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## Blue Ridge Figure skaters deliver great performances at Lancerlot 'Theatre on Ice'

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The Blue Ridge Figure Skating Club delivered three great performances at the Lancerlot Sports Complex ice rink on July 7, 8, and 9. Their theme for this show was "A Night at the Movies." The Theater on Ice program began in May 2021 as a chance for skaters to learn choreography, work within a group of all ages and ability levels, and showcase fun, theatrical programs. The figure skating program has evolved from a very successful "Learn to Skate" program at the Lancerlot. It is now in its sixth season. Past productions have included "Beetlejuice," "The Wizard of Oz," "Holiday Show," and "Skating Through the Decades." Skaters come from all over the valley and beyond - Christiansburg, Floyd, Blue Ridge, Montvale,



PHOTO BY DEBBIE ADAMS  
**Marley Spaulding skates to "Napoleon Dynamite."**

Vinton, Roanoke, Fincastle, and more. Their coaches are Addalai Clark and Meghan Noga, who is also the figure skating director at the Lancerlot. Practices are held on and off the ice, with some practice time spent in the Lancerlot's aerobics studio, practicing choreography and synchronization using

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PHOTO BY DEBBIE ADAMS  
**Capital Projects Director Jamie Hurt has spearheaded the renovations at the Annex and the additions of state-of-the-art technology.**

## The HIVE becomes the Annex

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According to "A History of Roanoke County" by Deedie Kagey, the current Vinton Municipal Building at 311 South Pollard Street was built in the early 1980s. The old Municipal Building at the corner of Pollard Street and Jackson Avenue had been demolished in 1985 when it was decided that it was cost prohibitive to renovate the structure. The Roanoke County/Vinton Health Department opened in a new building at that location (227 Pollard Street) in 1986. In 2015, The Advancement Foundation (TAF) Business Incubation Center, The HIVE, leased and moved into the upper level of the Health

Department building. The top floor had been mostly vacant for several years and had deteriorated - in fact, it was described as "dismal in appearance." Rowe Furniture used the space for a training center for a time in collaboration with TAF, and then a local film company used it as its base while filming a movie in Vinton. The building is owned and maintained by the Town of Vinton. Over time a new roof was added, and air conditioning was upgraded when the film company leased the space. When the HIVE (Home of Innovative and Visionary Entrepreneurs) took up residence, TAF founder and

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## Cleveland Mart Redevelopment Project moving forward

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The Town of Vinton, the Roanoke County Economic Development Authority, and CMART Holdings, LLC, are partnering on a project to redevelop the former Cleveland Mart at 522 and 528 East Cleveland Avenue in Vinton into a mixed-use commercial and residential property. Chris Dowdy and Dominic Bastile are the owners of CMart Holdings, LLC. According to Marshall Stanley, Vinton's Economic Development specialist, "This project will remove blight and revitalize the surrounding neighborhood. It will also increase commercial opportunities and add to the housing inventory." The town and EDA expect the project

will promote economic development and neighborhood beautification, in addition to generating new local tax revenues. The commercial (front) section of the building will occupy approximately 1,162 square feet. The "tower" at the back of the Cleveland Mart will be redeveloped into six or seven one- and two-bedroom apartments ranging from 700 to 900 square feet in size. Each apartment will have its own thermostat, washer and dryer, and water heater. The plans indicate maximized storage space. Appliances will be stainless steel; countertops will be granite. The footprint of the building will not be changed. There will be no

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PHOTO BY DEBBIE ADAMS  
**Demolition for the Cleveland Mart Redevelopment Project continued on July 11 with removal of a house next door to the Cleveland Mart. The store itself will be renovated, not removed.**

## MaLora Bush chooses to make a difference

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MaLora Bush is a medical dosimetrist and radiation therapist at the Animal Cancer Care and Research Center (ACCRC) at the Fralin Biomedical Research Institute (FBRI) in Roanoke. It is both a compassionate care hospital and a groundbreaking research arm of the Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine at Virginia Tech. It provides medical, surgical, and radiation oncology for cats and dogs. The patients are referred there from a variety of veterinarians from all over the East Coast and




PHOTO BY ANDREW MANN, VIRGINIA TECH  
**MaLora Bush, radiation therapist and medical dosimetrist at the Animal Cancer Care and Research Center in Roanoke**

beyond. In the past, the choice for pet owners in Roanoke was working with a local vet or traveling to Blacksburg for treatments. Now treatments are available in Roanoke. "Our goal is to conduct translational research



PHOTO COURTESY OF MALORA BUSH  
**MaLora Bush and family, from left: back, sons, A.J. and John, MaLora, and husband, Randy; front, daughter Toni-Lee and boyfriend, Griffin**

which will not only benefit our animal oncology patients but will also translate back to benefit human oncology patients with improved treatments and possible cures," Bush explained. "We also collaborate with several research labs at FBRI."




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Most people are familiar with the term "radiation therapist," but what is a medical dosimetrist? A medical dosimetrist calculates and measures medical radiation dosage. In human medicine,

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# Little kids meet Little Critters at the Vinton Library

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Little kids met little critters from the Little Critters Traveling Petting Zoo at the Vinton Library on July 7. The petting zoo is a family business located in Troutville, owned and managed by Coy and Rhonda Shupe. They are assisted by son Daniel and daughter Kalena, who socialize the animals. Dozens of excited children stopped by the library for a visit, despite the heat.

For their most recent visit to the library, Little Critters brought along chickens, a sheep, rabbits, pygmy goats, donkeys, and a llama. Their alpaca was busy at another location.

Coy worked in the telecommunications industry; Rhonda is a special education teacher. They loved animals and living in the countryside and bought a small farm. Next came the idea for miniature animals that could be easy to transport to events. What started as a family hobby became a family business.

The family shares lots of interesting facts about their animals on their website at <https://www.littlecritterstravelingpettingzoo.com/>.

Miniature donkeys are not just a smaller version of full-size donkeys. They are their own breed and originated in the Mediterranean islands of Sicily and Sardinia. Male donkeys are called “jacks” and females are “jennets.” Babies are “foals.”

Pygmy goats are true dairy goats and can provide a quart and a half of milk every day for



Little Critters Traveling Petting Zoo brought along several pygmy goats on July 7.



Some of the most popular animals at the library petting zoo activity were the chickens.

up to 10 months. Their legs and heads are short compared to the length of their bodies.

The Shupes say that chickens are the closest living relative of the prehistoric Tyrannosaurus Rex. They are descended from jungle fowl in Southeast Asia.

Sheep go back about 10,000 years ago in Central Asia, although spinning their wool was only invented in about 3500 B.C. They were a valuable part of the economy in the Middle East. There are many references to sheep in the Bible, especially

the Old Testament. President Woodrow Wilson grazed sheep on the White House lawn. Their wool was used to raise money for the American Red Cross in World War I.

