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Hunter's Gourmet Shroomery opens at Vinton Farmers' Market on April 6

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Stop by the Vinton Farmers' Market this Saturday, April 6, between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. and purchase some gourmet mushrooms, grown locally by Roanoke native Ryan Hunter. Hunter graduated from James Madison University with a degree in biology and works as a lab scientist for Indy Health Labs, but he is also a small business vendor selling gourmet mushrooms which he grows in a tent in his basement in southeast Roanoke.

Hunter says growing mushrooms started out as a hobby in September 2022. While growing cannabis is the trend, he decided he wanted to do something different and grow "farm-to-table fresh organic produce" which he could sell locally at seasonal farmers' markets.

He did some research, toured a mushroom farm in Christiansburg, and set up his growing space. Once your equipment is in place, the process mainly involves choosing a mushroom variety, preparing a growing medium, inoculating the medium with a mature mushroom

colony or spores, keeping the growing medium in a warm, dark, and humid environment, monitoring and maintaining ideal growing conditions, and then after about one and a half months, harvesting the mushrooms.

Early on Hunter gave the mushrooms he produced to family and friends, who enjoyed them. He has expanded his business and is now ready to sell at local markets. He hopes to eventually make connections with restaurants and groceries and sell his mushrooms wholesale, as well.

Customers, or those who are just interested in learning more about gourmet mushrooms, will get their opportunity this weekend in Vinton.

Not only are his mushrooms delicious, they are quite striking, even beautiful, in appearance. One of his most popular mushroom varieties (his own favorite and the most popular in general at produce markets) is the Lion's Mane. The mushrooms are large, white, and shaggy resembling a lion's mane as they grow.

The Lion's Mane is also thick and meaty, and can be pan-fried, resembling the texture of steak.

(Many mushroom varieties are considered meat substitutes.) Slice the mushroom into thick slices. Brush with olive oil. Season with steak seasoning. Pan sear in a big skillet (cast iron works well) for 2-3 minutes per side. Top with a pat of butter, if desired.

Hunter says the Lion's Mane, and many other varieties, have both culinary and medicinal uses.

The Lion's Mane ones contain bioactive substances that have many beneficial effects on the body, including protection from cancer, heart disease, mild depression and anxiety, digestive tract ulcers, and inflammation. They are said to help manage diabetes symptoms, boost the immune system, repair nervous system injuries, and may be used in the future for treating Multiple Sclerosis.

Hunter also grows a variety of oyster mushrooms (also eye-catching) – pink, blue, golden, and Elm. All of these can be incorporated in soups and pasta dishes. You can google online for countless gourmet mushroom recipes.

The shelf life of most

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PHOTOS COURTESY OF RYAN HUNTER

Stop by the Vinton Farmers' Market on April 6 and purchase some gourmet mushrooms from Ryan Hunter. His favorite Lion's Mane mushroom pictured above; pink oyster mushrooms below.

Newly renovated William Byrd to host open house

With the renovation and expansion project at William Byrd High School now complete, the school will be hosting an open house for the community to see the renovations on Sunday, April 28, from 2 to 4 p.m.

According to Vinton's School Board representative, Tim Greenway, and Assistant Principal Travis Anderson, the building inspection has been completed and "we are cleared to fully occupy the building at this point. AVIS Construction



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will continue punching items out over the coming weeks."

The \$30 million project involved over 100,000 square feet of renovations and

See **Open house**, page 4

Vinton Town Council opts for no 2024 tax rate increases

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When members of Vinton Town Council met on April 2, their main focus was on tax rates involving real estate, personal property, and machinery and tools. A public hearing was held on setting real estate tax rates for the calendar year

2024.

Deputy Town Manager Cody Sexton explained that a public hearing was required when the annual real estate assessment (less new construction) results in an increase of 1% or more. The Town of Vinton's total real estate assessment (less new construction) increased by approximately 7.49%.

The total increase in assessed values was \$50,074,000, less new construction of \$1,637,500, for a net increase of \$48,436,500. As a result, tax levies in 2024 will increase by \$34,905 to \$487,478.

Council adopted an ordinance maintaining

See **Tax rate**, page 4

Vinton churches celebrate Easter at sunrise



PHOTOS BY DEBBIE ADAMS

The Vinton community gathered for an Easter Sunrise Service at 7 a.m. on March 31 in Mountain View Cemetery. Four local churches organized the event – Thrasher Memorial United Methodist, Vinton Wesleyan, St. Timothy Lutheran, and Three Oaks UMC. The Rev. John Hemming from Thrasher welcomed guests and delivered the opening prayer. Pastor Rob Colwell from Three Oaks read the scripture. The Rev. Dr. James Davis from St. Timothy's delivered the homily. The Rev. Ricardo Rodriguez from Vinton Wesleyan offered a prayer and benediction. The crowd joined in singing "Jesus Paid It All" and "In Christ Alone." Over 100 came together at daybreak to proclaim, "Hallelujah, He is Risen."

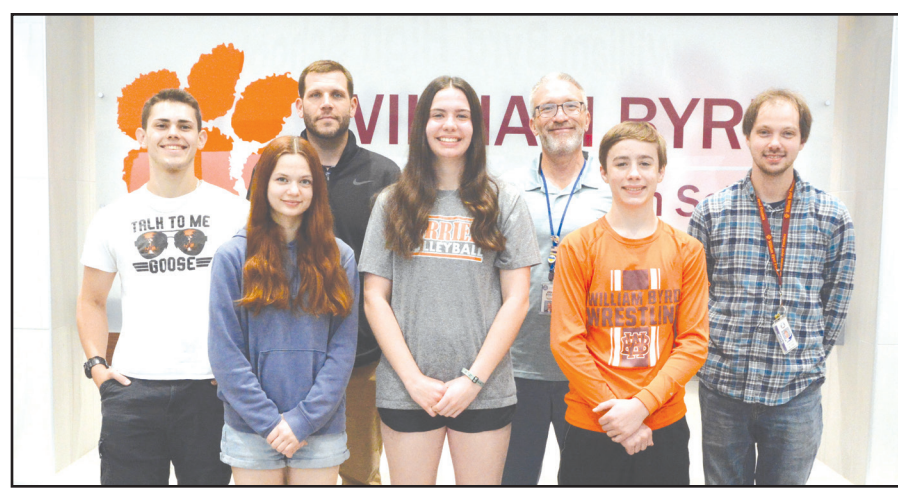


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Terriers of the Month for March include (left to right): students Mason Teehan and Leighann Wood, Matt Crizer from ALCOVA Mortgage, student Heidi Dixon, teacher Eric Royal, student Darin Witcher, and teacher Mitchel Burkhart.

William Byrd High School announces Terriers of the Month for March

William Byrd High School has announced its Terriers of the Month for March. Four students and two teachers were selected, nominated by students and staff. WBHS is partnering with ALCOVA Mortgage and Branch Manager Matt Crizer this year to recognize students and staff who "are doing great things in and out of the classroom."

All Byrd students and staff are encouraged to nominate individuals

who they believe exhibit the "Terrier Way" (being safe, respectful, and responsible and embodying the best of WBHS). Each Terrier of the Month receives a T-shirt from ALCOVA Mortgage, designed by the Graphic Design classes at the high school.

Student Terriers of the Month for March are:

Leighann Wood is a freshman and

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Celebrating Decades of Dogwood Queens

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The 2024 Vinton Dogwood Festival is scheduled for April 26 and 27. Over the past few weeks, The Vinton Messenger has been looking back on past Dogwood Queens leading up to this year's festival and the crowning of a new queen. Miss Vinton Dogwood Festival 1994, Wendi Crouch Gruninger is featured this week.

Initially, when the Vinton Dogwood Festival was established in 1956, the Dogwood Queen was chosen (after interviews from a panel of judges) from princesses nominated by bands participating in the event. Beginning in the early 1980s, the festival became a preliminary to the Miss Virginia and Miss America pageants, with competitions in swimsuits and talent added to the judges' interviews to determine the winner. Since the mid-1990s, the Dogwood Queen has been chosen from seniors at William Byrd High School nominated by the faculty and then selected by judges.

"I won the title of Miss Vinton Dogwood Festival in February 1994 at William Byrd High School," said Gruninger. "The festival was held that April.

"That was the last year that Miss Vinton Dogwood Festival was a preliminary to the Miss Virginia Pageant. Miss Virginia was held at the Roanoke Civic Center (now the Berglund Center) and the host hotel was the Holiday Inn Tanglewood because the Hotel Roanoke was under renovation. At Miss Virginia, I was a Top 10 finalist and preliminary swimsuit winner.

"As a preliminary to Miss Virginia, Miss Vinton Dogwood Festival contestants competed in personal interview, talent, swimsuit, and evening wear. For talent, I performed a character ballet to 'Milord' by Edith Piaf and in the swimsuit competition, I wore a lime green one-piece (a requirement at the time) and earned the highest score in both areas of competition.

"The night I was crowned was a culmination of almost two years of hard work and 'catching up.' A participant in many pageants throughout childhood, I put that hobby on hold to focus on my rigorous curriculum at UVA. After attending a local pageant to support a sorority sister, I set my sights on the Miss Virginia stage and immersed myself in intensive ballet training, physical fitness, and community service, all while holding a full-time position as a systems consultant at a worldwide consulting firm.

"After I won, my director, Susan Teass, and I spent the next few months working closely to prepare for Miss Virginia. She graciously opened her Vinton home to me and introduced me to several supportive sponsors and resources.

"The weekend of the Dogwood Festival was really special. A local hotel sponsored my stay in Vinton and the day of the festival was a beautiful 'Chamber of Commerce' spring day, full of sunshine and nice weather which made for a wonderful turnout at the parade."

Crouch was crowned by Anne Norman, Dogwood Queen for 1992 and reigned as queen during the 39th annual Dogwood Festival on April 30 that year and rode on a float in the annual parade.

"The Grand Marshall was George Lindsey, an actor and comedian best known for his role as Goober Pyle on the Andy Griffith Show, Mayberry

R.F.D., and Hee Haw. I had the unique opportunity to welcome him to Vinton. He kept us all laughing as we awaited the parade through Vinton.

"I was 23 when I won the title and turned 24 prior to the Miss Virginia Pageant. I had graduated from the University of Virginia in 1992 with a degree in Systems Engineering. The \$1,500 scholarship I earned as Miss Vinton Dogwood Festival allowed me to receive specialized dance training."

Gruninger says she chose to earn her degree in systems engineering because she always loved science and math as a child, growing up in northern Virginia. In 1995, she married Jack Gruninger, who is also a UVA Systems Engineering graduate.

"We have two sons, Jake (23) who graduated from West Virginia University with a degree in finance and is employed by EY and Zachary (19), a first year at the University of Georgia studying civil engineering.

"I worked for a number of consulting firms for several years until the birth of my older son. I enjoyed being home with my sons during their formative years and returned to work part time a few years ago. I specialize in project coordination and research in the area of higher education."

As for the impact being named Miss Vinton Dogwood Festival has had on her life, Gruninger says, "Having the opportunity to represent such a special place, the experience of competing at Miss Virginia, and the positive impact of the many volunteers I met along the way led me to a lifelong commitment to giving back.

"Shortly after Miss Virginia, I was welcomed into the Miss Northern Virginia Pageant committee close to my home. From 1995-2003, I served in many capacities including mistress of ceremonies and contestant preparation. In 2004, I was asked to accompany Miss Virginia as her chaperone to the Miss America Pageant in Atlantic City, N.J. From 2007-2011, I served as business manager for Miss Virginia and oversaw her preparation for the Miss America Pageant.

