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Roanoke County Fire & Rescue holds Driver Aerial Operator Class at Rosie's

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Roanoke County Fire & Rescue held a Driver Aerial Operator Class for its 105-foot ladder truck at Rosie's Gaming Emporium in Vinton on Nov. 16.

Master Paramedic Kaleb Schatz led the class, along with Field Training Officer Kelly Stoots, Master Paramedic Matthew Ferris, and Paramedic/Firefighter William Crumpacker.

Participants included Paramedic/Firefighters Ryan Lanning, Brenton Christian, James Slater, Nick Walker, and Lt. Justin Ratcliff. All are employees of Roanoke County Fire & Rescue, from various stations throughout the county.

According to Brian Clingenpeel, Community Outreach Coordinator for Roanoke County Fire & Rescue, Driver Aerial Operator Training is "an in-depth training for those who will be driving and operating ladder trucks. It involves setting up the truck, moving the ladder, positioning the truck, and even some basic maintenance of the truck."

The training includes classroom portions, but also practical skill learning, which is what the firefighters were doing at Rosie's. According to Schatz, Rosie's is the tallest structure in

Vinton and offers unique opportunities and challenges

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Roanoke County Fire & Rescue held a Driver Aerial Operator Class at Rosie's Gaming Emporium on Nov 15. Participants and instructors included (left to right) Paramedic/Firefighter Ryan Lanning, Master Paramedic Kaleb Schatz, PM/FF Brenton Christian, PM/FF James Slater, Master Paramedic Matthew Ferris, Field Training Officer Kelly Stoots, PM/FF William Crumpacker, Lt. Justin Ratcliff, PM/FF Nick Walker, joined by Rosie's Marketing Director Jeff Spaugh, Corbin Brown from Rosie's Security, and Rosie's General Manager Todd Lear.



The Vinton Breakfast Lions Club held the annual Christmas Shopping Trip for students at Herman L. Horn and W.E. Cundiff Elementary Schools on Nov. 15, joined by the Vinton Police Dept. and the William Byrd Leo Club.

Vinton Breakfast Lions sponsor annual Christmas Shopping Trip, will host spaghetti dinner on Christmas Parade evening

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The Vinton Breakfast Lions Club met at the Bonsack Walmart early on Nov. 15 for the annual Christmas Shopping Trip for local elementary school students in need at Herman L. Horn and W.E. Cundiff Elementary Schools. Children are recommended by the guidance staff and administration at their schools.

This year the chosen students were once again able to participate in the shopping trip. During the Covid years, the Lions have been shopping on their own - not nearly as much fun as having the children along to pick out items themselves.

Several members of the Vinton Police Dept. and the William Byrd High School Leo Club went along

to assist with the project. The Leos are sponsored by the Vinton Breakfast Lions. The Lions shopped for a total of 20

commercial customers.

\$125 per child. The club receives lists of clothing sizes for the children before

the shopping trip. Walmart employees moved the process along at two cash registers set aside for checkout for the Lions. Lions Hal Mabe and Jeff Mason loaded the gifts in bags labeled for each child



PHOTOS BY DEBBIE ADAMS

Walmart employees made the Lions' Christmas Shopping trip run smoothly, students, buying them clothing, shoes, setting aside two registers just for the coats and one toy, spending about

Vinton History Museum enters Fashions for Evergreens at Hotel Roanoke with 'Treedazzled' display

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In 2021, the Vinton History Museum won second place in the annual Hotel Roanoke Fashions for Evergreens competition. The event is a fundraiser for the United Way of Roanoke Valley, having raised over \$85,000 over the past decade.

The museum had submitted an application to join the event that year, but was put on a waiting list. Someone dropped out at the last minute, giving the museum the opportunity to enter the competition. Being a winner in the 2021 competition put it on the list of participants

for subsequent years. Volunteers at the museum have been working diligently for months on this year's

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The Vinton History Museum has once again entered the **Hotel Roanoke Fashions for Evergreens competition.** Volunteers have spent months making ornaments and gathered on Nov. 19 at the hotel to decorate the tree. Pictured left to right are Judy Cunningham, Becky Miller, Ann Anderson, Shay Hicks, Julie Tucei, Millie Stewart, Linda Kreider, Debbie Pitts, and Mary Beth Layman, with Randy Layman kneeling in front.

Vinton gets ready for Parade of Trees

Businesses in Vinton are decorating for the annual Parade of Trees that will be lining the driveway at the Vinton War Memorial. This tree is by D.R. Music, decorated by Rhonda Wray and her son, Dallas. Her daughter, Katie, made many of the ornaments on the tree – all having to do with music. The trees will be up from Thanksgiving through Dec. 26. Times will be available for visits with Santa.



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Vinton Town Council authorizes redevelopment agreements with Gish Mill

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Town Vinton Council met in a special called meeting on Nov. 15 to adopt a resolution Town authorizing Manager Peter Peters to execute agreements between the Town of Vinton, the Roanoke County Economic Development Authority (EDA), and developers Gish Mill Davii LLC, pertaining to the redevelopment of Gish Mill.

This project has been in the works for several years. Gish Mill Davii LLC has proposed redeveloping the historic Gish Mill property on Gus Nicks Boulevard into approximately 14,000-square-foot mixed-use commercial, residential, and retail development property. anticipated investment is \$3.6 million to be financed by bank loans, historic tax credits, economic development loans, grants, and the like.

expected to generate

new and increased tax revenue for the Town of Vinton and Roanoke County, in excess of \$165,000 annually, and to generate at least 24 new fullemployment time opportunities.

On April 7, 2020, Council adopted a resolution authorizing the sale of Gish Mill to Gish Mill Davii LLC (referred to as "the company"). The company, the town, and the Roanoke County negotiated Performance Agreement.

As part

financing for project, the Virginia Department of Housing Community Development (DHCD) awarded the town an Industrial Revitalization Fund (IRF) Grant in the amount of \$468,750 to be loaned to the company through the EDA. The company will repay the IRF loan to the EDA, in accordance with terms

of the agreement.

In addition, the town will make available to the company, as a loan through the EDA, \$1 million for construction of the project. Proceeds of the construction loan will be paid to the company in five equal installments during construction with the last payment following receipt of a certificate of occupancy. The construction loan time if the company meets the Performance in the Performance the construction loan

The EDA and the Town of Vinton will includes lend the IRF Loan and Davii at an interest rate of 2.5% per annum being



The Gish Mill Redevelopment Project on Gus Nicks Boulevard will preserve the historic mill, whose significance to the town is delineated by its placement on the **Vinton Town Seal.**

deferred for the initial 20 years of each loan.

The town will make available to the will be forgiven over company, as a grant through the EDA, \$458,750 for the stipulated redevelopment project. Gish Mill Davii LLĆ has Agreement; otherwise, also arranged a private the company will repay construction loan for \$1.9 million through to the EDA, which Bank of Botetourt, the EDA will in turn as well as additional transfer back to the financing from historic tax credits.

Subordination, Construction Loan Nondisturbance, and proceeds to Gish Mill Attornment Agreement (SNDA) which makes Bank of Botetourt the over 30 years, will all Master Lease with other interest and principal financing subordinate to the Bank of Botetourt

construction loan.

