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Jordantown Wesleyan Church won first place in the religious category, displaying the reason for the season.



Santa and Mrs. Claus delighted the crowds from the top of a fire engine.

Vinton Christmas Parade 'Paints the Town Christmas'

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Vinton held its annual Christmas Parade on November 30. This year's theme was "Paint the Town Christmas." The parade is sponsored by the Vinton Area Chamber of Commerce and the Town of Vinton and traditionally kicks off the holiday season in the entire Roanoke Valley.

The town and Chamber have made an all-out effort to light up the town this holiday season from the streets to the roofs, to the light poles and lampposts, decorating town buildings and especially the Vinton War Memorial, and it was all on display

along the parade route. The town looks spectacular, thanks to the efforts of Vinton Public Works and town staff, local businesses, and citizens with the holiday spirit.

Parade night actually got underway earlier in the afternoon at the Vinton Public Library with hot cocoa (Hot Chocolate with a Cop) provided by the Vinton Police Department.

The Vinton Breakfast Lions Club, assisted by the William Byrd High School Leo Club, served up the traditional All-You-Can-Eat Spaghetti Dinner at the VFW Post on Lee Avenue from 4 p.m. until parade time.

Just prior to the parade, the annual

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The Berkshire Health and Rehab float took second place in the non-religious category, featuring artist Bob Ross.

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Santa, Mrs. Claus, and their elf visit with a family at the Vinton Parade of Trees at the Vinton War Memorial. Santa will return on December 10 and 20.



In addition to presenting a Christmas wish list to Santa, children are invited to make their own s'mores.

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Santa appears in another parade – the Parade of Trees at the Vinton War Memorial

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The second annual Parade of Trees is underway on the grounds of the Vinton War Memorial.

The staff of the Vinton War Memorial, the Town of Vinton, and the Vinton Area Chamber of Commerce are once

again sponsoring an entire festival of trees lining the driveway at the Vinton War Memorial.

Various businesses and organizations in the town have decorated trees for the annual display.

Visitors may drive past or step out of their cars and walk through the arches to see the individual trees.

They can also pay a visit to Santa at selected times.

Santa and Mrs. Claus, and one of their elves made their first visit to the event on December 2 and greeted a steady stream of children and their families all morning, who were carrying wish

Santa and Mrs. Claus return for annual Santa Crawl on Dec. 12

The annual Santa Crawl will return for its fourth year on Tuesday, December 12, as jolly old Santa Claus, Mrs. Claus, and a few of their trusty elves visit the neighborhoods of the Town of Vinton to say hello and pass out candy, coloring books and dog treats.

This year's event will start at 5:30 p.m. at the Vinton War Memorial, as Santa departs on his sleigh with help from the Vinton Police and Public Works Departments.

The Santa sleigh will make its way through the town on four distinct routes. (Check The Vinton Messenger, InVinton, Town of Vinton, and Vinton Area Chamber of Commerce Facebook pages later



TOWN OF VINTON

Santa Crawl

12 DECEMBER

5:30 pm Santa & his elves
leave the Vinton War Memorial
4 Routes

The annual Santa Crawl will return for its fourth year on Tuesday, December 12.

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in the week for up-to-date maps of the four routes Santa will be traveling.)

Parents are asked to be patient as route times are approximate.

The Santa Crawl started in 2020 as a partnership between the Vinton Area Chamber of Commerce and the Town of Vinton as a result of

the Christmas Parade being canceled due to COVID-19. The event was so popular that town staff has worked to grow and expand the popular event each year since.


"The Santa Crawl was designed to bring Santa to the kids, since they couldn't come see him in 2020 due to the canceled parade," said Vinton Mayor Brad Grose. "It turned out to be so much fun for staff and so popular with the families we decided to keep it going. To be honest, I am not sure who enjoys it more, the kids or Town Council and staff."

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Vinton Town Council honors Public Works employee Kevin Orange, accepts \$500,000 Brownfields Grant



Vinton Public Works Director Bo Herndon (left) recognized Public Works employee Kevin Orange at the Vinton Town Council meeting on December 5. Orange is retiring after working for the town for 18 years.

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Vinton Town Council honored long-time Public Works employee Kevin Orange, accepted a \$500,000 EPA Brownfields Assessment Grant, and received a “clean audit” for the 2022 annual Comprehensive Financial Report at the December 5 council meeting.

Orange (better known as KO), who is retiring, with a Certificate of Appreciation for his 18 years of “extraordinary service to the Town of Vinton.”

“KO started at Public Works on July 11, 2005, and for the next 18 years, he was a dedicated town employee,” Herndon said. “KO always went above and beyond what his job required. He would always step up and do what was asked, never saying ‘No. He covered many extra on-call weekends and holidays. He was truly our go-to person any time we needed him.”



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Vinton Town Council and staff celebrated the holiday season at their last council meeting for 2023. Pictured (from left) are: front row, Vice Mayor Mike Stovall, Mayor Brad Grose, and Council members Laurie Mullins, Sabrina McCarty, and Keith Liles; back row, Police Chief Fabricio Drumond, Town Manager Pete Peters, Administrative Manager/Town Clerk Antonia Arias-Magallon, Finance Director/Treasurer Andrew Keen, and Town Attorney Jeremy Carroll.

“He was well-liked and respected within the department and by the town citizens, too. It always made us chuckle when KO called out on the radio—he would say his ETA was seven minutes, no matter where he was—in town limits or across town in Roanoke. Thank you, KO, and best wishes on your retirement.”

Orange said that it had always “been good to be part of the team in Vinton.”

targeted vacant and underutilized properties within the community. The Town of Vinton selected TRC Companies Inc. through a Request for Proposal process in September 2023 to manage the grant on behalf of the town—assisting with grant administration, preparing conceptual site plans, establishing of marketing materials, and coordinating the steering committee.

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Next up on the agenda was an update by Assistant Planning and Zoning Director Nathan McClung on the EPA Brownfields Assessment Grant program.

TRC (then known as DraperAden) worked with the town on the previous EPA Brownfields grant for \$300,000 awarded in 2019. That grant award was leveraged to ease the path to construction for developers of projects such as Gish Mill, the Cleveland Mart redevelopment project, and the anticipated Vinton hotel.

Town Manager Pete Peters commented that past grants have led the town to be able to maximize its resources and leverage other funding resources. He noted that without the initial EPA Brownfields grant the Gish Mill Redevelopment Project, now in the works, might not have been realized. He also commended the EPA for its solid professionalism which make it “easy to work with.”

In May 2023, the Town of Vinton was awarded \$500,000 from the United States Environment Protection Agency (EPA) as part of the fiscal year 2023-2024 Brownfields Program. The EPA Brownfields Program is a federal grant administered to help local governments redevelop properties, typically with prior manufacturing or hazardous materials uses, and to position them for economic and community development projects, with the hope of engaging potential developers. No match is required by the town for the funds.