"During this time, I enjoyed worked closely with Steve and Billie Sue Musselwhite from Vinton when Steve was Executive Director of Miss Virginia. In 2015, I was presented with a unique opportunity to take on the role of director of the Miss Virginia Association of Fairs Scholarship Pageant. The VAF serves its member fairs and festivals through representation, education, information, and direction with a goal of enhancing the economic growth, development, and quality of life of Virginia communities. The pageant is held annually during the association's conference and close to \$16,000 in scholarship dollars are awarded. I am very proud to carry on this special Virginia tradition that dates back to 1953 and to be a part of the VAF that is over a century old.

"In my community, I have volunteered extensively in my sons' schools, creating a self-esteem club and curriculum for girls, serving as president of the Battlefield High School Band Support Organization, and holding the position of chairperson of the BHS Principal's Advisory Council and representative to the Superintendent's Advisory Council in Prince William County."

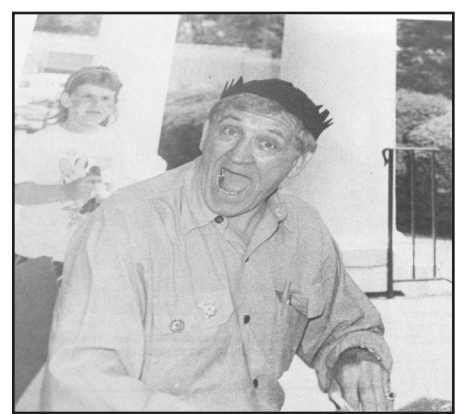
This April marks the 30th anniversary of her crowning as Miss Vinton Dogwood Festival.



Wendi Crouch Gruninger displays her Miss Vinton Dogwood sash, trophy, and crown from 1994.



Miss Vinton Dogwood Festival Queen Wendi Crouch waves to the crowd during the festival parade on April 30, 1994.



George Lindsey was the Grand Marshal of the 39th annual Vinton Dogwood Parade.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF VINTON MESSENGER ARCHIVES & WENDI CROUCH GRUNINGER
Wendi Crouch Gruninger is pictured with her family (left to right) son Jake, Wendi, son Zachary, and husband Jack.

PEOPLE, PLACES AND THINGS

By Angie Chewing

Family and friends that are like family are everything! Nothing makes me happier than having a house full of them both. I love holidays, cooking for everyone and enjoying our special time together. This Easter was no exception.

Cousin Hunter Bell was in town, which is bittersweet. We absolutely love when we get to visit with him but his time in town has mostly been spent helping his dad George "Buddy" clean out the Bell family home (1939). Our Nannie's house is going on the market. We have all been over helping and sorting

thru treasures and sooo many memories. We laughed, we cried, we got mad (they never throw anything away lol). So taking a time out from all that and just enjoying the day was a treasure in itself.

Joining us at our home was, of course, matriarch Bootie (Mom), her brother Jimmy, wife Suzanne, and daughter Valerie Hendricks (Richmond); my brother Greg, daughter Abbie, son Drake and Hannah, Steve and Tara Jones, Emille and Holden, Greg Boitnott's sister Vicki and husband Kent Smith, brother Mike Boitnott, Melanie Vest, Kim Barker, Aaron

Blankenship and, of course, Hunter Bell in from New York. The Jones family was smart enough to get their family picture while the rest of us got too busy and forgot.

Anyway, I hope you all had a wonderful holiday weekend.

The Vinton Moose Lodge presented the Audible Egg Hunt with a \$5,000 donation at the Roanoke Elks Lodge. The Audible Egg Hunt is for blind children. The eggs omit a beeping noise so the children can find them. Angie Chewing, Nancy Mastry, and Sharon Llewellyn from the Vinton Lodge presented the check.



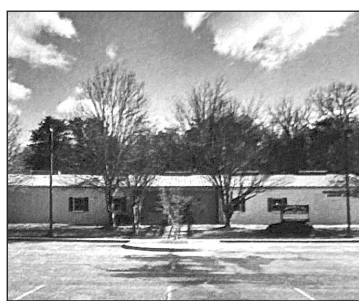
Tara, Steve, Emillee Jones, Drake and Hannah Lewis, and Holden O'Boyle



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WILLIAM BYRD MIDDLE SCHOOL HONOR ROLLS

William Byrd Middle School has announced the A and A-B Honor Rolls for the third nine weeks of the 2023-2024 school year.

A HONOR ROLL

Sixth Grade: Brenner Alterio, Paige Aremia, Grayson Bell, Maggie Benson, Cohen Berry, Hayden Biggs, Dorothy Booher, Landon Brammer, Christina Chaney, Jack Clark, Liam Collins, Isabella Cooke, Pedro Cruz Quiroz, Colton Cunningham, Kolbie Davis, Nicole Eggleston, Kathryn Etue, Ahmad Faqiri, Brett Gardner, Alexander Gilbert, Rory Grant, Diamond Harris, Ethan Hastings, Sophia Jones, Annabelle McIntyre, Sophia Moretti, Olivia Morrison, Chance Nguyen, Trevor Nunn, Gremlin Peters, Jackson Price, Ava Rader, Georgia Ralph, Liam Roberts, Annabelle Robtison, Jasmine Rodriguez Muniz, Kristian Sattah, Owen Seth, Collyns Terrell, Liam Thepsimuong, Aaliyah Vorst, Danielle Woodcock, and Matthew Yang

Seventh Grade: Ace Adkins, Carlee Kevers, Tabitha Allen, Alexander Ashwell, Elizabeth Ball, Lola Barbour, Grant Bartley, Addison Bradford, Madison Brigdon, Garrett Brunk, Ethan Camper, Savannah Chassereau, Calvin Chen, Payten Childress, Avery Chitwood, Carston Dibenedetto, Reid Divers, Michael Dixon, Claire Draper, Lillian Duncan, McKinley Edberg, Julissa Garcia, Jackson Glatt, Kaleb Gordon, Madison Gordon, Landon Hagy, Tenley Hardifer, Alyssa Harless, Gabriel Hindenlang, Ayriana Huff, Zachary Ingram, Marygann Jenkins, Caroline Johnson, Brogan Jordan, Briggs Kotz, Mason Labinski, Brooke Lomax, Ashlynn Lovern, Chase Madonna, Melissa Madonna, Kyler Martin, Ella McReynolds, Corinne Michalski, Layna Miller, William Muddiman, Vanessa

Mullen, Sophia Nester, David Pham, Violeta Ramirez, Madelynn Ray, Maxwell Reeves, Kennedi Shifflett, Olivia Strassburg, Jonathan Underwood, Khyler Wagoner, Isabella Wertz, Joshua J. Williams, and Carlie Zimmerman

Eighth Grade: Nimbus Althoff, Caleigh Aremia, Tayler Austin, Kayleigh Barber, Jackson Booze, Greyson Bradford, Norah Buck, Stephen Byars, Ryan Carroll, Isabella Clark, Riley Cummings, Isabella Davis, Keeli Emery, Alanna Fitzgerald, Peyton Gates, Kyleigh Ginger, Kur Gon, Michal Hamlar, Kenleigh Hetherington, Ava Lorton, Olivia Marcus, Brady Maxey, Mallory Michalski, Katelyn Mills, Kenley Minnix, Riley Niday, Anna Perkoski, Elliana Ruble, Enna Schofield, Aaron Start, Alyssa Steahly, Kara Sutton, Hadyn Terrell, Emma Thierry, Mia Vest, Emma Whitcomb, Levi Whitcomb, Hendrix Wright, and Caleb Wrye

A-B HONOR ROLL

Sixth Grade: Evan Bays, Lydon Beavers, Mariah Black, Piper Bouvier, Reece Brady, Peyton Burks, Angel Cabrera Cruz, Kyleigh Catlin, Kimberly Chittum, Mackenzie Cole, Tania Cortes Martinez, Kyleigh Daniels, Kayleigh Davis, Julian Doura, Addilyn Dudley, Brooklyn Duncan, Chaz Jordan Dunlap, Naziyah Edmonds, Lasen Elkins, Sophie Fielder, Cadence Gearhart, Brinkley Gonzales, Benjamin Gurley, Marie Guyer, Charlotte Harper, Brayden Hawse, Abby Hedrick, Raegan Henritze, Alyssa Henschel, Shelby Hensley, Chloe Hodges, Jameson Horst, Zaniyah Jennings, Serenity Jones, Rylan Lewey, Bryden Lish, Cally Lutz, Ember Lyles, Ashlyn Mason, Parker McAlmont, Rayne McGeorge, Caiden Meyer, Gabriel Morgan, Cashton Nute, Maddox Overstreet, Bryce Patrick, Cynthia Pena Rendon, Jackson Poindexter, June Prichard, Emily Pruitt, Mason Rickard,

Alaina Robertson, Owen Rupe, AraBella Saunders, Brooklynn Scott, Manaya Sharma, Savannah Shepherd, Liam Sheridan, Jordan Stanley, Jordyn Terry Cabler, Emily Thomas, Rose Tial, Peyton Underwood, SoLynn Walter, Molly Webb, William Weden, Madison Weymouth, Jaylynn Williams, Tyler Williamson, Aidan Worley, and Mia Zuniga Dominguez

Seventh Grade: Kendall Adams, Raylend Agee, Levi Amos, Lakyn Austin, Elyshah Ball, Jayden Beasley, Ryan Bell, Ethan Bibby, Emma Boyd, Karla Brumback, Cooper Butrym, Zachary Camden, Robert Campbell, Colten Carter, Kori Carter, Serenity Cassell, Joshua Christensen, William Churchill, Gage Clark, Allyssa Clyburn, Eliana Colwell, Conner Daughtery, Grayson Davis, Kelly Dixon, Alexander Dolan, Landon Dolan, Ashlynn Doss, Dakota Downs, Iris Dudley, Izaih Duncan, Remington Duncan, Jaxon Eline, Drayven English, William Etue, Jayden Ferris, Macie Fields, Russell Fisher, Ryleigh Fisher, Noah Flynn, Brayden Furrow, Kayden Gibson, Cohen Gill, Nyankor Gon, Kayden Gonzalez, Carter Gray, Lallie Hannabass, Deja Harris, Jackson Henderson, Katelynn Howell, Madelyn Huffman, Jackson Johnson, Mia Johnson, Aiden Kroner, Rylan Lang, Makenzie LaPradd, Zoe LaRose, Carleigh Linkous, Charlotte Manning, Silas Marshall Emma, Nolan Martin, Lixi Martinez Maldonado, Samantha Miller, Miriam Moore, Grady Morck, Gracie Morgan, Mason Moses, La Riah Noel, Jayden Omiyo, Alaura Overstreet, Madilyn Overstreet, Bryn Padgett, Vishva Patel, Graham Payne, Maya Potter, Mahkenna Ramsey, Talon Ray, Kayleigh Roberts, Emily Robtison, Landon Rodgers, Aubrey Roye, Nyah Rutherford, Nami Shively, Isabella

Shropshire, Aniya Smith, Rafe Smith, Corryn Speed, Jacob Spradlin, Graceyn Taylor, Paylin Waldron, Temperance Whorley, Jack Williams, Joshua C. Williams, Wesley Wilson, Gavin Wintz, and Rayan Young, Jr.