Council previously approved versions of the transaction documents on June 1, 2021, and Oct. 18, 2022. The EDA approved the documents on May 19, 2021. At the Nov. 15 council meeting, members basically reviewed the previous documents and the addition of the SNDA agreement.

Council believes the transaction documents will serve the public purpose of stimulating economic development in the town while also increasing tax revenues and employment.

Closing is anticipated on Dec. 1. Detailed design work will then

begin. Construction is expected to get underway in late spring of 2024.

Mayor Brad Grose and Peters commented on the uniqueness of the Gish Mill property located at one of the gateways to the community. It can't be replicated, and its redevelopment is one way to preserve the history of the town.

Grose noted that tax revenue will be generated and the investment by the town will "pay off in the long run. If we want the private sector to invest in the community, we need to be willing to make a public investment as well.'

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Thrasher Preschool Director Erin Edmondson accepts a check from Cory Welch, owner of Pok-E-Joe's restaurant in Vinton for the school fundraiser held on Nov. 15. Also pictured is Jess Curtin (left), who helped coordinate the event and is also

Pok-E-Joe's hosts fundraiser for

\$7 Admission/\$3 Rental

Holiday Schedule

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a Thrasher preschool parent.

Thrasher Preschool

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Pok-E-Joe's BBQ restaurant hosted the first Spirit Night fundraiser since opening in Vinton, benefiting Thrasher Preschool. Owner Cory Welch donated 5% of the restaurant's daily sales to the preschool, which is located at, and affiliated with, Thrasher Memorial United Methodist Church, just up the street from Pok-E-Joe's.

Thrasher Preschool Director Erin Edmondson said Pok-E-Joe's made the process of fundraising easy with no apps to sign up for, no forms to complete - just a tally of all the sales made that day to anyone dining at "Parents love a family-oriented fundraiser like this,"

Edmondson said. The donation is designated for the preschool's general fund to meet budget demands. Jess Curtin, who helped facilitate the event, and

who has a child attending Thrasher preschool, thanked Welch for his contribution to the children, plus his continuing commitment to the community since opening his restaurant in the heart of downtown. There is seldom a community event where Welch does not make an appearance to support various causes and other Curtin also had high praise for the program at

Thrasher as "the top tier" preschool and kindergarten readiness program in the area. Welch plans to continue hosting a fundraiser each

month for schools, community organizations, and causes. He grew up in Vinton, always found it to be a "tight-knit community" and plans to continue to encourage that feeling. Another fundraiser is scheduled, this one for W.E. Cundiff Elementary, in late November. Thrasher Preschool offers full-day and half-day

programs for children ages 3-5, focused on kindergarten readiness. While the full-day program is full, there are openings in the half-day programs. The half-day programs for 3-year-olds runs from 9 a.m. to 12 noon, either three or five days a week. Four-year-olds attend five days a week from 9 to noon. Contact Edmondson at 540-344-4125 for more information or email her at preschool@thrasherumc.org.

1:00pm-3:30pm



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County Roanoke seeking applicants to fill the vacancy on the Board of Supervisors resulting from the election of current Supervisor Jason Peters as Roanoke County Commissioner of the Revenue.

Roanoke County supervisors seeking applicants to fill Vinton District vacancy

The Roanoke County Board of Supervisors is seeking candidates to fill the board's vacancy in the Vinton Magisterial District, which has resulted from Jason Peters' election to serve as the Roanoke County Commissioner of the Revenue.

Peters will remain on the board through the end of December and take office as Commissioner of the Revenue on January 1, 2024.

Candidates for the position must be residents and qualified voters of the Vinton Magisterial District. The candidate selected and appointed by the board will hold office until a special election is held in November 2024.

Subsequently, the person elected at the special election will serve the remainder of Peters' term, which expires December

Interested applicants must mail or email a written statement, not exceeding 300 words, setting forth their qualifications, and why they want to be the supervisor for the Vinton Magisterial

District to the Chief Deputy Clerk at the following address or email by November 30, 2023:

Deborah C. Jacks, Chief Deputy Clerk to the Roanoke County Board

of Supervisors, 5204 Bernard Drive, Roanoke, 24018.

For more information call 540-772-2003 or email Jacks at djacks@ roanokecountyva.gov.

-Vinton Messenger staff report

Roanoke County breaks ground for new Bonsack Fire Station

Roanoke County hosted a groundbreaking event on Nov. 16 to mark the construction of Roanoke County Public Safety Building No. 12 in the Bonsack area.

The new \$8 million, 12,500-squarefoot fire and rescue facility is anticipated to open in early 2025 to serve communities in east Roanoke

Speakers at the event included Phil North and Jason Peters of the Roanoke County Board of Supervisors, Roanoke City Council member Trish White-Boyd, and Parkway Church on the Mountain Pastor John Ott and church Vice Chairman Brad Grose.

The ceremony represented regional collaboration of Roanoke County, Roanoke City, and Parkway Church on the Mountain.

"Building this facility will improve response times in East County, particularly in The Orchards and Bonsack area, as well as reduce demands on the Vinton station and Roanoke City Station 14," said North.

North said that according to call data, the county anticipates the placement of the new station will result in improved fire and rescue response

times of 18%. This factor is critical as it impacts the effectiveness of the department in safeguarding the lives and property of residents.

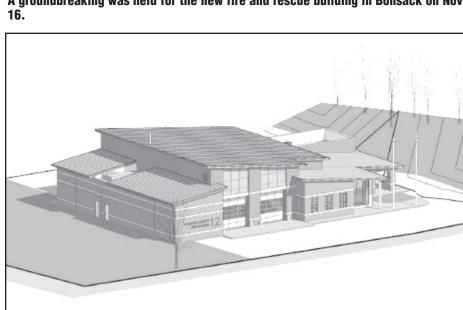
In November 2022, Roanoke County finalized the sale of 2.2459 acres from Parkway Church on the Mountain. Leading up to the sale, Roanoke City Mayor Sherman Lea and Roanoke City Council approved the rezoning of 2.25 acres of land for the purpose of constructing the station. The groundbreaking for this fire and rescue station is an example of strong partnerships and regional collaboration.

"I want to acknowledge the collaborative effort that has brought us to this groundbreaking moment," said Jason Peters, representing the Vinton District on the Roanoke County Board of Supervisors. "From the tireless work of our staff and board members, Roanoke City staff and City Council members, the support of our community members, and especially Parkway Church on the Mountain, this project proves what we can achieve when we come together for the greater

Construction on the station will



A groundbreaking was held for the new fire and rescue building in Bonsack on Nov.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF ROANOKE CO. An architectural rendering of the new Roanoke County Safety Building No. 12 in

begin this month by G&H Contracting and Hughes & Associates.

The address for the station will be

1465 Mexico Way NE, in Roanoke.

Submitted by Roanoke County

EOPLE, PLACES, AND THINGS with Angie Chewning

Our town is LIGHTING UP for Christmas! Take a ride through Downtown Vinton in the coming days and check all the businesses that have LIT up their storefronts just in time for our Christmas Parade next Thursday, November 30.

Thank you to Star City Christmas

Lights for helping in this venture. I love seeing our town have so much Christmas spirit! If your house or neighborhood is LIT UP – let us know!

