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Renovations at William Byrd nearly complete

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The William Byrd High School Renovation and Expansion Project is nearly complete. Construction crews are adding the finishing touches in the science and art wings of the building with a plan for all students to return to classrooms in the building after Spring Break.

The \$30 million project was expected to be complete in August 2023, but the discovery of asbestos in sections of the building delayed renovations. The expected completion date is now March 20.

The project involved over 100,000 square feet of renovations and roughly 13,500 square feet of additions. Renovations included science labs, the band room, weight room, media center, guidance offices, library, the main gym, and front lobby. Additions included choir and art rooms, a wrestling room, a new front entrance portico, and major renovations throughout the classrooms and hallways.

The Family and Consumer Sciences Department now has a large kitchen within the classroom. The main office has a connecting hallway to the guidance suite. There are tons of added storage. The auditorium has a new sound system, new curtains, and new lighting. There are no more cords dangling from the ceiling or running across the floor to accommodate computers and technology. Electrical receptacles are abundant.

Hallways are lined with display cases for student work. The front portico is covered to make a special place for seniors, along with their front lobby. Desks have been replaced in the art and science rooms by tables, which allows students to stand or sit on stools to work.

Many of the new furnishings are on wheels to eliminate heavy lifting when floors need to be cleaned and waxed.

A recent tour with Assistant Principal Travis Anderson and Vinton School Board representative Tim Greenway



The new Choir Room at William Byrd High School, and their newly received grand piano— a donation



One of the new science labs at WBHS



PHOTOS BY DEBBIE ADAMS

One of the new art rooms at WBHS— Asst. Principal Travis Anderson's favorite new space in the building with its view of the mountains.

brought to mind the words bright, clean, spacious, aesthetically pleasing, and state-of-the-art.

Greenway says the renovations more than met his expectations for the project— “they are amazing.”

He credited Anderson for his leadership in overseeing the project “going over and above what was” required. Greenway also commended Principal Tammy Newcomb for her enthusiasm for the project from the beginning,

her meticulous attention to detail, and her approach to design— actually asking for input from all those who would be using the building.

For instance, Choir Director Matt Bartley was encouraged to offer his suggestions for the new Choir Room, previously non-existent at WBHS.

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Winners in the Vinton Breakfast Lions Club Bland Music Scholarship Competition were (left to right): 3rd place Vocals Lyla Young, 2nd place Vocals winner, Ryleigh Woolwine and first place Vocals Award winner Paul Sealey; first place instrumental winner Pam Kampanya, second place instrumentals Kayleigh Taylor, and third place instrumentals winners Lucy Sealey and Lilla Clark.

Vinton Lions host annual Bland Music Scholarship Competition

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The Vinton Breakfast Lions Club hosted its ninth annual Bland Foundation Music Scholarship Competition on February 11 at Thrasher Memorial United Methodist Church. The Bland competition was established by the Lions Clubs of Virginia in 1948 to “assist and promote cultural and educational opportunities

for the musically talented youth of Virginia.”

The competition honors James Bland, who is considered “the greatest black writer of American Folk Music,” composing over 700 songs throughout his career, which started out with building a banjo at age 12. He wrote “Carry Me Back to Old Virginny,” the state song from 1940 to 1997.

Twelve students, ranging in age from 8 to

18, performed in this year’s local Bland competition.

Baritone Paul Sealey won first place in vocals, performing “Cara sposa” from Handel’s Rinaldo. He is 18 years old and a senior in high school. He was also last year’s first place winner.

Violinist Pam Kampanya won first place in instrumentals, performing “Praeludium

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Bonsack student wins statewide ‘Water is Life!’ art contest

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Bonsack Elementary fifth grader Lylah Parker has won first place – statewide) – in the SERCAP “Water is Life” art contest. SERCAP (Southeast Rural Community Assistance Project) is a non-profit organization which focuses on “improved quality of life for low-income individuals by promoting affordable water and wastewater facilities, community development, environmental health, and economic self-sufficiency.”

This year the organization invited students in grades 3-5 to submit original artwork representing the topic “Water is Life!” SERCAP’s hope is that the art contest offers one way for youth to get

involved in environmental issues. One winner was selected from each of the seven states participating in the program, Virginia, Delaware, Maryland, North and South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida.

Art teacher Joe Carnes shared information he had received on the contest with his students at Bonsack in case they wanted to participate. Lylah thought it “sounded like fun.”

She worked on the project independently at home and her family mailed her entry to SERCAP. She created a beautiful painting of a lake and its inhabitants surrounded by mountains, using acrylics, glitter paint, ink, and some paper elements on canvas. She sketched

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Bonsack Elementary fifth grader Lylah Parker placed first in the state of Virginia in the SERCAP “Water is Life!” art contest. She is shown with her art teacher, Joe Carnes (on left) and SERCAP Virginia State Lead Joey Hiner.



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Section of Pollard Street to be closed six weeks for waterline project

A portion of South Pollard Street in downtown Vinton will be closing for about six weeks beginning on February 20 for a proactive waterline project. The waterline is being moved and improved for a planned hotel site development.

- The details of this project are:
 - The outbound lane of S. Pollard Street (From Cleveland Avenue to Virginia Avenue) will be closed beginning February 20 and is expected to last approximately six weeks for a waterline upgrade and relocation project.
 - The inbound lane of S. Pollard from Virginia Avenue will remain open.
 - The detour for traffic leaving downtown will use West Cleveland Avenue to 2nd Street to access Virginia Avenue for westbound traffic (to

Roanoke), and E. Cleveland Avenue to Vinyard Road for eastbound traffic (to Hardy Road).

The 1st Street waterline improvement project is a long-anticipated upgrade and is designed to enhance water service along Cedar Avenue and Cleveland Avenue and provide a necessary interconnection with Walnut Avenue water service.

The waterline along the 100 block of 1st Street is being re-routed to interconnect with S. Pollard Street due to site improvements for the planned hotel and will also enhance the interconnection with water service along S. Pollard Street and the Downtown Business District.

Submitted by Town of Vinton



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Hidden Valley Middle School student Kevin Morsink won the 2024 Roanoke County School District Spelling Bee. Pictured left to right are spelling bee facilitator Joe LeGault, Roanoke County Supervisor of English and RCPSOnline, winner Kevin Morsink, runner-up Aadhya Routh of Penn Forest Elementary, and Roanoke County School Superintendent Dr. Ken Nicely.



Derrick Edwards



Rory Grant



Emmalyn Redden



Evan Fuqua

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Vinton area school spelling bee winners advance to Roanoke County Spelling Bee

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Spelling Bee winners from Vinton area schools advanced to participate in the 2024 Roanoke County District Spelling Bee on Feb. 13.

Rory Grant represented William Byrd Middle School, along with Sayan Seib from Bonsack Elementary, Derrick Edwards from Herman L. Horn, Emmalyn Redden from Mount Pleasant, and Evan Fuqua from W.E. Cundiff.

Grant is the son of Jeffrey and Emily Grant; Sayan Seib is the son of Thomas and Nivedita Seib; Derrick Edward's parents are David and Tina Edwards; Emmalyn Redden is the daughter of Jessica and Bud Redden; Donna Carr is the

mother of Evan Fuqua.

After 12 rounds, Hidden Valley Middle School student Kevin Morsink won the district bee, with the correct spelling of the championship word "notabilia."

Morsink will represent Roanoke County Schools in the upcoming Regional Spelling Bee, with runner-up Aadhya Routh as alternate. The winner of the Regional Bee will advance to the Nationals in Washington, D. C., quite a prestigious honor.

