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William Byrd Middle School welcomes new faculty and staff

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William Byrd Middle School has quite a few new faculty and staff members for 2023-2024.

First, they have a new principal, **Evan Noell**, who is already a familiar face in Vinton as he served as Assistant Principal at W.E. Cundiff for two years.

Noell was born and raised in Salem and graduated from Glenvar High School. He earned his degree in history from Coastal Carolina University, in special education from Radford University, and in educational leadership from Liberty University. He has been working in the field of education since 2010 across all levels of instruction.

"I am passionate about fostering student growth in a positive school environment," Noell says. "Over time as a classroom teacher and a coach, I developed a desire to lead a school community."

"I am excited to continue the relationships I have with students and

families from those years; additionally, I am extremely excited to forge relationships with the students and families I have not had the opportunity to meet."

In his free time, Noell enjoys being with his family.

Abby Barnes is serving as an Assistant Principal and the Athletic Director at WBMS. She is originally from Salem and graduated from Salem High School. She earned her Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies from James Madison University, her Master of Arts in Teaching Special Education General Curriculum K-12 from James Madison, and her Ed.S. (Education Specialist) in Administration and Supervision from Old Dominion University.

Leslie Jordan is a new 8th grade School Counselor at the middle school. She is originally from Appomattox and a graduate of Appomattox High School. She earned both her Bachelor's in Psychology and her Master's in Counselor Education from Virginia

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PHOTO BY DEBBIE ADAMS

William Byrd Middle School welcomes several new faculty members this year including a new principal and assistant principal. Pictured front row (l to r) are Christian Johansen, Leslie Jordan, Samantha Hurt; middle row: Helen Riddle, Michelle Watts, Assistant Principal Abby Barnes, and Alexis Parrish; and top row, Nicole David, Kelly Morck, and Principal Evan Noell. (Aaron Book, Michele Bostic, Daniel Faubel, and Logan Bushong are not pictured.)



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Director Erin Ullery wields the scissors at the ribbon-cutting ceremony for Li'l Sparks Academy at the Parkway House of Prayer on August 11.

Li'l Sparks Academy opens on King Street

Li'l Sparks Academy, a ministry of the Parkway House of Prayer, opened on King Street in Roanoke with a ribbon-

cutting ceremony with the Roanoke Regional Chamber of Commerce on August 11. Roanoke City Mayor

Sherman Lea was on hand for the ceremony along with Parkway House

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New online sign-up procedure for speaking at School Board meetings prioritizes Roanoke County citizens

The Roanoke County School Board is committed to serving the students, parents, families, and citizens of Roanoke County by providing resources and policies that support the learning, safety, and wellbeing of its students.

As such, the School Board invites and welcomes feedback and input from constituents in writing or via in-person comment at regular meetings of the School Board.

While School Board meetings are open to the general public, the portion of the meetings reserved for public comment is limited to those citizens directly affected by School Board decisions: current residents of Roanoke County and parents, students, and employees of Roanoke County Public Schools. This requirement is reflected in current School Board policy.

To ensure that the voices of Roanoke County residents

are prioritized and to allow for adequate planning for safe and orderly meetings for all who attend, eligible citizens who wish to offer public comment at upcoming School Board meetings beginning August 17 must sign up in advance of the meeting using the online sign-up form or by calling the Clerk of the Board at 540-562-3900 no later than 8 a.m. the day of the meeting.

This procedure has been used successfully by other school divisions and allows staff time to verify addresses and adequately prepare the meeting spaces for the number of anticipated attendees.

For complete information and to access the online form, visit the School Board webpage: <https://www.rcps.us/domain/155>.

Submitted by Roanoke County Public Schools

Council appoints Antonia Arias-Magallon new Vinton Town Clerk

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Antonia Arias-Magallon has been appointed Town Clerk for the Town of Vinton. The announcement was made at the Vinton Town Council meeting on August 15. She was hired as Administrative Manager for the town in January 2023 when Susan Johnson retired from her positions as Town Clerk and Executive Assistant. Arias-Magallon previously served as Assistant to the City Administrator in Glendale, Mo.

She began her professional career in local government as an intern for the City of Hazelwood, Mo., in 2021, where she saw the importance of what local governments can do for communities.

She graduated from University of Wisconsin-

Stevens Point with her Bachelor of Arts in Political Science in 2019, and her Master's Degree in Public Administration in May 2022 from Southern Illinois University Edwardsville.

Her term as Town Clerk begins on September 1, 2023, and ends on December 31, 2024.

In other action at the council meeting, a public hearing was held on an ordinance granting a deed of easement of a parcel on Walnut Avenue to Viking Fence Company, Inc. in conjunction with the town's development of the Walnut Avenue Bicycle and Pedestrian Accommodations Project which runs from 5th Street to the town's west limits. The project will improve pedestrian access and safety along Walnut Avenue, provide for safer bicycle accommodations,

and complete a connection for the Vinton's Glade Creek Greenway and the City of Roanoke's Tinker Creek Greenway. The construction project has been funded by a VDOT Surface Transportation Block Grant. Council approved the ordinance.

Town Council also adopted a resolution joining its regional partners in supporting the extension of the Roanoke-Blacksburg Airport (ROA) Runway 6-24. According to a summary written for council on the resolution, "Currently the ROA has a passenger leakage rate of 70%, meaning that 70% of passengers choose to travel out of the region's catchment zone to fly out of another airport. As the region's health science and autonomous transportation industries continue to grow, it is imperative that the



PHOTOS BY DEBBIE ADAMS

Antonia Arias-Magallon has been appointed Vinton Town Clerk. She is pictured with Vinton Mayor Brad Grose at the August 15 council meeting where her appointment was announced.

area has an FAA-compliant runway and more direct flight options to similar hubs

throughout the country. The airport's current layout cannot support these


needs, which are vital to attracting, retaining, and growing regional economic development opportunities.

"ROA is currently operating under an FAA waiver for safety overrun areas. Runway 6-24 is an instrument approach runway that operates under the FAA waiver because it does not have the required runway overrun safety area of 1,000 feet extending beyond the end of the paved right-of-way surface.

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Mattie Forbes passed away on August 2. She is pictured with her late husband, Doug. They will always be remembered for their roles in establishing the Vinton Historical Society and Vinton History Museum.

Remembering Mattie Forbes

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Mattie Simmons Forbes passed away on August 2 at the age of 89. She made a huge impact on life in Vinton through her dedication to preserving the town's history.

She co-authored (with Irma Moseley) Vinton's first history book, "Vinton History 1884-1984," written as a special project to honor Vinton on the 100th anniversary of its incorporation—its Vintennial.

In the preface of the history book, the authors noted that it was "offered to all have an interest in Vinton with the hope that it will stimulate and keep alive memories of bygone days and strengthen a bond of fellowship between the past, the present, and the future

of our beloved Vinton."

The book opens with a poem by an unknown author entitled "Little Town," which reads, "I like to live in a little town where the trees meet across the street; where you wave your

hand and say 'Hello' to everyone you meet. I like to stand for a moment outside the grocery store and listen to the friendly gossip of the folks that live next door.

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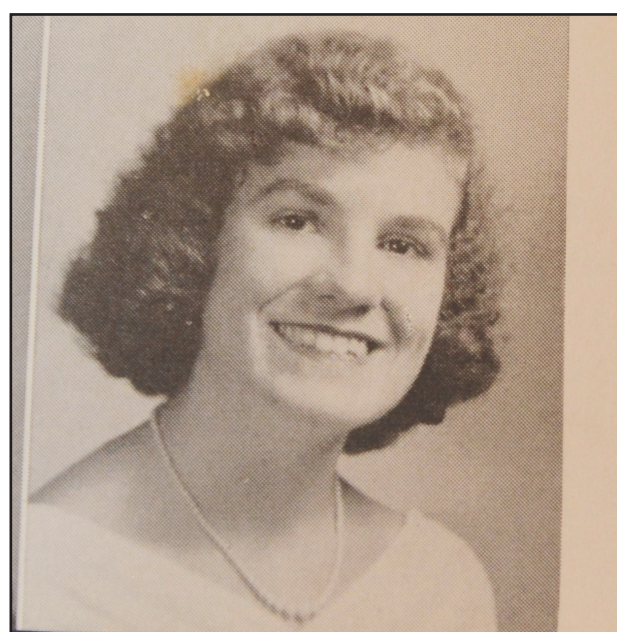


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Mattie Forbes graduated from William Byrd High School in 1952.

Phat Boyz Band sponsoring benefit for D.R. Music

Boyd Clement and the Phat Boyz Band will be hosting a benefit for D. R. Music on the Vinton Farmers' Market stage on Saturday, August 19 from 7 to 10 p.m.

D.R. Music has been serving the community with music instrument rentals, repairs, and music lessons for almost 40 years. The business at 101 East Lee Avenue was destroyed in a catastrophic fire on July 2, 2022, with damage to several other buildings and apartments in downtown Vinton. Demolition has just been completed on the site in the past week.

Donnie and Rhonda Wray lost everything in the fire. They have touched the lives of many in the community, especially students. This is a chance to give back to them.

Since the fire, the business has relocated just down the street to 128 North Pollard Street.

There is no charge to attend the concert. There will be a tip-style donation jar at the stage

COURTESY OF PHAT BOYZ BAND

front. If you have no money, come for fun, moral support for D.R. Music, and the concert party with special guest DJ Wyatt-DJ Wyatt between band sets. Bring your own chair.

Winners of the Flatfoot Dance Contest and volunteers for the event will win free shirts.

The D.R. Music benefit event is still accepting food truck and drink vendors. Call 540-339-5064.

William Byrd Class of 1973 planning 50th reunion

The William Byrd High School Class of 1973 will be celebrating its 50th anniversary the weekend of October 13-14. This year William Byrd will be marking its 100th anniversary; the Class of 1973 says it deserves special recognition as the halfway point for the school.

The weekend starts off with a tour of William Byrd and some major reminiscing. Next up is a tailgate party from 5 to 6:45 p.m. before the Homecoming football game against Lord Botetourt, which begins at 7 p.m.

On Saturday, the Class of '73 has been invited to tour the Vinton History Museum, full of memorabilia and artifacts from the town, the school, and their ancestors.

Next the class will be splitting up for lunch in downtown Vinton—with the Dogwood, Our Daily Bread, Pok-E-Joe's, Big Belly Pizza, Farmburguesa, RND Coffee, and more to choose from.

The reunion wraps up at 6 p.m. at the Vinton Moose Lodge with music by DJ David Woodson and catering by Hamm's Fine Foods.

Contact person for the

Class of 1973 reunion is Julie Ferguson Huckaby at jhuckaby25@gmail.com or 540-589-3061.

Submitted by Julie Ferguson Huckaby

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Roanoke County Sheriff's Office earns VACo Award

The Roanoke County's Sheriff's Office has been recognized with an Achievement Award from the Virginia Association of Counties (VACo). The award celebrates the partnership between the Sheriff's Office and Roanoke College to provide the Inside-Out Prison Exchange, an international program designed to teach inmates and college students issues pertaining to justice.

The Inside-Out program provides inmates an opportunity to further their education and receive free-of-charge college credits if they complete the course. This program provides an avenue for advanced educational opportunities, hopefully increasing post release employment opportunities and reducing rates of recidivism.