Rabbits have also been around for thousands of years. The oldest known bones of a rabbit-like creature were discovered in India, dated to be 55 million years old. They are found on every continent except Antarctica.

For more information on the petting zoo, email [coyscritters@gmail.com](mailto:coyscritters@gmail.com).



PHOTOS BY DEBBIE ADAMS

Little kid meets a bunny at the Vinton Library with some help from Mom.

## Creekbank Music Pavilion opens at Twin Creeks Brewing in Vinton on July 21

Twin Creeks Brewing Company in downtown Vinton has been hard at work this summer constructing an outdoor stage and music pavilion – a new addition to Vinton’s live music scene.

“Twin Creeks Brewing Company has loved every minute of being a music venue and brewery in the heart of Vinton,” said Special Events Coordinator Jess Curtin. “With adding the Creekbank Outdoor Music Pavilion, we are so excited to see the great benefits from having a permanent outdoor stage. The location is perfect for an outdoor music pavilion.”

What was previously a parking area, with a portable stage erected when needed, is now a fenced-in gravelled area with a permanent stage and several firepits.

“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,” 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.

To celebrate the grand opening of the Creekbank Music Pavilion, Twin Creeks is hosting the Jared Stout Trio on Friday, July 21, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. paired with a 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 up a limited menu of favorite foods.

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

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

There is lots of excitement at their second location as well. Twin Creeks Brewpub at Explore Park has big plans



PHOTO BY DEBBIE ADAMS

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.

for the summer with their Tavern Stage Summer Music Series. Roanoke County Parks, Recreation, and Tourism, Explore Park and Twin Creeks Brewpub are partnering to host the new summer music series with support from Friends of the Blue Ridge.

The Tavern Stage Summer Music Series concerts take place on the second Friday of each month from May to September at Explore Park’s new Tavern stage.

The Explore Park Twin Creeks Brewpub Lawn is open from 6 to 10 p.m. with live music from 7 to 9 p.m. The band line-up includes popular regional artists featuring Southern Rock, R&B Blues, The Country, Funk, Pop, and

Retro sounds in an outdoor setting.

The Eric Wayne Band is coming p on July 14; Solacoustix on August 11, and Christian Q & the Groove on September 8.

Admission is free to the Tavern series; visitors are encouraged to bring a lawn chair or blanket to enjoy the sounds of summer on the Twin Creeks Brewpub lawn. Food and beverages options will be available on-site at Twin Creeks Brewpub. The menu includes hamburgers, cheeseburgers, veggie burgers, hot dogs, fries, chili cheese fries, chili cheese nachos, and mozzarella stix.

Submitted by Jess Curtin, Twin Creeks Special Events Coordinator, and The Vinton Messenger

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# HIVE

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CEO Annette Patterson made some dramatic changes to the second floor of the building, turning it into a space with six private offices, a computer lab, a conference room, restrooms with showers, a kitchen, a reception area, and an open co-worker space. She enlisted many individuals and groups to make the modifications, install flooring, equip the lab, and donate or offer discount furniture for the offices.

TAF and various Gauntlet Business Program entrepreneurs occupied the space until December 2022 when TAF – having gone mostly virtual

in its services – decided not to renew their lease.

At the time, Town Manager Pete Peters issued a press release stating that the second floor of the Health Department building would “undergo a cosmetic update and be utilized to relocate several existing town staff from the main Municipal Building. Work to update the offices is expected to begin in the next few months and town staff are expected to move into the building by this summer.”

The renovations are now complete. The employees who have moved into the Annex include Capital Projects

Director Jamie Hurt, Human Resources and Risk Management Director Donna Collins, Community Programs Director Chasity Barbour, Economic Specialist Marshall Stanley, and Vinton Police Community Resource Officer William Holland. There is space for another office or two.

“The Town of Vinton has been blessed with tremendous growth and expansion over the past few years,” said Vinton Mayor Brad Grose. “In many respects, the town has evolved

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## Next Vinton Cruise-In set for July 15 at Farmers' Market

The next Vinton Live Music and Car Show is set for Saturday, July 15 from 3 to 7 p.m. at the Vinton Farmers' Market at 204 West Lee Avenue in downtown Vinton.

There will be live music by the Shoobies. Daria's Sweet Shack will be selling Dessert Jars for \$10.

The Cruise-Ins are organized by Vinton Community Programs Director Chasity Barbour, along with car owners and enthusiasts Will Thomas and Franklin Ridpath.

Upcoming Cruise-In dates left in 2023 are August 19 and September 16.

Cruise-Ins have been a Vinton tradition for many years held at various locations around town, including Valley Hall and Vinton Motors. Last year they moved to the Farmers' Market.

Cruise-Ins are informal – a time to socialize, listen to music, show off your vehicle, and admire those of others. You can come and go. There is no admission charge.

For more information contact Barbour at [cbarbour@vintonva.gov](mailto:cbarbour@vintonva.gov).

Submitted by Town of Vinton

## Skaters

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**Brynn Leigh (on left) and Cheka Brindle skate to "Man or Muppet."**



**Ella Paulos skates to "A Dream is a Wish Your Heart Makes" from "Cinderella."**

the mirrors there.

“None of this would be possible without the dedicated skaters who have spent more than 20 weeks and countless hours working towards putting together an amazing exhibition,” their coaches said after the final performance. “The community is so proud of you.”

This weekend's program showcased the ensemble skaters performing to movie tunes, featuring music from Star Wars, Indiana Jones, Mission Impossible, Top Gun, Pirates of the Caribbean, Pink Panther, James Bond, Jaws, Jurassic Park, Chariots of Fire, and more. There were also 20 solo performances, a duet, and a trio. They included:

Cheka Brindle skating to “Beautiful Colors” from “Cats”

Jordan Lucas, “It Had to Be You” from “Harry Met Sally”

Addi Clark, “Skyfall” from “James Bond”

Isabella Fagian, “If I Could Dream” from “Elvis”

Leslie Asenov, “Clair De Lune” from

“Twilight”

Sophia Rush, “Top of the World” from “Lyle, Lyle Crocodile”

Julia Torre, “Listen” from “Dream Girls”

Marley Spaulding, “Dance Scene” from “Napoleon Dynamite”

Irena McCormick, “Merry-Go-Round of Life” from “Howl's Moving Castle”

Tess Notebaert, “A Million Dreams” from “The Greatest Showman”

Brynn Leigh, “Another Day of Sun” from “La La Land”

Kenzie LaVenture, “Danger Zone” from “Top Gun”

Hannah Thompson, “Medley” from “Oceans 8”

Savannah Collelouri, “Harry Potter”

Faith Baker, “How Far I'll Go” from “Moana”

Paige Sykes, “Come Alive” from “The Greatest Showman”

Orien Henderson, “La Seine” from “Monster in Paris”

Willow Cooper, “Remains of the Day” from “Corpse Bride”

Ella Paulos, “A Dream is a Wish Your Heart Makes” from “Cinderella”

Leslie Asenov, Amanda Kelly, and Hristo Asenov



**Members of the ensemble perform "Night at the Movies."**

skating to “Spirited Away”

Elliana Foutz, “Con La Brisa” from “Black Panther”

Cheka Brindle and Brynn Leigh skating to “Man or Muppet” from “The Muppets”

Learn to Skate classes teach the fundamentals of ice skating and provide a foundation for figure skating, hockey, and speed skating. The Theatre on Ice program practices on Saturday mornings. For more information on their ice-skating program and schedule, and Theatre on Ice, visit the

Lancerlot website at [www.lancerlotsportscomplex.com](http://www.lancerlotsportscomplex.com).