Judges for the District Spelling Bee were RCPS Superintendent of Schools Dr. Ken Nicely, Executive Director of Elementary Instruction Stephanie Hogan, Executive Director of Secondary Instruction Mike Riley, and

Science Supervisor Tammy Sauls. Social Studies Supervisor Krissy Schleicher-Maloney had the challenging task of serving as "Pronouncer."

The District Spelling Bee was held at the RCPS Administrative offices, facilitated once again by Joe LeGault, Supervisor of English and the RCPSOnline Academy. The event was sponsored by Radford University and the Scripps National Spelling Bee organization.

LeGault told students before the competition began that they were already champions because they had won the bees at their individual schools.

Twenty-one students from across the district competed in the Spelling Bee including Asher Stober (Back Creek),

Jaxon McMillian (Burlington), Syed Ahmad (Cave Spring Elementary), Lex Kidd (Clearbrook), Jacob Nichols (Fort Lewis), Catherine Bach (Glen Cove), Cameron Cromer (Glenvar Elementary), Chelsea Garner (Green Valley), Faith Garner (Masons Cove), Jamison Smith (Mountain View), Bao Nguyen (Oak Grove), Aadhya Routh (Penn Forest), Emily Blankenship (Glenvar Middle), Smarth Lalwani (Cave Spring Middle), and Ayden Schemm (Northside Middle).

LeGault explained to the audience, mostly made up of parents, that the spelling bee words called come from the Scripps word list. Students are allowed to use strategies to improve their chances of spelling the words correctly by

asking for the words to be repeated, for their definition, for the word to be used in a sentence, and/or for the word's language of origin.

This spelling bee featured a double elimination format—students had to spell two words incorrectly before being eliminated from the competition, not just one. The word list progressed from easier words to most difficult.

The purpose of this format is so that "the best speller, not the luckiest speller, advances to regional competition," LeGault explained.

To win the spelling bee, the final student standing had to spell a championship word.

Many of the words called
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PEOPLE, PLACES AND THINGS

By Angie Chewning

Mary Johnson (left) and daughter Peyton Johnson try to do a mother/daughter trip every year. And they love Disney so much that their bucket list is to see all the Disney parks all over the world.

With Peyton being a flight attendant, Mom gets to fly free, as long as there is a seat available.

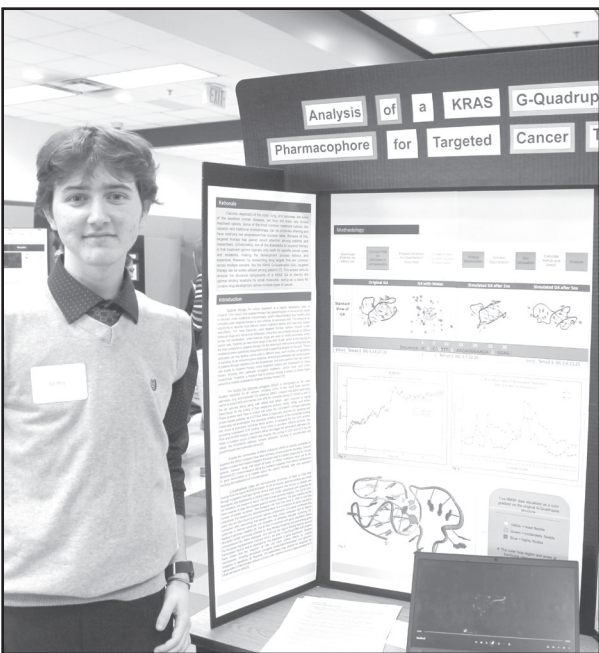
Originally, they were thinking of going to Paris to see Disneyland, but then a bunch of first-class seats opened up to Tokyo, Japan, and who doesn't want to go there? So, it was a very last-minute decision and a good one.

Mom and daughter stayed three nights in downtown Tokyo and took the train to the two Disney parks they have there. The last day they toured the Hie Jinja shrine. It was really cold— but beautiful. After a 14-hour flight, they are happy to be home and will always have the memories!

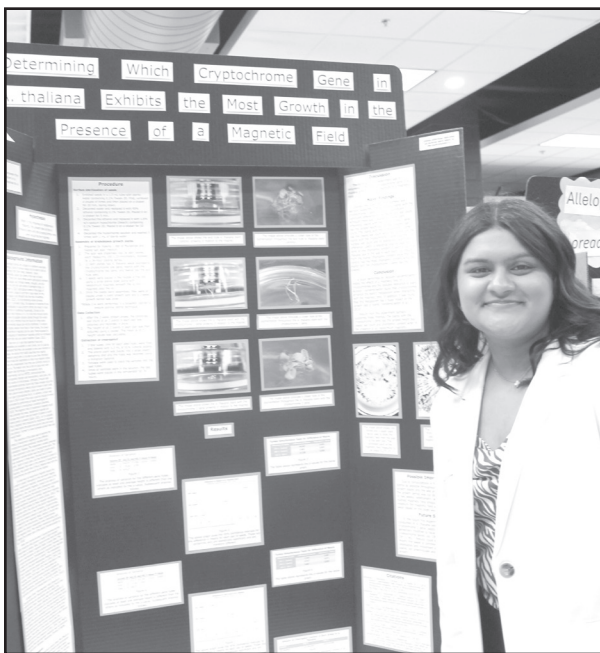


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William Byrd students place first in annual RVGS Project Forum



Griffin Yakob



Meera Raichura



Gabrielle Romeo

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On February 3, several students from William Byrd High School who also attend the Roanoke Valley Governor's School (RVGS) participated in the 2024 RVGS Project Forum. Three placed first in their division and will be advancing to regional competition.

Senior Griffin Yakob placed first in the Computational Biology 5 division for his project "Analysis of a KRAS G-Quadruplex Pharmacophore for Targeted Cancer Therapy."

Junior Meera Raichura won first place in the Plant Sciences A division with her project, "Determining which cryptochrome gene in *A. thaliana* exhibits the most growth in the presence of a magnetic field."

Sophomore Gabrielle Romeo placed first in the Microbiology C division with her project, "The effects of silver, copper, and nickel infused gauze on *Staphylococcus aureus*."

The prestigious Roanoke Valley Governor's School is a half-day regional public STEM school for highly motivated students in grades nine through 12. It is located on the campus of Patrick Henry High School in Roanoke City.

RVGS serves students from William Byrd, Cave Spring, Hidden Valley, Glenvar, and Northside in Roanoke County, as well Liberty and Staunton River in Bedford County, James River and Lord Botetourt in

Botetourt County, Craig County High School, Floyd County High School, Franklin County High School, Patrick Henry and William Fleming in Roanoke City, and Salem High School.

The regional program allows participating school systems to concentrate resources in one place that all the school districts can take advantage of without the high costs of equipment and programs for individual districts.

Submitted by Roanoke County Public Schools and RVGS

Vinton Police present 2023 annual report to Town Council

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Vinton Deputy Police Chief Tim Lawless presented the department's comprehensive annual report for 2023 to Vinton Town Council at its meeting on Feb. 6. His most exciting news was that the Vinton Police Department (VPD) is now 100% fully staffed with 25 sworn officers and two civilian staff. He credited the officers on the force for their efforts in building a culture in the VPD that has made the department attractive to recruits.

He noted that the VPD received its initial accreditation by the Virginia Law Enforcement Professional Standards Commission (VLEPSC) in 2002 and then was reaccredited in 2006, 2010, 2014, 2018, and 2022. All files evaluated were deemed in compliance in 2022. The department will be reassessed again in August 2026.

