

# 2024 Vinton Dogwood Festival April 26-27

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# W.E. Cundiff Elementary celebrates 50th anniversary

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W.E. Cundiff Elementary School celebrated its 50th anniversary with a "Cheers to 50 Years" open house on April 21. Guests were invited to "Rediscover the Past, Embrace the Present, and Discover the Future." The school (originally named Hardy Road Elementary for its location) first opened in August 1972 with 732 students and Frank Stone as principal. Stone served until 1988 and was followed by Jackie Glover until 1988, then Sherry Bryant until 2017, when Ashley McCallum was appointed. In fact, Stone was McCallum's principal when she attended the school. Stone and Bryant were

able to attend the open house, along with Lorraine Lange and Deanna Gordon who served at Cundiff as teachers and assistant principals before advancing to become Roanoke County school superintendents. Former students and colleagues were delighted to see teacher Mary Neal, who opened the school with Stone in 1972 as a first grade teacher.

School Board member Tim Greenway noted that he attended Hardy Road Elementary, as did Tammy Shepherd who currently represents Vinton on the Roanoke County Board of Supervisors. Laurie Mullins, who serves on Vinton Town Council, was also a Cundiff student.

The gym, cafeteria,  
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**W.E. Cundiff Elementary past and present administrators, faculty, staff, students, and families attended the celebration of the school's 50th anniversary on April 21. Shown standing left to right are Roanoke County Schools Superintendent Dr. Ken Nicely, former teacher Amy Shank, former principal Sherry Bryant, former teacher, assistant principal and school superintendent Lorraine Lange, current principal Ashley McCallum, and former teacher, assistant principal, and superintendent Deanna Gordon. Seated is Frank Stone, Cundiff's first principal.**



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**Vinton Town Council members and mural artist Jon Murrill celebrate the completion of Lady Appalachia in downtown Vinton. Pictured left to right are Council members Keith Liles and Sabrina McCarty, Mayor Brad Grose, Council member Laurie Mullins, and artist Jon Murrill.**

## Vinton welcomes Murrill's Lady Appalachia mural

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Local artist Jon Murrill has noted that a mural can have more than one purpose. It can be purely visual, tell a story, or enrich a community. His newly completed mural in downtown Vinton accomplishes all of these. It is the first in a series of murals he plans throughout the region and state, entitled "Lady Appalachia."

Vinton Town Council and staff and other members of the community gathered at the Town Annex Building on Pollard Street on April 22 to welcome Lady Appalachia to Vinton. Deputy Town Manager Cody Sexton said that while it is somewhat difficult to "unveil" a mural that is some 22 feet tall and whose creation has been watched by the entire town, the town can "launch" Lady Appalachia to the world.

Vinton Mayor Brad Grose noted that art says a lot of different things to people and this piece says a lot about the Town of Vinton and its willingness to participate in

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**The 2024 Golden Apple Award winners were announced at a ceremony at the Vinton War Memorial on April 17. Pictured left to right are Green Apple winner Bailey Divers (W.E. Cundiff), Red Apple winner Rose Biggio (Oak Grove Elementary), Golden Apple winner Dr. Matt Neale (Hidden Valley High School), Red Apple winner Erin Edmonds (Glenvar High School), and Red Apple winner Tracy Addison (William Byrd Middle School).**

## Vinton area teachers win prestigious Apple Awards

The 2024 Golden Apple Teacher of the Year Awards ceremony was held at the Vinton War Memorial on April 17. Several teachers from Vinton area schools were winners and finalists. The awards are presented by the Roanoke County

Public Schools Education Foundation.

The top award winner, receiving the Golden Apple Award, is Dr. Matt Neale who teaches English and journalism at Hidden Valley High School. As the Golden Apple winner, Neale becomes the

Roanoke County Public Schools nominee for the 2025 Virginia Teacher of the Year Award. He thanked the foundation for the honor, saying, "I love my job where everyday we can make a

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## Countdown to 69th Annual Vinton Dogwood Festival April 26-27

The 69th Annual Vinton Dogwood Festival is scheduled for April 26 and 27 in downtown Vinton.

The festival opens on Friday, April 26, with a concert at the Vinton Farmers' Market from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. featuring "The Frequency Band" playing hits from across the decades from the '60s, '70s, '80s, and beyond. Admission is \$5. There will be a beverage garden and food truck on site.

The Dogwood Festival runs from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, April 27, with over 180 craft and business vendors, festival foods, and entertainment, including:

- Vinton Farmers' Market stage:**
  - 10 a.m., William Byrd Jazz Band
  - 11 a.m., Tim Martin and Brian Wheeling Duo
  - 12 p.m., Rare Form
  - 1 p.m., Jerry Wimmer and Terry Hannabass
  - 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Kids Zone and Petting Zoo, large inflatables, STEM activities, games, crafts, entertainment and more
- Vinton Baptist Church Parking Lot Stage:**
  - 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Craft show
  - 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., World Tai Chi Day Performance
  - 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Mason Creek Bluegrass

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# Dogwood Festival

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Lee Avenue, Pollard Street, and Maple Street:  
• 10 a.m. 4-p.m., Retail Showcase vendors and food vendors

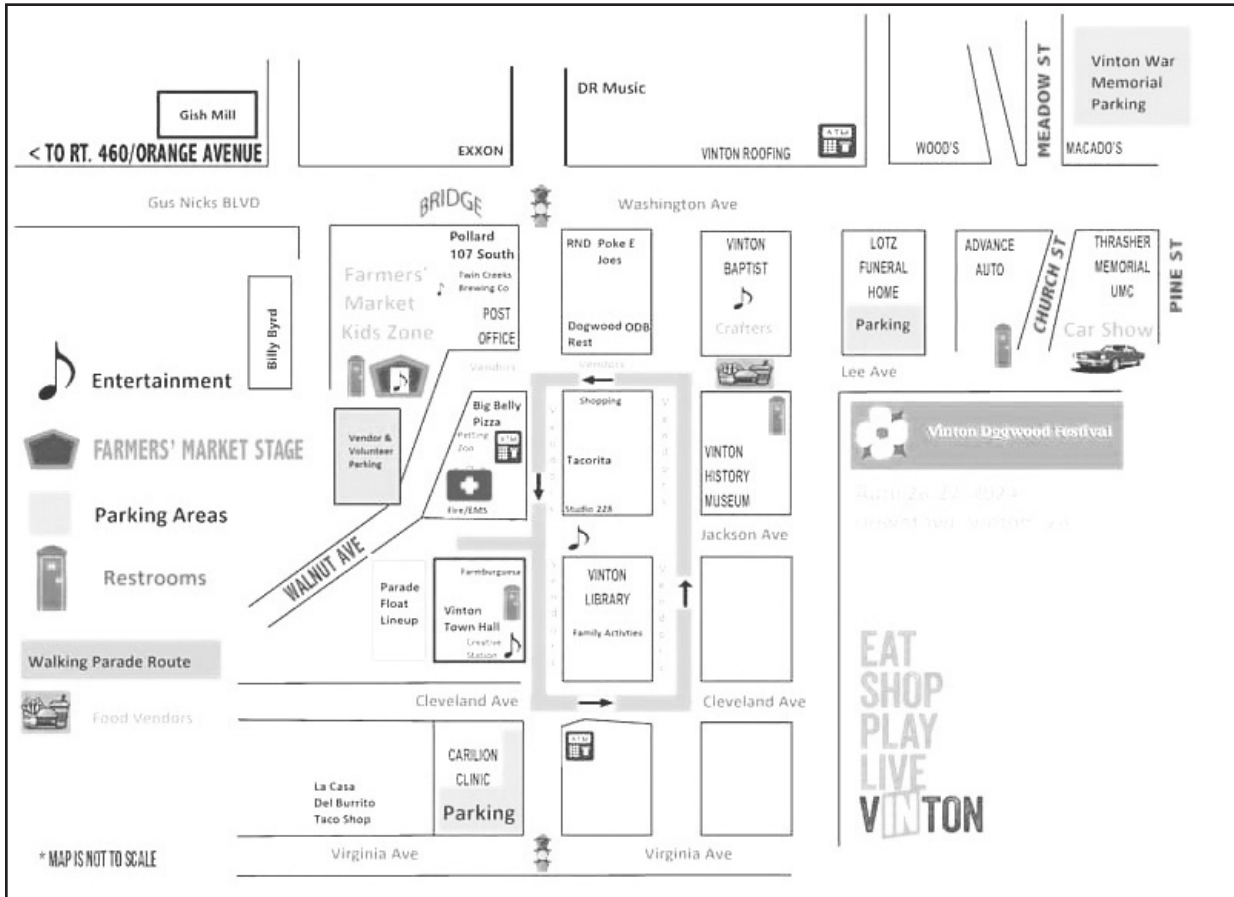
**Vinton Municipal Building Stage:**  
• 10 a.m., Gurlz with Attitudes  
• 11 a.m., singer Karlee Raye  
• 12 noon, Crowning of Dogwood Queen and presentation of Dogwood Court, soloist Floyd Boone, comments by Mayor Brad Grose  
• 12:30 p.m., Karlee Raye  
• 1:30 p.m., Island Trio Band

**Streets of downtown Vinton:**  
• 2 p.m., “Dogwood Stroll Walking Parade” through downtown on Pollard Street, Cleveland Avenue, Maple Street, Lee Avenue— sports teams, youth and children’s groups, dance teams, hobby groups, drama groups, musicians, mascots, etc. are encouraged to participate. The stroll will be a half-mile walking parade in downtown Vinton.

**Thrasher Memorial lower parking lot:**  
• 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., AACA Antique Car Show Pollard Street and Jackson Avenue (near the former Hemp Mill and Vinton Library):  
• 11 a.m. and 1 p.m., Old Bay Circus Company featuring Michael Rosman, tightrope walking, aerial work, juggling and comedy.

**Vinton History Museum**  
• Tours and exhibits open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
**Vinton Library “Branching Out”**  
• Family Activity Area at the Vinton Library – giant yard games, chalk art, obstacle course, slime table, prize wheel, RCACP Adoption Fair, selfie station, and more

**Corner of Pollard Street and Cleveland Avenue**  
• 10 a.m. to 1:45 p.m., Creative Station—interactive, create a “Shoobox Float” or “Kind Word Sign” and walk in the Dogwood Stroll Walking Parade. Free kazoo and balloon animals will be



**Dogwood Festival Map**

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available for parade participation.

**Twin Creeks Creek Bank Stage**  
• 4 p.m., Area 51 Band and other entertainment

Walnut Avenue, Lee Avenue, Jackson Avenue, and Maple Street will be closed in the downtown Vinton area for the Dogwood Festival beginning at 6 a.m. on Saturday, April 27.

