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Vinton – a small town doing big things – hosts annual State of the Town address

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The Town of Vinton hosted its annual State of the Town address for 2024 at the Vinton War Memorial on April 4. Over 150 attended the event, including many dignitaries from surrounding localities.

Angie Chewning, Executive Director of the Vinton Chamber of Commerce, welcomed guests as the town celebrated “the enduring spirit of our community,” its many accomplishments, and the “opportunities that lie ahead.”

“We are a small town, but we’re doing big things, and that’s thanks to the hard work and dedication of our town’s staff, our businesses, and our citizens who continue to work tirelessly to make our town a better place to live, work, and play,” Chewning said.

Vinton Vice Mayor Mike Stovall introduced his fellow members of Town Council (Mayor Brad Grose and council members Keith Liles, Laurie Mullins, and Sabrina McCarty) who “bring to the table not only love for this town but love for their job.”

He also welcomed several members of the Roanoke County Board of Supervisors (Chair Phil North, Vice Chair Martha Hooker, and members Tammy Shepherd

of Vinton and David Radford), County Administrator Richard Caywood, and other county officials, along with School Superintendent Dr. Ken Nicely and members of the School Board (Chair Brent Hudson, Vice Chair Cheryl Facciani, David Linden, Shelley Clemons, and Tim Greenway of Vinton). Local principals Tammy Newcomb (William Byrd High School), Evan Noell (William Byrd Middle School), Ashley McCallum (W.E. Cundiff), and Julie Sandzimier (Herman L. Horn) were also recognized.

Stovall then welcomed to the podium Vinton Mayor Brad Grose, who has served on Town Council since 2000 and as mayor since 2004. Grose began by presenting a key to the Town of Vinton to Roanoke City Mayor Sherman Lea who is retiring.

“I’m excited to say that Vinton may look a little different since the last time we met here,” Grose said. “We’ve seen new businesses open, roads improved, traffic signals replaced and both public and private investment in every direction.”

The mayor went on to name some of Vinton’s specific accomplishments over the past year, or currently underway: completion of Walnut Avenue Phase 1 and 2 projects with fresh pavement, new sidewalks, and bike lanes; the replacement of traffic signals with Opticom Emergency Alert signals at all



PHOTO BY DEBBIE ADAMS

Vinton Mayor Brad Grose (on right) presents a key to the Town of Vinton to retiring Roanoke City Mayor Sherman Lea at Vinton’s State of the Town address.

11 intersections to help emergency vehicles respond more efficiently;

completion of major utility projects improving water service in partnership with the Western Virginia Water Authority; and completion of the much-needed downtown Walnut Avenue Parking Lot.

Grose noted that one primary focus in Vinton is the outdoors. Work is now

underway on the multi-generational park on the Vinton War Memorial campus funded partially through the Virginia Outdoor Foundation, and also local partners, including the Vinton Breakfast Lions Club.

The Greenway Phase 2B connection to Walnut Avenue, which will ultimately

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Vinton mural highlights ‘Lady Appalachia’



PHOTO BY DEBBIE ADAMS

The “Lady Appalachia” mural by artist Jon Murrill in downtown Vinton remains in progress—dictated by weather conditions. This is the first in a series he plans throughout southwest Virginia. The mural represents a Blue Ridge Mountain vista from Vinton’s perspective, leading to the showpiece of the mural, Lady Appalachia. Drive by and take a look her beautiful face, emerging from the brick background.

McGhee graduates from FBI Academy

Police Captain Cydney McGhee became interested in a career as a police officer when she was in high school. Family members had been involved in both the police and sheriff’s departments, so it came somewhat naturally. That initial interest led to her becoming an intern with the Concord, N.C., Police Department at age 18, which led to a scholarship and a college degree in Criminal Justice from Pfeiffer University. The scholarship was not a gift, but a partnership in which she agreed to work for four years with the agency providing the scholarship—the Concord PD.

In almost 20 years as a police officer, McGhee has advanced from intern to patrol officer to field training officer to detective and eventually to Captain of Criminal Investigations. She has distinguished herself in her local department and beyond. Along the way, she also earned her Advanced Law Enforcement Certificate from the North Carolina Criminal Justice Training and Standards Commission and her Master’s Degree in Business from Pfeiffer. She shares her experiences as an instructor in basic law enforcement at community colleges.

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Cydney McGhee recently graduated from the FBI National Academy in Quantico. Her mother is Angie Chewning of Vinton.

law enforcement officers are women; she is the highest-

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Jeslynn Gelaine earns Ticket to American Idol

Jeslynn Gelaine’s favorite game as a child was playing “American Idol.” She would dress up in high heels, call her family to the living room, sing, and have them act as judges. Winning the Golden Ticket to Hollywood and appearing on the TV show became her lifelong dream. Last fall, she got to live



Jeslynn Gelaine of Vinton with her American Idol Golden Ticket.

out her dream. She was able to audition for American Idol in person in Nashville after auditioning virtually for the producers of the show online. In Nashville she performed for judges

Lionel Richie, Katy Perry, and Luke Bryan. That performance earned her a Golden Ticket to audition in Hollywood.

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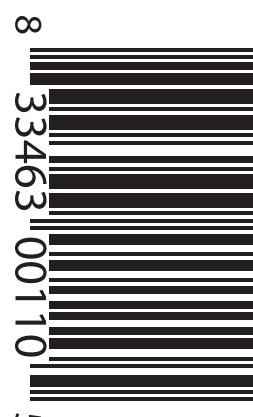


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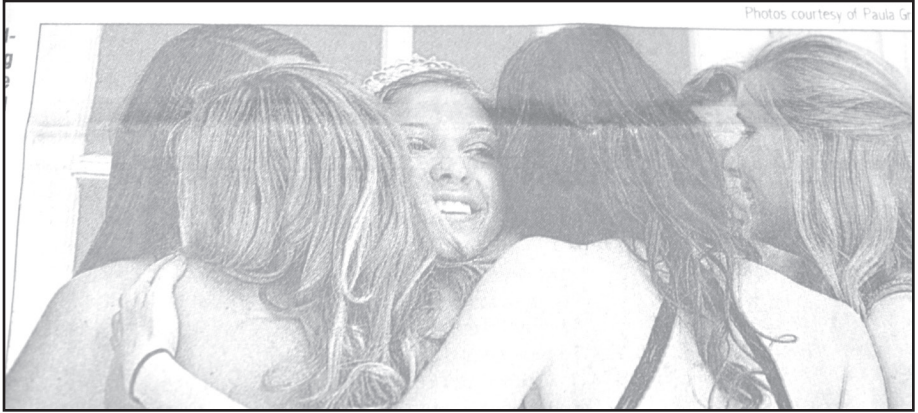
Celebrating Decades of Dogwood Queens



Chelsea Greenway Bartlett was Miss Vinton Dogwood Queen in 2011. She is pictured waving from the Dogwood Court float in the parade.



The Vinton Dogwood Queen and Court 2011 with Chelsea Greenway (center) as queen.