The mission of the



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program is to create an environment of critical thinking and respectful dialogue regarding a variety of topics, with the goal of seeing that everyone is more than the sum of a few bad

choices. It is important for college students from the "outside" to come inside the facility and see what life is like, which gives

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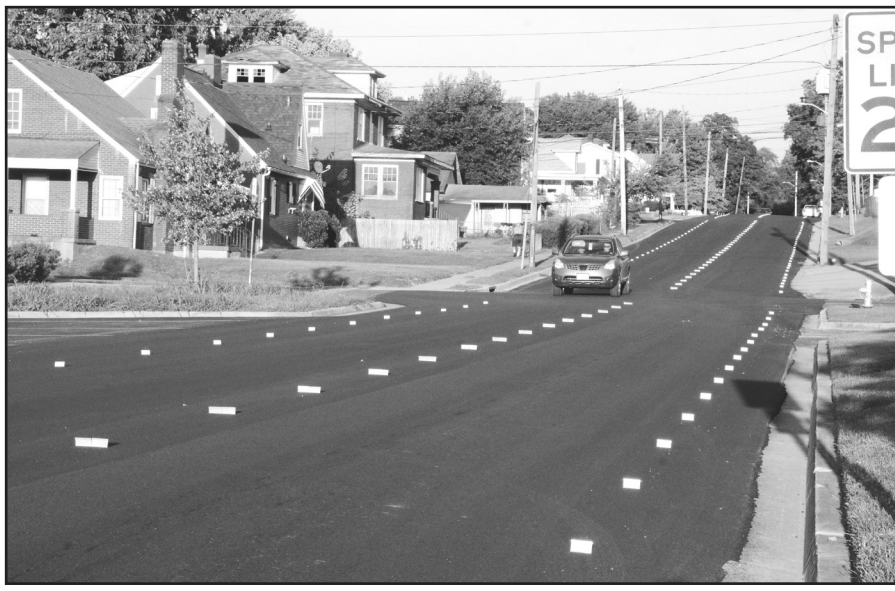


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Temporary markings indicate the new striping plan under consideration for East Cleveland Avenue. The markings on the side of the street indicate on-street parking. THESE ARE NOT BIKE LANES.

Addressing this issue is best accomplished by shifting the runway west and extending it over Interstate 581."

Assistant Town Manager Cody Sexton presented a report from the Finance Committee, emphasizing the "extremely strong financial position" of the town, who has been "good stewards of the taxpayers' money" and prudent in spending. For "all intents and purposes, the town remains debt-free." Revenues continue to outperform expectations, with substantial growth in sales taxes, meals taxes, parimutuel taxes, and VDOT funding. The town has budgeted conservatively this year and next year to weather any potential downturns in the economy. It has also made a concerted effort to grow

cash investments by taking advantage of current high interest rates. Interest earned is being reinvested in CIP projects to benefit citizens.

Vice Mayor Mike Stovall commended staff for their efforts to spend and invest wisely, commenting in particular on the increasing number of business licenses issued by the town.

The Finance Committee report also included an update on the Multi-generational Park Project to be located on the former Vinton pool site. Associate Planner Fayula Gordon was commended once again for her "phenomenal efforts" in grant writing which enabled the town to secure a grant for \$218,295 to be used for the park project.

PEOPLE, PLACES AND THINGS

By Angie and BootieChewing

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 breathe hoping folks will come out and not only support us, but the bands, food trucks, and visit other businesses before or after Mingle.

And once again, we are 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, Filthy Souls, and Gasoline Alley for rocking the stage all night and, of course, everyone who came out. Thank you to our food trucks, Mountain Grille and Food on the Go. Blue Ridge Beverage kept our thirst quenched--Tiny always knows what to bring.



PHOTO COURTESY OF ANGIE CHEWNING

The August 12 Mingle at the Market concert was another great success for the Vinton Area Chamber of Commerce.

Thank you to our volunteers Abbie Lewis and Anthony Conner who worked the front gate like bosses, Page and Brian Lovern, Dale Barker, Tracey Powers, Chasity Barbour and Bo Herndon, who served up a lot of cold beverages, Shannon Kendell and sidekicks, who sold beer tickets, the William Byrd football team and coaches--you guys all rocked it. Everything went smooth as butter. Thank you.

See you on August 26 at Mingle for another fan-favorite band, Five Dollar Shake.

The Houffs were able to get away for a long

vacation this summer and reported:

"A much-needed three-week vacation for the Houff family! Week one with kids and grandkids at Holden Beach. We had so much fun with the grandkids. Week two at Holden Beach with Gary's sister Carla, her husband Ed, Gary's brother Jimmy and his wife Benita. We attended a dear friend's daughter's beautiful wedding. Week three, we stayed with Carla and Ed at Myrtle Beach. On the way home we stopped and had lunch with my cousin Bev. We made so many good memories!"



PHOTO COURTESY OF HOUFF FAMILY

The Houff family enjoyed a three-week beach vacation with family at two beaches.

Assistant Planning and Zoning Director Nathan McClung presented a report from the Community Development Committee. The town is researching and considering changes to the Animal Public Nuisance Ordinance. Town Council will also be making a decision on whether to contribute financially to the Regional Skate Park to be located in Roanoke City, but accessible to Vintonites via the Greenway and Metro systems. The park will be maintained by the City of Roanoke.

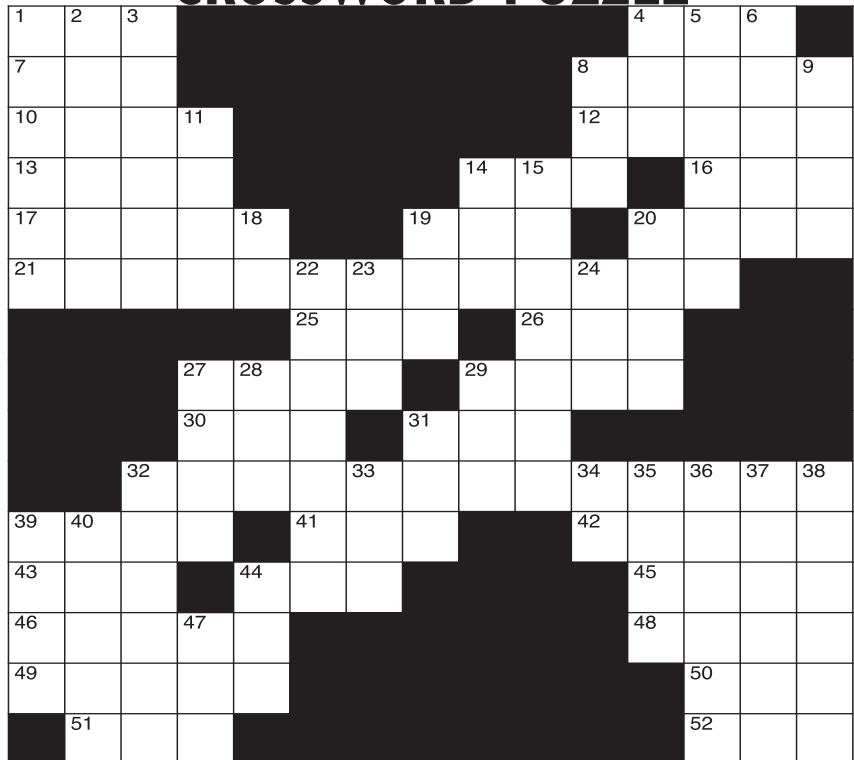
McClung also discussed the proposed Downtown Commercial Overlay District, involving historic tax credits, which could potentially permit moving the iconic Cundiff Pharmacy sign back downtown to its original location.

Town Manager Pete Peters updated council on speed reduction action plans for East Cleveland Avenue and Gus Nicks Boulevard. The Western Virginia Water Authority has completed the waterline replacement project on East Cleveland, and the road has been paved. The town is now in the midst of developing a striping plan for the much-traveled corridor to make it safer for passers-through and residents.

A traffic engineer has designed a striping plan for the length of East Cleveland. Temporary markings have been placed on the roadway to indicate the new striping pattern, with yellow tags marking the center line and white tags marking areas

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- CLUES ACROSS**
- Midway between east and southeast
 - Sun up in New York
 - Japanese honorific
 - Czech name for Prague
 - Ochocinco's first name
 - Steep cliffs (Hawaiian)
 - Scots word for "home"
 - Upper class young woman (abbr.)
 - Monetary unit of Albania
 - Raise
 - Drain of resources
 - Uncultured, clumsy persons
 - Hikers use them
 - Retrospective analysis (military)
 - Tibetan form of chanting
 - Influential European statesman

- Soluble ribonucleic acid
- Monetary unit of Romania
- Round green vegetable
- Well acquainted with
- Ribosomal ribonucleic acid
- Basics
- "The Godfather" actress Keaton
- Snake-like fish
- Tall deciduous tree
- Russian river
- Long Balkans river
- Ancient Greek coin
- Senegal's capital
- Unwell
- Snout
- Low bank or reef of coral

- CLUES DOWN**
- Abstain from
 - Vast desert in North Africa
 - Cover the crown of a tooth
 - A major division of geological time
 - Urban center
 - Crook
 - Parts per billion (abbr.)
 - Questions
 - A pack of 52 playing cards
 - Recording of sound
 - Pithy saying
 - Atomic #22
 - Soviet Socialist Republic
 - Plant with ridged seedpods

- Innate
- Investigative body for Congress (abbr.)
- Soda receptacle
- Spanish stew: __ podrida
- Viet Cong offensive
- Large body of water
- Beginning military rank
- Dissimilar
- Counteroffensive system (abbr.)
- Shows who you are
- Chinese dynasty
- Type of verse
- African nation
- Quite
- Former Bucks star Michael
- Showed again
- Body part
- Steal



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FROM THE PULPIT

The Sermon on the Mount - 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.

Matthew 5:8 tells us "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God". Charles Spurgeon said this about the Beatitudes, "Christ was dealing with men's spirits, with their inner and spiritual nature. He did this more or less in all the Beatitudes, and this one strikes the very center of the target as he says, not 'Blessed are the pure in language, or the pure in action,' much less 'Blessed are the pure in ceremonies, or in raiment, or in food;' but 'Blessed are the pure in

heart."

It is what's in your heart that matters and only you and God know what dwells there. It seems mankind in general is all consumed with the idea of fulfilling the desires of our own sinful heart.

Way too often the focus of our own actions is me, me, me.

A pure heart is one that not only does good to others but has a deep desire to do good for others above all things. Motive matters here. The WHY behind all your actions. Pure in heart means to be free from corrupt desire or wrongdoing (sin and guilt) and thus pure or good in God's eyes.

Let us all focus on the WHY behind our actions, our thoughts, and our words this week. May they be pure.

Villa Heights to celebrate 100th anniversary

Villa Heights Baptist Church will celebrate the 100th anniversary as a church with a special service followed by lunch on Sunday, August 27 at 10:30 a.m. Previous church

members and friends are invited to attend. The special guest speaker will be a former pastor, Jake Huffman. The church is located in the Bonsack area of

Roanoke County at 4080 Challenger Avenue.

For more information, visit the website at: www.villaheights.com.

Submitted by Villa Heights Baptist Church

Eight RCPS schools to offer free meals this year

This year, eight schools in Roanoke County will be providing free meals to all students through the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) as implemented through the federal Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010.

Schools participating in CEP this year are:

- Burlington Elementary
- Herman L. Horn Elementary
- Masons Cove Elementary
- Mount Pleasant Elementary
- Mountain View Elementary
- Northside High
- Northside Middle
- W.E. Cundiff Elementary

All students attending a CEP school will be provided a breakfast and lunch meal each day at no cost. Households with students attending these schools will not be required to submit a meal application or to pay a fee for these students to receive meals.

All other schools will continue with the school meals program as in previous years. Roanoke County Public Schools encourages parents at these schools to consider applying for free and reduced meals, even if they think they may not qualify. Applications can be completed online at <https://linqconnect.com>.

