Inning” Senior baseball games at Salem Memorial Ballpark.

The event was initiated in 2020 when the COVID virus wiped out the high school baseball season. An event was held during the summer to give that year’s seniors a chance to play one last time in a high school game, and it proved to be so successful it was decided to make it an annual event.

This Saturday there will be two teams playing a doubleheader of seven innings each. Teams will wear blue or red shirts provided by the Red Sox.

William Byrd players will be playing on the navy blue team and the Terriers will be represented by graduated seniors James Purcell, Evan Mullen and Peyton Leftwich. Also on the blue team will be players from James River, Staunton River, Liberty, Cave Spring, Hidden

Valley and Alleghany. The red team will consist of players from Salem, Glenvar, Lord Botetourt, Patrick Henry, Northside, Jefferson Forest, North Cross, Christiansburg, Auburn and Smith Mountain Lake Christian Academy.

The first game will start at 4 pm, followed by the Hall of Fame’s recognition of the Ray Bellamy High School Player of the Year finalists and the announcement of the winner. The Bellamy Award is given annually to the top high school player in the area covered by the Salem-Roanoke Hall of Fame. The Hall of Fame covers the counties of Alleghany, Roanoke,

Bedford, Botetourt, Craig, Floyd, Franklin and Montgomery and the independent cities located within the boundaries of those counties.

Also, two scholarships will be awarded in memory of two of the hall’s founding fathers, Posey Oyler and Kelvin Bowles. This year’s winner of the Oyler Scholarship is Damien Boyd of Auburn High School and the Bowles Scholarship goes to Preston Crawl of Franklin County High School.

A second seven inning game will follow the awards ceremony. There is no admission fee and concessions will be sold.