Lawless reported that social media outreach by the VPD increased by 433% in 2023 with the use of Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter. The top posts (for reach, comments, and shares) have concerned missing/runaway juveniles and "Star Wars Day."

Lawless informed council that the VPD received \$194,466 in grants in 2023 from the Bulletproof Vest

Partnership, the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant, the Law Enforcement ARPA Equipment Grant, aDMV Selective Enforcement (Speed) to be used for purchasing bulletproof vests (\$5,100), an All-in-One fitness machine (\$4,746), Criminal Investigations equipment (\$157,870 and \$4,706.10), Eagle 3 Radar units (\$5,244), and paying officer overtime (\$16,800).

In 2023, 1,082 warrants, felony and misdemeanor, were processed by the Vinton Police, an increase of 25.69%.

There were 180 Virginia Criminal Information Network (VCIN) files validated in 2023, a decrease of 10.44%. These included warrants, protective orders, missing persons, and stolen firearms, vehicles, tags, and articles.

Lawless reported 2,217 traffic citations were processed in 2023, an increase of 27.92%. FOIA requests for information totaled 453 last year, an increase of 33.62%. These are received in person, by phone call, or by email, fax, or mail.

In 2023, 108 concealed handgun permit requests were processed, a decrease of 9.24%; 430 officer subpoenas for officers to appear in court were processed, an increase of 26.84%.

Incident Based Reports in 2023 totaled 1,283 (a 32% increase). These

reports are the result of citizen reports of a crime in Vinton, criminal cases initiated by an officer, incidents resulting from custodial arrests, or reportable vehicle accidents. The reports included the people, vehicles, and/or property involved, the offenses that occurred during the incident, and the officer's narrative detailing the incident/investigation. Of the 1,283, the highest number of reports were accident reports (146), assaults (42), drunk in public (32), Domestic (74), DUI (35), fraud (30), hit and run (33), larceny (133), and property damage (39).

The Vinton Police Department has a Patrol Division, a Criminal Investigation Division, and a Community Services Division. In 2023, the Patrol Division reported 15,635 calls for service in total (an increase of 24%); 3,358 security checks (112% increase), suspicious behavior, 1,203 (a less than 1% increase), civil advice, 679 (12% increase), disturbance, 441 (15% increase), and community policing, 259 (30.73% increase).

There were 3,386 traffic stops in Vinton in 2023, an increase of 30.33%, including moving and equipment violations, suspect vehicles related to a crime, a be on lookout (BOLO) from another jurisdiction, or reports of a reckless driver.

Of the traffic accidents in 2023, 252 involved property damage, 67 involved personal injury, 78 involved hit and run property damage, and five hit and runs with injury. All of these categories indicated a decrease from 2022. There were no fatalities involving traffic accidents in 2023.

Vinton Police made 453 arrests in 2023 (an increase of 36%) including custodial (subject taken into custody) and non-custodial (warrant or criminal summons).

Warrants obtained in 2023 numbered 295; warrants served, 687 (including those from other jurisdictions).

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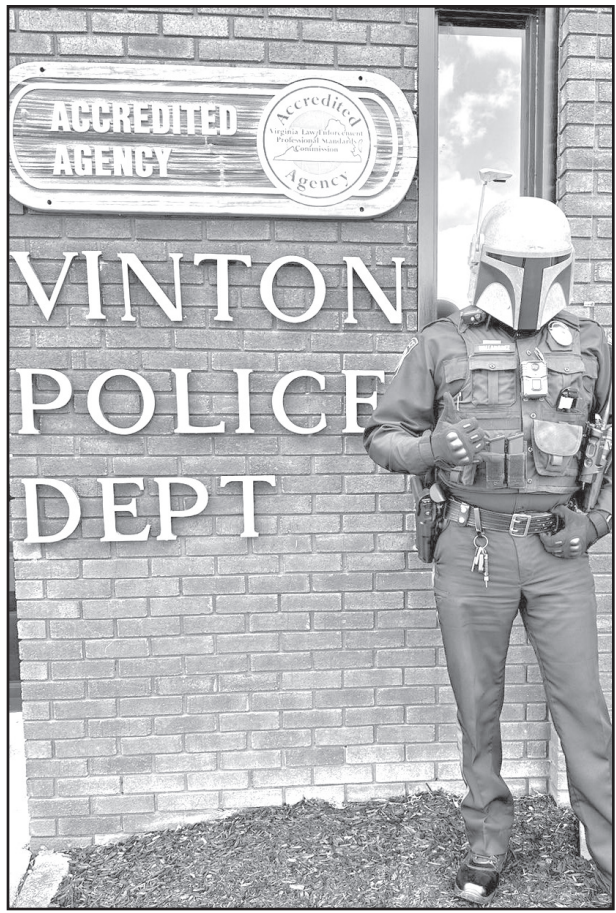
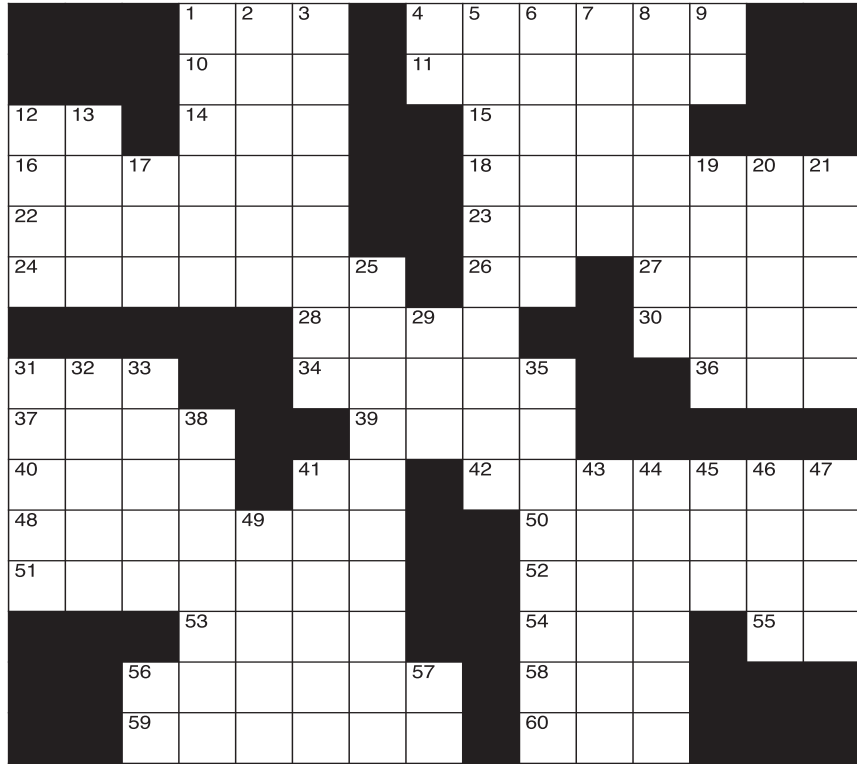


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The Vinton Police Department has expanded its social media presence. One of its most popular posts was the observance of Star Wars Day— "May the 4th Be With You."

