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## WBHS Principal Newcomb appointed to Central Office Administration, School Board spotlights W. E. Cundiff

William Byrd High School Principal Tammy Newcomb has been appointed to the position of Roanoke County Schools Executive Director of Administration as of July 1. She will replace Dr. Rhonda Stegall, who is retiring at the end of June.



PHOTO BY DEBBIE ADAMS

**William Byrd High School Principal Tammy Newcomb has been appointed to a position as Roanoke County Schools Executive Director of Administration, effective July 1.**

Newcomb has served as principal at William Byrd High School since 2016. She has wide experience in teaching and administration at all grade levels. She first joined Roanoke County Schools as a math and language arts teacher at William Byrd Middle School. She was named assistant principal at W.E. Cundiff Elementary in July 2002, principal at Green Valley Elementary in July 2005, and principal of William Byrd Middle School in July 2011.

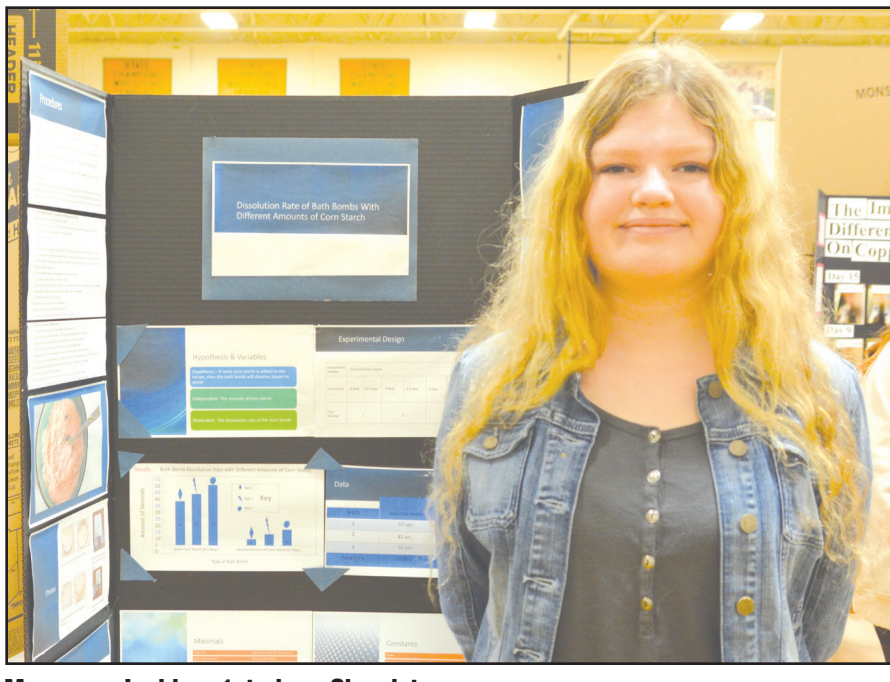
Educational Leadership and Policies Studies from Virginia Tech.

Tim Greenway, Vinton's representative to the School Board, said, "Tammy embodies the Terriers. She has put pride into the school.

She knows every student at Byrd. We are proud to have had her in Vinton."

The announcement of Newcomb's appointment was made at the School

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Marygann Jenkins, 1st place Chemistry

## Byrd students bring home 2024 Roanoke County Science Fair awards

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Roanoke County Public Schools held the annual Science Fair on Feb. 24 at Northside High School with over 100 students entering individual or group projects.

According to RCPS, "The Roanoke County Science Fair brings together the best student projects from Roanoke County's secondary schools and the Roanoke Valley Governor's School."

Seventy-five projects were entered in the fair in both middle and high school divisions in categories which included Behavioral and Social Sciences, Biochemistry, Chemistry, Earth and

Environmental Sciences, Energy: Sustainable Materials and Design, Materials Science, Physics, Astronomy, Robotics and Intelligent Machines, Systems Software, Engineering Technology, Animal Science, Biomedical Sciences, Computational Biology and Bioinformatics, Embedded Systems, Statics and Dynamics, Microbiology, and Plant Sciences.

Several William Byrd Middle and High School students placed in the competition. Middle school students in first, second, and third place will advance to the Western Virginia Regional Science Fair at Hollins

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## Town of Vinton announces Cultural Placemaking and Events Director

The Town of Vinton is pleased to announce the selection of Mandy Adkins as Director of Cultural Placemaking and Events, filling a key position within the Town's Leadership Team and overseeing the operations of the Department of Community Programs.

Adkins recently accepted the position after an extensive search and is anticipated to start employment with the Town on April 8, 2024.

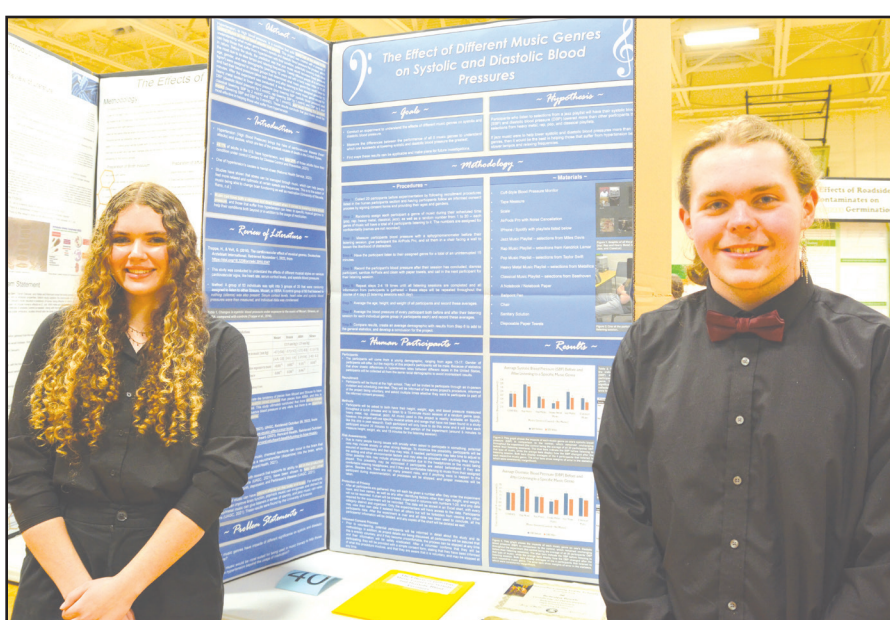
She previously served from

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**Mandy Adkins has been named as the Cultural Placemaking and Events Director for the Town of Vinton, effective April 8.**



Braeden Booth and Elizabeth Martinez, 1st place Behavioral Science



PHOTO BY DEBBIE ADAMS

**LCDR Jim Landis (front left) talks with Cadet Senior Chief Jamey Umberger (front right) during the first Area Manager Inspection of the NNDCC unit at William Byrd.**

## WBHS Navy Cadet Corps completes first unit inspection

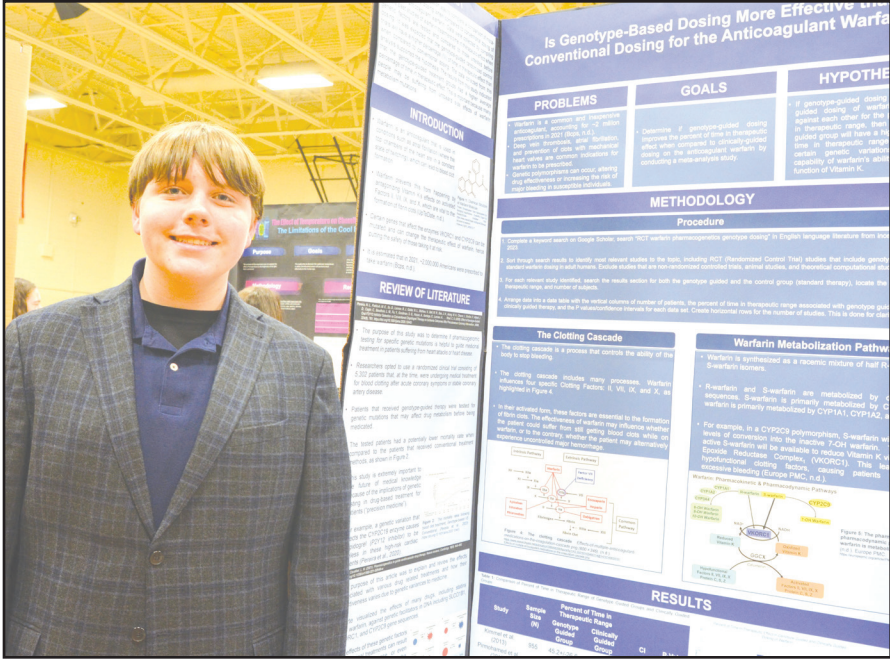
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Students in the Navy National Defense Cadet Corps (NNDCC) based at William Byrd High School underwent their first Area Manager Inspection

(AMI) since their unit was established in February 2023, demonstrating what they have accomplished as a unit in the past year.

The inspection is meant to ensure that

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**Kyle Saccocci, 1st place Biomedical and Health Science/Computational Biology and Bioinformatics**



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New officers were installed at the Mt. Pleasant Volunteer Fire Department and Auxiliary Awards Banquet on Feb. 10. Pictured left to right are William Prescott, Chaplain; Ruth Puckett, Secretary; Adam Dean, Vice President; Ken Henson, President; Cody Southers, Second Lieutenant; Robert Hurd, First Lieutenant; Pete DiGregorio, Captain; Lori Campbell, Treasurer and Assistant Chief; and Eric Stump, Chief.

# Mt. Pleasant Fire Dept. installs officers, presents annual awards

The Mt. Pleasant Volunteer Fire Department and Auxiliary held their annual Awards Banquet and Installation of Officers ceremony at the Mt. Pleasant Lions Club on Saturday evening, Feb. 10.

Over 50 people, including firefighters and their family members, attended the banquet along with Station 6 Career Firefighter/Paramedics Donnie Blankenship and Forrest Kiger, and EMTs Brett Lovell and two crew members from the Vinton First Aid Crew. Musical entertainment was provided by DJ Pat Musselwhite from the Mt. Pleasant Lions Club.

Special recognition was given to Asst. Chief Lori Campbell and Firefighter Ruth Puckett for being voted the T.E. "Gene" Wagner Officer of the Year and Winston B. Adams, Firefighter of the Year, respectively, as voted on by the membership.

Also recognized were Captain Pete DiGregorio and Firefighter Cody Southers for winning the Harvey Light Highest Number of Calls Award, and Firefighters Chris Kenyon, Bekah DiGregorio, and Michaela "Max" Pagans for winning the Kali G. Hurd Top Training Hours Award.

These annual awards honor and remember important past volunteers who laid the foundations of community service through the Mt. Pleasant Volunteer Fire Department.

T.E. "Gene" Wagner was a former, long-standing chief in the department who pushed members to be their best by demanding professionalism on calls and serving the Mt. Pleasant community.