The Parade of Trees is going up at the Vinton War Memorial. Make sure to drive by from Nov. 23-Dec. 26 to check them out, take pictures, and visit with

Santa. Santa will be visiting on Dec. 2 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.; on Dec. 6 from 5:30 to 7 p.m.; on Dec. 10 from 1-3p.m.; and on Dec. 20 from 5:30-7 p.m.

Congratulations to our William Byrd football team! We wish you the best of luck against Magna Vista!

Don't forget to "Shop Local" every

day, but this Saturday, November 25, is

Local Small Business Day"! This is a day to celebrate and support small businesses and all they do for their communities. So, shop, eat and support our local businesses!

Happy Thanksgiving!



Vinton Public Works employees are busy decorating the town for the holidays. This crew (Jason Davison, Keith Childress, and Steven Newman) were adding lights to the Vinton War Memorial.

PCOMING EVENTS

Tree lighting, Christmas parade, pop-up at the Farmers' Market, ice skating at the Lancerlot, holiday open houses, and more

The holiday season begins officially in Vinton on Nov. 30 with the annual Christmas Parade stepping off from the Vinton War Memorial at 7 p.m. The Vinton parade is always scheduled for the first Thursday after Thanksgiving. This year's theme is "Paint the Town Christmas.'

Prior to the parade, the Town of Vinton will host its annual Tree Lighting Ceremony at 6 p.m. at the Municipal Building. Vinton Mayor Brad Grose will welcome guests; the town tree will be lit. Performances by students from the Floyd Ward School of Dance and the Vinton

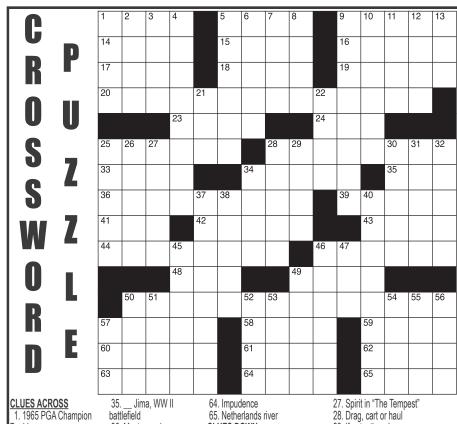
Baptist Children's Choir will follow.

These events are sponsored by the Town of Vinton and the Vinton Area Chamber of Commerce.

Plus, there is a host of other holiday events through the end of the year.

The Town of Vinton is sponsoring a Pop-Up Market at the Vinton Farmers' Market on Saturday, Dec. 9 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. with craft vendors and free children's activities. The town encourages the community to shop locally. For more information or to sign up as a vendor, contact Caroline Loveland at cloveland@ vintonva.gov.

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INTON HISTORY: Stained glass window from Vinton Baptist Church

Years ago, the pictured stained-glass window was in the sanctuary of Vinton Baptist Church, located on corner of Maple and Washington Streets.

That sanctuary was built in 1922 and dedicated in 1923. It was torn down in 1986 and replaced by a new building on the corner of Washington and Poplar Street.

A stained-glass window from the church was donated to the Vinton History Museum by the Building and Steering Committee at Vinton Baptist Church in March 1989.

The stained-glass window is a favorite artifact at the museum bringing back memories for many of their wedding, baptism, and other events in the sanctuary in the beauty of the stained glass windows throughout the entire sanctuary.

Stained-glass windows are more than just colorful decorations. They are works of art that can tell stories, reflect light, and create an atmosphere – which is how it was in the sanctuary.

Visit the Vinton History Museum, 210 East Jackson Avenue in downtown Vinton and view the beautiful stained-glass window inside and outside. The museum is open Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and every first Saturday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Submitted by Vinton History Museum Executive Director, Judy Cunningham



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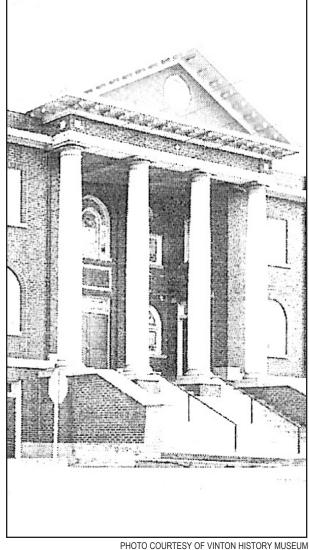
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This stained glass window was donated to the Vinton History Museum by Vinton Baptist Church.



Vinton Baptist Church, built in 1922, was filled with stained glass windows.

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The Lancerlot is once again opening its ice rink to public ice skating to celebrate the holidays, sponsored by the Roanoke Rail Yard Dawgs and 94.9 Star Country. They feature spectacular holiday decorations, hot cocoa, super smooth ice, great holiday music, and plenty of memory-making fun. Holiday Ice Skating begins on Friday, Nov. 24 from 1 to 3:30 and 7 to 10 p.m. Admission is \$7 plus \$3 skate rental.

Hours vary from day to day depending upon the ice rink schedule. Holiday skating is available on Nov. 25 from 3:15 to 5:30 and 7:30 to 10:30; on Nov. 26 from 1:30 to 3:30; on Nov. 27 and Nov. 28 from 1-3:30; on Nov. 29 from 1-3:45; and on Nov. 30 from 1 to 3:30.

The hugely popular Santa Crawl is scheduled for Dec.12 at 5:30 p.m. when Santa begins his travels throughout the town. More details will be announced soon, including Santa's routes.

The Vinton History Museum will hold its annual Holiday Open House on Saturday, Dec. 2 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. with vintage décor, holiday displays, and unique gifts for sale.

The History Museum is also participating for the third year in the Hotel Roanoke Fashions for Evergreens fundraising competition. The public is invited to tour the tree display at the hotel from Nov. 23 through Dec. 31 - and vote for the Vinton History Museum tree, if it's your favorite.

Vinton Baptist Church will be

hosting a Craft and Vendor Fair on Dec. 3 from 1-4 p.m. In addition to shopping with local vendors, there will be concessions and gift wrapping to benefit the church's youth missions program.

Close-by Explore Park is once again celebrating the season with Illuminights through Dec. 30. Go to https://www.roanokecountyparks. com/545/Illuminights to see the schedule and purchase tickets.

The William Byrd High School Choir will be performing holiday selections on Wednesday, Dec. 6 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Brugh Tavern at Explore Park.

-Vinton Messenger staff report

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CHURCH OF CHRIST VINTON - 2107 Feather Road, Vinton. Terry Hodge, Minister, 540-890-1170. Sunday Bible Study 9:45 a.m., Sunday Morning Service 10:45 a.m., Wednesday Bible Study 10 a.m. **ECKANKAR**

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Since contracting COVID-19 may still be pos-



sleeping infant seems so close to heaven...resting with a peace that A is near perfect. As he sleeps so soundly, could he be dreaming of the angels he's just left behind as he begins the journey of life?

A newborn has a soul not yet flawed by human frailty, a soul innocent and pure. A newborn has perfect trust that he will be loved and cared for. As you worship God this week, do so with the faith of a newborn,

perfect and pure. "O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! ...From the lips of children and infants you have ordained praise" (Psalm 8:1-2). You can trust that your father in Heaven will love and care CHARLES CHORSE ALL

sible, please take the health steps that are best for you. It is appreciated that by attending you are taking responsibility for your own health. Visit www.eck-va.org, www. meetup.com/Roanoke-Spiritual-Experiences * Group* or call 540-353-5365 for other Eckankar programs and for more information about how the teachings of Eckankar can lead you to spiritual freedom. **FOURSQUARE**

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11:00am, sttimothy1201@verizon.net.