A group hug from the Dogwood Court after the crowning of Chelsea Greenway.

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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 Queen 2011, Chelsea Greenway (now Bartlett), is featured this week.

When the Vinton Dogwood Festival was established in 1956, the Dogwood Queen was chosen 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 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 on the day of the festival and parade.

Chelsea Greenway (now Bartlett) was chosen as Dogwood Queen for the 56th Annual Dogwood Festival. She was interviewed the morning of the parade by a panel of judges with questions about her community involvement, current activities, and future plans. During her senior year at William Byrd, she was a member of the Leo Club, Spanish Club, and Beta Club, and co-editor of the student newspaper. She played varsity tennis and had served as a Model General Assembly member. Her plans were to attend James Madison University to become a physical therapist.

The other nominees that year were Sarabeth Landrum, Kelsey Owens, Kasey Short, Emily Jervis, Taylor Patterson, Jodi Overstreet, Regan Drew, Madison Gensurowsky, and Christine Vernon.

In an interview for the WBHS Black Swan yearbook, Bartlett said, "It was very surprising to hear my name called [as queen], since I was not expecting it at all. It was also fun to get dressed up because it was another time to wear an old prom dress. My favorite part about the Dogwood Court was spending time with the other girls before the first interview. We were all giving out tips for answering questions we were not prepared for. It was really cool to see how we all wanted to help each other."

"I can remember going to the Dogwood Festival each year growing up, and we still go every year as a family," Bartlett says. "On that day, I just remember having so much fun getting dressed up and spending time with friends who were fellow contestants. To this day, two of the girls who were selected as candidates are still my best friends."

After the interview, she was crowned by Vinton Mayor Brad Grose at noon on the front portico of the Vinton War Memorial.

Then she and the other members of the Dogwood Court were honored with a luncheon in the grand ballroom of the War Memorial. After lunch, they boarded the Dogwood Queen float for the parade, which in 2011 reversed course and began at the War Memorial instead of the old William Byrd High School ball fields. The parade grand marshals that year were Manna Ministries of Vinton, a non-profit which delivered food boxes to the needy in the Vinton area.

"I felt honored to be a part of the famous Dogwood Festival of Vinton that year. It's very nostalgic, and I look forward to seeing the new queen each year!" Bartlett says.

She went on to obtain a Bachelor of Science in athletic training from JMU, an Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing from the Jefferson College of Health Sciences (magna cum laude), her Master of Science in Nursing (with the highest honors) from JMU, and now works as a Family Nurse Practitioner for Lewis-Gale Internal Medicine.

"I have the sweetest daughter and husband [Matt]," Bartlett says. "We share our home with two dogs and two cats. We're supported by the best family and friends anybody could ask for. God has truly blessed me beyond measure."

"We have decided to put down roots in Vinton and don't plan on moving. My dad, Tim Greenway, has always been extremely proud of Vinton and the community we have here. We attend Vinton Baptist Church and enjoy many local restaurants."

Bartlett's mother, Paula Greenway, says, "As a mother, there is nothing more precious than witnessing your daughter achieve joy and success. Simply being on the Dogwood Court was enough, but when Chelsea was crowned queen,

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In Vinton Clean-Up Crew participates in Clean Valley Day

The InVinton Clean-Up Crew (members of Vinton town staff), along with Roanoke Clean Valley Council Executive Director Courtney Plaster, and citizens Janet Scheid and Bud LaRoche participated in Clean Valley Day 2024 in the Town of Vinton. Staff members included Town Manager Pete Peters, Planning and Zoning Director Anita McMillan, Public Works Director Bo Herndon, Economic Development Specialist Marshall Stanley, Assistant Planning and Zoning Director Nathan McClung, and Public Works Administrative Manager Jill Acker.

The group spent the afternoon on April 5 picking up litter along Clearview Drive and the Vinton Bowling Center embankments, Hardy Road and Bypass Roads, and the Pinnacle Bank and

Whitlow properties. Nine people filled a total of over 20 bags with trash (cart wipes, plastic bags, realtor signs, plaster boards, etc.).

"The environment thanks each of you," said Plaster, who brought along clean-up supplies—gloves, garbage bags, grabbers, vests—to help with the project.

Valley-wide, 25 teams and individuals with an estimated 350 participants signed up to participate in litter cleanups on April 6 to keep the Roanoke Valley "Clean and Green."

Clean Valley Council's story began in 1978 with a group of concerned citizens determined to combat the litter in their community. Today, they are a 501(c)3 tax-exempt non-profit organization which teaches environmental educational programming within local school



The InVinton Clean-Up Crew cleans up the embankment below Clearview Drive on April 5. Shown, front row, left to right, are Courtney Plaster, Anita McMillan, Janet Scheid, Bud LaRoche, Marshall Stanley, Nathan McClung, Pete Peters, and back row, Bo Herndon and Jill Acker.

systems and participates in community outreach events. Their programs center around four key areas: recycling, litter

prevention, stormwater protection, and stewardship.

- Vinton Messenger staff report

Virginia Western invites K-8 students/families to STEM Day on April 13

STEM Day returns on Saturday, April 13, at Virginia Western Community College. This free event for elementary and middle school students runs

from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 3080 Colonial Avenue in Roanoke.

Virginia Western faculty in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics

(STEM) are teaming up with community partners to provide free, hands-on activities and food. This outreach is open to any K-8 student in the college's

service region, which encompasses Roanoke, Salem, Roanoke County, Craig County, Franklin County, and southern Botetourt County. Students in public, private and home schools and their families are welcome, and parking is free. Children will need an adult accompanying them during the rain-or-shine event.

STEM Day will offer six floors of fun, with stations throughout Virginia Western's STEM Building and Fralin Center for Health Professions, as well as outside. Activities include Raspberry Pi's for gaming and coding; 3D printing; robots; dissections, DNA extractions, specimens and anatomical skeletons; animal models; rocks of Minecraft; slime; leaf and tree activities; Möbius strips and Fibonacci spirals; and more.

Activities will

span the subjects of chemistry, mechatronics, geology, physics, biology, agriculture, engineering, math, information technology, biotechnology, and astronomy.

STEM faculty Lanette Upshaw and Heather Lindberg are coordinating the event, which is in its second year. "This year, we will have a look at STEM in the military through some of our activities," she said. Optional donations will be accepted for Virginia Western's Armed Forces Student Association, "as a way of supporting our students who are veterans."

Last year, about 2,000 people attended the inaugural STEM Day. "We were so gratified at the community response last year, and our faculty and staff have been working ever since to expand and craft another quality experience for

kids," said Virginia Western Dean of STEM Amy White.

"We know how important it is for students to engage with STEM concepts early in life, so they see the wide array of exciting careers that are attainable."

Community partners include Blue Eagle Credit Union; City of Roanoke; Freedom First Credit Union; Mission BBQ; Novonesis; Roanoke City, Roanoke County and Salem Police Departments; Roanoke City and Roanoke County Fire Departments; the Roanoke County Sheriff's Office; Verge; Virginia Department of Forensic Science; Virginia Tech's Baja team; Virginia Tech Corporate Research Center; Virginia Tech's formula race car and motorcycle team; VPT, Inc.; and WJJS.