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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Revolutions per minute
- 4. Hymns
- 10. Brew
- 11. Did not acknowledge
- 12. Atomic #77
- 14. Partly digested food
- 15. Not one
- 16. Lesotho capital
- 18. Copyreading
- 22. Living organism that feeds on organic matter
- 23. One's biological father
- 24. An aggregate of molecules
- 26. Equally
- 27. Khoikhoi people
- 28. Jump in figure skating
- 30. Lantern
- 31. TV network
- 34. Georges __, French

philosopher

- 36. Sharp, shrill bark
- 37. Albanian monetary units
- 39. Launched Apollo
- 40. One who graduated
- 41. Exist
- 42. Passed by
- 48. Very unpleasant smell
- 50. Graduates
- 51. Seedless raisin
- 52. Self-protection
- 53. Clue
- 54. Life-savers
- 55. Ingest too much
- 56. Misrepresented
- 58. Small Eurasian deer
- 59. Most mocking
- 60. Soviet Socialist Republic

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Flower cluster
- 2. A form
- 3. Inner organ regions
- 4. Local law enforcement
- 5. A citizen of Senegal
- 6. Positively charged electrodes
- 7. Connects granules
- 8. Business practice
- 9. The Mount Rushmore State
- 12. Leader
- 13. Hindu queen
- 17. Proofreading mark
- 19. European country
- 20. Greek mythological nymph
- 21. Grandfather
- 25. Clears
- 29. Amount of time

31. Mollusks

- 32. German municipality
- 33. Body part
- 35. City of Angels
- 38. Suffocate
- 41. Pleasing to the eye
- 43. Poplar trees (Spanish)
- 44. Ship officer
- 45. Individual investment account (abbr.)
- 46. Prefix meaning within
- 47. Ceased to live
- 49. Day by day
- 56. Not color
- 57. Condition of withdrawal (abbr.)

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The volunteer cooks at Thrasher Memorial UMC in Vinton prepare food for the annual Night to Shine event at Fellowship Community Church in Salem. Mary Beth Chopski mixes up the mashed potatoes, while her mother, Carrie Pence, checks out the chicken breasts.



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Volunteers Donna Brogan and Ed Morgan prepare the chicken which was thawed, marinated, sprinkled with seasoning, and then baked at Thrasher.

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Thrasher Memorial, other local churches sponsor Night to Shine 2024

"Night to Shine" is an annual event that celebrates individuals living with disabilities by providing a "prom experience" for those ages 14 and older from throughout the valley. There is dinner, dancing, crowning of Prom Queens and Kings, limousine rides, prom photos, games, and more. Each special guest is encouraged to bring a "buddy" for the evening— a friend, parent, caregiver, or an approved volunteer.

The Tim Tebow Foundation sponsored the first "Night to Shine" event in 2015. The event has now expanded to include 115,000 guests in 46 countries around the world with events hosted by 623 churches, assisted by thousands of volunteers. February 9 was chosen as "Night to Shine" for 2024, internationally.

"It's an effort to make the world a place where all people are valued and honored for their 'God-given worth,'" Christian athlete and Foundation founder Tebow has said.

The Roanoke Valley "Night to Shine" was sponsored this year by Vinton's Thrasher Memorial United Methodist Church, Bonsack Baptist, and Fellowship Community Church in Salem where the festivities were held.

Once again, Thrasher's role was to cook and serve dinner for the 750+ guests, and also their "buddies" attending the event.

Bonnie Jones and Carrie Pence of Thrasher led a team of volunteers in preparing, delivering, and serving the meal of chicken breasts, mashed potatoes, green beans, desserts, and more. The food prep began at 7:30 a.m. on Friday morning at Thrasher, with marinating, seasoning, and baking all those pieces of chicken.

About 30 members and former members of Thrasher Memorial volunteered to assist with "Night to Shine" in one way or another.

The annual event is completely free for all guests, funded by donations, fundraisers, grants, and businesses donating time and resources.

According to Tebow, "Night to Shine" is dedicated to giving individuals with disabilities a night where they can shine and know that God loves them for who they are."

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PLACE OF REFUGE

Read Numbers 32:1 through 36:13

Select some towns to be your cities of refuge, to which a person who has killed someone accidentally may flee. They will be places of refuge from the avenger, so that a person accused of murder may not die before he stands trial before the assembly. (Numbers 35:11,12).

God commanded that if anyone died because of violence, and murder was assumed, the murder suspect was not automatically to be considered guilty. Instead, he was allowed to flee to a city of refuge (one of six to be chosen in the Promised Land) that would assure the accused would be treated justly and justice would be done. In this way God provided justice in a culture where protecting the innocent was not a typical response.

When we hear accusations of guilt against others, our first response should be to provide them with a place of refuge in our hearts. That is, we should not rush to judgment, assume their guilt, and be careless in our speech about them. We should treat them fairly, as God intended.

Prayer for Today: Ask the Lord to make your heart and mouth a place of refuge rather than a fount of accusation for others.

Quicklook: Numbers 35:6-15

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From the Pulpit

A Study of Ephesians

“You Have Been Chosen”

By Lead Pastor Bryan Crouch, Lynn Haven Baptist Church
Our focus at Lynn Haven Baptist Church for 2024 is on Discipleship. Discipleship is the process of becoming more like Christ tomorrow than you were today. Biblical theology is a tricky thing. People can read the

same passage of Scripture and get totally different meanings based on previous teachings, life experiences or tradition. The first chapter of Ephesians includes the words “chosen” and “predestined” as Paul writes to his Gentile brothers and sisters in Ephesus. It is important that we focus on the main idea in this chapter and build unity (v.10) around it.

It is God’s love that is the focus of this chapter. It is God’s love for His creation that prompted Him to provide a way of reconciliation for “all who believe” and are sealed by the Holy Spirit (v.13-14). It is the love of an all-

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Police

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Investigations Division data indicates 22% of their cases involved fraud, 15% ICAC (Internet Crimes Against Children), 13% larceny, and 11 % personal assault. Forty-nine felony criminal cases were referred in 2023 (an increase of 48.48%). Twelve remain under investigation including six cases pending indictment, six cases have been closed, 26 cases are marked “inactive.” Nineteen search warrants were issued.

The Criminal Investigations Division works closely with surrounding agencies, the Commonwealth Attorney’s office, ICAC, the Star City Task Force, and Children’s Trust–Children’s Advocacy Center.

The Vinton Police are dedicated to community service. One of their duties is responding to Animal Control calls. In 2023, they received 78 calls concerning animal ordinances, 53 for code enforcement, 102 involving attack animals, 94 involving animal cruelty, 93 sick and injured animals, and 35 reports of bears.

Vinton Community Services Officer (CSO) Will Holland partners with Vinton Veterinary Hospital, Pet Vet Roanoke, Emergency Veterinary, the Virginia Animal Control Association, and the Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine for cases involving domestic animals.

The Vinton Police do not typically deal with wildlife service calls (deer, bear, wild turkeys, snakes, skunks, raccoons, opossums), but partner with the Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources to provide options for wild animals.

The CSO also works with Roanoke County Schools to supplement the School Resource Officers at W.E. Cundiff and Herman L. Horn Elementary Schools. In 2023, 310 security checks were conducted at the schools (an increase of 42.85%).

The Vinton Police continued their policy of community involvement and communication in 2023 with special events including Pancakes with Police,

Arbor Day at Herman L. Horn, National Night Out, Trunk or Treat, Hot Chocolate with a Cop, Shop with a Cop, National Drug Take Back Days, the Little FeetMeet, the LE Torch Run, Tie Dye with Kids, two Shred-A-Thons with the Town of Vinton, a summer reading program at the library, and “Who Let the Dogs Out” at Cundiff Elementary.

Captain Lawless attributed increases in several categories to the town’s unprecedented growth in recent years—economically and in population.

Mayor Brad Grose thanked Lawless for the “great report” and the Vinton Police for their commitment to the community.

Scholarship

from page 1

and Allegro.” She is 12 years old and in the 7th grade.

Alto Ryleigh Woolwine won second place in vocals, singing “Human.” She is 11 years old and in 6th grade.