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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

Mount Pleasant Lions hear about Medicare options

By Lion Mike Ferguson

At the most recent meeting the Mount Pleasant Lions Club entertained a speaker who is really up to date on all the Medicare plans and options seniors are faced with during this "open enrollment period."

Shannon Abell, a longtime mainstay at LOA (formerly League Of Older Americans, now the Local Office On Aging), who after his retirement there, is now an Ambassador for AARP. As such, his focus has been, and continues to be assisting people age 65 and older with negotiating the maze of information and complexity that is Medicare. His knowledge and understanding of the Medicare system and the various supplemental plans offered by several health insurance companies in Southwest Virginia was laid out in simple terms to the Lions. He obviously knew his audience.

He acknowledged that during this "open enrollment period," which runs till December 7, all of the health insurance companies are touting Medicare Advantage Plans. Apparently, those companies have determined that they will make more money if they can control which health care providers, doctors, hospitals, etc., their insured clients use. Often the fine print limits the local providers as well as what maladies and drugs are covered. So, the medicos one has been using and is happy with may not be on the plans' approved list, or the medical issue that needs attention may not be included in the coverage. Also, once a switch has been made to the Advantage Plan, it is impossible, particularly for those over age 80, to switch back. The bottom line is that an Advantage Plan really may be a

disadvantage.

Why then are we seeing such a deluge of ads on TV, online, and in the mail from agents wanting us to change over from our regular supplement plans? Well, it seems that insurance agents for the health care companies receive a much bigger commission for selling an Advantage Plan. The agent is looking out for his/her income welfare, it's a no- brainer.

Shannon Abell, an independent voice who receives no income from any insurance company, strongly recommends not opting for the Medicare Advantage Plans. In fact, he says, "Don't do it!"

In other business, the Lions heard from treasurer Pat Musselwhite, who attended a Zone meeting representatives from the Bedford Host, Forest, Vinton Breakfast and Mount Pleasant were present, that a new hearing screening device, similar

to the SPOT machine for sight screening, is in the

This will be a godsend for those volunteers who struggle with the technology current trying to determine if an elementary school child has a hearing deficit. Sight and hearing screenings for kids are required by statute and school systems must comply. The Mount Pleasant Lions have done both screenings for a number of years and find the hearing tests are much more difficult and subjective.

Finally, Lynn Lantz, the club "illumination specialist," reported that the lights on the club's Lion pedestal out front were now set to shine from 6 to 10 p.m. Lion Warren Burger said the Bland Music contest is planned for Sunday, February 25 at 2:30 p.m., at South Roanoke United Methodist Church.

President



and the "Breakfast with

Shannon Abell, AARP Ambassador, shared information on changes to Medicare in 2024 at the Mount Pleasant Lions meeting.

Santa" is on for December club's Christmas dinner will be on December 5, 9 from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Ferguson, noted that the

William Byrd Choir members perform in All-Roanoke County Choir

Several members of the William Byrd High Choir were selected to participate in the All-Roanoke County Choir on Thursday, Nov.

According to Byrd Choral Director Matt "Select choir members from the five county high schools rehearsed music all day and performed in a concert at the end of the event. Dr. Meredith Bowen from Radford University led the treble choir; Tim Woolwine of Blacksburg High School conducted the tenor-bass

William Byrd All-County singers included:

- Soprano Alyssa Adams, Brooklyn Arven, Aubrey Blewett, Cindel Camper, Sidney Draper, Megan Higgins, Kristin Kochendarfer, and Taylor Spangler
- Alto Olaedo Anyanwu, Abigail Bush, Leighla Graham-Martin,

Makenna Jacobsen, Alexis Loughlin, Emily Sowers, Samantha Start, and Elizabeth Young

- Tenor Christopher Hurd, Brody Parrish, Melinda Smith, and William Thompson
- Bass A'mari Banks, Beckham Draper, Owen Humphreys, Gio Pandolfini, Connor Wheeler and Demarion Williams

Submitted by Matt Bartley, Choral Director



Choir members from the five Roanoke County High Schools participated in All-Roanoke County Choir on Nov. 9.



Choir members from William Byrd High School performed in the 2023 All-Roanoke



ECIPE OF THE WEEK

What to do with the leftover turkey?

If you need a recipe for leftover turkey, here's an easy one.

Creamed Turkey and Biscuits Ingredients:

1/2 large onion

- 1 and 1/2 tsp. butter
- 4 cups chopped, leftover turkey
- 1 (10.75 ounce) can cream of chicken soup 1 cup sour cream
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1 cup shredded mild cheddar cheese, divided
- 6 frozen biscuits (like Pillsbury Grands), thawed

Can of Veg-All (optional)

Preheat oven to 350°. Grease bottom and sides of 11x 7-inch baking dish. Chop onion. Saute in butter over medium high heat until tender. Combine onion, turkey, soup, sour cream, and milk in medium bowl. Mix well. Spoon into prepared pan. Bake for 15 minutes. Remove from oven. Sprinkle with 3/4 cup cheddar cheese. Arrange biscuits on top of mixture. Sprinkle with remaining cheese. Return to oven. Bake until biscuits are golden brown, and sauce is bubbly, about 20 minutes. Serve immediately.



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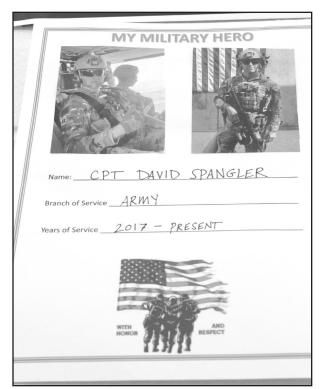
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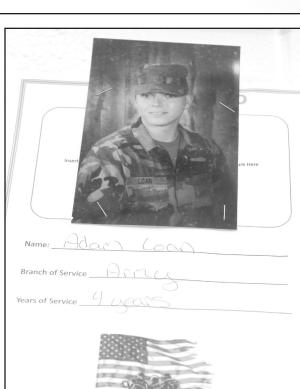
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William Byrd Navy Cadets honor veterans with Hero Wall









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The William Byrd High School Navy National Defense Cadet Corps (NNDCC) observed Veterans Day 2023 by honoring veterans with a Military Hero Wall.

The William Byrd High School Navy National Defense Cadet Corps (NNDCC) Unit honored veterans on Veterans Day by displaying posters of veterans who have died in active service, are currently serving, or who have retired on a "My Military Hero

Throughout September-November, the NNDCC Unit collected posters from students throughout the school. The posters contain the name of the

veterans, years of service, and the

branch in which they served.

The unit was pleased with the result of posters made by students. It hopes to have double the number displayed on the wall next year for

Veterans Day.

Submitted by Jamey Umberger, Cadet Senior Chief, William Byrd High School NNDCC



$From\ the\ Pulpit$ By Pastor Bryan Crouch, Lynn Haven Baptist Church

God's purposes for allowing difficult situations in our lives isn't always evident while we are going through them. God's way and His thoughts are so much greater than ours because He sees the whole picture. Our entire lives are just a vapor when compared to the eternity of God.

