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Remembering Aubrey Vaughan and his lifetime of dedication to the community

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The family, friends, Vinton First Aid Crew family, church family, and county schools' co-workers of Aubrey Vaughan gathered at Thrasher Memorial United Methodist Church on Jan. 22 to celebrate his life – a life dedicated to family and community service. Vaughan passed away on Jan. 13, 2024, at age 93.

He graduated from William Byrd High School in 1949 and earned his Master's in Education from the University of Virginia (always a dedicated Wahoo fan) and after college came back to teach and coach at Byrd. He taught geography to ninth graders, driver's education, and physical education, was the head coach for basketball and track, and assistant coach for the football team.

Later, he was employed as principal at William Byrd Junior High School, and principal of two elementary schools in North County – Southview and Glen Cove. He went on to work as Roanoke County Public Schools Assistant Superintendent with Superintendent Dr. Bayes Wilson, retiring in 1988.

Vaughan began volunteering with the Vinton First Aid Crew (VFAC) in 1954. He became interested in joining the crew when he worked part-time at Oakey's Funeral Home in the summers, where his father was employed.

In the early years, the First Aid Crew would report to the scenes of accidents, illness, or disasters in their own vehicles (or the crew's one panel truck) and tend to the patients but could not transport them for further care – that was up to the funeral homes and their vehicles.

Over the years he held almost every position within the First Aid Crew, including serving as captain for two years. He eventually earned the status of Life Member.

Those who know members of the Vinton First Aid Crew have often heard them describe themselves as a "family," but, in Vinton, many of them actually are family.

According to the VFAC, "Through his service and

dedication, Aubrey created a generational legacy in the service of the VFAC. This legacy includes officers, life members, and active members."

Vaughan was 23 years old when he joined the crew. His son, Mitch, joined when he was just 15 so that he could run with his dad. Mitch's late wife, Cindy, was a member, along with her father, Jim Perdue. Aubrey's granddaughter Anna "grew up at the crew building from the age of 2." Anna's husband, Brandan Arthur, is currently serving as VFAC training lieutenant.

Vaughan's late wife, Elsie, was a lifetime member of the Ladies Auxiliary of the First Aid Crew. In fact, their first date involved responding to a First Aid Crew call.

At Vaughan's funeral, VFAC Chaplain Tom Philpott shared some anecdotes about the years he spent volunteering with him on the crew. He noted that Vaughan was "always a calming presence" in challenging situations and that he had mentored many crew members through the years. He taught them, "It's what you learn after you know it all that counts."

Few in the community have not been touched in some way by the services of the Vinton First Aid Crew since it was founded 84 years ago in 1939. Its motto has long been "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends," from John 15:13. The crew's simple mission is "A Helping Hand for Our Fellow Man," a mission Vaughan certainly fulfilled many times over.

Aubrey and Elsie Vaughan were also dedicated lifetime members at Thrasher Memorial UMC, where he proudly sang in the choir for 15 years and was a member of the Pedigo Sunday School class.

The Rev. John Hemming of Thrasher led the Celebration of Life for Vaughan, along with Chaplain Gareth Stephenson, and Daniel Wickham, husband of Vaughan's granddaughter, Kaitlin Colls Wickham.

Wickham shared some poignant memories of Vaughan written by Kaitlin:

"My grandfather was a man of great stature, both

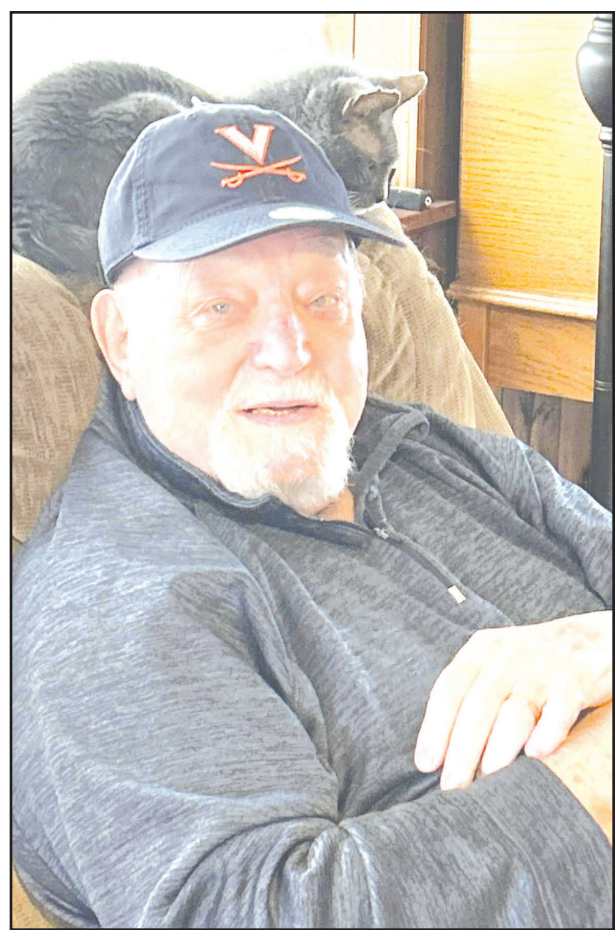


PHOTO COURTESY OF VINTON FIRST AID CREW
Aubrey Vaughan, Life Member of the Vinton First Aid Crew

ethically and physically. His career was driven by wanting to make schools a better place for the students, teachers, and staff. I remember drawing a card for his retirement when I was around 6 years old, but I had no idea my very own grandfather was the assistant superintendent of my school system. Who knew the man I called Papa had a job, and an important one at that!

"He may have retired when I was young, but boy, his life didn't slow down. His mornings were spent at the Vinton McDonalds swapping stories with his friends; his afternoons were on golf courses, no matter the weather; and his evenings were filled with choir practices, church meetings, and card games. He certainly didn't have a hard time filling his days.

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PHOTO COURTESY OF ROANOKE COUNTY SCHOOLS

William Byrd High School head football coach Brad Lutz was recognized by the Roanoke County School Board for being nominated for the NFL Don Shula Coach of the Year Award. Pictured front row (left to right) are School Board member Tim Greenway, Coach Brad Lutz, William Byrd Athletic Director Jason Taylor, WBHS Principal Tammy Newcomb, and School Superintendent Dr. Ken Nicely; back row, School Board members Shelley Clemons, Brent Hudson, Cheryl Facciani, and David Linden.

Coach Lutz recognized by Roanoke County School Board

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William Byrd High School head football coach Brad Lutz was recognized by the Roanoke County School Board at its meeting on Jan. 18 for his nomination for the Don Shula Coach of the Year Award.

WBHS Principal Tammy Newcomb talked about Lutz's years at Byrd, coming on board as head coach following the retirement of a coach who had been there for 35 years – "a difficult assignment."

When he took over the program, Lutz had just 18 players in the program. The jayvee program had ceased to exist, and the middle school team was struggling.

"Now we have 78 kids in the program, but it's not just about winning and

losing," said Newcomb. "One of the things emphasized when Coach Lutz came on board was 'what are you going to do for our boys to make them better people?'"

"That's what athletics is all about," Newcomb said. "It's about perseverance. This year we were champions at the district and regional level. Championships come from hard work. Our boys grew and that came from Coach Lutz's leadership."

In his first year with Byrd, the statistics were 0-10 – "that's hard," Newcomb noted, "in a community where football is all important. "But seeing our stands, you would have thought we were state champions. Our community comes out for the team."

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McGrath named 2024 Claes Nobel Educator of Distinction

Barbara McGrath, who teaches Advanced Placement Biology and Ecology at William Byrd High School, has been named as a 2024 Claes Nobel Educator of Distinction by the National Society of High School Scholars (NSHSS). Claes Nobel, co-founder of the NSHSS, was the grand-nephew of Alfred Nobel, who established the Nobel Prizes.

This is a special program that honors educators worldwide. Since the program began in 2007, more than 50,000 educators have been recognized. One of McGrath's AP-DE Biology students, junior Will Thompson, nominated her.

NSHSS encourages young people around the world to strive for excellence and to embrace their responsibility as our future world leaders.

The letter McGrath received announcing her selection as an Educator of Distinction said that it "is a testament to the lasting impact you are making on today's youth. This honor is presented

to you because of your dedication to teaching and learning and the difference you are making as a role model, source of information, and leader in your profession."

The Educator of Distinction program established by Claes Nobel "embraces the Nobel family's tradition of recognizing world class minds and supports the vision of NSHSS to connect its members with meaningful content, resources, and personal networks. Through

the experiences and opportunities that we provide, NSHSS helps young people build upon their academic success and develop the skills, motivation, and determination to change our world for the better."

As an Educator of Distinction, McGrath is eligible to apply for grants to attend professional conferences, pursue advanced degrees, and enhance the delivery of classroom instruction. She

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Claes Nobel Educator of Distinction Barbara McGrath

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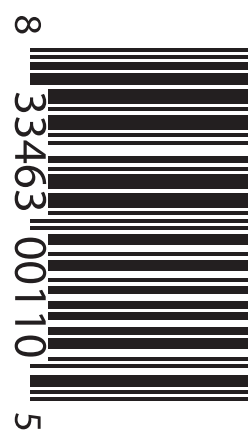




PHOTO BY DEBBIE ADAMS

Mayor Brad Grose, Dogwood Queen Carsyn Kotz, and members of the Dogwood Court traveled through downtown Vinton by horse-drawn carriages in the 2023 Vinton Dogwood Festival.

Vinton Dogwood Festival issues call for entries and sponsorships

The 2024 Vinton Dogwood Festival is scheduled for April 26-27. There will be a concert on Friday night the 26th at the Vinton Farmers' Market and then the Dogwood Festival downtown on April 27.