Portions of Pollard Street, Cleveland Avenue,

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Thirteen William Byrd student athletes signed letters of intent on April 23 to continue their athletic careers at the college level. Pictured, front row (left to right), are Emma Kageals, Sheradyn O’Neill, Abbie Fitzgerald, and Gracie Mick; and back row Julian Pantoja, Reagan Lilley, Wyattte Bailey, Donald Mullins, Bricen Lancaster, Cooper Minnix, Brayden Andrews, and Lane Shoemaker. (Michael Hoyos is not pictured).

## William Byrd athletes sign letters of intent to continue academic and athletic careers at collegiate level

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Thirteen William Byrd High School student athletes in six different sports signed letters of intent to continue their educations and athletic careers at the collegiate level during a commitment ceremony at WBHS on April 23.

They are football players Brayden Andrews (Roanoke College), Lane Shoemaker (Roanoke College), Bricen Lancaster (Catawba College), and Cooper Minnix (Shenandoah University); track athletes Wyattte Bailey (William & Mary), Reagan Lilley (Emory & Henry), and Donald Mullins (Emory & Henry); swimmer Michael Hoyos (Roanoke College); lacrosse player Julian Pantoja (Virginia Wesleyan College); softball player Abbie Fitzgerald (Eastern Mennonite); and cheerleaders Emma Kageals (Virginia Tech), Sheradyn O’Neill (Roanoke College), and Gracie Mick (Roanoke College).

Principal Tammy Newcomb congratulated the athletes and their families, noting that only about 1% of high school athletes advance to play at the next level.

Football coach Brad Lutz introduced members of the football team. He expressed his pride in the group for their hard work and “representing us well” and thanked their families for their support. He reminded students to be thankful for those who have had pivotal roles in their success.

Brayden Andrews had 164 carries for 827 yards and 12 touchdowns in rushing yards and 12 catches for 123 yards, and 1 TD in receiving. He made 2nd Team All-Blue Ridge District

and 2nd Team All-Region 3D as a running back and had “one of the most impactful touchdowns runs in school history at the regional championship game.” His parents are Laurel and Ryan Andrews.

Lane Shoemaker was a leader “on the best defense in school history,” with 23 carries for 130 rushing yards and 4 TDs, 23 tackles, 5 TFLs (tackles for loss), 2.5 sacks, and one fumble recovery in defense. He was named to 2nd Team All-Blue Ridge District as a linebacker. His parents are Christina and Tim Shoemaker.

Bricen Lancaster made five out of six field goals (the longest was 33 yards), 70 kick-offs with 30 touchbacks and 36 in which the opponent was pinned inside the 20, and a punting average of 35.7 yards. He was named to 1st Team All-Blue Ridge District as a kicker and punter and 2nd Team All-Region 3D as a kicker. His record makes him the second in school history for field goals in a season (five). His parents are Lori and Chad Lancaster.

Cooper Minnix had 27 catches, 365 yards, and 3 TDs. He made 2nd Team All-Blue Ridge District as a wide receiver. He is the ninth all time in school history for yards in a career. “His touchdown against the red team was the biggest catch in his career.” His parents are Heather and Allen Minnix.

Coach Junius Pannell introduced students signing letters of intent to continue in track at the college level.

“Wyatte Bailey is gearing up to head to William & Mary to continue his academic and student athlete career to study chemistry/biology. Wyattte

is currently the school record holder in the pole vault for indoor and outdoor. He is the fourth fastest guy in 400m— all time. He is an Adidas indoor track All-American in the sprint medley relay. He has traveled to Vegas to compete; he has won a state championship during indoor, and Wyattte still finds the time to help teammates achieve their goals of clearing the bar for the first time when they are newcomers to the event. I have always appreciated Wyattte’s ability to remain humble and his ability to take coaching.” His parents are Angela and Jeremy Bailey.

“Reagan Lilley is preparing to go to Emory & Henry to compete in cross country and track & field while studying business administration. He has shown nothing but hard work since his freshman year. He fell in love with running and improving himself. For instance, Reagan was a 23-minute 5K runner and now he is a 17 minute, 49 seconds 5K runner freshman to senior year. Freshman year he was a 2:41 800m runner and at our home invitational in the freezing cold he ran a 2:13 personal record in the 800m. Reagan is an all-region, all-district, state qualifier, who works hard at his craft. His parents are Jamie Powell and Larry Lilley.

“Donald Mullins is also going to Emory & Henry to run cross country and track & field, studying exercise science. Donald was never interested in running when he first got to WBHS; it was all basketball, basketball, and more basketball. I remember asking Donald about running track, and he laughed at me. He finally

decided to come out and told me he was sprinter. After a meet at Staunton River, he came to me and said that sprint life was not for him, and he wanted to run the 800m and he just missed state qualifying and that is when he fell in love with the sport and doing what it takes to get better. Donald is an Adidas All-American, state qualifier, all-region and all-district athlete.” His parents are Mercedes and Donald Mullins.

Swim Coach Krista Martin introduced Michael Hoyos.

“Michael was our team captain this year with a great season. He was our Blue Ridge District champion in the 200 freestyle, and he finished fourth at Regionals in the 200 freestyle where he advanced to state. Michael was also an integral part of our state relays. I have been lucky enough to coach Michael for the last five years. He is a very proficient swimmer and he’s always been willing to do our longest distance events anytime we needed him to (which was quite often). Michael always had a plan for a race whether it was an individual race or a strategy for a relay. I appreciate everything Michael put into this team. He plans to go into pre-law and swim at Roanoke College next year. You have a promising career and life ahead of you, Michael.” His mother is Candice Hoyos.

Boys lacrosse coach Will Satterfield introduced Julian Pantoja and expressed his heartfelt gratitude for Pantoja’s impact on the team. “Julian has worked harder than any player I have ever coached.” He noted that lacrosse is a “tough sport where the student attempts to get in the way of a solid rubber

ball with a steel core.” Julian’s parents are Kelly and John Hickey.

Softball coach Greg Barton introduced Abbie Fitzgerald, saying that “she had a dream and fulfilled that dream through setbacks, adversity, and injuries. She is big in church and her faith has kept her on track.” Her parents are Mary Barnett and Donald Fitzgerald.

Cheer coach Dee-Anne Dillon introduced three cheerleaders who will continue their sport in college.

“Emma Kageals started on the varsity sideline beginning her freshman year— one of only two freshmen to make the varsity squad that year. She has also been on the competition team all four years. She served as captain of both teams her senior year. She is one of the most well-rounded student athletes we have. She not only excels in athletics, but in academics as well. She will be graduating with honors as a valedictorian. Emma strives for excellence in everything she does. She puts in the work in the classroom and in her extra-curricular activities. She is a multi-sport athlete with many honors. She holds the school record in the 55m hurdles and long jump. She was named All-Region in track for three years, and has received All-District, All-Region, All-State, and All-American honors in competition cheer. Virginia Tech is lucky to have her as a student athlete and we are excited to see her continue to wear maroon and orange.” Her parents are Todd and Amy Kageals.

“Sheradyn O’Neill has



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Staff and volunteers at the Vinton History Museum and guests celebrated the museum's 35th anniversary on April 22. The celebration coincides with the kick-off of their fundraising campaign to add a cargo/accessibility lift to the building. Funds were collected in the museum's antique rocking butter churn.

# Happy 35th Birthday, Vinton History Museum!

The Vinton History Museum celebrated its 35th anniversary on April 22, combined with the kick-off of a fundraising campaign to add a cargo/accessibility lift to the museum. The party included cake, hourly door prizes, free Christmas ornaments, and museum tours. Museum staff and volunteers "churned it up" by accepting donations for the "Rising to New Heights Cargo/Accessibility Lift" in an antique rocking butter churn throughout the afternoon. Their goal is to collect \$60,000 for the project.

The project aims to enhance accessibility, safety, and community engagement by addressing

the current challenge of access to the museum's second floor. The second floor is now accessible only via a steep set of stairs, original to the Upson home built in 1906.

The lack of accessibility creates a significant barrier for senior and physically challenged individuals, hindering their ability to view and use historic items on the second floor.

The cost of the project is estimated to be approximately \$170,000. The museum has about \$60,000 set aside in funds accumulated throughout the years, along with some grant funding, leaving about \$60,000 to raise.

As an active participant in the town's revitalization efforts, the Vinton

Historical Society is dedicated to the realization of the town's 2020-2025 Strategic Plan concerning enhancing the town's infrastructure and livability.

To make a donation, contact Fundraising Chair Mary Beth Layman at 540-655-3563 or museum Executive Director Judy Cunningham at 540-342-8634— or stop by the Vinton History Museum during their hours of operation on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, and first Saturdays between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. The museum is located at 210 East Jackson Avenue in downtown Vinton.

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# Letters for Lindsey

Petty Officer 3rd Class Lindsey Weightman-Carner, the wife of Vinton native Marine Cpl. Sam Carner, is in the U.S. Navy, stationed in Coronado, Calif. She is currently deployed in the South China Sea on the USS Theodore Roosevelt. When she returns to her home to San Diego, she will have been deployed for eight months. The 5,000-member crew works 12-hour shifts with no days off for the duration of the mission.

U.S. military troops not only put their lives on the line every day, but they are also separated from spouses and family. They need support from "back home," as the emotional struggle can really take its toll.

On behalf of Lindsey and her crew mates, the Weightman and Carner families are asking people to send letters of encouragement and support. Lindsey said they especially love letters and drawings from kids.

This would be a great educational and mission experience for preschools, church groups, daycares, and families, etc.

Letters can be dropped off at Lynn Haven Baptist Church during office hours or in the drop box near the office door. Please bring letters by, on or before May 18 as it takes 30 days for them to reach the carrier.