Mezzo soprano Lyla Young took third place in vocals, performing “Vittoria, Mio Core!” She is a junior in high school, age 17.

Kayleigh Taylor won second place in instrumentals playing “Sonata in C Major/HOB. XVI:1.” She is a junior, age 16.

Lucy Sealey and Lilla Clark tied for third place in instrumentals. Sealey is 12 years old and in 7th grade; she played “L’Orage”—Opus 109, No. 13. Clark is 8 years old and a third grader. She performed “River Flows in You.”

Other participants in this year’s Vinton Lions Club Bland Music Scholarship Competition were:

- Violinist Pete Kampanya, age 10, a fifth grader, performing “Concertino in G Major”
- Lily Sealey, age 12, a seventh grader, playing “Sonatina, Op. 39, No. 1 I Allegro” on the piano
- Vocalist Nolan Ferguson, a 10-year-old fifth grader, performing “You Raise Me Up”
- Petra Dodge, 11 years old and a fifth grader, singing “Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”
- Brent Saunders, 13 years old and in 8th grade, singing “I See the Light” from “Tangled”

Pete and Pam Kampanya, from Blacksburg, take violin lessons from Wei-Fang Gu. All the other students take voice and/or piano lessons from Susan Lewis of the Susan Lewis Music Studio in Vinton.

Any elementary, middle, or high school student is eligible to participate. Contestants may perform in the vocal or instrumental category, but not both. Presentations are limited to eight minutes and must be memorized. Performers are not allowed to use microphones. Vocalists must have an accompanist; instrumentalists, other than pianists, must have an accompanist as well.

Musicians are judged on “faithfulness to score, technique, interpretation, stage presence, complexity of composition, and memory.”

First place winners advance to the Lions Club Regional Competition on March 10. Regional winners advance to the state competition on April 19 in Dulles, where 12 contestants compete from across the state. Over \$25,000 is awarded annually in prizes at the local, district, and state

level. At the state level, first place winners receive \$3,000; second place winners, \$2,500; third place winners, \$2,000; and fourth through sixth places, \$1,500.

Local winners receive monetary awards and certificates. First place winners in the Feb. 11 competition received a check for \$100; second place winners, \$50; and third place winners, \$25.

Judges for this year’s Vinton competition were Judy Barger Edgell and Judy Clark, who served as vocal judges, along with Charles Krause and Kelly Wheelbarger, who evaluated the instrumental performances.

Barger Edgell has served as a Minister of Music in the Roanoke Valley for over 50 years and has taught private piano and voice lessons over the same period. She is currently president of the Thursday Morning Music Club and directs the chorus that performs at local organizations and venues. She is a graduate of Longwood University with a BA in Fine Arts, and Masters Study with Radford University in vocal technique.

Clark is the Founding Executive Director of Opera Roanoke; she also served as company rehearsal/performance pianist. She has conducted numerous choirs and has coached singers throughout her career. In addition to her current work as a teacher and freelance coach/accompanist, she serves as music director and organist at South Roanoke United Methodist Church.

Krause has a Bachelor of Music in Education degree from VCU. He taught in Richmond before becoming an education consultant with Boykin’s Music Shop. He received his Master of Church Music and became the first graduate to serve in a full-time capacity as director of a church orchestra. Krause has also played the tuba with the Richmond

Symphony Brass Quintet and Opera Roanoke.

Wheelbarger received his master’s degree in Curriculum and Instruction in Music from Virginia Tech and his bachelor’s degree in music education from Bridgewater College. While at Bridgewater, he was a three-time recipient of the Ruth Weybright Organ Scholarship and studied piano and organ with Dr. John G. Barr.

Guitarist Bruce Hildenbrand, guest musician, performed during interludes in the competition when judges were completing their scoring.

Lion Chris McCarty welcomed guests to the competition and served as master of ceremonies. Lion Gary Myers organized the event as chairman of the local Lion Bland Contest and also serves as the district competition chair.

During breaks in the competition, McCarty shared the history of the Bland competition, the Lions, and some facts about the numerous Vinton Breakfast Lions activities.

There are approximately 50,000 Lions Clubs in over 200 countries, with over 1.4 million members around the world, reportedly the largest service organization in the world. They celebrated their 100th anniversary in 2017.

The Vinton Breakfast Lions Club was chartered in 1985 and is part of Lions of Virginia District 24C (with 59 clubs). Its members fulfill their motto—“We Serve”—in community outreach in a multitude of ways throughout the year. They sponsor many fundraising events including a Pancake Breakfast during the Vinton Fall Festival and their Spaghetti Dinner prior to the Vinton Christmas Parade. Proceeds from all Breakfast Lions’ fundraisers go back into the local community and communities across the Commonwealth, the

nation, and the world.

The local Lions are well-known for their broom sales which provide support for eyeglasses and eye exams for needy children. They maintain the bright yellow eyeglass collection boxes at the Bonsack and Vinton Kroger’s. Donated eyeglasses are sorted by prescription by local Lions members at the Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center in Roanoke and then distributed around the world. The Breakfast Lions conduct vision screenings in many area schools and preschools—both private and public.

One of their most important functions is sponsoring the Leo Club at William Byrd

High School. Leo Club members, and their sponsor, Lisa Stover, assist with virtually all Vinton Lions Club projects, including the music scholarship competition.

Each spring, the club awards five \$1,000 scholarships to seniors at William Byrd High School in memory of Wallace Cundiff and two scholarships to Staunton River High School seniors in memory of Lion Ryan Chambers.

Lions place a great emphasis on helping youth. Each year the Breakfast Lions sponsor a Christmas shopping trip for about 20 students from Herman L. Horn and W.E. Cundiff Elementary Schools.

The Lions Club participates in the Lions of Virginia Foundation which assists local Virginia communities in disaster relief.

In the Vinton community, the Breakfast Lions have taken on legacy projects in the preservation of the historic Gladetown Cemetery, in building a picnic shelter for the community at Herman L. Horn Elementary, and funding two Metro bus shelters at Kroger and PFG. In their latest project, the District 24C Lions and the Lions Club International Foundation are partnering with the new Carilion Pediatric Center to enrich the lives of pediatric cancer patients.



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Participants in the Bland Music Scholarship Competition presented by the Vinton Breakfast Lions Club included (left to right): front, judge Kelly Wheelbarger, Petra Dodge, Pam Kampanya, Lilla Clark, Pete Pampanya, Nolan Ferguson, and judge Judy Clark; second row, Lily Sealey, Ryleigh Woolwine, Lucy Sealey, Kayleigh Taylor, and judge Judy Barger Edgell; and third row, piano/voice teacher Susan Lewis, Brent Saunders, Paul Sealey, Lyla Young, and judge Charles Krause.

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powerful, all-knowing God who sent His One and Only Son to die on a cross as payment for the sins of all mankind.

God knew ahead of time all the twists and turns mankind would take as we journeyed onward towards the

events laid out in the Book of Revelation. The twists and turns caused by the free will God gave us. It is the will

of God that all mankind be reconciled to Him (1 Timothy 2:4), believe in the work of Jesus Christ on the cross and

be sealed by the Holy Spirit. For this reason, we (Gentiles) have been adopted into the family of God!

Spelling Bee from page 2

were quite challenging— head-scratchers such as bilge, propitious, moira, minimus, codex, and eruidition— unfamiliar to many of the adults in the room. Educators say that while spelling tools are prevalent,

spelling remains an important skill to master. Studies show that proficiency in spelling supports both reading and writing composition. The Roanoke County students not only displayed

skill in spelling, but poise in speaking into a microphone in front of a panel of judges and a packed board room full of spectators, while keeping their wits about them to concentrate on the words called.