The festival will feature a wide variety of activities for all ages, including a craft show, business showcase, crowning of the Dogwood Queen and Court, entertainment on three stages, street entertainment, a free Kids' Zone, antique car show, food, and retail vendors, and walking parade.

The Dogwood Festival Committee is accepting vendors and parade participants for the 69th annual festival at this time. All types of festival vendors are welcome including: handmade crafts for the craft show; retail, direct sale, non-profits for the business showcase; as well as professional and non-profit food vendors.

Groups and individuals are encouraged by organizers to enter marching and walking entries, musical groups, costumed characters, novelty units and more in the newly designed "Dogwood Festival Stroll" walking parade. The committee is especially hopeful to have many clubs and organizations from William Byrd High School represented.

This year the Dogwood Parade will have a different look with no full-size vehicles participating. Decorated golf carts and ATVs (500 cc or less) are welcome if pulling a float or providing sound systems, but inside

of extending the length of Washington Avenue and through the downtown area, this year's parade is only one-half mile long and confined to the downtown area. (Free entry is available for the parade only.)

For more information or to sign up as a vendor or parade participant, visit www.vintondogwoodfest.com to submit an on-line application or email vintondogwoodfestivalinfo@gmail.com.

The Festival Committee is also accepting sponsorships and/or donations for the event. Bronze sponsorships start at \$250 for your name on printed materials; Silver Level at \$500 includes name on printed materials and signage; Gold Level at \$1,000 includes name on printed materials, signage, scholarship contributions, and two tickets to Friday night's concert (entertainer TBA) along with Friday night retail booth space at the concert; or Platinum Level \$5,000 which includes all of the above, plus six tickets to the concert on Friday night.

The Dogwood Festival Committee's mailing address is P.O. Box 384, Vinton, 24179 or call Dogwood Festival President Jeff Teass at 540-597-8581 to have your donation or sponsorship picked up personally.

Submitted by Vinton Dogwood Festival Committee



By Molly Meador, Vinton Library Assistant

We are now in the full swing of the cold winter months and it's the perfect time to hunker down and curl up with a good book. Whenever you feel the need to come out of your hibernation cave, the Vinton Library is here to offer you some fun, cozy activities to get you out of the winter gloom.

With Valentine's Day coming up, we're here to set you up on the best kind of date—you guessed it, it's time for "Blind Date with a Book"! Love is out there and we're here to help you find it. Come by all month long and peruse our blind date books. Check out one... or five! It's always good to increase your odds when it comes to love. You just never know when you'll fall for a good book. Rate your date and you will be entered into a drawing for a prize.

February is a great month for some of our best annual programs. Not only do we have our book blind dates happening, it's also time for the Great Backyard Bird Count. Stop by from February 9-16 to get your bird feeder kit along with a bird bingo sheet and birding app information. The count runs from February 16-19.

This month's Creations and Temptations will be on Sat., Feb. 17 from 3-4 p.m. We'll be making a magical winter scene paper luminary. Register online to join us for

delicious chocolate and this beautiful craft.

Are you new to the area and looking to meet some of your neighbors? Or are you a long-time resident just looking to get out of the house? The Vinton Community Connection is for you! Join us and learn something new or get a little creative, all while socializing and reminiscing with others in the area. Come by every Friday from 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. Each week we'll have a thirtyish minute mini-program with one of our creative and knowledgeable staff members; then the rest of the time, you're welcome to chat away about whatever tickles your fancy and enjoy some free coffee. Check out all the fun mini programs we have planned this month: on Feb. 2 we'll create a gorgeous paper craft; on Feb. 9 you can learn some basics about artificial intelligence; on Feb. 16 we'll be making our own birdseed feeders, and on Feb. 23 we'll have adult story-time.

This month the Vinton Book Club will be discussing "In the Garden of Beasts" by Eric Larson on Thurs., Feb. 1 at 3 p.m. The As the Page Turns Book Club will discuss "Demon Copperhead" by Barbara Kingsolver on Wed., Feb. 14 at 2 p.m.

Don't forget to check out our other continuing adult programs:

- Open Bridge meets every Tues. from 1-4 p.m.

- GED Classes with Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Region 5 Adult Education are on Tues. and Thurs. from 5-7 p.m. (more information and sign up at www.regionfiveadulthood.com)

- Pick-up Chess is on Thurs. Feb. 1 from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

- The Roanoke Valley Dulcimers meet Sat., Feb. 17 from 10:15 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

- The Vinton Writers Group will meet Thurs., Feb. 22 from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

- The Blue Ridge Dulcimer Ensemble will play Mon., Feb. 26 from 6-7:00 p.m.

Our Teen Advisory Group will meet on Tues., Feb. 13 from 5-6:30 p.m. This time it's TAG... with a twist! Register online to enjoy snacks, games, and a few rounds of laser tag while sharing your ideas about how to make the library a better place for teens.

Oh no, the dragons have been stolen! Can you use your STEM smarts to rescue them from the Dragon Slayers before it's too late? Recommended for ages 7-11, register for your spot in our Dragon Savers program on Wednesday, February 14 from 4-5 p.m.

Don't forget to participate in our Winter Reading Program, continuing all throughout this month, starting on Mon., Jan. 29 and ending on Saturday, March 16. This program

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WILLIAM BYRD MIDDLE SCHOOL HONOR ROLLS

William Byrd Middle School has announced the honor rolls for the second nine weeks of the 2023-2024 school year:

A HONOR ROLL

Sixth Grade: Brenner Alterio, Lydon Beavers, Grayson Bell, Maggie Benson, Hayden Biggs, Kenlee Campbell, Jack Clark, Mackenzie Cole, Liam Collins, Isabella Cooke, Pedro Cruz Quiroz, Kolbie Davis, Chaz Jordan Dunlap, Nicole Eggleston, Kathryn Etue, Ahmad Faqiri, Brett Gardner, Alexander Gilbert, Rory Grant, Charlotte Harper, Ethan Hastings, Sophia Jones, Jacinna Mitchell, Sophia Moretti, Olivia Morrison, Chance Nguyen, Greylin Peters, Jackson Price, Ava Rader, Georgia Ralph, Liam Roberts, Annabelle Robtison, Jasmine Rodriguez Muniz, Kristian Sattah, Owen Seth, Jordan Stanley, Collins Terrell, Jordyn Terry Cabbler, Liam Thepsimuong, Jaciel Torres Carreon, Aaliyah Vorst, Madison Weymouth, Danielle Woodcock, and Matthew Yang

Seventh Grade: Ace Adkins, Carlee Akers, Tabitha Allen, Elizabeth Ball, Grant Bartley, Tristan Blevins, Addison Bradford, Madison Brigdon, Garrett Brunk, Cooper Butrym, Ethan Camper, Savannah Chassereau, Calvin Chen,

Payten Childress, Avery Chitwood, Eliana Colwell, Grayson Davis, Carston Dibenedetto, Reid Divers, Michael Dixon, Dakota Downs, Claire Draper, Lillian Duncan, McKinley Edberg, Jayden Ferris, Brayden Furrow, Julissa Garcia, Kayden Gibson, Madison Gordon, Landon Hagy, Tenley Hardifer, Alyssa Harless, Gabriel Hindenlang, Marygann Jenkins, Caroline Johnson, Brogan Jordan, Briggs Kotz, Brooke Lomax, Ashlynn Lovern, Chase Madonna, Melissa Madonna, Silas Marshall Emma, Kyler Martin, Lixi Martinez Maldonado, Ella McReynolds, Corinne Michalski, Layna Miller, Miriam Moore, Vanessa Mullen, Sophia Nester, Madilyn Overstreet, Vishva Patel, David Pham, Marley Poindexter, Violetta Ramirez, Mahkenna Ramsey, Madelynn Ray, Maxwell Reeves, Kennedi Shifflett, Isabella Shropshire, Peyton Turner, Khyler Wagoner, Isabella Wertz, Joshua C. Williams, Joshua J. Williams, Wesley Wilson, and Charlie Zimmerman

Eighth Grade: Caleigh Aremia, Tayler Austin, Kayleigh Barber, Jackson Booze, Norah Buck, Stephen Byars, Ryan Carroll, Isabella Clark, Isabella Davis, Nathan Doan, Keeli Emery, Reagan Fike, Alanna Fitzgerald, Adrian Garcia, Peyton Gates, Kyleigh Ginger, Michal

Hamlar, Camryn Hicks, Benjamin Hoyos, Naleigh Lewis, Ava Lorton, Olivia Marcus, Mallory Michalski, Kaitlyn Mills, Kenley Minnix, Allen Nunez, Cooper Peery, Anna Perkoski, Jack Petersen, Jenna Petersen, Elliana Ruble, Haleigh Saucedo, Enna Schofield, Aaron Start, Kara Sutton, Hadyn Terrell, Emma Thierry, Kolee Walter, Emma Whitcomb, Levi Whitcomb, Hendrix Wright, and Caleb Wrye.

