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## Shepherd named to represent Vinton on Roanoke County Board of Supervisors

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Tammy Entsminger Shepherd has been appointed by the Roanoke County Board of Supervisors to fill the vacancy in the Vinton Magisterial District left when former supervisor Jason Peters was elected in November to serve as Roanoke County Commissioner of the Revenue. Her appointment was approved in a special called meeting on Jan. 11, 2024.

She was sworn into office at the Roanoke County Courthouse on Jan. 12 by Judge James Swanson, accompanied by her husband Robert, family members,

and Board Chairman Phil North.

“Tammy has prior experience in serving Roanoke County while on the Board of Equalization and is familiar with departments and staff,” the Board of Supervisors noted. “A life-long resident of Vinton, coupled with expertise in business operations, finance and management, positions her as an outstanding representative for the Vinton District.”

“I am deeply grateful and privileged to be chosen as the representative of the Vinton Magisterial District during this interim phase,” Shepherd said. “I’ve earned a living working in Vinton, and



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**Tammy Shepherd (front row, center) has been appointed to serve on the Roanoke County Board of Supervisors representing the Vinton Magisterial District. She replaces Jason Peters, who was elected the Roanoke County Commissioner of the Revenue. She is shown with her family at her swearing-in ceremony on Jan. 12.**

now I have an opportunity to give back to the community that has supported me.”

Shepherd is a graduate of William Byrd High School with the Class of 1987. She attended Virginia Western Community College and has worked in the field of real estate for more than 35 years. She holds a Virginia Real Estate Broker License and Virginia Real Estate

Salesperson License.

She has owned Shepherd Realty Group since 2017 where she manages the day-to-day operations and is an active salesperson. Prior to becoming a small business owner, she was employed as the business manager for 14 years at L.T. McGhee and Company. There she was

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## Work gets underway on multi-generational park in Vinton



VINTON TOWN PLAY ZONE Master Plan

GRAPHIC COURTESY TOWN OF VINTON

With the demolition of the Vinton Municipal Pool which closed in 2015, work can begin on a new multi-generational park on the site, funded in part by a grant from Virginia Outdoor Foundation (VOF) Open Space Lands Preservation Trust Fund.

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It’s the end of an era in Vinton— demolition of the Vinton Municipal Pool to make way for a multi-generational park located on the hillside behind the Vinton War Memorial. The new park will feature playgrounds, pickleball courts, a boulder wall, a picnic shelter, and more.

The pool was built in the late 1940s and remained open for almost 70 years— leaving a lot of memories for local citizens who grew up taking swimming lessons and spending their summer afternoons lounging poolside.

The Vinton Municipal Pool was located on the Vinton War Memorial complex, funded by local organizations such as the Lions Club, other groups, and the Town of Vinton.

It closed at the end of the summer of 2015 when it became too expensive to repair, operate, and maintain.

Town Council had voted to close the pool about five years earlier, but volunteers and donations from local churches and organizations kept the pool going for a time until those efforts dropped off due to the expenses incurred and difficulty in scheduling volunteers.

At the time the pool closed, Town Council was facing a bill of \$10,000 just to repaint the inside of the pool to prevent peeling of the paint, not to mention the high costs of modernizing the equipment and financing liability insurance.

Because the pool meant so much to citizens, council sought proposals from private enterprises and organizations to reopen the pool in 2016— to no avail. Sadly, the pool has sat abandoned and unused in the years since.

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## Christian Shank earns rank of Eagle Scout

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Christian Shank earned Scouting’s highest honor in advancing to the rank of Eagle Scout at a Court of Honor ceremony on Jan. 14 at Clearbrook Baptist Church in Roanoke. He is a

member of Troop 235, which meets in Vinton. His parents are Tammy and Stewart Shank.

He is a 2023 graduate of Faith Christian School and is now a student at Liberty University, where he is a cadet in

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PHOTO BY DEBBIE ADAMS

Christian Shank achieved Scouting’s highest honor by advancing to the rank of Eagle Scout at a Court of Honor Ceremony on Jan. 14. Pictured left to right are Clearbrook Baptist Church Pastor Bryan Ratliff, Christian’s mother Tammy Shank, Christian, and his father, Stewart Shank.



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**The Vinton History Museum once again entered the Hotel Roanoke Fashions for Evergreens competition. Volunteers 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 brings home awards in Evergreens competition

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The Vinton History Museum and Mark Frye of Creative Occasions Events, Flowers, and Gifts have been recognized by the Roanoke Valley United Way for their entries in the 2023 Hotel Roanoke Fashions for Evergreens competition. This is an annual fundraiser for the United Way. Frye was also invited to decorate the prestigious lobby tree at the hotel.

The history museum

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Vinton Town Council and Vinton Mayor Brad Grose issued a proclamation at their meeting on Jan. 16, thanking Virginia State Senator John S. Edwards (on left) for his years of service.



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The Vinton First Aid Crew was awarded a grant in 2022 which allowed the crew to purchase a new ambulance, delivered in September 2023.

# Vinton Town Council thanks Public Works for quick response to winter storm

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While there are many advantages to living in Vinton, one of the most frequently mentioned, especially during the winter months, is the Vinton Public Works Department's quick response to storms. Every member of Town Council, and several of the speakers at the Jan. 16 council meeting, made it a point to thank Public Works employees for their efforts during this week's wintry weather.

Council issued a proclamation to recently retired Virginia State Senator John S. Edwards "for his outstanding service, unwavering commitment, and tireless efforts in advancing the interests in the well-being of the citizens of Vinton and the Commonwealth of Virginia." He was first elected to the General Assembly in 1995 and served for 28 years, representing the Town of Vinton for six years of those years until district lines were redrawn. He has been a frequent visitor to the town, both officially and unofficially. His legacy includes establishment of the Roanoke Higher Education Center and bringing Amtrak to Roanoke.

Jeremy Holmes, Executive Director of the Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission, updated council about its activities. Vinton is one of the partners in the organization which addresses issues such as transportation, community development, housing, and economic development on a regional basis. The RVARC has specifically assisted Vinton recently with obtaining funding for the Glade Creek Greenway Phase 2 project. Holmes thanked Mayor Grose for serving on the commission for the past 20 years.

Vinton First Aid Crew Chief Chris Sayre presented the "Year in Review 2023" to council members. He was excited to report that since September 2023, the VFAC has gained 25 new members. He attributed this in part to a Roanoke County program offering

free EMT classes to those not already certified.

In 2023, the First Aid Crew received 1,420 calls during volunteer hours (typically 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. weekdays and 24 hours on weekends and holidays), responded to 898 calls, and handled 812 calls.

The majority of those calls are in the Town of Vinton; the second largest, within Eastern Roanoke County. The VFAC still runs calls in other parts of Roanoke County, Bedford, and Botetourt.

Of the transports made, 640 were to Roanoke Memorial Hospital, 126 to Blue Hills, and 90 to LewisGale. Over 45% were Advanced Life Support calls; 31 percent were Basic Life Support calls.

In December 2022, the Vinton First Aid Crew was awarded a grant from the Virginia Office of EMS to replace its primary ambulance, which was purchased some 10 years ago and had accumulated 100,000 miles. The crew received the new unit in September 2023.

Sayre and council members paid tribute to members of the VFAC who passed away in the past year: Greg Meinel, Roy McCarty, Sydney Myers, and Aubrey Vaughan.

Sayre thanked the town for the installation of Opticom devices on all traffic signals in Vinton which provide green light intersection right-of-way to emergency vehicles.

More information on joining the VFAC and the services it provides can be found on the Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/vintonems/>.

Randy Layman, president of the Vinton Historical Society, next presented an update on the History Museum and its activities. The museum had a busy year in 2023 with individual and group tours, special events, participation in town festivals, yard sale fundraisers, "First Saturday" openings, holiday shops, auctions, and winning the fourth place

People's Choice Award in the Hotel Roanoke Fashions for Evergreens holiday competition with their "Treedazzled" entry.