Winston B. Adams was a dedicated founding member who served as treasurer for many years. Harvey Light, another founding member, was a department legend for having run every single call-day and night—during his many years of service.

Kali Hurd began as a teenage volunteer, earned her Firefighter/EMT certifications, and also became a career firefighter with the City of Roanoke; her career was cut short way too soon by cancer in 2017.

Hurd was also remembered with the dedication of a memorial plaque with her photo emblazoned on a fire helmet "leather," or shield. Members of her family, including her mother Kim, father Rodney, brother Lt. Robert Hurd,

and sister Miranda were presented with the plaque that will hang in the Station 6 Community Room.

The banquet was also an occasion to install the officers of the MPVFD and Auxiliary for 2024.

Leading the company this year will be Chief Eric Stump, Asst. Chief and Treasurer Lori Campbell, Capt. Pete DiGregorio, 1st. Lt. Robert Hurd, 2nd Lt. Cody Southers, President Kent Henson, Vice President Adam Dean, Secretary Ruth Puckett, and Chaplain Will Prescott.

This year's Auxiliary Officers are President Alice Sheets, Vice President Lori Campbell, Secretary Layla England, Treasurer Craig Sheets, Chaplain Will Prescott, and Historian Carla Pickeral.

The Oath of Office was administered by Craig Sheets.

The Mt. Pleasant Volunteer Fire Department, serving as part of the greater Roanoke County Fire Department, has served the Mt. Pleasant and surrounding communities since 1955. Its motto is "Pride and Honor."

*Submitted by Mt. Pleasant Volunteer Fire Dept. and Auxiliary*



The MPVFD presented the Kali G. Hurd Top Training Hours Award to "Max" Pagans in memory of Kali Hurd, who began as a teenage volunteer, earned her Firefighter/EMT certifications, and became a career firefighter with the City of Roanoke.



Kali Hurd's family was presented a plaque in her memory. PHOTOS COURTESY OF MPFD

# Town of Vinton represented at regional Career Quest for high school students



Officers Jesse Dibble, Will Holland, and Jair Ponce supervised students trying out impairment goggles.



Town of Vinton employees participated in Career Quest at the Berglund Center on Feb. 26 and 27, introducing high school sophomores to the public sector. Pictured from left are: back row, Jason Davison (Public Works), Nathan McClung (Planning and Zoning), Donna Collins (Human Resources/Risk Management), Keith Childress (Public Works), Officer Jesse Dibble (VPD), Andrew Keen (Finance), Antonia Arias-Magallon (Administration); front row, Officer Will Holland (VPD), Amanda Payne (Vinton War Memorial), and Officer Jair Ponce, who all participated on Feb. 26. Other town employees attended on Feb 27.

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The non-profit Greater Roanoke Workforce Development Board hosted Career Quest for sophomore students in the region at the Berglund Center on Feb. 26 and 27, and the Town of Vinton was represented to introduce opportunities to possible future employees.

In addition to the Town of Vinton, other sponsors included Roanoke County, VDOT, Roanoke City, the City of Covington, Botetourt County, Carol Joy Creative, Medeco, WestRock, Carilion Clinic, Altec, Rockydale Quarries, and the Branch Group.

Hundreds, if not thousands, of students were expected to attend Career Quest over the course of the event, including those from both public and private schools.

Greater Roanoke Workforce Development Board Executive Director Morgan Romeo, a William Byrd graduate, said that the purpose of Career Quest is to help students explore career options available here in the Roanoke Valley, "to see what career options are here in their backyards." Hopefully, once they realize what is available, they will remain here after graduation and help local businesses and the local economy to thrive.

Students were able to interact with businesses at Career Quest to find out more about jobs that are available, career opportunities and the education and training required in specific job fields.

Local businesses and companies were represented at this year's Career Quest from healthcare, transportation, architecture, agriculture, Arts/AV Technology/Communications,

construction, finance, manufacturing, business management, education, energy, government and public administration, hospitality and tourism, human services, law/public safety/corrections/security, engineering, and more.

Some of the more well-known employers at the event were the Western Virginia Water Authority, Carilion, Altec, Freedom First, VDOT, TAP, Roanoke County Library, Friendship, Medeco, Joi Neuron, Rivermont, James Madison University, Virginia Western Community College, Goodwill, Yokohama, Blue Ridge Behavioral Health, Quest, Mersen, WestRock, Varney, Servpro, Wabtec, the SPCA, BSI, Eldon, Branch, Genesis, DS Smith, Wurth, OCC, MAAG, Star Flight, and Kroger, in addition to the Town of Vinton.

Many of the businesses and

organizations had hands-on activities to engage student interest. Town of Vinton Police Department officers brought along their wrapped Military Appreciation Vehicle as well as impairment goggles which allow students to experience the effects of intoxication. Public Works, Planning and Zoning, Finance, Human Resources/Risk Management, Administration, and the Vinton War Memorial, brought along displays and activities, as well.

The Town of Vinton has participated in Career Quest in the past, but has expanded efforts to include representatives from all departments for last fall's Career Quest with seventh graders and now with high school students.

Vinton Human Resources and Risk Management Director Donna Collins said that the town's goal was to "expose students to the public sector."



# Beyond Books

By Molly Meador, Vinton Library Assistant

We have (“knock on wood”) made it through the worst of the winter and have warmer weather in our sights. It’s time to start thinking about packing away our wool sweaters and getting ready for springtime. If you’re ready to stretch your limbs after a long winter rest, the Vinton Library is here with some great activities for everyone.

Excited for the birds to return for spring after their winter migration? Love crafting? Register online for Birdhouse Decorating on Saturday, March 2, from 2-3 p.m. and we will paint small decorative birdhouses. If that isn’t enough crafting for you, be sure to also register for this month’s Creations and Temptations on Saturday, March 16, from 3-4 p.m., where we will be making curious bunny flowerpots.

Curious about some of the newest technology these days? Register online to Get Acquainted with Artificial Intelligence on Tuesday, March 19 from 6-7 p.m. Learn how to log in and interact with A.I. as well as some simple applications for everyday life.

It’s always good to stay balanced, though, so after you’ve jumped into some new technology, how about we take a break from it all? Join us on Thursday, March 21 at 2:30 to “Put Your Tech to Bed.” Have you found that your phone has taken over your life? Celebrate the Global Day of Unplugging with us to find out how to take a break from all the addicting tech in our lives.

Our next Puzzle Swap will be on Saturday, March 30 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Bring a 300-or-more-piece puzzle (without any missing pieces) to trade in for one that’s new to you. We’ll accept puzzles March 23-29, and you will get a voucher for each puzzle you bring. Then on Saturday you can bring your vouchers in and select from all the puzzles we’ve collected.

As always, we’ve got some great bite-sized programs and activities on deck every Friday from 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. at the Vinton Community Connection. On March 1 we’ll be doing tissue paper painting; on March 8 we’ll learn about heirloom gardening; on March 15 we’ll delve into the history of the Ides of March; on March 22 we’ll have some travel talk; and on March 29 we’ll play Wheel of Fortune. Don’t miss any of these great opportunities to learn, have fun, and meet new people.

The Vinton Book Club will discuss “The Nickel Boys” by Colson Whitehead on Thursday, March 7 at 3 p.m. and the As the Page Turns Book Club will discuss “The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek” by Kim Michele Richardson on Wednesday, March 13 at 2 p.m.

During the week of March 17-23, you can pick up materials related to National Poison Prevention Week. Learn about the dangers of poisoning, how to prevent it, and what to do in the event of

a poisoning emergency. Also, be sure to come by our table at the Vinton Senior Expo on Tuesday, March 26 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Vinton War Memorial to talk to a librarian and get some library swag!

Be sure to check out these ongoing programs as well:

- Open Bridge meets every Tuesday from 1-4 p.m.
- GED Classes with Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Region 5 Adult Education are on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5-7 p.m. (more information and sign up at www.regionfiveadulthood.com)
- The DMV will be here Thursday, March 7 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., closing from 12:30-1:30 p.m. for lunch.
- Pick-up Chess is on Thursday, March 7 from 5:30-7:30 p.m.
- The Roanoke Valley Dulcimers meet Saturday, March 16 from 10:15 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
- The Blue Ridge Dulcimer Ensemble will play Monday, March 25 from 6-7 p.m.
- The Vinton Writers Group will meet Thursday, March 28 from 5:30-7:30 p.m.
- Teens! Be sure to swing by the Teen Center on Tuesday, March 26 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. for Switch Gaming!

As your kiddos are wrapping up Winter Reading, don’t forget to bring back your bingo sheet by Saturday, March 16, to be entered to win a grand prize. Also, register online to bring your toddler and preschool aged children to our Spring Party on Thursday, March 28 from 11 a.m.-12 p.m. Join us for spring stories, songs, crafts, and an egg hunt!

This month’s Discovery Time (ages 0-5) will be on Thursday, March 14 from 11 a.m.-12 p.m.; we will be doing a color wheel hunt and a fizzy paint activity. Junior Makers (ages 6-11) will be meeting Wednesday, March 20 from 4-5 p.m. This month we’ll make mini gardens and do an egg drop challenge. Register for these fun STEM programs online.

The next storytime session will run from March 6-27 and the theme will be Colors! Toddler Storytime will be on Wednesdays from 10:30-11 a.m., followed by Preschool Storytime from 11:30 a.m.-12 p.m.

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

- D&D for teens (and adults!) is on Monday, March 4 from 5:30-7:30 p.m.
- Anime Club for teens is on Monday, March 11 from 6-7 p.m.
- Teen Book Chat for middle and high schoolers is on Monday, March 18 from 5-6 p.m.
- Pokémon Club for grades K-5 will be on Wednesday, March 27 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.

# PEOPLE, PLACES AND THINGS

By Angie Cheuning

Greg Boitnott and I had the pleasure of attending a celebration hosted by the Roanoke City Sheriff’s Office on Saturday at the Berglund Center. The hall was decorated with old and new uniforms and memorabilia from the past. Greg (fiancé) retired from the RCS several years ago but still works part time there.

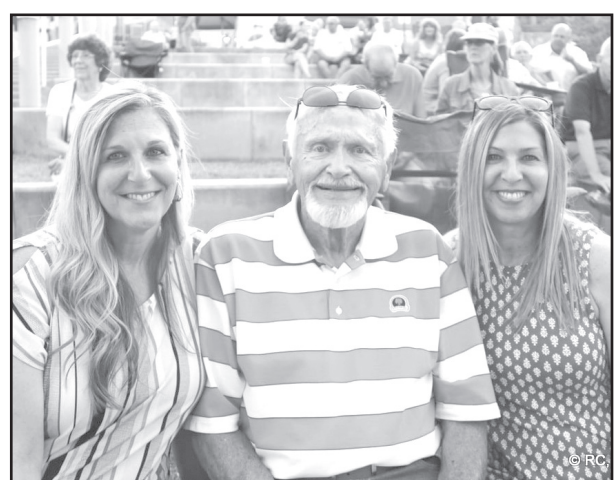
The memories and stories told will last a lifetime. So many enjoyed catching up with each other and reminiscing. Many retirees have not seen each other in years. Thank you to Sheriff Hash and staff for putting together such a nice event.