Submitted by VWCC

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William Byrd High School All-District Choir members

Choirs represent William Byrd in All-District Chorus

The William Byrd Choirs were well represented at high school and middle school All-District Chorus. To receive this honor, choir students from the district auditioned by singing a prepared art song and a sight-reading excerpt that they had never seen before for judges. Those with the highest scores were eligible to

participate in the All-District Choir events, where singers from the district joined together and worked under accomplished guest conductors. Each event culminated in a concert. The high school event was held on February 9-10 and middle school took place on March 2. The musical district includes all schools in the greater

Lynchburg-Danville-Blacksburg-Roanoke areas.

All-District Byrd high school singers this year are Demarion Williams, Sofia Arthur, Connor Wheeler, Taylor Spangler, Aubrey Blewett, Olaedo Anyanwu, Kaeleigh Swan, Abigail Bush, Brooke Hershel, Owen Humphreys, Miley Moses, Nate Buck, Megan Higgins, Emily Sowers,

Alyssa Adams, Cindel Camper, Christian Parker, Brody Parrish, Amari Banks, Sidney Draper, and William Thompson.

All-District middle school Byrd singers this year are Claire Draper, Bindi Whitenack, Hanna Counts, Allison Bowling, Savannah Radosevich, Jaylynn Williams, Lily Duffy, Ayriana Huff, Ava Lorton, Molly Webb,

Makiya Harth, Kaelyn Hilscher, and Marygann Jenkins.

Several Byrd singers from both the middle and high school auditioned for All-State Choir and will be participating in that event near the end of April in Richmond.

Submitted by William Byrd Choral Director Matt Bartley

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William Byrd Middle School All-District Choir members

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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: AWANA 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.

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

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

please take the health steps that are 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.

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LUTHERAN

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Night Bible Study 7 p.m.

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CAMPBELL MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1130 Hardy Rd, Vinton, VA, 540-343-1842; cmpc2verizon.net Sunday school 9:45am, Worship 11:00am; Communion 1st Sundays; 2nd Sunday Session; Monday Noon Bible Study; Tuesdays & Thursdays Stretch Class 9:00am; 1st Tuesdays Deacons; Wednesday Choir 7:00pm; Monday Girl Scouts 7:00pm; 3rd Saturday Men's Breakfast 8:00am. Rev. Jonathan Moelker, pastor

UNITED METHODIST

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

WESLEYAN

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

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Read Psalms 101:1-8; 103:1-22

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Such lingering self-reproach is unhealthy. When you realize you've made a mistake, take the necessary steps to correct it; then let it go. Focusing on past problems will not lead to a productive future.

If you have repented of sin and confessed it to the Lord, do not doubt God has forgiven you. His Word makes that emphatically clear.

As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us (Psalm 103:12).

God totally wipes clean our forgiven past. He not only removes the guilt of our sin, but the punishment we deserve. Because Jesus died for our sins, we can live eternally. He set us free from sin and guilt.

Guilt exposes the wrong committed. A forgiven sinner has no reason for guilt to remain (1 John 1:9). If you struggle with guilt, ask God to help you find release.

Thought for Today: Let guilt guide you to God. He has the solution.

Quicklook: Psalm 103:1-12

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Vinton Wesleyan hosting Spiritual Warfare Conference

Vinton Wesleyan will be holding a Spiritual Warfare Conference on April 14-17 and 21. Pastor Tony Johnson is an ordained minister in the Wesleyan church. In this series of messages, he will cover different aspects of spiritual warfare:

- Sunday, April 14 at 10:30 a.m.: What is Spiritual Warfare?
- Sunday, April 14 at 6:00 p.m.: The Spirit of Unforgiveness
- Monday, April 15 at 6:30 p.m.: The Spirit of Rejection
- Tuesday, April 16 at 6:30 p.m.: The Spirit of Rebellion
- Wednesday, April 17 at 6:30 p.m.: The Spirit of Addiction

• Sunday, April 21 at 10:30 a.m.: The Spirit of Witchcraft

- Sunday, April 21 at 6:00 p.m.: The Spirit of Anxiety/Depression

Vinton Wesleyan invites the community to this series of learning how to stand strong during Spiritual Warfare. The church is located at 246 East Jefferson Avenue, Vinton. If you have further questions, call the church office at (540) 345-3385.

Submitted by Joyce Rodriguez, Vinton Wesleyan Church

Vinton hosts 'Paper Shred It & Forget It' event

The Town of Vinton will be hosting another paper shredding event, this one on Saturday, April 20, from 9 a.m. until noon in the rear parking lot of the Vinton Municipal Building.

Previous paper shredding events in Vinton have been extremely successful in the past several months.

Town Clerk/Administrative Manager Antonia Arias facilitates the events. Recycling this month is limited to five boxes of documents per vehicle, which will be unloaded by the sponsors, and placed immediately in the shredder. No need to leave your car.

Sponsors include the Town of Vinton, the Vinton Police Dept., Vinton Public



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Works, We Recycle, and Commonwealth Document Management.

At the event, the Local Office on Aging will be collecting donations for the emergency food pantry which helps seniors in the community. They would especially welcome donations of Boost or Ensure-type nutritional drinks, peanut butter,

individual single-serving items like cereal bowls, mashed potato cups, mac & cheese, etc. No glass containers please. You may also make a cash or check donation to the LOA.

For more information contact Arias at 540-983-0607.

Submitted by Town of Vinton

Gelaine

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Auditions for American Idol began with 60,000 performers, which was cut down to 150 by Hollywood audition time. That number was cut again to 24 singers after Hollywood Week. Unfortunately, Jeslynn was eliminated in those auditions.

Jeslynn says she has been singing her whole life.

Her father, Adam Reynolds, says, "She has been singing since she was 3 years old with our family gospel group (the Reynolds Family). We traveled full-time for close to 10 years singing Christian/gospel music and everyone always said, 'That girl is going to be a star.' Music and singing were a gift that she was truly born with and something she has always had a passion for."

When she was 10 years old, her parents felt God's call to leave their life on the road and lead a church. That led them to Wake the World in Salem, where her father and mother Rebecca are now pastors.

Jeslynn, her parents, and her 9-year-old brother live in Vinton. Her father is a graduate of William Byrd High School. Due to her schedule, she is homeschooled by her mother through Family Christian Academy out of Knoxville, Tenn.. She is now a sophomore. She is unsure of her future plans after graduation, but she knows it will involve music, which is her "passion and No. 1 focus in life. I will follow God's call and trust where He leads me in His will." She is a worship leader at Wake the World and leads the congregation in singing.

She is not only a performer, but a songwriter. Her latest is "Beautiful" about the "feet of Jesus pierced for me." Her song which best describes her life so far is "Dreamer" about chasing your dreams and never giving up.

Jeslynn says she chose "Gelaine" as her stage name for her Nene, who passed away in 2022 and was also a "powerhouse singer."