The Chicago area native is a well-

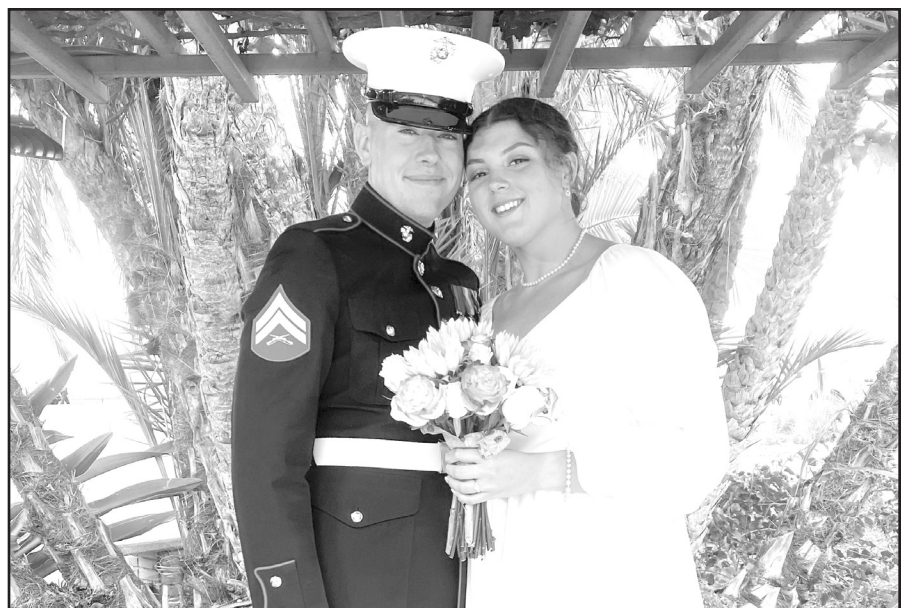


Lindsey Weightman-Carner, wife of Vinton native Marine Cpl. Sam Carner, is serving in the U.S. Navy, deployed in the South China Sea.

decorated sailor, including the honor of Junior Sailor of the Year for the West Coast Navy. With that achievement, she was awarded an honorary helicopter bearing her name. In the past few days, she has received an award from President Biden and another one signed by her Commodore.

The Carner and Weightman families are very grateful for your support. They also wish to extend a very special thank you to all who have served in our military; both past and present.

Submitted by Cheryl Carner of Vinton



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Lindsey Weightman-Carner with husband Sam Carner

# WILLIAM BYRD HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLLS

William Byrd High School has announced the names of students who excelled to make the A and A/B Honor Rolls for the third nine weeks of the 2023-24 school year.

## A HONOR ROLL

12th grade: Benjamin Abbott, Luke Abbott, Dakota Adams, Erin Adkins, Olaedo Anyanwu, Wyatte Bailey, Jayla Barger, Sylvia Bautista, Ashley Begasse, Titus Blalock, Sydney Blewett, Xachary Brogan, Eva Brown, Terran Brown, Jordan Bryant, Cody Burkett, Abigail Bush, Cindel Camper, Tyler Ciafardini, Devin Colgan, Emily Cook, Staceyjo Cook, Jordan Crowell, Elizabeth Dixon, Sali Doura, Mandolin Draper, Phoenix Eanes, Seth Emore, Kadence Fernatt, Noah Franks, Lance Freeidle, Dexter Gaines, Elliott Gaines, Aaron Glass, Claire Glover, Joshua Hardy, Britton Harnish, Kaliyah Harris, Sawyer Harris, Donald Hodges, Taryn Hodges, Makenna Jacobsen, Zachary James, Emma Kageals, Gretchen Kinney, Camden LaPradd, Keila Leonel Castro, Christian Lovern, Mariah Majkowski, Payton Martin, Allyson Mavredes, Sean Minnix, Aiden Moore, Jair Morales, Tracy Nguyen, Kallie Niday, Hannah O'Brien, Julian Pantoja, Braedon Scruggs, Benjamin Sink, Dominic nasir Smith, Emily Sowers, Samantha Start, Karli Stephenson, Emily Tuck, Jovie Underwood, Chloe Varney, Alexis Ware, Trenton West, Meghan White, Brooke Wimmer, Dakota Wright, Griffin Yakob

11th Grade: Ava Ashworth, Kassius Ayres, Carson Bivens, Carson Bramble, Brooke Brant, Hunter Butterworth, Graylen Castleberry, Hayden Davis, Abigail Day, Graysen Divers, Caleb Dogan, Camryn Dullaghan, Carson Gill,, Ethan Haston, Luke Hemming, Jada Johnson, Lillian Johnson, Mallory Johnson, Kendall Lecas, Kaylee Makuch, Emma Matthews, Genevieve Paul, Madelyn Pittman, Marcayla Poindexter, Ethan Powell, Meera Raichura, Sean Rickman, Elyse Rider, Emma Rupe, Vanessa Sattah, Ian Sigmon, Benjamin Singh, Gregory Stiltner, Kayleigh Taylor, William Thompson, Mary Wray, Virginia Yonce

10th Grade: Kyndall Agee, Joshua Allen, Andrew Bartley, Ainsley Bolen, Braedon Booth, Abigail Brigdon, Sophia Brown, Caleb Brunk, Kaylin Bumgarner, Olivia Bustamante, Marissa Camper, Tyler Chambers, Addison Clark, Asher Claybrook, Bladimir Cortes Martinez, Ashton Dillon, Paul Ferreebe, Katelynn Franks, Elizabeth Gheen, Sofia Gonzalez, Keegan Harnish, Jaden Holmes, Owen Humphreys, Macabe James, Brooke Justus, Tatianna Kubik, Lindsay Murtaugh, Emily Ngo, Jayden Niday, Lillian Perez, Mallory Peroulas, Bethany Pittenger, Gabrielle Romeo, Kyle Saccocci, Keith Schult, Jr., Makenzie Scott, Ethan Sutton, Annabelle Teague, Lucy Whitenack, Noah Williams, Darin Witcher, Peyton Wright

9th Grade: Alyssa Abdelhadi, Erica Barton, Ava Betterton, Janelle Bibby, Aubrey Blewett, Madelyn Brown, Victoria Chang Leon, Addison Collins, Chase Daugherty, Colter Dean, Heidi Dixon, Lanaiya Hardy, Aaron Hemming, Sophie Hoagland, Cole Johnston, Evelyn Jones, Britton Jordan, Vincent Liu, Olivia Long, Olivia Lorek, Emma Milliron, Tyler Minnix, Elena Mullen, Sarah Nguyen, Carly Norton, Kendall Norton, Brody Parrish, Thomas Purcell, Jamya Rosborough, Abigail Saritelli, Aubrey Sink, Ramsay Stephens, Hayden Sutphin, Zane Telsch, Gavin Thornton, McKaylaTingler, Sydney Tuck, Kalen Watkins, Owen Webb, Heidi Wienke, Maggie Zimmerman

## A/B HONOR ROLL

12th Grade: Sarah Addo, Brooklyn Arven, A'Mari Banks, A'Mont Banks, Dalton Beckner Pollard, Lillian Betterton, Jaslyn Bibby, Caitlin Bishop, Kaylee Blackwell, Natalie Blevins, Jocelyn Brigdon, Sydney Brown, Sydney Bunce, Dylan Burkett, Ian Burnett, Landon Caldwell, Dylan Callahan, Logan Carpenter, Marc Carroll, Alexandra Chaney, Alexis Christensen, Zachary Claybrook, Dillon Colgan, Curtis Dillon, Aiden Dogan, Lee Doss, Dominic Dulak, Carter Dullaghan, Camryn Eaker, Aidan Elina, Avery Fay, Landyn French, David Gaspar Cabrera, James Glover, Leigha Graham Martin, Benjamin Guertin, Israel Hairston, Adam Harris, Autumn Hicks, Jack Hinkle, Matthew Kalb, John Kiker, Reagan Lilley, Thaddeus Lilley, Andrew Lindsay, Alexis Loughlin, Katelyn Lucas, Steven Matar, Gracie Mick, Emma Miller, Kaylee Mitchell, Abigail Moats, Tanner Montgomery, Donald Mullins, Jr., Brycen Nielsen, Nutalya Rivera, Hunter Roberts, Sandy Scott, Alaena Seigler, Noah Shelor, Melinda Smith, Parker Spradlin, Finley Stephens, Mason Teehan, Kenny Trang, Tyler Webster, Madison White, Maddox Wolfe

11th Grade: Layla Bannister, Christian Barbour, Christian Barrette, Thomas Bibby, III, Isaiah Board, Dawson Brinkley, Barry Cheatwood, Erika Coon, Evan Copening, Emma Craddock, Maileigh Culver, Nevaeh Davila, Anthony Davis, Zahara Davis,

Alejandro Dooley, Kaitlyn Duncan, Frank English, McKinley FiGart, Emily Fisher, Skylar Fitzgerald, Lenorah Garcia, Mykiah Garrison, Lacie Gibson, Emily Glass, Kendall Gordon, Payton Hall, Aidan Hardy, Jocelyn Hartman, Riley Helmintoller, Nathan Hiemstra, Megan Higgins, Sophie Holcomb, Allie Jamison, Angela Kim Godines, Kristin Kochendarfer, Sara Lang, Sergio Leon, Max Livingston, Nathaniel Lynn, Hailey Mandakis, Zoey Mann, Ryan Markham, Landon Martin, Samantha Lynn, Aldahir Martinez Garcia, Jenna Matthews, Zachary McAllister, Abigail Mosher, William Obenchain, Grace Onwi, Elizabeth Reid, Blake Richardson, Cesar Rodriguez-Muniz, Nathan Rogers, Johnathan Rozenboom, Jr., Reid Ruble, Jerrett Shepherd, Nathan Short, Josephine Taylor, Lucas Thomas, Jalen Toler, Camden West, Carson Wood, Grace Woodcock, Dakota Woznik

10th Grade: Jeremy Abbott, Joshua Abbott, Noelah Addo, Royce Apple, Ashley Arven, Zachary Bailey, Ryan Barber, Olivia Basham, Kelsey Bell, Sawyer Bolen, Aubrey Booze, Tyson Brady, Jacob Bray, Kendra Brunk, Jenna Bunce, Lily Carrell, Anna Carter, Sydney Coles, Matilyn Cox, Bianca DeMelo, Kendall Dodson, Nevaeh Edwards, Kaden Falu, Cody Gardner, Chloe Gill, Kevin Green, Jr., Benjamin Grimm,