Parker from page 1

out the scene, colored it, and then painted it. This is the first art contest she has entered.

Carnes was notified last week that Lylah was the statewide winner. On February 13, SERCAP Virginia State Lead Joey Hiner surprised her at Bonsack with a certificate and a \$100 gift card for her

accomplishments.

Carnes teaches Lylah after school in the Roanoke County Schools Gifted Art program at Bonsack in addition to regular art classes during the school day. He says she is a “shining star” artist among a host of talented youngsters.

Lylah says she has always loved art and

has “tons of art supplies.” She was inspired by her aunt, who is also an artist.

The elements of her painting were motivated by the water paintings created by her aunt and by the time her family spends at the lake and camping.

Her painting will be on display at the Hotel Roanoke during the annual

SERCAP “Water is Life!” Reception and Banquet event on April 4.

Lylah’s parents are Johnathan Parker and Mary Arnold.

Cyndi Wood of SERCAP facilitated the art contest. For more information on SERCAP, visit the website at <https://sercap.org/>.

Renovations from page 1

“When the current William Byrd High School was built, it included a music room designed to be used as a shared space by the band and choir,” Bartley explained. “Construction of the middle school on the same campus included two different rehearsal areas for the band and the choir, so WBHS choir students would cross the parking lot and use the middle school choir room as the primary high school rehearsal space.

“During the tenure of the WBHS choir rehearsing at WBMS, an earlier renovation of the high school music room provided acoustical treating that would help assist with the needs of band rehearsal. Such changes included adding carpet, installing sound-absorbing panels along the walls, and adding special ceiling tiles designed to diminish sound. Those resulting changes to the room resulted in a very ineffective rehearsal space for a choir where singers have extreme difficulty hearing other singers across the room. Growth of both the band and choir programs prompted a need for a new WBHS choir room as soon as possible,” he said.

Bartley said that in the fall of 2019 when WBHS

became the next on the list for renovations, “the county conducted a renovation study which included a new choir room. Few choir directors get the opportunity to move into a brand-new room, so I wanted to be sure I took advantage of this opportunity to the fullest and make sure ‘the people who make the decisions’ were aware I wanted to provide as much research-based input as possible.

“I immediately began to determine appropriate requests and dimensions for a choir room. I looked through several images of choir rooms online and utilized a very helpful facilities planning guide published by a prominent music equipment supply company.

“My first draft of ideas included three floor plans: the first was based off the original renovation study drawing which was, to be candid, quite small. The second drawing was the ‘reach for the stars’ plan that included a perfect choir suite that many colleges would be jealous of. I included a third, more realistic drawing that displayed an acceptable set-up that accounted for the essentials.”

He shared that 14-page packet with Newcomb and the architects.

“When planning a choir room there is a lot to consider,” Bartley says. “Most people look at square footage when buying a house, but since a performing ensemble relies on how sound works in the room (acoustics), cubic footage (length x width x ceiling height) is a more vital figure. The choir program has demonstrated consistent

growth in my tenure at the school so we also must plan for the future of the program while considering the present needs.”

Bartley asked for sufficient storage options that would allow the WBHS materials (then stored at WBMS) to have an immediate home in the new space. The WBMS choir room housed the only grand piano on campus, so building a new room for the choir at the high school necessitate moving the best instrument the WB choir owned to the rehearsal room where the best music was taking place— and accommodate for the piano to be moved to the stage for performances in the most effective way possible.

“The architects responded to the renovation study and provided a first draft schematic, Bartley said. “The architects had already reviewed my requests (the 14-page packet) and we were able to discuss ways to include many of those requests within their vision. Cubic footage and appropriate storage were the cornerstones of this conversation. A few weeks later we were given the second draft schematic drawings, and I was pleased to see nearly everything needed to have an effective choir room was included in the draft. My ensuing requests from the second schematic went from the fourteen-page packet to three small bullet points.”

Bartley was enthusiastic about the plans from the architects which included ample storage space; the primary rehearsal space with built-in cabinetry to house choir uniforms as



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Asst. Principal Travis Anderson (on left) and School Board representative Tim Greenway tour the renovations at WBHS.

well as a host of other rehearsal materials; a choir director’s office for storing sensitive documents and information in a more secure location; a music library room for storage of over 1,000 different octavos, as well as a practice room for individual and small group rehearsals.

The choir room plans included a direct stage access door— not only handy for the choir but useful as a staging area when the auditorium is being used for drama productions. Many choir rooms have concrete-poured risers. The new WBHS choir room has a flat floor allowing for a host of different rehearsal seating arrangements as well as an opportunity for the newly rebranded Vocal Ensemble to practice choreography as a show choir.

“The choir is continuing to grow and establish itself as an important way for students to express themselves through music and performance.

A room dedicated solely for the use of choir rehearsal well help to reward and recognize the many singers (past and present) who have represented William Byrd in our community, in our state, and beyond, as well as serve the singers of the future as we continue to represent the county through vocal performance,” Bartley said.

William Byrd administrators plan a grand opening when school starts in the fall but will be hosting a series of soft openings sooner. For instance, the choir program will be holding a special concert and open house on Feb. 29 for the community to see the new Choir Room and dedicate a new grand piano.

Bartley says the choir program received the donation of a piano worth about \$17,000. “All we had to do was pay the moving cost. It belonged to a gentleman who was a college professor at the University of Illinois

Urbana-Champaign, Harold “James” Marshall— a Baldwin Model F with a serial number that dates it back to the early 1940s. The Baldwin “F” model is 7 feet long and weighs 800 pounds. According to those in the know, the model F is one of the premier builds by this brand and rivals Steinway in its overall quality.”

Bartley’s wife, Shannon, met Dr. Marshall’s niece, Nancylee Kershaw, through work and discovered that the family was downsizing and looking for a home for her uncle’s “prized possession.” Dr. Marshall and Kershaw will be recognized at the Feb. 29 concert, which is free to the public.

The learning cottages which have housed students during the renovations and expansion will be removed over the summer.

AVIS Construction and Hughes and Associates Architects and Engineers are the design/build team for the project.

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Events

For planning purposes: Please RSVP to Craig Valley Baptist Church if you are entering a chili. 540-864-5667, (if no answer, leave a message). The event is being held at the Grace Baptist Church 159 Old Railroad Ave. (SR696), New Castle, VA, (Near the Field Of Dreams).

General Information

WASHINGTON STREET ARTS AND CRAFTS SHOW DATE CHANGE

The date for the juried Washington Street Arts and Crafts Show has changed to April 6, 2024. The show will now coincide with the Cherry Blossom Festival sponsored by the Town of Buchanan. The show is sponsored by the United Women in Faith at Trinity United Methodist Church in Buchanan, VA. We would love to have you join us and applications are being accepted and may be requested by contacting the United Women in Faith at: WashingtonStreetArtShow@gmail.com

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The City of Radford Department of Community Development will accept proposals for the 2024 Program Year (July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025) for funds provided by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. Applicants must be a not-for profit organization as established by the IRS. Proposals for Public Services programs are due no later than March 15, 2024, by 4:00p.m. The major focus of the City of Radford's CDBG program is to provide a suitable living environment, decent housing, social services, and economic opportunities in low-income areas, and low-to moderate- income persons.

Applications may be accessed at www.radfordva.gov or via email request to Melissa.Skelton@radfordva.gov.