Layman announced that their most ambitious project since the museum's opening in 1989 begins on Jan. 18 with a goal of raising funds to add a cargo/personnel lift and enclosure to make the second floor of the museum more accessible to guests and volunteers. The "Rising to New Heights" memorial project is being dedicated to long-time volunteers and supporters Doug and Mattie Forbes, who passed away in recent months.

The project has been under discussion and review for a time. Architect's drawings are ready, a zoning review is complete, and the lift model has been chosen; \$60,000 is available from the Doug and Mattie Forbes fund. What remains to be done is raising the remaining \$110,000 needed to complete the project.

The Historical Society has applied for grants and will be soliciting private, corporate, and institutional donations. They hope to complete fundraising and closing of bids by June 30 with construction beginning in August and installation of the cargo lift by the end of 2024.

To make a donation or keep up with their progress (and their special events) visit their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/p/Vinton-History-Museum-100064545885609/>.

Council members next approved a resolution authorizing the purchase of two parcels of property located on Glade Road and Cedar Avenue in Vinton.

The parcels lie within the 100-year flood plain, substantially within the floodway, and are routinely threatened by high water and property damage from the nearby intersection of Tinker and Glade Creeks.

According to Town Manager Pete Peters, "Aspects of the project date back several years and the town's last CDBG

block grant application from 2018 and 2019 included the potential acquisition of 15 properties located in high-risk flood areas adjacent to Glade Creek in the historic Cleveland neighborhood."

"To supplement the CDBG grant, the town also applied for and successfully obtained funding from a FEMA Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) grant program that would involve the same goal of removing structures from the flood plain and floodway that were of the highest risk for flood damage. This was a similar approach that the town successfully pursued with properties on Walnut and Tinker Avenue in the 2010s.

"When the town was ultimately not awarded the CDBG block grant, a majority budgetary match for completing this project was lost; the potential of its completion was heavily constrained, and the project was paused.

"In early 2023, one of the impacted property owners contacted the town about our interest in purchasing two parcels on Cedar and Glade, as he was planning to dissolve ownership. I confirmed council's continued interest and recommended we utilize local funds that we had set aside for property acquisition rather than going through the original FEMA-PDM grant process.

"Council agreed, contingent to the property being vacant at the time of purchase. The owner recently completed relocating the remaining tenants and therefore the town now must take formal action to move forward with the purchase of the two vacant parcels.

"Similar to the town's previous projects of this nature, the three remaining (and vacant) structures on the property will be removed due to their current condition and high flood risk potential and the entire property will be restored to green space."

As of Jan.1, all tenants have been relocated successfully and the town and owner have agreed to formally transfer ownership of the property.

## Town of Vinton continues unprecedented progress in 2023

According to Vinton Mayor Brad Grose, economic development continued at an unprecedented pace in the Town of Vinton in 2023. That economic development, combined with countless programs and activities offered by the town and the Chamber of Commerce, is drawing visitors, new residents, new organizations, and new and exciting businesses to Vinton. Town Manager Pete

Peters says "downtown is happening—hopping throughout the week, with incredible energy on weekends and live music in abundance. It's a great time to be in Vinton." Here are photos showing some of the progress in 2023.

- Vinton Messenger staff report

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Salon 121 on Jefferson celebrates their grand opening with a ribbon-cutting on Feb. 22, 2023. Angie Burton (third from left) is the owner. This is her second location in Vinton.



The Vinton Veterinary Specialty Services Center held their official ribbon-cutting on March 1. Dr. Courtney Wiegard (center with scissors) is the Chief Medical Director who brought her dream to life with this expansion of Vinton Veterinary Hospital.



The Mt. Pleasant Library reopened after extensive renovations with a ribbon cutting on May 22. Jason Peters, then representing the Vinton District on the Roanoke County Board of Supervisors, did the honors.



Pok-E-Joe's officially opened in downtown Vinton on April 4. Owner Cory Welch holds the scissors.



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Vinton Baptist Church cut the ribbon (Rev. Travis Russell holds the scissors) on their new playground on Oct. 28, funded through KABOOM!

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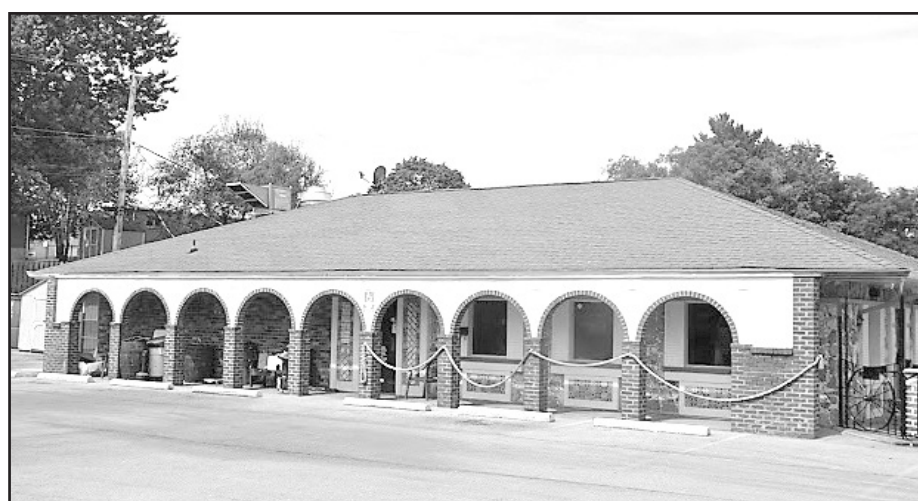
The Vinton Breakfast Lions Club hosted a ribbon-cutting for the new Valley Metro bus shelter at Lake Drive Plaza on May 17. They partnered with Valley Metro (the Greater Roanoke Transit Company), PFG (where another bus shelter is located), and the Town of Vinton for the project. Lion Chris McCarty holds the scissors.



The Roanoke Valley Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution held a highly successful recycling campaign with the Trex Corporation and was able to obtain several composite benches which they presented to the Town of Vinton for the greenways. This ribbon-cutting dedication ceremony took place on May 25. Regent Cindy Higgins holds the scissors.



Twin Creeks Brewing Company celebrated the opening of their new Creekbank Stage and Music Pavilion on July 21. The owners are Andy and Jason Bishop and Barry Robertson.



Tacos Rojas opened on Hardy Road in August. The owner is Octavio Rojas.



April Jones (on left with check) launched Life Care Coordinators in the summer of 2023 with help from the Gauntlet Business Program and Competition. Life Care is a geriatric care coordination company which assists senior adults, their caregivers, and their families in coping with the transitions of aging and chronic disease.



Brittany Davis opened her Aphrodite Salon & Spa in downtown's Vinyard Station on August 15.



Pollard 107 South celebrated their grand opening on Nov. 9 with a ribbon-cutting with Town Council and the Vinton Area Chamber of Commerce. Owners are Jonathan Pate and Todd Lancaster.



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Roanoke County broke ground for a new fire station in Bonsack on Nov. 16.



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Down Home Creamery opened in downtown Vinton in October. Mason Drew is the owner.