The Blue Ridge Figure Skating Club is working towards full club recognition and membership in the United States Figure Skating Association. Noga says that one of the goals of the figure skating program is to eventually take part in competitions. They are working with the Lancerlot by hosting and sponsoring figure skating programming including Learn to Skate and Theatre on Ice.



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**Willow Cooper skates to "Remains of the Day" from "Corpse Bride."**

For more information on the Blue Ridge Figure Skating Club, see the Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/blueridgefigureskatingclubva>.

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# FROM THE PULPIT

## The Beatitudes

**Pastor Bryan Crouch**  
*Lynn Haven Baptist Church*

The Sermon on the Mount can be found in Matthew 5-7. It is the first public sermon given by Jesus.

This incredible sermon begins with a series of "Blessed are those who" statements. The second of these statements says, "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted."

Concerning this passage, commentator Thomas Watson said, "Spiritual brokenness

or sacred sorrow is the pathway to spiritual blessedness. Once our spiritual brokenness is understood and acknowledged, then and only then, can the consolation of heaven be experienced."

Similar to the first "beatitude," the state of humility is the key to the spiritual blessing of being comforted. Spiritual humility in our recognition of our desperate need for a Savior is a must as we seek peace/comfort in this lifetime. It is our recognition of the sinful,

broken state of our heart that brings this desired humility to reality.

Happy are the sad... seems like a weird statement. But, unless we get to the point of "mourning" over our sinful state of being we cannot truly gain the spiritual comfort of justification through the work Jesus Christ did on the cross for all of us.

This week I would urge you to take time to focus on the sinfulness that the grace, love, and mercy of Jesus Christ Himself has saved you from and do your best to never forget it or take it for granted!

## 'Stellar' VBS at Vinton Baptist July 23-27

Vacation Bible School is right around the corner at Vinton Baptist Church from July 23-27, nightly from 5:30 to 8 p.m. This year's theme is "Stellar." Launch kids on a cosmic quest where

they'll have a blast shining Jesus' light to the world. Register at <https://vbspro.events/p/events/058262>.

*Submitted by Vinton Baptist Church*

# PEOPLE, PLACES AND THINGS

**By Angie & Bootie Chewing**

Wow! Another Mingle at the Market on the HomeTrust Bank Stage in the books and what a great one it was.

I've said before, I hold my breath hoping folks will come out and not only support us, but the bands, food trucks, and visit other businesses before or after Mingle.

And so far, we have been very happy!

There are so many great events going on around the area almost every night, we are so honored that you choose to come spend time with us iNVinton. Many thanks to all the sponsors, Mark Osbourne, and Eric Wayne Band for rocking the stage all night and, of course, everyone who came out.

See you on the 22nd for two more great bands – Glam'r Kiti and Adrenaline 6.

## Town of Vinton sponsoring blood drive

The Town of Vinton is hosting a public blood drive at the Vinton War Memorial on Monday, August 7, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. To schedule appointments, visit <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/donation-time>. If you have any questions, contact the town at 540-983-0607.

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## Vinton awarded grant for multi-generational park

The Virginia Outdoors Foundation (VOF) has announced \$2,275,154 in grants for projects that protect open space for public benefit in 21 counties and cities. The 22 grants were awarded from VOF's Preservation Trust Fund and Get Outdoors Fund grant programs.

The Preservation Trust Fund program, established by the Virginia General Assembly in 1997, provides grants for acquisitions, easements, rights of way, and other methods of protecting open space for farming, forestry, recreation, wildlife, water quality, and more. The Get Outdoors Fund provides grants for projects that increase safe access to open space in communities.

Vinton's grant comes from the Preservation Trust Fund. It includes a grant for \$218,295 for Vinton's "Multi-Generational Park" project. (There is currently no park within the town.)

Vinton is building its first multi-generational park to promote healthy living and community engagement. The park's mission aligns with the Town's branding slogan, "Are you IN?" aiming to encourage locals to participate in outdoor activities and connect with their hometown and neighbors. The five-acre park will be centrally located and "boast a stunning view of the Roanoke Valley," according to the VOF. The town is the landowner of the park site, and it will be developed in different phases.

The plan is to locate the park at the former Vinton Municipal Pool site behind the Vinton War Memorial. It will include activities for all age levels, infant to senior adult. The Town of Vinton hopes to make this a public/private partnership with funding assistance from local organizations.

*Submitted by Town of Vinton*

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**Families Deserve Respect**  
Read Numbers 1:1 through 2:34  
In our fragmented families today, it is difficult to understand the closeness of Israelite families. They worked together, lived in the same area, and had tribal leaders who counseled them, taught them God's Law, and arbitrated their disputes. God appointed a leader from each tribe to help Moses count the men of his tribe. God also told them where to arrange their tents so each tribe lived together. By living so closely together, they must have learned a great deal about getting along with one another.  
So the Israelites did every thing the Lord commanded Moses; that is the way they encamped under their standards, and that is the way they set out, each of them with their clan and family (Numbers 2:34).  
In today's society, respect is often a missing ingredient in families. Often, families intentionally live a distance from each other so they don't have to spend much time together. Maybe we should return to the Israelite model and learn to appreciate and depend on one another more.  
Thought for Today: The family structure is important to God.  
Quicklook: Numbers 2:32-34

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

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# Children's activities continue at the Vinton Farmers' Market

The Town of Vinton and the Vinton Public Library continue to provide summer fun activities for children and families at the Vinton Farmers' Market.

On July 8, that meant another Storytime at the Market, with stories and activities led by Vinton Children's Library Assistant Jen Whitcomb and Allyson Frick, Roanoke County Community Engagement librarian.

The theme was patriotic with Whitcomb reading the books "On the Fourth of July," "Summer," and "Red, White, and Boom," interspersed with some movement and singing activities, including the always popular "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star," "If You're Happy and You Know It Clap Your Hands," and a particular Vinton Library favorite, "Zoom, Zoom, Zoom, We're Going to the Moon."