Her father said, "Jeslynn's already accomplished so much. Not only on American Idol, but also in writing and arranging her own music. We truly believe that she has songs destined to touch the heart of the world. Our daughter has a very kind heart and a great head on her shoulders. She has been writing songs for years now and wants to make a positive impact in this world. Jeslynn's heart is to spread love and hope through her songs."

"Having just turned 16, and only

being 15 years old when she auditioned for American Idol, we could not be any prouder of all that she has accomplished and the other doors that are already opening up for her."

Jeslynn will be going into the studio soon in Nashville to record some EPs which will be released to radio.

Last August, Jeslynn came across information about online auditions for American Idol. Her family encouraged her to try out and just a few days later, she auditioned via Zoom. She was selected for the second round of Zoom auditions, which ultimately resulted in her auditioning live in Nashville in November in front of judges Lionel Richie, Katy Perry, and Luke Bryan. The song she chose to perform was "Still Rolling Stones" by Lauren Daigle.

Jeslynn says the days in Nashville (and Hollywood) involved many hours of waiting to perform in front of the judges, but the time was not idled away. The contestants were busy with digital work, photo shoots, making videos for media and promotion, interviews, and rehearsals.

She describes the entire experience as "surreal." She was "shocked" that she was chosen, but "very thankful." Both her parents accompanied her to Nashville, along with her pianist, Brian Davis.

She knew when she auditioned it would take a "yes" from two of the three judges to receive the Golden Ticket and advance to auditions in Hollywood. During her audition, the judges first asked her questions, then she performed her song. To her surprise, Katy Perry began yelling, "More, more, more!" encouraging her to "belt it out" and give it all she had. Luke Bryan told her she would "like to hear more grit and dirt," more maturity in her voice, that she wasn't "fully ready yet." Richie and Perry gave Jeslynn the two "yes" votes she would need for the Golden Ticket. When she heard the news, Jeslynn was sobbing and could hardly stand as she went to collect her ticket.

She describes Richie and Perry as down to earth, humble, encouraging, and willing to take time to help a young artist. As for Bryan, "he says it how it is."

In December, she and her mother flew to Hollywood for auditions (all expenses paid) along with 150 other performers. This time, she chose to perform "Don't

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McGhee

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ranking female officer in the Concord Police Dept.

McGhee has received acclaim for several special projects she has been involved with including a unique one in community relations—the Concord Horse Mounted Patrol. In November 2018, McGhee submitted a proposal to use her own personally owned horses for special events such as the city's Tree Lighting Ceremony, Christmas Parade, and Law Day Ceremony—to the delight of the citizens in Concord. McGhee and her partner worked to train their horses not to be afraid of "bands, kids with horns, characters in costume, floats" and other distractions that can occur in a parade.

She recently placed herself among the top 1% of all senior law enforcement professionals in the world with her acceptance at the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Va., for a course in advanced leadership, communications, and fitness challenges.

The 10-week residential program—which provides coursework in intelligence theory, terrorism and terrorist mindsets, management science, law, behavioral science, law enforcement communication, and forensic science—serves to improve the administration of justice in police departments and agencies at home and abroad and to raise law enforcement standards, knowledge, and cooperation worldwide.

The program was created in 1935 to standardize and professionalize law enforcement departments across the United States.

She was a member of the 289th class at the academy, which consisted of 197 officers (ages 31-61), 23 of whom were women, with officers from 47 American states, four military organizations, five federal civilian organizations, and 23 nations around the world.

McGhee has described the FBI Academy training as "a once-in-a-lifetime experience, a very high honor, and the highest recognized training in law enforcement for leadership training. I'm very appreciative to have been able to go."

Although the logistics were far from easy—her husband, Todd, is a Major with the Concord Police; she is mother to almost 9-year-old Kellen, and the academy required her to be gone from home for an extended period of time. However, her department saw it as gaining skills, knowledge, and perspectives that would benefit the department and the community.

During her regular job, she is able to work a 12-hour day shift to be home with her son in the evenings. She says he is not yet interested in police work, he's "a sports kid—track, basketball, football, baseball, travel ball."

The academy began in early January 2024 and ended in mid-March. McGhee took part in specialized trainings and classes taught by experienced FBI instructors and special agents in a "college atmosphere." They lived in dorms, attended daily classes, and ate meals in the cafeteria.

Members of the class took part in weekly "Wizard of Oz" themed physical fitness challenges, culminating in the "Yellow Brick Road" challenge, which involved "a grueling 6.1-mile run through a hilly, wooded trail, where they had to climb over walls, run through creeks, jump through simulated windows, scale rock faces with ropes, crawl in muddy water under barbed wire, and maneuver across a cargo net." When (and if) students complete the course, they receive a yellow brick as a keepsake to memorialize their achievement—McGhee came home with hers.

Graduates received their certificates and a handshake from FBI Director Christopher Wray. They were also able to earn 18 college credits with the University of Virginia to apply towards Bachelor's or Master's degree.

McGhee says she will be able to incorporate what she learned at the FBI Academy into her job in many different ways.

She hopes that her new training will benefit others, but also that just her presence as a female officer will be encouraging to other

women contemplating entering the field of law enforcement. She says that the reality is that law enforcement is a "male dominated" profession and "sometimes women have to prove themselves a little bit more. However, there is definitely a place for women."

She enjoys her career because "every day is different; you get to meet good people; you can change people's days. Usually, we get called on their worst days." The memories that stick in her mind are most often ones that involve children. "We try to help people and make those who do bad things, stop."

She wants not only to inspire other women to strive to meet their dreams, but to teach her son that "he can do anything he wants to do."

Angie Chewing of Vinton is McGhee's mother. Her siblings are Drake Lewis (Hannah), Abbie Lewis, and Elena Boitnott.



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One part of the FBI National Academy program is the "Yellow Brick Road" challenge.

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.

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Worry 'Bout a Thing" by Stevie Wonder. Unfortunately, she was eliminated in auditions before Hollywood Showstoppers week.

"Every person in the room was on their feet dancing, and I got a standing ovation from everyone in the arena," Jeslynn says. "I even had Lionel and Katy dancing with me! After my performance, Katy encouraged me

so much and complimented me on multiple things!

"I will never forget these words she spoke to me, 'Jeslynn, you...got ...IT, so keep nurturing it!' She also said that I have a God-given gift.

"Right after my group was eliminated, Lionel pulled us aside and told us that this is not the end for us! He also told us

how talented we all are and to never stop dreaming! I will never forget him looking me in the eye and sharing that powerful motivation that I truly took to heart! I can truly say this experience has been the most life-changing dream that's ever happened to me!"

Devoted American Idol viewers know that you can audition more than once

for the show. Asked whether she plans to audition again next year, Jeslynn says she hasn't made that decision but she's "open to all opportunities."

If you would like to hear Jeslynn's beautiful voice and learn more about her audition experiences, she can be found on all social media platforms. Check out Jeslynn Gelaine Music on Facebook, Instagram, and the rest.