The applications can also be picked up at Radford Administration Building, 10 Robertson St, Radford, VA, Monday through Friday between 8:30a.m. and 5:00p.m. For more information regarding the CDBG program, please visit <https://www.radfordva.gov/1261/HUD-Community-Development-Block-Grant>

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NOTICE OF BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETING

TO: CITY OF SALEM REAL ESTATE OWNERS

The Board of Equalization for Real Estate Assessments in the City of Salem will meet on Tuesday, April 23, 2024, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers Conference Room at City Hall located at 114 N. Broad Street, Salem, Virginia. The Board will continue its meeting from time to time thereafter, by adjournments, at and for such time or times, at the same place or such other place or places, as may be designated and deemed necessary by the Board to accomplish and complete its task of equalization of real estate assessments and to discharge the duties imposed by law upon the Board.

Said meeting will be adjourned on April 23, 2024, unless the powers of the Board are extended by order of the Circuit Court for

Legals - City of Salem

the City of Salem. The purpose of the Board meeting is to equalize property assessments in the City and to hear and give consideration to all complaints of any inequalities in such assessment so that the burden of real estate taxation shall rest equally upon all owners.

At its meeting, the Board will hear and decide all inequality protest complaints, whether made by property owners, the City, or any taxpayer, on appeal to this Board by property owners. The Board may equalize any assessment by raising, or lowering assessments fixed by the Assessor, in proper cases, in order to make assessments uniform in the City as far as practicable. If you wish to discuss the assessment with the Board, call (540) 375-3058 for an appointment by February 23, 2024. The Assessor is required by law to prepare necessary papers for the Board and for the property owner who wants to appeal to the Board of Equalization. Information pertaining to the Assessor's valuations, along with forms for appeal to the Board of Equalization may be obtained from the Assessor's office by calling (540) 3753058, or online at www.salemvva.gov.

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Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code§§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316.20-104 Case No. J002260-06-00 CRAIG COMBINED COURT-JUVENILE Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court District Court

Commonwealth of Virginia, in re MANNING, EMILEE ROSE The object of this suit is to: terminate the residual parental rights of the parents, including the right of visitation, right to consent to adoption, the responsibility of support and all other rights and responsibilities remaining with the natural parents of the aforesaid child and to obtain the right to place said child for adoption. And, based on an affidavit filed herein, the court finds that there exists sufficient grounds for causing service of process by publication.

It is ORDERED that the unknown father and any or all others who may be related to Emily Rose Manning, whose actual whereabouts are unknown, appear at the above-named Court on or before the 5th day of April, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. to do whatever is necessary to protect their interests.

We ask for this CRAIG COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES 177 Court Street, New Castle, Virginia 24127

February 8, 2024, Patty Taylor, CLERK

Legals - Montgomery County

Order of Publication

Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code§§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316.20-104 **Case No. CL23002018-00** 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 TIFFANY M. COUCH, CLERK

Legals - Montgomery County

TRUSTEES SALE

PARCEL OF LAND LOCATED IN:

The Riner Magisterial District of Montgomery County, Virginia Containing 1.586 acres, more or less Commonly Known as: 3395 Radford Road, Christiansburg, Virginia IN EXECUTION OF A CERTAIN DEED OF TRUST OF RECORD IN THE CLERKS OFFICE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VIRGINIA, AS INSTRUMENT NO. 2008000295, DATED FEBRUARY 1, 2008, SAID DEED OF TRUST WAS MODIFIED BY MODIFICATION OF DEED OF TRUST DATED FEBRUARY 6, 2020, RECORDED IN THE AFORESAID CLERK'S OFFICE AS INSTRUMENT NO: 2020002980, AND BY SUBSTITUTION OF COLLATERAL AND RELEASE DATED MARCH 10, 2020, RECORDED IN THE AFORESAID CLERK'S OFFICE AS INSTRUMENT NO: 2020002979. DEFAULT HAVING BEEN MADE IN THE PAYMENT OF THE DEBT THEREIN SECURED AND BEING REQUIRED TO DO SO BY THE NOTEHOLDER, THE UNDERSIGNED SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE, AFTER GIVING FOURTEEN (14) DAYS DUE NOTICE TO THE OWNERS OF THE REAL ESTATE OF THE DATE, TIME, PLACE AND TERMS OF SALE, WILL OFFER FOR SALE AT PUBLIC AUCTION, IN FRONT OF THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT 55 EAST MAIN STREET, CHRISTIANSBURG, VIRGINIA, ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2024, AT 10:00 A.M., THE REAL ESTATE WITH IMPROVEMENTS THEREON KNOWN AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: All that certain tracts or parcels of land, with the improvements thereon and the appurtenances thereunto belonging, situate, lying and being in the Riner Magisterial District of Montgomery County, Virginia, and described as follows: All of the 1.586 acres as shown on plat of survey entitled; Plat of Boundary Line Adjustment between Tax Parcels 90-(A)-34A & 90-(A)-34E situated along Radford Road, U.S. Route 11 Near Plum Creek Riner Magisterial District Montgomery County, Virginia; dated June 28, 2016 prepared by Ralph O. Clements, L.S. for Gay and Neel, Inc. recorded in the Circuit Court Clerks Office of Montgomery County, Virginia as Instrument Number 2016004742.

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SALE WILL BE MADE SUBJECT TO ALL EXISTING EASEMENTS AND RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS AS THE SAME MAY LAWFULLY AFFECT THE REAL ESTATE. TERMS OF SALE: CASH, SETTLEMENT WITHIN FIFTEEN (15) DAYS OF SALE. A BIDDERS DEPOSIT OF TEN PERCENT (10%) MAY BE REQUIRED. PLACE OF SALE: FRONT OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY COURTHOUSE, AT 55 EAST MAIN STREET, CHRISTIANSBURG, VIRGINIA DATE OF SALE: WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2024 TIME OF SALE: 10:00 A.M.

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By: Daniel D. Hamrick, Agent

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Legals - Montgomery County

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Legals - Roanoke County

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Legals - Town of Vinton

The VA Dept of Historic Resources will conduct a public information hearing of the Town of Vinton, VA

on Tuesday, February 20, 2024. The meeting begins at 6:00 pm and will be held at Vinton Town Hall at 311 South Pollard Street, Vinton, VA 24179.

Public comment regarding the proposal will be taken at the time of the hearing or can be sent to Director Julie Langan, Dept of Historic Resources, 2801 Kensington Ave, Richmond, VA 23221.

This proposal has been recommended eligible for the Virginia Landmarks and National Registers. This proposal will be presented to the State Review Board and the Board of Historic Resources on March 14, 2024. For additional information, contact Amanda Terrell at Amanda.Terrell@thr.virginia.gov or 804-482-8092.

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State wrestling is at the Salem Civic Center this weekend

Big Orange is runnerup in Region 3D tournament

The Salem Civic Center will be the site of the "Big Dance" for Class 1, 2 and 3 state wrestling tournaments once again this weekend. William Byrd will send seven wrestlers to the state Class 3 mats, including four Region 3D champion, after finishing second in the region tournament in Abingdon last Saturday.

The three state tournaments begin in Salem at 10 am Friday with first round bouts. At 1 pm Friday Class 1-3 quarterfinals will be held along with first round consolation matches for Class 3. Consolation matches for all three classes will be from 4:30 to 8 pm Friday night.

Semifinals for all three classes will begin at 9:30 am Saturday, followed by semi-final consolations at 11:30 am and consolation finals at 1 pm to determine places third through sixth in all three classes. Championship finals are scheduled to begin at 4:30 pm.