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  - 16. Floating ice mountain
  - 17. Japanese cervids
  - 18. Special Interest Groups
  - 19. Divertimentos
  - 21. Indian wet nurses
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  - 23. Haitian currency (abbr.)
  - 24. Southeast
  - 25. One point N of due W
  - 28. 10 decibels
  - 29. Wild oxes of SE Asia
  - 31. Ancient Greek City of SW Italy
  - 33. A passing glancing blow
  - 36. Marriage announce-
  - 38. Tandoor bread
  - 39. Mag \_\_\_\_: Time
  - 41. Portended
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  - 46. Strike
  - 48. Hill (Celtic)
  - 49. Stuart Little's author
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  - 60. Smudge of ink
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  - 12. Siddhartha author
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  - 17. Gross revenue
  - 20. Toff
  - 21. 1896 Italian defeat (alt. sp.)
  - 23. Auto fuel
  - 25. A woven structure
  - 26. Reveal a secret
  - 27. Hawaiian geese
  - 29. Brings into being
  - 30. Displaced liquid
  - 32. Frigid Zone
  - 34. Newsmen Rather
  - 35. Prefix for inside
  - 37. Short-billed rails
  - 40. Sensory receptor
  - 42. Egyptian temple \_\_\_\_ Ombo
  - 43. Challenges
  - 47. Photograph (slang)
  - 49. Declined gradually
  - 50. Tilapia nilotica
  - 52. One-edge sword
  - 53. Wets
  - 55. Small coins (French)
  - 56. Twine together
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# Remembering Vinton

## The Municipal Pool

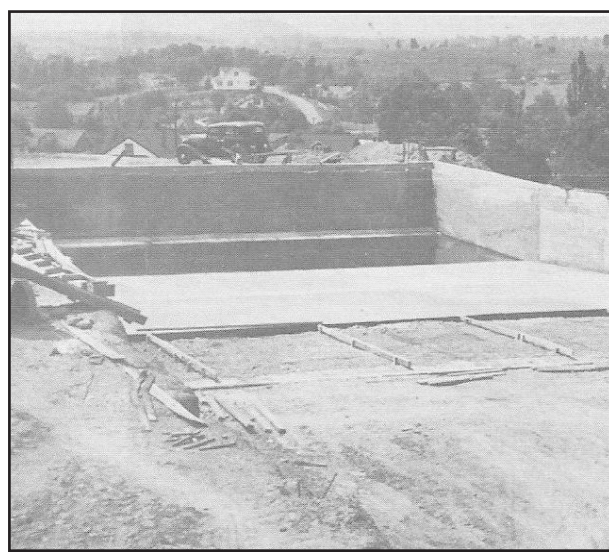
with the Vinton Historical Society

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When the Vinton Pool opened in the late 1940s, it was the only community owned and operated pool in the Roanoke Valley. The idea for the Vinton Municipal Pool originated with the always innovative and community-oriented Vinton Lions Club members who volunteered to contribute to the construction of the pool as a part of the Vinton War Memorial Park.

According to "Vinton History 1884 to 1984," in 1944 a committee was named by Vinton Town Council to plan a suitable memorial for the town's World War II veterans. The committee proposed purchasing the 11.5-acre tract on Washington Avenue owned by the J.C. Cook heirs. The cost of the property was \$15,000.

The Lions Club asked that it be allowed to underwrite a portion of the expenses and made an initial gift of \$3,600 for the pool. To complete the War Memorial project, the committee, authorized by Vinton Town Council, raised over \$18,000 in a public subscription campaign. Vinton citizens eventually raised, "by contribution and taxation," \$100,000 for the building, \$15,000 for the park, and \$12,000 for the pool. Twenty-six thousand of those dollars came from contributions, the rest from the town treasury. Vinton War Memorial Series A Bonds were sold for \$1 Construction on the pool and War Memorial building was well underway by 1946. When the pool opened, The Roanoke Times



The Vinton Municipal Pool was built in the late 1940s and closed in 2015.



Margaret Wood and Mayor Joe Pedigo are shown breaking ground for the Vinton Pool.

published an article which applauded the Town of Vinton for its efforts and chided Roanoke City for not building its own pool to serve city citizens.

"Launched by the Vinton Lions Club, the pool marks the realization of a dream entertained by numerous public-spirited citizens," said the newspaper. "This is a great step forward in solving the juvenile problem, providing youngsters with healthy recreation close to home. The Lions Club, the town, and all who have had a part in the project, are to be commended on their splendid citizenship. This is something worth crowing about."

Many Vinton residents recall the pool from their childhood as the only place around to swim and take swimming lessons. Private pools were few and far between and private residential pools almost unheard of.

Many residents learned to swim at the Vinton Municipal Pool. Judy Cunningham of the Vinton History Museum says that there were no private swimming clubs in those days, and the Vinton Pool was the only place parents could send their children for swimming lessons.

The Vinton Pool, or a local creek, were the choices back then for cooling off on hot summer days. For some, in those days before integration, the creek was the only option. The late James Childress once recalled that as a child growing up in Vinton, black citizens were not permitted to swim in the Vinton Pool or any other pool in the area.

George Bell, who grew up in Vinton, remembers that it was just "common knowledge" that blacks were not allowed access to the pool in the era of Jim Crow laws. No one is quite sure what year the Vinton pool opened to all citizens.

Bell was the first lifeguard at the Vinton pool when it opened in the late '40s. He worked for two summers with Ruth Bryant, who was the first pool manager. He was first required to take a life-saving course at the YWCA.

He says that as youngsters in Vinton, he and his friends wished for two things: a movie theater so they didn't have to travel to Roanoke to see a movie, and a swimming pool.

He recalls that up until the time the pool was built, the boys in the community would swim at a place

called Second Stump in Glade/Tinker Creek in the Berkley's Bottom section. They would strip off their clothes, skinny dip, get back out, dry off in the sunshine, and get dressed again.

At one point some of the boys decided to "moon" a passing train and came to the attention of railroad detectives who would chase them away when trains were scheduled to pass by on the tracks which ran parallel to the creek.

Bell says that when the Vinton Pool opened, it was still in "rustic" condition and unpainted. He remembers a sidewalk around the pool next to a graveled area where swimmers would lay out their towels for sunbathing. Generally, it took more than one towel or even a mat to cushion the sunbathers from the rough gravel.

He says that most of the girls would swim for a while and then spend the remainder of the afternoon baking in the sun, coated with a mixture of iodine and baby oil to produce a tan. Esther Williams's movies were popular at the time and the local girls would make every effort to buy swimsuits identical to the ones Williams wore.

Bell also served as assistant pool manager.

When swimmers would come to the pool, they would rent a basket to store their clothes in while they were in their swimsuits.

In those early years the pool would open at 1 p.m. and close at 6. Bell says the water quality in the pool was monitored by the town and was "good, clean, wholesome water."

Pat Barton remembers swimming at the pool as a child and taking lessons there. In fact, she says that's when she found out that she "didn't particularly care a thing about swimming." She remembers the pool as well run and "quite a luxury" for Vinton.

"You needed a car to get to the next closest pool, out in Cloverdale," said Barton. "My aunts and uncles would pick us up and take us swimming, but we could walk to the one in Vinton."

Vinton resident Cyril Cook says that when he was a boy, he and his friends went to the pool almost every day. He recalls getting one of the worst sunburns of his life from standing on the patio of the pool. He also remembers that he and his friends played in the construction site of the War Memorial while it was

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"It will be a sign between me and the Israelites forever, for in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, and on the seventh day he rested and was refreshed" (Exodus 31:17).

God created the Sabbath for two key purposes. First, people need to set aside

a day to worship God and fellowship with His people. Second, we need a day of rest and refreshing. Scientific research bears this out.

Nearly everyone must contend with deadlines and expectations from others. God, however, wants us to set aside time to rest and to seek Him. Obeying His instructions for rest and worship actually helps us gain the energy and renewal we need to be more effective and productive in the responsibilities we carry.

Prayer Suggestion: God, please direct me in ways to better rest in You.

Quicklook: Exodus 31:14-17

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

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**UNITED METHODIST**  
**THREE OAKS FELLOWSHIP UNITED METHODIST CHURCH** - 1026 Gravel Hill Road, Vinton, Va. 540-512-8070. Pastor: Rev. Dr. Rob Colwell. Sunday School - 9:45 a.m., Worship 11 a.m.

**WESLEYAN**  
**VINTON WESLEYAN CHURCH** - 246 E. Jefferson Ave., Pastor Ricardo Rodriguez, 345-3385; Sunday Worship Service 11:00 AM and 6:00 PM. Sunday School for all ages, 10:00 AM, Wednesday Night Life Ministries - Children - Awana; G-5 Youth Ministry; Adult Bible Study 6:30 PM.