Congratulations to Tommy and Kathy Firebaugh on celebrating their 59th wedding anniversary! Who says true love doesn’t exist!!

My heart and prayers go to the family of Irvin McGarrell. Irv and I have been friends for MANY years. Irv loved Party in the Park, Mingle at the Market, and just about anywhere he could hear good music and dance. Now he is dancing in Heaven with his beloved and missed wife, Betty. Daughter Wendy M. Buttram and Mary M.



Congratulations to Tommy and Kathy Firebaugh on your 59th wedding anniversary.



Irv McGarrell with Wendy Buttram (on right) and Mary Owens.

Owens always took him go and see friends. Irv, you to wherever he wanted to will be missed!

# Byrd students place in SkillsUSA competition



Several William Byrd students who also attend the Burton Center for Arts and Technology placed in the recent 2024 Region VII SkillsUSA competition at Central Academy Middle School in Fincastle. They were recognized at a ceremony on Feb. 15.

Sophia Buendia won the silver medal in Nail Care.

Britton Harnish and his team won the bronze medal for “TeamWorks.”

Dakota Woznik received the bronze medal for Automotive Service

Technology. SkillsUSA is a national nonprofit student organization serving 300,000 students enrolled in Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs at public high schools and colleges.

Many students will be advancing to the state competition in Virginia Beach in April.

-Vinton Messenger staff report

# OBITUARY

## Perdue, Iris C.

November 18, 1931 – February 23, 2024

Iris C. Perdue, 92, of Vinton, went to be with the Lord on Friday, February 23, 2024.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Carl E. Perdue Sr.; daughter, Debra Price; and son, Carl E. Perdue Jr.

Iris was the owner of Perdue Custom Interiors for 45 years. She loved the lake.

Surviving are her brother, Danny Crouse (Barbara); son, Michael Perdue

(Jeanan); grandchildren, Bryan Perdue (Amber), Nathan Perdue, Alena Perdue (Jimmy), Brandyn Price, Adriel Roberts (James), and Summer Perdue; and great-grandchildren, Brayden, Ridley, Hope, Elijah, Sylas, and Levi.

Services were private. Flowers are appreciated or the family suggests donations to a charity of your choice.

Condolences may be shared with the family at www.Oakeys.com. Arrangements by Oakey’s Chapel, (540) 982-2221.



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- Consolation
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- Erect leafless flower-bearing stalk
- Afrikaans
- Weighing device
- Very dry champagne
- Emerald Isle
- A resident of Benin



# What's happening at the Mt. Pleasant Library in March?

The staff at Mt. Pleasant Library is planning many fun and educational events for all ages in March.

Calligraphy for Beginners meets on Monday, March 4 from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Learn the history, techniques, and applications of this timeless art form.

Discovery Time for ages 2-5 meets on Tuesday, March 5 from 3 to 4 p.m. This month the theme is colors with a color wheel hunt and a fizzy paint activity.

Jammie Time Storytime meets on Thursdays from 6 to 6:30 p.m. on March 7, March 14, March 21, and March 28. Raise your children to be lifelong readers by bringing them to story time at the library. Join us before bedtime to

practice early literacy skills, and enjoy activities and stories with library staff. Kids, be sure to wear your PJs!

Book Chat for adults is scheduled for Saturday, March 9 from 11 a.m. to noon. This is an informal book group, discussing books we have recently read and want to read. Refreshments are provided.

Dragon Savers for ages 7 to 11 meets on Monday, March 11 from 3 to 4 p.m. Oh no! The dragons have been stolen! Can you use your STEAM smarts to rescue them from the Dragon Slayers before it's too late?

Stop by the Mt. Pleasant Library on March 12 from 6 to 7 p.m. to "Decorate a Birdhouse" to help bring back springtime.

The Junior Makers monthly club for ages 5-10 meets on March 16 from 11 a.m. to noon. Each month a new STEM concept is explored, and the participants get the opportunity to perform their own experiments or create STEM related projects.

Teen Book Chat is scheduled for March 19 from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Chat about what you're reading, pick up your Teen Takeout Book Club Kit, and read the letters to books written at the other library branches last month.

Come to Teen Art on March 23 from 12:30 to 1:30 and create an art piece for the April Art Show. Supplies and snacks are provided.

Join fellow Pokemon fans on March 25 from



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3 to 4 p.m. to share and discuss your cards, trading is optional. All participants will be entered into a drawing for fun Pokemon prizes. Best for grades K-5. Those older than 5th grade can attend but will not be permitted to trade.

Come out to share the

fun on March 26 from 3 to 4 p.m. with the Egg Hunt and spring craft for ages 2-11.

Register online for programs at [www.rocolibrary.org](http://www.rocolibrary.org).

Mt. Pleasant Library is located at 2918 Jae Valley Road, just across from the fire station. Their

usual hours are Monday: 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Tuesday: 2 - 8 p.m.; Wednesday: 2 - 6 p.m.; Thursday: 2 - 8 p.m.; Friday: 1 - 5 p.m.; and Saturday: 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

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## From the Pulpit

By Pastor Bryan Crouch, Lynn Haven Baptist Church

### The Power Within Us, A Study of Ephesians

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. The Book of Ephesians is a great place to start learning more about who we are in Christ, spiritual maturity and living a life worthy of the calling placed on every believer in Jesus Christ.

Chapter one ends with some encouraging words about our inheritance and the power of Jesus Christ. Paul's prayer for his readers is that their spiritual wisdom would increase so that they would understand the hope they have to share, the riches of God's glory and His power that lives within each of them (v.18-19).

Paul explains very clearly that it is the same power living in us that raised Jesus Christ from the dead and seated Him at the right hand of God (v.19-20). It is Paul's desire that his readers begin to understand the vast power they possess as a child of God.

Romans 8 sums up this attitude quite nicely when it says, "If God is for us, who can be against us?" (v.31) and "In all things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us" (v.37). Everything is under the authority of Jesus Christ and will eventually answer to Him.

Do you live your life with this type of spiritual confidence? Are you drawing others closer to Jesus with your daily walk?

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**DALE RIDGE CHURCH OF CHRIST** - 7165 Cloverdale Rd., NW Roanoke, 24019; office: 992-4385. Sunday Bible Study, 9:30 a.m., Worship, 10:30 a.m., Wednesday Bible Study, 6 p.m. Ladies class - Thursdays 10:00 a.m. Visit our new web page: [daleridgechurchofchrist.net](http://daleridgechurchofchrist.net), it's updated each week from local, national and international sources with news of interest to Christians. Take a video tour of our facilities. Read articles taken from the word of God that apply to our lives today. View a new sermon each week. Dale Ridge is reaching out to the Roanoke/Botetourt area with the good news of Jesus Christ. Come join our plea to return to the Bible. We believe in the inspired Word of God which is as relevant today as it was when it was written. We believe in the Holy Spirit is a gift, given to every Christian when we respond to the Gospel as taught in the context of Acts 2 and emphasized in verse 38. We believe Jesus is the only means of our salvation. (Acts 4:12) Is this your time to make a choice? (John 16:13) Have you been looking for a church family that's led by the Holy Spirit into all truth? (John 13:35) You will know we are His disciples by our love for one another. Follow the advice of Philip when he told Nathanael about Jesus in (John 1:46) "Come and See."

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# WINTON

## WORSHIP DIRECTORY

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Read Judges 17:1 through 21:25

Cities are racked by chaos. Innocents are cruelly victimized. People of all stripes—leaders and followers alike—lie and steal, thinking nothing of it. Rage, destruction, and brutality are the stuff of daily headlines. When did things get so bad?

This world is no stranger to dark times, including the period of the Israelite judges. Today's reading is full of horrific violence and inhumanity. After the miracles that brought the Israelites into the Promised Land, how did everything fall apart? Was it because they had no ruler to keep them in line? After all, it was repeatedly emphasized that "Israel had no king." But there's more to it than that.

In those days Israel had no king; everyone did as he saw fit (Judges 21:25).

Our world is what it is because fit. God's every action demonstrates that He desires peace, compassion, and community—things sorely missing from this world. Until we have the mind of Christ, politics will never offer hope. Our world doesn't need a king. It needs God.

Prayer Suggestion: Father, remake my will from the inside out, so that I will desire what You desire.

Quicklook: Judges 21:15-25

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**WESLEYAN**  
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# VINTON HISTORY: Percolator

A coffee percolator is a type of pot used for brewing coffee by continually cycling the boiling brew through coffee grounds in a perforated metal filter basket.

Percolators once were popular but were replaced in the early 1970s by automatic drip-brew coffeemakers.

Percolators on the stove top, or even a camp stove for nature enthusiasts, often expose the coffee grounds to higher temperatures than other brewing methods and may recirculate already brewed coffee through the beans. As the brewing coffee nears the boiling point, the “perking” sound becomes a continuous gurgle.

The method for making coffee in a percolator changed very little with the introduction of the electric percolator in the early part of the 20th century. Many people still love “perked” coffee and coffee percolators; non-electric and electric models can still be purchased.

Several percolators are on display at the Vinton History Museum, 210 East Jackson Avenue in Downtown Vinton – open Monday, Wednesday, Friday and every first Saturday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

“Preserving the Past for the Future”

*Submitted by Judy Cunningham, Vinton History Museum Executive Director*



Percolators on display at the Vinton History Museum

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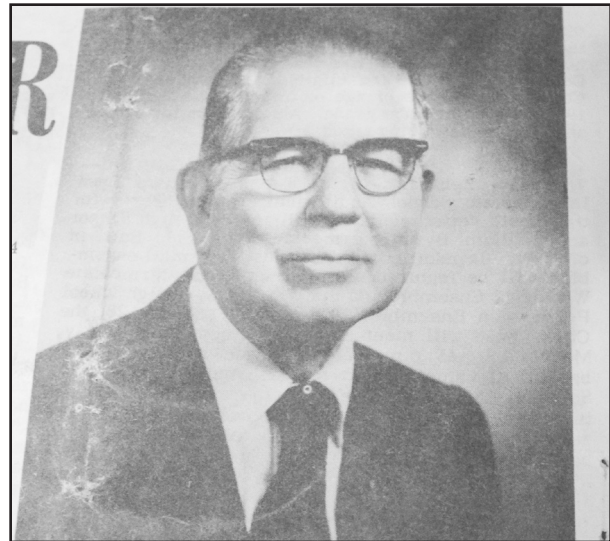
## Remembering Vinton

with the Vinton Historical Society

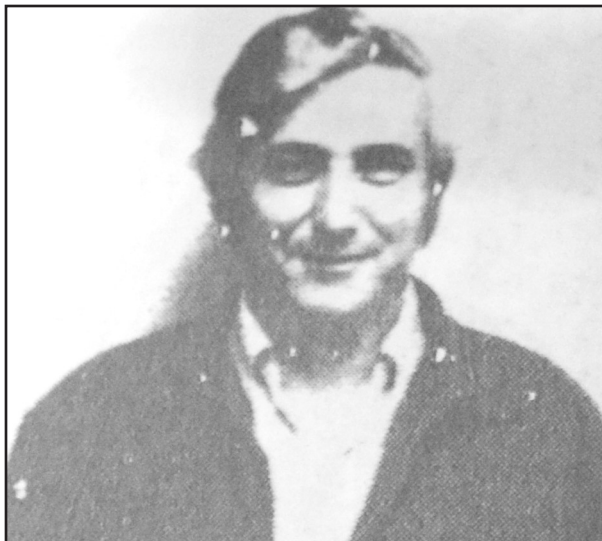
### Remembering Vinton 50 years ago in 1974



Gus Nicks (left) and Shirley Crowder (right), along with Russell Meador, Jr., and Stafford Meador were candidates for mayor in the upcoming May 1974 election.