Eighth Grade: Bryce Angle, Isabella Barrette, Madelyn Barrette, Matthew Beavers, Jaiden Blankenship, Allison Bowling, Olivia Bush, Spencer Campbell, Eric Chen, Milton Clark, Jazmine Clifton, Jahniya Coles, Claire Cooper, Bradley Counts, Kayden Creel, Braylon Dent, Meranda Dilcher, Morgan Dillard, Nathan Doan, Logan Ferguson, Reagan Fike, Adrian Garcia, Benjamin Gardner, Madison Garman, Blair Godlesky, Carson Gordon, Hadyn Grubb, Ainslee Hall, Mason Hershel, Camryn Hicks, Jude Hinkle, Olivia Holcomb, Landon Hollins, Benjamin Hoyos, Khloe Humphrey, Mya Johnson, Cooper Kageals, Willaim Lasecki, Naleigh Lewis, Reese Mahanes, Andrea Maldonado, Gray Matthews, Adalie Mills, Leah Montgomery, Kennedy Moseley, Josephine Mullen, Mallorie Mullins, Carmen Munoz, Eric Nguyen, Alana Niday, Allen Nunez, Emma Olivit, Cooper Peery, Jacob Perez, Collin Pero, Jack Petersen, Jenna Petersen, Kendall Ranson, Amy Rickman, Nathaniel Roberts, Haleigh Saucedo, Vivian Schmidt, Luke Scott, Joshua Sereno, Richard Smith, Zoe Sowers, Aiden Stiltner, Brooklyn Strother, Gwen Summo, Hope Thomas, Cassidy Thompson, Juan Torres Carreon, Kolee Walter, Hailey Webster, Jacey Weddle, Bryson Wendell, Keenan West, Noah Wheeler, Haleigh White, Bindi Whitenack, Abriel Wilhelm, Ryan Witcher, and Sabrina Wray

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



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Keep your eye out for the RoCo WoW! Bookmobile at a library near you during National Library Week, April 8-13.

Roanoke County Library launches WoW! Bookmobile

Roanoke County Library unveiled the new RoCo WoW! (Words on Wheels) Bookmobile program at the Touch a Truck event in September 2023. Next week, National Library Week, it will be introducing the service to all county libraries with Celebrate National Library Outreach Day. Stop by and win a special prize in the parking lot.

The bookmobile stops include:

- Vinton Library on April 8 from 2 to 3 p.m.
- South County Library on April 9 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- Glenvar Library on April 9 from 3 to 4 p.m.
- Bent Mountain Library on April 10 from 11 a.m. to noon
- Hollins Library on April 11 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- Mt. Pleasant Library on April 11 from 5 to 6 p.m.

Allyson Frick, Community Engagement Librarian for Roanoke County, says they are still adapting services to meet the needs of the community.

"This is a learning opportunity for us," Frick said. "We are still growing and building the program."

Frick is in charge of the bookmobile program and drives the van, which was donated by Roanoke County Parks and Rec, and wrapped by Sun Solutions of Vinton. At this point, the van is mostly full of books and equipped with bookshelf slides. Patrons do not board

the van; they view what's available from the parking lot.

She has been traveling to preschools, reading stories to the children, and doing a pop-up library where they can check out books or other items. She has also visited special events like the Vinton Senior Expo on March 26 and will be at the Blue Ridge Kite Festival on April 20 from 10 to 3 at Green Hill Park in Salem. (The bookmobile is generally restricted to county sites, but is given special permission to attend large events beyond the county lines.)

Frick modifies her collection for the age and needs of each bookmobile stop. She is currently focused on assembling materials with large print for seniors.

The goal is to strategically place the bookmobile "where people need books."

She plans for the bookmobile to visit the Vinton Farmers' Market for story times this summer on weekends in July (TBA).

You may visit the Roanoke County Library website to "request a stop" for the bookmobile. Just fill out a form at <https://www.roanokecountyva.gov/1970/Library>.

The RoCo WoW! Bookmobile program is funded through the county library budget; the van is housed at South County Library.

- Vinton Messenger staff report

Vinton Worldtrekkers trip to Japan just around the corner

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In just about 100 days, the Vinton Worldtrekkers will be leaving on their long-anticipated trip to Japan, scheduled for July 10-20. They have been preparing for their journey with language and culture classes for almost two years.

The group is led by William Byrd teachers Cherry Bell Damasco-Farrington, Dionne Nichols, and Ashley Satterfield.

Their international adventures started with a group of Byrd students asking their instructor, Damasco-Farrington, to take them to Spain on a field trip to learn more about Spanish



PHOTO BY DEBBIE ADAMS

Kelly Prim and daughter Rose model their kimonos during a Vinton Worldtrekkers language and culture class on Japan.

culture. "It turned into an adventure that 16 travelers will most likely never forget."

The "trekkers" describe themselves as "a group from Vinton who love to travel the world together. We have always enjoyed

experiencing new places because the world is our largest classroom."

Since Vinton Worldtrekkers was established, they have visited the British Isles,

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CLUES ACROSS

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- Single-celled animals
- The rear car of a train
- Endangered
- It cools your home
- Helper
- "The First State"
- More aged
- Partner to cheese
- Type of wrap
- From a distance
- Satisfies
- "Dallas Buyers' Club" actor Jared
- God of battle (Scandinavian)
- Cooking utensil
- Soviet Socialist Republic
- Able to perform
- Big man on campus
- Second epoch of the Tertiary period
- Porticos
- Allan and Peter are two
- Gets up
- Humble request for help
- One-thousandth of an inch (abbr.)
- Unhappy
- "Hint or indication"
- A way to plead
- Digits
- Broadway actress Daisy
- Jewish calendar month
- Author Gore
- Peacock network
- White poplar
- Promotional material
- A period of calm
- Take too much
- Emit energy
- Something you can take
- Mended with yarn
- Inconsistent

CLUES DOWN

- Calm down
- One quintillion bytes (abbr.)
- One who pretends
- Hang glide
- Distinctive practice
- Mariner
- Peaks
- Queens ballplayer
- Geological times
- Twofold
- Atomic #13
- Tranquillizing
- Metric weight unit
- Indicates
- Unwanted rodent
- Partly cooked with hot water
- One who can be recommended
- Resembles a bag or pouch
- Midway between south and southeast
- Sets up for a photo
- California white oak
- More (Spanish)
- After B
- Decorated tea urn
- Island
- Car mechanics group
- Wordplay joke
- Cut a rug
- Prickly plant
- Speech in praise of a deceased person
- European buzzard
- Influential linguist
- West African languages
- Siskel's partner
- Skinny
- Oblong pulp
- Consumed
- Small, mischievous sprite
- Powerful lawyer
- Indicates position

Visit Town of Vinton updated website to view current transportation projects

The Town of Vinton has updated the Transportation Projects page on its website to keep the public informed about projects underway – more succinctly and in a more organized manner.

The page is directly accessible from the Town of Vinton home page via a quick links bar. The format includes project description, frequent

updates, funding source, and administrator headings.

Visit the Transportation Projects page this week and you will see information on the Mountain View Road Reconstruction Project, the Glade Creek Greenway Project Phase 2B, the Gus Nicks Boulevard Crosswalk Project, the Hardy Road Crosswalk Project, and

the Walnut Avenue Bike/Ped Improvements Project, Phase III. Here is the link to the landing page: <https://www.vintonva.gov/528/Transportation>.

Here are the details on these current projects.

Mountain View Road Reconstruction Project:

After more than three years of study, planning,

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Vinton Woman's Club, police partner to raise awareness of child abuse

The GFWC Woman's Club of Vinton and the Vinton Police Department partnered to plant their annual blue and silver pinwheel garden at the Municipal Building on April 2 to promote National Child Abuse Prevention Month. They were assisted by members of Vinton Town Council and town employees. Similar gardens are being planted all across the nation this month.

Club member Kathryn Sowers made a presentation at the council meeting later that evening on the issue of child abuse.

"Prevention remains the best defense for our children and families," she said. "The General Federation of Women's

Clubs is celebrating 134 years of service and volunteering. In all 50 states and more than 23 international clubs in 13 countries, our members work locally to create changes. Every year, clubwomen raise awareness of child abuse and promote healthy childhoods by planting pinwheel gardens. Prevent Child Abuse introduced the pinwheel in 2008 as the official symbol of great childhoods.

"In 2023, there were 122,806 suspected child abuse cases reported to child welfare centers by police – a 6.1% increase from the previous year. A report of child abuse is made every 10 seconds and neglect is the No. 1 form of abuse."



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Members of the GFWC Woman's Club of Vinton, the Vinton Police Department, Town Council, and town employees gathered at the Municipal Building on April 2 to plant the annual pinwheel garden to raise awareness of child abuse.

Vinton Town Council issued a proclamation declaring April as National Child Abuse Prevention Month in Vinton because, "Our children are our

most valuable resource and will shape the future of the Vinton community."

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Open house

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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 public is encouraged to go by and

see the completed project.

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Tax rate

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the current tax rate of 7 cents per \$100 of assessed value. The town collects real estate taxes semi-annually by June 5 and December 5. While a tax bill may be higher in 2024, that is due to assessed value increases, not a tax rate increase.

Council also elected to maintain the current tax rates on personal property, tools, and machinery at \$1 per \$100 of the assessed valuation. The tax levy in 2024 will be set at 50 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation of one motor vehicle owned and regularly used by a disabled veteran – subject to certain qualifications.

Council then adopted a resolution setting the allocation of Personal Property Tax Relief in Vinton for the 2024 tax year. The town uses a model developed by the state to calculate the effective reimbursement rate, using historical trends and a five-year rolling average. Tax relief on personal use vehicles is eliminated for vehicles valued at \$1,000 or less; is set at 39.35% for personal use vehicles valued at \$1,001 to \$20,000; and at 39.35% on the first \$20,000 for personal use vehicles valued at \$20,001 or higher.

Jon Lanford, Executive Director of the Roanoke Valley Resource Authority, presented the organization's annual Operating and Reserves budget for FY 2024-2025 in the total amount of \$16,749,590. The RVRA must submit its budget for approval to each of its governing bodies, which includes the Town of Vinton, Roanoke City and County, and the City of Salem. The budget reflects an increase of \$835,000. Vinton's tipping fees will increase from \$181,180 to \$186,120. Council members recently toured the RVRA landfill site to become more familiar with operations.

Council adopted a resolution authorizing renewal of the employees' group health insurance coverage with the Local Choice Program with no increase in premiums. Sexton said this is a "nice benefit for employees," with no impact on the town's budget in the upcoming year, and "makes the town an attractive place to work."

Planning and Zoning Director Anita McMillan asked council to adopt a resolution accepting a proposal from 3TP Ventures, Inc., to

provide professional services for the Vinton 2050 Comprehensive Plan Update Project and to authorize the town manager to execute a contract with the firm. The town received three bids in a Request for Bids (RFP) process, then invited those three companies to do technical presentations and be interviewed by members of the Selection Committee in March. 3TP Ventures received the highest ranking. Its fee for the project will be \$206,052. Preparation of a comprehensive plan is required by state code every five years.

Council adopted a resolution approving a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Roanoke City to support the Regional Skate Park (in Wasena) with a \$50,000 one-time contribution. Town Manager Pete Peters said that while the new multigenerational park being built in Vinton will include basic skate park amenities, the skateboard park in Roanoke will become a regional destination. The estimated cost of the Wasena park is \$2 million. Roanoke City will maintain the park.

BAPTIST (SOUTHERN)
MINERAL SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH & CHRISTIAN SCHOOL - 1030 Bible Lane, Vinton, Va. 24179. Church Phone 890-4465. Rev. Jason Gault. Sunday Services: Traditional Service, 8:45 AM, Sunday School, 10:00 AM, Contemporary Service, 11:00 AM, Evening Worship 6:00 PM, Wednesday Services: AWA-NA 6:30 PM, Bible Study 7:00 PM

BAPTIST (COOPERATIVE)
VINTON BAPTIST CHURCH - 219 Washington Avenue, Vinton. Rev. Dr. Travis Russell, 343-7685. Sunday Services: Sunday School 9:15AM, Morning Worship 10:30 AM, Wednesday Services: Worship, Bible Study, Children's Choirs and Youth Ministry at 6:15 PM.

CHURCH OF CHRIST
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, 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."

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

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

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SICK WITH SIN
Read Psalms 37:1 through 38:22

Every one of the world's billions of people will face injury and illness in life. No one can escape pain and suffering. When we hurt, we usually seek help. We bandage wounds, take medication, visit a physician—all in an effort to gain healing.

Why aren't we as eager to cure sin? Why don't we deal with it as we do other ailments? God provided a solution for sin: repent, confess, and forsake the sin. Yet we often ignore it or let it go until it looms full-blown and potentially life-threatening (Psalm 38:5,6).