# Awards

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PHOTO COURTESY OF MARK FRYE

**Mark Frye, owner of Creative Occasions Events, Flowers, and Gifts in Vinton delighted visitors to the Fashions for Evergreens competition with his "Barbie" tree. He also was invited by the Hotel Roanoke to create their prestigious lobby tree (on left).**

tree—"Treedazzled"—featured ornaments handmade by volunteers at the museum over a period of several months. The Creative Occasions tree featured none other than "Barbie" and her glamorous accessories.

Over 25 organizations participated in this year's Fashions for Evergreens, decorating their trees in the hotel lobby and hallways just in time for Thanksgiving. The public was invited to tour the display through New Year's Day and vote for their favorite—in person or online—with donations going to the United Way.

According to the Hotel Roanoke, "Thanks to the community's kindness and support, the event continues to bring the region together to celebrate the season, assist neighbors in need and build a better community. United Way

of Roanoke Valley, United for ALICE will receive \$5,892.54 from the Fashions for Evergreens event.

Professional judges announced this year's winners at an awards show and reception at the hotel on Jan. 10, along with the People's Choice Awards that were determined by the donations collected.

Judges' winners included:

- 1st Place: Creative Occasions Events, Flowers & Gifts (Mark Frye of Vinton)

- 2nd Place: Bricks 4 Kidz

- 3rd Place: Roanoke Council of Garden Clubs

- 4th Place: Easter Seals UCP

- 5th Place: Orvis

The People's Choice Awards went to:

- 1st Place: Roanoke Council of Garden Clubs

- 2nd Place: Easter Seals UCP

- 3rd Place: Creative Occasions Events, Flowers, and Gifts

- 4th Place: Vinton History Museum

- 5th Place: The Veterans Tree

This is the third year the Vinton History Museum has entered a tree in the competition. After winning second place in 2021, the organization is automatically invited back each year.

Participants in the 2023 Fashions for Evergreens included: United Way of Roanoke Valley, Ronald McDonald House Charities of SWVA, MW Construction, Roanoke Council of Garden Clubs, Catawba Hospital, First Home Care, Cornerstone Building Brands, Sirens &

Salutes, Member of Ladies Oriental Shrine of N.A., Blue Ridge Wrecker Service, Creative Occasions Events, Flowers & Gifts, The Academy, YMCA of Virginia's Blue Ridge, Moms in Motion, Carilion Hospice, Orvis, Veteran's Tree, Sweet Baby Blue Boutique, Bricks 4 Kidz, Vinton History Museum, Easter Seals UCB, South Roanoke Nursing Home, Greene Memorial United Methodist Church, Perrywinkle Toys, Girls on the Run, ANW Wireless US Cellular Agent, Parks Automotive Group, Old Dominion Eye Foundation, and LifeNet Health.

The History Museum volunteers repurposed handmade crocheted doilies and costume jewelry donated by the community to create over 140 ornaments. The tree

also featured 360 handmade crocheted ornaments from the Stelma Gobble collection which is housed at the museum. Gobble worked at the Hotel Roanoke for 30 years until it closed in 1989 for a time. Gobble's daughter, Linda Kreider, donated her mother's crocheted ornaments (angels, bells, snowflakes, and snowballs) to the museum.

In addition to the ornaments, the volunteers created a display at the base of the tree that included a wooden clock representing Vinton's Town Clock which stands at the Municipal Building along with several other bejeweled decorations.

The Creative Occasions tree was extremely popular at Fashions for Evergreens—in part due to its photo booth for Barbie fans.



PHOTO COURTESY OF HOTEL ROANOKE

**Winners of the Fashions for Evergreens People's Choice Awards were recognized at a reception at the hotel, including Mark Frye (second from left) and Alice King, Debbie Pitts, Julie Tucei, and Mary Beth Layman (fourth through seventh from the left).**

# Shank

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the Air Force ROTC program.

He has been involved with Scouting since fourth grade in both Mount Pleasant and Vinton.

Shank's Scoutmaster Brian Cook was the Master of Ceremonies for the Court of Honor, which began with the Presentation of Colors, the Pledge of Allegiance, and the invocation by Clearbrook Baptist Pastor Bryan Ratliff and concluded with the awarding of the Eagle Scout Badge.

Several Scouts described the obligations and responsibilities of being an Eagle Scout. The first obligation is to live honorably to set an example for other Scouts and reflect credit on their homes, churches, troop, and community. The white on the Eagle Badge serves to remind Eagle Scouts to live honorably.

The second obligation of an Eagle Scout is loyalty—to God, troop, family, Scout leaders, friends, school, and nation. They are to "pitch in and carry their share of the load." The color blue on the Eagle Badge stands for loyalty.

The third obligation of an Eagle Scout is to be courageous—not just facing physical danger, but standing up for the right, trusting in God, having faith in their fellowmen, looking forward to each day, and seeking their share of the world's work to do. Red on the Eagle Badge represents courage.

An Eagle Scout's fourth obligation is to be cheerful.

The fifth and final obligation is service. Eagle Scouts are to extend a helping hand to "those who still toil up Scouting's trail as others helped them on their journey. They are to perform a daily Good Turn, protect the weak and helpless, aid and comfort the unfortunate and oppressed, and uphold the rights of others while defending their own." They are to always "Be Prepared" to put forth their best.

Cook reminded those present just how prestigious an honor it is to work towards and receive the rank of Eagle Scout. Only 4 percent of Scouts go on to become Eagle Scouts.

The Eagle Scout must earn 21 merit badges including those which are required (First Aid, Citizenship in the Community, Citizenship in Society, Citizenship in the Nation, Citizenship in the World, Communication, Cooking, personal fitness, emergency preparedness or lifesaving, environmental science or sustainability, personal management, swimming or hiking or cycling, camping, and family life) plus several others. Shank chose aviation, space exploration, mammal study, art, Scout heritage, crime prevention, and leatherwork.

Candidates for Eagle Scout must also plan, raise funds for, and complete an approved service project "worthy of an Eagle Scout." For his project, Shank built heavy-duty benches at his church and repaired and refurbished several others already in use—a project involving over 141 hours of planning and execution.

He chose the benches as his project in recognition of their importance to the church—an integral part of church life at Clearbrook Baptist. The benches serve as a gathering place for the congregation before and after services.

The wrought iron benches that were already in place needed maintenance and repair and there weren't enough of them to accommodate members. Shank decided to restore those benches and also build several new, larger, longer, sturdier, weatherproof benches that would stand the test of time.

He researched plans for their construction. He and his fellow Scouts planned a pasta dinner fundraiser at the church to raise money to complete the project. Then, with his Uncle Joel's (a master carpenter) help, he modified and customized the plans to meet the church's specific needs—especially those of the elderly.

Once the Eagle Scout requirements and project are complete, the Scout appears before a board of review for evaluation of whether the qualifications have been successfully met before advancing to Eagle Scout.

Cook noted that in becoming an Eagle Scout, Shank has become a "marked man," assuming a solemn obligation to God, country, fellow Scouts, and all of mankind. "I charge you to be among those who dedicate their skills and ability to the common good. Leave behind a record of which every citizen may be proud."

Shank's mother then pinned him with his Eagle Badge. He presented parent pins to his mother and father.

As part of the Eagle Scout ceremony, Shank also presented mentor pins to three individuals who had been instrumental in helping him to achieve the Eagle Scout rank. He chose his long-time pastor, Bryan Ratliff, his uncle Joel Shank, who assisted him with his Eagle Scout project, and Scoutmaster Brian Cook, who has not only been his Scoutmaster, but his mentor and a great "inspiration to me with his wisdom, his military career, and his outstanding leadership."

Pastor Ratliff thanked Shank for choosing to focus his Eagle Scout Project on the needs of Clearbrook Baptist where "you will leave a lasting legacy and impression at the church through the benches you have built that show how hard work pays off."