A-B HONOR ROLL

Sixth Grade: Paige Aremia, Kendall Bailey, Evan Bays, Cohen Berry, Mariah Black, Piper Bouvier, Reece Brady, Peyton Burks, Dristin Byrd, Angel Cabrera Cruz, Christina Chaney, Tyler Cobb, Tania Cortes Martinez, Colton Cunningham, Brantley Dodd, Jedidiah Dooley, Julian Doura, Addilyn Dudley, Brooklyn Duncan, Naziyah Edmonds, Lasen Elkins, Rihele Ferguson

Wright, Sophie Fielder, William Fitzgerald, Cadence Gearhart, Brinkley Gonzalez, Benjamin Gurley, Marie Guyer, Raegan Henritze, Braylon Hensley, Shelby Hensley, Jameson Horst, Douglas Jones, Serenity Jones, Rylan Lewey, Cally Lutz, Ember Lyles, Ashlyn Mason, Ava Maute, Rayne McGeorge, Abigail McIntyre, Caiden Meyer, Ashton Mills, Gabriel Morgan, Jacob Morris, Maci Morrison, McKenzie Moseley, Dakota Mundy, Trevor Nunn, Dominick Olson, Maddox Overstreet, Bryce Patrick, Cynthia Pena Rendon, Jackson Poindexter, June Prichard, Emily Pruitt, Christian Reeves, Owen Rupe, Majd Sati, AraBella Saunders, Brooklynn Scott, Manaya Sharma, Savannah Shepherd, Karlee Smith, Garren Sutphin, Emily Thomas, Rose Tial, Jaqwaylin Toler, Charlie Tyree, Peyton Underwood, SoLynn Walter, Molly Webb, Caleb Webster, William Weden, Mason Weeks, Aidan Worley, and Mia Zuniga Dominguez

Seventh Grade: Kendall Adams, Raylend Agee, Katie Altamirano Diaz, Alexander Ashwell, Lakyn Austin, Laylah Austin, Elyshah Ball, Lola Barbour, Jayden Beasley, Ryan Bell, Ethan Bibby, Emma Boyd, Karla Brumback, Sophia Butler, Zachary Camden, Robert Campbell, Colten Carter, Kori Carter, Joshua Christensen, William Churchill, Gage Clark, Allyssa Clyburn, Kelly Dixon, Alexander Dolan, Landon Dolan, Ashlynn Doss, Iris Dudley, Izaih Duncan, Remington Duncan, William Etue, Lena Fairrace, Macie

Fields, Russell Fisher, Ryleigh Fisher, Noah Flynn, Cohen Gill, Jaxon Glatt, Kayden Gonzalez, Carter Gray, Joshua Hale, Lallie Hannabass, Hannah Harless, Deja Harris, Autumn Hayslett, Jackson Henderson, Katelynn Howell, Ayriana Huff, Madelyn Huffman, Zachary Ingram, Jackson Johnson, Mia Johnson, Mason Labinski, Rylan Lang, Makenzie LaPradd, Zoe LaRose, John Lee, Wyatt Magill, Nolan Martin, Cale Meador, Oliver Moore, Grady Morck, Gracie Morgan, Mason Moses, William Muddiman, Kailee Murray Neal, La Riah Noel, Tylianne Nunley, Alaura Overstreet, Bryn Padgett, Graham Payne, Maya Potter, Kayleigh Roberts, Emily Robtison, Landon Rodgers, Aubrey Roye, Nyah Rutherford, Aden Sanderson, Evan Scott, Cora Shell, Nami Shively, Adam Sink, Aniya Smith, Corryn Speed, Jacob Spradlin, Colton Stiltner, Olivia Strassburg, Graceyn Taylor, Nicholas Trettner, Jonathan Underwood, Paylin Waldron, Keelan Webster, Holden White, Temperance Whorley, Jack Williams, Mason Williams, Ava Wright, and Baze Wright

Eighth Grade: Franklin Apple, Asia Bannister, Isabella Barrette, Madelyn Barrette, Matthew Beavers, Logan Beverage, Jaiden Blankenship, Logan Blevins, Allison Bowling, Greysen Bradford, Paxton Brown, Spencer Campbell, Eric Chen, Milton Clark, Jazmine Clifton, Jahniya Coles, Claire Cooper, Kayden Creel, Riley Cummings, Braylon Dent, Meranda Dilcher, Morgan Dillard, Angelyce Enriquez, Debra Gamble, Benjamin Gardner, Madison Garman, Blair Godlesky, Kur Gon, Carson Gordon, Thalia Green, Hadyn Grubb, Preslee Hamm, Aubrey Harris, Kenleigh Hetherington, Jude Hinkle, Landon Hollins, Khloe Humphrey, Ellison Ingram, Mya Johnson, Cooper Kageals, Reese Mahanes, Luka Mihelcic, Adalie Mills, Leah Montgomery, Kennedy Moseley, Josephine Mullen, Mallorie Mullins, Ethan Neville, Alana Niday, Riley Niday, Emma Olvit, Jacob Perez, Kendall Ranson, Nathaniel Roberts, Vivian Schmidt, Joshua Serreno, Braydon Sink, Richard Smith, Zoe Sowers, Alyssa Steahly, Gwen Summo, Hope Thomas, Isaiah Thompson, Juan Torres Carreon, Mia Vest, Hailey Webster, Jacey Weddle, Bryson Wendell, Keenan West, Noah Wheeler, Bindi Whitenack, Ryan Witcher, and Sabrina Wray

Submitted by Katherine Hutchison, Assistant Principal, William Byrd Middle School



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Source of gas leak determined at William Byrd High

William Byrd High School was evacuated on Thurs., Jan. 18, due to a gas leak and remained closed on Friday, Jan. 19.

According to Roanoke County Public Schools Director of Community Relations Chuck Lionberger, "The minor gas leak was caused by construction activity as part of the ongoing renovation of the school. Unfortunately, this leak was difficult to initially locate, which resulted in a longer-term situation. The repairs were a bit more complex, requiring the school to be closed on Friday."

The maintenance staff worked with Roanoke Gas and the Roanoke County Fire & Rescue Dept. to identify the source of the leak.

"We commend our students, staff and transportation crews for their flexibility

and calm response during the incident and we thank our parents for their patience and cooperation," Lionberger said.

William Byrd students were not counted absent on Jan. 19 and were not penalized for incomplete assignments due on Friday or Monday due to not having access to their school materials.

"Thank you for your cooperation today," Principal Tammy Newcomb said in a message to parents on Thursday. "In times like this, it takes everyone to be patient, flexible, and kind. I appreciate all of you for displaying those traits today."

WBHS reopened on Monday, Jan. 22.

-Roanoke County Public Schools, Vinton Messenger staff report



PHOTO COURTESY ROANOKE COUNTY FIRE & RESCUE

The Roanoke County Fire & Rescue Dept. was on site at WBHS to help determine the source of the gas leak on Jan. 18.

PEOPLE, PLACES AND THINGS



Celebrating George "Buddy" Bell's 92nd birthday were (left to right) cousins Hunter Bell, Deaton Bell, George "Buddy" Bell, Mickey, Naomi Roberts, Catherine and Deborah Alvord.

By Angie Chewning

So... I'm not a jealous person BUT when the family goes on a Disney cruise and you are in COLD Vinton, that jealousy might just sneak in. My uncle, Dr. George H. "Buddy" Bell (Bootie's

brother) wonderfully celebrated his 92nd Birthday on the Disney cruise ship, the Wish, and enjoyed visits in Walt Disney World before and after the cruise!

He was enthusiastically and lovingly accompanied by his "birthday crew,"

cousins Hunter Bell, Deaton Bell, Mickey, Naomi Roberts, Catherine and Deborah Alvord.

How amazingly blessed are we that we have the "Long Life" gene? Nannie Bell (Buddy, Bootie and Jimmy's mother) lived to be 94 and her mother 95.



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Pluto helps George "Buddy" Bell celebrate his 92nd birthday!

Garden Club to feature Julie Beckwith of Vinton

Star City Garden Club at the Roanoke Council of Garden Clubs will present Julie Beckwith of LivingOnThePatio from Vinton as a speaker at its meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 6, at 6:30 p.m.

After a career in product management for the fifth largest national bank and owner of a successful marketing agency, www.livingonthepatio.com is the latest interest for blogger Julie Beckwith, along with her husband Randy.

Today, she is on a mission to assist homeowners to create and benefit from their own outdoor living space by providing information, advice, and resources because "life happens on the patio!" Their experiences led them to create resources that are practical and handy for the DIYer, with real life suggestions on when to call in the professionals.

The LivingOnThePatio community is for those who want to have a beautiful outdoor living space but don't have lots of money to spend. Whether a first-time homeowner or a downsizing retiree, they want to be smart about developing an outdoor living area that will be useful to family, comfortable to spend time on, and increases the value of home.

Her presentation, entitled "Surprising (Health) Benefits of Outdoor Living

Spaces," will briefly cover her own experience about what to consider before undertaking an outdoor living space project as well as:

1. specific benefits, backed by science, that can be gained through having outdoor living spaces and gardens as well as suggested ways to incorporate them in and around homes and gardens, and

2. ways that garden club members and other attendees can use the information presented to benefit themselves, friends, and family.

Star City Garden Club meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Roanoke Council of Garden Clubs, 3640 Colonial Avenue in Roanoke. Meetings are free and open to the public and membership is encouraged. Appetizers are served along with wine and beverages.

For more information, contact Nancy Hughes of the Star City Garden Club at 540-204-2087 or email her at hughes112657@gmail.com. Julie Beckwith for LivingOnThePatio can be reached at 941-704-5695 or by email at livingonthepatio22@gmail.com.