I confess my iniquity; I am troubled by my sin (Psalm 38:18).

The best time to address sin is when we first experience sin symptoms. It's best to remove a sliver before it gets infected, even though it may cause momentary discomfort. In the same way we should dig out any scrap of embedded sin before it leads to something worse.

Jesus is our Great Physician and the Bible our spiritual medicine chest. Our Divine Doctor prescribes daily doses as preventative treatment against sin.

Thought for Today: What remedy do you find today in God's Word?

Quicklook: Psalm 38:8-18

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

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

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

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

Night Bible Study 7 p.m.
PRESBYTERIAN
CAMPBELL MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1130 Hardy Rd, Vinton, VA, 540-343-1842; cmcp2verizon.net Sunday school 9:45am, Worship 11:00am; Communion 1st Su.ndays; 2nd Sunday Session; Monday Noon Bible Study; Tuesdays & Thursdays Stretch Class 9:00am; 1st Tuesdays Deacons; Wednesday Choir 7:00pm; Monday Girl Scouts 7:00pm; 3rd Saturday Men's Breakfast 8:00am. Rev. Jonathan Moelker, pastor

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

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

Japan from page 3

Germany and the Swiss Alps. Plans for future trips include Austria/Germany/Switzerland in 2025, Scotland in 2026, and South Korea in 2027.

Damasco-Farrington taught Spanish at WBHS from 2004 to 2016, then became the school's Instructional Technology Resource teacher. Nichols and Satterfield teach English at Byrd. All have traveled extensively.

The upcoming trip to Japan includes a group of adults, family members, and former and current students from William Byrd, Botetourt County, Cave Spring, Patrick Henry, and Franklin County. They will spend nine days in Japan, plus two days of travel, and visit the cities of Tokyo, Hakone, Nara, Kyoto, Osaka, and Hiroshima.

Once the trip was arranged through Education First tours, Damasco-Farrington wanted to find a way "to keep excitement for the travelers who had signed up; I wanted to prepare them for the culture and language of Japan."

She recruited WBHS and Virginia Tech graduate Michael Cisneros to teach a class for the travelers. He has taught in six public elementary and junior high schools in the city of Onomichi, Japan, through the Japanese Exchange and Teaching (JET) program.

"Cherry Bell started Vinton WorldTrekks on a whim with her first tour to the Mediterranean, and I joined her in working to interest members of

the community in additional trips," Dionne Nichols says. "Because the Far East cultural norms vary from America, we wanted the opportunity to build base knowledge of the land, its history, and its culture for our Japan: Land of the Rising Sun tour. Additionally, lessons on the language can help travelers feel prepared for everyday interactions."

So far, the classes have discussed the history and geography of Japan, the language, common words and phrases, the different alphabets, holidays, foods, etiquette, greetings, goodbyes, numbers, transportation, religions, cities on the travel itinerary, colors, origami, sacred spaces, and family.

At their most recent class on March 18, Kelly Prim, who is making her first trip to Japan, spoke about the cultural importance of the kimono. She and her daughter Rose were dressed in kimonos and brought along a display of different styles of the traditional Japanese garments. The kimono is a front-wrapped garment with square sleeves and a rectangular body, traditionally worn with a broad sash called an obi. Accessories include sandals and socks.

There are lined and unlined kimonos with one collar or two, made from a variety of fabrics of different weights for different seasons and occasions— formal and informal. They can be quite expensive with intricate designs for events such as weddings.



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Kelly Prim brought some beautiful obi (sashes) and sandals for her presentation on kimonos to the Vinton Worldtrekkers class.

Prim says she first became a kimono enthusiast when she watched the "Memoirs of a Geisha" movie. She says there is a misconception that only geishas wear kimonos. In fact, in the 1600s every Japanese person wore a kimono.

Damasco-Farrington ended the recent class with a recap of travel advice—spending money (the Japanese prefer cash to cards), budgeting, allowable prescription

medications, preparing for the weather (hot and humid in July), dining out, using chopsticks correctly, tipping, the relative size of hotel rooms to those in America (they are smaller in Japan), dealing with food allergies, minimizing luggage, using cell phones and Wi-Fi, and jet lag when traveling west.

Check out their tours at <https://www.facebook.com/VintonWorldTrekks/>.

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and grant work, the town signed a contract in October 2023 to completely rebuild Mountain View Road from Washington Avenue to the town limits (near Shalon Circle). The project is a cost-sharing partnership with the town (who owns all of its own roads) and VDOT, to split the cost, with VDOT administering the project as part of its annual road improvement work. The unique aspect of this particular project is the failure of the subgrade of the existing road due to it being underbuilt when it was a farm access road. For this reason, VDOT has chosen a different approach in road construction for this part of the state, called Full Depth Reclamation (FDR). This process mills down 8-10" of material and recycles the asphalt, gravel and soil with concrete to create a new base layer, then adds 2+ inches of finished asphalt on top. In the future, the town will only then have to mill and repave

the top two inches, as part of annual paving maintenance every 8-12 years.

The project will begin this upcoming June, just after the Roanoke County Schools release for the summer so there will be minimal impact on Herman L. Horn Elementary School. The project will require various detours for residents within the immediate area, although the project is expected to be completed in July. More details will be forthcoming on specific timing, duration and anticipated detours.

The project is funded through revenue sharing by VDOT and the Town of Vinton, 50/50. The VDOT Salem District Office will oversee the project.

Glade Creek Greenway Project, Phase 2B

The Glade Creek Greenway Phase 2B from Gearhart Park to Walnut Avenue will connect the Glade Creek Greenway Phase 1 from Walnut Avenue to Glade Creek Greenway

Phase 2A (Gus Nicks Boulevard). Once the Glade Creek Greenway Phase 2B is completed, pedestrians and bicyclists can walk and/or bike from Gus Nicks Boulevard to the City of Roanoke Tinker Creek Greenway and Roanoke River Greenway.

This project is currently under construction and scheduled to be completed by the end of June. It is funded by the VDOT Transportation Alternatives (TA) program, local funds, and a donation from Pathfinders for Greenways and administered by the Town of Vinton.

Gus Nicks Boulevard Crosswalk Project

The Gus Nicks Boulevard Pedestrian Crosswalk will connect the Glade Creek Greenway to the Gish Mill Redevelopment Project. The project will also reduce the likelihood of accidents involving pedestrians attempting to cross Gus Nicks Boulevard, a very heavily traveled right-of-way. The

construction bid has been awarded to F&B Contractors, Ltd. The project is scheduled to start in early May and completed by early August. The Town of Vinton will administer the project, which is funded through the STBG program.

Hardy Road Crosswalk Project

The Hardy Road Pedestrian Crosswalk Project will improve the lives of the residents in the area and reduce the likelihood of accidents involving pedestrians attempting to cross a very heavily traveled street. The project will provide a safer connection for the neighborhoods to the south of Hardy Road to W.E. Cundiff Elementary School and to the Wolf Creek Greenway located to the north of Hardy Road.

The construction bid has been awarded to F&B Contractors, Ltd. The project is scheduled to start in early May with completion by early August. This project is funded through the HSIP

program and local funds and is administered by the Town of Vinton.

Walnut Avenue Bike/Ped Improvements, Phase III

This SMART SCALE funded project will provide sidewalk improvements, curb and gutter, crosswalks, bike lanes, lighting, and ADA ramps along a 0.47-mile segment of Walnut Avenue between 1st Street and 5th Street. Phase III is the final section of planned bicycle and pedestrian improvements along Walnut Avenue from the Roanoke City limits to W. Lee Avenue.

The VDOT Salem District Office engineers are currently in the preliminary design phase of this project and have been conducting intensive surveying work within the project area. It is funded as a SMART SCALE project and administered by the VDOT Salem District office.

Submitted by Town of Vinton

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member of the JROTC and girls lacrosse programs. Leighann was nominated for her excellent leadership skills. The teacher who nominated Leighann said, "She is a natural leader and mentor! Leighann has a leadership style that makes the cadets in the unit follow out of respect, not fear. Cadets seek her out for her opinion and guidance. She was selected as her class leader, and she has shown superb leadership qualities." She is the daughter of Sylvia and Stephen Wood.

Mason Teehan is a senior who was nominated for his leadership skills and academic achievement. The teacher who nominated Mason said he has demonstrated exceptional "creative work for videography...[he] has been taking on a leadership role in the class, helping other students with their projects and encouraging them with their planning." He is the son of Denise and Kevin Teehan.

Heidi Dixon is a freshman and member of the girls

volleyball, basketball, and softball teams. Heidi was nominated for her kindness and academic excellence. The teacher who nominated Heidi said that "not only is she wicked smart, but she also has a big heart. She is kind and compassionate and makes William Byrd a better place!" She is the daughter of Lori and Christopher Dixon.

Darin Witcher is a sophomore and a 2024 Class III State Champion in Wrestling. Darin was nominated for his academic and athletic achievements, as well as his strong character. The teacher who nominated Darrin said, "Darrin is an absolute pleasure to have in the classroom. He always has a smile on his face and works hard. Not only does he excel academically, he is truly one of the best examples of good character I have ever had in my classroom." He is the son of Suzanne and Kevin Witcher.

Teacher Terriers of the Month for March include:

Mitchel Burkhart teaches English 11 and English 12. The students who nominated him highlighted his ability to make class fun and for being so personable. As one student said, "Mr. Burkhart goes out of his way to connect and engage with his students. He treats himself equal to the students and connects with them and believes in all of them." Another student said, "He goes out of his way to make class fun and create an environment that is friendly."

Eric Royal teaches VA/US Government. The students who nominated him highlighted his kindness and ability to make class fun. One student said, "Mr. Royal has changed my life and opinion on school. I love going into his class and the way he teaches." And another student said, "He makes it so fun in his class and takes time for us to just talk about things."

Submitted by WBHS Assistant Principal Phillip Martin

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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mushrooms is from 3 to 5 days. Hunter says you can dehydrate them, but they are "best enjoyed fresh."

If you are interested in growing your own mushrooms, Hunter can assist you with that with petri dishes, gourmet mushroom cultures, and colonizing kits. He is also interested in teaching a class on mushroom growing in the future

once his business is established.

One of his hobbies is foraging for mushrooms in the mountains around Roanoke, most notably on Bent Mountain. He says most are found near running water.

While his own degree was in science, his dad has owned a business for many years, so Hunter has some knowledge of business plans. He hasn't encountered much competition in Roanoke in the sale of gourmet mushrooms; in fact, he hasn't noticed any markets for sale at local markets.

He will be offering his produce at the Vinton Farmers' Market on Saturdays and the Roanoke City Market on Sundays every other weekend beginning on April 6.

He says he chose Vinton because market coordinator Caroline Loveland was the first to respond to his inquiries; they don't require massive paperwork; and the Vinton market is close to his home. He plans to maintain his booth in Vinton through its closing date on October 31.

For more information on Hunter's Gourmet Shroomery and his market schedule, visit his Facebook page – simply type the name.

Stop by the Vinton Farmers' Market this Saturday, April 6, and shop local!

The market is located in downtown Vinton at 204 West Lee Avenue. The official opening date for the entire Vinton Farmers' Market is May 4.

Vinton History Museum featuring 'Curios from Cundiff's Drug Store' on Saturday

The Vinton History Museum will be featuring a pop-up display of "Curios from Cundiff's Drug Store" on Saturday, April 6 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Cundiff's Drug Store opened on December 1, 1959, providing quality drug service to the Vinton community. It was at two different locations during those years and closed in 2022.

The family has shared some artifacts from the store with the Vinton History Museum which will be on display for the April "First Saturday" event. The display includes items such as vintage medicine bottles, photos, advertising memorabilia and prints. Also, the museum will hand out free Cundiff's Drug Store Prescription Bags as a memento. Stop by the museum and

reminisce and share your memories.