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## CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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- CLUES ACROSS
- 1. North American people
- 6. Chinese surname
- 10. Fit in at the last minute
- 14. "Very" in musical terminology
- 15. Underwater displays
- 17. Crosby's bandmates
- 19. Belong to he
- 20. Informed about the latest trends (archaic)
- 21. Sequences of alternating turns
- 22. Genus of grasses
- 23. Satisfy
- 24. Petty quarrel
- 26. Made level
- 29. Ruler of Iran
- 31. Historical region of Syria
- 32. Food suitable for babies
- 34. Something to lend
- 35. Zone of oceanic trenches
- 37. Philippine island
- 38. Domesticated animal
- 39. Plant of the lily family
- 40. Bluish green
- 41. Tomei, actress
- 43. Without (French)
- 45. Lilly and Manning are two
- 46. Apply pressure to
- 47. Divide in half
- 49. Bad deed
- 50. Don't know when yet
- 53. Hollywood's greatest honor
- 57. Aiming to exhort
- 58. Faked
- 59. A way to pierce
- 60. Midway between north-east and east
- 61. Points
- CLUES DOWN
- 1. Chop up
- 2. Spumante (Italian wine)
- 3. Egyptian goddess
- 4. Split pulses
- 5. Afflict
- 6. Type of area rug
- 7. Tide
- 8. Affirmative
- 9. Sudden change
- 10. One picked
- 11. Debauched man
- 12. Stiff bristles
- 13. Famous arena
- 16. Established rules and methods
- 18. Injection
- 22. Father
- 23. Protein-rich liquids
- 24. He delivers gifts
- 25. Advanced degree
- 27. Fencing swords
- 28. Chinese mountain range
- 29. Shaft horsepower (abbr.)
- 30. Precursor to hemoglobin
- 31. Much \_\_\_ about nothing
- 33. Compound fabric (abbr.)
- 35. A way to act slowly on
- 36. Ottoman military commanders
- 37. Popular kids' network
- 39. Hard compound
- 42. Sympathize with
- 43. Northeast college
- 44. Blood group
- 46. Frosted
- 47. Turn away
- 48. Benefit
- 49. Dry or withered
- 50. Bangladeshi monetary unit
- 51. Reproduced
- 52. Contributes
- 53. Thrust horse power (abbr.)
- 54. Wear
- 55. Promotes retention of water (abbr.)
- 56. Very small

# Beyond Books

By Vinton Library Assistant Molly Meador

The month of May at Roanoke County Public Library is the calm before the storm... the Summer Reading Storm, that is! Take a gander at the fun programs we have planned for this month before we really kick it into gear come June for the start of our Summer Reading Program.

They say April showers bring May flowers, and so do we. By that, I mean it's time for the Vinton Library's Plant Swap! On Saturday, May 11 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. spread smiles by sharing your

plants: bring a plant and exchange it for a plant someone else has brought. Be one of the first 15 participants to bring in a plant and you'll receive a unique bookmark made on our Glow forge.

Let's celebrate National Pet Month with DIY Pet Photo Jewelry! Our pets are our family, so let's make something so we can look at them all the time. Join us on Thursday, May 9, from 11 a.m.-12 p.m. to make your own personalized pet photo necklace or keychain. Register online and email your pet photo jpg file and indicate your preference of a silver keychain or 20"

black satin rope by May 1. See instructions for email online when you register.

Creations and Temptations will be on Saturday, May 25 from 3-4 p.m. This month we are making DIY Confetti Painted Wine Tumblers. Bring your favorite nail polish colors to use or share.

It's time for another Puzzle Race on Saturday, May 18 from 2-4:30 p.m. Register your team online to prove you can solve a jigsaw puzzle faster than anyone else. Come alone or bring friends and family to compete, limited to four to a team.

Saturday Morning Cartoons are back! Join us on the patio, weather permitting, to watch some classic cartoons every Saturday morning from 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. Come by to see what we're showing; we have all kinds of vintage classics from Tom and Jerry to The Flintstones and Loony Toons.

Don't forget to come by the Vinton Community Connection every Friday from 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. for fun programs and activities, camaraderie, and free coffee. This month's programs are as follows:

- May 3- Classic Games
- May 10- Take a walk, chat outside the library, and have a sweet snack
- May 17- Art Fun
- May 24- Remembering Memorial Day
- May 31- Rituals of Death and Dying in

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# OBITUARY

## Eichelman, Carolyn Harr

On Sunday, April 21, 2024, of Salem G.W. Carver, and her final teaching graduated to be home with the Lord. Mrs. Eichelman, a retired Roanoke County teacher turned author, is survived by her beloved husband, Dr. Fred R. Eichelman; two children, Carol Lyn Eichelman Webster and Fredric Roger Eichelman, II; as well as five grandchildren, James William and Michael Fredric Patrick Webster and Anne Marie, Josiah David, and Fredric Charles Eichelman; and one great-grandchild, Lilly Mae Webster.



Mrs. Eichelman was well loved as a teacher and was also called "the hostess with the mostest" for looking after a number of film and TV stars as well as politicians who came to the Roanoke Valley.

Carolyn Eichelman was born in 1936 in Argo, Ky., the only child of Everett and Ida Harr, and raised in Vansant, Va. She attended Grundy High School where she was a member of the Beta Club and played basketball. As head of the Girl Scouts, she succeeded in getting the town council to build a new bridge for the safety of children. She was also active in the Thespians. Her college work was at Radford College, now university, and her training was as a teacher with a business minor. She later did graduate work at the University of Virginia, and received a Master's in Elementary Education and Supervision from Virginia Tech and State University.

Mrs. Eichelman began her teaching career in Roanoke City with Preston Park Elementary. She married Fred R. Eichelman in 1960 and transferred to Roanoke County Schools where Dr. Eichelman was a teacher. Carolyn took a leave of absence while her two children were small and then returned to education as one of the first teachers in the Roanoke City Total Action Against Poverty (TAP) Head Start program. She later transferred to Salem where she was assistant head teacher for the Salem Head Start center. Working with her husband she was instrumental in the integration of the county school system.

After returning to public elementary school education Carolyn Eichelman taught at Conehurst, Academy Street,

run team to write the first state wide curriculum guide for kindergarten. Carolyn Eichelman was a life member of the National Education Association serving many terms as a faculty representative and as a delegate to state and national conventions. She was one of the organizers and early officers in Salem's Jaycettes and active in the Beverly Heights Civic League.

Her activities also extended into politics where she was a delegate to state Republican conventions, was one of the founders of Salem's Republican Women organization and a worker in many political campaigns. She also hosted local Republican gatherings while active within the party.

For over 40 years Mrs. Eichelman was very active as a chairperson for various committees associated with local media conventions. For RoVaCon she was deeply involved in the scholarship program which provided scholarships for dozens of high school seniors. For Rising Star, Starz 2000, Point North † and Happy Trails Virginia Style she was in charge of guest relations in working with film and TV stars. During the last few years Carolyn was very much involved in programs supporting cancer research, something she wrote published articles about, as well as raising money. She also hosted a number of social events in connection with the conventions both at the event itself and the Eichelman home.

In later years, she was a director for Point North † Outreach, Inc. the international Christian media organization. With her husband she encouraged young Christians to go into film and wanting to "walk the walk and

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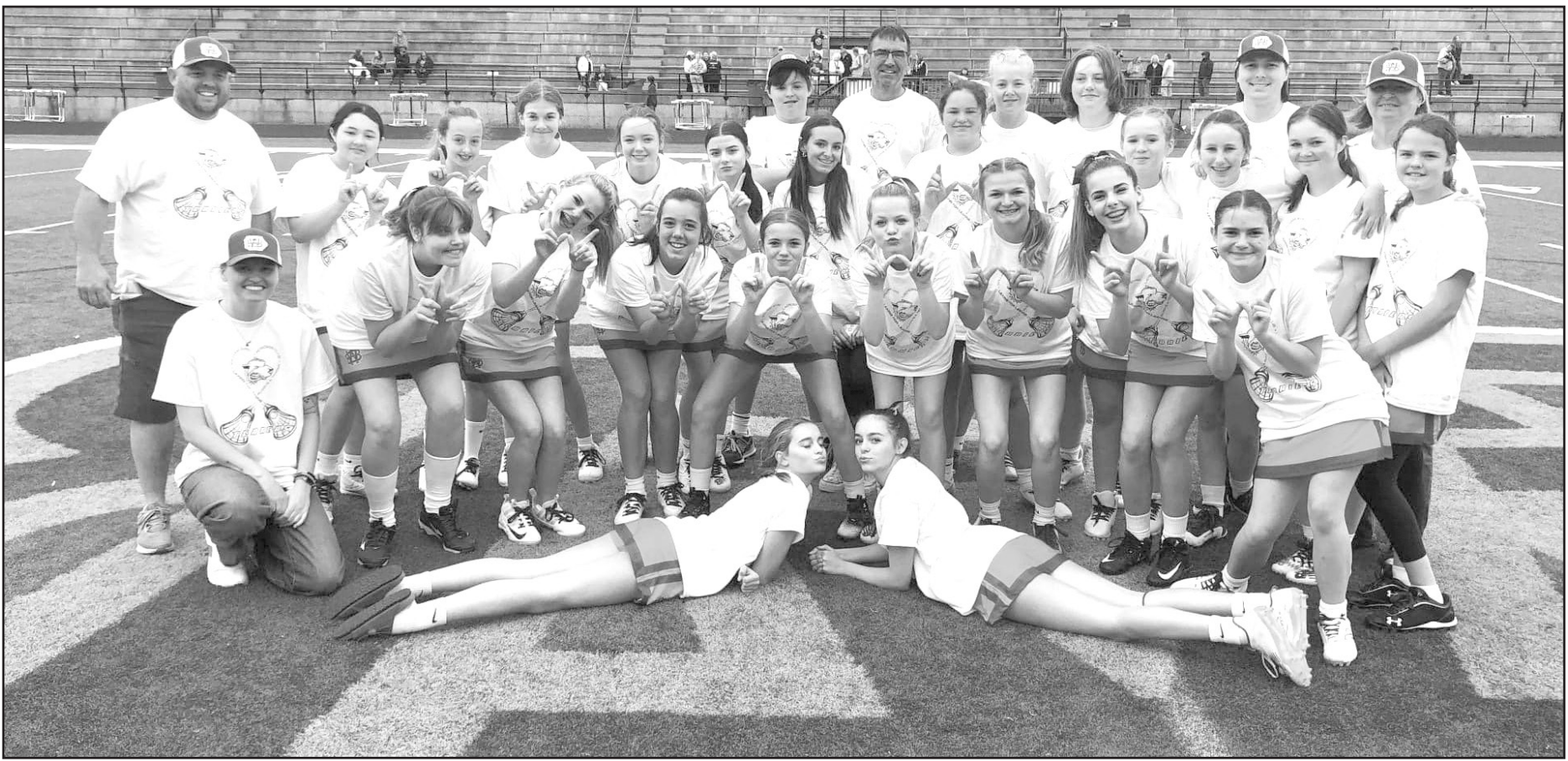
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The lacrosse team with the Fisher family after the win at the “Laxing for Leanne” memorial event.

PHOTO COURTESY OF GLORIA HARRIS

# WBMS Girls Lacrosse Club hosts ‘Laxing for Leanne’

The William Byrd Middle School Girls Lacrosse Club hosted the “Laxing for Leanne Memorial Game” in memory of Leanne Fisher on April 20 at Patterson Stadium in Vinton.