Tammy Shank thanked all of those who had supported not just Christian, but all Scouts in the troop, through the years. She thanked the church and the leaders of Troop 235 who have "no idea the impact you have had on Christian. You have all sacrificed your time as a labor of love for the Scouts. You deserve a million dollars for what you have given."

She read excerpts from letters of congratulations Shank has received from dignitaries such as Virginia Gov. Glenn Youngkin, former President George W. Bush, and Edward Thomas Jr., Air Force Major General (Retired).

Lt. Col. Dave King from the Military Order of the World Wars also presented Shank with a certificate from the Roanoke Valley Chapter MOWW and a commemorative U.S. Space Force coin recognizing his achievements. (Shank is considering a career in the United States Air Force.)

Congratulations to Christian and his family.



PHOTO BY DEBBIE ADAMS

**Christian Shank is shown at his Eagle Scout Court of Honor Ceremony with several of his Scout leaders who participated in the event. Pictured left to right are Greg Leslie, John Frasca, Christian Shank, Scoutmaster Brian Cook, Ryan Apple, Tim Wortman, and Greg Pino.**



PHOTO COURTESY OF TAMMY SHANK

**Here, Shank works on his Eagle Scout project—building new benches for congregation members at Clearbrook Baptist Church. The benches serve as a gathering place for the congregation before and after church services.**

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# Pool History from page 4

being built. The original pool measured 50 feet by 125 feet and was open daily during the summer months. There was a bathhouse and refreshment stand located in the swimming pool area. In the late '70s and early '80s Harriet Childress, now with Roanoke County Parks, Recreation, and Tourism, remembers that part of her responsibilities with the Craig Avenue

Recreation Center included walking elementary-aged school children from the center on Chestnut Avenue across town to the pool to swim. Vinton Public Works built a new bath house and placed a new deck on the swimming pool in June 1986 at a cost of \$21,000. Records show that in 1991 the Vinton Pool was open seven days a week, from noon until 5:45 on

Monday through Saturday and a little later— after church— at 12:30 on Sundays. The charge for admission was \$1 for adults, 75 cents for children ages 6 to 15, and free to those 5 and under. Seasonal rates were also offered at a family rate of \$80 for the season for a family of three.

*This article was first published in The Vinton Messenger in June 2014.*



Summers at the Vinton Pool

PHOTO BY DEBBIE ADAMS

# Park from page 1



Once the pool is demolished, the space will be filled in, in part, with the concrete from the pool.



Lee Lovern is the contractor for the demolition phase.

PHOTOS BY DEBBIE ADAMS

In July 2023, Vinton Associate Planner Fayla Gordon made a presentation to Town Council on a grant she had applied for, and the town was awarded, from the Virginia Outdoor Foundation (VOF) Open Space Lands Preservation Trust Fund Grant in the amount of \$218,295, to be used to build a multi-generational park. In the grant application, the project area is described as “the blighted pool site.” The town plans to “transform the underutilized space and rejuvenate the area.” This aligns with one of the town’s long-term goals of “enhancing the town’s infrastructure and livability, promoting a healthy, active lifestyle for the residents.” Preliminary renderings indicate the park will include

activities for all ages— from infants to seniors. Plans include a playground, a picnic shelter, and a planting and seating wall, along with pickleball courts, a half basketball court, a boulder wall, and more. In addition to the VOF grant, the town has money set aside in the Capital Improvements Project funds for the multi-generational park with hopes to attract more partners and additional funding to bring the project to fruition. The work on the park will be completed in phases. Phase 1 of the project is now underway with site preparation, demolition work, and filling (closing) the existing pool. The town must meet certain grant requirements from the VOF, including undergoing subdivision

with five acres being designated as open-space land. Substantial components of the park are to be completed by July 2025. Contractor Lee Lovern is doing the demolition work on the pool. The demolition has brought back fond memories for many who grew up in Vinton and questions/comments ranging from cheers to jeers on social media about why the pool closed, sometimes not realizing this was not a recent event. Some have suggestions and requests for splash pads and skate parks to be included. Possibly the best response for the pool closing came from a citizen who noted that nearly 10 years ago the pool had become a “money pit” for the town and “it’s time to move on to something new.”

# Shepherd from page 1

responsible for managing more than 150 properties and gained extensive experience in real estate, finance, accounting, and management. She also worked for 16 years in real estate sales with L.T. McGhee and Company. Shepherd was selected to as a member of Roanoke County’s Board of Equalization in 2022. The five members of the BOE (one from each county magisterial district) are appointed by the Circuit Court of Roanoke County. The purpose of the BOE is to provide property owners an opportunity for a

formal hearing. The BOE determines if the property in question is assessed at more than its fair market value or is not uniform with other properties. She has also served on multiple Homeowner Association (HOA) boards. Shepherd has supported the schools and students as president of the William Byrd Football Booster Club and treasurer of the William Byrd Booster Club. She and her husband Robert reside in Vinton. He is a commercial insurance broker and well-known as a long-time sandlot football coach. They have four adult children, all graduates of William Byrd— Autumn (Class of 2010), Hunter (2014), Dalton (2018), and Macy (2023). Hunter teaches Health and PE and is the head football coach at Cave Spring High School— with his father as one of his assistants. The

Shepherds also have two grandsons. The Board of Supervisors accepted applications for the vacant Vinton seat until January 1, 2024. Nine applications were received. Applicants were asked to submit a 300-word essay on why they wanted to be the supervisor to represent the Vinton Magisterial District and why they felt they were qualified to serve. The board voted unanimously to appoint Shepherd. Shepherd says she received a “gentle nudge” from former employer Leon McGhee to apply for the position on the board. McGhee says Shepherd grew up as “the kid next door” to his family in Montgomery Village and even mowed his yard. She began working for him early in her career as his office manager, serving as his “right hand person.” She eventually earned

her real estate license and worked as an associate broker with his office until opening her own business in 2017. When McGhee learned about the vacancy on the Board of Supervisors and their search for a candidate to fill Peters’ position, Shepherd immediately came to mind. McGhee says he encouraged her to apply for several reasons: “She is a self-made person; she is a great learner and listener; and she has been very involved in the community through the sports program at William Byrd. As a realtor she knows the Vinton and Mount Pleasant areas; she would do a great job; and she is dependable and pleasant to work with.” Moreover, he “trusted her with his books” for years, so he “knew what she could do.” He believes she can continue the “excellent job” Jason

Peters has done through the years. McGhee also considered the significance of Shepherd being the first woman to represent the Vinton District on the Board of Supervisors. Shepherd will hold office until a special election November 5, 2024. The person elected then will serve the remainder of Peters’ term, which expires on December 31, 2025. “I’d like to thank the Roanoke County Board of Supervisors for their support and giving me the opportunity to represent the citizens of Vinton and Roanoke County,” said Shepherd. “Jason Peters has been an outstanding representative on the board for many years, and I know I have big shoes to fill. I’m a life-long resident of Vinton and very excited to be able to give back to the community.” She is looking forward

to working with Vinton Town Manager Pete Peters (who she says is doing a great job) and Vinton Town Council to benefit the citizens of Vinton. She is especially interested in working on issues involving the schools and public safety; her father, Billy Entsminger, was a firefighter for Roanoke City for 36 years. “I look forward to working with the citizens, Roanoke County staff, and my fellow board members. I invite citizens to reach out to me to talk or share their concerns at any time. When we all work together, we can accomplish so much more. Also, thank you to everyone who has called, texted, and messaged me on Facebook with congratulations and support in my new role.” Citizens may reach Shepherd by phone at 540-314-1684 or by email at tammy@shepherd.realty.