Coming up next at the Vinton Farmers' Market on July 15 will be "Climb in a Car with the Vinton Police Department." Children are invited to meet members of the Vinton Police Department and see inside a "cop car." This event lasts from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and includes a tie-dye activity for those who bring a shirt.

For more information or to be a vendor, contact [cleveland@vintonva.gov](mailto:cleveland@vintonva.gov).



**Vinton Children's Library Assistant Jen Whitcomb reads "Red, White, and Boom" at the Vinton Farmers' Market Storytime on July 8.**



**Storytime at the Market always includes some movement activities led by Jen Whitcomb (on left) and Allyson Frick.**

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**VINTON FARMERS MARKET PRESENTS:**

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TOWN OF VINTON

## VINTON HISTORY: BABY BEN CLOCK

The Big Ben alarm clock by Westclox was first sold in 1909 and has evolved through many case and movement changes. The Baby Ben was first sold in 1910 and has evolved in a similar way.

Most styles are windup clocks, but some electric clocks have been made.

In 2001, General Time (owner of Westclox) declared bankruptcy and sold the Westclox name to Salton. Since then, the name "Big Ben" has been used on several reproduction models of clocks that were not called Big Ben in the past. These reproductions may be identified by being battery operated and made in China.

Westclox was an American manufacturer and is a current brand of clocks and alarm clocks. The pictured Baby Ben table clock at the Vinton History Museum was donated by Barbara Pedigo Dillon, a past president of the Vinton Historical Society and faithful

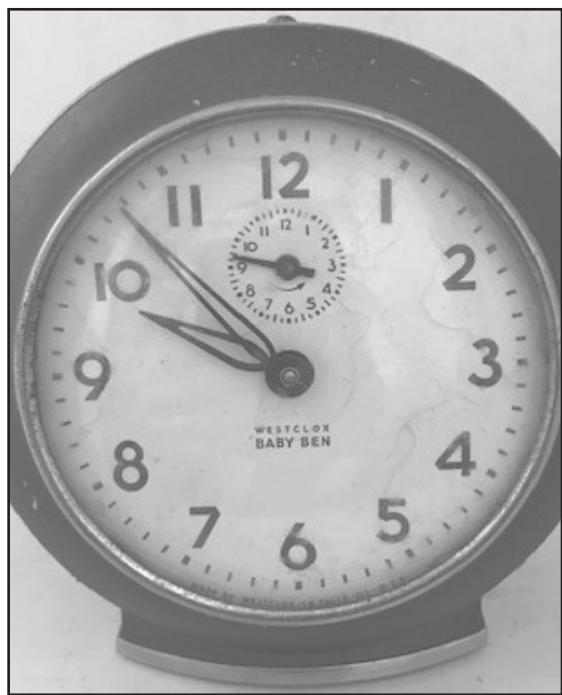


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**This Baby Ben clock was donated to the Vinton History Museum by Barbara Pedigo Dillon.**

volunteer at the Vinton History Museum.

The museum is located at 210 East Jackson Avenue in downtown Vinton, and open on Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and

every first Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., "Preserving the Past for the Future."

*Submitted by Judy Cunningham, Executive Director*

## HIVE from page 3



**The upper level of the Roanoke County/Vinton Health Department on Pollard Street has been renovated and now serves as the town Annex.**

into a modern, progressive community. Along with that growth has come an increased demand for more efficient government operations. The Annex Building will help our professional staff increase productivity and reduce costs. The actual size of the town's workforce has been greatly reduced due to changes in the delivery of certain services and increased efficiency. However, many positions now require individual office space to perform the advanced skill sets of the new staff.

"The Annex will reduce expenses by allowing several departments to share modern technology and eliminate travel time between office locations. Of course, the Annex will alleviate some of the overcrowding in the existing Vinton Municipal Building. Relocating some of the offices into a building that is already owned by the Town of Vinton eliminated the cost of constructing a new facility. In addition, much of the interior remodeling was performed by the town staff, which greatly reduced the cost of converting the building into a modern office space with an up-to-date conference and training room. The Annex Building will efficiently serve Vinton for many years as the town continues to grow and progress."

Jamie Hurt spearheaded the Annex renovation project. He describes the employees now housed at the Annex as "inward-facing employees whose appointments with the public are scheduled" ahead of time, not "walk-in."

Hurt says that the upper level of the building has been basically completed gutted and replaced with new flooring, ceilings, lighting, and doors. New paint has made the space bright and inviting. There is new furniture in the reception area which makes waiting for an appointment or meeting more comfortable and functional.

What's more important is the new state-of-the-art technology available in the Annex. The conference and training room has been expanded and updated (it will seat 16) and is already making a "giant impact" on town operations. The town



**The highlight of the renovations at what is now known as the Annex is the conference room and its state-of-the-art technology.**



PHOTOS BY DEBBIE ADAMS

**Another time and money saving addition to the town in the Annex is the large format printer/scanner, to be used by all departments.**

has been able to move employee training sessions, committee meetings, and economic development meetings to the space. Hurt says the space gives a "good impression" in meetings with guests new to the town.

The space is also adaptable. Tables can be rearranged and grouped. It can become modular as the need arises. There is also a smaller conference area at one end of the room. One of the meeting room's most striking features is the enormous touch screen monitor system which takes up most of one wall.

Before the Annex, meetings had to be held in small, cramped office spaces or Council Chambers, requiring set-up for each separate meeting.

Hurt says that the upper floor has basically the same layout as before the renovations. The kitchen area has been expanded, remodeled,

and updated, with new cabinetry and backsplash (installed by Hurt and Vinton's Inventory and Facilities Manager Tobbie Russeau). In fact, much of the labor on the project has been completed in-house by Town of Vinton employees, with the rest subcontracted out.

There is a new workroom space with a copier and an enormous, large format printer/scanner, which can print blueprints, promotional banners, plat maps, and much more. It also allows employees to scan documents and improve their visual quality.

Hurt says the new equipment is allowing the town to digitize many print copies taking up space in the Municipal Building offices, particularly in Planning and Zoning.

Overall, Hurt says, the new technology in the Annex has allowed

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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.

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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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 t 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

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**NOTICE OF HEARING ON SEIZURE PETITION**  
**Case No. GC23007715-00**  
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that the Montgomery County Animal Control found a Black Angus Cow with a yellow ear tag on the right ear with #41 on the tag, in the I-81 right-of-way at mile marker 127.4 in the Pedlar Road area in the Elliston Community, Montgomery County, Virginia and a

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Seizure Petition has been filed by the County of Montgomery, Virginia pursuant to Section 3.2-6569 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended. The Seizure Petition shall be heard by the General District Court of the County of Montgomery, Virginia sitting in Christiansburg, Virginia on the 18th day of July, 2023 at 10:30 a.m. or as soon thereafter as counsel may be heard.