Submitted by Star City Garden Club

Vinton accepting bids for Gus Nicks and Hardy Road signalized crosswalks

The Town of Vinton is proceeding with two more infrastructure projects to achieve its goal of making the town safer and more "walkable." The town sent out Invitation for Bids notice for the construction of the Hardy Road Midblock Pedestrian Crosswalk and the Gus Nicks Boulevard Midblock Pedestrian Crosswalk on Jan. 19. A pre-bid conference for

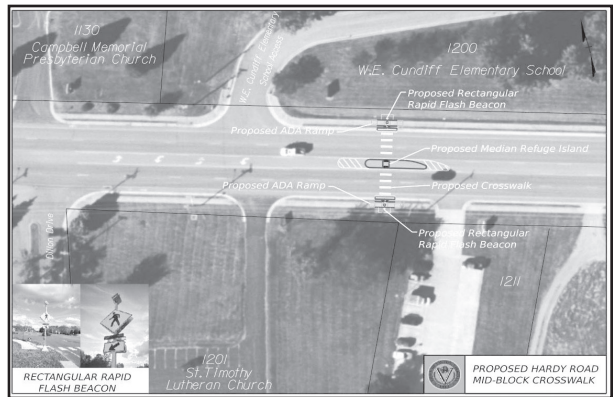
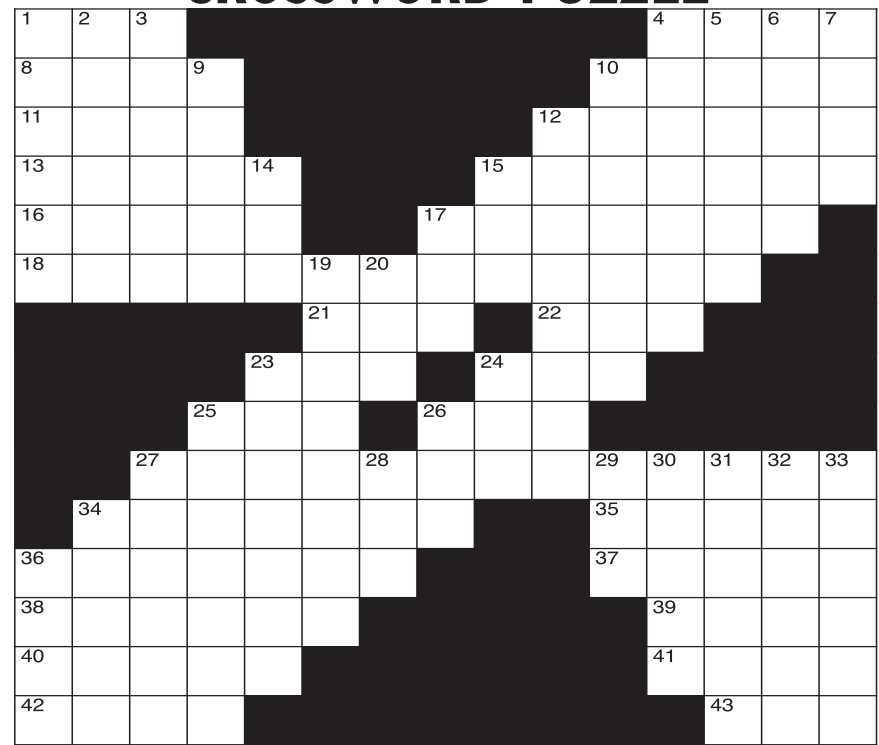


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Hardy Road Midblock Pedestrian Crosswalk aerial view

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| <p>CLUES ACROSS</p> <p>1. Tax collector</p> <p>4. Fishes without the line touching water</p> <p>8. Brooklyn hoopsters</p> <p>10. Actress Lathan</p> <p>11. A metric for athletes</p> <p>12. Food storage location</p> <p>13. Colossus</p> <p>15. Desolations</p> <p>16. Accustom to something unpleasant</p> <p>17. ___ Kubrick, filmmaker</p> <p>18. You might ask this at Thanksgiving</p> <p>21. Arkansas city</p> <p>22. Gave food to</p> <p>23. Request</p> | <p>24. V-shaped open trough</p> <p>25. Make lively</p> <p>26. It accompanies feather</p> <p>27. Blonde bombshell</p> <p>34. One who revolves</p> <p>35. Bluish greens</p> <p>36. Charity</p> <p>37. Having the shape of a cube</p> <p>38. Unwind</p> <p>39. Believed by some to be the supreme being</p> <p>40. Checks or guides</p> <p>41. Leak slowly through</p> <p>42. Top-quality</p> <p>43. Midway between south and southeast</p> | <p>CLUES DOWN</p> <p>1. Part of your foot</p> <p>2. It's at the back of the eyeball</p> <p>3. Where things stand</p> <p>4. Offered</p> <p>5. Contains pollen</p> <p>6. Boisterous get-together</p> <p>7. Asserts out loud</p> <p>9. They're in the sky</p> <p>10. Canonized</p> <p>12. A politician's official stances</p> <p>14. It can catch fish</p> <p>15. British thermal unit</p> <p>17. Helps little firms</p> <p>19. Where patients go for treatment</p> <p>20. Large red deer</p> | <p>23. Pokes holes in</p> <p>24. "Star Wars" hero Solo</p> <p>25. One in a hospital</p> <p>26. Scandinavian god of battle</p> <p>27. Famous cat</p> <p>28. ___ Angeles: City of Angels</p> <p>29. Type of drug (abbr.)</p> <p>30. City along the Rhine</p> <p>31. Animal disease</p> <p>32. Martini ingredients</p> <p>33. Get away</p> <p>34. Rare species of rodent</p> <p>36. Suppress</p> |
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Recycling Center moves to Glade Creek Park in Vinton

Roanoke County Solid Waste has opened a new recycling site at Glade Creek Park in Vinton. The recycling trailer that was serving the Vinton Magisterial District at William Byrd Middle School has been moved to the park, which is located at 325 Gus Nicks Boulevard. The trailers can be found near the athletic field, below the Billy Byrd Apartments.

The new site has two trailers available for citizen use, and will accept mixed paper, aluminum, and plastics #1 and #2.

Roanoke County currently offers several recycling drop off locations, which are emptied Monday through Saturday. Citizens may place their recyclables in the trailers on Sundays. In addition,

Roanoke County residents are able to take recyclables to the Tinker Creek Transfer Station during the normal hours of operation.

Please only place accepted recyclable items in the designated bins. Other material will contaminate the load and it will not be recycled.

All locations accept mixed paper, aluminum, and plastics #1 and #2.

Please break down cardboard boxes to maximize storage space in our recycling trailers.

Please contact Roanoke County at 540-387-6225 for more information.

Submitted by Roanoke County General Services

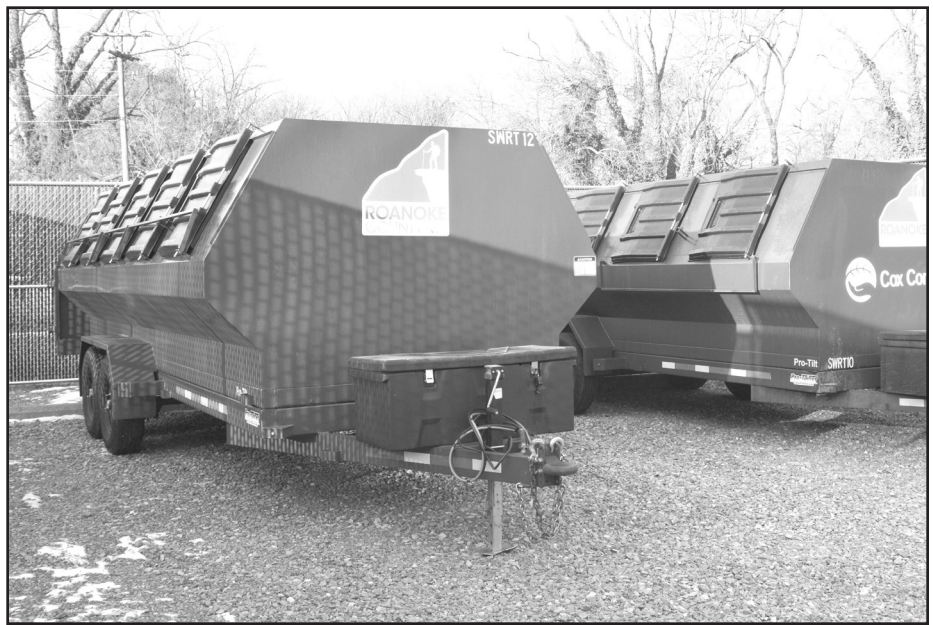


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The Recycling Center in Vinton has relocated from William Byrd Middle School to Glade Creek Park.

VINTON HISTORY: Shoe polish

Many of us have polished our shoes in past years. On display at the Vinton History Museum is a vintage Griffin liquid wax for shoes.

Griffin was started in 1890 by Tony Aste who was a horse race fan and saw the need for shoe-shining at the track. Starting Griffin with just a nickel, Tony

on to revolutionize the shoe-shine industry by inventing products.

Shoe polish was sold in paste, cream, and liquid to polish, shine, and waterproof leather shoes and boots to extend the life and restore their appearance. Shoe polish is still available but with modern technology, shoes do not require the polishing process.

The vintage shoe polishing product at the Vinton History Museum is only one of thousands

of artifacts on display that bring back memories.

The Vinton History Museum located at 210 East Jackson Avenue in Downtown Vinton is open Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and every first Saturday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. "Preserving the Past for the Future."

By Judy Cunningham, Vinton History Museum Executive Director



PHOTO COURTESY VINTON HISTORY MUSEUM

Vintage Valentines from the Forbes family

Vinton History Museum to host Vintage Valentines display and share

The Vinton History Museum will celebrate Vintage Valentines on the "First Saturday," Feb. 3, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at 210 Jackson Ave., in downtown Vinton.

The museum will have a variety of vintage Valentines and candy boxes on display at the museum. We encourage visitors to stop by and show us their own vintage Valentines. We would like to scan or take a photo of the items to share on the popular Vinton Memories and History page during February. You don't have to leave the item.

Some free sweet treats will also be available to enjoy while touring the museum. Over 4,000 artifacts are available for viewing. Genealogy and research information is also available.

The Vinton History Museum is open Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and the first Saturday of each month from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information email info@vintonhistorymuseum.org or call (540)342-8634.