Meal prices for the 2023-2024 school year are as follows:

- Daily Lunch
- Student: \$3.00
 - Adult: \$4.75
- Breakfast
- Student: \$1.50
 - Adult: \$2.75
 - Milk: \$0.50

For the 2023-2024 school year, reduced-price meal costs will be waived.

Parents can manage their child's school lunch account at <https://linqconnect.com>.

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Peace in the Chaos

Read Luke 21:1 through 22:71

Do we ever look at our world and ask, "What happened?" The moral climate seems to have plunged. Sin is rampant. Nuclear war threatens. A bad economy has become the new way of life. And what's with all these record-breaking natural disasters?

It's easy to wonder if the end of world is near and become so afraid that we panic.

"When you hear of wars and uprisings, do not be frightened. These things must happen first, but the end will not come right away" (Luke 21:9).

Many times through the past two thousand years, people have panicked over the state of the world. Jesus had a word for them and for us: "Do not be frightened."

The world may change, but God is still in control.

Bad times can bring good results. As society disintegrates people tend to turn to God, and revival can occur. Challenges even make believers depend on God more. Our survival plan should be to prepare ourselves spiritually for whatever God brings—in good times or bad.

Challenge for Today: Think of a way to point people to Jesus when they express their fears about the future.

Quicklook: Luke 21:5-18

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

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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 Sundays; 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.

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

Blue Ridge Baptist hosting Gospel Plowboys

Blue Ridge Baptist Church in Vinton will host the Gospel Plowboys bluegrass band on Sunday, August 20 at 5 p.m. The band is known for dressing in denim bib overalls, white shirts, and red ties. According to the band, their attire is in tribute to the 1930s when bluegrass music was becoming popular

and also during a time when the nation was facing terrible problems. Dress is casual. There is no charge for the concert. For more information on the Gospel Plowboys visit their website at <https://gospelplowboys.com/> or their Facebook page at www.facebook.com/GospelPlowboys

For more information on the concert, email the church at brbcvinton@gmail.com. Blue Ridge Baptist Church is located at 2410 Hardy Road in Vinton, where it intersects with Feather Road. Submitted by Blue Ridge Baptist Church



PHOTO COURTESY OF GOSPEL PLOWBOYS

The Gospel Plowboys will be performing at Blue Ridge Baptist Church on Sunday, August 20, at 5 p.m.

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Roanoke City Mayor Sherman Lea joined the ribbon-cutting ceremony for Li'l Sparks Academy on August 11, noting that the new childcare center helps fill a need in the valley.

of Prayer Senior Pastor Rev. Jeff Allen, Eric Sichau from the Chamber, and representatives from Roanoke Economic Development, along with many members of church staff and church parishioners.

The mayor congratulated the Li'l Sparks team, noting the need for quality childcare in the valley and said that "anytime you cut a ribbon, it's a good day" indicating collaboration, growth, and economic development.

"I am grateful for your investment in the City of Roanoke," Lea said. "You are meeting a critical need in the valley." He commented on the "beautiful new facility."

The new childcare center, which is in close proximity to Vinton, will serve children ages 6 weeks to 5 years, "with a dedicated and experienced staff," including an on-site nurse. It is a full-time preschool with operating hours from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

According to Director Erin Ullery, the 2-, 3-, and 4-year-olds will be taught using the Abeka curriculum, nationally recognized since 1972. The Abeka preschool curriculum features a traditional approach to teaching and learning with cross-subject integration, spiral review, and plenty of hands-on activities.

Abeka has been used by thousands of preschools to "successfully prepare children for a lifetime of learning. It focuses on age-appropriate learning with consideration for differences in motor skills and cognitive abilities. The program turns play time into learning time by laying a strong academic foundation that prepares each child for the next level of their educational journey."

Ullery has 17 years of teaching experience, training, and a background in Montessori techniques and traditional classroom teaching for preschoolers. She has a degree from Liberty University in early childhood education, Professional Development through Penn State, and an International Montessori teaching diploma.

Li'l Sparks Academy is located at the Parkway House of Prayer at 3230 King Street. Call 540-982-0115 for more information, visit the website at www.lil-sparks.com or the Facebook page, Li'l Sparks Academy.

Submitted by Li'l Sparks Academy



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The Li'l Sparks Academy curriculum supports hands-on activities, turning "play time into learning time."

School buses have returned to county roads; drivers encouraged to watch for stopped buses

School buses are back on the roads in Roanoke County for the 2023-2024 school year. Roanoke County Public Schools asks drivers to be aware of all buses and give them plenty of space on the roads, particularly during the morning and afternoon runs. While following a bus, drivers should be alert to the bus and its numerous stops. Drivers should permit a safe distance of 20 feet or more between their vehicle and the bus.

Drivers should not only be prepared to stop when following buses but be responsible and obey all laws to guarantee the safety of children.

By Virginia law, motorists are required to stop for a school bus with flashing red lights that is loading or unloading children, whether the motorist is approaching a bus from the opposite direction or following a bus. Motorists must stay stopped until all children are clear of the roadway, the flashing red lights cease, and the bus starts moving again. This includes roadways with center turn lanes.

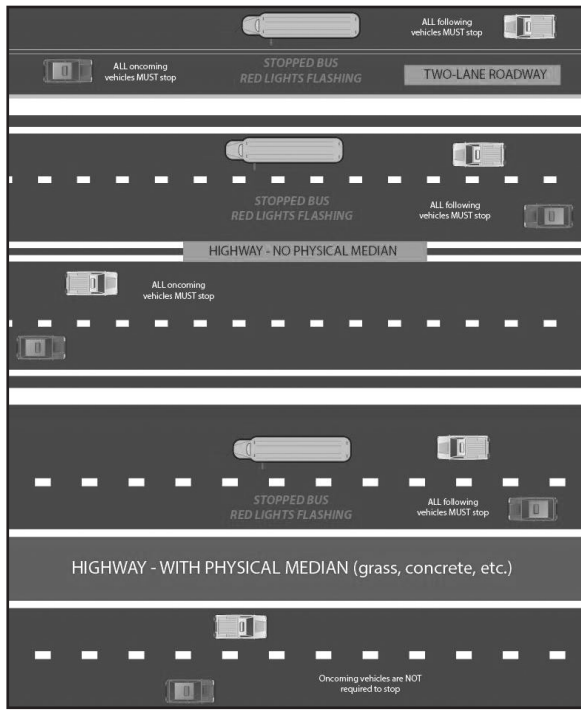
There is only one exception to this law: motorists are not required to stop for a school bus with flashing red lights if the motorist is driving in the opposite direction of the school bus on a roadway with travel lanes that are

separated by a barrier or physical median.

"Please give our school buses space and please stop for our school buses when you see the flashing red lights," said Dr. Ken Nicely, superintendent for Roanoke County Public Schools. "We want to make sure our students safely arrive at school in the morning and at home at the end of the school day."

Here are some additional safety tips for motorists (source DMV/NHTSA):

- When backing out of a driveway or leaving a garage, watch out for children walking or bicycling to school.
- When driving in neighborhoods with school zones, watch for children traveling to school. They are unpredictable in their actions, and it is your responsibility to anticipate and react to what they might do.
- Drive slowly. Watch for children walking in the street, especially if there are no sidewalks in the neighborhood.
- Watch for children playing and gathering near school bus stops.
- Be alert. Children arriving late for a school bus may dart into the street without looking for traffic.
- Never pass on the right side of a school



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bus where children enter or exit. This is illegal and can have tragic results.

Parents of children who may be waiting at a school bus stop should keep the following tips in mind (source DMV/NHTSA & RCPS Policy):

- Make sure your children leave home on time if they are walking to the bus stop, running can be dangerous.
- Practice Safety: Students should be at the bus stop at least five minutes before the bus is scheduled to arrive. Students must be at the bus stop when the bus arrives.
- Respect the "Danger Zone" surrounding the bus. The Danger Zone is the

10-foot-wide area on all sides of the bus.

Children must always cross the street in front of the bus and never behind the bus. This allows the driver to see the children as they walk in front of the bus.

- Make sure your children stand at least 10 feet (five giant steps) from the road while waiting for the school bus. The children will then be out of the way of traffic. Have younger children practice taking five giant steps to become familiar with how far away 10 feet is from the side of the road.
- Have your children put everything they carry in a backpack

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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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Tech. This is her 17th year as a school counselor.

Jordan has lived in Roanoke for 18 years, the last seven in the Town of Vinton. She and her husband enjoy traveling over the summer when time permits and they love being outdoors.

Samantha Hurt is the 6th grade school counselor at WBMS. She is from Roanoke and grew up in the Mount Pleasant area and graduated from William Byrd High School in the Class of 2009. She earned her Bachelor's degree from Liberty University in Clinical Counseling and Research and her Master's in school counseling from Liberty as well.

"For the past 8 years, I have worked for National Counseling Group where I was a Therapeutic Day Treatment Counselor," Hurt said. "TDT counselors are contracted through public schools and work with specific students with higher needs. I worked with students in Salem City, Roanoke City, and Roanoke County."

"I chose to work in school counseling because I love helping students grow – in all aspects. Growing up, my elementary school counselor was a pivotal member of our community and I remember the impact she had on me and my family. After working as a substitute teacher right after college, I knew that education and impacting students' lives is something I will do forever – because I love it so much. As a TDT counselor, I loved watching my client's progress emotionally, develop and implement coping strategies, and become more self-sufficient while navigating life's challenges. Middle school is a tough but important time in student development. I am looking forward to helping my new 6th graders grow and learn academically and emotionally at William Byrd Middle School."

Hurt has worked as a TDT counselor at WBMS for the past two years and also completed her secondary school counseling internship at the school.

"While there, I have enjoyed getting to know the awesome students, the amazing staff, and the Terrier community. I look forward to transitioning to a different role as the 6th grade school counselor."

As for her other interests, Hurt says, "I love Christmas and throughout the year I am counting down the days until it is Christmas again. My hobbies/interests include going to the gym, trying new restaurants, taking walks, listening to podcasts, and reading novels. I enjoy spending time with my boyfriend, my family, and playing with my adorable (but rude) cat named Stella."

"I am blessed to come from a very large family—I am the oldest of 6 siblings (and they all happen to be taller than me)," Hurt says.

Michelle Watts is the William Byrd Middle School Special Education Coordinator for grades 6-8. She is originally from Tennessee. She earned her Bachelor of Science degree from Radford University and her Master of Arts in Teaching from Hollins University. She has been working as an educator for over 16 years.

As for how she came to work in the field of education, "Education found me! I started out working in the science field and planned on getting my degree in Psychology. I devoured my classes centered around education and felt passionate about teaching and learning."

"I started out working in preschool, then K-5, and now I'm tackling middle school."

She has many acquaintances in Vinton and looks forward to learning more about Vinton life. She has one daughter who recently graduated from Cave Spring High School. Watts enjoys traveling (her family is south of Virginia), cooking, and socializing with close friends and family.

Michele Bostic will be working at five different Roanoke County Schools—William Byrd Middle, Burlington Elementary, Mount Pleasant Elementary, Glenvar Middle, and Glenvar High School as the 504 Facilitator and Assessment Support.

"I will be serving as Section 504 case manager, chairperson for Section 504 eligibility and plan meetings at assigned schools," Bostic says. "I will support my schools with the administration of norm-referenced achievement testing and completing formal observations. I will work collaboratively with members of the instructional team to ensure they understand guidelines and procedures for Section 504."