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### Legals - Botetourt County

#### Order of Publication

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Case No. **CWF220000276** BOTETOURT COUNTY Circuit Court, 5 W. MAIN STREET, FINCASTLE, VA 24090 Commonwealth of Virginia, *in re* ESTATE OF WILMA C. TODD, DECEASED  
The object of this suit is to: SHOW CAUSE AGAINST PAYMENT AND DELIVERY OF ESTATE TO PARTIES ENTITLED. It is ORDERED that Upon the motion of Atlantic Union Bank, Executor of the Estate of Wilma C. Todd, deceased, (the "Estate") pursuant to Va. Code Section 64.2-556, for an order to show cause against distribution of the Estate. It appearing to the court that the necessary reports of the accounts of the Estate and of the debts and demands against the Estate have been filed with the Court, and at least six months have elapsed since the qualification of the Executor, it is accordingly ORDERED that the creditors of, and all others interested in, the Estate of Wilma C. Todd, deceased, do appear at 11:00 A.M. on the 31st day of January, 2024 in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Botetourt County, 1 West Main Street #120, Fincastle, Virginia 24090 and show cause, if any the can, against payment and delivery of the Estate to the parties entitled thereto, without requirement of refunding bonds. 1-5-2024  
Joel R. Branscom, Circuit Court Judge.

JANUARY 8, 2024  
Leslianne Smith, Deputy Clerk

### NOTICE OF SPECIAL COMMISSIONER SALE OF 101 DRY BRANCH ROAD, BUCHANAN, VIRGINIA, 24066

Pursuant to a Decree of the Circuit Court of Botetourt County, Virginia, made and entered into November 29, 2023 in Case No. 23CL23-00036100, styled Janis P. Barrett (Plaintiff) v. Cherokee Rose Eubank (Defendant), I will, on Friday, January 26, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. at the front door of the Courthouse of Botetourt County Virginia, located in its new temporary quarters, offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash, the following described real estate: 101 Dry Branch Road, Buchanan, Virginia, 24066, being 2.56 acres in the Buchanan Magisterial District, Tax Map #53-4, property ID#99013634. A more accurate description can be procured as shown on a plat attached to Deed Book 128 at page 123 in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Botetourt County, Virginia.  
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### Legals - Botetourt County

Terms of Sale Cash (10% on the day of sale with the remainder at closing within 60 days).  
For further information, apply to Tommy Joe Williams, Special Commissioner, 2721 Brambleton Avenue, S.W., Roanoke, Virginia, 24015, office telephone number: (540)772-7848, cell phone number: (540) 797-4065.

I, Tommy Joe Williams, hereby certify that I have given bond, with surety, as required by the Decree.

Tommy Joe Williams, Special Commissioner

I, Tommy Moore, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Botetourt County, Virginia, hereby certify that Tommy Joe Williams, Special Commissioner, has given bond, as required by the Decree with Surety approved by the Court.

Tommy Moore, Clerk Botetourt County Circuit Court

### Legals - City of Radford

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Council of the City of Radford will hold a public hearing at a regularly scheduled meeting of Council on Monday, January 22, 2024 at 7:00 pm, in the City Council Chambers located in the City Administration Building, at 10 Robertson Street, Radford, Virginia to receive citizen comment and input regarding the Radford Transit application for FTA F.Y.25 Operating Funds, in the amount not to exceed \$2,550,000 and Capital not to exceed \$175,000. Interested persons may appear at the aforementioned time and place to present their views and comments. Comments may also be sent to Melissa Skelton, Transit Coordinator at 10 Robertson Street, Radford VA 24141 or Melissa.Skelton@radfordva.gov.

Authorized by Radford City Council

### Legals - City of Salem

#### Notice is hereby given to all interested persons that the Council of the City of Salem,

at its regular meeting on Monday, January 22, 2024, at 6:30 p.m., in the Community Room, Salem Civic Center, 1001 Roanoke Boulevard, 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 T J Real Properties, LLC, property owner, for rezoning the property located at 1236 West Main Street (Tax Map # 141 – 1 – 4) from HBD Highway Business District to CBD Community Business District.

2. Consider the request of Helm Building Enterprises, LTD, property owner, for the issuance of a Special Exception Permit to allow a two family dwelling on the property located at 301 Carey Avenue, (Tax Map # 74-2-6.1).

3. Consider the request of Helm Building Enterprises, LTD, property owner, for rezoning the property located at 416 Electric Road (Tax Map # 150-3-1) from HBD Highway Business District to HM Heavy Manufacturing District.

4. Consider the request of Virginia Baptist Children's Home (dba HopeTree Family Services), property owner, for rezoning the properties located at 1000 block Red Lane and a portion of 860 Mount Vernon Lane (Tax Map #s 41-1-1, 41-1-2, 41-1-3, 41-1-4, 41-1-5, 41-1-6, and a portion of 44-3-10) from RSF Residential Single Family to PUD Planned Unit District.

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.  
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### Legals - City of Salem

plans, ordinances or amendments may be examined in the Office of Community Development, 21 South Bruffey Street, Salem, Virginia.

At said hearing, parties in interest and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard relative to the said requests.

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

#### LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to all interested persons that the Board of Appeals (Building) of the City of Salem, Virginia will hold a public hearing, in accordance with the provisions of Section 18-38 Code of City of Salem, Virginia, on January 24, 2024, at 4:00pm in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 114 North Broad Street, in the City of Salem, Virginia. The purpose of the meeting and hearing shall be to determine if certain structures are dangerous to the inhabitants of the City and whether such structures should be ordered to be repaired or demolished. The structures are located as follows:

- (1) Dilapidated structure located at 602 Goodwin Avenue, Salem, Virginia (Tax Map#201-10-2); and
- (2) Dilapidated structure located at 336 Schrader Street, Salem, Virginia (Tax Map #115-1-4).

All parties in interest at the public hearing will be given an opportunity to be heard, present evidence, and show cause why action by the City and Board to remedy a potentially dangerous situation should or should not be granted. For additional information, contact the Building Official's Office, 21 South Bruffey Street, Salem, Virginia (Phone 375-3036) THE BOARD OF BUILDING APPEALS OF THE CITY OF SALEM BY Troy D. Loving, Building Official

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

at its regular meeting on January 10, 2024, at 7:00 p.m., in the Community Room, Salem Civic Center, 1001 Roanoke Boulevard, in the City of Salem, Virginia, voted to continue the public hearing of the following item.

Consider the request of Virginia Baptist Children's Home (dba HopeTree Family Services), property owner, for rezoning the properties located at 1000 block Red Lane and a portion of 860 Mount Vernon Lane (Tax Map#s 41-1-1, 41-1-2, 41-1-3, 41-1-4, 41-1-5, 41-1-6, and a portion of 44-3-10) from RSF Residential Single Family to PUD Planned Unit District.

This item will be heard at the February 14, 2024, 7:00 P.M. meeting of the Planning Commission. This meeting will also be held at the Salem Civic Center.

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 - Craig County

#### Public Notice – Environmental Permit

PURPOSE OF NOTICE: To seek public comment on a draft permit from the Department of Environmental Quality that allows the continued release of treated wastewater into a water body in Craig County, Virginia.

### Legals - Craig County

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: January 17 to February 19, 2024

PERMIT NAME: Virginia Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit – Wastewater issued by DEQ pursuant to applicable water laws and regulations.

APPLICANT NAME, ADDRESS AND PERMIT NUMBER: Craig-New Castle Public Service Authority (PSA); PO Box 128, New Castle, VA 24127; VA0064599 FACILITY NAME AND ADDRESS: Craig - New Castle Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP); 370 Commerce Ave., New Castle

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The PSA has applied for reissuance of a permit for the WWTP in Craig County, Virginia. The applicant proposes to continue to release treated sewage wastewater at a rate of 175,000 gallons-per-day into a water body. Sludge from the treatment process will be stabilized, dewatered, and transported to Roanoke Valley Resource Authority for ultimate disposal in a sanitary landfill. The facility proposes to release the treated wastewaters into Craig Creek in Craig County in the James River watershed. A watershed is the land area drained by a river and its incoming streams. The permit will limit the following pollutants to amounts that protect water quality: organic matter, solids, physical & chemical properties, nutrients, inorganics, and bacteria.