Joseph finally got to see God's greater plan for him in Genesis 42. "All the world" was coming to Egypt to see Joseph for grain during the great famine he warned the king about in his dreams. This included his brothers who had sold him to slavery some 13 years earlier. They did not recognize him

and surely did not expect to see him in charge of all the land of Egypt. Through a series of tests, he revealed who he was and how he had gotten to this place of

influence and power.

It isn't until Genesis 50:20 we get to see God's heart through the words of Joseph when he says, "Don't be afraid.

You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives"

After everything Joseph had gone through, he could have held a grudge against his brothers and had the power to have them killed. But in

his wisdom through his close walk with God, he was able to forgive and love them. He saw God's plan play out in front of him, trusted the process, and had faith God knew what He

was doing.

We would do well to have this same attitude when playing the cards we are dealt.

Historic Fincastle Home Tour set for December 9

After a three-year hiatus thanks to Covid, Historic Fincastle Inc. has announced the return of the Holiday Home Tour & Marketplace on Saturday, December 9..

Fincastle Baptist Church on Roanoke Road is the start and finish location for buying tour tickets and for shopping at the HFI Marketplace. Since everything is indoors, the event is held rain or shine – only sleet/ice would cause the tour part of the day to be cancelled. The Marketplace will go on except under extreme conditions.

There will be four very different homes open this year, and only one of those has participated before – over 10 years ago and with new

owners now residing there. There is a restored craftsman in Fincastle, and a stately mansion on Muse Road (once the residence of the Muses). Then there is a beautiful 20th century ranch style home on a knoll overlooking the countryside, and an amazing homestead dating back to the 1700s on Blacksburg Road.

The Arts & Crafts Marketplace will be open from 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m., and the Home Tour will run from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tickets are \$20 for non-HFI members, and \$15 for members (memberships can be purchased at the event, saving \$5).

- Historic Fincastle Inc.



Tickets Availably at the Marketplace

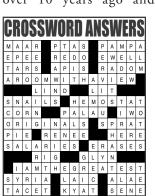
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2204 and 15.2-2285 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, to consider approval of the following requests relative to the CODE OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA: 1 Consider the request of GKM Properties, LLC. property owner, for the

Special Exception Permit to allow a two family dwelling on the property located at 800-802 Maryland Avenue (Tax

issuance of a

Map # 147 - 2 - 1). 2. Consider amending Chapter 66, Article I, In General, Section 66-7, Nonconforming signs and 66-9. Removal of

signs no longer advertising existing bona fide business,

the CODE OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA pertaining to signs. 3. Consider amending Chapter 106, Zoning, Article II District Regulations, Sections 106-

208.2, 106-214.2, 106-216.2, and 106-218.2, pertaining to permitted uses; Section 106-216.3 pertaining to site

development regulations;

Article III Use & Design Standards, section 106-304.21 pertaining to short term rentals; section 106-316.3 pertaining to accessory

uses, residential; Article IV Development Standards, section 106-404 pertaining to

parking requirements; section 106-406 miscellaneous provisions pertaining to storage containers; and

use types, section 106-600 pertaining to definitions of the CODE OF THE CITY OF SALEM,

Article VI Definitions and

Salem

VIRGINIA. If approved, Salem City 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

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THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA BY:

H. Robert Light Clerk of Council

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VA Code§§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316, 20-104 Case No. CA23000019-00 MONTGOMERY COUNTY Circuit Court, 55 EAST MAIN STREET, SUITE 1, CHRISTIANSBURG, VA 24073 Commonwealth of Virginia, in re: The Adoption of a

Years of Age, to be known as SERITA DANIELLE TICKLE By: MILDRED ANNE TICKLE, FRED LEE TICKLE, JR.

Minor Child Under Eighteen

The object of this suit is to obtain an adoption of the minor child, Serita Danielle McLemore, by your petitioners, Mildred Anne

Tickle and Fred Lee Tickle, Jr husband and wife An affidavit having been made and filed, pursuant to Virginia Code §8.01-316 (1950), as amended, showing that the biological father, Kenneth McLemore

(aka Kenneth Lee Sturdivant), despite the exercise of due diligence on behalf of Petitioners, could not be personally served

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with legal process for this

action and his last known address is unknown, though he is known to be residing in and around the Montgomery County, Virginia area It is further ORDERED that this Order shall be published once a week for (4) successive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation, serving the Montgomery County, Virginia, the locality of father's last known whereabouts, and contemporaneously posted in a conspicuous location at the Montgomery County Courthouse. Enter this 1 day of November, 2023 Robert M.D. Turk, Judge I ask for this: R. Cord Hall, Esquire,

Attorney-At-Law, P.C. 106 S. Franklin Street, Suite B-2 Christiansburg, VA 24073 (540)318-0707 (540)381-0505 fax Counsel for Petitioners

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R. Cord Hall

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LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF VINTON, **VIRGINIA NOTICE OF**

PUBLIC HEARING Please be advised that the Vinton Town Council will hold a public hearing at its meeting on Tuesday, December 5, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, in the Council Chambers of

the Vinton Municipal Building, located at 311 South Pollard Street, Vinton, Virginia, concerning the appropriation of funds in the amount of \$500,000.00 in the Grant Fund for a Community-wide

Brownfields Assessment Grant from U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) The purpose of the EPA Community-wide

Brownfields Assessment Grant is to evaluate underutilized commercial properties and/or perceived brownfields sites throughout the community that are in need of revitalization by performing Phase I and Phase II Environmental Assessments at each identified location. The program will also allow for

the development of

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design concept plans, site specific

remediation/redevelopment plans, and marketing materials to be created for each site,

with the hope of engaging

potential developers to consider taking on the redevelopment project. Section 15.2-2507 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, requires any locality to hold a

Public Hearing in order to amend its budget when any such amendment exceeds one percent (1%) of the total

expenditures shown in the currently adopted budget. Any additional information on this public meeting is available in the Town Manager's Office, located in the Vinton Municipal Building, (540) 983-0607. Persons requiring special assistance to attend and participate in

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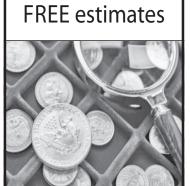




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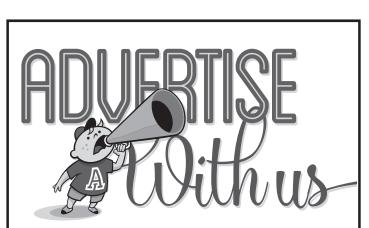
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entry, "Treedazzled."

According to Vinton Historical Society Program Director Mary Beth "'Treedazzled' Layman, is what happens when vou combine traditional handmade crocheted doilies and costume jewelry to create repurposed and creative Christmas tree ornaments. The Vinton History Museum tree features over 140 individually unique ornaments thoughtfully handcrafted by museum volunteers. The tree also features 360 handmade crocheted ornaments from the Stelma Gobble collection which is housed at the museum."

Gobble's daughter, Linda Kreider, was on hand to help decorate the tree. Gobble worked at the Hotel Roanoke for 30 years until it closed in 1989 for a time. Kreider donated her mother's crocheted ornaments (angels, bells, snowflakes, and snowballs) to the museum.