“The EPA Brownfields Program has been instrumental in creating new economic development opportunities from underutilized properties in Vinton,” said Vinton Mayor Brad Grose. “We are extremely appreciative to receive another Brownfields grant from the EPA, and we’re excited to show the community what we’re able to do with these additional funds.”

Council members approved a resolution accepting the grant and authorizing the town manager to execute a Cooperative Agreement to move it forward.

(A brownfield is a property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant.)

The town will utilize this grant award over the next four years to strategically redevelop

Travis Gilmer, CPA with Brown Edwards & Company, next presented the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for the Town of Vinton as of June 30, 2022. The town received a “clean audit,” in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.



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The due diligence phase of brownfields site development may include land surveys, physical site assessments, engineering studies, and conceptual planning to ensure safe and feasible development upon a previously developed or underperforming parcel of land or building. This grant allows the town to accelerate the path to development and incentivize private investment in the community.

He noted that the audit process is long and tedious, this year taking over 500 hours of staff time, resulting in a 100-page report to produce the “clean unmodified opinion.”

Sri Nathella of TRC presented an update on the previous Brownfields grant project to council. (Look for details in the December 14 Vinton Messenger).

Gilmer commented in particular on the town’s “unassigned fund balance” of \$5.6 million which leaves the Town of Vinton, unlike many others, with funds to cover 9.7 months of operations if no revenues were coming into town coffers. This figure has increased from last year’s \$2.1 million. The national average is two months.

Citizen Daniel McCulloch of Vinton spoke during the public comment section of the hearing to express his concerns about using grant funds for development of a hotel site which might attract transients.

Finance Director/Treasurer Andrew Keen thanked his staff for their hard work, both daily and on the audit. They include Tiffany Stewart, Kimberly Hunter, Carrie Kessler, Neil Divers, and Debra McKinney.

During the council discussion which followed, Councilman Keith Liles explained that while the grant money could be used to clean up a site, it could not be used for construction of a specific redevelopment project—that is up to the developer. He added that “private companies could not get these grants,” and many economic development projects would fall by the wayside without them.

Peters updated council on the always-popular town calendar which will once again be delivered by mail to town residents around Christmas time.

Mayor Grose expressed his gratitude for grants such as these which make sites more attractive to

He also noted that contractors have begun staging the 81-space Walnut Avenue parking lot project with work beginning this week and continuing through early April.

The Town Council meeting scheduled for December 19 has been cancelled.

Vinton Moose Lodge treats special needs students to Breakfast with Santa

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Students from Cave Spring, Northside, and William Byrd High Schools were in attendance, along with elementary students from Herman L. Horn, Penn Forest, Burlington, and Oak Grove. Teachers, instructional assistants, Special Education administrators, and bus drivers were also invited to the event.

Several members of the Vinton Police Dept. and Roanoke County Fire & Rescue joined the festivities. They made some children's dreams come true by bringing along some of their vehicles for the students to explore, including operating the lights and sirens.

Roanoke County Director of Special Education and Pupil Personnel Services Beth Harman says the annual event is not only fun for the students, but a great way to improve social skills, communication skills, and independent living skills. Many of the students who attended are in the FAACTS (Functional Academic Accessibility and Career Transition Skills) program or PEAP (Pre-Elementary Autism Program) classes.

Breakfast with Santa is just one of the many community service events the Moose Lodge sponsors each year. Organized initially as a social club in the late 1800s, Moose International reorganized early in the 20th century with one of their main goals being caring for children and families in need across North America.



Students were not only anxious to visit with Santa but delighted to see the Grinch at the Santa Breakfast.



Students from William Byrd High School attended the Breakfast with Santa at the Moose Lodge in Vinton. They are shown with their teacher, Amy Bush (kneeling) and assistants.



Several members of the Vinton Police Department made their annual visit to Santa at the Moose Lodge breakfast.



FAACTS teacher Megan McCoy (front, kneeling), her students, and assistants had their wish lists ready for Santa at the Moose Breakfast. They were also treated to a visit from members of Roanoke County Fire & Rescue.



PHOTOS BY DEBBIE ADAMS

Members of Vinton Moose Lodge 1121 and the Ladies of the Moose prepare Breakfast with Santa for special needs students each year.

Santa celebrates holidays with Down Syndrome Association of Roanoke at Vinton Moose Lodge

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Vinton Moose Lodge 1121 welcomed the Down Syndrome Association of Roanoke (DSAR) to celebrate the holiday season at a Christmas Party on December 2. This was the second year the event has been held at the lodge.

The DSAR is made up of families, friends, professionals, and individuals with Down Syndrome in Southwestern Virginia. Their mission is to provide advocacy for individuals with Down Syndrome as well as educational opportunities and support for their families, caregivers, and the professionals who provide medical, therapeutic, and instructional services. About 130 children and adults attended the 2023 event, with the special needs guests ranging in age from infant to age 40.

Children came dressed in their holiday pajamas to fit the "All Board the Polar Express" theme and were greeted at the door by a train conductor.

The afternoon included a visit from Santa (and a photo), a Christmas craft,

lunch catered by Sal's Italian Restaurant of Bonsack, and a showing of the "Polar Express" movie with hot chocolate, popcorn, and cookies.

Amanda Adams, who is on the DSAR Board of Directors and serves as program director, was looking for a location for the Christmas Party last year. She posted a notice that the organization was looking for a venue that would accommodate up to 150 children and adults. A member of the Moose Lodge noticed the post and spoke with Clark Crawley, Vinton Moose Lodge administrator, who offered the venue, free of charge, for the DSAR Christmas event.

Adams was unfamiliar with the Moose Lodge but delighted to discover what she describes as "a hidden gem. You wouldn't know passing by that it exists." You also wouldn't know of the generosity of the membership at the Lodge.

The Moose Lodge Banquet Hall occupies the bottom level of the facility, featuring an enormous ballroom, a kitchen and bar area, a fireplace, and—during the Christmas season—many decorations and props that make it a perfect location for large parties.

There is always a regal chair where Santa sits to greet visitors and pose for photos.

Both Adams and Moose Lodge 1121 members hope this will be continue as an annual event.

Not only did the Moose Lodge provide the venue, members made a donation of \$5,000 to the DSAR, presented by Angie Chewing, Moose Lodge treasurer, at the party.

This is one of many contributions the Moose have made to the community across

the valley. On December 2, the Ladies of the Moose hosted Special Education students from Roanoke County for the annual Breakfast with Santa and provided the food as well as the venue.

More information on the DSAR is available on the website at <http://dsar.org/> or on the Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/dsar.org>.

The Vinton Moose Lodge 1121 Family Center is located at 2127 East Washington Avenue in Vinton.