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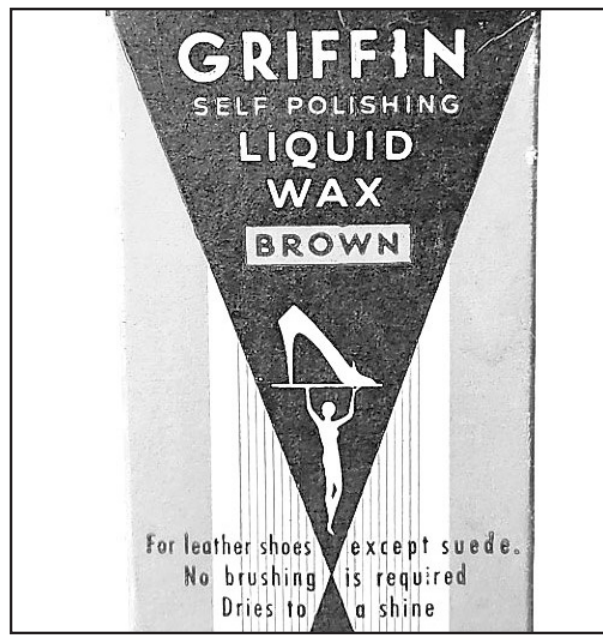


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CHURCH OF CHRIST VINTON - 2107 Feather Road, Vinton. Terry Hodge, Minister, 540-890-1170. Sunday Bible Study 9:45 a.m., Sunday Morning Service 10:45 a.m., Wednesday Bible Study 10 a.m.

ECKANKAR

ECKANKAR, THE PATH OF SPIRITUAL FREEDOM, is a simple teaching that focuses on the Light and Sound of God to help people find more love in their life. The Roanoke Eckankar Center is located at 1420 3rd St. SW, Roanoke, VA 24016. A spiritual event is held on the 2nd Sunday of each month at 10:30 a.m. Since contracting COVID-19 may still be possible, please take the health steps that are

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WORSHIP DIRECTORY

DEAR DIARY
Read Ezekiel 40:1 through 42:20

How do you handle the pain of loss or tragedy? Our natural tendency is to hold on to past pain and keep track of hurtful events. "Fifteen years ago today, my wife asked for a divorce." "Four years ago this week, our son drowned." "It's been twenty years, but I vividly remember the day dad died of cancer."

Remembering tragedy is not wrong, but God wants us to see our pain in light of what He can do to bring healing to our lives.

In the twenty-fifth year of our exile, at the beginning of the year, on the tenth of the month, in the fourteenth year after the fall of the city—on that very day the hand of the Lord was on me and he took me there. (Ezekiel 40:1).

Ezekiel and the exiles of Israel would always remember the painful years, but God was at work even during this dark season of their history. In our own lives, we can expect "that very day the hand of the Lord" will become evident in our circumstances.

Thought for Today: Are you measuring the days since your last heartache, or looking to the day of God's provision?

Quicklook: Ezekiel 40:1-4

If you would like to see your church services listed here in the Vinton Messenger contact Tucker Frye at 540-473-2741 or email tfrye@ourvalley.org

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

FOURSQUARE

EVANGEL CHURCH - 2330 Hardy Road, Vinton (corner of Hardy Road and Feather Road), 540-982-3694, www.evangel4sq.com, Pastor Tim Wright. Worship Service Sunday, 10AM. Bible Study Wednesday 11AM-12PM.

LUTHERAN

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.

NAZARENE

FIRST CHURCH OF NAZARENE, 728 Highland Ave., SE, Roanoke, Virginia. 342-4003. Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 a.m., Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Wednesday

Night Bible Study 7 p.m.

PRESBYTERIAN

CAMPBELL MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1130 Hardy Rd, Vinton, VA, 540-343-1842; cmpe2verizon.net Sunday school 9:45am, Worship 11:00am; Communion 1st Su.ndays; 2nd Sunday Session; Monday Noon Bible Study; Tuesdays & Thursdays Stretch Class 9:00am; 1st Tuesdays Deacons; Wednesday Choir 7:00pm; Monday Girl Scouts 7:00pm; 3rd Saturday Men's Breakfast 8:00am. Rev. Jonathan Moelker, pastor

UNITED METHODIST

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

WESLEYAN

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

Building Beloved Communities and Trailblaze Creative to host free nonprofit clinic

On Friday, February 9, 2024, Building Beloved Communities LLC, a SWaM (small, minority, and woman-owned) certified consulting firm based in Roanoke, will host a free clinic for nonprofit organizations from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Roanoke CoLab, 1327 Grandin Rd SW, Roanoke.

Building Beloved Communities will partner with Trailblaze Creative and other nonprofit consultants to provide these free services.

Entering its sixth year of operations, Building Beloved Communities has extensive experience providing strategic planning, organizational development,

DEI auditing and training, executive consulting, fundraising, and HR policy review to government agencies, educational institutions, and non-profits in Virginia and nationwide. Building Beloved Communities's mission is to help agencies identify barriers to meeting their mission and provide tailored solutions to foster inclusive cultures.

"Nonprofits are essential for building strong, resilient communities," says Bonnie Chavez, CEO of Building Beloved Communities. "However, capacity and resources can be a barrier to managing the business side of running a nonprofit. We're hosting this clinic

to remove those barriers and share our expertise in nonprofit operations to support our nonprofits."

The clinic will feature virtual and in-person one-on-one consultations on:

- Financial management, including budgeting, financial statements, and internal controls
- Human resources best practices
- Measuring and evaluating program impact
- Marketing, branding, and communications strategies
- Provided by Trail Blaze Creative (<https://trailblazecreative.com>)
- Grant proposal and report

writing

- Fundraising consultations
- Organization-specific issues that want to be addressed

The clinic is free but limited to one representative per organization. Registration is required by February 7, visit <http://tinyurl.com/NonprofitClinic> to reserve a spot.

Bonnie Chavez is a graduate of the Gauntlet Business Program, based in Vinton.

Submitted by Building Beloved Communities

How connected is your household?

Roanoke County has launched a new resident connectivity survey to better understand local internet and cell phone connectivity needs county-wide.

"While we have made great strides in our efforts to increase both broadband connectivity and cell phone coverage across the county in the last few years, we know there are still service gaps that are affecting our people and our economy," Director of IT Services Bill Hunter said. "This survey will help us pinpoint the remaining areas needing our attention and help us build the business case for additional investment, grant funding, and other avenues for addressing these

concerns."

One representative from each household is being asked to take the survey which can be accessed online at www.roanokecountyva.gov/connected and can be completed from a computer, tablet, or cell phone device. Residents who need additional support completing the survey may request it at any of Roanoke County's public library facilities.

The survey is open through February 14 and the results will be published later in the year.

Submitted by Roanoke County

LOA seeking volunteers for Soup for Seniors

Volunteers are needed for the annual Soup for Seniors canned food drive. The LOA particularly needs volunteers to:

- Help pick up food from collection sites the week of Jan. 29
- Help deliver the bags of food to seniors the week of Feb. 5

Visit the website at <https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/19860118068/false#/invitation> to sign up.

The mission of Soup for Seniors is "Helping Older Persons Remain Independent as Long as Possible."

Thousands of seniors in the area live at or below the poverty line. This year's goal is to collect 45,000 pounds of soup and other non-perishable items to provide bags of food for 2,750 older adults in need in the Roanoke Valley and surrounding areas.

At the top of the

list of who to serve with Soup for Seniors donations are LOA's 570 homebound Meals on Wheels recipients. Other recipients include: LOA's Diner's Club participants; older adults receiving LOA's transportation, case management, and in-home care services; more than 1,500 residents of low-income, independent senior housing; and seniors who receive assistance from area Departments of Social Services and other agencies.

The Soup for Seniors campaign started in 2006 with the modest goal of serving seniors who were part of LOA's Foster Grandparent and Senior Companion programs. The community fully embraced the project, and so much soup and crackers were donated, LOA was able to serve all of their clients, other needy seniors in the community,

and more in neighboring communities.

In 2011, LOA took on the project as an agency-wide service and joined forces with AARP Virginia. Collection and distribution were moved to early February to serve the senior population in the most vulnerable part of winter.

Now, in 2024, the community is asked to donate food, volunteer with the collection, hold a canned food collection at their church, school, or business during January, or make a monetary gift to help buy shelf-stable items and support seniors' nutritional needs.

The items most needed are soup, peanut butter, canned meats, canned fruit, canned vegetables, crackers, oatmeal, and Boost or Ensure. Low-salt, nutritious items are preferred. No glass containers. Please check expiration dates.

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is ideal for children ages up to 11. Come pick up a bingo sheet and return it for a small prize and to be entered for a chance to win a grand prize in our drawing.

This month's theme for Discovery Time and Junior Makers is Valentine's Day! Discovery Time (ages 2-5) will be on Thurs., Feb. 8 from 11 a.m.-12 p.m. and we will be doing a sensory matching activity and playing with Play-Doh.

Junior Makers (ages 5-10) is on Wed., Feb. 21 from 4-5 p.m.; we will be doing a heart-shaped building activity as well as making beaded bracelets, and watercolor Valentine's cards.

We will have story-time this month on Wed., Feb. 7 and again on Wed., Feb. 28, with a two-week break in between sessions. Toddler Storytime (for ages 18-36 months, but babies are also welcome) is from 10:30-11 a.m. and Preschool Storytime (for ages 3-5 years) is from 11:30 a.m.-12 p.m. Register online to come

practice early literacy skills for children and their caretakers.

Don't forget about our awesome ongoing children's and teen programs:

- D&D for teens (and adults!) on Mon., Feb. 5 from 5:30-7:30 p.m.
- Anime Club for teens on Mon., Feb. 12 from 6-7 p.m.
- Teen Book Chat for middle and high schoolers on Mon., Feb. 19 from 5-6 p.m.
- Pokémon Club for grades K-5 on Wed., Feb. 28 from 4-5 p.m.

As always, be sure to register for and check out all the programs RCPL has to offer across the county online at www.rocolibrary.org.