Volunteers and members of the museum board of directors have been meeting once a month since last spring to create the ornaments, which include pieces of costume jewelry donated by the community. They used glue and hot glue, doilies, ribbon, and jewelry to create enough ornaments to completely cover the tree.

Junes Eanes' family donated several red cardinal pins to the museum which were used on ornaments, as well. Eanes was a dedicated volunteer at the museum for years.

A large group of volunteers gathered at the Hotel Roanoke on Nov. 19 to decorate the 10-foot tree provided by the hotel. They decorated the upper section of the tree while it was on the floor. Hotel employees then lifted the tree onto the Hokie stone wall and decorating continued, involving ladders and extension

In addition to the tree, each organization creates a display surrounding the tree. Vinton's features more homemade bejeweled decorations and a wooden clock, representing Vinton's town clock which stands at the Municipal Building.

The Fashions Evergreens trees will be on display at the Hotel Roanoke during the holiday season from Thanksgiving Day through New Year's Day. The on New Year's Day. (You community is encouraged to tour the display and cast a monetary vote for their one of the benefits of favorite tree with proceeds being invited to provide benefitting the United a tree for Fashions Way. The People's Choice for Evergreens is the



Volunteers started the process by decorating the top section of the tree while it was on the floor, before hotel employees raised it onto the Hokie stone wall.

may also vote online.)

Layman has said that winner will be announced publicity it brings to your cause or organization. Participants are allowed to leave brochures at the exhibits to make the public aware of what they do and where they are located.

Mark Frye, owner

of Creative Occasions Evergreens this year, including the prestigious Events, Flowers, and Gifts, on Lee Avenue in lobby tree. downtown Vinton, has Stop by the Hotel Roanoke over the participated in Fashions for Evergreens for several

holidays, view the nearly 30 trees on display, and vote for the Vinton trees.



Several members of the Vinton Police Dept. accompanied the Lions on the shopping trip. Pictured left to right are Det. Sgt. Todd Bailey, Det. Justin Baker, Deputy Police Chief Tim Lawless, Records Clerk Ginny Rhodes, and Police Services Administrator Brandon Hill.

into trucks. Members will wrap the gifts and then deliver them to the two schools in time for the holidays.

The Lions Club raises money for community service projects such as this with their annual pancake breakfast on Vinton Fall Festival Day, their traditional spaghetti dinner on the evening of the Vinton Christmas Parade and their annual drawdown.

This year the Breakfast Lions will be hosting their spaghetti dinner fundraiser on Nov. 30 at the VFW located at 117 East Lee Avenue in downtown Vinton.

The hours are 4 to 7 p.m. Tickets are \$10, available at the door or in advance from Breakfast Lions Club members. The menu includes "All You Can Eat" spaghetti with meat sauce, salad, rolls, and coffee or tea. Take-out is available.



years and has more than

one tree in Fashions for

Members of the William Byrd High School Leo Club assisted with the project. Pictured left to right are sponsor Lisa Stover with students Dexter Gaines, Emma Kageals, Sydney Blewett, Makenna Jacobsen, Eva Brown, Liz Dixon, and Alexis Loughlin.



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The Vinton Breakfast Lions Club sponsors the Christmas Shopping Trip each year - one of the club's many contributions to the Vinton community.

Class from page 1



Members of the Driver Aerial Operator class for Roanoke County Fire & Rescue practiced parking garage scenarios at Rosie's, such as engine fires.

for training with its parking garage and "some tight spaces."

The class began early in the morning (7:30 a.m.), before regular business hours and was mainly behind the building so

that it did not impede normal operations. Clingenpeel said the previous week the class used the abandoned Allstate

building on North Electric Road at Loch Haven for training. All of the instructors emphasized that

ladder trucks aren't just used for getting to the roofs of tall buildings – although class members did practice extending the ladder to the top of the fourth floor parking garage roof at Rosie's. The ladder truck used on Nov. 15 has a reach of 105 feet horizontally and vertically.

The ladder truck is a great resource in many situations, providing more than just height. Besides potentially rescuing people above the reach of ground ladders,

ladder trucks are useful in unique settings, such as providing elevated horizontal reach to buildings where road access and terrain create problems. It can assist EMS crews and can reach homes or other buildings set back from the road. According to Ferris, trucks can be used in a variety of circumstances, including parking

garage rescues should vehicles or

equipment catch on fire, water rescues,

and low angle rescues (for example. a

rescue below a bridge where the ladder would actually be pointed way down instead of up). Crumpacker noted that the Driver

Here's a view of the ladder truck from Rosie's fourth floor of the parking garage.

Aerial Training allows operators to practice different scenarios and learn to adjust for slope/grade/incline. At Rosie's, the class practiced basic ladder truck operations such as stabilization, positioning, and tactics used on the

Roanoke County Fire & Rescue will

be receiving two additional ladder trucks in the next few weeks for a total of four. (Not every station is equipped with one.) According to Rosie's General Manager

Todd Lear and Marketing Director Jeff

Spaugh, Rosie's was more than happy for fire and rescue to use their facility for training.

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One of the company's goals is to "meaningfully improve the quality of life in the communities where they work and live."

In its time in Vinton, Rosie's has shown itself to be community-spirited and always willing to contribute to a good cause, often financially with donations to local organizations, through providing employee volunteers at community events, and this time, including use of its space. (Rosie's also offers \$5 meals to first responders every Thursday from Rosie's Kitchen.)

Wagner will be guest speaker for Salem-Roanoke Baseball Hall of Fame

Bayrer, Bowles, O'Brien and Siple will be inducted on February 4, 2024 at the Salem Civic Center

Former Major League Baseball and Ferrum College pitcher Billy Wagner will be the guest speaker for the Salem-Roanoke Baseball Hall of Fame's 32nd hot stove banquet and induction ceremony. The banquet will be held at the Salem Civic Center on February 4, 2024, and the Class of '24 includes Tommy Bayrer, Larry Bowles II, Mikey O'Brien and Paul Siple.

Wagner is a 2003 inductee in the Salem-Roanoke Baseball Hall of Fame. A 1990 graduate of Tazewell High School, he drew national attention with his mid to high 90s fastball while pitching for Ferrum College. In the 1993 draft the lefty fireballer was the first round, and 12th overall, pick of the Houston Astros. He made his Major League debut in 1995 and in '99 he was the recipient of the Rolaids Relief Award, presented to the outstanding closer in the National League. That season he had 39 saves with a 1.57 earned run average and 124 strikeouts in 74 innings.

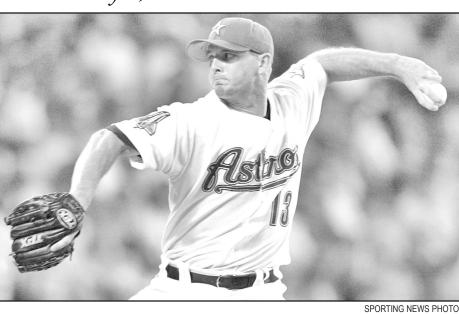
A seven time all-star, Wagner pitched nine seasons for Houston, two for the Philadelphia Phillies, three with the New York Mets, and also had a stop in Boston before concluding his career with the Atlanta Braves in 2010, saving 37 games in his final season. Wagner finished a 16 year big league career with 422 saves while appearing in 853 games, all in relief. He struck out 1,196 batters in 903 innings and thrilled fans with a fastball that often reached the 100 mph mark.