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Vinton Moose Lodge 1121 hosted the annual Down Syndrome Association of Roanoke Christmas Party on December 2. Moose Lodge treasurer Angie Chewing (right) presented a check for \$5,000 to Amanda Adams, program director of the DSAR.

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- CLUES ACROSS**
1. Chop up
 2. Ones who utilize
 3. Songs with closed lips
 4. South American hummingbird
 5. Serves as a coxswain
 6. Liquor distilled from coconut or rice
 7. Spur
 8. Senile
 9. Tanzanian people
 10. Cruel
 11. Boxing's "GOAT"
 12. Yokels
 13. London soccer team
 14. Chinese chess piece
 15. Supervises flying
 16. 007's creator
 17. Shaft horsepower (abbr.)
 18. German makes one
 19. Liquefied natural gas
 20. Opaque gem
 21. Brazilian palm
 22. Periodical (slang)
 23. You might step on one
 24. Marvin and Horsley are two
 25. Partner to cheese
 26. Unpleasant smell
 27. Field force unit (abbr.)
 28. Fashion accessory
 29. Cool!
 30. Time zone
 31. Songs to one's lover
 32. German river
 33. Go bad
 34. Sword
 35. Very eager
 36. Leaf bug
 37. Italian seaport
 38. Napoleon Dynamite's uncle
 39. Member of Jamaican religion
 40. Large wading bird
 41. Carries out
 42. Eternal rest
 43. It holds up your head-words
- CLUES DOWN**
1. Not low
 2. Small water buffalo
 3. A mark left behind
 4. Archaic form of have
 5. Fiddler crabs
 6. Popular Hyundai sedan
 7. Depart
 8. Making over
 9. Midway between south and southeast
 10. Arabic masculine name
 11. Type of acid
 12. Popular 1980s Cher film
 13. Outdoor enthusiasts' tools
 14. Chinese city
 15. "Star Wars" character Solo
 16. The bill in a restaurant
 17. Old, ugly witch
 18. Burn with a hot liquid
 19. To claim or demand
 20. "A Doll's House" playwright
 21. Involuntary muscular contraction
 22. Pea stems (British)
 23. Double or multiple fold
 24. No longer is
 25. Lakers' crosstown rivals (abbr.)
 26. S. American plant cultivated in Peru
 27. Cloth or fabric
 28. Flanks
 29. Disfigure
 30. Angry
 31. Baltic coast peninsula
 32. Large, flightless birds
 33. Plants of the lily family
 34. Medieval Norwegian language
 35. Polio vaccine developer
 36. Not soft
 37. Exchange rate
 38. Voice (Italian)
 39. Baseball's Ruth
 40. Famed guitarist Clapton
 41. Take a chance
 42. Wife
 43. Elaborate handshake



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Art students at William Byrd Middle School created Pet Angel Tree ornaments for the RCACP tree at Canine Cottage in Salem.

Pet Angel Tree ornaments were hand-painted by the WBMS students with wish lists on the back.

WBMS art students supported the animals awaiting adoption at RCACP with their Pet Angel Tree project.

William Byrd Middle School art students create Pet Angel Tree ornaments for RCACP

Art students at William Byrd Middle School have supported the Roanoke Center for Animal Care and Protection (RCACP) this holiday season by decorating ornaments for the RCACP Pet Angel Tree located at the Canine Cottage in Salem.

The Friends of Regional Center for Animal Care and Protection (RCACP) is a nonprofit organization

dedicated to creating community engagement and awareness in support of the animals awaiting adoption from the RCACP. The Friends of RCACP's primary focus is on fundraising and community outreach.

This time each year they ask the community to "share your blessings with precious animals who need your help."

Donations are used to provide resources for the animals and/or owners of those animals that go beyond the capabilities and budget of the shelter.

Each year the Friends of the RCACP partner with a local business to host their pet angel tree. This year the Canine Cottage in Salem is hosting the tree.

The Friends also asked Laura Baldwin's eighth grade art classes at William Byrd Middle School if they would

decorate wooden ornaments for the tree. They did a fantastic job painting and decorating each one. The ornaments have the photo of an adoptable pet and a small (\$5-\$10) wish-list on the back.

Anyone who would like to stop by the Canine Cottage is welcome to take an ornament (or two) off the tree and make a donation to their donation box if you can.

Plan to have gifts dropped off by December 21 so Santa has time to deliver them to the shelter.

The Canine Cottage is located at 1145 East Main Street in Salem.

Submitted by Laura Baldwin, Art Teacher at WBMS

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PEOPLE, PLACES AND THINGS

By Bootie Chewing

WOOZA! I read a comment on Facebook about the Vinton Christmas Parade; it said, "Vinton really has shown off this week," and they are so right!

Many thanks to all the folks that have decorated and "LIT Up" their buildings. Many thanks to

Public Works for decorating the War Memorial (it has never looked better). The Parade of Trees is a perfect accent to all that the beautiful venue offers.

Many thanks to everyone who participated

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PHOTO BY DEBBIE ADAMS

Judges for the Vinton Christmas Parade were (seated, left to right) Dr. Richard Turner, Tina Turner, and Bootie Chewing. Standing with them are Vinton Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Angie Chewing (left) and Kathryn Sowers, executive assistant for the Chamber. Everyone was excited to welcome Bootie back to the judges stand after several years' absence. The judges had quite a challenge making decisions with so many wonderful entries.

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 Read 2 Timothy 1:1 through 4:22

Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth (2 Timothy 2:15).

The Greek word orthotomeo, translated here as "correctly handles," is rendered "rightly dividing" in other versions.

It carries the idea of cutting straight like a surgeon and getting to the heart of the matter. Paul's letters to Timothy emphasize sound doctrine, which must be taught in the churches so believers will be established in the truth. Is false teaching being advocated? Stand firm on God's truth. Do unbelievers mock our Christian life? Stand firm on God's truth.

We are all to be students of God's Word—diligently studying it, faithfully putting it into practice in our daily lives, and effectively sharing it. We should never be ashamed to be identified with Christ, nor do we want to be embarrassed by our lack of preparation for witnessing.

We need to be ready with knowledge of the truth and guided by God's Spirit in sharing it with others.

Thought for Today: Train in the truth and trust its teaching.

Quicklook: 2 Timothy 2:7-15

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From the Pulpit

Noah 'Finding Grace in Obedience'

In the ancient narrative of Noah's life, we witness a profound demonstration of obedience, faith, and God's abounding grace. Amid a world drowning in wickedness, Noah stood out as a righteous man, finding favor

in the eyes of God. His life serves as a beacon of hope, reminding us of the transformative power of obedient faith. Noah's obedience to God's seemingly unconventional command to build an ark revealed a life lesson that resonates across the ages: obedience births extraordinary outcomes. Despite the mockery and doubt from those around him, Noah's trust in God propelled him forward,

becoming the vessel through which God would preserve life and renew the earth. The life lesson from Noah's story echoes in our hearts today. In a world often marked by skepticism and contrary voices, our obedience to God's calling may seem unconventional. Yet, like Noah, our trust in God's wisdom can lead to extraordinary outcomes beyond our comprehension.