The Vinton Library is also a drop-off site for the annual Soup for Seniors canned food drive. Thousands of seniors in our community live at or below the poverty line. Help provide a hot meal on a cold day and remind seniors in need that we

have not forgotten them. The more we collect, the more we serve.

Donations are accepted at the Vinton Library during library hours from Jan. 29-Feb. 4 in partnership with the Local Office on Aging. Items most in need include soup, peanut butter, canned meats, canned fruit, canned vegetables, crackers, oatmeal, Boost/Ensure. Please no glass containers; check expiration dates.

Etzler's Hams



**This Friday, Jan. 26th
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RECIPE OF THE WEEK

Debbie Adams
dadams@ourvalley.org

In our house, freezing/snowy weather equals Cheeseburger Soup in, sort of, homemade bread bowls.

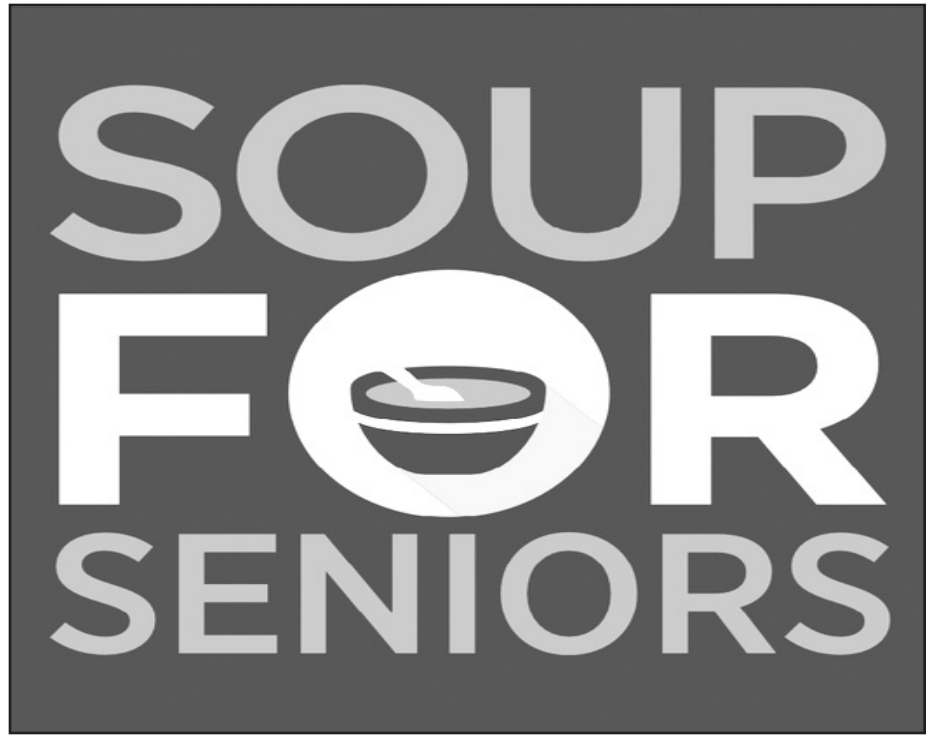
Cheeseburger Soup

- Ingredients:
- 3/4 pound ground beef
 - 3/4 cup chopped onions
 - 3/4 cup diced carrots
 - 3/4 cup diced celery
 - 1 tsp. each basil and parsley
 - 4 Tbsp. butter or margarine, divided
 - 3 cups chicken broth
 - 4 cups diced potatoes
 - 1/4 cup flour
 - 8 oz. Velveeta cheese
 - 1 and 1/2 cups milk
 - 3/4 tsp salt
 - 1/2 tsp. pepper
 - 1/4 cup sour cream
- Brown the ground beef, along with onions, carrots, celery, basil, and

parsley in 1 Tbsp. butter. Add broth and potatoes. Bring to a boil, cover and simmer until vegetables are tender – about 20 minutes. Melt remaining butter in small pan; add flour, cook until bubbly. Add milk, and then add the mixture to the soup. Bring to a boil, then reduce heat. Add cheese and cook until it melts. Blend in sour cream. Serve in bowls or, with just a little more trouble – a homemade bread bowl.

Bread Bowls:

- One loaf frozen bread
 - 2 Tbsp. melted butter
- Place frozen loaf on a cookie sheet. Cover with plastic wrap sprayed with cooking spray. Once dough is thawed enough to cut (about an hour), cut into three sections and roll into balls. Cover with plastic wrap again and let rise until about a third bigger (two to four hours). Brush with 2 Tbsp. melted butter. Preheat oven to 350; bake for 15 minutes until golden brown. Cut off the top. Fill with soup.



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Donations will be collected at one of the LOA drop-off sites between Jan. 29 and Feb. 4 or may be taken to the main collection site at the Church of St. Peter

and St. Paul, (located at 4904 North Lake Drive in Roanoke), on Feb. 5 and 6.

If you have questions about volunteering, contact Jason Brooks at

jbrooms@loaa.org or call 540-345-0451, extension 3023.

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Bids

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the projects was held on Jan. 23 in the Council Chambers of the Vinton Municipal Building. Attendance was not required to submit a bid. Bids will be accepted until 1:30 p.m. on Thurs., Feb. 15.

The projects include demolition of concrete and pavement, installation of concrete sidewalks, ADA ramps, pedestrian refuge islands, pavement, Solar RRFB signals and foundations, removal of existing signing and placement of roadway and school signing and foundations, eradication of pavement markings and placement of pavement markings.

Both crosswalks will feature flashing beacons.

According to Vinton Planning and Zoning Director Anita McMillan, "Normally it will take about six weeks or so after the bids are received, reviewed, and submitted to the Virginia Dept. of Transportation (VDOT) for their review and approval. Once VDOT gives us the authorization to award the bid, we will award the contract, which normally would be the responsive and lowest bidder. Negotiations between the town and contractor will determine the date for the Notice to Proceed (NTP)."

"The NTP date will be contingent upon how soon the contractor will be able to get the needed materials/items such as the Rapid Rectangular Flashing Beacon (RRFB) signs, etc. needed for the project. Once the date of the NTP is issued, the contractor will have 90 days to complete the two crosswalk projects. The Hardy Road Crosswalk will start once school is out, therefore, depending on the NTP's date, we might start with Gus Nicks crosswalk first, or vice versa."

The town hopes for one contractor to complete both crosswalks with construction to begin this summer.

The Gus Nicks Boulevard Midblock Pedestrian Crosswalk will be located to the east of the existing concrete stairways (located to the south of Gus Nicks Blvd) and in between the existing two egress/ingress to Gish Mill (north of Gus Nicks Blvd).

According to the town, "The project will reduce the likelihood of accidents involving pedestrians attempting to cross Gus Nicks Boulevard, a very heavily-traveled right-of-way. The project will provide a safer connection for pedestrians and/or greenway users from Glade Creek Greenway, located to the south of Gus Nicks Boulevard to the

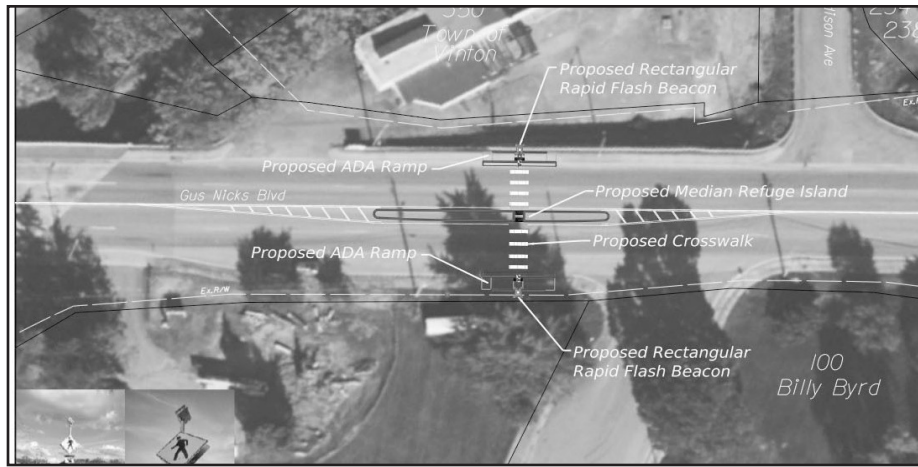


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Gus Nicks Boulevard Midblock Pedestrian Crosswalk aerial view

Gish Mill Property, located to the north of Gus Nicks Boulevard."

The Hardy Road crosswalk will be in between the entrance to St. Timothy Lutheran Church and the first (west) entrance to W.E. Cundiff Elementary School.

According to the town, "The project will improve the lives of the residents in the area and reduce the likelihood of accidents

involving pedestrians attempting to cross a very heavily traveled street. The project will provide a safer connection for the neighborhoods to the south of Hardy Road to W.E. Cundiff Elementary School and to Wolf Creek Greenway located to the north of Hardy Road."

-Town of Vinton Planning and Zoning, Vinton Messenger staff report

McGrath

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may also apply for the Claes Nobel Educator of the Year Award which provides \$5,000 to one educator and \$1,000 to nine other recipients for "the impact they make on our young future leaders."

McGrath says that she intends to apply.

Being named as a Claes Nobel Educator of Distinction also allows McGrath to nominate her most outstanding students

for "recognition, to apply for grants, to serve on a scholarship judging panel, or submit articles for the quarterly Scholar's Journal."

McGrath was recognized by William Byrd students this

year as one of the Terriers of the Month for October. She was nominated for her "caring and thoughtful nature in working with students. She's very intent on making sure students succeed, with a

heart for students and their success."

Submitted by William Byrd High School Principal Tammy Newcomb

Lutz

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"Perseverance is tough but those 14- and 15-year-old boys are now 16, 17, and 18 and they have seen the benefit of working hard. They have also learned to recognize the sacrifice of those who have come before you."