Vinton Councilman Norman Dowdy passed away in February 1974, leaving three seats to fill on Town Council in the election.



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Bobby Altice was named captain of the Vinton First Aid Crew for the fourth year in 1974.

#### Debbie Adams

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February 1974 seemed to be awards month for William Byrd students. The Terrier wrestling team captured both the district and regional wrestling championships. Marvin Martin was named “Most Outstanding Wrestler” at the district meet.

The Byrd wrestlers went on to win the State AA Championship. Individual winners were Barry Trent, Marvin Martin, and Bruce Palmer.

Byrd students Zach Whitlow and Annette Shorter won the prestigious DAR Good Citizen Awards for the year.

Distributive Education students from Byrd competed at the District DECA contest. Sammy Cundiff was named DE 1 Boy Student of the Year.

The Forensics team won first place in the Blue Ridge District as well, with Walt Hodges taking first place in boys original oratory, Claudia Scholand placed first in spelling, Jan Jones placed first in girls prose, and Jenny Stone placed first in girls oratory.

The school day had been shortened in the county schools by 30 minutes from February through April 15 to accommodate Daylight Saving Time and prevent students from being on the streets in the dark in early morning. Daylight Saving Time had been instituted because of the national energy crisis.

Area residents were working hard to fund the construction of an athletic field house at WBHS at the corner of the football practice field to house equipment.

Members of Vinton Town Council enacted a moratorium on permits for the construction of duplex apartments, in addition to the ban on apartment buildings already approved. Some 50 residents attended the council meeting to protest a proposed 45-unit duplex development planned for Ruddell Road.

Councilman Norman Dowdy passed away in February 1974. Having served on council since 1946, his latest term on council was to have ended in 1976. His death left three positions to fill on council at the upcoming May 7 election.

Former Mayor Shirley Crowder announced that he would be running for mayor. Current mayor Gus Nicks, who had suffered ill health and several heart attacks during his term as mayor of Vinton from 1970 to 1973, announced he would be running again.

See **Remembering**, page 6

# Celebrating The Town of VINTON!

The Town of Vinton, a community nestled in the Blue Ridge Mountains, welcomes you to our community. Vinton, a town rich with history, has over the years found itself to be one of a few communities that continue to relish the past by offering an environment of a comfortable lifestyle with the feeling of being a part of a large community family. The town, with its proximity to the Blue Ridge Parkway and Smith Mountain Lake, provides many opportunities for those who wish to stop and shop at our local farmers market or one of our unique specialty shops.

If festivals are your interest, the Vinton area hosts several festivals throughout the year from the Vinton Dogwood Festival to the Vinton

Fall Festival. Each festival offers its own unique atmosphere. When you are away from home it's always nice to feel as if you never left.

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

Vinton represents the ideal type of community, small enough to provide a feeling of belonging, yet progressive enough to provide the facilities, services, and conveniences that are necessary to make a community feel like home to its citizens.

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# Roanoke County Dual Presidential Primaries coming up on March 5

Roanoke County will be holding Dual Presidential Primary elections on March 5. All precincts and polling places in Roanoke County will be open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. on that day.

Virginia conducts open party primaries and does not register voters by party affiliation, which means that every qualified voter is entitled to participate in the single party primary of their choosing.

In a Dual Party Primary, all voters are eligible to participate in either the Democratic Party Primary or the Republican Party Primary but they may only vote in ONE or the other. As a result, all voters are required by law to indicate to an Officer of Election whether they would prefer to mark a Democratic ballot or a Republican ballot.

Candidates on the Democratic Party ballot are Marianne Williamson, Joseph Biden, and Dean Benson Phillips.

Candidates on the Republican Party ballot are Chris Christie, Ryan Binkley, Vivek Ramaswamy, Donald

Trump, Ron DeSantis, and Nikki Haley.

Voters in the Vinton Magisterial District will vote at either:

- Bonsack precinct, Bonsack Elementary School in the gym

- North Lindenwood, William Byrd Middle School (while WBHS is under construction), in the cafeteria

- South Lindenwood, William Byrd Middle School in the cafeteria

- North Vinton, Herman L. Horn Elementary in the gym

- South Vinton, W.E. Cundiff Elementary in the gym

- Mount Pleasant, Mount Pleasant Elementary in the cafeteria

In person, early voting will be available at the: Roanoke County Elections Office, 900 Chestnut St. in Vinton through Friday, March 1 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Saturday, March 2 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.;

and at the Brambleton Center Elections Satellite Office, 3738 Brambleton Avenue in Roanoke

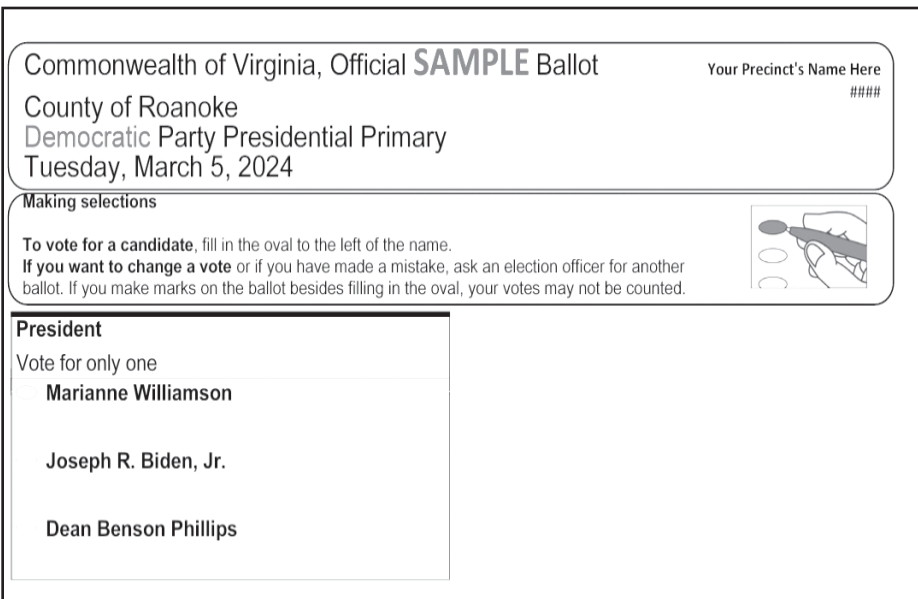
through Friday, March 1 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Saturday, March 2 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

In addition, a Voted Ballot Drop Bag will be available at the Elections Office in Vinton on Monday, March 4, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Voted Ballot Drop Bags will also be available at all precincts on Election Day from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.

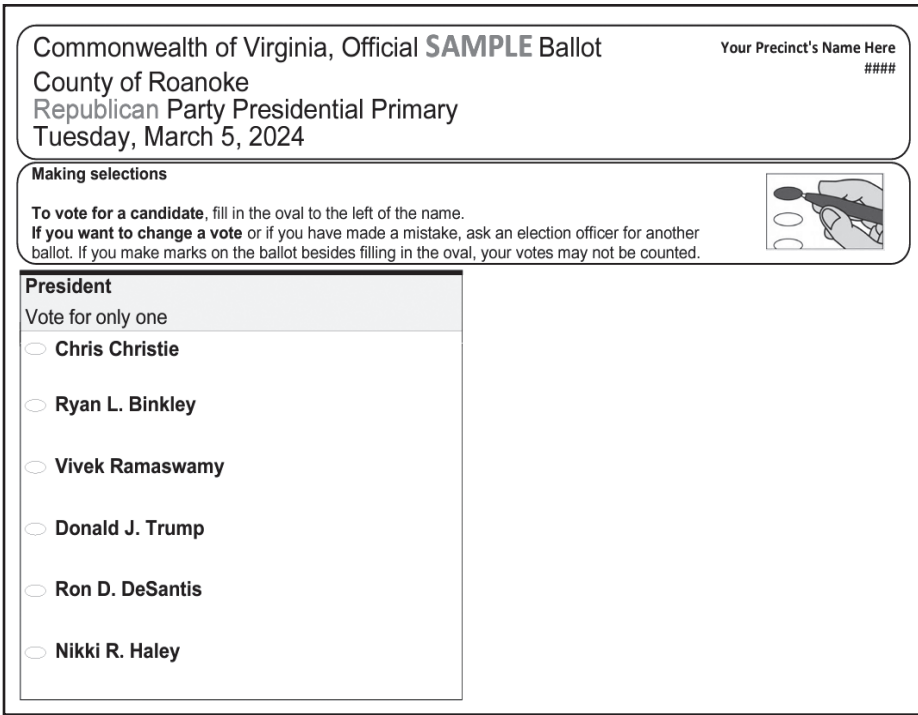
NOTE: If you want to vote early in person and have not done so by 5 p.m. on March 2, you will only be able to cast your vote in person by appearing at your assigned voting precinct's designated polling place on Election Day. Your Election Day polling location is listed on your Voter Registration Card.

All 33 of Roanoke County's voting precincts and their designated polling places will be open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. on March 5. No voting will take place at either the Main Elections Office in Vinton at 900 Chestnut Street or at the Elections Satellite Office at the Brambleton Center that day.

If you are uncertain in which precinct you



Democratic Party ballot for Dual Presidential Primary on March 5



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Republican Party ballot for Dual Presidential Primary on March 5

should vote on Election Day, visit the Roanoke County Voter View (<https://voterview.roanokecountyva.gov/>) and enter your residential address in the search bar.

roanokecountyva.gov/VoterView/) and enter your residential address in the search bar.

-Vinton Messenger staff report

## Remembering

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Several members of the William Byrd band were chosen for All-Roanoke County Band in February 1974.

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By Election Day, the ballot included four candidates for mayor— Gus Nicks, Shirley Crowder, Russell Meador, Jr., and Stafford Meador. Town Council candidates were Dick Horn, Henry Brabham, Donald Smith, Elmer Cox, Rufus Hall, Bobby Altice, Roy McCarty, Marvin Parsons, and Lee Brock.