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ANUP GAUTAM, OWNER  
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COURTESY OF MALORA BUSH

The Bush family dogs, from left, Ruby-Mae, Nellee-Pearl, and Molly-Jo.

Bush says she would work as either a dosimetrist or a radiation therapist, but not both.

“The dosimetrist designs a radiation treatment plan based on a dose prescribed by the radiation oncologist and the therapist is responsible for administering the treatment,” Bush said. “I love both jobs and am very happy that I get to do both.”

Bush outlines all the organs on computer images of a CT scan, in a process called contouring. She determines what dosage each organ and tumor is going to get for each treatment – to avoid toxicity or some type of chronic effect.

“The goal is to kill the cancer, and spare everything around it,” Bush said.

She says there is no typical day at work for her.

“I wear a variety of hats, therefore no day is ever the same. I arrive at 7 a.m. to perform quality assurance checks on our linear accelerator. This ensures the dose of radiation that we are delivering is accurate.”

According to Administrator Dan Vruink, the Animal Cancer Care and Research Center is one of the few locations in the world equipped with this extremely advanced, state-of-the-art technology for veterinary use, enabling Bush to deliver unique radiation treatment options to patients to increase their quality of life and provide hope to their families.

“Depending on caseload, I then jump back and forth from treating to planning,” Bush continued. “In addition, if patients need a CT, I will either help or perform the CT depending on the day. As part of the Vet School, we have third- and fourth-year students rotating, and I also have responsibilities in clinical instruction of treatment and planning procedures. Since my arrival, the ACCRC has also partnered with Virginia Western to give Radiation Oncology Therapy students a rotation with us so that they can experience another area where radiation therapy is being used. VWCC students shadow me to learn the difference and similarities in treating people and animals.”

While cancer is cancer, whether in humans or animals, Bush says one difference is in the process. Humans are not anesthetized during their brief treatments that typically last 15 minutes because they are able to stay completely still. Animals must be anesthetized to keep them still, then recover from the anesthesia, which prolongs the treatment time.

So, how did Bush end up as a dosimetrist and radiation therapist for animals?

She is originally from Pound, Va., but moved to the Roanoke area as a child, and graduated from Salem High School. She had no childhood interest in human or veterinary medicine.

After high school, she headed off to King College in Bristol, planning a career as an attorney, but realized that wasn't what she really wanted to do. She says she

was a little homesick, Roanoke drew her back, and that's where her long and winding road to a career in veterinary oncology started.

She became a Certified Nursing Assistant. She was employed for a time as a behavioral case manager for Blue Ridge Community Services at an intermediate training facility, teaching adults with developmental disabilities basic life skills.

Bush married and had three children. For a time, she was a stay-at-home mother. She felt a touch guilty, but decided she needed to expand her life – and needed to talk to adults – so she took a job as a cashier at a Food Lion which led to becoming an operations trainer for 15 years.

That's still a long way from a career in radiation therapy, but her life took a turn in that direction when her first husband, David, was diagnosed with brain cancer, and she lost her job during his illness because of the company's restructuring.

She needed to work, but she also needed the flexibility to help with his care. She interviewed with Dr. Timothy Hormel at Valley Neurology for a position as a medical records compliance officer and medical assistant.

She was completely honest in the interview, saying that she needed to work full-time, but also might need to be absent for David's appointments at the University of Virginia, to leave if he had a seizure, to assist with his treatment schedule, to be available when he transitioned to hospice care. To her surprise, she was hired. The doctor “saw something in me and must have felt that I would give his patients that same care as I was giving David.”

David's illness was not her first encounter with cancer. As a 12-year-old, she was a babysitter for a young child with leukemia. A friend in high school also had leukemia but received a bone marrow transplant and survived. She lost her father to lung cancer, her grandmother to kidney and colon cancer, and her mother to pancreatic cancer.

When David was battling cancer, she promised him that what they had gone through would not have been in vain – that she would find a way to continue the fight. While thumbing through a course catalog for Virginia Western Community College, the only program she noticed that included oncology was the radiation oncology program. She enrolled in 2015 and has never looked back.

Her mother, Vickie Smith – always a source of self-confidence and encouragement – was diagnosed with cancer just a month before Bush's graduation from VWCC, in the midst of her clinical rotation at Lewis-Gale. She slept in a chair in her mother's hospital room in between dosimetry rotations.

After graduation, Bush worked radiation therapist jobs in human medicine in Abingdon, Harrisonburg and Lynchburg and eventually became a clinical instructor

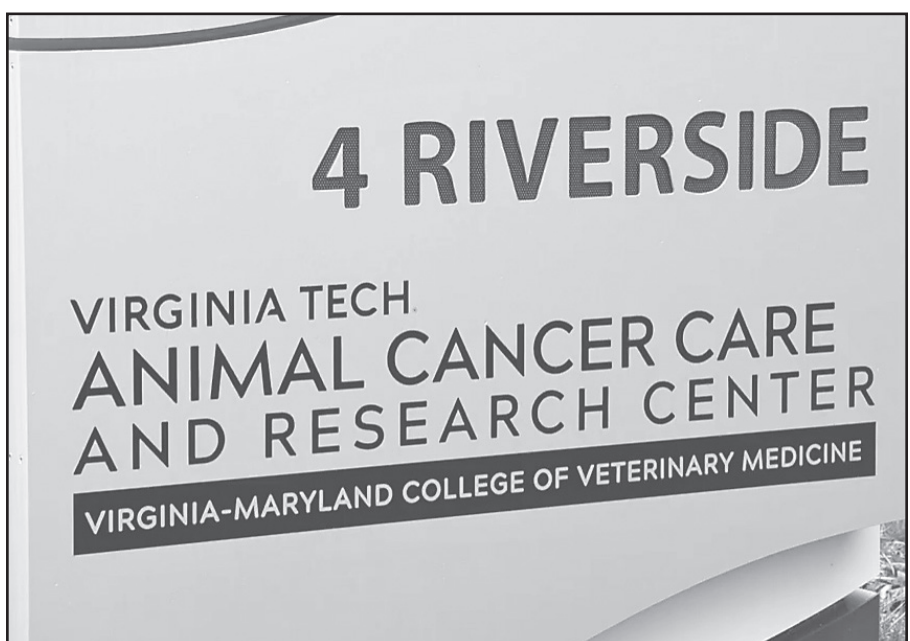


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MaLora Bush is a radiation therapist and medical dosimetrist at the Animal Cancer Care and Research Center in Roanoke.

at Virginia Western. It was then that an opening for a backup for the radiation therapist at the animal cancer center came open – “right time, right place, and a willingness to be open to experiences and opportunities paid off.”

Within weeks the center's main radiation therapist left for a job in Raleigh, and Bush came on board full-time in early 2021 while still juggling her clinical instructor job at Virginia Western and therapist job in Lynchburg.