Regular museum displays, artifacts and resources will also be available for viewing the same day.

The Vinton History Museum is open for tours and research every Monday, Wednesday, Friday and the first Saturday of each month from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at 210 E. Jackson Avenue in downtown Vinton.

For more information email info@vintonhistorymuseum.org or call (540) 342-8634.

In addition, visit the Vinton History Museum Facebook Page and the Vinton Memories and History Facebook Page for frequent updates and interesting history information.

- Vinton History Museum

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Yard Sales - Botetourt County

Moving Yard Sale, Saturday, April 6, 8 a.m. 342 McIntosh Road, Roanoke. Items: Kayak, small refrigerator, couch, garden tools, bakeware, lamps, much more.

Legals - Botetourt County

BWW# VA-368482-1 TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 1811 TIMBER RIDGE, BUCHANAN, VA 24066.

In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated December 7, 2017, in the original principal amount of \$140,000.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Botetourt County, Virginia as Instrument No. 170004806. The undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the front of the Circuit Court building for Botetourt County, Main Street, Fincastle, VA 24090, or any such temporary alternative Circuit Court location designated by the Judges of the Circuit Court, on May 6, 2024, at 10:30 AM, 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 IN THE COUNTY OF BOTETOURT, VIRGINIA AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS TRACT NO. 7, CONTAINING 6.191 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT OF SUBDIVISION OF CEDAR ACRES, DATED FEBRUARY 7, 1973, OF RECORD IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BOTETOURT COUNTY, VIRGINIA, IN THE PLAT BOOK 7, PAGE 62. TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder's deposit of ten percent (10%) of the sale price or ten percent (10%) of the original principal balance of the subject Deed of Trust, whichever is lower, in the form of cash or certified funds payable to the Substitute Trustee must be present at the time of the sale.

The balance of the purchase price will be due within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Purchaser's deposit may be forfeited to Trustee. Time is of the essence. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser may, if provided by the terms of the Trustee's Memorandum of Foreclosure Sale, be entitled to a \$50 cancellation fee from the Substitute Trustee, but shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. A form copy of the Trustee's memorandum of foreclosure sale and contract to purchase real property is available for viewing at www.bwwsales.com. Additional terms, if any, to be announced at the sale and the Purchaser may be given the option to execute the contract of sale electronically. This is a communication from a debt collector and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. The sale is subject to seller confirmation. 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.bwwsales.com, VA-368482-1.

ABC NOTICE

HEATHER BURNETTE trading as Mrs. B's Restaurant and Bar, 19857 Main Street, Buchanan, Botetourt County, VA. 24066.

The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) AUTHORITY for a ON/OFF Premises license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages.

Heather Burnette owner

NOTE: Objections to the issuance of this license must be submitted to ABC

Legals - Botetourt County

no later than 30 days from the publishing date of the first of two required newspaper legal notices. Objections should be registered at www.abc.virginia.gov or 800-552-3200.

Order of Publication

Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code§§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316.20-104 Case No. **CL24-69** VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE COUNTY OF BOTETOURT

COUNTY OF BOTETOURT, VIRGINIA, a Political Subdivision of the Commonwealth of Virginia, Complainant, V. WILLIAM H. SMITH, ET AL., Respondent(s)

The object of this suit is to: Enforce the lien of the Complainant, County of Botetourt, Virginia, for delinquent real estate taxes against certain real property located in the County of Botetourt, Virginia, described as follows: Tax Map No. 102(2)4 Account No. 11709

All that certain tract or parcel of land, lying and being the Blue Ridge Magisterial District, Botetourt County, Virginia, and more particularly described as follows, to-wit: All that certain tract or parcel of land containing 6.9 acres, more or less, designated as Lot No. 4, as shown on plat entitled "Plat of the John A. Orange Tract", dated August 1941, made by S.S. Lynn, S.C.S., of record in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Botetourt County, Virginia, in Plat Book 2, at Page 82. Together with a perpetual right of way and easement for the purpose of ingress and egress from the land herein described to the public road.

And being the same property conveyed to William H. Smith from Hubert J. Orange and Mary Frances Orange, his wife, by deed dated January 10, 1978, and recorded February 2, 1978, in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Botetourt County, Virginia, in Deed Book 241 at Page 257. This description is made subject to all easements, conditions, agreements, restrictions, and reservations of record which affect the property herein described including but not limited to those recorded in Deed Book 186, at Page 355 and Deed Book 242, at Page 30.

IT APPEARING that an affidavit has been made and filed stating that the due diligence has been used, without effect, to ascertain the identity and location of certain parties to be served, that the last known addresses for the Respondents herein are as follows:

William H. Smith, who is believed to be deceased and whose last address is unknown; Emily M. Smith, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; and that any officers, heirs, devisees, and successors in title of the Respondent named herein are made parties Respondent to this action individually and/or by the general description of Parties Unknown, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties herein and all Parties Unknown and/or whose location cannot be ascertained appear on or before May 6, 2024 in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the County of Botetourt, Virginia, and do what may be necessary to protect their interests in this cause.

Entered on the 21st day of March, 2024 T. Moore Clerk

I ask for this: Seth Konopasek, Esq. (VSB No. 97065) John A. Rife, Esq. (VSB No. 45805) Jeffery A. Scharf, Esq. (VSB No. 30591) Mark K. Ames, Esq. (VSB No. 27409) Andrew M. Neville, Esq. (VSB No. 86372) Paul L. LaBarr, Esq. (VSB No. 91609) Gregory L. Haynes, Esq. (VSB No. 37158) Garrett w. Patton, Esq. (VSB No. 98345) Taxing Authority Consulting Services, PC P.O. 31800 Henrico, Virginia 23294-1800 Phone: (804)864-0080 TACS No.: 924110

Legals - City of Radford

TRUSTEE'S SALE PARCEL OF LAND LOCATED IN: West Ward of the City of Radford, Virginia Containing 0.2479 acres, more or less Commonly Known as: 1002 West Main Street, Radford, Virginia

IN EXECUTION OF A CERTAIN DEED OF TRUST OF RECORD IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF RADFORD CITY, VIRGINIA, AS INSTRUMENT NO. 201100838, DATED AUGUST 29, 2011, WHEREAS, BY DEED OF BARGAIN AND SALE AND ASSUMPTION DATED SEPTEMBER 1, 2016, RECORDED IN THE AFORESAID CLERK'S OFFICE AS INSTRUMENT NO: 201600804 THE DEED OF TRUST WAS ASSUMED BY MARK BROOKNER, 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 RADFORD CITY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT 619 SECOND STREET, RADFORD, VIRGINIA, ON THE 5th DAY OF APRIL, 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 City of Radford, Virginia, and described as follows: BEING all of Lots 28 and 29, part of Lots 27, 30, 34, 35, Section 1, Plan C, Radford Land and Improvement Company Lots, containing 0.2479 acres (10,800 sq. ft.), as designated and described on a plat of survey entitled, Physical Survey Lots 28, 29 and Part of Lots 27, 30, 34, 35 Section 1, Plan C Radford Land and Improvement Co. West Ward City of Radford, Virginia for Ronald R. Sowers", dated August 23, 2011, Job No. 565811, by James Conrad Groseclose, II, Land Surveyor, Mathews and Henegar Inc., professional engineers and land surveyors, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof and reference is hereby made to said plat of survey for a more accurate description of the property herein conveyed: Tax Map Number: 13-(5)-SEC 1-27A-28-29-30A-34A+ Account Number: 020000684. Commonly Known As: 1002 West Main Street, Radford, Virginia 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 RADFORD CITY COURTHOUSE, AT 619 SECOND STREET, RADFORD, VIRGINIA DATE OF SALE: APRIL 5, 2024 TIME OF SALE: 10:00 A.M. Daniel D. Hamrick, PC Substitute Trustee By: Daniel D. Hamrick, PC For Daniel D. Hamrick, PC FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Daniel D. Hamrick, Agent Daniel D. Hamrick, P.C. 104 South Franklin Street Christiansburg, VA 24073 (540) 382-0131

Legals - City of Radford

Order of Publication

Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code§§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316.20-104 Civil Case No. **CL24-7298 VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE CITY OF RADFORD** THE CITY OF RADFORD, VIRGINIA, Plaintiff vs. the heirs and devisees of ORA FAYE CUNNINGHAM, deceased The heirs and devisees of ANNA MAYE D. BANNERMAN, deceased HARRY M. BANNERMAN, JR. DAVID HUGGINS Defendants

ORDER OF PUBLICATION The object of this suit is to: ENFORCE THE LIEN OF THE Plaintiff for delinquent taxes against certain real estate described as follows: All that certain tract of land in the City of Radford, Virginia, being Lot No. 10, Block G, Baldwin Land Company, and designated as Tax Map Number 3-(7)-BLKG-10 Standing in the name of Ora Faye Cunningham, pursuant to Section 58.1-3965 et seq. of the Code of Virginia.

And an affidavit having been filed that due diligence has been used to ascertain the names and location of all of the heirs, devisees and successors in title of Ora Faye Cunningham, Phyllis Davis, and Anna Maye D. Bannerman; that there are or may be other persons having an interest in the real estate forming the subject matter of this suit whose names and last post office addresses are unknown, namely, the unknown heirs, devisees and successors in title of Ora Faye Cunningham, Phyllis Davis, and Anna Maye D. Bannerman; that Harry M. Bannerman, Jr. is a nonresident of the state of Virginia, whose last known post office address is 2010 NW 106th Avenue, Pembroke Pines, FL, 33026; that David Huggins is a nonresident of the state of Virginia, whose last known post office address is 3 Center Street, Glen Cove, NY, 11542.

It is ORDERED that this order be published once a week for two successive weeks in the Radford News Journal and that the parties named herein appear on or before May 27, 2024, at 9:30 am in the clerk's office of the Circuit Court for the City of Radford, Virginia, and do what may be necessary to protect their interest in this suit.

Enter: this 25th day of March, 2024 Angel Turpin DC Clerk I ask for this: James W. Elliot p.q. Attorney at Law P.O. Box 1410 Yorktown, VA 23692 (757) 898-7000

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF RADFORD, VIRGINIA

NOTICE OF PROPOSED REAL PROPERTY TAX INCREASE

Pursuant to Section 58.1-3321 of the Code of Virginia, notice is hereby given that a public hearing is scheduled for 5:30 P.M. April 16, 2024 on the proposed Tax Rates for Calendar Year 2024. Interested parties are invited to attend the public hearing and present their views. The hearing will be held in the Council Chambers located at 10 Robertson Street. The City of Radford proposes to increase property tax levies.

- 1. 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 by 31 percent.
- 2. 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 \$.64 per \$100 of assessed value. This rate will be known as the "lowered tax rate."

Legals - City of Radford

3. Effective Rate Increase: The City of Radford proposes to adopt a tax rate of \$.69 per \$100 of assessed value. The difference between the lowered tax rate and the proposed rate would be \$.05 per \$100, or 7.8% 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.

4. Proposed Total Budget Increase: Based on the proposed real property tax rate and changes in other revenues, the total budget of the City of Radford will exceed last years by 10 percent.

A copy of the proposed budget is available for review in the City Manager's office, and on the City's website at www.radfordva.gov. BY THE ORDER OF RADFORD CITY COUNCIL

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF RADFORD, VIRGINIA

TAX LEVIES FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2024 AND F.Y. 2024-2025 BUDGET

Pursuant to Section 58.1-3007 of the Code of Virginia, notice is hereby given that a public hearing is scheduled for 5:30 P.M. April 16, 2024 on the proposed Tax Rates for Calendar Year 2024. Interest parties are invited to attend the public hearing and present their views. The hearing will be held in the Council Chambers located at 10 Robertson Street.