Bobby Altice was installed as captain of the Vinton First Aid Crew for the fourth year. He was also named "Outstanding Member of the Year," with Tom Philpott as "Best All Around Member." The crew reported responding to 1,006 calls in 1973, traveling 13,303 miles, and donating 4,132 man-hours of time in

service to the community.

Steven Brown was announced as the president of the Dogwood Festival for 1974. He had plans to add some new events to the annual festival including a golf tournament, a chess tournament, a kiddie show, an old timers', basketball game, a senior citizens', baking contest, a senior bingo game, and a Coronation Ball for the reigning queen and crowning of the new queen.

Sally Tyler from Roland E. Cook was named Educator of the Year by the Vinton Jaycees; Mike Chewning was named Outstanding Young Police Officer; and Jack Shapiro, owner of Sam's Variety

Store, was named Outstanding Merchant.

In February 1974, it was announced that young men born in 1955 would have their Selective Service lottery numbers drawn on March 20 even though "there is no draft and no plans to resume call-ups for involuntary military service."

Charles Leslie announced plans to open a dress manufacturing operation to be named Chalaine's, Inc.

Billy Chewning of Chewning's Interiors announced that the company would be separating the furniture and appliance aspects of the business (due to the need for more space) and opening a new store on Hardy Road adjacent to Lake Drive Plaza,

to be known as Chewning's Appliances and TV. Furniture sales would remain at the building on East Washington Avenue and run by Bob Chewning.

The Vinton Lions Club held their annual Bland Music Foundation Scholarship Competition on February 12 at the Vinton War Memorial. Tina Earhart won first place in the Vocal Division. Edward Plott won first place in the Instrumental Division.

In February of 1974, bananas were 15 cents a pound at H&H Supermarket; stew beef was 59 cents a pound. You could purchase a 20-inch rotary lawn mower for \$49 at Murphy's.

## Adkins

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2014 through 2020 as Director of Youth and Community Programs for San Antonio Sports, where she oversaw dozens of city-wide community recreation programs, serving over 200,000 participants annually and was responsible for numerous mid and large-scale special events,

including hosting the 2018 NCAA Men's Final Four.

Since January 2021, Adkins has served as the Director of Parks and Recreation in Botetourt County, where she was responsible for a comprehensive slate of community recreation programs and events, including youth athletics, the senior/accessible transportation service, community parks, and a sports complex.

Adkins grew up in Craig County and is a graduate of Craig County High School. She received her bachelor's degree in Sport and Recreation Management and a master's degree in

Sport and Recreation Leadership, both from James Madison University.

"I am honored to have been selected to serve the Vinton community in the role of Director of Cultural Placemaking and Events," said Adkins. "Vinton is a thriving community with so many great programs, community events and successful businesses. I am looking forward to getting to know the residents and businesses and helping to create meaningful connections within the Town."

Her responsibilities will in part consist of working with town staff, residents, and other

community stakeholders to develop, manage, and promote recreational, cultural, and other related special event programs associated with the Town-owned community facilities, including the Vinton War Memorial, the Charles R. Hill Community Center, the Vinton History Museum, and the Farmers' Market.

"The Town was very pleased to have attracted a very impressive pool of over 80 interested applicants and, in particular, such an experienced public servant and professional as Mandy," stated Town Manager Richard "Pete" Peters. "Mandy's education and experience

in local government, event planning and recreation programming were what initially drew the hiring team's interest, although we quickly realized that her high character, team-first mindset, optimistic outlook, and energetic work ethic were some of her greatest attributes."

Adkins will also directly support the Downtown Business District by serving as the public relations and business retention liaison, through actively working with existing and prospective businesses, the Town's economic development staff, the Vinton Area Chamber of Commerce, Roanoke County, and other related regional

entities to enhance and maintain a welcoming and vibrant downtown for residents, businesses, and visitors.

"Mandy has a contagious energy that I feel will captivate and inspire those around her, and her fresh perspectives will help Vinton continue to build on our recent success and the positive momentum that we're experiencing," stated Council Member Laurie Mullins. "I am very excited to have her join the Vinton Team and see all the great things that we'll accomplish together for our community."

Submitted by the Town of Vinton

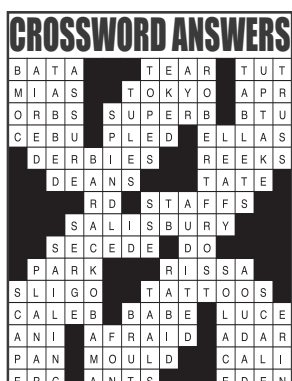






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Local seniors practice seated Tai Chi at the Charles R. Hill Community Center.

# Tai Chi seniors sit awhile

Recently the group of seniors who meet weekly at the Charles Hill Center on the campus of the Vinton War Memorial, have embarked on a new twist in the centuries old exercise, Tai Chi.

Tai Chi is a gentle, circular movement exercise that has evolved out of the ancient hand-to-hand martial arts that reputedly developed to protect Chinese emperors. The Vinton version of the exercise, practiced each Thursday at 9 a.m. by a couple of dozen folks, is called Tai Chi for arthritis and fall prevention.

The 45-minute class involves a lot of deep breathing, some easy footwork,

and mild, soothing movement of all four limbs. The benefits are many as is attested to by reports from the Arthritis Foundation and several studies made by leading medical institutions.

The class is free (can't beat the price), dress is loose, comfortable casual, with sneaker-type shoes recommended, and the atmosphere is friendly. So friendly, in fact, that each third Thursday after the class many of the exercisers meet at Our Daily Bread on E. Lee Avenue in Vinton for coffee and some even spring for breakfast!

Originally started by a local minister, Steve Garray, the class is now led by three

folks that he initially taught and who each later became certified instructors. Chris Saeger, Judy Gruber, and Mike Ferguson carry on the volunteer, no fee class and have seen it grow in popularity with the number of participants increasing year by year.

While chairs have always been available for those who might need them for balance issues, around Thanksgiving last year the class guru, Chris, suggested that seated Tai Chi might be appropriate for some people. His suggestion was met with overwhelming approval by the group, while some members said they obviously did not need it themselves,

they knew others would appreciate the sitting exercise. So now Mike generally wrangles the group into a seated circle, Judy leads a warmup session and Chris demonstrates and instructs the seated movements. Being seated is optional and some remain standing during the whole shebang.

Come on by, check it out, you will probably enjoy the experience and maybe run into someone you know. Even if you don't know anyone there at the start, you most likely will by the time you leave.

*By Tai Chi Instructor Mike Ferguson*

## Bank of Botetourt now accepting applications for its 8th annual 'Taking Care of You' community scholarship

Bank of Botetourt is pleased to offer its 8th annual "Taking Care of You" Community Scholarship opportunity, totaling \$2,000.00. Five scholarships will be awarded, three for \$500.00 and two for \$250.00. These scholarships are available to high school seniors and existing college students with a GPA of 2.50 or higher who currently utilize

Bank of Botetourt for their Banking needs.

"The Bank is proud to support students in their academic achievements and invest in their futures as they pursue higher education. Since the inception of this scholarship, we have awarded \$7,000, and each year we look forward to reviewing applications," shares Bank

President and COO, Michelle R. Austin.

To apply, applicants are required to write a two-page essay on the topic of "How has Bank of Botetourt been able to take care of your banking and financial needs and what is the Bank's impact on the community?" For full essay guidelines and additional information, please visit [www.BankofBotetourt.com/](http://www.BankofBotetourt.com/)

Community-Involvement. The deadline for submissions is March 31st, 2024.

For additional information please contact the Bank's Scholarship Committee at [scholarship@bankofbotetourt.com](mailto:scholarship@bankofbotetourt.com).

*- Bank of Botetourt*

## RECIPE OF THE WEEK: PASTA CACIO E PEPE

*By Debbie Adams*

Other than a peanut butter and jelly sandwich, grilled cheese, or opening a can, this is just about the easiest recipe on Earth. Three ingredients, plus some salt and pepper make "Cheese and Pepper."

Ingredients:

3/4 pound pasta (linguine, thick spaghetti, regular spaghetti, fettuccini—almost any pasta)

1 cup grated Parmesan or Pecorino Romano or Pecorino Parmigiano (finely

grated is best)

2 Tbsp. unsalted butter

Coarsely ground black pepper and salt to taste

Directions: In a pot of boiling water, cook the pasta until al dente. Drain and reserve 2/3 cup cooking water. Return pasta to pot, but remove the pot from stove. Add cheese, butter, pepper, and cooking water and toss. Season with salt. Secret—don't let the cheese get too hot or it gets clumpy, take the pot off the stove before tossing the ingredients together.



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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED REAL PROPERTY TAX INCREASE

The Town of Vinton proposes to increase property tax levies.

- Assessment Increase:** Total assessed value of real property, excluding additional assessments due to new construction or improvements to property, exceeds last year's total assessed value of real property by 7.49 percent.
- Lowered Rate Necessary to Offset Increased Assessment:** The tax rate which would levy the same amount of real estate tax as last year, when multiplied by the new total assessed value of real estate with the exclusions mentioned above, would be \$0.065 per \$100 of assessed value. This rate will be known as the "lowered tax rate."
- Effective Rate Increase:** The Town of Vinton proposes to adopt a tax rate of \$0.07 per \$100 of assessed value. The difference between the lowered tax rate and the proposed rate would be \$0.005 per \$100, or 7.49 percent. This difference will be known as the "effective tax rate increase." Individual property taxes may, however, increase at a percentage greater than or less than the above percentage.
- Proposed Total Budget Increase:** Based on the proposed real property tax rate and changes in other revenues, the total budget of the Town of Vinton will exceed last year's by 0.06 percent.

A public hearing on the increase will be held on Tuesday, April 2, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, in the Council Chambers of the Vinton Municipal Building, located at 311 South Pollard Street, Vinton, Virginia.

Additional information concerning the meeting and the public hearing will be made available on the Town's website at least three days before the meeting date. Persons requiring special assistance to attend and participate at this public hearing should contact the Town Manager's office at (540) 983-0607.

Antonia Arias-Magallon  
Administrative Manager



# Newcomb from page 1

Board meeting on Feb. 22. Two other Central Office administrative appointments were announced at the same time.

Dr. Jamie Soltis, currently assistant superintendent with Salem City Schools, will become the new deputy superintendent for RCPS on July 1. He joined Roanoke County Schools in 1999 where he remained until he accepted the position with Salem in 2019.

Kim Bradshaw, currently principal at Green Valley Elementary, has been appointed as the new executive director of elementary instruction. She has been with RCPS since 2004. She replaces Stephanie Hogan, who is retiring in June.

School Board Superintendent Dr. Ken Nicely said of Newcomb and Bradshaw, “Kim and Tammy are bringing decades of teaching and administrative experience to their respective positions in a variety of settings, and I’m confident they will provide outstanding leadership for our schools as we prepare students to be Opportunity Ready.”