HOW TO COMMENT: DEQ accepts comments and requests for public hearing on the draft permit by hand-delivery, e-mail, or postal mail. All comments and requests must be in writing and be received by DEQ during the comment period. DEQ must receive hand-delivery and postal mail by close of business and email and fax comments by 11:59 p.m. on the last day of the comment period.

Submittals must include the names, mailing addresses or email addresses of the commenter/requester and of all persons represented by the commenter/requester. A request for public hearing must also include: 1) The reason why a public hearing is requested. 2) A brief, informal statement regarding the nature and extent of the interest of the requester or of those represented by the requestor, including how and to what extent such interest would be directly and adversely affected by the permit. 3) Specific references, where possible, to terms and conditions of the permit with suggested revisions. A public hearing may be held, including another comment period, if public response is significant, based on individual requests for a public hearing, and there are substantial, disputed issues relevant to the permit.

CONTACT FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS, DOCUMENT REQUESTS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Susan Edwards; Blue Ridge Regional Office, 901 Russell Drive, Salem, VA 24153; E-mail: Susan.Edwards@deq.virginia.gov; Phone: 540-562-6700.

### Legals - Montgomery County

#### BWW# VA-360283-2 TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 105 ASTER LANE, CHRISTIANSBURG, VA 24073.

In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated August 27, 2007, in the original principal amount of \$190,000.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Montgomery County, Virginia as Instrument No. 2007011289

The undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the front of the Circuit Court building for Montgomery County, 55 East Main Street, Christiansburg, Virginia, or any such temporary alternative Circuit Court location designated by the Judges of the Circuit Court, on February 23, 2024, at 3:15 PM, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and

### Legals - Montgomery County

more particularly described as follows: ALL THAT CERTAIN TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND, LYING AND BEING IN THE TOWN OF CHRISTIANSBURG, RINER MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VIRGINIA, BEING DESCRIBED AS LOT 99, PHASE V, NEW RIVER VILLAGE, AS SHOWN ON A PLAT OF SURVEY ENTITLED "PLAT FOR MICHAELW. AND SHANNON M. HARDWICK OF LOT NO. 99, PHASE V, NEW RIVER VILLAGE, IN THE TOWN OF CHRISTIANSBURG, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VIRGINIA" 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 or the Mortgagor, 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](http://www.bwvsales.com). Additional terms, if any, to be announced at the sale and the Purchaser may be given the option to execute the contract of sale electronically. This is a communication from a debt collector and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. The sale is subject to seller confirmation. Substitute Trustee: Equity Trustees, LLC, 8100 Three Chopt Road, Suite 240, Richmond, VA 23229. For more information contact: BWW Law Group, LLC, attorneys for Equity Trustees, LLC, 6003 Executive Blvd, Suite 101, Rockville, MD 20852, 301-961-6555, website: [www.bwvsales.com](http://www.bwvsales.com). VA-362029-1.

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#### Order of Publication

Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code §§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316.20-104  
Case No. **CL230020118-00** MONTGOMERY COUNTY Circuit Court, 55 EAST MAIN STREET, SUITE 1, CHRISTIANSBURG, VA 24073 Commonwealth of Virginia, *in re* MELISSA JANE MCPHERSON v. JACOB ANDRE MCPHERSON A/K/A KOBİ MAZUR

#### TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 130 HELM DRIVE, ELLISTON, VA 24087.

In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated November 26, 2005, in the original principal amount of \$77,284.21 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Montgomery County, Virginia as Instrument No. 2005014678. The undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the front of the Circuit Court building for Montgomery County, 55 East Main Street, Christiansburg, Virginia, or any such temporary alternative Circuit Court location designated by the Judges of the Circuit Court, on February 23, 2024, at 3:15 PM, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows: ALL THAT CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND IN, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, COMMONWEALTH OF VA, AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN BOOK 973 PAGE 241 ID# 59-A-6-5, BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOT 5, MINOR SUBDIVISION FOR E AND V ENTERPRISE, FILED IN PLAT BOOK 973 AT PAGE 243, RECORDED 08/29/1997. 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

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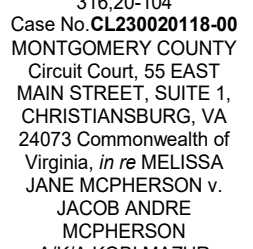
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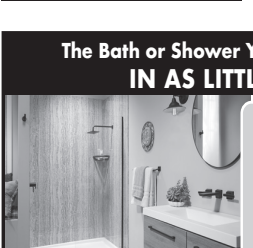
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# Murtaugh wins 500 Freestyle at "All-Timesland"

The William Byrd swimmers competed in the "All-Timesland" meet at the Gator Center in Roanoke last Saturday as 14 schools from around the valley crammed into the facility near Virginia Western Community College. The Albemarle boys and Cave Spring girls took the team titles at the annual meet.

Preliminaries were held Saturday morning and Byrd had 10 swimmers qualify for the finals that evening. Those swimmers were Cary Jones, Lindsay Murtaugh, Mia Pippin, Gabby Romeo, Evan Copening, Michael Hoyos, Chris Hurd, Cole Kovacevic, Brody Parrish and Blake Richardson.

At Saturday's finals Murtaugh won the girls' 500 free and was third in the 200 freestyle. Hoyos took a fifth in the 500 free and joined Kovacevic, Copening and Richardson for a sixth place finish in the 100 medley relay.

The Terriers were scheduled to have their Senior Night at the Gator Center on Tuesday of this week but that was postponed due to Monday's snow. The Terriers have a meet scheduled for this Friday at the Gator Center.



PHOTOS BY EVAN COPENING

Above left, William Byrd's Lindsay Murtaugh shows her medal for winning the 500 free race at the All-Timesland Meet at the Gator Center Saturday. Above right, Cole Kovacevic swims the butterfly stroke for the Terriers. Below left, Cary Jones swims the breast stroke and, below right, Michael Hoyos swims the fly in the big meet.



# Onwi wins 500 meters at VA Showcase, sets new school record

Members of the William Byrd track team attended two meets last week and had some good results. Terriers ran in the East Coast Elite Meet #2 at Roanoke College on Thursday of last week and the VA Showcase meet in Virginia Beach on Saturday.

A few Byrd athletes traveled to Virginia Beach for the VA showcase and Grace Onwi set a new school record in the 500m dash while winning the open competition with a time of 1:19.13. She also set a school record

in the 300m dash with a time of 42.61.

Also competing in the VA Showcase meet were Noah Thompson in the 55m dash, DeShawn Austin and Brady Reachy in the 300m, Reagan Lilley in the 1,000m and Donald Mullins in both the 1,000m and the 1,600m.

At RC Austin and Cooper Minnix set personal records in the 55m dash with a time of 6.7, and in the 55m hurdles Landon Martin had a personal record time of 8.52 to finish second. The 4x200m relay of Minnix, Jarrett

Shepherd, Thomas Purcell and Elliott Gaines finished 4th with a time of 1:39.77.

In the field events Jack Hinkle placed fifth in the shot put with a throw of 40'7". Kyle Holdaway was fourth and Logan Austin finished fifth in the pole vault.

On the ladies side Olivia Bustamante won the high jump competition with a height of 4'11" and finished seventh in the long jump. Sydney Blewett took second in the shot put with a throw of

34'2" and Alexia Donahue finished fourth in the pole vault.

On the oval Heidi Weinke finished fourth in the two mile with a time of 13:31.36. Lily Perez finished fifth in the hurdles at 9.74 while Lucy Whitenack was eighth in the mile with a time of 6:04.14 and Emma Matthews finished ninth in the 300m dash in 47.45.

The Terriers are scheduled to run in a meet at Heritage High in Lynchburg on Monday.