Bayrer is a Roanoke native and graduate of Cave Spring High School, where he was a standout outfielder. He went on to play at Campbell University and hit .415 his sophomore season before being converted to a pitcher. Throwing in the 90s with a wicked knuckle curveball, he was a 17th round draft choice of the Astros in 2001. He pitched two seasons in the minor leagues for Houston, including a stint with Martinsville in the Appalachian

Bowles II is a Franklin County product who was a standout pitcher and firstbaseman for Franklin County High School, graduating in 1997. He was allstate his senior year and the recipient of the Salem-Roanoke Baseball Hall of Fame Ray Bellamy Award as high school Player-of-the-Year. He went on to play at Virginia Tech, where he earned All-American honors in 1999 on the Collegiate Baseball, Baseball Writers Association and Mizuno All-American teams. Larry played for the USA National team in 1998 and was drafted by the Anaheim Angels organization in 2000, where he played one year before his career was cut short by

O'Brien is another former Ray Bellamy Award winner, earning Player-of-the-Year honors in 2008 after a standout career at Hidden Valley High School. Following that season O'Brien, a righthanded pitcher, was drafted in the ninth round by the New York Yankees. He pitched professionally until 2018 with stints for the Yankees, Orioles, Reds and Rays' organizations, reaching the AAA level in three different seasons. He finished his professional career with a 3.87 ERA over 770 innings pitched, striking out an average of 7.1 batters per nine

Siple, a 1938 graduate of Clifton Forge High School who died in March,



Ferrum's Billy Wagner pitched 16 years in the majors and was a 7-time all-star.

2015, was a player, teacher, coach, professional scout and umpire. A fouryear letter winner as a shortstop at Bridgewater College, he competed in the National Semi-Professional playoffs in Wichita, Kansas, then played and managed in semi-pro baseball in leagues throughout Virginia. He coached high school baseball for 24 years and became a professional scout in 1960. Siple scouted for 40 years, first for the Pittsburgh Pirates, then with the Reds and the Phillies. He was also a Virginia High School League umpire for 25 years and is a member of the Bath County High School, Boys Home and Bridgewater College Halls of Fame.

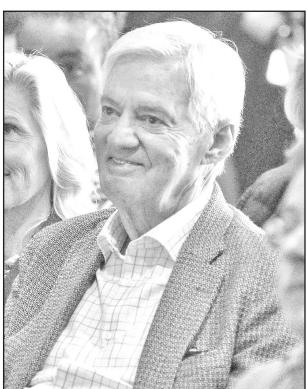
It was also announced that Mike Ruth, owner of the Shoe Doctor and supporter and coach of the Cave Spring Little League program since 1997,

would be the recipient of the Wayne LaPierre, Sr. Service Award.

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

For information on banquet tickets, tables or advertisements in the program contact Gary Walthall at 540-427-1977 or John Montgomery at 540-761-6751.





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Left, new Roanoke College football coach Bryan Stinespring addresses the gathering at the announcement of his hiring Monday. Looking on are Roanoke College President Frank Shushok, Jr. (center) and athletic director Curtis Campbell(right). In the right photo, former Virginia Tech head football coach Frank Beamer listens as his former

Roanoke College hires Stinespring to coach new football team

Roanoke College announced Monday that Bryan Stinespring will be the new head coach for the Maroons football program, which the school is rebuilding after a hiatus of more than 80 years. Stinespring, previously the associate head football coach and offensive assistant at Virginia Military Institute, brings more than 30 years of Virginia coaching experience to the role, including 26 years under legendary coach Frank Beamer at Virginia

offensive coordinator takes questions from the media.

"We are very fortunate to get a person with Coach Stinespring's background and experience," said Athletics Director Curtis Campbell. "He is a Virginia native and has established relationships with high school and college coaches throughout the state. Coach Stinespring has name recognition in southwest Virginia, and that will be very important with getting our first recruiting class and establishing our program. We have a great group of coaches on staff, and he will be a welcomed addition."

During a news conference on campus at Cregger Center, Stinespring said he is eager to bring his experience to bear for the Maroons. "It is an honor and a privilege to stand before you

as the head football coach of Roanoke College," he said. "Roanoke has been a second home for me for a long time. So, when I look out and see the familiarity of faces here, it means a lot to me. I want to thank President Shushok, Curtis, this administration and this college for giving me this opportunity."

Roanoke College hasn't had a football team since 1942, when it was forced to disband the program because of the constraints of World War II. This summer, Roanoke College announced it had raised \$1.3 million to support the return of football and add co-curricular varsity cheerleading and marching band

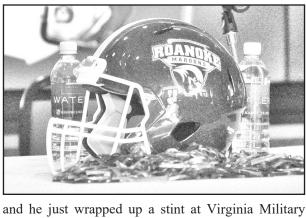
"Bringing back Maroon football, along with marching band and competitive cheer, will open new doors at Roanoke College, attracting a wider range of students and fostering community spirit and fun in the Roanoke Valley, a region with a deep passion for football," said Roanoke College President Frank Shushok Jr. "Coach Stinespring's proven track record as a recruiter and coach, combined with his deep relationships in the region and across the com-

monwealth, make him an ideal leader to build a suc-

cessful football program at Roanoke College. During

the interview process, it became clear that in addition to his athletics credentials, Coach Stinespring has the heart of an educator, viewing football as a leadership laboratory – a perfect fit for our Division III ethos.'

A native of Clifton Forge, Virginia, Stinespring earned a bachelor's degree in political science at James Madison University and a master's in education administration from Virginia Tech. Beginning as a graduate assistant at Tech, he was hired into his first full-time coaching role under Frank Beamer in 1992, when he became director of sports programs. He went on to spend 26 years on Beamer's coaching staff. He also has coached at the University of Delaware, Old Dominion University and University of Maryland,



In Stinespring's time at Virginia Tech, the program

won seven conference championships and advanced to 23 consecutive bowl games. The Hokies earned invitations to eight BCS bowl games, including the national championship game in the 1999 season. Stinespring was primarily the team's tight ends coach for his final 10 seasons (2006-15) in Blacksburg. Stinespring spent three years as the recruiting coordinator and tight ends coach after an 11-year role as

offensive coordinator from 2002-12. Prior to his elevation to offensive coordinator, Stinespring was assistant head coach for one season

After leaving Tech, Stinespring returned to his alma

mater, JMU. He worked his first season at JMU as the

tight ends coach and then transitioned to offensive line

(2001). He managed the offensive line for eight years (1998-2005) and coached tight ends for five seasons

Maroons will play full eight game Old Dominion Athletic Conference schedule in 2025 coach in 2017. He additionally served as the team's run game coordinator. In year two with the Dukes, Stinespring helped lead the team to another strong offensive campaign, resulting in a second consecutive national championship appearance and back-to-back

> Stinespring's first coaching experience was at the high school level. He coached for three years at Lexington High School (1986-88) followed by one year at Patrick Henry High School in Roanoke before heading to Tech as a graduate assistant. Stinespring was a walk-on player for the JMU Dukes in the early

At VMI, Stinespring served under head coach Danny Rocco . "Bryan is an outstanding football coach and an even better person," Rocco said. "He has great history and an outstanding reputation in the state of Virginia. Coach Stinespring has a great respect for the high school coaches and programs. with a special appreciation for those coaches and programs in Southwest Virginia. He brings energy and enthusiasm to his work, as well as providing a wide range of position versatility as a football coach.