She is originally from Butler, Pennsylvania, where she graduated from Slippery Rock High School. She has lived in New Castle, Virginia, for 11 years. She earned her Bachelor of Arts in Psychology degree from Gannon University in Erie, Pennsylvania, and completed relevant coursework to obtain her teaching license from Edinboro University in Edinboro, PA. She has been working in the field of education for 20 years.

"I reside in Craig County with my husband, Monte, and son, Aiden,"

Bostic said. "When we are not working full-time jobs, we are working on our beef cattle farm. During my free time, I enjoy hunting, baking from scratch, exercising, and reading."

Manar Basir is the school psychologist intern at William Byrd Middle. She will also be spending some time at Glen Cove Elementary. She attended Virginia Commonwealth University for her undergraduate degree and is currently working toward her Ed.S degree at Radford University.

"As a school psychology intern, I will undertake various essential tasks, including conducting comprehensive psychological evaluations, providing group as well as individual counseling, consultation, and implementing interventions. I look forward to a great year and am excited to work closely with the students and staff."

Aaron Book is assigned to both William Byrd Middle and William Byrd High Schools. He is teaching 12th grade AP US Government and Politics, 12th grade Virginia and US Government, and 6th grade US History I.

He is originally from Pennsylvania and earned his BA in History and Politics from Ithaca (NY) College and his MA in Education from Virginia Tech. He has been working in education for 23 years.

Book is a proud US Navy veteran. He recently moved to the Roanoke area. He has been teaching at Tunstall High School in Pittsylvania County for the past seven years.

Alexis Parrish is teaching 8th grade science at WBMS. She is originally from Vinton and a graduate of William Byrd High School. She earned her Bachelor of Education degree (specializing in middle school science) from Liberty University. This is her first year in teaching.

As for why she chose to teach science, "As some of you know my dad, Mark Hough, is a science teacher as Cave Spring High School, so it must run in the family. I also believe this is where the Lord has called me to be, and I am so thankful for this opportunity. WBMS is the middle school I attended, and this is where I wanted to teach. I was born here, and it is where my family resides."

She is married to Mathew Parrish and they are parents to "the most amazing little boy, Bearett-Adrian who will be turning one in October."

Beth Williams is teaching 6th grade English at the middle school. She comes from the state of Washington near Seattle. She earned her teaching degree in English Literature from Western Washington University and has been teaching for 20 years. Her first teaching position was in Oahu, Hawaii. She wanted to teach in the Vinton area to live near family. She loves to read and "be outside."

Christian Johansen is teaching 8th grade Physical Science at WBMS. He is originally from New Orleans

"I have been a meteorologist for over ten years and I have been to many schools over the past years while working at WDBJ. I enjoy the sciences and I hope to pass on my joy of science to my students," Johansen says.

He is married and has a daughter. His hobbies include rock climbing and cycling.

Daniel Faubel is teaching biology and ecology at William Byrd High School, and sixth grade science at William Byrd Middle and Hidden Valley Middle schools. He is originally from Pennsylvania but spent the past 12 years in Florida. He earned his BSED in Biology from West Chester University and his MS in classroom technology from Wilkes University. He has been teaching for 16 years.

"I chose to teach science to help promote scientific literacy in society," Faubel says.

In his free time, he enjoys playing golf, camping, hiking, and "building things with my bare hands."

Kelly Morck is teaching Health and Physical Education at WBMS. She is from Vinton and a graduate of Staunton River High School. She earned her degree from Roanoke College and has been teaching for 20 years. She has just moved back to Vinton and her son attends WBMS as well.

Kyle Chambers is teaching 8th grade Civics at William Byrd Middle School. He is originally from Richmond, Virginia, and graduated from Deep Run High School. He earned his degree from James Madison University and has been teaching for three years.

As for why he is teaching Civics, "I love history, but am not a fan of U.S./ Virginia History...so they said I got Civics!"

As for how he ended up at WBMS, "I was working in Czechia and stressing about what I was going to do once I returned home, so I decided to mass apply to a bunch of different counties where I either had friends or family. RCPS was the first school division to interview me and offer a job and my brother lives here, so now I'm here."

Chambers says he loves to travel,



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New faculty members at WBMS this year include front row (l to r) Shenan Lovern, Lynae Young, Manar Basir, and Tabitha Beecher; middle row: Mcario del Castillo, Tara Smith, Beth Williams, and Laura Baldwin; and top row: Kyle Chambers, Robert Cronauer, and Clayton Padfield.

meet new people, hike, snowboard, and do trivia. He has four siblings and a dog "that is super needy."

Laura Baldwin is teaching Art Education in 6th, 7th, and 8th grades. She earned her BA in Fine Arts from Roanoke College.

"This is my second year here at WBMS," Baldwin says. "I will miss a lot of aspects of my role teaching Special Education, however, art is my first love in education and I am excited to teach in my preferred content area!"

"I have three beautiful children Jayda (10), Lennox (4), and Jettson (2). My husband of 14 years is also a teacher here at WBMS. We have two dogs, Leo and Lilah. In my spare time, I enjoy traveling, being outdoors, and just making as many memories with my family as possible."

"I will also be teaching the Gifted Art after school program at WBMS. Additionally, Mr. Baldwin and I are both excited to be the sponsors of Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA)."

Logan Bushong has been the Family and Consumer Sciences (FACS) instructor at William Byrd High School since 2019, teaching Nutrition, Wellness, and Culinary. This year she will also be teaching Family and Consumer Science at William Byrd Middle and coaching cheerleading at WBHS.

Bushong grew up in Vinton and graduated from WBHS. She earned her undergraduate degree from Liberty University where she majored in Family and Consumer Sciences.

Lynae Young will be teaching Collaborative Math and Pre-Algebra 6 at WBMS. As an "Army brat" she was born in Germany, moved to North Carolina, then England, then Northern Virginia. She earned her degree from Radford University with a degree in Middle School Education. She has been teaching for 25 years.

"I have wonderful memories of middle school and math has always been my favorite subject," Young said. "I know this isn't true for most people, so it is always my goal to help a new generation find success in math."

"I worked here back in 2001-2006 as a 7th grade Math teacher. My name was Mrs. Knott. I stayed home to raise my babies. There were no job openings at WBMS when I returned 14 years ago so I worked at Northside Middle. I call this 'returning to my roots.' We have great memories with my growing family back in 2001-2006. We loved our babysitters, preschool and kindergarten experiences, and friends we made."

Young says she loves to read, work and exercise outside. She and her family enjoy hunting and fishing together.

Mcario del Castillo (Mickey) is teaching 7th grade English Special Education. He is originally from Los Angeles and graduated from John F. Kennedy High School. He graduated from California State University, Northridge, with his Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies with a concentration in Special Education. He is currently attending Hollins University, working on his Master of Arts in Liberal Studies with a concentration towards Interdisciplinary Studies. He has been teaching for two years and served as a teacher's assistant for two years, as well. He spent one year as a Registered Behavior Technician and over 10 years in ASD (Autism Spectrum Disorder).

"I enjoy working with underprivileged populations," he says. "My first job was a Respite Aide for kids on the ASD spectrum which pushed me towards a generalized preference of working with children with various disabilities as a Special Educator. My first thought of becoming a teacher was in my 7th grade English class, so I've been lucky to be paired with the subject I developed my passion with and with a population that is in desperate need."

"I had a desire to work for the county and was hired on through WBMS. I also wanted to do more in secondary education, so I accepted the position."

"When I was more actively boxing, I had sparred (boxing) in the Lancerlot Sports Complex." He was a collegiate boxer and former Sport Club President. He is now semi-retired.

His special interests are boxing training and coaching, weightlifting, personal training, Yu-Gi-Oh!, 90's-00's Anime, skateboarding, drawing/paint media art (illustrating and graffiti), and writing poetry. His daughter attends Glenvar Elementary.

"People have expressed interest in a potential Boxing Club and would love to start one in respect to the current culture of the town," del Castillo says.

Nicole David is teaching 6th and 7th grade math at William Byrd and Hidden Valley Middle Schools. She is originally from Wooster, Ohio. She earned her degree from Ashland University in Ashland, Ohio, and has been teaching for 15 years.

"Since I was in middle school, I have always known I wanted to be a middle school teacher," David says.

Helen Riddle is teaching 8th grade Civics at WBMS. She is originally from Kansas and graduated from Leavenworth High School. She earned her Bachelor of Arts in Global and International Studies and European Studies from the University of Kansas, and her Master of Education in Secondary English with an emphasis in Humanities from Grand Canyon University.

"History has always been my favorite subject; my dad loved it and we connected over learning new facts," Riddle says.

This is her first-year teaching. She has been a substitute teacher for the last 2-1/2 years. One of her duties this year at WBMS will be working the car rider line "to make sure our students get into their cars safely to go home."

She also works part-time at the Roanoke County Public Libraries, sometimes at the Vinton Library.

Some of her hobbies include baking, crochet, and watching lots of Kansas City football.

Clayton Padfield is teaching 8th grade English and Math (Special education). He is originally from Manchester, New Hampshire. He earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Telecommunications and his Bachelor of Science in Resort Management from Lyndon State College in Vermont. He is currently completing his Master of Arts in Special Education. He has been teaching for one year and chose his field because of a "demonstrated need." He believes that WBMS is a "great local fit" for him.

He has a son at Hidden Valley Middle School. His wife is a special education teacher in the Roanoke City Public School system. They "love being in the same field (at different schools). As for Vinton, he "loves New York Pizza and the beautiful views around Vinton."

Robert Cronauer is a Special Education teacher for 8th grade English. He is originally from Nokesville, Virginia. He graduated from Virginia Tech with a Bachelor's in English degree. He is finishing up his Master's in Special Education from the University of Virginia. He has been teaching for seven years.

"I have always loved to read and write and believe that they are some of the most important skills a person can learn," Cronauer says. "I enjoy seeing my students gain confidence in areas that they might have struggled in before!"

His hobbies include playing music, running, and playing volleyball.

Shenan Lovern is teaching at WBMS and WBHS—Math 8 and Algebra I. She grew up in Roanoke

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County and graduated from William Byrd. She has lived in Vinton for most of her adult life.

She earned her Bachelor of Science degree from Longwood and her Master's in Education and Administration from UVA. She is beginning her 19th year in teaching—11 years in Franklin County, six years in Roanoke City, and one year with Virtual Virginia.

As for why she chose her subject, "I love math! I enjoy showing students that everyone can be successful in math. Those, 'I got it Ms Lovern,' moments are the best!"

"I am excited to be in Roanoke County and on the same schedule as my daughter. She is a 7th grader at William Byrd Middle School."

As for hobbies, "I love doing arts and crafts with my daughter. I enjoy making floral arrangements and wedding flowers for family and friends."

Tabitha Beecher is a 7th grade Special Education teacher at William Byrd Middle. She grew up in Roanoke County and graduated from William Byrd High

School. She earned a degree in Criminal Justice from Southern Wesleyan University.

This is her second year in education. Last year she worked as a substitute and then as an Instructional Assistant. She will also be an assistant coach for women's lacrosse at WBHS.

"Last year I worked in special education as an instructional assistant in the FAACTS classroom. I enjoyed working in Special Ed and was excited about the opportunity to work as a teacher. Because I attended William Byrd High School, I was familiar with many of the teachers at the middle school and was excited to work with them." In addition, her mother grew up in Vinton and graduated from WBHS.

As for outside interests, "I played lacrosse at Byrd and also played D2 lacrosse at Southern Wesleyan University. I love going to the farm and riding my horse named Dolly. Over the summer I worked for the Overdrive Monster Truck Tour and got to travel the U.S. and help put on the shows."