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Members of the Vinton Leadership Team attending the State of the Town address included: (front row left to right) Planning and Zoning Director Anita McMillan, Human Resources Director Donna Collins, Administrative Manager/Clerk Antonia Arias, and Director of Cultural Placemaking and Events Mandy Adkins; second row, Town Manager Pete Peters, Assistant Finance Director Tiffany Stewart, Mayor Brad Grose, Police Chief Fabricio Drumond, and Economic Development Specialist Marshall Stanley; third row, Assistant Planning and Zoning Director Nathan McClung, Deputy Town Manager Cody Sexton, and Treasurer/Finance Director Andrew Keen. (Public Works Director Bo Herndon is not pictured.)



Vinton Mayor Brad Grose was joined by members of Vinton Town Council at the 2024 State of the Town address. Pictured left to right are Council members Keith Liles and Laurie Mullins, Mayor Grose, Council member Sabrina McCarty, and Vice Mayor Mike Stovall.



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Vinton Area Chamber of Commerce members attending the State of the Town address included: (front row, left to right) Executive Assistant/Financial Coordinator Kathryn Sowers, Executive Director Angie Chewing, 2nd Vice President Page Lovern, Mayor Grose, 1st Vice President Allison Finney, and Dr. Richard Turner; and back row, Town Manager Pete Peters, Chris McCarty, Paula Robins, Past President Justin Davison, and Tim Greenway.

provide a direct connection to the Tinker Creek Greenway and the entire Roanoke Valley, is in progress. He thanked the Pathfinders for Greenways organization for a donation of \$60,000 to make the greenway connection happen.

Grose recognized local artist Jon Murrill for creating the "Lady Appalachia" mural on the Annex building in downtown Vinton (one in a series throughout southwest Virginia), and thanked Pok-E-Joe's and Pollard 107 South restaurants for choosing to set up business in downtown Vinton, and Twin Creeks Brewing Company for its expansion by adding a music pavilion.

"Thank you for believing in Vinton and for your partnerships. Entrepreneurs have a home here in Vinton."

Grose applauded the 10th anniversary of The Advancement Foundation's Gauntlet Business Program and Competition, "which has helped people locally, regionally, and throughout the state to achieve their dreams."

He mentioned the partnership with local developers in revitalizing the former Cleveland Mart into new apartments and a commercial space on Cleveland Avenue.

"Investments like these from local partners with the right vision help us redevelop underutilized properties in Vinton."

"The town is working with private partners on other challenged properties like the fire-affected downtown. Staff is working with the property owners on a daily basis to help with a build-back plan. We hope to redevelop this area into something that is ambitious and fitting for our downtown."

He next spoke about the Gish Mill project, "quite the undertaking, but nothing worth having comes easy. This is the founding structure in the town of Vinton—it's even on our town seal, so its history is deeply engraved and deeply part of Vinton's history. When Holdren's Store closed and the mill was left vacant, Town Council and staff saw an opportunity to bring back our most historic structure. We knew it wouldn't be easy—that has turned out to be

an understatement—but luckily, we have great partners in David Hill and Dr. David Trinkle, who have taken on the challenges to create a mixed-use property with an historic feel. There'll be lodging and space for restaurants.

"Business development brings unique experiences in Vinton but so does art, culture, and events. We pride ourselves on our marquee events like the Dogwood Festival, the Fourth of July fireworks, and the Christmas Parade. We are excited to work with the Boys and Girls Clubs of Southwest Virginia on the Four on the 4th Race, and the Chamber's Mingle at the Market concert series.

"I must say we have a lot of fun at these events, but the best part is watching Vinton citizens come together as a community, enjoy their community, and have fun. It's really something to see.

"There are perfect examples of coordination across all of our departments from Public Works to police to administration, to partners of all kinds, helping bring our community together.

"For example, the Vinton the Breakfast Lions Club has been extremely important in working with us to help us build two new bus shelters, one at Precision Fabrics and the other at Lake Drive Plaza. The Daughters of the American Revolution helped the town place six new public benches along our greenway. The new playground at Vinton Baptist Church works in partnership with the Boys and Girls Club to help fill the gaps we have in our community—and we appreciate the opportunity to work with all of you on this.

"Vinton is also a very safe community and that can only happen with the help of our fully accredited police department led by Chief Fabricio Drummond and Deputy Chief Tim Lawless. This department produces some of the finest officers I've ever met. The way this department engages with our community with different events such as National Night Out and Hot Chocolate and Coffee With

a Cop are just a few examples of how they get to know the residents that they work so hard to protect. I am really proud of the service they deliver here in Vinton.

"Our roads and neighborhoods have never looked any better and that's due to the hard work of our Public Works Department. I can't say enough today to cover all the things these professionals do for our community, but I'll say that we wouldn't have the newly paved roads, our incredible Christmas decorations, and our clean community without our folks at Public Works. They have a great team, and they do a great job.

"We've talked a lot about our projects, but they wouldn't happen without a balanced budget. Our Finance Department has worked hard to make the town financially strong across the board. This past year they implemented a new software program in coordination with our friends at Roanoke County to streamline the financial procedures throughout the town.

"I've talked a lot about the great things that we've done to help improve Vinton this past year but one of the absolute most exciting things coming up this next year is the start of our Comprehensive Plan which will be the vision for Vinton for the next 25 years. Every department will be involved and so will our residents, businesses, community partners and stakeholders. That's what makes it exciting—we want the entire town to be involved in this important plan.

"I think I can speak for the entire Town Council when I say that we are extremely excited to see our community work together for the next generation."

You may watch the entirety of the State of the Town event, produced by RVTV, at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xB20cXgRSjg>.

This year's State of the Town address was catered by Hamm's Fine Foods.

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the day became truly memorable.

"Seeing Chelsea's hard work, dedication to good grades, and leadership skills being recognized in this way made us very proud. Dogwood Day is special and we were both excited to be a part of it. And, as always, Chelsea was prepared.

"Before Dogwood Day, we shopped for the perfect interview outfit

and Chelsea chose the beautiful prom dress she wore during her junior year to wear for the crowning. We were so excited that she would get to wear it again.

"The luncheon afterwards and riding in the float in the parade were highlights of the day as well! And the special jewelry they give the girls also was such a nice touch, I thought! I'm glad Chelsea got to be a part of it."

"When she was crowned, I remember being grateful that small towns still exist, and we were able to raise all three of our children here— and the sense of community we feel. The memories we carry with us from events like Dogwood Day last a lifetime."

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For Sale - Musical

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Gibson 5-string Earl Scruggs Banjo, Model 49 Classic, sold for \$5,000 in 2014. Price, \$4,500. 540-797-6647.

Legals - Botetourt County

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 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

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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)

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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

City of Radford 2024 Annual Action Plan

Community Development Block Grant Programs Notice of Public Comment Period

In accordance with guidelines established by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the City of Radford seek public comment on the proposed draft of the 2024 Annual Action Plan for the City of Radford's

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Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program.