How did Bush survive so much tragedy in her life?

“Honestly, faith is what has gotten me through and continues to push me. I believe that we all have a choice every day. Bad stuff happens; it just does. We can choose to do something for the better with the bad or give up. Giving up has never been an option for me. I am more determined than ever. My goal is to make a difference for others so that they won't have to go through the loss that I have,” she said.

“I promised both my first husband and my mom to never stop fighting and I won't. I don't dwell or worry because I know that I am a survivor, and I am ready to do whatever is needed for those close to me as well as anyone (both human and animal) else to fight if that's what they choose.

“Fighting cancer and supporting those diagnosed is my true passion and I won't stop. I sometimes work with researchers who are researching cells of the brain – the same type of cells that took the life of my children's father at the age of 44. As silly as it may seem, I absolutely love when they bring them because no matter how small of a role I have in the research, I know that I am helping the fight.”

Bush has Vinton connections. She moved to Vinton in 1999. All three of her children are graduates of William Byrd. Her oldest son, A.J., wrestled and played football; her middle son, John, was in the Jazz Band, and her daughter Toni-Lee was a cheerleader at WBHS.

She has three pets of her own as well – Molly, a Labradoodle; Ruby May, her Golden Retriever; and 5-month-old Nellee, a black English Lab. Her beloved poodle, Stinky, passed away on April 5 at age 16.

David passed away from Glioblastoma while her youngest two were in high school and “WBHS was incredibly supportive when he passed.” She is now married to Randy Bush, who is an instructional assistant and the girls basketball coach at William Byrd. They have moved back to Salem to be closer to family. Her sons still live in the Roanoke area; her daughter lives in Portland, Maine.

“Although I have moved, Vinton will always be home to me,” Bush said.

Bush is currently working on her doctorate in health science with a focus in educational leadership at the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences.

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# Thrasher Memorial hosting one-night Vacation Bible School on August 4, register now



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Thrasher Memorial United Methodist Church in Vinton will be hosting a "Faith to the Rescue" Vacation Bible School adventure for one night on Friday, August 4.

This is an event for children ages 3 through fifth grade and their families, which will include dinner, worship time, class time, music and activities in the gym for kids, and a time with for parents with the pastors. Classes will be led by the Children's Ministry staff and volunteers. (Classes are based on age/grade completed by June 2023.)

The "Faith to the Rescue" theme will explore the Parable of the Good Samaritan.

The evening will begin with dinner at 6 p.m. and an opening worship time for families. Community First Responders will serve dinner and eat with the families, reinforcing the "Faith to the Rescue" theme.

Children will then transition to their classrooms for Bible story time, craft time and activities related to the Bible story, and snack time.

Parents/guardians will be invited to remain in the gym for coffee and

dessert, and time with Pastors John Hemmings and Ilgha Ilunga. Children will return to their families in the gym for a closing worship time and dismissal at 8:30 p.m.

Opening and closing worship will include music and messages from the Thrasher pastors.

Registration is now open at <https://forms.gle/KpSkCigFFGniduKT6>.

Participants are invited to return for a Backpack Blessing during services on Sunday, August 6, as schools re-open on Wednesday, August 9, in Roanoke County.

Thrasher Memorial UMC is located at 707 East Washington Avenue in downtown Vinton.

Submitted by Marie Hoback, Thrasher Memorial UMC

## HIVE from page 5

the town to become more efficient. He is able to sit in his Annex office and adjust the climate in the Vinton War Memorial, room by room, space by space, several blocks away.

Hurt is excited about the newly renovated space and the state-of-the-art technology.

"Everything I have needed, the town has provided," Hurt said. He credits town employees for their efforts in the renovation project, in particular Donna Collins, who has been invaluable in selecting the décor, the furniture, and more.

The Annex renovations have also provided more storage, allowing the town to transfer items from the Municipal Building offices. The Planning and Zoning Department, with four employees in a very tight space, has been able to spread out in the older building.

Hurt says the project is not completely finished. They hope to add a patio out front, some brick pavers that will tie in with other pavers being installed throughout the downtown area, some raised plant beds, benches, and new signage. There is talk of an outdoor wall mural.

"While the Town of Vinton actually employs almost two dozen fewer staff than it did just a few short years ago, our staff needs have evolved as the town's



PHOTO BY DEBBIE ADAMS

**Vinton Police Community Resource Officer Will Holland is another employee who has moved into the Annex.**

services and focus have changed to keep up with the community's current needs and Town Council's initiatives," said Town Manager Peters. "Similarly, our office spaces also needed to change to reflect that and the renovation of the Annex has provided available space and flexible training and meeting rooms with up-to-date technology to help our staff operate more efficiently.

"The pandemic changed the way the world works, and we quickly learned that we weren't as capable as many of our counterparts to host or attend virtual forums, such as a Zoom meeting, or to work on collaborative platforms such as Teams. The pandemic also highlighted how cramped

our existing staff were in the Municipal Building, where staff were sometimes working in hallways or sharing cubicles.

"The additional office space at the Annex has provided staff with more personal space to work or meet with customers. We were very intentional with who we relocated to the Annex and chose to keep the outward facing departments of Town Administration, Finance, Planning & Zoning and Police in the Municipal Building. While the Annex now hosts our more inward facing or internal divisions. For the benefit of the average citizen or business owner, this should keep the change seamless for the daily person needing to conduct business with the town."

# Vinton History Museum shows appreciation to summer interns

**Debbie Adams**  
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The Vinton History Museum bid farewell to its summer interns this week, Mac McIntyre and Sabrina Givaudan, recognizing them with a reception and gifts.

McIntyre is a recent graduate of Roanoke College; he accumulated 120 hours at the museum this summer. He is a history major and plans on a career in public relations. He is from Alexandria.

Givaudan has one year left at Hollins University. Her hours at the museum totaled 70. She plans to become an archivist. She is from the Roanoke area and a graduate of William Fleming High School.

Vinton History Museum Executive Director Judy Cunningham said that the students completed a wide variety of projects during their time as interns, both individually and together. They have conducted tours of the museum, written magazine and Facebook Memory page articles, worked on displays of artifacts, conducted research and inventories, attended a board of directors meeting, worked with doll house miniatures, and conducted an interview with Doug Sowers, a member of the board of directors who grew up in downtown Vinton.

Givaudan also worked on the museum archives and scrapbooks and learned to use the new book scanner.

McIntyre participated – at short notice – in a TV interview on WSLS-TV 10 on the Juneteenth holiday with William Byrd High School history teacher Grace Johnson, a former Vinton History Museum intern.

In explaining the meaning of the national Juneteenth holiday, Johnson said the day when everyone learned that they're free needs to be preserved.

"The Emancipation Proclamation was signed in 1863 and it took two years to reach Texas," Johnson said. "A lot of the federal men who were supposed to be enforcing it kind of waited a little bit so that way they could have one last successful harvest on the cotton plantations."