Tara Smith is teaching 8th grade English at the middle school. She is originally from Syracuse, New York, and graduated from Fayetteville-Manlius High School. She earned her Bachelor of Arts in English Literature and her Bachelor of Science in Secondary Education with a minor in Creative Writing from the State University of New York (SUNY) at Oswego.

This is her 19th year with Roanoke County and her 18th year in teaching.

"I am a third-generation educator, so I guess you could say it is in my blood. I've had a life-long passion for reading and writing."

"It is important to me to teach within my community," Smith says. "I waited patiently for my youngest son to move on to the high school before applying for a transfer from Cave Spring Middle."

Her family lives in Bonsack; her two sons have attended Bonsack, WBMS and are currently at the high school. My husband also works for Roanoke County Public Schools as an IT Technician. Together, we have two sons and two golden retrievers."

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them the opportunity to share with their communities what they have learned.

"The Inside-Out program has proven to be a great partnership between Roanoke College and the Roanoke County Sheriff's Office," said Roanoke County Sheriff Eric Orange. "This program allows outsiders a view into the criminal justice/corrections system that they may not otherwise experience prior to entering the workforce, while providing insiders with the opportunity to further their education and give promise to the opportunities that exist post release."

The most recent class met once a week during the fall 2022 semester in the Roanoke County Jail where Dr. Melanie Trexler, Associate Professor of Religion and Philosophy at Roanoke College, and students were brought into a secure location for class to be held face-to-face with inmates. The class met in a room monitored by a Roanoke County deputy. For 13 weeks, the students facilitated an inclusive environment and safe space for everyone to learn from each other.

"We live together in society and have the responsibility to all learn together," said Trexler.

Since the program's inception four years ago, the Sheriff's Office has completed three semesters with 23 inmates successfully completing the course.

"Inside-Out has been an eye-opening experience for many involved and helped to open the door for other possible programs and partnerships," said Orange. "I am grateful to Roanoke College for

their willingness to partner with us on this endeavor and for all of the participants, that have helped to make this program a success."

Roanoke's program is modeled after a program started at Temple University several decades ago. The Inside-Out Prison Exchange Program was established in 1997 to bring traditional college students and incarcerated individuals together in semester-long courses to explore and learn about issues of crime and justice from behind prison walls. The program was founded on the hypothesis that incarcerated and non-incarcerated students might mutually benefit from studying together as peers.

The Roanoke College/Roanoke County Jail course meets once a week, and all students who complete the course receive one course credit. Inside-Out's mission is to "foster social change through transformative education." The program exposes traditional college students to the realities of incarceration, while exposing inmates to academic content and pro-social interactions with college students.

2023 marks the 21st year of the VACo Achievement Awards.

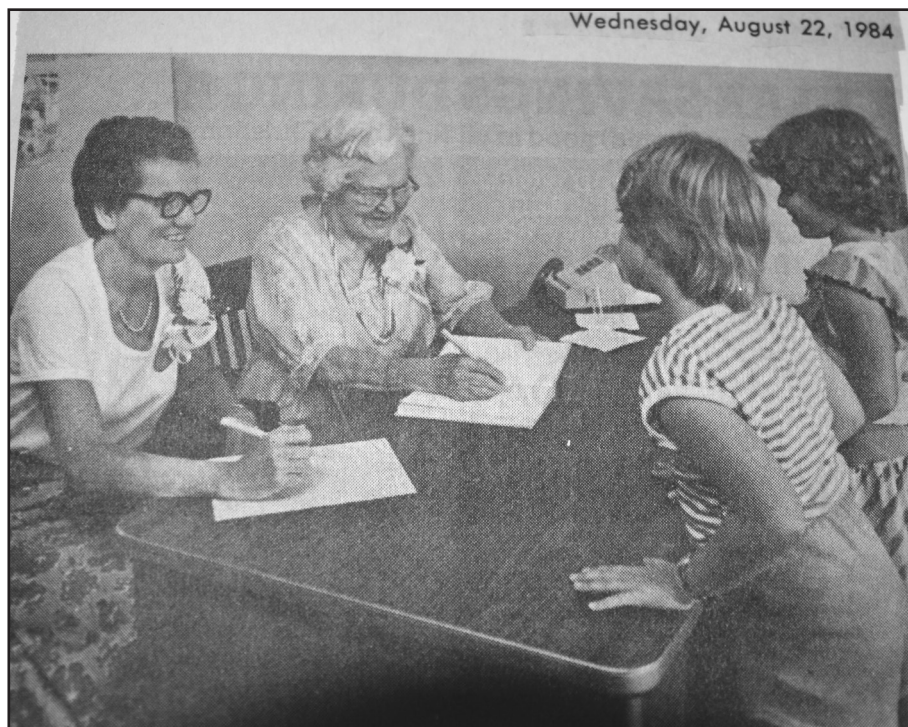
"We are pleased the county is recognized for its innovative work and collaboration within the community," said Roanoke County Administrator Richard Caywood. "Thanks to the partnership between the Sheriff's Office and Roanoke College, the Inside-Out program will surely leave a lasting impact on many college students and inmates."

Submitted by Roanoke County Sheriff's Dept.

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Mattie Forbes is pictured (on right) at the opening of the Vinton History Museum on April 22, 1989, with Eunice Upson (on left) and Mary Upson Williams, who donated the Upson House to the Town of Vinton.



Mattie Forbes (on left) and Irma Moseley hosted an autograph party at The Vinton Messenger offices when their book "Vinton History 1884-1984" was published.

For life is interwoven with the friends we learn to know, and we hear their joys and sorrows as we daily come and go. So, I like to live in a little town; I care no more to roam. For every house in a little town is more than a house— it's a home."

Her friends say that's exactly what Mattie felt about Vinton.

She became a founding member of the Vinton Historical Society. The committee put so much work into the highly successful centennial celebration that they decided to continue on, establishing the historical society, which eventually led to founding the Vinton History Museum in September 1988—the only history museum in Roanoke County. Mattie and her late husband, Doug, were hard-working contributors to the continued success of the museum through the decades of its existence, according to museum Executive Director Judy Cunningham.

In November 2013, Mattie accepted the Roanoke Valley Preservation Foundation "Heritage Education Award" on behalf of the museum. It acknowledged outstanding achievement in finding "new uses for old buildings."

Mattie and Doug later became members of the High Ground Vinton-Roanoke County Veterans Monument Committee, responsible for construction of the monument at the Vinton War Memorial.

They were pillars of the community— very active members of Thrasher Memorial United Methodist Church, Three Oaks UMC, various civic organizations, and Town of Vinton committees.

Her family says Mattie "loved God, church, and singing in the choir." Her family "was everything to her and she was happiest when family gathered at her home. She loved to cook and host holiday meals. Everything she did was with family in mind."

Mattie and Doug both grew up on East Cleveland Avenue in Vinton, played together as children, and graduated from William Byrd High School, Mattie in the Class of 1952; Doug in 1953. They were married in the chapel at Thrasher Memorial on December 17, 1955.

Married for 67 years (Doug passed away in 2022), they raised two sons, Doug (Connie) and the late David (Caroline), who gave them six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Doug's job led them to relocate to a couple of other places temporarily, but "they were not out of Vinton for long," said Pat Barton, Doug's cousin.

During the Forbes' retirement years, the Town of Vinton and private investors Old School Partners took on the project of renovating the former Roland E. Cook Elementary School, which the Forbes had attended as children. They were the biggest promoters

and supporters of the project and the first to claim an apartment there.

At Mattie's funeral, Pastor Rob Colwell mentioned that she was an independent woman, no shrinking violet. Many of her good deeds were carried out behind the scenes, but she was always a force to be reckoned with and stood up for what was right. "She lived a good and full life."

At one point she wrote a letter to the editor of The Roanoke Times, expressing her willingness to pay higher taxes so that teachers could have higher pay and schools could add more programs, saying society should "put its priorities in the proper order."

Another time, she wrote to the president of Appalachian Electric Power asking the company to donate a computer to the Vinton Museum to replace their typewriter and expand their record-keeping capability. That's just one of many requests she made to benefit the museum. The original intention was to

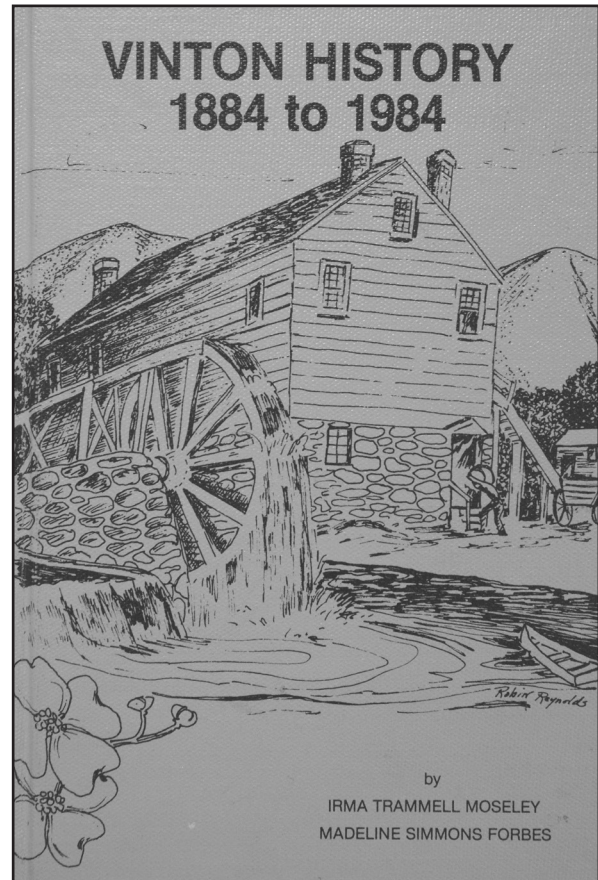
house the History Museum on the first floor of the Upson House, but so many artifacts were donated that it became necessary to transform the second floor, which had been designated for storage, to an exhibit space as well.

After her sons were grown, Mattie earned her associate's degree from Virginia Western Community College.

She had a vision over 34 years ago of Vinton having a museum. She was a driving force behind the establishment of the Vinton Historical Society and Museum, researched and wrote the first history of Vinton and served in almost every position in the society— president, co-president, vice president, historian, hostess, and always worked as a volunteer. Even in recent days she expressed gratitude for everyone's continued support for "Preserving the Past for the Future" at the museum. Mattie changed the face of Vinton; hers was a life well-lived.



Mattie Forbes accepted the Roanoke Valley Preservation Foundation "Heritage Preservation Award" on behalf of the museum in 2013.



Mattie Forbes co-authored "Vinton History 1884-1984" with Irma Moseley.



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Legals - Botetourt County

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 3772 LITHIA ROAD, BUCHANAN, VA 24066.