Psalm 37:5 (NIV) encourages us with a timeless truth: "Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him, and he will act." Noah's life challenges us to commit our paths to God, trusting that His plans are greater than our understanding. May we, inspired by Noah's faithful journey, embrace the transformative power of obedient faith, finding grace in God's unfolding plan for our lives.

Vinton History Museum hosts Holiday Open House



PHOTO BY DEBBIE ADAMS

Mary Beth Layman (left) and Carla Mayhugh, members of the Roanoke Valley Dulcimers, performed at the Vinton History Museum Holiday Open House on Dec. 2. A steady stream of guests toured the museum, which has been decked out for the holidays. Many were able to complete some of their Christmas shopping at the Holiday Market which will be available throughout the month—Vinton tapestry throws, memory bricks for the Pergola, note cards, T-shirts, holiday gift baskets mugs and other collectibles such as Dickens Village pieces, Hallmark and Longaberger, with lots of miniatures still available for purchase.



PHOTO COURTESY OF JULIE TUCEI

Vinton town employees decorate Municipal Tree

Town employees decorated the Christmas tree in the Municipal Building on November 28 just in time for the downtown Christmas festivities and Vinton Christmas Parade. Pictured are Anita McMillan, Shaye Hicks, and Carrie Kessler in the foreground; in the background, Mandie Baker, Nathan McClung, Jamie Hurt, Marshall Stanley, Timothy Lawless, and Ginny Rhodes.

Record number of William Byrd High singers make All-District Choir

The William Byrd High School Choir has 26 singers selected for the All-District Choir.

According to William Byrd Choral Director Matt Bartley, "There are two choirs for both middle and high school. We have more soprano and alto voices audition than for tenor and bass, so there is one choir that is only sopranos and altos as a result."

The SATB (soprano, alto, tenor, bass) choir members from WBHS include Cindel Camper, Taylor Spangler, Aubrey Blewett, Sidney Draper, Emily Sowers, Gabriella Norris, Olaedo Anyanwu, Elizabeth Young, Lilian Perez, Kaeleigh Swan, Christian Parker, William Thompson, Brody Parrish, Demarion Williams, Connor Wheeler, Amari Banks, and Owen

Humphreys.

Students chosen for SSAA (soprano, alto) choir are Alyssa Adams, Megan Higgins, Alaena Seigler, Sofia Arthur, Aubrey Booze, Abigail Bush, Miley Moses, Brooke Hershel, and Nate Buck. The high school number is a record for WBHS and there are only two other high schools out of the 28 who had students audition that had more make it than the Byrd choir. They make up almost 10 percent of the total selected as All-District delegates.

Special congratulations to Olaedo Anyanwu, Abigail Bush, Cindel Camper, and Connor Wheeler for scoring among the top of their respective voice parts and Christian Parker for scoring number one overall in his voice part. Owen Humphreys

was an alternate but is also now part of the lineup.

Fourteen William Byrd Middle School students were selected for middle school All District Choir as well. Mixed Choir members include Savannah Radosevich, Claire Draper, Ava Lorton, Lily Duffy, and Makiyah Harth. Treble Choir members include Molly Webb, Jaylynn Williams, Marygann Jenkins, Hanna Counts, Bindi Whitenack, Kaelyn Hilscher, Allison Bowling, Isabella Cooke, and third alternate Ayrianna Huff.

The high school All-District concert will take place in February and the middle school event (hosted by William Byrd) takes place in March.

Submitted by Matt Bartley, Choral Director at William Byrd

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in the Christmas Parade in any way – sponsors, entries, volunteers, Town of Vinton staff, Public Works, Police, and businesses. And, of course, to everyone

who came out to watch. We love doing this parade! We wish each and everyone one of you a Very Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!



HIGH SCHOOL ALL-DISTRICT CHOIR

<i>SATB Choir</i>		<i>SSAA Choir</i>	
Cindel Camper	Kaeleigh Swan	Alyssa Adams	Abigail Bush
Taylor Spangler	Christian Parker	Megan Higgins	Miley Moses
Aubrey Blewett	William Thompson	Alaena Seigler	Brooke Hershel
Sidney Draper	Brody Parrish	Sofia Arthur	Nate Buck
Emily Sowers	Demarion Williams	Aubrey Booze	
Gabriella Norris	Connor Wheeler		
Olaedo Anyanwu	A'mari Banks		
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OBITUARY

Teass, Mary Jane Williams

Born in 1931, Mary Jane Williams Teass entered into heaven on Monday, November 13, 2023.

She was a member of Rosalind Hills Baptist Church. Early in her career, Mary was a teacher in Bedford County and later took a position at First National Bank in Roanoke. She also gave piano lessons in her Roanoke home and was the developer of the Rainbow Magic method of learning piano.

She leaves behind her son, Jefferson K. Teass, D.C., and his wife, Susan, of Vinton; as well as grandsons, Damon Goddard of Fredericksburg, Tyler K. Teass of Crozet and his wife, Heather, and Jordan Teass; and three great-grandchildren, Avett



Lee Teass, Ellis Mae Teass, and Hazel June Teass of Crozet. Also left to grieve are her sister, Madeline Caldwell; and three brothers, Carl Williams, Carter Williams, and Edd Williams; and many nieces and nephews. Mary was pre-deceased by her husband, Richard F. Teass, Jr.; three sisters, Frances, Becky, Kathryn; and one brother, Charles.

A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m., on Saturday, December 9, 2023 at Burch-Messier Walnut Street Chapel, 1235 Walnut Street, Bedford. Burial will follow in Greenwood Cemetery. Arrangements are by Burch-Messier Funeral Home, Bedford, 540-586-7360.

Local churches invite community to upcoming Christmas concerts

The following churches invite the community to their upcoming Christmas concerts:

- Lynn Haven Baptist Church, "An Unexpected Christmas" on Dec. 17 at 11 a.m.
- Thrasher Memorial United Methodist Church, "Christmas at Thrasher" on Dec. 10 at 6 p.m.
- Vinton Baptist Church, "God With Us" on Dec. 10 at 10:30 a.m.

-Vinton Messenger staff report



COURTESY GRAPHIC

Santa

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lists for Santa. At one point the Clauses took a stroll through the Parade of Trees out to Washington Avenue and waved at passers-by.

In addition, Santa's guests were treated to cookies and hot chocolate, and could make their own s'mores.