Fisher passed away on November 15, 2023 at the young age of 48. Her husband, David, children Emily, Russell, and lacrosse captain Ryleigh were honored at a ceremony at center field. Also in attendance were Leanne’s parents, other family members, many staff members from William Byrd Middle and High Schools, Deputy Joe Mullins and Tim Greenway, the School Board representative for Vinton. Chuck

Lionberger, the voice of Roanoke County Schools, was the announcer for the day.

WBMS Principal Evan Noell, and WBMS Assistant Principal Katherine Hutchison, along with coaches Harrison Lionberger, Will Smith, and Ryan Hutchison presented a special piece of artwork to the family, drawn by the children’s bus driver, Norman Smith.

Flowers and team hats were presented to the Fishers by members of the WBMS lacrosse family whose parents passed away during their time at Byrd:

- Varsity Head Coach Daniel Ebberhart and his daughter, lacrosse alumni Rachel— Rachel’s mother passed

away on May 18, 2016, at the age of 49.

- Current varsity captain Annika Hylton— Annika’s mother Kim passed away on June 1, 2021, at the age of 55.

- Head William Byrd Middle School coach and alumni Kelsey Harris, and her mother, Gloria Harris, girls lax coordinator— Kelsey’s father passed away on April 23, 2016, at the age of 46.

After the ceremony the girls played a great game of lacrosse against Forest. Gracie Morgan scored her first ever lax goal, with Vicki Smith and Ryleigh Fisher each scoring two goals. The Terriers pulled out the win, 5-2.

“I’m so proud of how hard the girls

played and put their all into the game in honor of Leanne,” said Coach Harris.

It was a great day for all in attendance. A huge amount of pet food was collected and donated to the SPCA, along with \$300, all in Leanne’s honor. WBMS Girls Lax would like to thank Kings Screen, Physicians to Women, WBMS PTO, and Forest Lacrosse for all their support.

-Submitted by Gloria Harris, WBMS Girls Lax Coordinator

# HopeDriven sponsors another successful HeRow Expo event in Vinton

The non-profit HopeDriven organization held its fourth annual HeRow Expo at William Byrd High School on Saturday, April 13—a car, truck, and powersports show where all proceeds are donated to a child with a life-threatening illness.

According to organizers, they are essentially “driven” to help children and their families “find hope in their darkest moments and most difficult of times.” The HopeDriven goal is to have a significant impact on the financial burden these families endure and to “provide them with another reason to fight when they see so many people within their community come together to support them in their time of need. We also know that we can’t possibly help every single family in need, but we can do our part to help as many as we can.”

Each year Mandy Price helps HeRow

Expo select the sponsored child for the fundraising event. She lost her daughter, Rowan, in 2019 to leukemia. Rowan’s spirit and enthusiasm led to the formation of HopeDriven. The HeRow Expo is held each year to honor the impact she had on the community.

This year, the fundraiser benefits 8-year-old Tripp Poats of Roanoke, who was originally diagnosed with leukemia in September 2019 at the age of 3 and underwent 2-1/2 years of chemotherapy. Tripp and his family enjoyed a cancer-free year and a half until his leukemia relapsed in September of 2023. He began treatment locally and suffered some major complications that caused him to be admitted to the hospital and eventually the PICU in Roanoke. His family made the decision to have him transferred to Cincinnati Children’s Hospital to recover from complications and to

continue treatment.

Tripp returned home recently after an inpatient stay of 142 days. He’s doing much better but is still dealing with some of the side effects from the complications around his treatment. He will return to Cincinnati periodically to receive stronger chemotherapies but can take many of the medications at home. He will receive a total of 2-1/2 years of treatment yet again.

Awards are presented in several categories at the HeRow Expo events: the Top 30 in show, People’s Choice, Best Stance/Fitment, and Rowan’s Choice (selected by the sponsored family and given to the overall best vehicle in show).

According to Kevin Jenkins, president of HopeDriven, “We opened the gates early and started registering vehicles at 4:45 and didn’t finish until after 7:30 p.m. We actually had to shut down registration so judges would have time to



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The fourth annual HeRow Expo in Vinton surpassed all previous years in raising funds for a child with a life-threatening illness. This year’s event was held at William Byrd High School.

score all the vehicles before the awards were presented. We’ve never had this issue before, but it was incredible to witness and experience.

“Officially, we registered 202 car show vehicles on Saturday. However, there were north of 230 vehicles inside the parking lot as there were several dozen that didn’t register. This officially makes it the largest HopeDriven car show in our five-year history

of the organization. In addition, we filled up all spectator parking and had to open an entire other section of spectators to fit everyone in.

“We are speechless. We are humbled. We are thankful. This does NOT happen without an incredible community of supporters.”

Organizer Joyce Jenkins says, “It was one of the largest shows in its five-year history. So many car enthusiasts

and fans came out for an 8-year-old with cancer. Such an amazing night!”

While the car show has come and passed, the fundraiser is NOT closed. For information on how to donate, visit the HopeDriven or HeRow Expo 4 Facebook pages.

-Vinton Messenger staff report

# 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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# Roanoke County School Board recognizes Byrd athletes, WBMS nutrition staff; named 11th best school system in the state



The nutrition staff from William Byrd Middle School was recognized at the Roanoke County School Board meeting on April 18, in particular, Susan Holdren (center, with flowers) who is retiring after 35 years of service.

The Roanoke County School Board welcomed several William Byrd athletes and the nutrition associates and managers from William Byrd Middle School at the April 18 meeting.

DeShawn Austin and Wyatt Bailey were recognized for their 2024 VHSL Class 3 Track & Field State Championships— Austin in the 55-meter hurdles and Bailey in the pole vault. Track Coach J. Pannell said that he first met Austin when he was a sixth grader and commented that the state championship was the “his best race and the fastest I have ever seen him run” in the years since. “I am proud of him.”

Pannell thanked School Board representative Tim Greenway and WBHS Principal Tammy Newcomb for their efforts in adding the pole vaulting pit to the Byrd track program which

made possible Bailey’s accomplishments. He noted how hard both Bailey and Austin worked for in their program and for their wins.

Wrestler Darin Witcher (106 pounds) was also recognized for his 2024 VHSL Class 3 state wrestling championship. His coach, Thomas Kessler, described Witcher as a “phenomenal athlete” and a young man of “great character who has had a positive impact on our school.” He’s a great kid on and off the mat. He works hard every day.” The coach also commended Witcher’s parents for making his job easier as a coach in raising such a fine young man.

Assistant Principal Travis Anderson also commended the athletes not just for their accomplishments on the field and mat, but for being of such “high character.”

School Board members

went on to declare May 3 as “School Lunch Hero Day” and introduced the nutrition associates and managers from William Byrd Middle School as representative of the 155 RCPS employees who provide 10,000 meals each school day. Susan Holdren was honored for her 35 years of service to Roanoke County schools (W.E. Cundiff and WBMS), beginning in 1989. She will be retiring at the end of the school year and will always be remembered for “her smile and positive attitude.”

School Superintendent Dr. Ken Nicely announced that the Roanoke County Public School system has been named as the 11th best school district out of 131 school systems in the state and No. 1 west of Charlottesville, according to Niche’s ranking and review site.

~ RCPS



William Byrd athletes Wyatt Bailey and DeShawn Austin were recognized by the School Board for their 2024 VHSL Class 3 Track and Field State Championships. Pictured left to right are Vinton’s School Board representative Tim Greenway, Wyatt Bailey, DeShawn Austin, and Coach Pannell.



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WBHS wrestler Darin Witcher (center) was recognized for his VHSL Class 3 state wrestling championship at the School Board meeting on April 18. He is pictured with School Board member Tim Greenway (on left) and Coach Thomas Kessler.



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The award-winning students in the William Byrd Art Department Show and Sale have been announced. Pictured front row (left to right) are Mariah Garrett, Emerson Abshire, and Cara May; back row, Skylar Edwards, Addison Collins, Retche Kinney, and Daniel Butterworth.

## WBHS Art Award winners announced

Student winners in the 2024 William Byrd High School Art Department Show and Sale have been announced.

- Best in Show: Addison Collins for “Self-Portrait”
- First Place: Retche Kinney, “Flow” (mixed media)
- Second Place: Retche Kinney, “The Killer Klowns Attack”

- Third Place: Daniel Butterworth, “Bumble Time” (digital photograph)
- Honorable Mentions: Mariah Garrett, Skylar Edwards, Cara May, and Emerson Abshire.

Submitted by WBHS Art Teacher Denise Sartell

## Cundiff hosts ‘Bikes and Books’ event

W.E. Cundiff Elementary celebrated the completion of the “One Book, One School” project for this year with the annual “Bikes and Books Night” on April 18.

“Each year the Title I team along with the librarian and reading coach plan out reading events for our school,” explained Kim Garner, reading coach at W.E. Cundiff. “Our theme for this school year was dogs. We had a mystery night called “Who Let The Dogs Out” where students and their parents came in and used clues to determine who let our class pets (little stuffed dogs) out of the building. From there we had a

Pause for Paws community engagement activity where students collected items for the local animal shelters.

“Our second Title I night culminated with the Cundiff Iditarod Challenge after learning about Balto and his adventures. In March, for Read Across Cundiff, all students in grades K-2 received a copy of “Balto” and all students in grades 3-5 received the book “5 True Dog Stories” (which also features Balto). We completed dog-themed activities to supplement our book study on Dr. Seuss’ Birthday.