The Annual Action Plan provides a yearly accounting of CDBG, and other funds allocated towards the implementation of objectives outlined in the Consolidated Plan. The Consolidated Plan identifies community needs and proposed solutions in the areas of Housing, Special Needs, Economic Development and Non-Housing Community Development. CDBG activities benefit low and moderate-income persons by making improvements throughout the City, taking into consideration the public input received.

Funding for the 2024 fiscal year is estimated at \$231,683 for the CDBG program. That of which \$27,000 has been rolled from prior year allocations.

The proposed Housing and Community Development goals for 2024 are:

- 1) Support affordable housing
 - 2) Prevent and end homelessness
 - 3) Support non-homeless special needs
- Proposed use of 2024 CDBG funds:
- Emergency Home Repair - \$40,000
 - Beautification - \$23,300
 - Façade Program - \$10,000
 - Public Facility Water/Sewer imp - \$100,532
 - New River Community Action - \$7,900
 - Women's Resource Center of the NRW - \$7,900
 - Radford-Fairlawn Daily Bread - \$7,900
 - Bobcat Back Pack Program - \$4,000
 - August Kids - \$3,000
 - Program Administration - \$27,151
- CDBG TOTAL - \$231,683

The draft 2024 Annual Action Plan can be reviewed on the City's website at

<https://www.radfordva.gov/> . Radford City Community Development office is soliciting comments on the City's housing and community development needs during a thirty (30) day comment period beginning April 13, 2024, and ending May 13, 2024.

A public comment meeting will be held on Monday, April 22, 2024 at 7:00pm in the City Council Chamber's, at 10 Robertson Street, Radford, VA. Comments may also be given via e-mail to: Melissa.Skelton@radfordva.gov, by phone at (540) 267-3188 or by mail to Community Development, 10 Robertson Street, Radford, VA 24141. Comments must be received by 5:00pm May 13, 2024.

Accommodations for persons with disabilities and non-English speaking residents will be provided upon request. For additional information, please call (540) 267-3188.

Legals - City of Salem

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

at its regular meeting on Monday, April 22, 2024, at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 114 North Broad Street, 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 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).

If approved, Salem City Council intends to adopt the ordinance(s) associated with the above item(s) on first reading, with a second reading of those ordinance(s) at a subsequent meeting.

Copies of the proposed plans, ordinances or amendments may be examined in the Office of Community Development,

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21 South Bruffey Street, Salem, Virginia.

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

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA BY:

H. Robert Light Clerk of Council

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

LEGAL NOTICE Willingness to Hold a Public Hearing Elizabeth Campus Greenway

The City of Salem is proposing to construct a new 10' wide multi-use greenway trail through the Elizabeth Campus of Roanoke College. The proposed trail would begin at the brick pathway located at 324 Idaho Street, travel in a northerly direction along Idaho Street, radius around onto Lynchburg Turnpike and continue in an easterly direction to Kime Lane, where it would dead end into the YMCA.

This is part of the larger regional Roanoke River and Mason Creek Greenway Trail system. This project is funded through the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) and being developed through the Locally Administered Projects (LAP) Program.

To view plans for the project, visit the web at <https://www.salemva.gov/767/Projects> or go by the City of Salem's Community Development Office, located at 21 S. Bruffey Street. Please call (540) 375-3032 or email Will Simpson (wsimpson@salemva.gov) or Josh Pratt (jpratt@salemva.gov) to schedule a time to view the plans or if you have any additional questions.

If your questions or concerns cannot be addressed through discussions with staff, the City is willing to hold a public hearing. You can request that a public hearing be held by sending a written request to: William L. Simpson, Jr., PE City Engineer P.O. Box 869 Salem, VA 24153

Requests for a public hearing must be received on or prior to April 26, 2024. If any requests for a public hearing are received prior to this date, a notice will be posted on the City's website detailing the date, time, and location of the public hearing. Project Number: UPC 113566; FHWA # RSTP-5128 (431, 505, 506)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to all interested persons that the Board of Zoning Appeals of the City of Salem, Virginia will hold a public hearing, in accordance with the provisions of Sections 15.2-2204 and 15.2-2309 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, on April 24, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 114 North Broad Street, in the City of Salem, Virginia, to consider the following applications.

The request of Donna L. Musgrave, property owner, for a variance from Section 106-202.3(B)(1) of the City of Salem Zoning Ordinance pertaining to site development regulations, for the property located at 805 Honeysuckle Road, Tax Map # 45-2-1. Section 106-202.3(B)(1) requires the front yard setback to be

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twenty-five (25) feet. The petitioner is therefore requesting a variance of sixteen (16) feet of front yard setback to allow the construction of an attached garage.

At this hearing, all parties in interest will be given an opportunity to be heard, present evidence, and show cause why such requests should or should not be granted. For additional information, contact the Office of the Zoning Administrator, 21 South Bruffey Street, Salem, Virginia (Phone 3753032).

THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS OF THE CITY OF SALEM

BY: Mary Ellen H. Wines, CZA, CFM Planning & Zoning Administrator

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 Lien 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 Associations, Inc. of 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 - Montgomery County

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

Parcel ID: 012692/Tax Map# 131-A-26

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Order of Publication

Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code §§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316.20-104 Case No. **CL23001822-00** MONTGOMERY COUNTY Circuit Court, 55 EAST MAIN STREET, SUITE 1, CHRISTIANSBURG, VA 24073 Commonwealth of Virginia, *in re* BRENDA MARIE BRIDGES v. SCOTT THOMAS BRIDGES

The object of this suit is to: DIVORCE. It is ORDERED that SCOTT THOMAS BRIDGES appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before MAY 8TH, 2024.

Signed March 5, 2024 Robert M.D. Turk, Judge

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 RENEE 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

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Left, Skye Williams of Byrd tosses the discus in Saturday's track meet. Center, Michael Goins runs the high hurdles and, right, Lily Perez does the same for the girls.

Blacksburg sweeps "Terrier Team Challenge" to open track season

The William Byrd outdoor track and field team hosted the 2024 Terrier Team Challenge at William Byrd High School last Saturday. The Terriers were among 22 teams as over 900 athletes competed with Blacksburg High winning team titles for both the boys and girls on a chilly, windy day in Vinton.

In the girls' competition Byrd's Grace Onwi won the 400m dash with a state qualifying time of 1:01.25. Emma Kageals finished fourth in the 100m hurdles with a state qualifying time of 16.48 and Lily Perez was eighth in the 100m hurdles.

The 4x100m shuttle hurdle relay of Kageals, Perez,

Emily Fisher and Virginia Yonce finished first with a time of 1:19.30 and the 800m sprint medley relay of Emma Matthews, Allyson Mavredes, Onwi and Jayden Niday finished third in 2:03.73. Also, the distance medley relay of Liz Dixon, Alexandra Bonilla, Lucy Whitenack and Heidi Wienke finished second in 15:15.11.

In the field events Perez finished third in the long jump with a distance of 16' and Fisher was sixth with a distance of 31'11" in the triple jump. Gracie Mick finished third in the pole vault with a height of 7'6", Alexia Donahue was sixth at 6'6" and Makenzie Scott finished eighth at 6'6".