Santa and Mrs. Claus will be returning to the Parade of Trees on:

- Sunday, Dec. 10 from 1 to 3 p.m.
- Wednesday, Dec. 20 from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

Businesses and organizations

who decorated trees in the parade include D.R. Music, GRV Renovations, GFWC Vinton Woman's Club, Southwest Virginia Pride/Flowers by Eddie, The Connor Group, the Vinton Area Chamber of Commerce, the Vinton History Museum, HomeTrust Bank, the Vinton Breakfast Lions Club/William Byrd High School Leo Club, MemberOne FCU, Firehouse Skate 'N Play, Pretty Paws, Downhome Creamery, and the Town of Vinton staff.

Sponsors for snacks with Santa

at the Parade of Trees include hot chocolate from HomeTrust Bank, Pinnacle Bank, Mountain View Realtors, and the Town of Vinton. S'mores supplies were donated by GRV Renovations, Firehouse Skate 'N Play, Downhome Creamery, and Southwest Virginia Pride/Flowers by Eddie. Pretty Paws, Mountain View Realtors, the Town of Vinton, and Aprodite Spa and Salon provided the cookies.

Be sure to stop by and visit Santa and tour the Parade of Trees. Drive by at night when the lights are on—it's spectacular!



PHOTO BY DEBBIE ADAMS

Santa, Mrs. Claus, and their elf strolled through the Parade of Trees to wave at the traffic on Washington Avenue.

Parade

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The Dept. of Wildlife Resources Conservation Police won third place in the non-religious category.



Roanoke County Parks, Recreation, and Tourism won first place in the non-religious category.



PHOTOS BY DEBBIE ADAMS

William Byrd High School Leo Club members assisted the Vinton Breakfast Lions Club with the annual spaghetti dinner before the parade.

tree lighting was held at the Vinton Municipal Building with a welcome from Vinton Mayor Brad Grose. He read what has become his traditional message from the play, "The Three Wise Men."

"Just above our wonderful town with all the blinking lights aglow, shine millions of reminders of a birthday long ago. So, find

yourself a special star and take time to recall, that glorious first Christmas, that's the reason for them all."

Dancers from the Floyd Ward School of Dance then entertained the crowd as they waited for the parade to begin.

The Christmas Parade, with over 90 units, started off this year at the Vinton War Memorial, traveled down Washington Avenue, and wound through the downtown streets. There were color guards, gymnasts, dancers, student and professional athletes, Grinches, Girl Scouts, local businesses, commercial entries, car and Jeep clubs, the always-popular Kazim Shriners clowns, many churches, first responders, and

horses from Spring Valley Farm.

Bands representing William Byrd, Staunton River, and Hidden Valley High Schools performed the songs of the season.

A panel of judges – Bootie Chewing, Dr. Richard Turner, and Tina Turner – came up with the winners (a real challenge) in this year's Vinton Christmas Parade:

- Mayor's Award (Best in Parade, given by the Town of Vinton): Western Virginia Water Authority
- Religious Category 1st Place: Jordantown Wesleyan Praise Team (repeating from last year)
- Religious Category 2nd Place:

Roanoke Adventist Christian School (repeating from last year)

- Religious Category 3rd Place: Valley Reach – Valley Church
- Non-Religious Category 1st Place: Roanoke County Parks, Recreation, and Tourism
- Non-Religious Category 2nd Place: Berkshire Health and Rehab
- Non-Religious Category 3rd Place: Dept. of Wildlife Resources Conservation Police
- Best Children's Float (sponsored by Eric Thomas, Associate Broker, Mountain View Real Estate in Vinton): the William Byrd Middle School Cheerleaders
- Best Children's Other (sponsored by

Eric Thomas, Associate Broker, Mountain View Real Estate in Vinton): the Roanoke Valley SPCA

The community thanks Angie Chewing and Kathryn Sowers from the Vinton Chamber, the Town of Vinton staff, and the dedicated Vinton Public Works Dept., along with the Vinton Police, for their efforts in producing a great parade, each, and every year—and they really outdid themselves this year.

Thanks also to all the organizations and businesses who delighted the crowds with their floats, music, characters, dressed up vehicles, and more.

Sponsors for the 2023 Vinton Christmas Parade included (Platinum

Level) Bank of Botetourt, MemberOne FCU, and Mountain View Real Estate; (Diamond Level) Town of Vinton and Roanoke County; (Gold Level) Winters Storage, Magnets USA, Carilion Clinic, ServPro, Jason Boothe, Realtor, and Alcovia Mortgage; (Silver Level) Vertex, Fox Radio, PFG, Coastal Insurance Planning, Lotz Funeral Home, TL Electric, HomeTrust Bank, and US Cellular/ANW; and (Bronze Level) Vinton Messenger and McDonald's. Fritz Sports & Event Enterprises sponsored the Judge's Stand.

More parade photos are available on the Vinton Messenger Facebook page.

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

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

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Legals - Botetourt County

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 50 BERRY RIDGE RD, BUCHANAN, VA 24066.

In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated January 17, 2020, in the original principal amount of \$173,000.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Botetourt County, Virginia as Instrument No. 200000244. 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 January 12, 2024, at 12:30 PM, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows: ALL THAT CERTAIN TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND, LYING AND BEING SITUATE IN THE BUCHANAN MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT OF THE COUNTY OF BOTETOURT, VIRGINIA, CONTAINING 3.00 ACRES, BY SURVEY, WITH METES AND BOUNDS AS SHOWN ON PLAT OF SURVEY MADE BY CHRISTOPHER N. MCMURRY, L.S., DATED AUGUST 28, 2008, A COPY OF WHICH PLAT IS RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BOTETOURT COUNTY, VIRGINIA IN PLAT BOOK 45, PAGE 35. TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder's deposit of ten percent (10%) of the sale price or ten percent (10%) of the original principal balance of the subject Deed of Trust, whichever is lower, in the form of cash or certified funds payable to the Substitute Trustee must be present at the time of the sale. The balance of the purchase price will be due within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Purchaser's deposit may be forfeited to Trustee. Time is of the essence. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser may, if provided by the terms of the Trustee's Memorandum of Foreclosure Sale, be entitled to a \$50 cancellation fee from the Substitute Trustee, but shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee, the Mortgagee's attorney, 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,

Legals - Botetourt County

LLC, 8100 Three Chopt Road, Suite 240, Richmond, VA 23229. For more information contact: BWW Law Group, LLC, attorneys for Equity Trustees, LLC, 6003 Executive Blvd, Suite 101, Rockville, MD 20852, 301-961-6555, website: www.bwwsales.com. VA-365831-1.