She went on to describe the Military Appreciation and Soldier Tribute nights Lutz has brought to William Byrd games - not just at one game each year, but at every game. Every week team members do research on a soldier who has sacrificed his or her life for their country. That has led to a curiosity about the military, and what sacrifice and team really mean.

"That comes from the heart of Coach Lutz," Newcomb said.

She talked of Terry Plunk, a William Byrd graduate, and one of the first to pass away in Operation Desert Storm. His mother worked at Byrd and received the terrible news at school.

"At one of the first Military Nights, Coach recognized him," Newcomb said, describing the impact that act had on the community. "That meant a lot to our entire town and our boys."

"I want you to be as proud of Coach Lutz as I am and of what he does for our students," Newcomb said to the board.

Newcomb next introduced William Byrd Athletic Director Jason Taylor who nominated Lutz for the prestigious Shula award.

Taylor thanked Lutz for the William Byrd community and "for more reasons that being the football coach."

Taylor commented that over 100 kids in grades 6-8 came out to play football this year. "He has built this program back to where we want it - at all levels - high school, middle school, and rec league."

The director said that as part of his job, he frequently recommends coaches for awards, but this award was especially well deserved. Coach Lutz week in and week out has recognized military heroes and their sacrifices, not just one week each year. He has made the emphasis on these heroes an integral part of the football program at Byrd.

Taylor said the form to nominate Lutz as the Washington Commanders Coach of the Week was lengthy (12 pages) and time consuming and wasn't just about scores, but what the coach does for the team and community, what he brings to the school system, what he teaches—even what the GPA's of his athletes are (a 3.2 average this year).

"Coach Lutz recognizes someone who gave their life for all of us every single week, year after year,

since he lost one of his best friends to military service."

Lutz was invited to attend the Washington Commanders/Dallas Cowboys game a couple of weeks ago where he was introduced with the other nominees for each week of the season. He was chosen as the Washington Commanders' nominee for the Shula Award.

Thirty-two coaches have been nominated for the Don Shula Coach of the Year Award. The winner will attend the Pro Bowl and the Super Bowl, along with receiving \$15,000 for their high school program and \$10,000 for themselves. The award will go to the coach who best exemplifies the leadership and integrity displayed by Shula throughout his career.

"Coach Lutz has earned it," Taylor said. "Everyone in Vinton, Bonsack, and Mount Pleasant loves him and is glad he's OUR football coach. What he does is about building young men. They want to play for him and it's more than just football."

Lutz thanked Newcomb, Taylor, and the School Board for the recognition. He said that while he was honored to be nominated for the Coach of the Year Award, he was "even more honored" that he was chosen as the head coach at William Byrd.

Vaughan

from page 1

"In the midst of all his activities, he was also tasked with occasionally being my chauffeur,

picking me up from school or shuttling me to piano lessons in his powder blue Mercedes with beaded seat covers. The very same Mercedes he was working on one afternoon while it rolled backwards down the very steep driveway into a tree - with him inside. He saw no cause for concern and continued on doing precarious things... for the rest of his life.

"My grandfather was the opposite of my grandmother in many ways. She took delight

in gift giving and being generous to show her love, whereas Papa focused more on character shaping and being an example of honor for his family.

"Also, lucky for my grandmother, Papa was sometimes a bit too busy with his golf games and card nights to see just how generous my grandmother sometimes was to her grandchildren! In the end, they balanced each other. My grandmother once shared

with me that she knew her generous ways may not always be perceived as fair, but she did her best to give each person what she thought they needed. Papa favored fairness in all situations. As a set of grandparents, I think they did a remarkable job of sharing their love with their children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

"The one thing I won't ever forget is that even at 93 years old he never seemed

smaller. His character, his honor, and yes, even his stubbornness, stood strong."

Aubrey Vaughan is survived by his children, Donna Funk (Bruce), Mitch Vaughan (Cindy), and Toni Smith (Ridge); his grandchildren, Kipp Colls (Andrea), Kaitlin Wickham (Daniel), Anna Arthur (Brandan) and Kala Cook (Conan); and great-grandchildren, Avery and Emma Wickham, Payton and Grayson Arthur, and Sawyer Cook.

The service concluded with the traditional and emotional "Final Call," the final radio call to the First Aid Crew member from dispatch, beginning with sirens, for the one who was "always there when needed, no matter the personal cost." The call goes out - with no reply.

"Aubrey, you will be missed. Well done, Aubrey, we will take it from here," was the final message from his Vinton First Aid Crew family.



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TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 5716 LEE HIGHWAY, TROUTVILLE, VA 24175.

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Legals - Botetourt County

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. 23CL29-00036100, 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. 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

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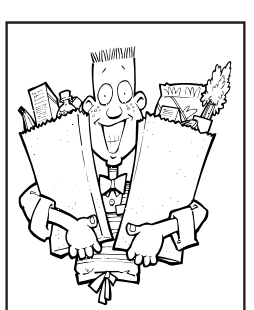
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Public Notice – Environmental Permit

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. 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 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 MICHAEL W. 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 Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. A form copy of the Trustee's memorandum of foreclosure sale and contract to purchase real property is available for viewing at www.bwwsales.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

Legals - Montgomery County

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 deposit may be forfeited to Trustee. Time is of the essence. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser may, if provided by the terms of the Trustee's Memorandum of Foreclosure Sale, be entitled to a \$50 cancellation fee from the Substitute Trustee, but shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. A form copy of the Trustee's memorandum of foreclosure sale and contract to purchase real property is available for viewing at www.bwwsales.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

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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.bwwsales.com. VA-362029-1.

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 KOBI MAZUR The object of this suit is to: DIVORCE. It is ORDERED that JACOB ANDRE MCPHERSON A/K/A KOBI MAZUR appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before MARCH 8, 2024.

JANUARY 5, 2024
K. MIKE FLEENOR, JR. JUDGE
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Legals - Roanoke County

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District swim meet at Gator Center Friday

The Gator Center in Roanoke will be the site for the Blue Ridge District swim meet this Friday, beginning at 6:50 pm. The William Byrd swimmers have been busy preparing for the post-season with meets on Friday, Monday and Tuesday in the past week.

Last Friday at the Gator Center the local pool was packed as Byrd joined Cave Spring, Hidden Valley and Patrick Henry for a big meet. The Terrier boys beat Cave Spring, 92-50, and Hidden Valley, 87-62, but lost to Patrick Henry, 98-65. The Byrd girls lost all three.

Top three finishes for the boys included the 400 freestyle relay with a second place by the team of Cole Kovacevic, Michael Hoyos, Blake Richardson and Evan Copening. Kovacevic also took a second in the 200 IM while Hoyos was second in the 200 free and Brody Parrish was runnerup in the 500 free. Thirds were earned by Chris Hurd in the 200 IM and Copening in the 100 breast.

For the girls, Lindsay Murtaugh won the 200 and 500 free races.

On Monday the Terriers were back at the Gator Center for "Senior Night." The Terriers swam against Patrick Henry and the visiting Patriots beat the Byrd girls, 76-28, and also won the boys' meet, 80-24.

Byrd honored four seniors, boys' team captains Cole Kovacevic and Michael Hoyos, girls' team captain Maddy Davis and Bruno De Melo.

Kovacevic has been on the team for five years. His best events are the 100 fly and the 100 back. Cole says his favorite swimming memory was making states his sophomore and junior year. He plans to attend Virginia Western next year.

Hoyos has also been on the team for five years. His best two events are the 200 and 500 free. His favorite part about being on the swim team has been being on relays at regionals that gave him lots of adrenaline. Michael plans to do a pre law program at Roanoke College next year.

De Melo has been on the team for three years. His best events are the 50 and 100 freestyle. Bruno's favorite swim team memory was getting to go to states last year. He plans to pursue a bachelors' in aviation at Liberty University.

Davis has been on the team for three years. Her best events are the 50 free and the 200 free. Maddy has really enjoyed building strong relationships with the team. Next year she plans to go to Virginia Western to study accounting and then transfer to a 4 year school for her bachelors.

"We are going to miss our seniors so much," said Byrd coach Krista Martin.

On Tuesday the Terriers were back in the pool at the Botetourt YMCA. Results were too late for publication, but it was a terrific warmup for Friday's district meet.

"We are looking forward to kicking off the post season with some fast swims," said Martin.



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Above, William Byrd teammates line up to honor Cole Kovacevic on "Senior Night" at the Gator Center Monday. Seniors honored included, left to right in left photo, Kovacevic, Bruno De Melo, Michael Hoyos and Maddy Davis. Below left, Blake Richardson swims freestyle for the Terriers and, below right, Mia Pippin does the breaststroke.



PHOTOS BY SUZANNE WITCHER

Left, Byrd's Aidan Lucas has a leg hold on his Patrick County opponent in last week's dual match. Above, Zane Taylor is on top and in charge as he won both of his matches in last week's showdown with Patrick County and Salem.