On the boys side Landon Martin finished fourth in the 110m hurdles with a time of 16.25 while Micheal Goins was ninth in 17.29. The 4x110m shuttle hurdle

relay of Martin, Goins, Logan Austin and Ashton Williamson won the event with a time of 1:16.60.

The 4x100m relay of Brady Reachy, Lane Shoemaker, James Smith and Ethan Haston won in 45.52 and the 800m sprint medley relay of Haston, Reachy, James Smith and Wyattte Bailey finished with a first place time of 1:37.85. Also, the distance medley relay of Reid Hanson, Donald Mullins, Shaun Gower and Reagan Lilley took fifth in 12:07.43.

Haston won the pole vault competition with a state qualifying height of 11'6" and Dexter Gaines finished fifth, clearing 9'.

This week the Terrier track and field team will be traveling to Blacksburg High School on Saturday starting at 9 am. Next Wednesday, April 17, Byrd will be hosting a track meet at 6 pm at Patterson Stadium.

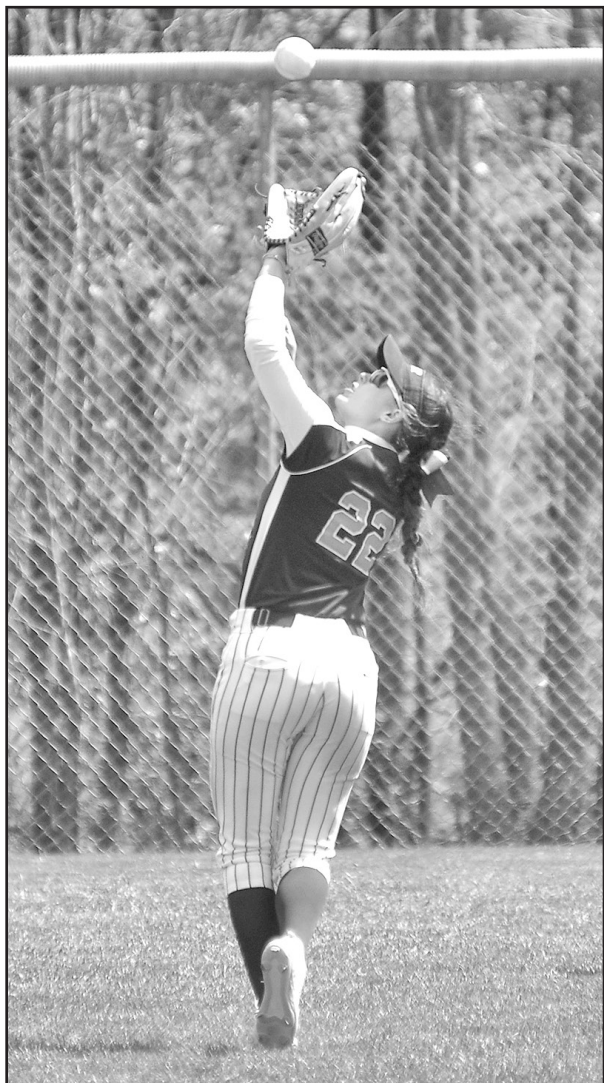


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Byrd's Sydney Blewett runs down a fly ball in Saturday's softball game at Hidden Valley.

Terriers score early to beat Colonels in softball

Tuesday's softball game in Vinton got late early as the William Byrd girls put 11 runs on the board in the bottom of the first inning against visiting William Fleming. The Terriers then cruised to a 14-0 win in a Blue Ridge District game.

Sara Lang earned the win for the Terriers on the mound, allowing just one hit in a five inning shutout. She walked one and struck out eight Colonels.

The Terriers collected 16 hits in the game. Sydney Blewett, Mallory Peroulas, Sydney Tuck and Shelby Ensor each collected three hits for the Byrd girls. Blewett and Abby Fitzgerald each drove in three runs, and Fitzgerald hit a home run to centerfield in the bottom of the second inning.

The win was the second over the Colonels in five days, as Byrd played

Fleming in Roanoke last Friday in a rescheduled game. Byrd won that one 17-1 behind two home runs from Blewett, who drove in four.

Lang was also on the mound for that one, fanning a dozen Colonels. The Terriers had a bakers' dozen hits with two each by Mandolin Draper, Blewett, Peroulas and Fitzgerald. Byrd also stole eight bases.

Saturday didn't go as well as the Terriers played three games in a span of 24 hours. Hidden Valley hosted a daytime

doubleheader and swept the Byrd girls in two tight games, 3-1 and 3-2.

In the opener Byrd fell behind early but tied the game on a Kyndall Agee single, 1-1, in the top of the fourth. However, the Titans rallied for two runs in the bottom of the inning and held on to win. Mary Wray had two hits for Byrd.

The second game was a makeup from a game postponed on March 22nd and Byrd served as the home team on Hidden Valley's field. It was another close one, as Addison Clark con-

tinued to pitch well for the Terriers but was saddened with the loss.

The game was scheduled for five innings but was tied at that point and Hidden Valley pulled out the win in the sixth to earn the sweep. Riley Grubb had both runs batted in for Byrd and Tuck had two hits.

Byrd improved to 5-4 with the win over Fleming Tuesday and the Terriers were scheduled to play at Pulaski County on Wednesday. This Friday the girls are at Lord Botetourt for a key district game.

Soccer girls host LB tonight

Byrd girls beat Fleming to even their soccer record at 4-4

The William Byrd girls won two of three soccer games in the past week to even their season record at 4-4. The girls defeated Northside

and William Fleming in Blue Ridge District games sandwiched around a non-district loss to Cave Spring.

Last Friday at home the girls defeated Northside, 4-1, before traveling to Cave Spring

Monday to take on a strong Knights' team. Byrd lost that one, 6-0, as Cave Spring scored four second half goals to pull away.

On Monday the worm turned as the Terriers traveled to Fleming and took an 8-0 shutout win. Addi St. Clair started the scoring five minutes into the game after winning a goal kick. Ten minutes later St. Clair found Logan Andrews, who put the Terriers up 2-0.

St. Clair scored again off an assist from Emma Milliron for a 3-0 lead, then with 15 minutes remaining in the half Claire Glover beat a few defenders and scored to make it 4-0.

Taelor McPherson scored the fifth goal of the night on a break-away, played through by Mia Martin. Martin then assisted the sixth goal of the half on a corner kick that Ryan Markham finished and it was 6-0 at the break.

Andrews assisted the two goals in the second half, the first to St. Clair and the second to Glover, putting Byrd up 8-0 and eventually ending the game by slaughter rule.

Byrd will host Lord Botetourt tonight, Thursday, in what has been a terrific rivalry over the years. Next Tuesday, April 16, the girls play Franklin County in Rocky Mount.



PHOTO BY EDMEE HASLER

Byrd's Shaun Gower(left) battles a Northside player for the ball in last Friday's win.