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## PEOPLE, PLACES AND THINGS

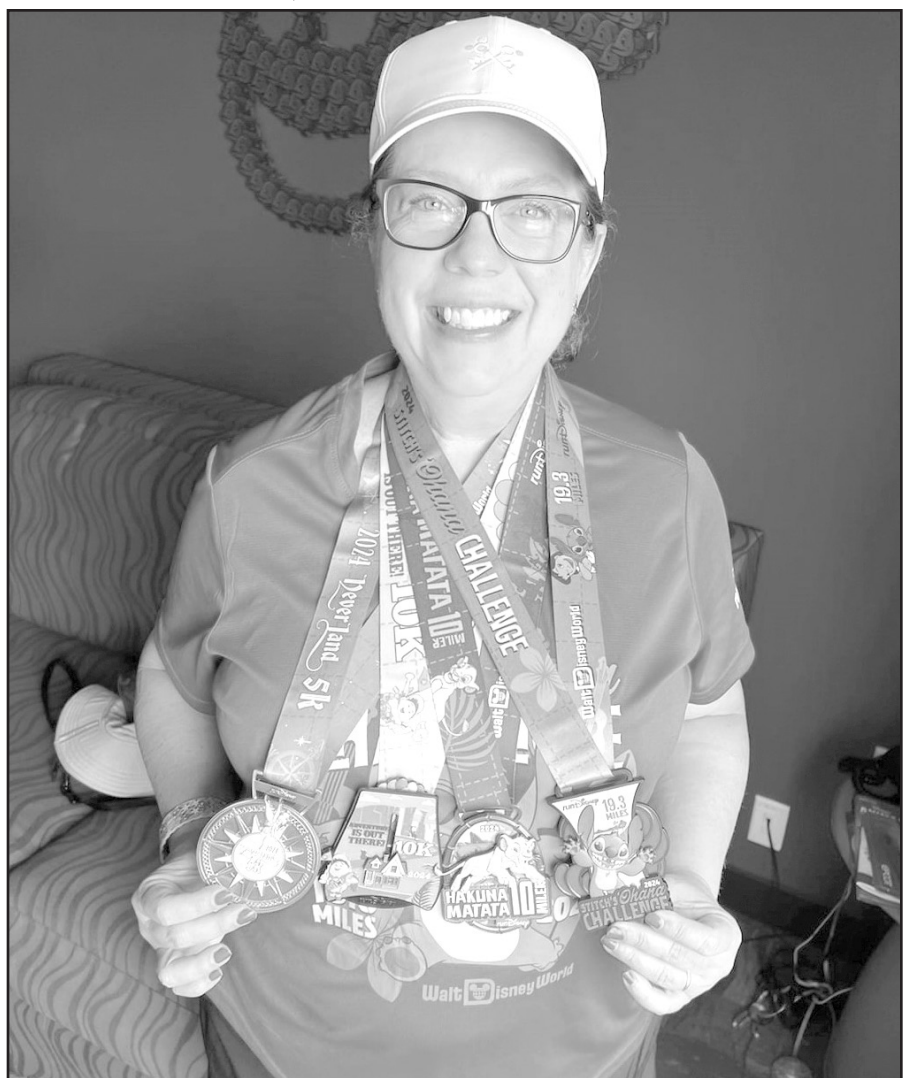


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Deborah Roberts Alvord ran 19.3 miles in the Disney Challenge and collected all these medals.

By Angie Chewning

She did it! After a whirlwind of cleaning out an entire house (Uncle Buddy’s and my grandmother’s belongings) and getting it on the market, Deborah Roberts Alvord finished the Disney 5K Friday; the 10K this past Saturday; and the 10-Mile on Monday, making a total of 19.3 miles, which was the Disney Challenge!

She got a medal for completing each race and another medal for completing the Challenge! Buddy and Naomi were

her cheering squad there and we were all cheering her on from Vinton. She is so happy she could do it. Deborah is the daughter of Naomi Roberts and Buddy Bell.

The Vinton Chamber is accepting sponsors and teams for our Spring Golf Tournament to be held on May 17 at Blue Hills Golf Course. For more information, call the Chamber office at 540-343-1364 or email angie@vintonchamber.com.

Don’t forget the Dogwood Festival this weekend. See ya’ there!

**CROSSWORD ANSWERS**

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## From the Pulpit **By Pastor Bryan Crouch, Lynn Haven Baptist Church**

### A Study of Ephesians — ‘God’s Marvelous Plan’

Our focus at Lynn Haven Baptist Church for 2024 is on Discipleship. Discipleship is the process of becoming more like Christ tomorrow than you were today. We have been going through the Book of Ephesians as a starting point in our discipleship journey. By

chapter 3 we find Paul explaining his “personal calling” to the Gentiles, a “mystery that’s been revealed” to him. In Acts 9 we find this personal calling to the Gentiles and the associated mystery. Saul (Paul’s previous name) met Jesus face-to-face on the road to Damascus where he was blinded and led to a man named Ananias. Saul was one of the greatest persecutors of Christians at the time. The Lord told Ananias that Saul was God’s “chosen instrument to proclaim my name to the Gentiles and their kings and to the people of Israel” (v.15). Once Saul could see again, he was baptized immediately and

began learning from the other disciples. Finally, in Acts 9:20 we see Paul “preaching in the synagogues that Jesus is the Son of God.” Back to Paul’s calling and the related mystery in Ephesians 3:1-6 now. God’s plan all along (the mystery) was that the Jews and Gentiles live united in peace as Christians. All of us being God’s chosen people predestined to work together in unity for the sake of the Kingdom. That’s the BIG REVEAL. We are to share together in the promise of Jesus Christ (v.6). Let’s get to work!

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**Freedom First supplied the sweet treats for W.E. Cundiff’s Bikes and Books Night on April 18.**

“Books and Bikes is our most requested event and the Title I team works hard to connect it to our theme. Students come and ride their bikes and scooters while enjoying a sweet treat provided by Freedom First.

“We also include activities that are connected to the theme so that students can expand their discussions of the book with their families. This year, students read summaries from each True Dog Story and along

with their families, voted on their own “Top Dawg.” Not surprisingly, Balto won! Each student gets to keep their individual copy of the book.” Gardner says there were over 200 participants in “Bikes and

Books” this year. The intent of “One Book, One School” is not only to reinforce reading instruction, but to increase parental involvement and bridge the home-school connections,

building a true community of readers.

*- Vinton Messenger staff report*



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**There were over 200 participants at this year’s Bikes and Books Night at W.E. Cundiff celebrating reading.**

## Books from page 4

**Appalachia**  
This month’s Vinton Book Club pick is “Fuzz: When Nature Breaks the Law” by Mary Roach, which we will discuss on Thursday, May 2 from 3-4 p.m. The As the Page Turns Book Club will discuss “The House Across the Lake” by Riley Sage on Wednesday, May 8 from 2-3 p.m. Be sure to check out these awesome ongoing programs as well:

- Open Bridge meets every Tuesday from 1-4 p.m.
- GED Classes with Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Region 5 Adult Education are on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5-7 p.m. (more

information and sign up at [www.regionfiveadulthood.com](http://www.regionfiveadulthood.com))

- The DMV will be here Thursday, May 2 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. (closing from 12:30-1:30 for lunch)
- The Roanoke Valley Dulcimers meet Saturday, May 18 from 10:15 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
- The Vinton Writers Group will meet Thursday, May 23 from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

May 6-12 is Children’s Book Week! Be sure to stop by the Vinton Library or any other RCPL location for fun activities and a chance to win a prize. This month’s Discovery Time will be on Thursday, May 9, from 11

a.m.-12 p.m. for ages 0-5. Join us in exploring Patterns! There will be stories, a colored necklace activity, and sensory stations. Junior Makers will be on Wednesday, May 15 from 4-5 p.m. for ages 5-10. The theme will be numbers; we’ll be making art with number shapes and making our own mancala boards. This month we will have Storytime on Wednesday May 1, 8, and 15. Toddler Storytime is from 10:30-11a.m.; Preschool Storytime follows from 11:30 a.m.-12 p.m. This month’s theme is Spring! Don’t forget about our awesome ongoing children’s and teen programs:

- Caturday is Saturday, May 4 from 11:30-12:30, register online for your 15-minute slot
  - D& D for teens (and adults!) is on Monday, May 6 from 5:30-7:30 p.m.
  - Anime Club for teens is on Monday, May 13 from 6-7 p.m.
  - Teen Book Chat for middle and high schoolers is on Monday, May 20 from 5-6 p.m.
  - Pokémon Club for grades K-5 will be on Wednesday, May 22 from 4-5 p.m.
- As always, be sure to register for and check out all the programs RCPL has to offer across the county online at [www.rocolibrary.org](http://www.rocolibrary.org).

## Obituary from page 4

not just talk the talk” and she served as an extra in two Christian films made in the Roanoke Valley. Carolyn Eichelman was involved in programs to protect children and adults from abuse and to help children with learning disabilities. She also returned to other loved activities, such as art and landscape planning. Another interest was travel with her husband and her favorite places abroad were England and Spain. Mrs. Eichelman was a member of CommUNITY Church in Salem and prior to that had been a member of First Baptist Church in Roanoke where she has served as a Sunday School teacher and on several committees. Prior to this she was a Sunday School teacher both at Salem Presbyterian and Westminster Presbyterian Churches. In her home, she co-hosted with her husband a monthly Bible Study titled God At The Movies. She also took

part in Bible Study programs and film showings at the Richfield Retirement Community. She was pleased to be considered, with her husband Fred, as an intercessory missionary in visiting and helping their son and family when they served as missionaries in Spain. Her daughter Carol Lyn Eichelman Webster is an award-winning drama and English teacher at William Byrd H. S. in Roanoke County, and her husband Buddy Webster is employed by Fuji. Her son Fred and wife Mary Kay Eichelman are home missionaries who work with international students at Virginia Tech and State University. William Webster is a retired army officer now a general contractor and his wife Dr. Brittany a pharmacist. Annie Eichelman is a social worker in Columbus, Ohio. Josiah and wife Emily Eichelman are engineers in Charlotte, N.C. Michael Webster is with

the Western Virginia Water Authority. Freddy Charles Eichelman is a research assistant at JMU. Carolyn will be deeply missed by her family and her community which extends from England to California. As a survivor of cancer, Carolyn Eichelman was very involved in cancer research and for that reason, requests in lieu of flowers that contributions be made instead to cancer research. Services will be at CommUNITY Church, 1923 E. Main St., Salem, on Sunday, April 28, 2024 at 3 p.m. The viewing will be held one hour prior to the service, beginning at 2 p.m. The officiating Minister will be Pastor Dr. Thomas William McCracken, III. Expressions of sympathy may be sent to [www.simpsonfuneral.com](http://www.simpsonfuneral.com).