W.E. Cundiff Elementary School was the focus of this month’s School Spotlight at the board meeting. Principal Ashley McCallum and fifth grade SCA President Kathryn Dodson presented an overview of the school, its programs, and why it is so successful—from small group instruction to hands-on learning, to “thinking outside the box,” to the integration of technology in all aspects of learning, to meaningful incentives, to the dedicated efforts of the teachers and staff and the school’s PTA.

The entire school begins each day with the

Team Cundiff pledge to be “safe, respectful, responsible, and ready to learn.”

Cundiff is a Title I school serving 510 students in grades preschool through five. McCallum said the staff, “which goes above and beyond each day,” is made up of 27 classroom teachers, five Special Education teachers, one Special Education coordinator, 14 specialists, two remediation specialists, 16 instructional assistants, two Title I teachers, five cafeteria staff, one office manager/bookkeeper, and two administrators (McCallum and assistant principal Heather Everhardt).

“Each one is vital to Team Cundiff,” McCallum said.

WEC was awarded the Exemplar Performance Award for Continuous Improvement by the Virginia Department of Education in June 2023 for their accomplishments.

McCallum thanked community partners who contribute to the school’s success—the Boys and Girls Club at Vinton Baptist, the Vinton Police Department, the Vinton McDonald’s, the Roanoke Children’s Theatre, and many others.

McCallum was a student at what was then Hardy Road Elementary in 1980 and said she is now “blessed to be a part of the school and community which I have loved all my life.”

Greenway said, “She is such a shining star. She is amazing. We are very thankful for her and everything she’s done for our children.”

Nicely described McCallum’s leadership at Cundiff as “extraordinary and exemplary.”



PHOTO BY DEBBIE ADAMS

**W.E. Cundiff Principal Ashley McCallum and fifth grader Kathryn Dodson gave a presentation to the School Board spotlighting WEC on Feb. 22.**

Student Kathryn Dodson listed the many reasons that she loves W.E. Cundiff, chief among them that the school “is a happy place” where you are rewarded for good behavior thanks to the teachers, staff, counselors, janitors, cafeteria workers, and the School Board.

Cundiff will be celebrating its 50th anniversary in April. An extensive renovation and expansion project is set to begin this summer.

William Byrd High School/ Burton Center for Arts and Technology junior Skylar Fitzgerald also made an impressive presentation to the School Board. She is currently serving as 1st Vice President of

the Virginia FCCLA (Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America). She was elected by her peers in April 2023, and has spent the last 10 months leading youth members from all over Virginia in workshops and trainings and connecting with national officers and congressmen to advocate for FCCLA and Family and Consumer Sciences education. She is now a candidate for national FCCLA office.

Greenway commented that Fitzgerald has “made our community proud.”

*- Vinton Messenger staff report, Roanoke County Public Schools*

# Inspection from page 1



**Senior Chief David Perrin, the NNDCC Naval Science Instructor at WBHS, enters the inspection ceremony at the “boatswain’s call.”**



**Cadets perform Pass in Review during the AMI inspection, led by Company Commander Cadet Noah Nicely.**



**LCDR Landis speaks to each cadet during the inspection.** PHOTOS BY DEBBIE ADAMS

the unit is operating at and maintaining the Navy’s standards and includes personnel inspection, a color guard demonstration, and an unarmed drill.

Lt. Commander Jim Landis, USN (Ret.) conducted the inspection in the gymnasium at William Byrd on Feb. 27. He is the Area Manager for 30 units in North Carolina and Virginia.

William Byrd students, families and school officials were welcomed for the ceremonial portion of the inspection. Dignitaries were greeted with the “boatswain’s call,” a United States Navy tradition, using a pipe and bell. They included School Superintendent Dr. Ken Nicely, WBHS Principal Tammy Newcomb, Roanoke County Career and Technical Education Manager Mark Jones, the unit’s Senior Chief David Perrin, SCPO, USN (Ret.), and Lt. Commander Landis.

The Cadet Color Guard posted the colors followed by Cadet Leighann Wood performing the national anthem.

Emcee Cadet Andrew Murphy explained the inspection and the Pass in Review to follow. He began by describing the importance of the cadet’s uniform as an important element in the morale, pride, discipline, and effectiveness of the NNDCC program. Cadets are to maintain a high standard of dress and personal appearance in neatness, cleanliness, safety, and military image.

“The purpose of today’s inspection lies in the fact that it provides an opportunity for the cadets to demonstrate military professionalism,” Murphy said. “The uniform is a symbol of the nation’s defense forces. It projects an image of devotion to duty in the service of one’s country. The uniform worn by the William Byrd High School NNDCC cadet is the same with certain exceptions. Cadets are obligated to wear the uniform properly and proudly, and in doing so, they uphold the dignity of the Navy, the school, and fellow cadets.”

During the personnel inspection, LCDR Landis walked among the cadets, stopping to speak to each one individually.

After the inspection, Landis addressed the cadets and spectators. In his remarks, he noted that the first unit inspection is a nerve-wracking experience for the cadets, but “you did a fantastic job. You have made significant growth in the past year— well done. You are the first class to complete an AMI here. Keep challenging yourself; the experience will pay off for you.”

Commander Landis was present at the unit’s establishment ceremony in 2023 and spoke about the extraordinary support from the community and the school who “have embraced the NNDCC

program.”

He commended Senior Chief Perrin, the NNDCC Naval Science instructor at WBHS, for “doing a fantastic job in a demanding role, as the only instructor in a brand-new unit.”

Landis described the NNDCC program as a “citizenship development program based on a military model with a major goal of completing community service projects which make a positive impact on the local community. It is not a military recruiting program. Sixty percent of students in such programs do not go into the military after high school.

“We want to prepare students to do whatever they have a passion for,” Landis said. “Service, however, is vitally important to community, home, family, church, school. We want them to continue to serve even if they are not in uniform.”

Landis noted that the NNDCC is an elective course that the cadets have chosen from many options— and a harder path than many of the others they could have picked.

He thanked the parents, families, and students who attended the ceremony to show their support.

The inspection concluded with the Pass in Review, a long-standing military tradition dating back to Valley Forge. It consists of cadets marching past the reviewing party for inspection purposes.

The Navy established the NNDCC in 2008 and offers the program to qualifying secondary educational institutions. The program provides schools who do not qualify for a Navy Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps (NJROTC) unit (due to enrollment numbers) an opportunity to provide a similar program designed to expand students’ opportunities to gain the values of citizenship, service to the United States, personal responsibility, and a sense of accomplishment.

To host an NNDCC unit, the school must be approved by the Secretary of the Navy and enter into an agreement with the Naval Service Training Command.

Cadet staff for this first AMI included: Company Operations Officer, Cadet ENS Drew Bartley; Company Administrative Officer, Cadet Ensign Alexis Cook; Company Supply Officer, Cadet Lt. Junior Grade Leighann Wood; Company 1st Lt., Cadet Lt. Junior Grade Charles West; Company Senior Chief, Cadet Senior Chief Jamey Umberger; Company Guidon Bearer, Cadet 2nd Class Petty Officer Jordan Davila; and Company Photographer, 2nd Class Petty Officer Cadet Jayden Hedrick. Adjutant for the ceremony was Cadet Senior Chief Petty Officer Umberger. Members of the Color Guard included Cadets Robinson, Lenorah Garcia, Isabella Garcia, and Emily Atwood.

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# Science Fair

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University on March 16. High school students taking first and second place will be advancing to regionals.

The award winners include:  
Marygann Jenkins of WBMS won first place in the middle school division in Chemistry with her project "The Dissolution Rate of Bath Bombs with Different Amounts of Cornstarch." Turns out adding more cornstarch to bath bombs makes them dissolve more slowly.

Aaron Start of WBMS won second place in Chemistry with his project entitled, "Which Gas is Most Efficient and Consistent in Tires?" According to his research, helium is more consistent than nitrogen, but more expensive.

Oliver Moore of WBMS won third place in Chemistry with "Which Woods Would Warp More than Other Woods When Weathered?" His research indicates Ash is the most reliable.

Brett Gardner (WBMS) won second place in the Physics and Astronomy category with "Hot or Cold? How Far Will It Go? The Effect of Temperature on the Distance a Puck Travels." He conducted his experiment at the Lancerlot Sports Complex ice rink, determining that a heated puck travels the farthest—more than ones that are frozen or room temperature. (The heated pucks were warmed with a hair dryer.)

Sofia Gonzales and Kaylin Bumgarner from William Byrd High School won third place in the Animal Sciences category for "Environmental Effect on the Migratory Behavior on Trichechus manatus latirostris."

Braeden Booth and Elizabeth Martinez, both band students at WBHS, won first place in the Behavioral Sciences category with "The Effect of Different Music Genres on Blood Pressure." According to their research,

jazz is the best music genre for lowering blood pressure. Jenny Nguyen (WBHS) won second place in the Behavioral Sciences category with "The Associations of Chronic Pain and Obesity with Delay Discounting and Unhealthy Behaviors in Individuals in Recovery from Substance Use Disorder."

Kyle Saccoci (WBHS) won first place in the Biomedical and Health Science/Computational Biology and Bioinformatics category with his project "Is Genotype-Based Dosing More Effective than Conventional Dosing for the Anticoagulant Warfarin?"

Grace Onwi (WBHS) won second place in Chemistry with "Investigations of the Reaction Between Catalase and Different Volumes of Hydrogen Peroxide."

Emma Rupe (WBHS) won third place in Earth and Environmental Science with her project "Efficacy of Purification Methods on Local Stream Water."

Andrew Bartley and Ryan McIntyre (WBHS) won second place in Materials Science with "The Effect of Temperature on Trumpet Intonation." A warm trumpet has better intonation. Both are band students at William Byrd.

Gabrielle Romeo (WBHS) won second place in Microbiology with her project "The Effects of Silver, Copper, and Nickel Infused Gauze on staphylococcus aureus."

Meera Raichura won first place in Plant Science by "Determining which cryptochrome gen in A. thaliana exhibits the most growth in the presences of a magnetic field."

Other William Byrd Middle School students who advanced to the county science fair included:

- Emma Whitcomb, "Can Fertilizers and Phosphates Cause Algae to Ruin Our Underwater Ecosystems?"

- Caleigh Aremia, "The Way of Heat"
- Jackson Price, "The Effect of Colors of Paint on Temperature of Boards after Sun Exposure"
- Ace Adkins, "Under Pressure: The effect of air pressure on bike tires." (40 psi is the best pressure for bike riding)

Other William Byrd High School students who advanced to the county fair included:

- Kaylee Makuch and Graysen Divers, "The Effect of Temperature on Chemiluminescence—the Limitations of the Cool Blue Light"
- Macabe James and Cody Gardner, "An Analysis of Identifying Writing Samples Authored by Students vs. Artificial Intelligence." Teachers were asked to decide whether an essay had been written by a student or by a student using artificial intelligence.
- Kendall Lecas, "Industrial Metal Performance in Oxidative-Corrosion Environments"
- Mallory Peroulas, "Rate of Evaporation from Select Moisture-Wicking Fabrics." Tip: Choose polyester for the quickest drying.