Boys' rally falls short against Fleming

The William Byrd boys split two Blue Ridge District soccer games in the past week, winning at Northside last Friday before falling to William Fleming in Vinton Tuesday. Both games were decided by one goal.

Byrd took a 3-2 win at Northside on a cold and windy night.

"We opened the match playing into the wind, but it did not have an adverse effect on our play," said Terrier coach Russell Dishman. "We were able to build and create chances, we just struggled to finish and they created a challenge as they would counter."

The Terriers scored midway through the first half as Tyson Brady found Ethan Sutton wide in the attacking third and Ethan was able to play Sergio Garcia inside the 18. Garcia turned his defender and finished his chance on the near side in the top corner.

"At half time we talked about how Northside would increase the pressure as we came back on," aid Dishman. "They opened the half drawing level within the first minute."

The second half was scoreless, sending the game into overtime. Byrd then took the lead on a Dexter Gaines goal off a throw in by Sutton, scoring

from just over 35 yards out.

"If the VHSL had a Puskas Award, that goal should be in consideration," said Dishman. "A driven ball from that distance after separating from his defender was awesome."

Garcia scored an insurance goal and Byrd picked up a big win.

Tuesday at home the Terriers dropped a 4-3 game to Fleming, their second one-goal loss to the Colonels in a span of eight days.

"Like the previous meeting we struggled early," said Dishman. "We struggled to protect dangerous spaces midway through the first half and they were able to take advantage of those errors."

Fleming scored three first half goals, then added a fourth off a free kick after intermission. Byrd then rallied on goals by Ben Guertin and Garcia to make it 4-2, and the Terriers cut the lead to one when Fleming was called for a hand ball in the box and Guertin converted to make it 4-3. However, that was as close as the Terriers would get and Fleming escaped with the win.

Byrd is now 4-2-2 and the Terriers will head to Daleville Friday for a Blue Ridge District game with Lord Botetourt.



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Riley Spradlin throws one in for the Byrd girls.

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Left, Byrd pitcher Brogan Dent covers the plate as a Hidden Valley runner attempts to score in Saturday's game at Hidden Valley. Right, Hayden Eads is safe at second.

Terriers head to Tennessee for three ballgames this weekend

The William Byrd baseball team will leave the state for the second time this season when the Terriers head to Tennessee for three games in the "Tribe Classic" in Bristol this weekend. Byrd previously played in an event in Greensboro, NC over spring break.

The Terriers will play two games on Friday, taking on host Tennessee High at 3:30 pm and Elder High at 5:45 pm. Both games will be played at the Tennessee High field in Bristol. On Saturday Byrd is at Dobyns-Bennett High for an early game at 10:30 am.

The Terriers head to Rocky Top with a 6-3 record after completing a season sweep of Blue Ridge District rival William Fleming on Tuesday. This one was in Roanoke as Byrd took an 18-0 win, outscoring the Colonels by a combined score of 54-0 in their two meetings. Once again, Byrd coach Jason Taylor did his best not to embarrass the struggling Fleming team.

"Several starters took the game off," he said. "It gave some of the players that have had limited playing time a chance to be on the field."

Landon Haithcock tied a single game record with four singles and he had two runs batted in and scored twice. Noah Thompson had two doubles and three RBIs, Logan Beavers had two hits and drove in three and Jarrett Shepherd scored twice and drew two of the team's 16 walks for the game.

Five different pitchers threw one inning each for Byrd, Cooper Minnix, Torin Bundy, Israel Hairston, Keller Spraker and Haithcock. They combined

to strike out 12 batters among the 15 possible outs before the game was called by slaughter rule.

Last Saturday afternoon at Hidden Valley it wasn't as easy, as the Terriers dropped a 4-3 game to the homestanding Titans. Brogan Dent got the start on the mound and pitched five solid innings but was the victim of three unearned runs. He struck out four and walked three before Blake Glover pitched the sixth.

"Brogan is pitching well, we just have not been clean behind him," said Taylor. "We had two walks and two errors in the inning they scored three runs. Not a good combination."

Byrd was shut out through six innings before a late rally in the top of the seventh on a three run homer by Ian Burnett into the leftfield trees. Hairston had three hits, including two doubles, but the Terriers wasted several opportunities to score and it cost them the ballgame.

"We had six stolen bases, but two baserunning mistakes that hurt us at key times," said Taylor. "We continue to be our own worst enemy. We committed six errors and Hidden Valley took advantage of our mistakes. They are playing well right now and with confidence."

"We will get to that point. The kids' will, desire and the 'no quit' effort is strong. When we put it together, look out."

The Terriers go to Franklin County next Tuesday.



PHOTOS BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Above, William Byrd's Annika Hylton beats the Hidden Valley goalie to score her 100th career high school goal, and right she jumps for joy to celebrate the score in a close game at Bogle Stadium Monday.

Hylton scores 100th career goal for WB lax team

The William Byrd girls dropped a 13-10 decision to Hidden Valley in lacrosse Monday night, but the game was highlighted by Annika Hylton's 100th career goal.

Hylton, a junior, found the net late in the third quarter in a close game at Roanoke County's Bogle Stadium. It was her third goal of the night and the 100th of her career as she closes in on the school record of 109 by Madeline Pruzan.

It's been a tough couple years for Hylton, who lost her mother to cancer in 2021 and has used lacrosse to

power through the tough times. She's been a bright spot on the Terrier team as the girls have lost some close games, including Monday's game with Hidden Valley that was tied late in the second half before the host Titans prevailed.

"It's an impressive achievement to make that milestone in her junior season," said Byrd coach Dan Eberhardt. "I also anticipate she will set the team goal record this year."

Samantha Martin has also been hot as she scored five goals in Monday's game. Barb Hernandez made



PHOTOS BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Left, Byrd's Carson Nichols is hit by a Hidden Valley defender but not before he gets off a shot and scores in Monday's win. Right, Elliott Gaines isn't fazed as he fires a shot on goal for the Terriers.

Byrd boys are 3-2

The William Byrd boys' lacrosse team is 3-2 after defeating Hidden Valley Monday night. Byrd took an 8-5 win at Roanoke County's Bogle Stadium.

"Really proud of how our guys responded to a stressful few days," said coach Will Satterfield. "We were forced to make some personnel changes on Varsity and JV and this was our first game after those changes. Guys had to get used to the changes quickly, and while it showed overall I was proud of how they rallied behind one another and got a great road win over a determined Hidden Valley team."

The win followed a 9-7 loss to Cave Spring in Vinton last Thursday.

"Lost a tough game against a good Cave Spring team," said Satterfield. "We missed some opportunities in the second half that may have changed the outcome of the game. We have absorbed some injuries in key places and have asked younger players to step up and they have."

Byrd was scheduled to host Jefferson Forest on Wednesday, and next Monday, April 15, the Terriers are at Salem. The Spartans are 4-0 with big wins over Virginia Episcopal and North Cross.

"We are getting ready to start a really hard stretch in our schedule so our teams need as many reps together as possible," said Satterfield. "Looking forward to watching this team grow and develop together."