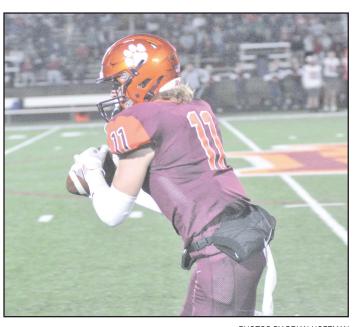
Stinespring coached a pair of JMU players All-America status in left tackle Aaron Stinnie and right tackle Jahee Jackson. Stinnie, who was voted Touchdown Club of Richmond Division I Offensive Lineman of the Year, was named to five different All-America teams, earning First Team status on four of them. Jackson, who was a Second Team All-CAA pick, earned a spot on the HERO Sports Sophomore All-America Team.

Stinespring and his wife, Shelley, have a son, Daniel, a daughter, Ella, and twin daughters, Carolina

The search for a football coach was one of the first projects tackled by Campbell when he joined Roanoke as athletics director this summer. The nationwide search resulted in more than 100 candidates for the position. The search committee included Vice President of Enrollment Management James Pennix '88, Associate Athletics Director John Farmer, Head Women's Basketball Coach and Senior Women's Administrator Carla Flaherty, Head Men's Basketball Coach Clay Nunley, Vice President and Dean of the College Kathy Wolfe, John S. Shannon Professor of Economics Alice Kassens and Assistant to the President Ryan Otto.

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Above, William Byrd's Cooper Minnix catches a touchdown pass behind the Lord Botetourt secondary, and right he's off to the end zone for a 76 yard first quarter touchdown.



Terriers torch Botetourt, play Magna Vista for region crown Friday

Only eight Class 3 football teams are still practicing the week of Thanksgiving, and the William Byrd team is thankful to be one of them. The Terriers will be playing a third post-season game this Friday for the first time in school history when they travel to Ridgeway to play Magna Vista for the Region 3D championship.

The Terriers, second seeded in Region 3D, punched their ticket to the final with a 41-14 win over Lord Botetourt at Robert A. Patterson Stadium in Vinton last Friday. Magna Vista, the undefeated top seed, beat 2022 region champ Christiansburg, 27-20. This will be the sixth all-time meeting between the Warriors and Terriers with Magna Vista holding a 3-2 edge. However, the Terriers have won the last two with victories in 2016 and the 2021 spring season. Those games are ancient history as far as Friday night is concerned as Byrd comes in at 11-1 and Magna Vista is 12-0.

"They're the best football team we've seen on film this season," said Byrd coach Brad Lutz. "They're big and fast in all three phases of the game. They have explosive play capabilities and are very physical."

Magna Vista coach Joe Favero might say the same thing when he looks at film of Byrd's win over Lord Botetourt. The Terriers were hitting on all cylinders with senior quarterback Israel Hairston driving the train. Hairston passed for three touchdowns, ran for two and had a big fourth quarter interception to lead the Terriers to their second win over LB this season.

"This is Israel's fourth year running the offense, and he continues to get better each week," said Lutz. "While he has produced a lot of offense this season, he has done a fantastic job of creating opportunities for his teammates. Our offense takes a lot of pride in incorporating a lot of different players into the production. It builds a stronger team and huddle. With that said, it has been exciting to watch Israel elevate his game in the playoffs. Great competitors take advantage of their opportunities in big games, and Israel has done a tremendous job with that."

The Byrd offense got out of the gate quickly against the Cavs, as Hairston found Cooper Minnix behind the defense and hit him with a long pass that Minnix hauled in and took to the house for a 76 yard score with 8:44 remaining in the first quarter. That lead stood up until LB's Tristan Overbay ran 87

yards from his seven to the Byrd six before Jerrett Shepherd caught up with him. Overbay then scored on a fourth and goal from the one to tie the game at Byrd took control in the second quarter. After

stopping LB on downs at midfield the Terriers drove to paydirt with Hairston scoring from the two. Then a long run by Israel set up a 29 yard TD pass to Dominic Dulak with 1:25 before the half and Byrd led 21-7 at intermission. The Terriers added on in the third quarter as

Hairston found Shepherd for his third TD pass, this one covering 52 yards, and it was 27-7 with 12 minutes to go. Botetourt made an attempt to get back in the game with a TD pass to Ben Gilbert, cutting the lead to 27-14, but on Byrd's ensuing possession Hairston broke off a 67 yard run for a back-breaking score and a 34-14 lead. Israel then intercepted a long pass and returned it 54 yards to the LB 27. That set up a final score by Brayden Andrews, who took it in from the two for the 41-14 final.

Hairston finished with 123 yards rushing on 12 carries and 174 yards passing, completing five of nine attempts. Walter Barrows had 69 yards rushing and Andrews had 32 while Minnix had two catches for 81 yards, Dulak had two for 35 and Shepherd had one 58, and all three had touchdown receptions.

On defense Doniven Davis had nine solo tackles including two for losses. Ian Vest had six solos and three quarterback pressures and Maurice Burnette had five solos and three quarterback pressures. John Kiker also had five solos, Lee Doss had four and Hairston and Braeden Young both had interceptions. Shepherd was credited with a forced fumble.

The win was Byrd's ninth in a row, the Terriers longest winning streak since they won 10 in a row in 1973. They also won their last two games in 1972. giving them a dozen in a row over two seasons. Byrd can tie the single season record this Friday, and if they can beat Magna Vista they would be Region 3D champs and advance to play the Region 3C champ. That would be either Liberty Christian Academy or Turner Ashby, and that game would be on Saturday, December 2nd, in the afternoon. It is, indeed, an exciting time for William Byrd football fans.

"Our players and coaches are extremely grateful for the continued support this season," said Lutz. "The home crowds this season have been remarkable, and I'm confident that the support from our school, community, and fans has had a direct impact on the success of our season. I encourage all of our fans to make the trip to Magna Vista this week. It is a very historic game for our football program and school."



Above, William Byrd quarterback Israel Hairston(#4) rips off a long run against Lord Botetourt. Below left, lan Vest(#34) pressures LB quarterback Sam Grooten and, right, Doniven Davis tackles him in the backfield.



Byrd team manager Luke Richardson hugs coach Ron Hicks following Friday's football win.



The Virginia High School League winter sports season officially begins next week and William Byrd will have a full week of action.

Both Terrier basketball teams will open their seasons next Tuesday, November 28, against Cave Spring. The boys will be home and the girls will be at Cave Spring. The wrestling team will hit the mats in competition on Wednesday, November 29, with a match at Salem

A busy week for the basketball teams continues a week from today, on November 30, with the girls heading to Lynchburg to play E.C. Glass and the boys hosting Christiansburg. Then, on Friday December 1, both team play Glenvar as the girls have their home opener and the boys play at Glenvar.

On Saturday, December 2, the indoor track team will head to Liberty University for a meet. The wrestling team is also in Lynchburg for a tournament at Heritage and the swim team will hit the water for a meet at the Christiansburg Aquatic Center.

Winter sports for Wm. Byrd teams open next week





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