The Big Orange is optimistic for a big weekend after a strong performance in a Region 3D tournament that was dominated by Blue Ridge District teams. The top three teams in Abingdon came from the BRD as Staunton River won the region with 286 points, Byrd was second with 180.5 and Lord Botetourt took third with 165.5. Cave Spring broke the string with a fourth place finish by Northside, from the BRD, was fifth.

"The regional tournament went well for us," said Byrd coach Thomas Kessler. "For the most part, all season due to people getting down to weight or being sick or injured, we haven't had our full lineup in. It was fun to see how we did with our entire lineup entered. We walked away with the runner up trophy and its' something our kids can be proud of."

Byrd had one region champion and it was the first match of the final round. Sophomore Darin Witcher pinned his way through the bracket, spending less than two minutes total on the mat. He had pins in 16 and 17 seconds to reach the final, then pinned Chloe Simmons of Tunstall in the championship match in all of 23 seconds. Darin goes to Salem with a 28-2 record and he hasn't lost to a Class 3 wrestler all season after finishing second in the state as a freshman.

Aidan Lucas made the final but settled for second at 190. After two pins put him in the final he lost to Landon Jobber-Spence of Staunton River in the championship. Lucas is now 27-13 on the season and he'll be headed to state for the third time.

Three Terriers battled back through the consolation bracket to win consolation finals and take third place. Zane Taylor is now 26-11 at 126, Gage Cockran is 32-8 at 138 and Bricen Lancaster is 29-8 at 157. Two other Terriers finished fourth to qualify for the state, Stephen Underwood(31-10) at 165 and Graylen Castleberry(21-13) at 175.

Several other Byrdmen didn't qualify for the state but scored points for the Big Orange. Sawyer Bolen was fifth at 150 and he'll be an alternate for the state.



PHOTOS BY SUZANNE WITCHER

Above, the William Byrd wrestling team strikes a pose with the Region 3D runnerup trophy at Abingdon High School last Saturday. Below left, Byrd's Bricen Lancaster(left in photo) squares off in a region 157 pound match and, below right, Zane Taylor puts his opponent on his shoulders on his way to a second place finish at 126.



Lane Brunk, at 113, and David Krawczyk, at 120, both placed sixth and Curtis Dillon was eighth at 144. "All our wrestlers have a shot to get on the podium



this weekend, we just have to show up and do what we need to do Friday and Saturday," said Kessler. "I am looking forward to see where we finish up."

Terriers sweep BRD indoor track, Region 3D meet at RC Saturday

The Kerr-Cregger Indoor Fieldhouse at Roanoke College in Salem will be the site of several region track meets this weekend, including the Region 3D meet with athletes from William Byrd High School. The Region 3D meet is scheduled to begin Saturday morning at 9 am and conclude late in the afternoon.

The Byrd indoor teams are coming off a strong performance in last week's Blue Ridge District meet, held at VMI in Lexington on February 6. Both the Byrd boys and girls won BRD team championships and reaped several individual honors as well. DeShawn Austin was named the Blue Ridge District male field event Athlete-of-the-Year, Emma Kageals was named the BRD co-female field event Athlete-of-the-Year and Grace Onwi was named the district female Runner-of-the-Year.

Onwi broke her own school record in the 300m dash with a winning time of 41.73 and she also took home first in the 500m dash. Liz Dixon took fourth in the 500.

Lucy Whitenack finished second in the 1000m run with a time of 3:30.31. Heidi Weinke was second in the two mile (13:55.28) and fourth in the mile (6:13.25). In the 55m hurdles Kageals had a season best time of 9.0 seconds for a second place finish with Lily Perez taking third in 9.44.

In the girls' relays the 4x800 team of Alexandra Bonilla, Dixon, Whitenack and Riley Roth won the event with a time of 11:24.85. The 4x200m relay of Emma Matthews, Olivia Bustamante, Allyson Mavredes and Perez finished second with a time of 1:56.80.

In the girls' field events Sydney Blewett was crowned the BRD champion in the shot put with a throw of 37'1 and Abigail Bush was fourth. Kageals finished third in the long jump with a leap of 16'4.25" while Perez finished fourth. In the triple jump Perez was second with a 33'10.75" jump, Kageals was fourth and Emily Fisher took fifth.

For the boys, Austin was second in the 300m dash with a time of 35.84 and second in the 55m

hurdles in 7.94. Wyatt Bailey won the 500m dash in 1:08.83 and Shaun Gower took fourth.

Donald Mullins was second in the Mile with a time of 4:55.08 and third in the 1000m in 2:40.86. Reagan Lilley took second in the two mile with a time of 11:29.59 and third in the 1600m.

In the field events Austin won both the long jump with a leap of 22'3.5" and the triple jump with a jump of 45'2.5". Bailey won the pole vault with a height of 13' and Kyle Holdaway finished third, clearing 9'6". Titus Beatty finished third in the shot put with a throw of 41'7.

Byrd's 4x200m relay of Brady Reachy, Noah Thompson, Bailey and Cooper Minnix finished second with a time of 1:34.54 and the 4x800m relay of Josh Allen, Griffin Yakob, Vincent Liu and Riley Slusher also took second.



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The William Byrd girls(above) and boys(below) pose with their Blue Ridge District track championship trophies.



PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

BYRD GRAD ON RC TRACK TEAM

Sarah Fuchs, a 2022 graduate of William Byrd High School, is a sophomore weight competitor on the Roanoke College track team. Sarah has competed in the shot put, discus, hammer throw, weight throw and javelin for the Maroons. Here she puts the shot at the Joe LaRocco Invitational at the Kerr-Cregger Indoor Fieldhouse at Roanoke College last Saturday.

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Terriers open Region 3D basketball at home Friday

The William Byrd boys' basketball team will open Region 3D play at home Friday night. The Terriers drew Magna Vista for a first round game beginning at 6 pm at William Byrd High School.

Byrd comes into the regional with a 12-12 record after splitting two games in the Blue Ridge District tournament in the past week. The Terriers opened BRD tournament play at home with a 78-69 win over Staunton River last Friday but lost in the semifinal round at top-seeded Northside Monday, 79-43.

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Left, Byrd's Jonathan Rosser (#32) blocks a shot in last week's win over Staunton River. Right, Hayden Eads splits two defenders to score for the Terriers.



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Girls will play Eagles for fourth time in Region 3D hoops

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Left, Byrd's Sam Martin goes to the hole to score in last Friday's game with Staunton River. Right, Maggie Zimmerman handles the ball for the Terriers.



William Byrd swim coach Krista Martin will take 11 Terriers to the state meet in Richmond Saturday.

State Swim meet is in Richmond on Saturday

The RVA Swim facility in Richmond will be the site of Virginia High School League state swim meets this week, and William Byrd swimmers will be competing in the Class 3 meet on Saturday.

Byrd is taking 11 swimmers to the state meet who qualified at the region meet in Christiansburg on February 6. The 11 Byrd swimmers headed to state are Evan Copening, Bruno De Melo, Michael Hoyos, Chris Hurd, Cole Kovacevic, Brody Parrish, Blake Richardson, Addison Collins, Cary Jones, Lindsay Murtaugh and Gabby Romeo.

"We have 11 swimmers going to the state meet and four of them will make their state debut," said Byrd coach Krista Martin.



PHOTO BY JOHN WACHER

REMEMBERING HER VALENTINE WITH A FACEOFF

Lindy Franzen drops the first puck prior to the Roanoke Rail Yard Dawgs ice hockey game against Macon at the Berglund Center Friday night. The faceoff was in honor of Lindy's late husband, Carl, who treated her to a Roanoke Valley Rebels game on Valentine's Day in 1976, right after their wedding ceremony. The Dawgs cooperated in making it a big night, taking a 7-3 win.