The 2024 Roanoke County Science Fair was sponsored by Southern Auto.

Roanoke County Science Supervisor Tammy Sauls facilitated the 2024 event. She thanked the students for their hard work, along with their teachers and the judges. She expressed her appreciation to School Superintendent Dr. Ken Nicely for being a "champion for STEM education."

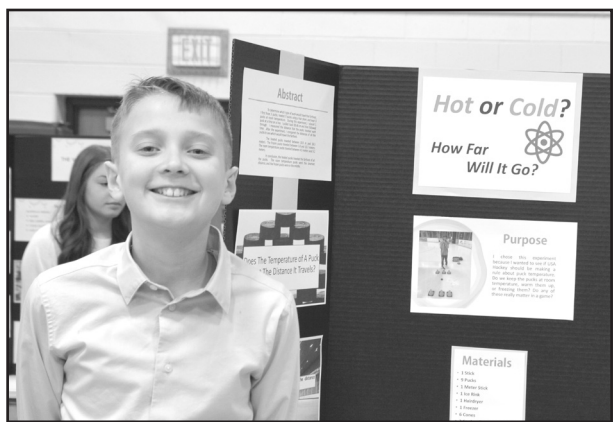
Nicely commended the students who participated not only for their love of learning science, but for the communication skills they have developed which enabled them to explain their research to the judges and to members of the public who visited this year's fair.



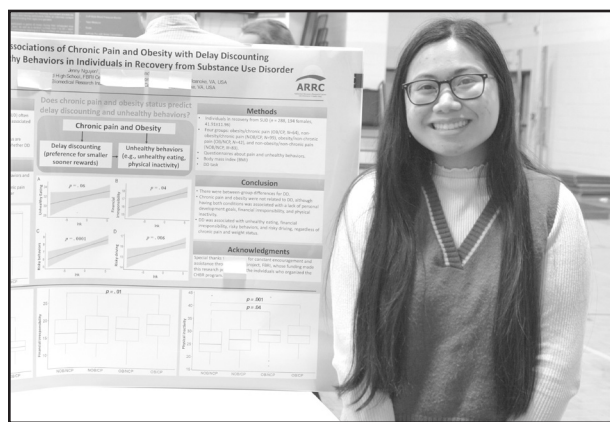
Meera Raichura, 1st place Plant Science



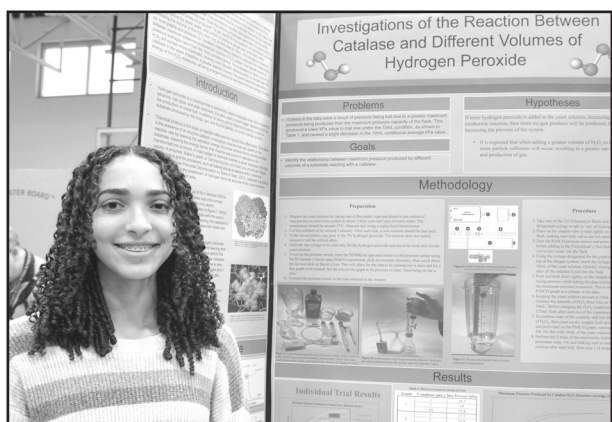
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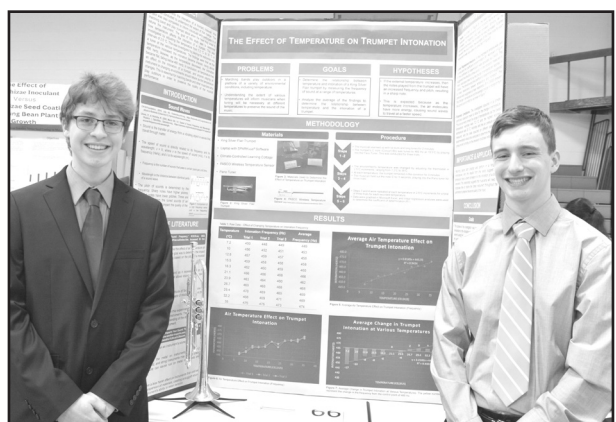
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Ryan McIntyre (left) and Andrew Bartley



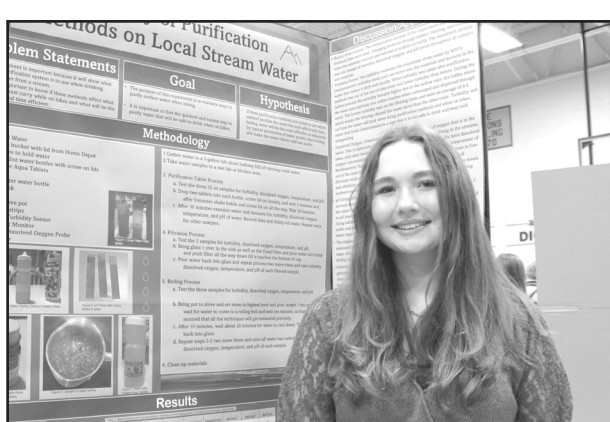
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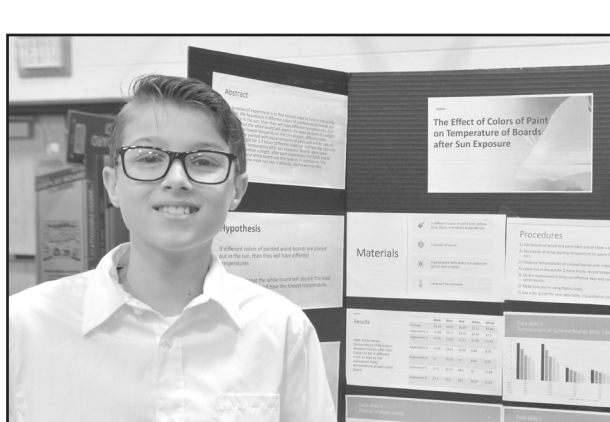
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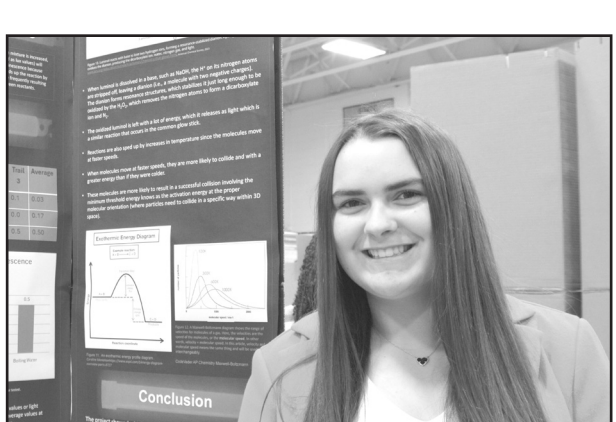
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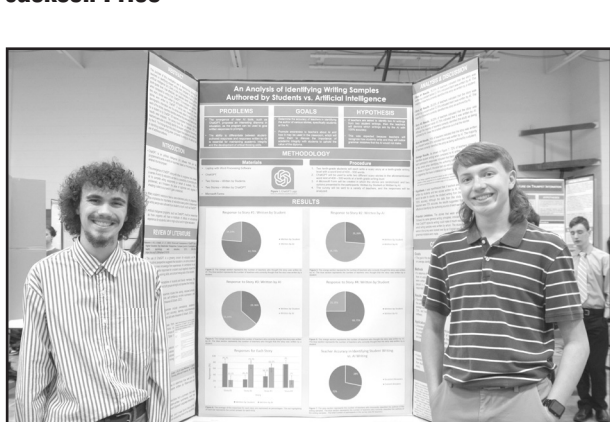
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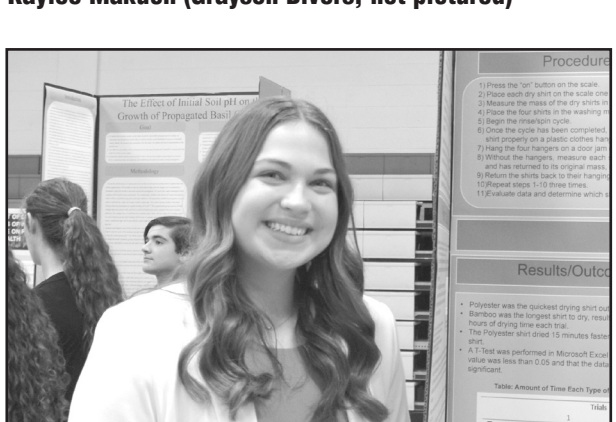
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Macabe James (left) and Cody Gardner



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## Legals - Botetourt County

**BWW# VA-208643-6 TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 17 KNOLLWOOD DRIVE, TROUTVILLE, VA 24175.**  
In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated August 1, 2003, in the original principal amount of \$111,000.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Botetourt County, Virginia, in Book 0000, at Page 0167 as Instrument No. 0307051. The undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at

## Legals - Botetourt County

public auction in front of the Circuit Court building for Botetourt County, Main Street, Fincastle, VA 24090, or any such temporary alternative Circuit Court location designated by the Judges of the Circuit Court, on March 29, 2024, at 2:15 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 SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE COUNTY OF BOTETOURT, STATE OF VIRGINIA, AND MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, TO-WIT: LOT 1, BLOCK 1, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OF SECTION 1, KNOLLWOOD, MADE BY T.P. PARKER AND SON, ENGINEERS AND SURVEYORS, DATED FEBRUARY 2, 1973, OF RECORD IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR BOTETOURT COUNTY, VIRGINIA, IN PLAT BOOK 7, PAGE 76.

**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.

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Substitute Trustee: Equity Trustees, LLC, 8100 Three Chopt Road, Suite 240, Richmond, VA 23229. For more information contact: BWWLaw Group, LLC, attorneys for Equity Trustees, LLC, 6003 Executive Blvd, Suite 101, Rockville, MD 20852, 301-961-6555, website: [www.bwvsales.com](http://www.bwvsales.com). VA-208643-6.