"We're finally accepting this new narrative on how slavery is taught in the U.S. and how people think about it," Vinton History Museum intern Mac McIntyre said. "There's still a lot we can do to make sure that equality is here for all people in America. I think that's why a day like this is super important."

McIntyre and Givaudan faced, and overcame, some challenges during their time at the museum, including a day without electricity when a transformer blew up outside with a "boom," bringing



PHOTO BY DEBBIE ADAMS

**The Vinton History Museum held a reception recognizing its summer interns. Pictured left to right are (front row) intern Mac McIntyre, museum Executive Director Judy Cunningham, and intern Sabrina Givaudan; back row, Vinton Historical Society President Randy Layman, Treasurer Debbie Pitts, and Board of Directors members Doug Sowers, Judy Kelley, Jan Dickens, and Ann Hewitt.**

all the neighbors out of their homes and businesses. They coped with interruptions and were often asked to multi-task.

"They have kept lists of the things they have done for their reports to their colleges," said Cunningham. "They have probably found it amazing the variety and how much goes on in a little museum. We hope some

of the opportunities at the museum gave them more insight into a working environment.

"We want to wish them the best in their future," she said.

"We are proud that we are a site for interns," said Vinton Historical Society Treasurer Debbie Pitts. "I think we learned as much from the interns as they did from us."

## Cleveland from page 1

new entrances off of Cleveland Avenue. Parking will be on site, not on the street.

As part of a performance agreement between the three parties, the Town of Vinton has agreed to make some improvements to the property including demolition of a house built in 1920 next to the Cleveland Mart. That area will become "green space."

The demolition of the house was accomplished on July 11 by Vinton Public Works employees

Kenny Sledd, Billy Robb, and Banks Bradford using two excavators, one belonging to the town, one leased, and the town's water truck used to keep down the dust.

They began work about 9 a.m. Demolition itself took a couple of hours with clean-up to follow. Robb said that their goal in demolition was to get the house to collapse in on itself.

The redevelopment project is expected to take about a year to complete.



An architectural rendering of the proposed Cleveland Mart project

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The 1920s house on Cleveland was demolished by Vinton Public Works employees as part of the Cleveland Mart Redevelopment Project.



Demolition by Public Works employees Kenny Sledd, Billy Robb, and Banks Bradford on July 11.

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Returning Byrd quarterback Israel Hairston will be a senior this fall.

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## Football practice is two weeks away, Not many changes on WB schedule

Don't look now but football season is just around the corner. William Byrd High School will open practice two weeks from today, on July 27, and the Terriers will put on a Youth Clinic the last week of July for sandlot kids.

The Virginia High School League has released the "master schedule" for football and this is the first year of a two-year cycle, so many schools have some new opponents and shuffled dates. At William Byrd, that won't be the case. This fall the Terriers will play the same 10 teams they've played for the last two years, only switching home and away dates.

The first four games of this year's schedule have Byrd opening at home against Liberty of Bedford on August 25th, followed by a home game with Hidden Valley. Byrd then goes to Christiansburg and Bassett, followed by a bye week on September 22nd. That's identical to last year other than switching sites.

The last six games are all Blue Ridge

District opponents, beginning with Cave Spring at home on September 29. That will be a big game as Terrier alum Hunter Shepherd returns to Vinton to coach against his old team. Hunter was named head coach for the Knights during the off-season.

The only change in the order of teams is the following week when Byrd goes to William Fleming, as the last two years the Terriers ended the regular season with Fleming. Then the rest of the order is the same, just shoved back a week. Byrd will be home to Lord Botetourt on October 13 followed by a trip to Franklin County, a home game with Staunton River, and a game at Northside on November 3rd to end the regular season.

The Youth Clinic will be held on July 24-26 on Highfill Field. Patterson Stadium will also be the site of the "Terrier Jamboree" on August 19. Admission is free, donations at the gate are welcome, free snow cones for the kids, concessions are open and all proceeds go to William Byrd Football. Games start at 9 am, mark it on your calendar.

## Commonwealth Baseball at Liberty University this weekend

The Virginia Commonwealth Baseball Games at Liberty University, organized by Virginia Amateur Sports, will be held this weekend in Lynchburg. The top 15-17 year old high school players in Virginia will represent four regions of the state in an eight game playoff.

College coaches and Major League scouts are invited and attend this annual showcase. Notable tournament alumni include Justin Verlander, David Wright, BJ Upton, Justin Upton and Ryan Zimmerman among others.

The Baseball Tournament kicks off on Friday with the first pitch of Game 1 set to take place at 6pm, followed by a small Opening Ceremonies at 8pm. The first game will match the West team against Central. Game 2, with East against North, will start after the opening ceremonies.

Rodney Spradlin, a William Byrd graduate and former baseball coach for the Terriers, will once again coach the West team.

Rodney led the Terriers to the 1997 state championship.

The Commonwealth Games Tournament will be Live Streamed online for free. The link for viewing can be found at [CommonwealthGames.org/sports-stream](http://CommonwealthGames.org/sports-stream). All Star Baseball Team Rosters for the four regional teams and detailed tournament information can be found at [CommonwealthGames.org/sports-listing/baseball-all-star](http://CommonwealthGames.org/sports-listing/baseball-all-star).

Other Commonwealth Games events this weekend include "Able Baseball" on Saturday at Kamphuis Softball Field, Racquetball on July 13-16 at Liberty University, Pickleball on July 14-16 at LU and Adult Slow Pitch Softball at Peaksview Park in Lynchburg on Saturday and Sunday. More information and schedules for each event can be found at [CommonwealthGames.org/sports-listing](http://CommonwealthGames.org/sports-listing).

The Opening Ceremonies and Tailgate Party for the Commonwealth Games will take place from 5:30-8pm on Friday,

July 21st in the LU Football Indoor Practice Facility. Both events Friday evening are free to the public and open to the community.

Main Games weekend upholds a positive reputation with the community for bolstering tourism and serving as an economic engine to the host city each year.

"We are proud to partner with Liberty University and Virginia Amateur Sports to host the 2023 Commonwealth Games and, most importantly, to welcome all of the athletes, families and friends to our City," said City of Lynchburg Mayor Stephanie T. Reed. "The Commonwealth Games bring thousands of athletes to the City and we are thrilled that both the number of participants and the impact they have in Lynchburg continues to grow. While you are here, we encourage you to explore all Lynchburg has to offer - from fantastic food offerings to historic sites and exciting outdoor activities. We hope you enjoy

your time in the Hill City."

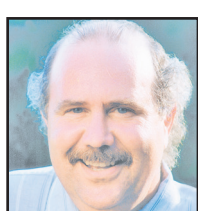
For 34 years the Virginia Commonwealth Games have provided excellent opportunities for thousands of Virginians to develop and foster new relationships, establish new goals and

personal bests, while at the same time learning teamwork, sportsmanship, as well as individual team responsibilities. The Games are presented by Liberty University, City of Lynchburg, Centra, and ABC 13.