In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated April 30, 2012, in the original principal amount of \$136,694.30 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Botetourt County, Virginia as Instrument No.120001762. The undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the front of the Circuit Court building for Botetourt County, Main Street, Fincastle, VA 24090 or any such temporary alternative Circuit Court location designated by the Judges of the Circuit Court on September 11, 2023, at 10:30 AM, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows: THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY: ALL OF THAT CERTAIN TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND DESIGNATED AS NEW PARCEL 38A-1, CONTAINING 1.250 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, AS MORE FULLY SHOWN ON THAT CERTAIN "FAMILY DIVISION FOR RALPH L. JR. AND REBECCA S. WATTS", DATED OCTOBER 31, 2006, PREPARED BY KYLE D. AUSTIN, LAND SURVEYOR, AND RECORDED IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF BOTETOURT, VIRGINIA IN PLAT BOOK 39, PAGE 20. SUBJECT TO THE WELL AGREEMENT RECORDED NOVEMBER 6, 2008 AS INSTRUMENT NO. 080005516. TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder's deposit of ten percent (10%) of the sale price or ten percent (10%) of the original principal balance of the subject Deed of Trust, whichever is lower, in the form of cash or certified funds payable to the Substitute Trustee must be present at the time of the sale. The balance of the purchase price will be due within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Purchaser's deposit may be forfeited to Trustee. Time is of the essence. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser may, if provided by the terms of the Trustee's Memorandum of Foreclosure Sale, be entitled to a \$50 cancellation fee from the Substitute Trustee, but shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. A form copy of the Trustee's memorandum of foreclosure sale and contract to purchase real property is available for viewing at www.bwvsales.com. Additional terms, if any, to be announced at the sale and the Purchaser may be given the option to execute the contract of sale electronically. This is a communication from a debt collector and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. The sale is subject to seller confirmation. Substitute Trustee: Equity Trustees, LLC, 8100 Three Chopt Road, Suite 240, Richmond, VA 23229. For more information contact: BWW Law Group, LLC, attorneys for Equity Trustees, LLC, 6003 Executive Blvd, Suite 101, Rockville, MD 20852, 301-961-6555, website: www.bwvsales.com. VA-339902-2.

Legals - Botetourt County

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 61 BOUNTY CT, ROANOKE, VA 24019.

In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated October 8, 2009, in the original principal amount of \$271,500.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Botetourt County, Virginia as Instrument No. 1000476. The undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the front of the Circuit Court building for Botetourt County, Main Street, Fincastle, VA 24090 or any such temporary alternative Circuit Court location designated by the Judges of the Circuit Court on September 11, 2023, at 10:30 AM, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows: THE LAND DESCRIBED HEREIN IS SITUATED IN THE STATE OF VIRGINIA, COUNTY OF BOTETOURT, AND IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: LOT 15, BLOCK 3, ACCORDING TO PLAT SHOWING "THE ORCHARDS", SECTION NO. 3, "BOTETOURT SOUTH", DATED JUNE 21, 1993, PREPARED BY LUMEDEN ASSOCIATES, P.C., ENGINEERS-SURVEYORS-PLANNERS, OF RECORD IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF BOTETOURT, VIRGINIA, IN PLAT BOOK 15, PAGES 66 AND 67. TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder's deposit of ten percent (10%) of the sale price or ten percent (10%) of the original principal balance of the subject Deed of Trust, whichever is lower, in the form of cash or certified funds payable to the Substitute Trustee must be present at the time of the sale. The balance of the purchase price will be due within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Purchaser's deposit may be forfeited to Trustee. Time is of the essence. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser may, if provided by the terms of the Trustee's Memorandum of Foreclosure Sale, be entitled to a \$50 cancellation fee from the Substitute Trustee, but shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. A form copy of the Trustee's memorandum of foreclosure sale and contract to purchase real property is available for viewing at www.bwvsales.com. Additional terms, if any, to be announced at the sale and the Purchaser may be given the option to execute the contract of sale electronically. This is a communication from a debt collector and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. The sale is subject to seller confirmation. Substitute Trustee: Equity Trustees, LLC, 8100 Three Chopt Road, Suite 240, Richmond, VA 23229. For more information contact: BWW Law Group, LLC, attorneys for Equity Trustees, LLC, 6003 Executive Blvd, Suite 101, Rockville, MD 20852, 301-961-6555, website: www.bwvsales.com. VA-359160-2.

Legals - Botetourt County

Order of Publication

Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code §§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316.20-104 Case No. CL23000124-00 BPTETOURT CIRCUIT COURT COURTHOUSE, 1 WEST MAIN STREET, #120, FINCASTLE VA 24090, Commonwealth of Virginia, in re JENIFER M. ARRINGTON and AARON M. MUSSELWHITE, plaintiffs v. AARON W. SELLS, KRISTIN COLLINS, RICK G. WILLIAMS, EVALYN M. WILLIAMS, BENJAMIN I. GIMBERT, ELIZABETH M. GIMBERT, JEFFREY S. WRIGHT, MORGAN R. WRIGHT, AND UNKNOWN PARTIES, defendants TO THE DEFENDENDANTS AND INTERESTED PARTIES, This matter before the Botetourt County Circuit Court upon the filing of a Motion for Quiet Title on the 15th day of March, 2023, asking that the Court to confirm the ownership of real property located in Botetourt County known as Tax Map No. 108-1A comprising approximately 5.971 acres, currently titled in the name of Jennifer M. Arrington and Aaron M. Musselwhite, as more particularly described in the Deed dated July 7, 1997 recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Botetourt in Deed Book 533, Page 865. It appearing to the Court that because all parties with a potential claim to said property are unknown and based off the Affidavit filed by Plaintiff's counsel in this case, it is hereby Ordered that this Order of Publication shall be posted as an Order of Publication at The Botetourt Circuit Court Courthouse, 1 West Main Street, #120, Fincastle, VA 24090, and published once a week for four consecutive weeks in the Fincastle Herald, a newspaper of general circulation in the County of Botetourt. Any person with an interest in the aforementioned property should appear, answer or otherwise respond to the allegations set out in the Motion in this matter no later than the 15th day of September, 2023. Entered this 25th day of June, 2023. Joel R. Branscom, Judge I ASK FOR THIS: John K. Prillamen, ESq. VSB #81306 OPN LAW, PLC 3140 Chapparral Drive, Suite 200-C Roanoke, Va 24018 P: 540.725.8194

Legals - City of Salem

Council intends to adopt the ordinance(s) associated with the above item(s) on first reading, with a second reading of those ordinance(s) at a subsequent meeting. Copies of the proposed plans, ordinances or amendments may be examined in the Office of Community Development, 21 South Bruffey Street, Salem, Virginia. At said hearing, parties in interest and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard relative to the said requests. THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA BY: H. Robert Light Clerk of Council

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Proposed Flood Hazard Determinations for the City of Salem, Roanoke County, Virginia, and Case No. 23-03-0152P. The Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) solicits technical information or comments on proposed flood hazard determinations for the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM), and where applicable, the Flood Insurance Study (FIS) report for your community. These flood hazard determinations may include the addition or modification of Base Flood Elevations, base flood depths, Special Flood Hazard Area boundaries or zone designations, or the regulatory floodway. The FIRM and, if applicable, the FIS report have been revised to reflect these flood hazard determinations through issuance of a Letter of Map Revision (LOMR), in accordance with Title 44, Part 65 of the Code of Federal Regulations. These determinations are the basis for the floodplain management measures that your community is required to adopt or show evidence of having in effect to qualify or remain qualified for participation in the National Flood Insurance Program. For more information on the proposed flood hazard determinations and information on the statutory 90-day period provided for appeals, please visit FEMA's website at https://www.floodmaps.fema.gov/fhm/BFE_Status/bfe_m ain.asp, or call the FEMA Mapping and Insurance eXchange (FMIX) toll free at 1-877-FEMA MAP (1-877-336-2627).

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing will be held before Salem City Council, in Council Chambers, Salem City Hall, 114 North Broad Street, Salem, Virginia, on August 28, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. to consider the following amendment to The Code of the City of Salem, Virginia, pertaining to a change in voting places:

- Section 26-41 (b) to change the voting place of Precinct D or West Salem Precinct from Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church, Social Hall, located at 314 Turner Road, to the Salem Civic Center, located at 1001 Roanoke Boulevard, Salem, Virginia 24153; and Section 26-47 (b) to change the voting place of Precinct J or Beverly Heights Precinct from Fort Lewis Christian Church, Fellowship Hall, 2931 West Main Street, to the Salem Civic Center located at 1001 Roanoke Boulevard, Salem, Virginia 24153. Maps and other documents pertaining to these changes may be viewed in the City Manager's Office, 114 North Broad Street, Salem, Virginia. Interested parties may appear at the public hearing and be heard by City Council.

CITY OF SALEM H. Robert Light Clerk of Salem City Council

Legals - Montgomery County

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 1155 KING STREET, CHRISTIANSBURG, VA 24073.

In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated October 18, 2013, in the original principal amount of \$133,257.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Montgomery County, Virginia as Instrument No. 13010149. The undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the front of the Circuit Court building for Montgomery County, 55 East Main Street, Christiansburg, Virginia or any such temporary alternative Circuit Court location designated by the Judges of the Circuit Court on September 18, 2023, at 12:30 PM, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows: ALL OF LOT 2, BRUMFIELD HEIGHTS CONTAINING 0.581 ACRE, AS SHOWN AND DESCRIBED ON A MAP ENTITLED, "MAP OF SURVEY OF 0.518 ACRES IN CAMBRIA TO BE ACQUIRED BY KENT R. CARLSON AND LORRAINE H. LANDIS FROM LEIGH C. GARRISON, TOWN OF CHRISTIANSBURG, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VIRGINIA," PREPARED BY ANDERSON AND ASSOCIATES, INC., DATED JULY 29, 1993, DESIGNATED AS DOCUMENT NO. 10645002. A COPY OF WHICH MAP IS RECORDED IN THE CIRCUIT COURT CLERK'S OFFICE OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VIRGINIA, IN DEED BOOK 801, AT PAGE 31. TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder's deposit of ten percent (10%) of the sale price or ten percent (10%) of the original principal balance of the subject Deed of Trust, whichever is lower, in the form of cash or certified funds payable to the Substitute Trustee must be present at the time of the sale. The balance of the purchase price will be due within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Purchaser's deposit may be forfeited to Trustee. Time is of the essence. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser may, if provided by the terms of the Trustee's Memorandum of Foreclosure Sale, be entitled to a \$50 cancellation fee from the Substitute Trustee, but shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. A form copy of the Trustee's memorandum of foreclosure sale and contract to purchase real property is available for viewing at www.bwvsales.com. Additional terms, if any, to be announced at the sale and the Purchaser may be given the option to execute the contract of sale electronically. This is a communication from a debt collector and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. The sale is subject to seller confirmation. Substitute Trustee: Equity Trustees, LLC, 8100 Three Chopt Road, Suite 240, Richmond, VA 23229. For more information contact: BWW Law Group, LLC, attorneys for Equity Trustees, LLC, 6003 Executive Blvd, Suite 101, Rockville, MD 20852, 301-961-6555, website: www.bwvsales.com. VA-364339-1.

Order of Publication

Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code §§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316 Case No. JJ00376703-03 RADOFRD CITY JUVENILE AND DOMESTIC RELATIONS DISTRICT Commonwealth of Virginia, in re Miranda Sue Simpkins. Toney Lee Martin, Christopher and Christa Simpkins, Tammy Sue Davidson v. Karen Sue Webb The object of this suit is to: DETERMINE CUSTODY AND VISITATION OF THE MINOR CHILD. It is ORDERED that TONY LEE MARTIN appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before September 22, 2023. July 21, 2023 Sally Davis, CLERK

Legals - Montgomery County

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 1650 BOW HILL ROAD, CHRISTIANSBURG, VA 24073.