FURTHER, notice is given that the Council's intention to increase in the following tax levies for Calendar year 2024:

- 1. Real Property tax levy at \$0.69 per one \$100.00 of assessed value, as advertised in a separate notice on April 3, 2024.
- 2. Machinery and tools tax levy remains at \$1.76 per \$100.00 of assessed value
- 3. Tangible personal property as listed and specified in Subsections 3 through 13 of Section 58.1-3503A, Code of Virginia, 1950 as amended, remains at \$2.44 per \$100.00 of assessed value.
- 4. Tangible personal property as listed and specified in Subsections 15 through 19 of Section 58.1-3503A, Code of Virginia 1950 As Amended, remains at \$1.76 per \$100.00 of assessed value.

Notice is also given that the City Council of Radford City scheduled a public hearing for 5:30 P.M. or as soon thereafter, April 16, 2024 on the Advertised Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget in the amount of \$79,043,310 The hearing will be held in the Council Chambers located at 10 Robertson Street.

The following is a synopsis of the 2024-2025 Budgets: CITY OF RADFORD Total for City GENERAL FUND \$35,411,361 STREETS MAINTENANCE FUND \$2,829,359 TRANSIT \$2,860,488 WATER/WASTEWATER FUND \$6,320,498 ELECTRIC FUND \$28,854,443 SOLID WASTE FUND \$1,688,841 *INTERNAL SERVICES \$1,078,320

*Not included in total above as this fund is allocated through all other funds.

Notice is also given that the City Council of Radford City will hear comments on the Radford City School Board Budget in the amount of \$46,803,799.

The Summary is as Follows: RADFORD CITY SCHOOL BOARD Total for Schools

Legals - City of Radford

OPERATING FUND \$38,098,270 SCHOOL NUTRITION FUND \$1,033,057 GRANTS FUND \$2,694,745 TEXTBOOKS FUND \$852,102 CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND \$220,000 HEALTH INSURANCE FUND \$2,858,251 REGION 7 VIRTUAL ACADEMY FUND \$862,896

A copy of the document is available for review in the City Manager's office, the Radford Public Library, and on the City's website at www.radfordva.gov. BY THE ORDER OF RADFORD CITY COUNCIL

Legals - City of Salem

Notice

is hereby given to all interested persons that the City of Salem Planning Commission, at its regular meeting on April 10, 2024, at 7:00 p.m., in the Community Room, Salem Civic Center, 1001 Roanoke Boulevard, in the City of Salem, Virginia, will hold a public hearing, pursuant to Sections 15.2-2204 and 15.2-2285 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, to consider approval of the following requests relative to the CODE OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA:

- 1. Consider the request of Philip M. and Rachel C. Knouff, property owners, for the amendment of a Home Occupation Permit to allow retail sales at the cut flower farm (garden) on the property located at 275 Ft Lewis Blvd (Tax Map # 130-2-22).
- 2. Consider the request of PHC of Virginia, LLC/Acadia Healthcare, Mt Regis Center, property owner, for the amendment of the Use Not Provided For permit to allow additions to the outpatient mental health and substance abuse treatment center on the property located at 125 Knotbreak Road, (Tax Map # 148-1-5).

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

Order of Publication

Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code§§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316.20-104 Case No. **CL24000383** ROANOKE COUNTY Circuit Court, 305 EAST MAIN STREET, SALEM, VA 24153 in re LILLIAN MAY RICHARDSON The object of this suit is to: NAME CHANGE FOR MINOR. It is ORDERED that AMBER MARIE RICHARDSON AND WILLIAM JOSEPH RICHARDSON appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on MAY 9, 2024 at 1:30 p.m.

MARCH 22, 2024 Jennifer J. West Deputy Clerk

Legals - Craig County

{TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 78 The Lane, New Castle, VA 24127

Tax Map No: 58-1-14 In execution of a Credit Line Deed of Trust dated January 26, 2012, recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court for Craig County, Virginia, as Instrument No. 120000054, the Substitute Trustee will offer the above-described property for sale to the highest bidder at public auction on the date and time referenced below.

Lot No. 14 of Aps Knob Subdivision as laid down in a plat prepared by Draper-Aden Associates, Inc. of

Legals - Craig County

Blacksburg, Virginia, said plat being of record in the Clerk's Office of Craig County, New Castle, Virginia, in Deed Book 43, page 45, reference is hereby made to the above-mentioned plat for a more particular description

The hereinabove described property is subject to restrictions and reservation recorded in Deed Book 96, page 642 in the aforesaid Clerk's Office. Date of Sale: April 17, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. at the Craig County Circuit Court, 182 Main Street, Suite 4, New Castle, VA 24127.

Terms: CASH: a deposit in the form of certified funds in the amount of \$10,000 or 10% of the sale price, whichever is lower. Settlement within thirty (30) days of date of sale. Time is of the essence.

OPTIONS: 1. All costs of conveyance, examination of title, recording charges, etc. will be at cost of purchaser with the exception of the grantor's tax. Neither the Substitute Trustee nor any other party guarantees or covenants to deliver or in any way to obtain possession of the premises for any third party purchaser.

2. The Substitute Trustee reserves the right to reject all bids, extend the time to receive bids or withdraw the property from sale at any time. In addition, should the Substitute Trustee be unable, for any reason, in its sole discretion, to convey title, the successful bidder's sole remedy in law or equity shall be the return of his deposit. Upon refund of the deposit, the sale shall be void and of no effect.

Additional terms may be announced at the time of the sale. The Substitute Trustee will convey the above-described property to the purchaser(s) by Special Warranty deed at settlement and makes no additional representations or warranties of any kind regarding the title to said property.

John K. Prillaman, Esq. Substitute Trustee For Information Contact: John K. Prillaman, Esq. OPN LAW 3140 Chaparral Drive Roanoke, Virginia 24018 (540) 725-8194

Legals - Town of Vinton

PUBLIC NOTICE The Planning Commission of Town of Vinton, Virginia, hereby gives notice of a work session to be held on Thursday, April 11, 2024, at 5:30 p.m., or shortly thereafter.

The purpose of the work session is to discuss Fiscal Year 2025 Capital Improvement Projects (CIP). The work session will be held in the Council Chambers of the Vinton Municipal Building, 311 South Pollard Street, Vinton, Virginia. Further information concerning this notice may be obtained by calling (540) 983-0605.

NOTICE OF INTENT TO COMPLY WITH DISABILITIES ACT. Reasonable efforts will be made to provide assistance or special arrangements to qualified individuals with disabilities in order to participate in or attend the meetings. Please call (540) 983-0605 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting so that proper arrangements may be made.

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Legals - Montgomery County

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE OF IMPROVED REAL ESTATE LOCATED AT: 4916 Pilot Road, Pilot, VA 24134 COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY

Parcel ID: 012435/Tax Map# 131-A-90 IN EXECUTION OF A DEED OF TRUST IN THE ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$93,000.00, DATED THE 22nd DAY OF APRIL, 2021, RECORDED IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VIRGINIA, AS INSTRUMENT NO. 2021-4295, DATED APRIL 22, 2021, DEFAULT HAVING OCCURRED IN THE PAYMENT OF THE NOTE SECURED THEREBY, AND AT THE REQUEST OF THE HOLDER OF THE NOTE, THE UNDERSIGNED SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE, WILL OFFER FOR SALE AT PUBLIC AUCTION AT THE ENTRANCE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, LOCATED AT: 55 EAST MAIN STREET, CHRISTIANSBURG, VIRGINIA 24073, ON 22ND DAY OF APRIL, 2024 AT 10:30 A.M., THE REAL ESTATE WITH IMPROVEMENTS THEREON, LYING AND BEING SITUATE IN THE COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY, STATE OF VIRGINIA AND MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEING Tract No. 1, containing 1.0957 acre, as shown on plat entitled, "Carl N. McNeil and Jeanne H. Stosser 2.1373 acre (total) located on Rte. 615 Shawsville Mag. Dist. Montgomery County, Virginia" dated August 16, 1978, prepared by L.J. Quessenberry, land surveyor, designated Job No. 190, recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Montgomery County, Virginia, in Deed Book 404, Page 625. Tax Map# 131-A-90 / Parcel ID: 012435 Address: 4916 Pilot Road, Pilot, VA SALE WILL BE MADE SUBJECT TO ALL EXISTING EASEMENTS AND RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS AS THE SAME MAY LAWFULLY AFFECT THE REAL ESTATE. TERMS OF SALE: CERTIFIED FUNDS OR CASHIER'S CHECK. A BIDDER'S DEPOSIT OF TEN PERCENT (10%) OF THE SALES PRICE, WITH FULL SETTLEMENT TO BE MADE WITHIN FIFTEEN (15) DAYS FROM DATE OF SALE. ADDITIONAL TERMS MAY BE ANNOUNCED AT THE TIME OF SALE. THIS NOTICE IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLACE OF SALE: FRONT OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT 55 EAST MAIN STREET, CHRISTIANSBURG, VIRGINIA 24073 DATE OF SALE: APRIL 22, 2024 TIME OF SALE: 10:30 AM Daniel D. Hamrick, PC, Trustee

By: Daniel D. Hamrick, Agent FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Daniel D. Hamrick, Agent for Daniel D. Hamrick, P.C., Trustee 104 South Franklin Street Christiansburg, VA 24073 (540) 382-0131

Legals - Montgomery County

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE OF IMPROVED REAL ESTATE LOCATED AT: 167 Penny Royal Road, Pilot, VA 24134 COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY

Parcel ID: 012692/Tax Map# 131-A-26 IN EXECUTION OF A DEED OF TRUST IN THE ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$39,920.00, DATED THE 25th DAY OF JUNE, 2021, RECORDED IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VIRGINIA, AS INSTRUMENT NO. 2021-6796, DATED JUNE 25, 2021, DEFAULT HAVING OCCURRED IN THE PAYMENT OF THE NOTE SECURED THEREBY, AND AT THE REQUEST OF THE HOLDER OF THE NOTE, THE UNDERSIGNED SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE, WILL OFFER FOR SALE AT PUBLIC AUCTION AT THE ENTRANCE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, LOCATED AT: 55 EAST MAIN STREET, CHRISTIANSBURG, VIRGINIA 24073, ON 22ND DAY OF APRIL, 2024 AT 10:00 A.M., THE REAL ESTATE WITH IMPROVEMENTS THEREON, LYING AND BEING SITUATE IN THE COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY, STATE OF VIRGINIA AND MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING at an iron stake on the south side of private roadway and a corner to the Sutphin place (now Cole); thence with said roadway in the line with the party of the first part 481 feet in a westerly direction to an iron stake; corner to the yard fence of the party of the first part; thence along a line with the yard fence 205 feet to a southerly direction to an iron stake, corner to G.W. Miller; thence with the line of G.W. Miller in an easterly direction 526 feet to a point of BEGINNING, the said trace of land containing 2-1/4 acres of land, more or less. Tax Map# 131-A-26 / Parcel ID: 012692 Address: 167 Penny Royal Road, Pilot, VA 24138 SALE WILL BE MADE SUBJECT TO ALL EXISTING EASEMENTS AND RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS AS THE SAME MAY LAWFULLY AFFECT THE REAL ESTATE. TERMS OF SALE: CERTIFIED FUNDS OR CASHIER'S CHECK. A BIDDER'S DEPOSIT OF TEN PERCENT (10%) OF THE SALES PRICE, WITH FULL SETTLEMENT TO BE MADE WITHIN FIFTEEN (15) DAYS FROM DATE OF SALE. ADDITIONAL TERMS MAY BE ANNOUNCED AT THE TIME OF SALE. THIS NOTICE IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLACE OF SALE: FRONT OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY COURTHOUSE, LOCATED AT 55 EAST MAIN STREET, CHRISTIANSBURG, VIRGINIA 24073 DATE OF SALE: APRIL 22, 2024 TIME OF SALE: 10:00 AM Daniel D. Hamrick, PC Substitute Trustee

By: Daniel D. Hamrick, Agent FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Daniel D. Hamrick, Agent for Daniel D. Hamrick, P.C., Substitute Trustee 104 South Franklin Street Christiansburg, VA 24073 (540) 382-0131

Legals - Montgomery County

Order of Publication

Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code §§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316.20-104 Case No. **CL24000402-00** MONTGOMERY COUNTY Circuit Court, 55 EAST MAIN STREET, SUITE 1, CHRISTIANSBURG, VA 24073 Commonwealth of Virginia, *in re* JOHANNA RENE PHILLIPS v. MICHAEL DWAYNE PHILLIPS. The object of this suit is to: DIVORCE. It is ORDERED that MICHAEL DWAYNE PHILLIPS appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before MAY 15, 2024. MARCH 13, 2024 Robert M.D. Turk, Judge

TOWN OF BLACKSBURG - NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

BLACKSBURG TOWN COUNCIL will hold public hearings on Tuesday, April 9, 2024 beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Roger E. Hedgepeth Chambers of the Blacksburg Municipal Building, 300 South Main Street, Blacksburg, regarding the following items:

Ordinance 2048: An Ordinance Adopting the Budget for the Town of Blacksburg, Virginia for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2024 and Ending June 30, 2025; Adopting the Real Estate Tax Rate; and Appropriating Funds for the Fiscal Year. The proposed ordinance would approve the Town's 2024/2025 operating budget and maintain the existing tax rate. This is described in more detail in the stand-alone advertisement published in the Roanoke Times on March 24, 2024.