Big Orange in Big Red, BRD

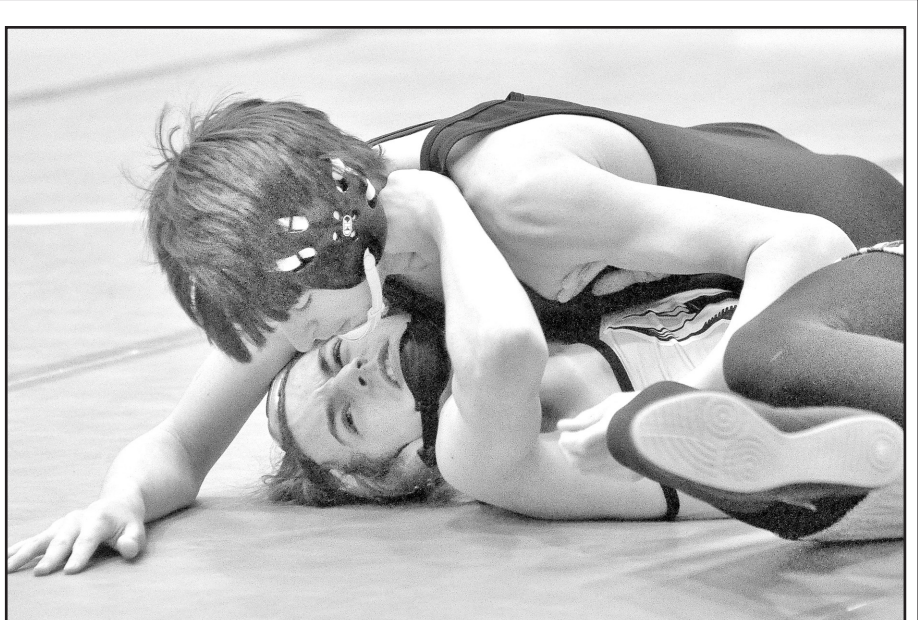
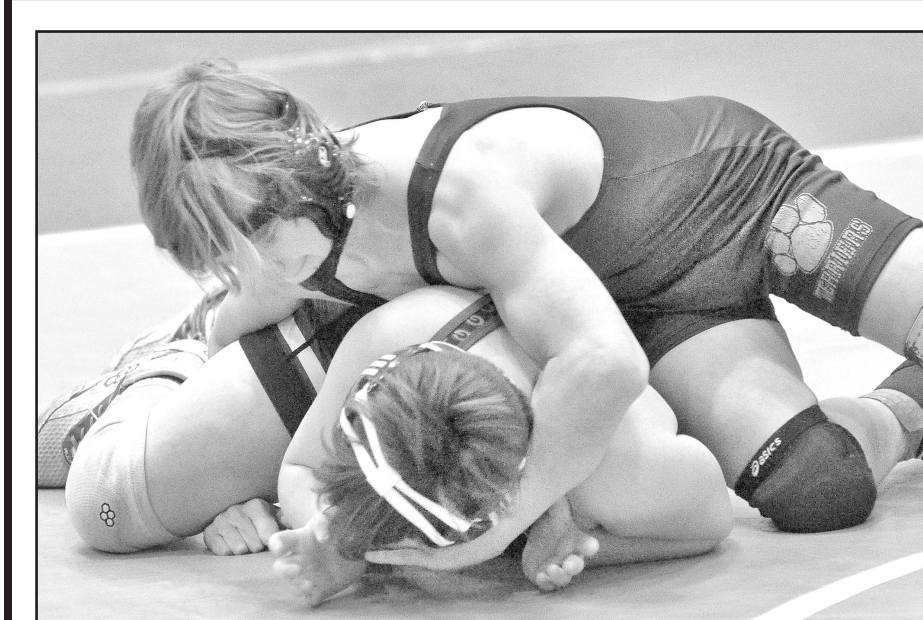
The Big Orange wrestlers of William Byrd will compete in two big tournaments in the coming week. The Terriers will wrestle in the "Big Red" tournament at Riverheads High School on Saturday, then head to Northside next Wednesday for the Blue Ridge District Tournament.

Byrd was off last weekend after going 1-1 in dual matches at Northside last Wednesday. The Terriers beat Patrick County but lost to Salem in non-district matches.

A highlight of the night was Darin Witcher's win over Salem's Derek Bush at 113. Witcher usually wrestles at 106 but he bumped up to 113 to take on Bush, who was previously undefeated. Bush had beaten Witcher early in the season but this time Darin pinned the Spartan freshman in the first period to give him his first loss of the year.

Bricen Lancaster, Zane Taylor, Stephen Underwood and Gage Cockran were all undefeated in the two combined duals.

Byrd will now look to gather some momentum for the important Region 3D tournament, which will be held at Abingdon High School on February 10. The state tournament is once again at the Salem Civic Center on February 15th and 16th.



PHOTOS BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

MIDDLE SCHOOL WRESTLING

The William Byrd Middle School wrestlers finished in 11th place among 13 teams at the big season-ending Norseman Invitational Tournament in the Northside High School gym last Saturday. Glenvar Middle School won the tournament with 229 points, followed by Cave Spring Middle with 203.5. Byrd scored 41 points. Byrd had two fourth place finishes in the tournament. Jesse Underwood, an eighth grader and team captain, took a fourth place as did seventh grader Zach Taylor. Above left, Byrd's TJ Duncan is on top of his opponent and, right, Underwood is closing in on a pin.

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Wm. Byrd hoop history on display

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Long time William Byrd basketball fans recalled fond memories of two former Terrier greats when Byrd played host to William Fleming at the William Byrd Middle School gym last Friday night. Above, Byrd coach Brad Greenway (far left) presented the family of the late James "Hoolie" Childress with a framed jersey from his days as a basketball star at Byrd as well as a plaque. Right, William Fleming coach Mickey Hardy coached his visiting Colonels to a win on Friday night, marking his 350th victory as head basketball coach at Fleming. Hardy was a standout player for the Terriers in the 1970s and is still remembered as one of Byrd's all-time best players.



Terriers have big district game at Botetourt Friday

The William Byrd boys will be in Daleville Friday with hopes of getting back in the black in the Blue Ridge District standings. Byrd goes into the game with a 3-3 district record after downing Franklin County in Rocky Mount Monday night.

The Terriers had lost district games to Northside and William Fleming last week to fall into the red in the BRD. However, they bounced back with a big 80-66 win at Franklin County to even their record and improve to 10-6 overall.

"Good game for us from start to finish," said Byrd coach Brad Greenway. "I felt like we left some points on the board in the first half and could've been a little bit more comfortable heading into halftime, but at the end of the day we played good basketball on both ends of the floor and picked up a much-needed win on the road."

The Terriers led 38-35 at the half, then outscored the Eagles 20-11 in the third quarter as Ty Blalock, Hayden Eads, Drew Lindsay and Isaiah Board all hit three point baskets. Eads was six-for-six from the line in the fourth quarter and Board was five-for-six as the Terriers held on for the win. Board finished with 26 points, Eads had 10, Blalock had 13 and Israel Hairston had a dozen.

Last week the Terriers went up against the two district leaders and came out 0-2. On Wednesday they played at first place Northside and fell behind 17-2 at the outset, which is a recipe for disaster against the talented Vikings. Byrd fought back but to no avail, losing 88-70.

"They looked like they were in the middle of a hot streak right out of the gate," said Greenway. "They hit everything and we had nothing. We kind of got our act together around halftime and competed the rest of the way, but when you start in a hole like that you



PHOTOS BY SUZANNE WITCHER

Above, Byrd's Isaiah Board handles the ball in Friday's game with William Fleming. Right, Hayden Eads goes to the hoop to score.



will very seldom make it back out."

Board had 23 for Byrd and Eads had 20. Blalock had 17 and Lindsay had 10 as only four Terriers scored against Northside.

Byrd was back in the hot seat Friday when they hosted William Fleming, the consensus second best team in the district. The game was played in the William Byrd Middle School gym with some issues in the high school building and the visiting Colonels found the baskets to their liking in an 81-65 win.

"I thought we had a good game plan and our guys competed hard," said Greenway. "At the end of the day, tip your hat to William Fleming. They played a good game and they've got some really good players on that side."

Eads led Byrd in this one with 22 points while Board had 18 and Lindsay hit four three-pointers on his way to 15. Jaron Walker had 31 for Fleming.

The win was the 350th career victory for Mickey Hardy as William

Fleming coach. That's significant that he hit the milestone in Vinton as Hardy was a star player for the Terriers in the 1970s under coach Roland Malone before going on to play at Virginia Tech. Hardy has been the coach at Fleming since 2003.

Byrd was scheduled to play at Hidden Valley on Wednesday, but results were too late for publication. They're at Botetourt Friday, then return home to host Franklin County in a rematch next Tuesday.

Byrd girls win Saturday hoop thriller over Eagles

The William Byrd girls' basketball team has three games in four days this week as they look to get on the winning side of the ledger. The Terriers were 8-8 after dropping a game at William Fleming Tuesday.

Byrd was scheduled to host Hidden Valley on Wednesday of this week, and that was to be a homecoming for Titan coach Samantha Webster. Sam was a standout player for Byrd and most recently was an assistant coach for the Terriers before taking the job at Hidden Valley in the off-season.

The Terriers won two games last week, both against Blue Ridge District foes. On Wednesday at home they

downed Northside, 47-33, as Logan Andrews scored a dozen points and Sam Martin had 10.

"The girls played well and did what was needed to counter Northside's quickness," said Byrd coach Randy Bush. "I'm very proud of how we competed, and I thought Coach (Kat) Stanley's offensive game plan was spot on."

On Saturday the girls played host to Franklin County in a thriller. The game was tight from start to finish before the Terriers pulled out a 36-34 win. Martin had a dozen to lead Byrd and Andrews had seven points.

"We got down at the end of first half but came out of the locker room and competed to get back into the game," said Bush. "I was very proud how the girls did not panic at the end of first half, and throughout the second half when Franklin County made some runs. Very complete win all across the board."

On Tuesday of this week Byrd fell to 2-4 in the district with a 66-29 loss to a talented Fleming team.

"We started off very strong in the first half and competed with them at all levels," said Bush. "When Fleming started pulling away in the second half the girls stayed in competition mode. That was an improvement over the last time we played them when I felt the girls were overwhelmed. Much improved."

Next Tuesday, January 30, the girls will return the trip to Franklin County.



Byrd girls celebrate after stopping a final Franklin County possession in a two-point win in Vinton Saturday afternoon.



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Samantha Martin scores a layup on a fast break for the Byrd girls in the win over Franklin Co.