In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated January 25, 2006, in the original principal amount of \$43,700.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Montgomery County, Virginia as Instrument No. 06000887. The undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the front of the Circuit Court building for Montgomery County, 55 East Main Street, Christiansburg, Virginia or any such temporary alternative Circuit Court location designated by the Judges of the Circuit Court on September 18, 2023, at 12:30 PM, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows: ALL THOSE CERTAIN TRACTS OR PARCELS OF LAND WITH ALL IMPROVEMENTS THEREON AND APPURTENANCES THEREUNTO BELONGING, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE SHAWSVILLE MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VIRGINIA, AND BEING ALL OF TWO (2) TRACTS OR PARCELS OF LAND, AS SHOWN ON A PLAT OF SURVEY STYLED "PLAT OF PROPERTY TO BE ACQUIRED BY NELL T. JEFFERSON", DATED JUNE 21, 1988, PREPARED BY CLEAN WATER ENGINEERS, INC., AND DESIGNATED AS DRAWING NUMBER S-8, WHICH MAP IS RECORDED IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VIRGINIA, IN PLAT BOOK 14, PAGE 158. TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder's deposit of ten percent (10%) of the sale price or ten percent (10%) of the original principal balance of the subject Deed of Trust, whichever is lower, in the form of cash or certified funds payable to the Substitute Trustee must be present at the time of the sale. The balance of the purchase price will be due within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Purchaser's deposit may be forfeited to Trustee. Time is of the essence. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser may, if provided by the terms of the Trustee's Memorandum of Foreclosure Sale, be entitled to a \$50 cancellation fee from the Substitute Trustee, but shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. A form copy of the Trustee's memorandum of foreclosure sale and contract to purchase real property is available for viewing at www.bwvsales.com. Additional terms, if any, to be announced at the sale and the Purchaser may be given the option to execute the contract of sale electronically. This is a communication from a debt collector and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. The sale is subject to seller confirmation. Substitute Trustee: Equity Trustees, LLC, 8100 Three Chopt Road, Suite 240, Richmond, VA 23229. For more information contact: BWW Law Group, LLC, attorneys for Equity Trustees, LLC, 6003 Executive Blvd, Suite 101, Rockville, MD 20852, 301-961-6555, website: www.bwvsales.com. VA-307497-2.

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VINTON HISTORY: WEBSTER'S DICTIONARY



A 1910 edition of Webster's New International Dictionary donated by Louise Martin is on display at the Vinton History Museum.

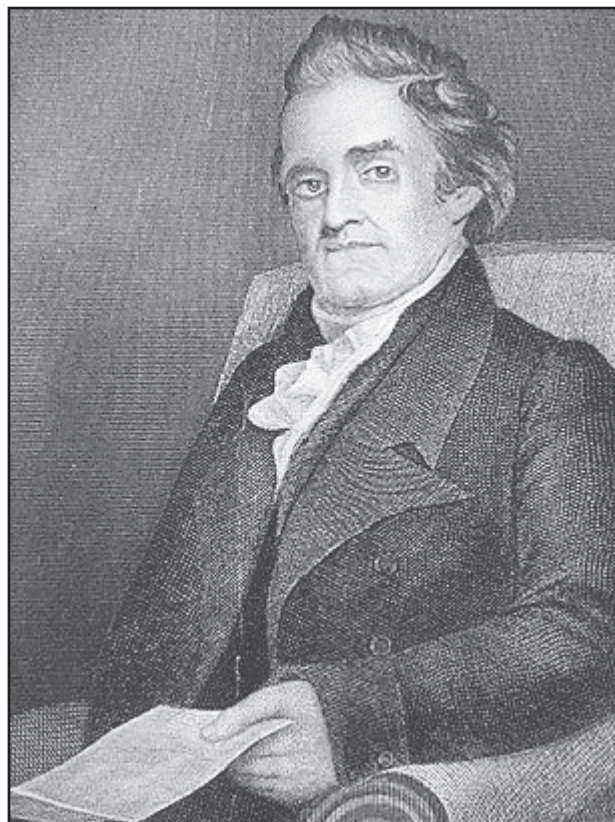
In 1806, Noah Webster published his first dictionary of the English language. He started intensive work to expand his publication into a fully comprehensive dictionary, "An American Dictionary of the English Language."

To help him trace the etymology of words, Webster learned 26 languages. He hoped to standardize American speech, since Americans in different parts of the country used different vocabularies and spelled, pronounced, and used words differently. He did several revisions to add words.

In 1843, after Webster's death, George and Charles Merriam secured publishing and revision rights to the dictionary and vastly expanded the vocabulary.

Pictured is a 1910 edition of Webster's New International Dictionary with reference history—a large and heavy dictionary of 2,620 pages.

It is interesting when visitors look up words such as "computer"



Noah Webster

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and they were not in the dictionary then. This dictionary on display at the Vinton History Museum was donated by Louise Martin. Stop by and search for words. The museum is located at 210 East Jackson Avenue in Vinton. It is

open Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and every first Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The annual yard sale is coming up on August 26 at 8 a.m.

Submitted by Judy Cunningham

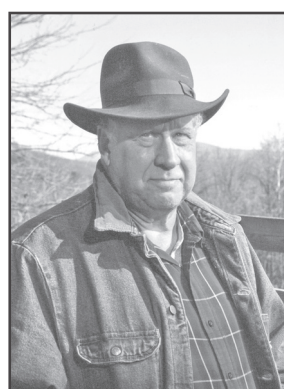
OBITUARIES

Mayer, Bruce Edward

Bruce Edward Mayer of Stewartsville peacefully passed away on Sunday, August 13, 2023, at Carilion Roanoke Memorial Hospital. Born on March 7, 1949, Bruce's life was a testament to dedication, service, and love of family.

His education began at Virginia Tech, where he was a member of the Corps of Cadets and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in History. He continued his education with a Master's Degree in Regional Planning from Penn State University, and a JD from the University of Richmond School of Law. Prior to completing his advanced degrees, Bruce proudly served in the United States Army.

Bruce's professional legacy was marked by his dedication to the law and the betterment of his community. After practicing with several local law firms, he spent the last 38 years managing his practice in Vinton with the help of his longtime legal assistant, Rebecca Tabor. During his career, Bruce served as Attorney for the Town of New Castle, Roanoke County's Assistant County Attorney and Interim County Administrator, displaying his commitment to public service. He furthered his impact as the Executive Director of the Virginia Piedmont Planning Commission, and President of various organizations including the Salem/Roanoke County Bar Association, Vinton Lions Club,



Vinton Area Chamber of Commerce, and the Vinton Dogwood Festival.

Bruce's interests were as broad as his accomplishments. He loved playing the bass fiddle, good food, bluegrass music, Corvettes, sailing, Hokies football, and time with family. Additionally, Bruce had a passion for history, which was highlighted by his membership in the 2nd Virginia Cavalry Co. C, participation in historical reenactments, and in roles as an extra in the movies "Gettysburg" and "Gore Vidal's Lincoln." In recent years, he served as a consumer member of Virginia's Milk Commission.

Bruce and his wife, Marlene, shared their days on a 40-acre farm, Winnowing Hill, where they had cows, chickens, ducks, guineas, and dogs. An annual highlight was their appearance at the Vinton Fall Festival, where children would learn about, feed and pet the animals.

His sense of humor and storytelling will forever be remembered by all those who knew him.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Edward and Mary Mayer of Bethlehem, Pa. He is survived by his beloved wife, Marlene Bryant; and his loving children, Julie Mayer of Venice, Fla., Amanda Mayer (Brandon Andrews) of Salem, and Brandon Mayer (Elissa Buchalter) of Seattle, Wash. Also his sister, Linda Mayer of Bethlehem, Pa., and stepchildren, Brad Saunders (Lindsay) of Raleigh, N.C., and Carrie Saunders (Ryne Robinson) of Charlotte, N.C. also mourn his passing. He leaves behind five cherished grandsons, Julian Andrews, Jackson, Noah, and Colin Saunders, and Liam Robinson. His favorite dog, Teddy, was a constant companion.

All of Bruce's loved ones send heartfelt gratitude to the compassionate teams of Carilion Roanoke Memorial ICU-9 South, Palliative Care Unit-10 South, and Carilion Clinic Hospice for their exceptional dedication, compassion, and unwavering support during Bruce's journey.

A celebration of Bruce's life will be held at a later date. For those who wish to express sympathy, the family kindly requests donations to the Roanoke Carilion Clinic's Hospice Program at carilionfoundation.org/hospice or the American Cancer Society. Online condolences may be expressed to the family at www.Oakeys.com. Arrangements by Oakey's Vinton Chapel, 540-982-2221.

Buses

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or school bag, so they won't drop things along the way.

- If it is raining, have your children wear raincoats that are bright with contrasting colors so they can be easily seen by drivers.

- Go to the bus stop with a young child and have older children walk in groups. There is safety in numbers because groups are easier for drivers to see.

- Practice good pedestrian behavior in front of your children. Walk on the sidewalk. If there is no sidewalk, they should stay out of the street. If they must walk in the street, they should walk single file, face traffic, and stay as close to the edge of the road as they can. Exaggerate your head turns and narrate your actions so your children know you are looking left, right, and then left again.

- Warn your children that, if they drop something near the bus, they

should never pick it up. Instead, they should tell the driver and follow the driver's instructions. If they bend over to pick up a dropped object, they might not be seen by the driver and could be hurt if the driver pulls away from the stop.

- Teach your children to secure loose drawstrings, scarves, loose fitting or baggy clothing, and other objects that could get caught in the handrail or door of the school bus as they are exiting.

- If you meet your children at the bus stop after school, wait on the side where they will be dropped off, not across the street. Children can be so excited at seeing you after school that they dash across the street and forget the safety rules.

Roanoke County Public Schools bus routes may be viewed at <https://www.rcps.us/busroutes>.

Submitted by Roanoke County Public Schools

Speed

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of on-street parking. Peters emphasized that while the white markings might appear to indicate bike lanes, there will not be bike lanes on East Cleveland—the street is too narrow. It is also too narrow for on-street parking on both sides of the street.

The town plans to add "No Parking" signs and yellow-painted curbs to assist residents in making the transition to the new pattern.

Mayor Brad Grose commended town staff for being forward-thinking on the project, which could have just involved replacing waterlines and repaving, but instead takes into consideration future needs and safety concerns with the new striping pattern.

As for Gus Nicks Boulevard, the town plans to extend the 25-mph speed limit from Garthright Bridge to the town limits on Gus Nicks Boulevard. The speed limit is currently 35 mph on that short stretch of roadway. There will also be narrowing of lanes with a new striping plan on that section.

According to the town, "future activity and vehicle density in the area will require increased pedestrian and vehicle safety enhancements" as the town continues to grow, especially in the downtown area. A crosswalk will be installed across Gus Nicks in the spring of 2024; Gish Mill will soon be undergoing renovations bringing in at least three new businesses; the Billy Byrd Apartments are fully occupied; there is Glade Creek Greenway Trailhead parking off of Gus Nicks; the athletic field below the Billy Byrd is used extensively; and Glade Creek Phase 3 will be connecting Vinyard Park via Garthright Bridge. The new Pollard 107 South restaurant will be opening soon, and business is booming at Vinyard Station and the outdoor music pavilion at Twin Creeks Brewing. All are reasons to reduce speed in the area.

The town plans a media blitz in late August to keep citizens informed of the changes on both East Cleveland and Gus Nicks.

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Action from last Friday's football scrimmage against Glenvar at Patterson Stadium. Above left, Byrd quarterback Israel Hairston has a big hole to run through. Above right, Brayden Andrews breaks off a long gain. Below left, Jerrett Shepherd escapes a Highland defender and, below right, Byrd's John Kiker makes the tackle.

PHOTOS BY SUZANNE WITCHER & BRIAN HOFFMAN



Byrd will host Rockbridge for benefit football game Friday

The William Byrd football team will have their final tune-up before the regular season this Friday night when they host Rockbridge County at Vinton's Patterson Stadium. This will be a benefit game beginning at 7 pm and played like a real game with the possible exception of kicking situations.