Ordinance 2049: An Ordinance Amending Blacksburg Town Code Sections 18-201, 18-400, 24-301, 24-306, 24-314, And 24-602 to Increase Fees for Water and Sewer Services and Meter Fees. The ordinance increase the amounts of the referenced fees; the increases are described in more detail in stand-alone advertisements published in the Roanoke Times on March 24, 2024 and March 31, 2024.

Ordinance 2050: An Ordinance to Amend the FY 2023/2024 Operating Budget to Appropriate \$2,500,000 of Bond Proceeds to the General Capital Improvement Fund. Ordinance 2050 will appropriate funding for the potential purchase of several parcels of land. The funding for this purchase will be included in the 2024 bond offering.

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

ABC NOTICE

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Colonels edge Terriers

Late rally comes up short in district soccer match

The William Byrd boys soccer team returned from spring break with a 3-2 loss to a strong William Fleming team on Tuesday in Roanoke. The loss was Byrd's first of the season as the Terriers dropped to 3-1-2.

"Coming off break is always tough as we had about half the team at training over break," said Byrd coach Russell Dishman. "That is a tough part of being a spring sport and something we still are working on building to continue with the work we did leading into break."

Fleming struck first at the 10 minute mark and led 1-0 at the half. The Colonels increased the lead to 3-0 by the middle of the second half before the Terriers rallied.

"A little before their third goal we were able to start connecting passes and it grew and we were able to start creating chances," said Dishman.

Sergio Leon was able to finish a chance to cut the lead to 3-1, and a few minutes later he finished a header from Daniel Britts off a free kick from midfield to close the advantage to one.

"We were able to get a few more chances but ran out of time," said Dishman. "I was pleased at how the guys battled back, hopefully we can build from this and work on a better start."

The Terriers will be at Northside Friday night for a Blue Ridge District match, then they'll host Fleming for a return match on the Vinton pitch next Tuesday, April 9th.



PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

William Byrd keeper Bricen Lancaster had seven saves against Fleming Tuesday.

Byrd girls slaughter Fleming

The William Byrd girls' soccer team returned from spring break with a big win Tuesday, shutting out William Fleming by a slaughter-rule score of 8-0 on Vinton's Highfill Field.

Byrd got off to a strong start with Addisyn St. Clair scoring off an assist from Logan Andrews less than three minutes into the game. Andrews put Byrd up 2-0 just one minute later off an assist from Eva Brown, then Andrews connected with St. Clair again and the Terriers were up 3-0 five minutes into the game.

Ryan Markham scored the fourth goal of the night off an assist from Claire Glover. The last goal of the first half was scored by Emily Glass on a penalty kick after Taelor McPherson was fouled in the box, giving Byrd a 5-0 lead at intermission.

The second half started much the same with the Claire Glover scoring off an assist from St. Clair just two minutes in. Andrews got her second



PHOTO BY JIM DEVINNEY

Claire Glover is ready to boot the ball for Byrd.

of the night on a corner kick taken by Mia Martin with 34 minutes remaining in the game. The eighth and last goal of the night, ending the game by slaughter rule, completed St. Clair's three-goal hat

trick. With the win the Byrd girls are now 2-3 and they'll host Northside on Friday night at Patterson Stadium. Next Tuesday, April 9, the Terriers will return the trip to Fleming.

Softball wins two over break

The William Byrd softball team played two games over spring break last week and won them both at Franklin County High School, defeating Bassett and Magna Vista.

On Friday the Terriers beat Bassett, 12-1, as Mandolin Draper drove in four runs with two hits. The Byrd girls opened a big lead with nine runs in the second inning when Carson Wood, Sydney Tuck, Ryleigh Grubb, Draper, Addison Clark, and Heidi Dixon all hit safely. Grubb also had two hits for the game as the Terriers collected a dozen hits as a team.

On Saturday the girls hammered Magna Vista, 17-1. Sydney Blewett had three hits and drove in four runs to lead the attack.

Byrd got on the board in the top of the first inning when Blewett singled and Kyndall Agee grounded out, each plating a run. A double by Clark extended the Terriers to a 5-0 lead

in the top of the second inning. The Terriers blew it open with seven runs on five hits in the top of the third.

Clark earned the win for the Terriers in the circle. She gave up just one hit and one run over three innings, striking out six. Sara Lang threw two one hit innings in relief, fanning four more.

Clark also provided the juice in the middle of the batting order, going four-for-four with six runs batted in. Draper, Blewett Mallory Peroulas and Wood each collected multiple hits for the Terriers as they won their third game in a row to go 3-1 on the season.

Byrd will be back in action Friday with a game at William Fleming. On Saturday they have a triple-header at Hidden Valley. The jayvees will play at 10 am followed by a varsity double-header at noon and 2 pm.

Next Tuesday, April 9th, Byrd will host Fleming in a Blue Ridge District game in Vinton.

Tennis teams sweep Fleming

The William Byrd tennis teams got their post-break schedule off to a good start with Blue Ridge District wins over William Fleming. The girls shut out the Colonels in Roanoke, 9-0, and the boys took an 8-1 win in Vinton.

Singles winners for the girls were Ashley Bagasse(8-5), Makenna Jacobsen(8-0), Ashlyn Thomas(8-2), Callie Lusk(8-2), Miley Moses(8-1) and Brooke Justus(8-0). In double Bagasse and Jacobsen won 8-0, Thomas and Lusk won 8-1 and Moses and Justus won 8-0.

"Very proud of this team's energy," said coach Randy Bush. "They competed well."

Singles winners for the boys were Camden Thepsimuong, Maddox Wolfe, Dillon Colgan, Luke Hemming and Keith Schult. Doubles wins consisted of Ryan Carista and Wolfe, Thepsimuong and Ryan McIntyre and Hemming and Cody Gardner.

The Terriers will play Fleming again next Tuesday, April 9th, with the girls at home and the boys at Fleming.

Three former Big Orange wrestlers going into RV Hall of Fame

Four new members will enter the Roanoke Valley Wrestling Hall of Fame when the group holds its annual banquet on April 22nd at the Holiday Inn Ballroom, including three with ties to William Byrd High School. A social begins at 6 pm with dinner at 6:30 pm and inductions to follow.

This year's class includes Greg Henderson, David Labiosa, Bruce Palmer and Jason Cline. Special awards

from the recently concluded high school season will also be presented.

Henderson wrestled at William Byrd from 1985-87 and then coached at William Byrd Middle School. He has worked the Big Orange tournament for 36 years and is also a former Roanoke Valley Wrestling Official.

Labiosa also wrestled at Byrd when he won two Big Orange and two Group AA state championships. He was All-Metro Co-Wrestler

of the Year in 1982 and a 1983 Scholastic High School All-American.

A third Byrd product in the Class of 24 is Bruce Palmer, who won two district, region and state championships with the Terriers. Bruce was undefeated his junior and senior years and was named the Roanoke Valley Heavyweight Wrestler of the Year.

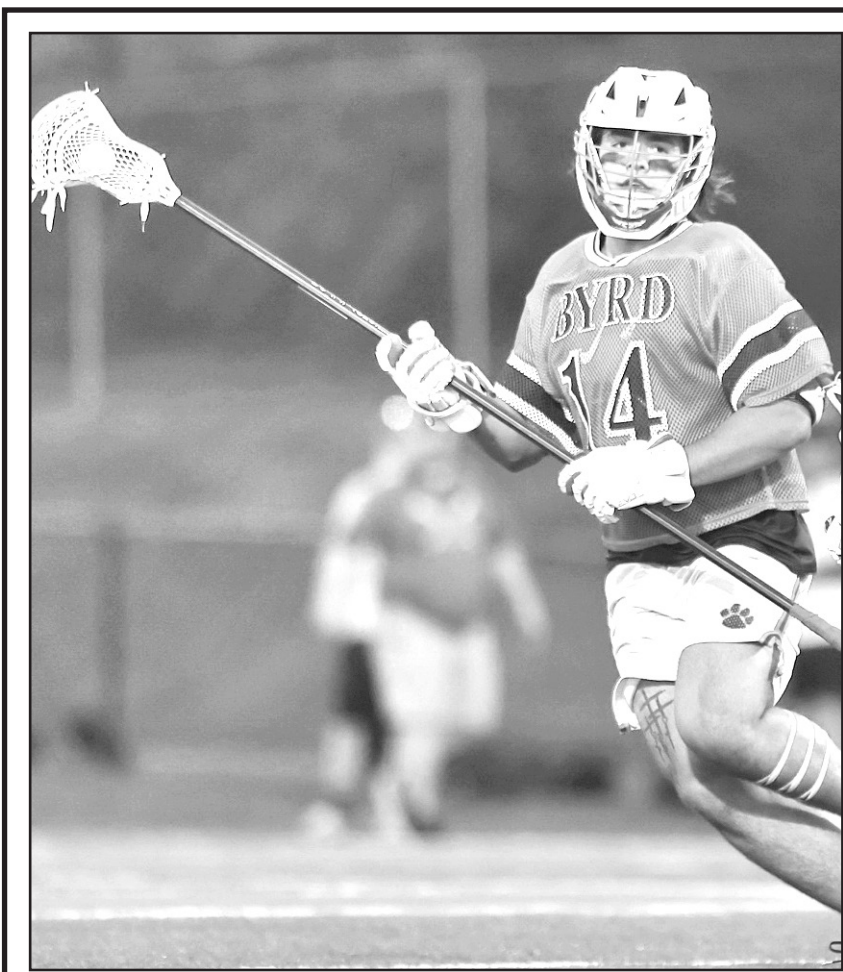
Cline wrestled at Grundy High School where he was a two-time VHSL state cham-

pion and a three time district and Region IV champ. He went on to coach at Glenvar Middle School, then the high school as well as coaching the Virginia Elite Youth. Jason's 2023 Glenvar team was the Class 2 state runnerup at the Salem Civic Center.

The Roanoke Valley Wrestling Association will also give their annual awards for Coach of the Year, Wrestler of the Year, Sonny Boyd Assistant

Coach of the Year and the Roy Stanley Outstanding Achievement Award. In addition scholarships will be announced in memory of Ken Shelton, Stan Parker, Larry France, George Miller, Rick Schilling and Kip Nininger as well as the Barbara and Pete Jones Memorial Scholarship

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The William Byrd High School lacrosse teams return to action this week with games against Cave Spring. The girls were scheduled to play at Cave Spring on Wednesday and the boys will host the Knights tonight, Thursday, at Patterson Stadium. Next Monday, April 8th, Hidden Valley will host the Terriers in a girls-boys doubleheader with the girls taking the draw at 5:30 pm and the boys to follow. Above, Terrier defenseman Ian Vest carries the ball in a recent boys game and, right, Ava Sexton does the same for the girls.