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 366 Bridge Street N, Buchanan, VA 24066

In execution of a Deed of Trust in the original principal amount of \$53,680.00 dated December 1, 2015 recorded among the land records of the Circuit Court for Botetourt County on December 14, 2015 as Instrument Number: 1504503, the undersigned appointed Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction, at the Main entrance of the courthouse for the Circuit Court of Botetourt County, 1 W Main St, Fincastle, VA 24090 on January 2, 2024 at 10:00 AM the property described in said deed of trust, located at the above address and briefly described as: ALL OF THAT CERTAIN LOT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN THE COUNTY OF BOTETOURT, VIRGINIA, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: LOT 3, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT OF SURVEY OF HEARTHLAND SUBDIVISION, PREPARED BY CHARLES R. MCMURRY, C.L.S., DAIED JULY 3, 1991, OF RECORD IN THE CIRCUIT COURT CLERK'S OFFICE OF THE COUNTY OF BOTETOURT, VIRGINIA, IN PLAT BOOK 14, AT PAGE 73. Tax ID: 22559. TERMS OF SALE: A bidder's deposit of \$5,000.00 or 10% of the sale price, whichever is lower, will be required in the form of a certified or cashier's check. Cash will not be accepted as a deposit. Settlement within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Trustee may forfeit deposit. Additional terms to be announced at sale. This is a communication from a debt collector. This notice is an attempt to collect on a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. (Trustee # 23-008417) Substitute Trustee: ALG Trustee, LLC C/O Orleans PC PO Box 2548, Leesburg, VA 20177 (703) 777-7101 website: www.Orleans.com The Vendor auction.com will be used in conjunction with this Sale. Potential Bidders: For sale information, please visit www.Auction.com or call (800) 280-2832.

Legals - City of Salem

Notice is hereby given to all interested persons that the City of Salem Planning Commission,

at its regular meeting on December 13, 2023, at 7:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 114 N. Broad Street, in the City of Salem, Virginia, will hold a public hearing, pursuant to Sections 15.2-2204 and 15.2-2285 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, to consider approval of the following requests relative to the CODE OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA:

1. Consider the request of E2ST John, LLC, property owner, for rezoning the property located at 68 St. John Road (Tax Map # 155-2-2.1) from HBD Highway Business District to HM Heavy Manufacturing District.
2. Consider the request of Poindexter SW Florida, LLC, property owner, for rezoning the property located at 2105-2121 Apperson Drive (Tax Map # 281-1-2.2) from BCD Business Commerce District to HBD Highway Business District.

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 PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA BY: H. Robert Light Deputy Executive Secretary

Legals - Montgomery County

TOWN OF BLACKSBURG - NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS BLACKSBURG TOWN COUNCIL will hold public hearings on Tuesday, December 12, 2023

beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Roger E. Hedgepeth Chambers of the Blacksburg Municipal Building, 300 South Main Street, Blacksburg, regarding the following items: Ordinance 2032: An Ordinance Vacating a Public Utility Easement on Land Located at 215 Cork Drive. The proposed ordinance request is to release the Town's interest in a Public Utility easement located at 215 Cork Drive.

Legals - City of Salem

DIVORCE NOTICE

Granville County Civil Court in Granville County, NC will be hearing a plea for the decree of divorce for which suit is pending and as filed by Larissa L. Peluso-Fleming of 4010 Pastor Lane, Wake Forest, NC 27587 (petitioner/wife) versus Andrew Taylor McDonald of 1619 Valhalla Court, Salem, VA 24513 (defendant/husband) The defendant must enter a defense to such pleading within 30 days after the date of receipt of divorce filing as delivered by the Roanoke County Sheriff's Department. Should the defendant fail to make a defense within that time period, the plaintiff shall apply to the court for relief.

Legals - City of Salem

Ordinance 2042: An Ordinance to Amend the FY 2023/2024 Operating Budget to Accept and Appropriate an Additional \$194,000 of the Virginia Department of Health Lead Inventory Grant Funds to the Water/Sewer Capital Improvement Fund. The Town has received an additional \$194,000 from the Virginia Department of Health Lead Inventory Project and these funds must be accepted and appropriated to the FY 2023/2024 Operating Budget of the Water/Sewer Capital Improvement Fund.

Legals - Montgomery County

Ordinance 2043: An Ordinance to Amend the FY 2023/2024 Operating Budget to Accept and Appropriate \$76,680 of the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Funds from the Department of Energy to the General Capital Improvement Fund.

Ordinance 2043 will accept and appropriate \$76,680 of the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) funds from the Department of Energy to the General Capital Improvement Fund.

Ordinance 2044: An Ordinance to Amend the FY 2023/2024 Operating Budget to Accept and Appropriate \$406,038 in VDOT Primary Extension Paving Funding and \$168,750 in VDOT Primary Extension ADA Funding to the General Capital Improvement Fund. Ordinance 2044 will appropriate \$406,038 in VDOT Primary Paving Fund and \$168,750 in VDOT Primary ADA Funding to the General Capital Improvement Fund.

All persons affected by or interested in these ordinances above may appear and present their views. After each public hearing, Town Council will consider action on the item. Copies of materials related to the above items are on file and can be obtained in the Office of the Town Clerk, 300 South Main Street, Blacksburg, weekdays between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. For land use matters, copies of applications and all related items may also be found online at www.blacksburg.gov/public hearings or reviewed in person at the Blacksburg Planning and Building Department, 400 South Main Street, Blacksburg, Virginia. Individuals with disabilities who require special assistance to attend and participate in this meeting should contact Lorraine Spaulding, Town Clerk at (540) 443-1025 or 443-1000 (voice or TDD).

Legals - Roanoke County

LEGAL NOTICE

Roanoke County Board of Supervisors Seeking Applicants to Fill Vinton District Vacancy

The Board of Supervisors of Roanoke County is searching for candidates to fill the vacancy in the Vinton Magisterial District as the result of P. Jason Peters' election to the Roanoke County Commissioner of the Revenue. The person appointed shall be a qualified voter of the Vinton Magisterial District and hold office until a special election in November of 2024. The person elected at the special election will serve the remainder of Mr. Peters' term, which expires December 31, 2025. If any qualified voter in the Vinton Magisterial District would like to be considered for the vacancy, please mail or email a 300-word essay on why you want to be the Supervisor for the Vinton Magisterial District and why you feel you are qualified to serve to the Chief Deputy Clerk at the following address or email by January 1, 2024. Deborah C. Jacks Chief Deputy Clerk to the Roanoke County Board of Supervisors 5204 Bernard Drive Roanoke, Virginia 24018 Telephone: 540-772-2003 Email: djacks@roanokecountya.gov or Dated: November 26, 2023 Deborah C. Jacks Chief Deputy Clerk to the Board

Legals - Town of Vinton

The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) AUTHORITY for a Retail Specialty Establishment Application-Convenience Grocery Store, Wine, Beer, Consumed Off Premises license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages.

Hareesh Chaudhari, Only Member.

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

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Byrd boys take 3rd in big swim meet

The high school swim season opened in the past week and the William Byrd swimmers made a good showing at the Southwest Virginia Swimming and Diving Invitational last Saturday. The meet, at the Christiansburg Aquatic Center, is the first big meet of the winter season.

The Byrd boys placed third overall out of 22 teams and the girls were 11th out of 28 teams competing in Christiansburg. The boys brought home a trophy for their performance, as Science Hill High School of Tennessee took the top prize for both the boys' and girls' competition.