## Honor Rolls from page 3

Ryleigh Grubb, Rileigh Hackett, Keegan Harold, Tyler Harris, Alexander Hastings, Luke Helton, Gavin Hilliker, Kaylee Jackson, Taylor Jacobsen, Cary Jones, Tate Kotz, Shelby Krawczyk, Carleigh Leonard, Carter Leonard, Kenady Leonard, Kennedy Lohrmann, Kayla Lovern, Jose Martinez Garcia, Elizabeth Martinez, Ryan McIntyre, Collin Mills, Miley Moses, Charlotte Mullen, Harman Niday, Makiya Price, Meisha Robinson,

Justyn Rozenboom, Ava Sexton, Napiray Sierra Prin, Mitchell Sigafoes, Bryce Simpson, Matthew Sloane, Jr., Jarret Smith, Kyllind Spence, Jamez Roler, Catherine Underwood, Zane Vasser, Joshua Vaughan, Aaron Wood  
9th Grade: Eleanor Ball, Lauren Baringer, Kyle Bell, Ki anthony Blake, Alanah Bonnell, Raegan Bowman, Sage Brown, Lane Brunk, Nate Buck, Ashlyn Cain, Hudson Cain, Ryeli

Catalan, Madison Catron, Jenna Cruz, Alexis Davis, Fallon Davis, Brenda Delgado Garcia, Alyssa Dennis, Carina Dibeneditto, Emmalee Dodson, David Foster, Nathaniel Hale, Jeremiah Harper, Emmalee Harris, Khloe Hart, Austin Hornady, Christopher Hurd, II, Lukas Johnson, Owen Johnson, Alexander Jones, Stella Jones, Cameron King, Joel Kinney, David Krawczyk, Arianna Krista, Isabella Lane, Joseph Madonna, Bradley

Martin, Layla Matz, Sydney Nichols, Giovanni Pandolfini, Sebastian Perdomo, Allison Phillips, Eric Pierce, Luke Richardson, Bruce Robinson, Nathaniel Rucker, Jonah Schofield, Willow Seth, Riley Slusher, Riley Spradlin, Anna Teruel, Lauren Toney, Izabella Trumble, William Turman, Colton West, Connor Whitehead, Aiden Wright.  
*Submitted by WBHS Assistant Principal Travis Anderson*

## Athletes from page 2

been a member of the varsity and competition teams since her freshman year. She exemplifies what a sideline cheerleader should be— full of school spirit, loud, energetic, and happy. She is well-respected by her teammates and peers and served as captain junior and senior year. She is a very hard worker and pushes herself to be the best she

can be. When she suffered a knee injury her senior year and couldn’t compete, she still came to every practice and competition to support her teammates. She has been named an All-American and All-Region athlete.” Her parents are Shani and John O’Neill. “Gracie Mick has been a sideline cheerleader for three years on both JV

and varsity squads. She was a member of the competition team for two years, but suffered a knee injury and was unable to compete senior year. She started out as a competitive gymnast and used those skills to benefit our cheer program. She was one of our most elite jumpers and tumblers. She has worked hard in rehab so she can continue her athletic career.

She is also a member of our track and field teams and will be representing WBHS in the pole vault at the state track and field meet. She is strong academically and will be graduating with honors.” Her parents are Elizabeth and Charles Mick. Dillon thanked all three for their “leadership and dedication. Remember, ‘Once a Terrier, always a Terrier!’”

# Apple

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difference in kids' lives; every kid is just one adult away from having a good life."

Bailey Divers from W.E. Cundiff Elementary is this year's Green Apple winner. This award is given to an outstanding teacher with three years or less of experience.

Red Apple winners are Rose Biggio at the elementary school level (Special Education teacher at Oak Grove Elementary), Tracy

Addison at the middle school level (English teacher from William Byrd Middle School), and Erin Edmonds at the high school level (English and journalism teacher from Glenvar High School).

More than 120 teachers were nominated this year by students, parents, co-workers, and administrators. Those nominated are invited to complete an application form and submit a video of a classroom lesson.

Judges then select the overall winners.

This year's 120 nominees were narrowed down to 24 finalists—11 of those came from Vinton area schools, five from William Byrd Middle School.

"Several Foundation Board members, including myself, served on the selection committee and watched each video submitted by our finalists," said Joseph Higginbotham, president

of the RCPS Foundation. "The selection process was very challenging, and the committee had a difficult time selecting our final winner. We are extremely grateful to have so many outstanding teachers in our schools."

Finalists for the Green Apple Award included: Kristen Canipe (Cave Spring High School), Kelley Connor (Mason's Cove Elementary), Bailey Divers (W. E. Cundiff), Richard Hutchinson (William Byrd Middle School), Bailey Price (Herman L. Horn), and Laura Schoonover (Burton Center for Arts and Technology).

Finalists for the Red Apple Award (elementary level) were Rose Biggio (Oak Grove Elementary), Jasmine Hayes (Burlington Elementary), Anne Jones (W. E. Cundiff), Laura Muncey (Bonsack Elementary), and Annette Vest (Clearbrook Elementary).

Finalists for the Red Apple Award (middle school level) included:

Tracy Addison (WBMS), Erin O'Donnell (WBMS), Chad Parries (Hidden Valley Middle School), Lyndsey Partsch (WBMS), Chris Roakes (WBMS), and Lauren Sprouse (Northside Middle).

Addison previously won the Green Apple Award in 2022.

Finalists for the Red Apple Award at the high school level were Christie Acker (William Byrd High School), Elizabeth Chapman (BCAT), Erin Edmonds (Glenvar High School), Marc Hinkle (WBHS), Matt Neale (Hidden Valley High School), Amy Leonard (Cave Spring High School), and Chris Overfelt (BCAT).

The Golden Apple Awards are presented by the RCPS Education Foundation and sponsored by Southern Team Auto. The Golden Apple winner receives \$1,000 and use of a 2024 Subaru Forester from Southern Team for a year. The Red and Green Apple winners receive

\$500. All finalists receive \$75.

The Roanoke County Education Foundation was created in 1991 as a non-profit to help young people in RCPS to meet their personal and educational goals. They provide student scholarships for graduating seniors, classroom grants for innovative teaching ideas, and financial support for educational initiatives. The foundation began sponsoring the Apple Awards in 2001.

This year's Golden Apple Awards ceremony was emceed by Chuck Lionberger, Director of Community Relations for RCPS. Guest speakers included Superintendent of Schools Dr. Ken Nicely and School Board Chair Brent Hudson, along with Mike Munsey from Southern Team.

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



PHOTO BY DEBBIE ADAMS

**William Byrd Middle School had five finalists in the 2024 Golden Apple Awards competition. Pictured left to right are School Superintendent Dr. Ken Nicely, teacher Lyndsey Partsch, Vinton's School Board member Tim Greenway, teacher Tracy Addison, teacher Richard Hutchinson, Assistant Principal Katherine Hutchison, Principal Evan Noell, teacher Erin O'Donnell, and teacher Chris Roakes.**

# Mural

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this project.

"I am excited about where we are and how we are growing," said Grose. "Lady Appalachia shows our roots in the past—where we have been— and where we are headed."

Murrill thanked the Town of Vinton for "making this happen."

"This is something that I wanted to do as a gift to the area where I grew up," he said. "This is the first mural in the Lady Appalachia series and an embodiment of the region, how we see the valley, the Blue Ridge Mountains, and Mill Mountain from Vinton's perspective, and provides a new 'vibe' in the area."

He said that he has learned a great deal about creating murals in the past three years and feels that this is one of his best pieces so far, one that "showcases" his creativity.

Murrill says the other murals in the series will be different in each location, relating to the land and region, but with close ties to the mountains, particularly the Blue Ridge Mountains.

He says he wanted the face of Vinton's Lady Appalachia to be "front and center. I am not sure how large her face is in comparison to other portrait murals in the state, but it has to be up there with the largest. Most murals represent more of the human figure when going this large."

The background of the new mural features the mountains surrounding the Roanoke Valley using unique shades of blue and green.

The question mark for many who have viewed the mural is "What is she thinking about or looking at with her hand on her cheek?"

He declined to give away his own

thoughts about the meaning of the mural, leaving it to others to "form their own narrative, to decide what each Lady Appalachia is trying to say."

"The gesture of her hand relates to the expression on her face," Murrill says. "She is contemplating something. I wanted this gaze to allow the viewer to determine what she is thinking for themselves. I have my own opinions of what she may be contemplating, but I think the unique nature of this pose allows each of us to see something slightly different within the mural."

"The freckles were inspired by deer spots on a fawn. This piece directly relates to our surrounding area so the more natural elements I could introduce into her character the better."

"The beauty about Lady Appalachia is that she is a representation of the land we love so much. Her features, expression, and ethnicity will change amongst the variety of murals she is in. This relates directly to the history of our area and the many, many people groups that built our culture over the last few centuries."

"When I designed Lady Appalachia, I was greatly inspired by Lady Liberty and her pose at the Statue of Liberty. I wanted to create an image that seemed iconic for our area by representing a unique character holding a walking staff amongst the Blue Ridge Mountains. This gradually evolved into representing her not just as an individual, but as an embodiment of the land. By depicting her with moss growing up her fingers, deer-spotted freckles, and a bird's nest crown, I wanted people to see her differently than a traditional portrait. She is meant to symbolize our relationship to the land both in the past and present."

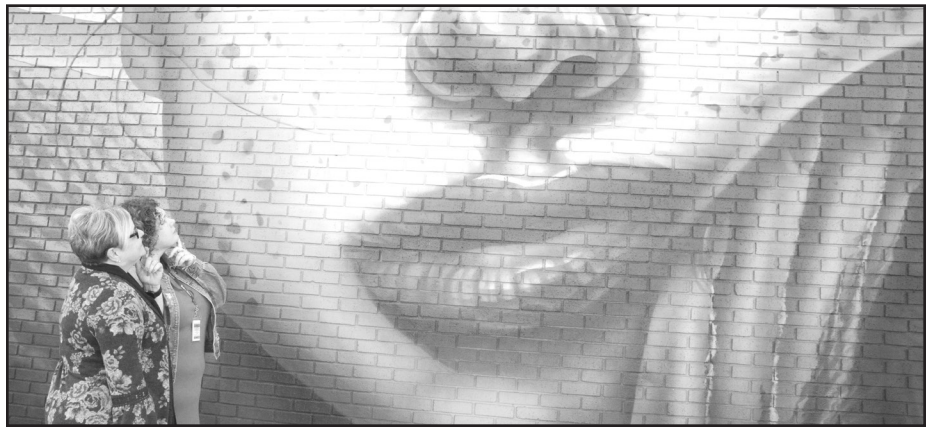


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**Council members Sabrina McCarty and Laurie Mullins strike a contemplative pose while admiring Vinton's new Lady Appalachia mural.**

This is not Murrill's first outdoor artwork in Vinton. He collaborated with art teachers and students last year to create the parkway scene on the Vinton Veterinary Specialty Services Center on East Washington Avenue. That mural involved mainly paint brushes and rollers. For Lady Appalachia, however, Murrill used spray paint to a great extent, despite the winds of March and early April.

"Spray paint is such an interesting medium to use," he says. "I have only been using it for three years and it is a steep learning curve! I enjoy creating soft blends and hard edges so spray paint is the perfect tool for me to use as long as it is not too windy!"