LAX



AUSTIN NIELSEN

Nielsen is Academic All-District

Three Roanoke College student-athletes have earned spots on the College Sports Communicators Academic All-District Men's Swimming and Diving Team, including William Byrd High School graduate Austin Nielsen.

Nielsen, Mack Calvert and Matt Cochis each were honored from a Maroon men's swimming team that placed third in the Old Dominion Athletic Conference in 2023-24. Nielsen, a sophomore at RC, is a health and exercise science major.

The 2023-24 Academic All-District Men's and Women's Swimming & Diving Teams, selected by College Sports Communicators, recognize the nation's top student-athletes for their combined performances in the pool and in the classroom. The CSC Academic All-America program separately recognizes honorees in four divisions — NCAA Division I, NCAA Division II, NCAA Division III and NAIA.

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Terriers open track season with invitational in Vinton Saturday

The William Byrd outdoor track team will take to the oval in competition for the first time this spring when the team hosts the "Terrier Team Challenge" on Saturday at Robert A. Patterson Stadium in Vinton. The first events begin at 9 am and 20 schools have signed up to attend the all-day invitational.

Two Byrd boys are hoping to continue the success they had in the recent indoor season. Senior Wyatt Bailey and junior DeShawn Austin won state Class 3 championships at Liberty University in February. Bailey won the pole vault and Austin won the 55 meter hurdles.

Bailey recently committed to participate in track at William & Mary University. He runs sprints and relays for the Terriers but the pole vault is where he dominates. Wyatt cleared 14 feet to win the state indoor and his career best is 14'6". Last spring he was second in the state outdoor meet when three vaulters cleared 13 feet and he was the second to successfully clear the bar.

"I think I can go 15 plus," he said. "In outdoor track the weather can be a factor. If it's windy it can blow your pole when you run, or tilt you one way or another in the air. The best case



PHOTOS COURTESY WB TRACK

Wyatte Bailey(left) and DeShawn Austin won all-state Class 3 honors in indoor track and are hoping to repeat in the outdoor season.

would be if the wind is behind you, or no wind at all."

Austin won the state indoor in the 55 meter hurdles with a time of 7.69, his best time ever in that event. In the

outdoor season the hurdle events are longer, and DeShawn will compete in the 110 and 300 meters.

"I enjoy the longer distances," he said. "Last year in outdoor I was third

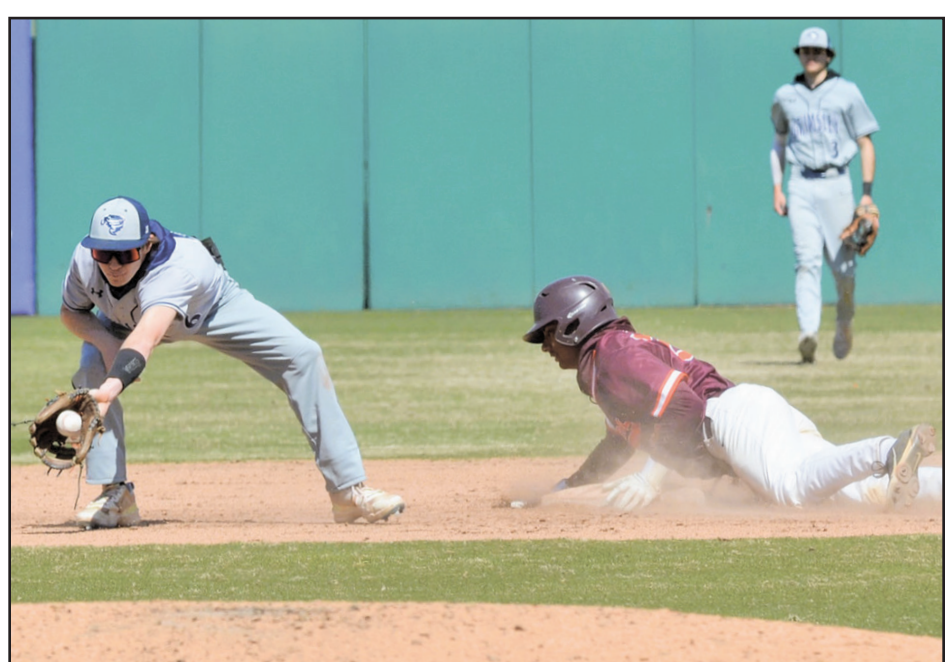
in the state in the 300 and 10th in the 110."

Austin, Bailey, Cooper Minnix and Noah Thompson combined to finish third in the indoor state 4x200 meter relay, setting a new school record of 1:31.24. Minnix and Thompson both play baseball but may be available to run track as well on days that don't conflict.

Austin won't be on that relay early in the season, as he is currently sidelined with a stress fracture in his back. He's hoping to return before the big meets in May. The team will need him as DeShawn is also a big scorer in the jumping events. He was third in the state indoor triple jump and long jump.

The Terriers finished third in the state as a team in the indoor meet and they have their sites on finishing as high, or better, in the outdoor meet. Western Albemarle won the state indoor meet and Heritage, Rustburg and Liberty Christian Academy also are among the top teams to contend with for state honors in the outdoor season.

"I think we can place pretty high, and possibly win it," said Bailey. "We have more people coming out for the outdoor team, and some pretty good athletes."



PHOTOS BY SUZANNE WITCHER

Left, Byrd's Cannin Lutz pitches at First National Bank Field, home of the minor league Greensboro Grasshoppers. Right, Jerrett Shepherd steals second for Byrd.

Byrd wins two of three in Greensboro, beats Fleming by five touchdowns

The William Byrd baseball team will play an afternoon jayvee-varsity doubleheader at Hidden Valley this Saturday. The jayvees will play at noon with the varsity to follow at approximately 2 pm.

The varsity will take a three game winning streak to Hidden Valley after winning the last two games of a three-game series in Greensboro over spring break, followed by a win over William Fleming at Vinton's Walthall Park Tuesday.

The Terriers played three North Carolina teams in Greensboro. Games were scheduled for Wednesday through Friday but bad weather pushed the event back a day and Byrd played Thursday through Saturday.

"Overall, the trip was successful," said coach Jason Taylor. "The players traveled with parents instead of going together, so that was different than past trips that I have scheduled. We will travel to Tennessee for three games in April and will travel

together. The cost of buses and hotels are expensive. We originally only planned for one game at Tennessee but we had to pick up additional games due to a team(Craig County) dropping us at the last minute."

The competition in Greensboro was tough. Two of the players who pitched against Byrd will play college baseball next year.

"They were not overpowering but they were confident and located pitches well," said Taylor. "The strike zone was a little wider than we are accustomed to, but we need to be better with two strikes. If we can cut the strikeouts down this team has a lot of potential. We stuck out 34 times and won two games."

Byrd played Grimsley High in the opener and lost 9-1, striking out 10 times. The Terriers had four hits, one each by Jerrett Shepherd, Kam McKee, Ian Burnett and Blake Glover. Brogan Dent started on the mound and gave up five runs, all unearned, in two innings

as the Terriers committed four errors.

Byrd turned it around on Friday, beating East Chapel Hill 14-1. The Terriers put a crooked seven on the board in the fourth inning. Conner Jones picked up the win on the mound and Cooper Minnix closed it out with two scoreless innings. McKee and Torin Bundy had two hits each and McKee drove in six runs.

In the "getaway game" Byrd beat Western Alamance, 8-4, despite fanning a dozen times at the plate. Burnett and Israel Hairston had three hits each and Hunter Obenchain had two. Glover picked up the win on the mound with six solid innings, fanning five.

The Byrdmen were back in school this week and they evened their Blue Ridge District record with a rout of William Fleming Tuesday. Byrd won 36-0 at Walthall Park.

Byrd scored 11 runs in the first inning and 15 in the second against the over-matched Colonels. Fleming

pitchers walked 17 batters and hit five, and when the Byrd players hit playable balls the Colonels struggled to make the play.

"We were trying to keep the integrity of the game and still not 'give' them outs," said Taylor. "It was tough on everyone involved. They had young pitchers that have never worked on pick offs.

"They have a lot of young kids that I hope stay with it. I would never try to run the score up. We played 20 kids."

Minnix, Dent and Landon Haithcock had two hits each. Dent had five RBIs with two doubles. Bundy and Minnix split time on the mound and mowed down the Colonels before the game was mercifully ended by slaughter rule.

"I felt bad for them. . . .and us," said Taylor.

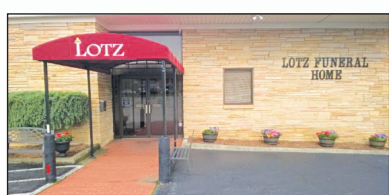
The win lifted Byrd to 5-2 on the season. The Terriers will return the trip to Fleming next Tuesday, April 9th.

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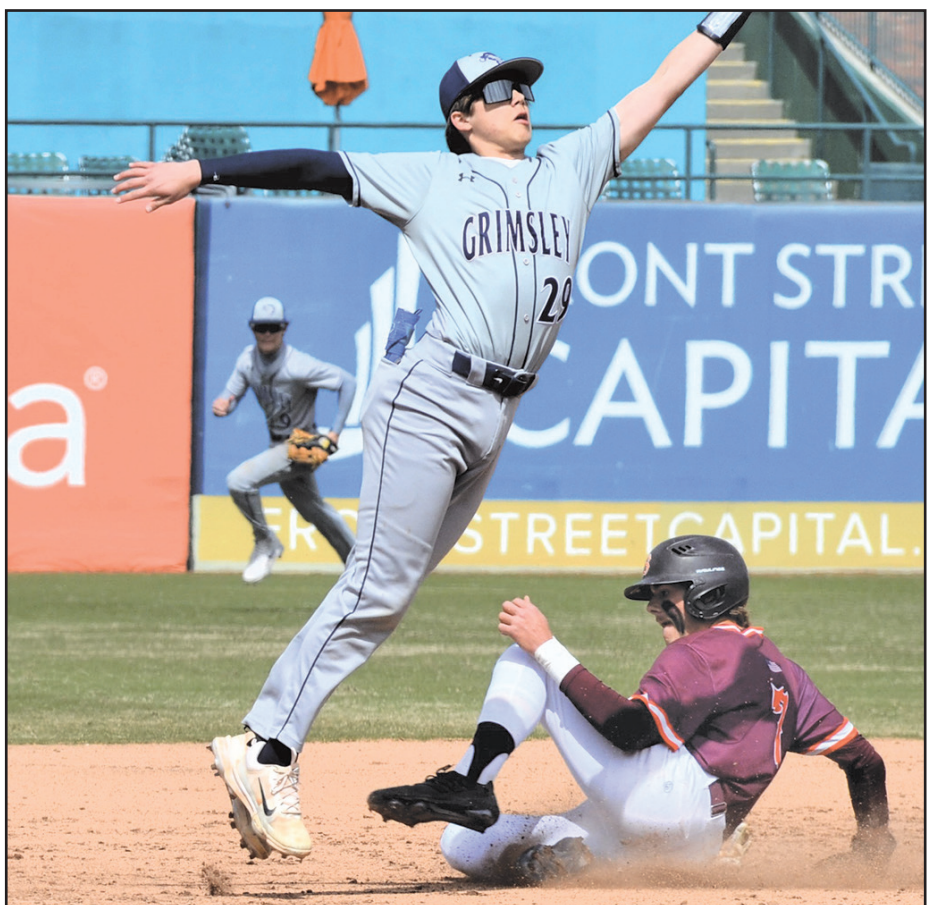


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Byrd's Kam McKee slides safely into second against Grimsley.