"It was so much fun taking a big team to the invitational," said Byrd coach Krista Martin. "We had some best times and some great first ever races. I love when we get together to swim lots of teams in the region. There were even teams from North Carolina and Tennessee. It was the perfect opportunity to race."

Byrd's 200 freestyle relay took sec-

ond place in the boys' meet. That consisted of Blake Richardson, Michael Hoyos, Cole Kovacevic and Evan Copening. The same four took third in the 200 medley relay, and Copening took a fourth place individually in the 100 Breast.

For the girls, Lindsay Murtaugh swam to a third place finish in the 500 Free. She also anchored a relay with Mia Pippin, Gabby Romeo and Cary Jones to take fourth place in the 400 Freestyle Relay.

On Tuesday the girls were back in the water at the Salem YMCA to swim Salem and Alleghany and the Byrd girls won the meet, scoring 66 points to Salem's 61 while Alleghany had 31. The Salem boys took first with Byrd second and Salem edged the Terriers in the combined score, 151-124.

"It was the first meet of the season for our six eighth graders," said Martin. "They all swam well, and I was also proud of my upperclassman for helping make sure our newest swim-



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The William Byrd boys pose with their SWVA Invitational third place trophy.

mers were successful. Even though eighth grader Hadyn Terrell is not eligible to compete in post season until she's a freshman, that did not stop her from clocking a state cut in the 100 breaststroke, coming in at 1:10.36."

First places for the Terriers included Murtaugh in the girls' 50 and 100 Free, Romeo in the girls' 500 Free and

Richardson in the boys' 500 Free.

"We had some great races," said Martin. "It is so exciting to have enough depth on both the girls and boys side to be competitive against bigger teams."

The next meet for the Terriers will be December 14 against Northside at the Hollins University pool.

Big Orange wrestlers are at Hidden Valley for "Titan Toughman"

The Big Orange wrestlers will be competing on the Hidden Valley High School mats this weekend as they participate in the annual "Titan Toughman" tournament.

The Toughman will begin on Friday, with the first whistles at 2 pm. Wrestling continues into the evening and picks back up at 10 am Saturday morning with wrestling until conclusion.

The Terriers had a busy first week, wrestling a dual match in Salem and then competing in a quad

at Heritage High School in Lynchburg on Saturday. Byrd lost in Salem, 39-36, in a match that went down to the wire. The two middle schools teams also wrestled at Salem that night and the Byrd middle schoolers lost to Andrew Lewis, forfeiting several matches.

At Heritage the William Byrd high schoolers went 2-1, defeating Fort Defiance and Charlottesville but losing a close one to host Heritage, 40-36. Darin Witcher, Zane Taylor, Stephen Underwood, Aidan

Lucas and Nelson Escobar all went 3-0 on the weekend.

"We are a very young team and we are learning on the fly, but this group works hard and we are happy with our progress," said Byrd coach Thomas Kessler. "This weekend we go to the Titan Toughman at Hidden Valley and we will get our first experience at a tournament for a lot of our guys. I am excited to see how we will do against a lot of competition this coming weekend."



PHOTOS BY SUZANNE WITCHER

Left, Byrd's Juan Maldonado(on top) wrestles in last week's match at Salem. Right, Aidan Lucas has his Salem opponent in a precarious position.

Byrd hoop team finally opens tonight at Bassett; home Friday against HV

The William Byrd boys' basketball team will finally take the floor tonight after missing the first week and a half of the season due to the success of the football team. Byrd is scheduled to play at Bassett tonight to open the season.

Several of Byrd's basketball players also play football, and coach Brad Greenway wasn't even sure who all would be on the team prior to this week. After the football team lost their state semifinal game last Saturday Greenway has had just three days of practice with the full squad.

Byrd had four games cancelled or postponed thus far. A home game with Cave Spring was cancelled and games at Glenvar and Cave Spring and home against Christiansburg were rescheduled.

After tonight's game at Bassett the Terriers will have their home opener against Hidden Valley this Friday, and a week from tonight they'll host Christiansburg.

WB track back at LU

The William Byrd indoor track team will be at Liberty University for the second week in a row this Saturday to run in the Liberty Flames High School Invitational in Lynchburg.

Byrd opened the indoor season at LU last weekend with the Liberty High School Invitational. DeShawn Austin broke the school record in the 300m dash with a time of 35.74 and Grace Onwi won the 500m dash competition with a time of 1:22.72. Wyatt Bailey finished second in the pole vault with a height of 13'.

"The team ran well and had a lot of personal records set at the first meet of the season," said coach James Pannell.

Terrier girls host Glass tonight after splitting first two basketball games

The William Byrd girls' basketball team will look to get back on the winning side of the ledger when they host E.C. Glass High School tonight in Vinton. Byrd is 2-2 after the first four games.

The Terriers opened the season last week with a 60-55 win at Cave Spring. Samantha Martin led the team with 16 points and sister Mia had 13 to lead the Terriers. Kaylee Makuch was a third Terrier in double figures with 11 and Jada Johnson had nine points.

Last Thursday the girls played E.C. Glass in Lynchburg and dropped a 59-33 decision to the Hilltoppers, with Sam Martin leading the team with eight points. However, a night later at home the girls bounced back with a 53-13 win at home over Glenvar. Mia Martin and Logan Andrews had a dozen points each and Sam Martin had 11.

"Our energy for Cave and Glenvar was awesome," said Byrd coach Randy Bush as the Terriers went 2-1 over a span of three days. "We had a bit of a letdown against Glass and that was totally my fault."

This week the girls hosted Cave Spring on Tuesday and the Knights turned it around on them, winning 41-32 in Vinton. Sam Martin had nine points, Mia had seven and Makuch had five.

"They are playing hard," said Bush. "It's up to us coaches to teach them how to compete. Lots of basketball left."

The girls continue a busy schedule with a game at Christiansburg Friday. Next Wednesday, December 13, they play at Hidden Valley and that should be interesting. The Titans are led by first year head coach Samantha Webster, who played for Byrd and was a Terrier assistant before taking the job at Hidden Valley.



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Left, Byrd's Kaylee Makuch(#23) defends a Glenvar in last Friday's win in Vinton. Right, Heidi Dixon(#12) goes to the hoop despite the efforts of two Highlander defenders.

State Class 1 & 2 football championships are at Salem Stadium Saturday; Randolph-Macon, with three Wm. Byrd graduates, still alive in Division III football with national semifinals Saturday

Salem Stadium will be busy with championship football action the next couple weeks with high school and college games taking the field.

This Saturday, December 2, the stadium will host Virginia High School League championships for Class 1 and Class 2 teams. Undefeated Radford will take on Riverheads at 11:30 am followed by Essex against Galax at 5 pm.