"We want to get everyone playing time, and work on cleaning up the mistakes we made last week," said Byrd coach Brad Lutz. "Hosting a benefit game for our second scrimmage also allows us to structure our week like a game week. This includes our practice structure and our game day routine. That is valuable going into our first game."

Last Friday the Terriers hosted a controlled scrimmage for their first of two preseason events. Glenvar was the opponent and the Terriers looked sharp for so early in the season.

"Our coaches were pleased with our first scrimmage," said Lutz. "Our players were physical on both sides of the ball, and we tackled well. We still have a lot to work on, but we were happy with how our players performed. Our team has worked very hard during the off-season, and it was fun to see their hard work starting to pay off."

While the score will be kept on the board this week, the Byrd coaches are more concerned with working on aspects of their game rather than putting more points on the board than the Wildcats.

"Offensively, we are still installing parts of our offense, so we want to use the

benefit game to work on a few of the new installments and get it on film so we can evaluate our progress," said Lutz. "Defensively, we want to continue to tackle well and play great team defense. Rockbridge County High School has a great tradition of football, so we are looking forward to playing them in front of another great home crowd."

The Terriers will open the regular season at home on August 25 against Liberty High of Bedford.

Terrier Jamboree youth football is Saturday at Patterson Stadium

Patterson Stadium in Vinton will be the site of the recreation football "Terrier Jamboree" this Saturday. Games start at 9 am.

"We're bringing in some teams from different localities and it will be a fun day of youth football," said Cody Underwood of the booster club.

"Admission is free but donations at the gate are welcome."

In addition to some great football there will be free snow cones for the kids and the concession stand will be open. All proceeds from the jamboree will go toward the William Byrd football program.

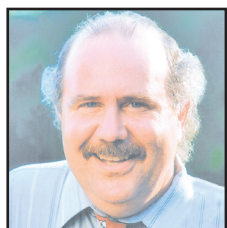


The William Byrd Middle School football team participated in a four-team "Jamboree" with Andrew Lewis, Patrick Henry and William Fleming at Salem Stadium last Thursday. Above left, middle school coach Ryan Hutchison goes over pointers with the team following the event. Above right, Byrd's Conley Serreno breaks through the line for a good game. The middle school Terriers were scheduled to open the regular season on Wednesday against Staunton River and next Thursday, August 24, they'll host Ben Franklin Middle School at 5 pm at Patterson Stadium.

PHOTOS BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Middle School Terriers

Brian Hoffman



COUNTDOWN TO KICKOFF ON DIRECTV

Here's some concerning news for football fans with DirecTV. You may not have command of the NFL games you're excited to see this season.

Last Saturday the Baltimore Ravens hosted the Philadelphia Eagles in a preseason game. Granted it was just an exhibition game, and the starters weren't even going to play, but as an Eagles fan I was excited to see how their draft choices and new additions looked in a live game. I check the Philly website every day for reports on training camp, who is looking good and who is moving up or down the depth chart. And hey, it's football and I've been waiting for it since February.

I was excited to see the game was scheduled to be on the NFL Network live at 7 pm. Not all the NFL exhibition games are live, and when you watch the replay it runs scores at the bottom of the screen. So, you can be watching a game in the second quarter and the final score of that game will be crawling across the bottom and impossible to avoid. Again, it's just a preseason game but it makes it even more meaningless if you know the final score while you're watching the game.

When I tuned in to the NFL Network at 7 pm Saturday it informed me that game was blacked out in this area, I guess because Baltimore is close

enough to Roanoke to make it one of our "home" teams. I have the baseball package as well on DirecTV and the Nationals' games are blacked out and you have to watch them on the MASN channel. I'm not crazy about the Nationals' broadcasters but at least I can watch the games.

With the Ravens-Eagles game blacked out on the NFL Network it directed me to WWCW, Channel 5 on my DirecTV. However, that's a Nexstar owned station and Nexstar is currently in a current dispute with DirecTV, so all I got was a notice telling me they're working on a new deal. At this point, I started getting aggravated.

One of the reasons I got DirecTV in the first place was so I could watch all the NFL games on Sundays. However, beginning this year the NFL package has moved to YouTube. I've already signed up for the YouTube deal, and I opted for the cheapest package that includes all the regular season games but nothing else. For that, it will cost me about the same thing I was paying when the NFL games were on DirecTV.

YouTube also offers a more expensive package, where they include the preseason games and a bunch of other channels we already get or don't need. My wife, who is good at stuff like this, reminded me that they're offering a 10 day free trial for that service, so she went about the hassle of signing up for that trial with hopes that we could get the preseason football game Saturday night. When she finished all the rigmarole of doing that it was to no avail, as the game was also blacked out on YouTube.

Now I was really getting frustrated. My grandson had come over to watch the game with us and he's also very good at today's technology. He was somehow getting the game on his phone, but when he tried to relay it to the TV we got the audio but no

video, and it was now midway through the second quarter.

My wife tried several other things, hooking up our "Apple Box" and using all three of our remotes to try and find the game. If it was just me I would have given up long ago, but she doesn't let modern technology defeat her like I do. Finally, and I don't know what she did, she was able to find the game on our computer and get it on the TV, but it was now half-time and even the second strings were done for the evening. It took almost an hour to get to that point.

I point this out because our local Fox station, WFXR Channel 27 on DirecTV, is also in a dispute with Nexstar. DirecTV customers haven't been able to get Channel 27 since July 1, missing the Major League All-Star game, the women's soccer World Cup and other shows I used to enjoy on that station.

When you turn to Channel 27 it tells you to go to "tvpromise.com" for an explanation of why the station is not on. I've done so, and all it pretty much tells me is that two organizations who overcharge already are at odds because one wants to charge even more and the other isn't budging.

Hopefully, this dispute will be over by the first week of September when the NFL starts for real. Channel 27 is our home Fox station for NFC Football, and if the impasse is still going on that means Washington football fans won't have their games on DirecTV if they're playing an NFC opponent at home or anyone on the road. On days when Fox has the doubleheader you're likely to be blacked out of games with the Cowboys, Giants, Eagles, 49ers, Vikings or whatever NFC team is on Fox Sports that day.

I hope the DirecTV and Nexstar folks can settle this dispute soon. I can get by missing reruns of "Young Sheldon" but I want my football on Fox.

SPORTS

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Terriers open volleyball season at Cave Spring Tuesday

The William Byrd girls have high hopes for the high school volleyball season, which opens next week. The Terriers will be at Cave Spring to begin the season on Tuesday, August 22.

Byrd will open the '23 campaign with the same team that ended their season last year. Cave Spring eliminated Byrd from the Region 3D tournament in Vinton as the Terriers finished at 16-8.

It was a good season for the Byrd girls. They finished second in the Blue Ridge District and won their annual "Diggin at the Dog Pound" tournament. Graduated setter Carsyn Kotz was named BRD Player of the Year after compiling over 1,000 career assists and three others joined her on the All-BRD first team.

Two first teamers, Terran Brown and Emily Tuck, return to this year's team as well as Raelyn Lancaster, who was a second team all-district selection in 2022. Kate Bryant, Madelyn Ward and Eva Brown are also returning seniors and juniors with varsity experience include Ava Ashworth, Maddie Pittman and Payton Hall. Bryant and Ward will be counted on to replace Kotz as setters.

"They have big shoes to fill behind Carsyn but they've been working hard and continue to do big things in running our offense," said Byrd coach Allison Thornton. "Eva Brown and Maddie Pittman will be pin hitters for us this season and we look to them to score several points for us."

Brown was an all-region selection last fall.

"We will be looking to continue leaning on her for leadership on the court," said Thornton. "Terran is our returning offensive leader from last season."

Tuck, Hall and Ashworth will be working as defensive specialists on the floor. Lancaster, who is a junior, is a middle hitter.

"She did a fantastic job for us last year and look to lean on her more offensively," said Thornton. Newcomers to the varsity include Annika Hylton, who played jayvee last year and is working well in the setter rotations. Bella Dudley has also brought some big kills to the offense as one of Byrd's middle hitters. Graysen Divers has also contributed quite a bit to the offense and blocking.

"Graysen joined the varsity team for a few games last season and has done a great job from day one this year," said Thornton.

Hannah Janney and Kaylee Makuch are juniors who are working hard to fill roles needed as a right side hitter and defensive specialist.

Thornton will be assisted by Briona Hurt, Kat Stanley and Harrison Lionberger. Jordan Persinger will be the head junior varsity coach. The team has working hard in the off-season.

"We have been busy this summer," said Thornton. "We had our Tiny Terrier Camp with over 45 campers (rising 3rd-6th grade) and Middle School camp with 43 campers (rising 6th-8th graders). We traveled to JMU this summer for a three-day overnight



The 2023 William Byrd varsity volleyball team. Seated, left to right, are seniors Kate Bryant, Eva Brown, Terran Brown, Emily Tuck and Madelyn Ward. Standing, left to right, are Annika Hylton, Kylee Makuch, Graysen Divers, Raelyn Lancaster, Bella Dudley, Maddie Pittman, Hannah Janney, Payton Hall and Ava Ashworth.

PHOTOS COURTESY OF WM. BYRD VOLLEYBALL



The William Byrd jayvee volleyball team. Seated, left to right; Haleigh White, Makayla Tingler, Taylor Spangler, Avery Harper, Kennedy Leonard, Riley Spradlin and Bella Craddock. Standing, left to right; Emmalee Dodson, Alexis Short, Lauren Toney, Khloe Chapman, Heidi Dixon, Emma Olivit, Maggie Peters, Maggie Zimmerman and Mia Martin.

camp and came back with enthusiasm and excitement for our season. We all got better at camp, both the players and coaches. It's great to get out there and learn new ways to teach the skills and new drills to keep things competitive and inclusive. We want our players to continue to learn, and it's important that we as coaches do as well."

The Blue Ridge District should be strong again with Lord Botetourt, Franklin County and Northside all expecting to have good seasons. The Terriers have a strong Hidden Valley team on the schedule as well as two-time defending Class 2 champion Glenvar.

"As with any season, we want success," said Thornton. "Success means

getting better every day and coming in to the gym to compete. I am confident with the work ethic and team chemistry the girls bring into the gym we will see success.

"I am very excited for this season. I have a wonderful group of student athletes who work hard, respect each other and are just simply a pleasure to be around."



READY TO RUN

William Byrd cross country runners are ready to hit the trails during a practice session last week. The Terriers will open a week from today when they travel to Patrick Henry for a meet, followed by a big meet at Northside on September 2nd.

PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Carter ties for medalist honors at Copper Cove

William Byrd's Nathan Carter shot a four-over-par 76 to tie for medalist honors at the Blue Ridge District golf match Tuesday. The second "mini-match" of the BRD tours was hosted by Franklin County at the Copper Cove course.

Carter tied Aiden Mitchell of Lord Botetourt for the low score of the day. Teamwise, Northside had the low score for the round with a four-player total of 318. Lord Botetourt was second at 320 and Byrd tied Franklin County for third at 333. Staunton River shot 409 and William Fleming had just two players competing.

Also scoring for Byrd were Andrew Kiker with an 80, David Foster at 88 and Tyler Chambers with an 89. Also playing but not in the top four were Landon Haithcock at 98 and Beau Brady at an even 100.

"The guys played well in extremely hot weather," said Byrd coach Hunter Thompson. "They're improving every week."

After two rounds Northside is leading the district with a combined score of 637. Franklin County is second at 646 and LB is one shot behind the Eagles at 647. Byrd is still in the hunt at 659 while Staunton River is at 524 and Fleming does not have a complete team.

The next match is scheduled for Tuesday, August 22, at Hanging Rock.