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# Indoor Track

Above, William Byrd's Grace Onwi poses on the victory stand after winning the 500 meter dash in last Saturday's VA Showcase track meet at Virginia Beach. Above middle, Cooper Minnix of Byrd competes in the long jump in the East Coast Elite Meet #2 at Roanoke College last Thursday. Far right, Kyle Holdaway of Byrd clears the bar in the pole vault event and, right, Lucy Whitenack runs to an eighth place finish in the mile at the Cregger Center in Salem.



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## Terriers home Friday for big BRD game with Fleming

The William Byrd boys are hoping to get back on the basketball floor Friday for a scheduled game against William Fleming. Byrd was snowed out of a game at Northside Tuesday and the Terriers were still out of school at press time.

Byrd is looking to hang near the top of the Blue Ridge District standings after splitting two games last week. The Terriers lost a non-district game at Cave Spring but bounced back to beat Staunton River in Moneta on Saturday. With the split the Byrdmen are 9-4 overall and they're 2-1 in BRD games.

Last week at Cave Spring the Terriers dropped a 78-58 decision to the Knights. The host team started the game on fire from behind the three point line, hitting seven of their first eight three point shots. Cave Spring led 26-15 after the first quarter.

"We got behind early with their hot shooting and we just couldn't dig out of the hole on the scoreboard," said Byrd coach Brad Greenway. "I was pretty happy with the way we attacked them and the plan we had, we just didn't score enough to keep up early and that ended up being the difference."

Byrd battled back to get to within nine points in the fourth quarter but Cave Spring pulled away down the stretch. Isaiah Board led the Terriers with 22 points and Hayden Eads had 17.

On Saturday the boys played the second game of a doubleheader with the girls at Moneta and beat Staunton River, 72-46.

"You know you're going to get an extended zone with them and they do a good job of shrinking the floor," said Greenway. "Our guys handled their zone really well. Stayed patient, looked for good shots and just took the game as it came to us for the most part."

Ty Blalock had 18 points and 10 rebounds, Eads had 17 points, Drew Lindsay hit four threes for 12



Left, Israel Hairston and Ty Blalock go after a loose ball in last week's game at Cave Spring. Right, Jahdai English grabs a rebound.



PHOTOS BY EDMEE HASLER

points and Hairston had 11.

The Terriers can pull into a tie for second place in the district with a win over Fleming Friday, weather permitting. Next week Byrd is at Hidden Valley

for a non-district game on Wednesday and at Lord Botetourt on Friday, January 26. No makeup game was announced for the Northside game as of press time.



PHOTOS BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Left, William Byrd's Jada Johnson scores in last week's win over Craig County. Above, Maggie Zimmerman lines up a shot.

## Byrd girls host FC Sat.

Webster returns with Hidden Valley team next Wed.

The William Byrd girls will host Franklin County in a Blue Ridge District basketball game this Saturday in Vinton. The jayvees are scheduled to play at 11 am followed by the varsity game at approximately 12:30 pm.

Saturday's game will be the first game in a week for the Terriers, who were snowed out of a home game with Northside on Tuesday. Last Saturday in Moneta the girls fell to 6-7 overall and 0-3 in the Blue Ridge District with a 67-45 loss to Staunton River.

"We played on emotion and not with emotion," said Byrd coach Randy Bush. "We did make some runs to cut their lead but just could not sustain it. Staunton River came in focused and did what they needed to get the win."

Last Thursday in Vinton the Terriers hosted Craig County in a non-district game and took a 58-30 win over the Rockets. Ten different Byrd girls scored, led Samantha Martin with 13 points. Skye Williams had 10 points, Heidi Dixon had eight and Mia Martin and Maggie Zimmerman had five points each.

"We played as a solid unit," said Bush. "The turnovers were minimal, and we played with emotion. Our bench was our energy bus when it was needed."

The Terriers have three games on the schedule next week. They go to William Fleming on Tuesday, then host Hidden Valley a night later, on January 24. That will be a homecoming for Titans' coach Samantha Webster, Hidden Valley's first year head coach who played and coached for the Terriers. Then, on Friday January 26, Byrd will host Lord Botetourt.

## Big Orange wrestlers sweep three on "Senior Night"

The William Byrd Big Orange wrestlers hosted a quad match on January 10 and won all three on a night they honored their seniors. Byrd defeated Roanoke Catholic, 73-6, Glenvar, 42-29, and Patrick Henry, 42-38.

"I was very happy with our performance," said Byrd coach Thomas Kessler. "We beat some quality opponents and did what we needed to do, teamwise, to get the win. It's a lot of fun when the team has success and not just individual success."

Seniors on the roster include Gage Cockran, Rudy Gaspar Reyes, Bricen Lancaster and Brycen Nielsen.

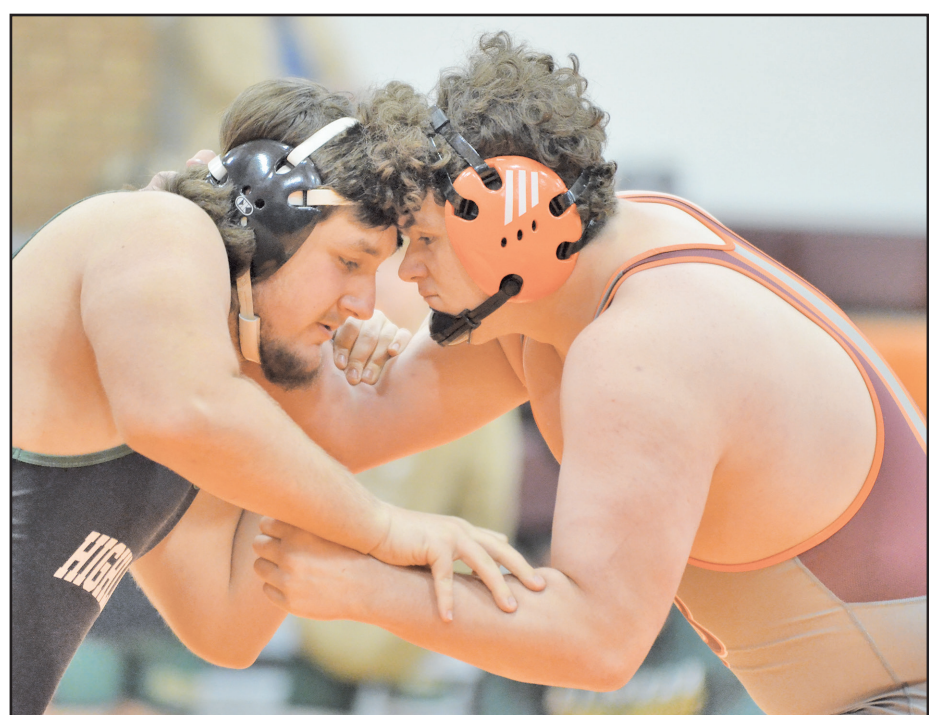
Byrd was originally scheduled to wrestle in the Big Blue tournament at

Christiansburg this weekend, but the Terriers have opted not attend. Instead, they will go to the Big Red tournament at Riverheads the following weekend. The Blue Ridge District tournament is scheduled for Northside High on January 31.

"Our team has really progressed during the season and I am happy to see where we are currently," said Kessler. "With that being said we still have a long ways to go to get to our ultimate goal, which is state placers and state champions at the end of the season. We are about three and a half weeks away from the region tournament and we will need to start peaking around that time."



Above, Byrd's Ruby Gaspar Reyes (on top) works over her opponent for her first win in last week's quad-match in Vinton. Ruby is the only girl on the Big Orange. Below, Brycen Nielson (right in photo) squares off in his match with Glenvar.



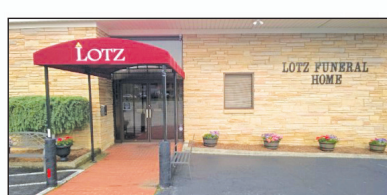
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