This should be a great doubleheader. Radford is 14-0 and Riverheads is 13-1 and has won 13 straight after falling to Central of Woodstock in the season opener. Riverheads had won three straight Class 1 championships before moving to Class 2 this season.

Essex is undefeated at 14-0 and will take on 10-4 Galax. The Maroon Tide earned a trip to the big game with a win over George Wythe in the Region 1C championship and a 49-36 win over Honaker last week.

When the high school champs are decided the college teams take over, as Salem will be the host for the 50th Stagg Bowl on Friday, December 15. The NCAA Division III championship trophy will be lifted by one of four teams as semifinals are held this weekend.

Randolph-Macon is hoping to be just the second Old Dominion Athletic Conference team to make the Stagg Bowl, as Bridgewater was in the 2001

game in Salem and lost to Mount Union, 30-27. Randolph-Macon is 13-0 after beating Johns Hopkins, 39-36, in a quarterfinal Division III game in Baltimore last weekend. The Yellow Jackets have three players from Vinton on the roster, twins Matt and Nick Hale and El-Amin Shareef.

This Saturday at noon Randolph-Macon will host Cortland with a trip to Salem on the line. The other semifinal game will find North Central of Illinois at Wartburg in a Saturday game in Waverly, Iowa.

Tickets are now on sale for the Stagg Bowl at the Salem Civic Center. High school championship tickets must be purchased on line at the GoFan site.

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Best Byrd season ever ends with loss in state semifinal

The clock struck midnight on William Byrd's storybook football season Saturday as Liberty Christian Academy, a private school playing in the Virginia High School League's Class 3 tournament, defeated the Terriers in the state semifinal in Lynchburg. The Bulldogs took a 49-6 win to end Byrd's season at 12-2, the best season ever for a Terrier team.

This was billed as a "dog fight," but the Bulldogs dominated the Terriers from start to finish. With the win LCA remained undefeated and will try to win their first VHSL state championship against Lafayette in Lynchburg Saturday at Liberty University's Williams Stadium. LCA won seven VISAA state championships before entering the Virginia High School League for the 2015 season.

The Terriers never saw what hit them. LCA scored 28 unanswered points in the first quarter and Byrd's only touchdown came when Walter Barrows returned a kickoff for a touchdown after another Bulldog score with just over five minutes remaining in the first half. Liberty Christian held the Terriers scoreless in the second half and tackled Byrd ballcarriers behind the line of scrimmage nine times in the game.

Meanwhile, Clemson bound runningback Gideon Davidson of LCA rushed for 223 yards and scored four touchdowns. A unique story, Davidson was



PHOTO BY SUZANNE WITCHER

The Terrier football players end the season with the "Senior Walk." Pictured are Coach Will Satterfield, Coach Ryan Hutchinson, #55 Donnie Davis, #12 Elliott Gaines, #25 Braeden Young, #2 Jahdai English, #11 Cooper Minnix, #3 Dominic Dulak, Coach Brad Lutz, #4 Israel Hairston, and Coach Ron Hicks. Lutz started a tradition of having the coaches and younger players escort the seniors off the field for the last time.

born in Ghana and lived in an orphanage after his father died and his mother struggled to provide for Gideon and his brothers. He was a year and a half old when he and his brothers were adopted by an American family but given back two years later. He was adopted by the Davidsons in 2011 and took up football after playing soccer for most of his life. He received his first football offer from the University of Virginia when he was just in eighth grade, but decided on attending Clemson in June of this year.

For the Terriers, the loss to the private school ended their best football season ever. The 12 wins is a school record and Byrd won 10 games in a row, tying the 1973 Terriers who won 10 in a row in a single season 50 years ago. The Byrdmen won the Blue Ridge District and Region 3D championships.

"This was a historic season for our team, school, and community," said Byrd coach Brad Lutz. "Winning football games is very difficult, but to improve from 0-9 to 12-2 in three seasons is uncommon."

The Terriers were 0-9 in 2021 when the current seniors were sophomores. Last year they improved to 3-7 with roughly the same team as this year. In

fact, two of Byrd's best players in the 2022 season transferred to other schools.

"Five seasons ago we took on a rebuilding opportunity at William Byrd, and I am so thankful our players and coaches loved football and our program enough to do what it takes to win the right way," said Lutz. "The work and commitment is relentless and very difficult. With that said, it was incredible to watch our team experience the success we earned this season. Every day our players made every minute of our season a joy to be a part of. Each week, they improved and gained confidence that drove them to have the most successful football season in school history."

Lutz expects the success of this year's team to pay dividends in the future. The Terriers appear to have a bright future with an undefeated jayvee team and a middle school team that lost just once. Even the 12 year old team was runnerup in the Sandlot Super Bowl.

"Every player in our football program had a hand in the progress we have made in the last three years," said Lutz. "Not only have they worked hard, but they have seen the results of hard work and commitment.

They have helped build a blueprint for success, and that is valuable to everyone involved.

"Our players benefitted from a month of extra practices, and that is extremely valuable in our growth as a program. Our youth teams, our middle school program, and our junior varsity team had very successful seasons, so it has been a very successful year for our football family, and we are very excited the direction we are heading in."

The Terriers will graduate a senior class that has stuck through the hard times and reaped the success of this year's season.

"Words cannot explain the value of our senior class," said Lutz. "First, they are great young men away from the game of football. They are great sons, committed students and high character young men. Those qualities accelerated their success on the football field."

"On the field, I would describe them as program players. They built themselves into a district and region champion. Their history together and their commitment to each other strengthened their focus when we experienced difficult times. That made their success even more rewarding. They

left a legacy here that includes a higher standard, and they invested in our junior, sophomore, and freshman classes, so their impact will be felt for many years to come, and that makes them unforgettable."

Lutz also had high praise for the Byrd community. The crowds at the games this year were among the best in recent years, and when the Terriers played on the road the last two weeks they had great support, both at the Region 3D championship game at Magna Vista and last week in Lynchburg.

"Our team would like to thank our community for the incredible support they showed all year," said Lutz. "We are a community based team, and our players take a tremendous amount of pride representing the people of the William Byrd community."

"At the state semi-final game, our team walked out of the locker room, and it looked like our entire community had made the trip to LCA. That is a moment and feeling that our team will never forget. I am very thankful that our players got to experience that. Our community shared the success that our program earned this year, and we are so grateful for their support."



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Above, the visitors' side was packed with maroon and orange last Saturday when William Byrd played in the state football semifinal in Lynchburg. Below left, quarterback Israel Hairston looks to pass with protection from Graylen Castleberry(#63) and Cyrus Adams(#54). Below right, Lane Shoemaker(#6) and Jerrett Shepherd knock LCA's Gideon Davidson(#8) out of bounds. Bottom left, Byrd defenders combine to make a stop and, bottom right, coach Brad Lutz gives Brayden Andrews a post-game hug.