## Legals - City of Radford

### Trustee's Sale

**133 Monroe Street, Radford, Virginia 24141**

**(Parcel ID: 6-(9)-50)**

Default having been made in the terms of a certain Deed of Trust dated April 13, 2016, in the original principal amount of \$126,678.00 and recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the City of Radford, Virginia in Instrument No. 201600345, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will sell at public auction on March 11, 2024 at 1:45pm in front of the building housing the City of Radford Circuit Court, 619 Second Street, Radford, VA 24141, the property designated as Lot 50 in Monroe Terrace Subdivision, as shown on a plat of Monroe Terrace Subdivision, which plat is of record in the aforesaid Clerk's Office in Deed Book 40, Page 1. Sale is subject to all prior liens, easements, restrictions, covenants, and conditions, if any, of record, or other matters which would be disclosed by an accurate survey or inspection of the premises. **TERMS:** CASH. A deposit

## Legals - City of Radford

of \$13,000.00 or 10% of the sale price, whichever is lower, will be required of the successful bidder at time of sale. Prior to the sale, interested bidders will be required to register with and must present a bid deposit which may be held during the sale by the trustee. The bid deposit must be certified funds and/or cash, but no more than \$9,900.00 of cash will be accepted. The successful bidder's deposit will be retained at the sale and applied to the sale price. If held by the trustee, all other bid deposits will be returned to the unsuccessful bidders. Settlement is to be made within 15 calendar days. The successful bidder will be responsible for obtaining possession of the property, and for all costs and fees related to recording the Trustee's Deed, including the grantors tax. The successful bidder will be required to execute a Memorandum of Trustee's Sale, available for review on the Foreclosure Sales page of [www.glasserlaw.com](http://www.glasserlaw.com), outlining additional terms of sale and settlement. A Trustee's Deed will be prepared by Trustee's attorney at high bidder's expense. This is a communication from a debt collector, Glasser and Glasser, P.L.C. on behalf of Atlantic Trustee Services, L.L.C., and/or M. Brennan Hutt d/b/a H&H Abstracting, and/or NFPDS-VA LLC, Substitute Trustees, Crown Center Building, Suite 600, 580 East Main Street, Norfolk, VA 23510, File No. 233421-01, Tel: (757) 321-6465, between 10:00 a.m. & 12:00 noon only.

## NOTICE OF JOINT PUBLIC HEARING

The Radford City Council and Planning Commission will hold a joint public hearing on Monday, March 11, 2024 at 7:00pm in the City of Radford Council Chambers, 10 Robertson Street, Radford, VA 24141. The purpose of the public hearing is to receive public comments concerning: Jones Builder, LLC seeking approval of a rezoning for .43 acres 402 West Rock Rd, Radford VA 24141 Portion of Tax Map # 12-(2)-SEC 2-8 and all of Tax Map # 12-(2)-SEC 2-9,10,11 & 12. The request is to rezone from (B-1) Limited Business to R-3, Single-Family Residential District (R-3) to allow the property owner to redevelop existing building into duplex and (1) Single Family Resident. The general usage and density range of the proposed amendment is low-medium residential development. The general usage and density range of the property as set forth in the City's comprehensive plan is commercial corridor. Comments may be presented at the meeting and by phone or in writing prior to the meeting. Additional information on this request may be obtained in the Community Development Department, 10 Robertson Street, Radford VA 24141, 540.267.3188 or by email at [Melissa.Skelton@radfordva.gov](mailto:Melissa.Skelton@radfordva.gov)

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING-

The Radford City Council and Planning Commission will hold a joint public hearing to receive comments regarding a request from the Jones Builder, LLC, for a Special Use Permit to develop an existing building into a duplex, 402 West Rock Rd, Radford VA 24141, Tax Map #'s 12-(2)-SEC 2-10,11 & 12. The general usage and density range of the proposed amendment is low-medium residential development. The general usage and density range of the property as set forth in the City's comprehensive plan is commercial corridor. The hearing will be held on Monday, March 11, 2024 beginning at 7:00 P.M. E.S.T. at 10 Robertson Street, Radford, VA. Interested parties are invited to attend the public hearing and present their views on the proposed Special Use Permit. Written comments may be sent to 10 Robertson Street, Radford 24141; please allow adequate mailing time: Melissa Skelton, Community Development Director.

## Legals - City of Salem

### NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE PURPOSE OF DETERMINING THE NUMBER OF PUBLIC VEHICLES, TAXICABS, AND FOR HIRE CARS FOR WHICH CERTIFICATES OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY SHALL BE ISSUED DURING THE NEXT YEAR AND FOR THE PURPOSE OF DETERMINING TO WHICH PERSON OR PERSONS SUCH CERTIFICATES SHALL BE ISSUED. IN THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA:

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 98-94 of The Code of the City of Salem, Virginia, the Council of the City of Salem hereby gives notice that at the regular meeting of said Council to be held on March 11, 2024, at 6:30 p.m., in Council Chambers of the City Hall, 114 North Broad Street, Salem, Virginia, a public hearing will be held for the purpose of determining the number of public vehicles, taxicabs, and for hire cars for which certificates of public convenience and necessity shall be issued during the next year and for the purpose of determining to which person or persons such certificates shall be issued.

At said hearing, parties in interest and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard, present evidence, and show cause why such certificates should or should not be granted.

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA  
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## Legals - City of Salem

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1. Consider the request of E3MAG LLC, property owner, for rezoning the property located at 744 Electric Road (Tax Map # 155 - 2 - 2.2) from HBD Highway Business District to HM Heavy Manufacturing District.
2. Consider the request of Pinkesh R. Patel and Sonal P. Patel, property owners, for rezoning the property located at 1200 block Thompson Memorial Drive (Tax Map # 20 - 2 - 4) from RSF Residential Single-Family District to HBD Highway Business District.

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

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

THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA  
BY: Christopher J. Dorsey  
Executive Secretary

## Legal notice: Adoption February 29, 2024

NORTH CAROLINA DAVIDSON COUNTY IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE DISTRICT COURT DIVISION SPECIAL PROCEEDINGS 24 SP 58

For the Adoption of: EMALEIGH ANN JONES, A minor child, Vs. JOHN DOE, Respondent.

TO: John Doe (unknown father of the adoptee) Take notice that a Petition for Adoption was filed by JEREMY NATHAN JONES on the 7th day of February 2024, with the Clerk of Superior Court for Davidson County, Lexington, NC, in the above entitled special proceeding. The Petition relates to a female child born on 29th day of October, 2013 at LewisGale Medical Center, Salem, Virginia. The birth mother's name is Shana Marie Goodwin and the minor child was conceived in Roanoke County, Virginia on or around February 3, 2013.

TAKE NOTICE that you are required to make defense to such pleading no later than forty (40) days after the date of first publication of this notice, exclusive of such date. Upon your failure to do so, the Petitioners will apply to the Court for relief sought in the Petition. Any parental rights that you may have will be terminated upon the entry of the Decree of Adoption. This the 29 day of February, 2024.

## Legals - City of Salem

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Thomasville, North Carolina  
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## Legals - Craig County

### Order of Publication

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 5<sup>th</sup> 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

### Trustee's Sale

**1990 Reesedale Road, Elliston, Virginia 24087**

**(Parcel ID: 022175; Tax Map No.: 057-2 6)**

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Above left, the William Byrd boys 4x200 relay team set a new school record while finishing third in the state. Left to right are DeShawn Austin, Noah Thompson, Cooper Minnix and Wyatt Bailey. Austin also won the 55 hurdles and Bailey was state champ in the pole vault. Right, Byrd's Lily Perez was state runner-up in the triple jump.

## William Byrd boys finish third in state track meet

The William Byrd boys finished third and the girls were 15th at the Virginia High School League Class 3 state indoor track meet at Liberty University this week. The two day meet, held Monday and Tuesday, saw Western Albemarle claim team championships for both the boys and girls among 35 schools who scored in the state meet.

Western Albemarle's boys scored 52

points, two more than second place Rustburg and 12 more than third place Byrd's 40 points. Abingdon High was fourth, three points behind Byrd.

For the boys, junior DeShawn Austin of the Terriers won the state championship in the 55 meter hurdles with a time of 7.69. DeShawn also took third in the triple jump at 44'5.5" and was third in the long jump with a

distance of 21'9.5".

Byrd senior Wyatt Bailey also won a state championship in the pole vault, clearing 14 feet. Bailey, Austin, Cooper Minnix and Noah Thompson combined to finish third in the 4x200 meter relay, setting a new school record of 1:31.24.

For the girls, sophomore Lily Perez was second in the triple jump with a hop, skip and jump of 35' 11.5". She was also

13th in the long jump at 15'5".

Senior Sydney Blewett took fourth in the shot put, heaving the heavy ball 34'10.5". Grace Onwi was seventh in the 300 meter dash at 42.23 and 10th in the 500 in 1:20.20. Olivia Bustamante was 10th in the high jump, clearing 4'10".

That concluded the indoor season for the Terriers and outdoor track is already practicing for the coming spring season.

## WB spring teams have preseason scrimmages

With opening day for spring sports just 11 days away William Byrd High School teams will have a slew of preseason scrimmages in the coming week.

On Monday both the girls' and boys' soccer teams will have scrimmages against Patrick Henry. The boys will be home with the jayvees at 5:30 pm and the varsity at 7 pm, and the girls are at PH for a jayvee-varsity at the same times.

Next Tuesday the baseball and softball varsity teams will scrimmage Bassett, both at 5 pm. The boys' tennis team will also be home for a scrimmage with Christiansburg.

On Wednesday, March 6, the soccer teams will scrimmage Brookville. The boys are home for a jayvee-varsity doubleheader at 5:30 and 7 pm and the girls are at Brookville at the same times. Also on Wednesday the lacrosse teams will scrimmage at Christiansburg with the girls at 5:30 pm and the boys to follow. The jayvee baseball and softball teams will host Bassett in Vinton, both at 5 pm.

A week from today, on Thursday March 7, the girls' tennis team will scrimmage Patrick Henry at Rivers' Edge Park. Then a day later, on Friday March 8, the baseball and softball teams are at Amherst and the jayvee baseball and softball teams will host Amherst at Byrd at 5 pm.

The final scrimmages before regular season play begins will be on Saturday, March 9, when the boys' lacrosse team hosts Jefferson Forest at Patterson Stadium. The Terriers have a jayvee team this year and they'll play at 2 pm, followed by the varsity at 4:30 pm.

Daylight savings time begins on March 10 and regular season spring games begin a day later.



MESSENGER PHOTOS

## Byrd players garner post-season honors

Four William Byrd basketball players have received post-season honors. Left, junior Isiah Board was named first team All-Blue Ridge District and second team All-Region 3D. Second from left, junior Hayden Eads was a second team All-District and second team All-Region selection. Second from right, senior Isreal Hairston was second team All-Blue Ridge District, and far right junior Samantha Martin was second team All-Blue Ridge District in girls' basketball and Honorable Mention All-Region 3D.



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## Coles recognized for years of service to William Byrd Sports

Kim Coles, who has been a member of the William Byrd family since he was a student in the 1970s, was honored prior to the Terriers' Region 3D basketball game against Magna Vista on February 16. Coles, front center holding a football that was presented to him, was an athlete for the Terriers before attending VMI. He started coaching at Byrd in 1980 and has been on the staff for middle school, jayvee or varsity teams ever since, coaching track, basketball, soccer and football while teaching at W.E. Cundiff Elementary School. Above, former and current Byrd coaches, players and administrators attended the pregame ceremony that was a surprise to the humble Coles, who has strived to avoid the spotlight during his many years of dedicated service to the greater William Byrd community.