Former William Byrd player and coach Rodney Spradlin is coaching the West All-Stars once again. PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Brian Hoffman



### Baseball is a colorful game

It's all-star week for Major League Baseball and that always brings back some fond memories. This year's game was held on Tuesday with the National League taking a 3-2 win.

I started out as a child in southeast Pennsylvania, and it wasn't long before I became a baseball fan. I was seven years old, in fact, when my dad took me to my first game at old Connie Mack Stadium in Philadelphia on a bus sponsored by our church. From that point, I was hooked.

Growing up in an area served by Philadelphia television stations I was able to watch the Phillies on TV, but it's not like it is now. Today I have the baseball package on DirecTV and, for about 30 dollars a month, I can watch any game on the MLB schedule. And, I can watch the games on a big screen, high definition TV that makes you feel like you're at the game. In fact, sometimes it's even better as there's no line for the bathroom, the refrigerator is filled with much cheaper food, I don't have to crawl over people to get to an aisle from my recliner and, if I record the first 45 minutes before watching the game, I can fast-forward between innings. You can't simulate the roar of the crowd, but then again I'm not paying \$25 for parking at my house.

It wasn't like that in the '60s when I was growing up. Our TV was black & white and about a third of the size I have now, and that was a good sized box at the time. As for the Phillies, they were our local team but all the games weren't televised. The Phils wanted you to come to the ballpark and buy tickets, which ranged anywhere from \$5.50 for box seats to fifty cent bleacher seats in the left field pavilion, so they didn't put the home games on TV. Every once in a while there was a Sunday afternoon home game televised, but never during the week.

And, all the road games weren't on TV either. For some reason they seemed to carry all the games from Cincinnati and Chicago, but only selected games from other cities and never a late night game from Los Angeles or San Francisco. When the "UHF" boxes came about that increased the number of games I could watch, and doubled the number of stations available from three (ABC, NBC, CBS) to six. The UHF stations were big on reruns and sports, and stuff like wrestling and roller derby. I loved it.

At the time, I was quite happy to have what we had. The Phillies games were in black & white but I was just glad to be able to watch them. Never in a million years did I imagine there'd be a day when I

could watch any game on the schedule in color on a high def TV with a screen as wide as a coffee table, or even wider.

And then there was the all-star game. My uncle Bob and Aunt Alice were the first people I knew who had a color TV, and the all-star game was in color. If you're my age or older you can remember when having a color TV was a big deal. I can still remember people saying, "you have to see Bonanza in color!"

Well, I had to see the all-star game in color. My aunt lived about a half hour walk away, or 10 minutes by bicycle, and back then parents weren't worried about their kids getting kidnapped or shot. The all-star game was always in the daytime in the '60s and I would forego an afternoon at the local pool to watch the game in color at Aunt Alice's house.

I can still remember it all these years later, how the teams were introduced and lined up on first and third base and you could see all the different uniforms in living color, as back then everyone wore their team uniform for the game. It doesn't sound like a big deal now but for a 10 year old kid it was exciting. . . even better than Bonanza!!!

The all-star game was a little more exciting back then, because the two leagues never played each other except in the World Series. There was a lot of pride in which league was better, and about the time I was growing up the National League dominated, mostly due to the fact that National League teams were quicker to embrace African American and Latin players. On one side you had Whitey Ford pitching to Willie Mays, Hank Aaron or Roberto Clemente and on the other side you had Bob Gibson or Juan Marichal pitching to Mickey Mantle. Both leagues had some great players but the National had, by far, the better minority players. I didn't think about that at the time but looking back it was quite obvious.

I had almost forgotten how far we'd come watching sports on TV until COVID hit and the sports channels were searching for things to put on the air. To fill air time the MLB channel ran a broadcast of the 1960 World Series game seven between the Pittsburgh Pirates and the New York Yankees, just as it was at the time. It was the first World Series I remember watching, and I specifically recall rushing home from school and seeing Bill Mazeroski hit the walk-off home run that won the series. All the World Series games were also in the daytime back then, and school interfered with the weekday games.

It was fun to watch Game 7 of that series again and see how things have changed. There was no replay at the time, and I found myself instinctively waiting for a home run or a good catch to be replayed, but to no avail. The game was in black & white and not all that sharp, and graphics were elementary. When a batter came up his name was briefly on the screen, in a font that looked like it was done on a typewriter. No stats, no pitch speed, no little box with the outs, pitch count and infield diagram showing who was on

base. It was just a black & white ballgame shown from two camera angles with two guys talking, but it was all I knew at the time and I loved it.

As I mentioned, the game was shown just as it was in 1960 and the commercials were much different as well. Most of them appealed to men, as you might expect, with beer, cigarettes and shaving cream being the prime sponsors. And there was nothing fancy, just 60 seconds of why their product was better than the other guy. Now, you can watch two or three minutes of commercials and when they're done you might not even know what they were advertising.

That's the kind of stuff I think of every year when the all-star game comes on, good times watching Uncle Bob and Aunt Alice's TV and loving baseball in living color. Back then I didn't think it could get any better than that.

### GOOD WORK IF YOU CAN GET IT

Did you see where Pat Sajak is retiring as host of the "Wheel of Fortune" TV game show and will be replaced by Ryan Seacrest?

Sajak, now 76, was reportedly making 15 million dollars a year in 2016, so he's likely making more than that today. And, get this, he works four days a month! He shows up at 8:30 in the morning and films six shows a day for four days, and that's it for the month. Six times four is 24 shows for the month with no weekends.

There's not many jobs that pay that kind of money that I think I could do, but this is one of them. I could read off a card, make a few jokes and tell Vanna White how good she looks. That doesn't seem like a lot of work.

With that kind of money, for that kind of salary, you can see why Sajak stayed on the job for 40 some years. Who would quit that job? And, can you tell me who was the host before him?

I've been on this job for close to 50 years now, and I can assure you it's not because I make 15 million dollars and work four days a month. I'm glad they picked Seacrest because he can use the money. As of 2023, his net worth is estimated to be only around \$450 million. He makes a bundle hosting American Idol, another job that pays big money that I think I could do.

And if you think Aaron Judge is way overpaid consider he's on the payroll for 162 games, plus spring training, and he can do something few can do. If Sajak or Seacrest could hit a Max Scherzer slider 450 feet I might feel differently about them.

In case you were wondering, Chuck Woolery was the original host of Wheel of Fortune when it debuted in 1975. He was replaced by Sajak in 1981 after a salary dispute. Woolery wanted a raise to \$10,000 a week but left when NBC wouldn't go higher than \$7,500.

Bad move, Chuck.