Murrill will be starting his next mural in the Lady Appalachia series soon in Stuart, Va.

"I will be painting on the side of a local restaurant, Pickle & Ash, who are great supporters of the arts and have a very creative vision. We

designed a piece that will definitely grab everyone's attention in the area!"

"Aside from my Lady Appalachia series, I will be traveling to paint a large community-based mural in Craig County. New Castle was awarded a grant to build not only a new farmers' market, but also to beautify the area even more with a mural. The mural will feature the landscape of Craig County and a variety of wildlife seen in the area."

"As someone raised in Vinton it has been so special for me to bring my artwork to my hometown," Murrill said. "I have been drawing and painting since a very young age and always enjoyed creating unique characters. Now that I paint publicly, my style may be different, but my passion for creativity remains the same. Once I complete a mural it then is no longer mine. I hope that Vinton enjoys my own creative take on our area for years to come!"

# Cundiff

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**The W.E. Cundiff open house celebrated not only the past, but the future with a major renovation project beginning this summer.**

classrooms, and hallways were filled with visitors at the event— past teachers, school and central office administrators, staff from across the years, former students and their parents, and members of the Vinton community. The gym was filled with old scrapbooks, yearbooks, and memorabilia detailing the past 50 years.

"It was one of the highlights of my career to see the turnout of former staff, students, and community members from the Vinton community!" said McCallum.

The School Board changed the school's name to W.E. Cundiff in 1989 in honor of William Cundiff, a prominent Vinton businessman. An

elevator was added in 1994. The first computer was installed in 1986. When the school first opened, no grades were given.

The open house marked not just the past 50 years at W.E. Cundiff, but its future with an extensive renovation project about to get underway. Guests were welcomed to the W.E. Cundiff of the future in the cafeteria with cake, punch, and conceptual plans of upcoming changes.

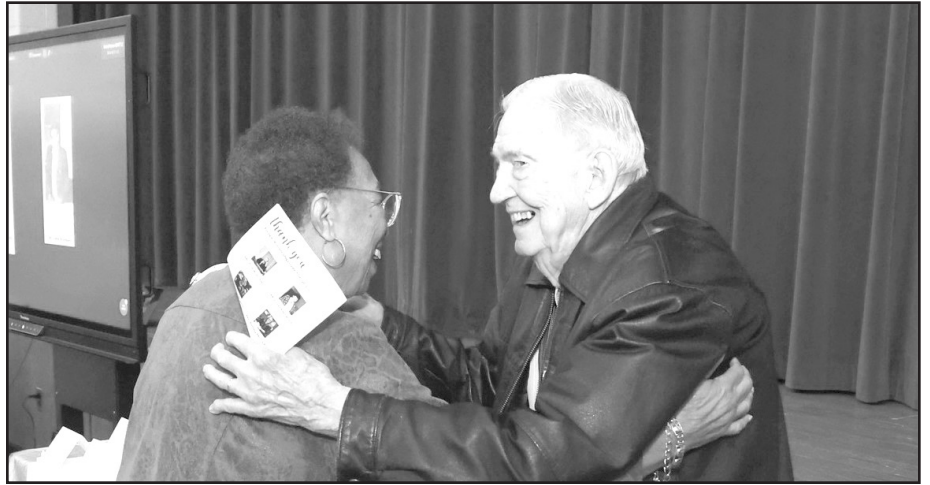
The project will add 15,900 square feet to the building and eliminate the outdated "Open Space Concept" (no walls) classrooms.

Cundiff was originally one of three open space classroom schools in Roanoke County and now is one of only two

remaining in the state (the other is Glen Cove Elementary). While the concept was trendy in 1972, its challenges and limitations are now recognized.

The project will result in a new front entrance, cafeteria, and additional classrooms. The construction and renovations are set to begin this June when school is out and are expected to be completed in July 2026. The school will remain open throughout the process.

Branch Companies, RRMM Architects, and Balzer & Associates have been selected for the renovation and expansion project, estimated to cost \$28.3 million. Their representatives were on hand at the open house to share details of what's to come.



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**Frank Stone, W.E. Cundiff's first principal, was delighted to see teacher Mary Neal, who opened the school with him in 1972. She taught first grade.**

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# Marketplace

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### Yard Sales - Craig County

**Yard Sale Lots of Items!**  
  
Saturday, April 27  
8:00 am to 1:00 pm  
New Castle United Methodist Church

### Auctions

**Notice of Public Auction Bath and Hotel Fixtures 2635 Roanoke Street, Christiansburg, VA 24073 Days Inn Christiansburg**

New in Boxes Bath and Hotel Fixtures

Sale Starts: Friday, May 10th, 2024 12:00 Noon

Fixtures Include: 50 plus 60 x30 x 14.25 Profit steel Bathtubs Left and Right, 60 plus Chair Height Commodes, 35 plus A Grade 800 x 1600 x 9mm Sink Countertops, Bhukhara Vitrified Tile, Tub Tile, Full and King Size Headboards, 100 plus Delta Shower Heads, Plumbing Fittings, Supply Lines, Full Length Mirrors, 36" Round Mirrors, 40 plus Night Stands, Blu Vinyl Lounge Chairs, 25 plus LED Lighted Mirrors, 45 Plus Bench Seats and many more items too numerous to mention!

All Items Must Be Removed at the Conclusion of this Auction!

Terms of Sale for Personal Property: Cash, Checks, Visa or Master Card. A 13% buyer's premium will be charged, 3% will be waived if payment is made by cash or check.

Sale is Being Conducted by: Larry J. Linkous, VAAL #3

For Further Information, call: 540.961.2608 or check website at www.linkousauctioneers.com

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### Help Wanted - General

**Pianist Wanted**  
Troutville Baptist church is seeking a pianist to provide accompaniment for services and choir rehearsals. Parttime, salaried, for more information Troutvillebaptistchurchpc@gmail.com

### Help Wanted - Health Care

**Catawba Hospital is now hiring floor technicians and housekeepers!**

Starting pay is \$15/hr+ depending on experience. Excellent Benefits including affordable health insurance, VRS retirement plan, and 12 days of Paid Time Off!

Please apply on our website, <https://dbhds.virginia.gov/facilities/catawba/employment-opportunities>  
Contact Austin Grasty for details  
Ph: (540) 375-4368  
Email: [austin.grasty@dbhds.virginia.gov](mailto:austin.grasty@dbhds.virginia.gov)

### Legals - Botetourt County

**TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 423 TINKERVIEW DRIVE, CLOVERDALE, VA 24077.**

In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated October 31, 2016, in the original principal amount of \$114,075.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Botetourt County, Virginia as Instrument No. 160004078. 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,

### Legals - Botetourt County

on May 31, 2024, at 10:30 AM, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows: UNIT 2004 OF PHASE IV, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT SHOWING PHASE IV SUBDIVISION OF TINKERVIEW TOWNHOUSE PROPERTY, BLUE RIDGE MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT, DATED JUNE 30, 1988, PREPARED BY MATTERN & CRAIG, CERTIFIED LAND SURVEYORS, OF RECORD IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF BOTETOURT, VIRGINIA, IN PLAT BOOK 12, PAGE 166. TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder's deposit of ten percent (10%) of the sale price or ten percent (10%) of the original principal balance of the subject Deed of Trust, whichever is lower, in the form of cash or certified funds payable to the Substitute Trustee must be present at the time of the sale. The balance of the purchase price will be due within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Purchaser's deposit may be forfeited to Trustee. Time is of the essence. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser may, if provided by the terms of the Trustee's Memorandum of Foreclosure Sale, be entitled to a \$50 cancellation fee from the Substitute Trustee, but shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. A form copy of the Trustee's memorandum of foreclosure sale and contract to purchase real property is available for viewing at [www.bwvsales.com](http://www.bwvsales.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: BWV Law Group, LLC, attorneys for Equity Trustees, LLC, 6003 Executive Blvd, Suite 101, Rockville, MD 20852, 301-961-6555, website: [www.bwvsales.com](http://www.bwvsales.com). VA-369557-1.

### Order of Publication

Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code§§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316.20-104  
Case No. **CWF2200000-10** BOTETOURT COUNTY Circuit Court, 5 WEST MAIN STREET, FINCASTLE, VA 24090

Commonwealth of Virginia, in re ESTATE OF CHARLES MATTHEW BARTON, DECEASED v.

The object of this suit is to: SHOW CAUSE AGAINST PAYMENT AND DELIVERY OF ASSETS IN INSOLVENT ESTATE.

It appearing that a report of the accounts of James A. McClure, Administrator of the Estate of Charles Matthew Barton, deceased, and the debts and demands against the estate have been filed in the Clerk's Office and that six months have elapsed since the qualification, on motion of the personal representative, it is ORDERED that the creditors of, and all others interested in, the Estate of Charles Mathew Barton show cause, if any they can, on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of May 2024, at 11:00 a.m., before this Court at its Courthouse at 1 Main Street, Fincastle, Virginia, against the payment and delivery of the assets in the insolvent estate, pursuant to Virginia Code §64.2-528, to the creditors as listed on Schedule B of the Motion for Entry of Show Cause Order previously filed in this matter. It is ORDERED that the foregoing portion of this Order be published once a week for two successive weeks in the Fincastle Herald, a newspaper having general circulation in the County of Botetourt, Virginia.  
Enter: April 11, 2024  
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Clerk  
I ask for this:  
Lenden A. Eakin (VSB #23885)  
FERRIS & EAKIN, P.C.  
22 Luck Avenue, SW

### Legals - Botetourt County

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*Counsel for James A. McClure, Administrator of the Estate of Charles Matthew Barton, deceased*

### Legals - City of Salem

**VDOT Bristol Bundle Bridges Bidding Opportunity! Archer Western is seeking subcontractors and suppliers for VDOT - Bristol and Salem Districts Bridge Bundle**

**DB this Project bids on May 5th, 2024. The Project includes, among other things**

- the Design and Construction of:  
(a) roadway; (b) survey; (c) structure and/or bridge; (d) environmental; (e) geotechnical; (f) hydraulics, drainage, stormwater management, and erosion and sediment control; (g) traffic control devices; (h) transportation management plan; (i) right-of-way; (j) utilities; (k) quality assurance and quality control.
- Estimating Contact 301-347-4680.  
Submit questions and quotes by May 1st COB.  
To: [awcestimating@walshgrp.com](mailto:awcestimating@walshgrp.com).

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### Legals - Montgomery County

**Order of Publication**

Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code§§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316.20-104  
Case No. **CL24000530-00** MONTGOMERY COUNTY Circuit Court, 55 EAST MAIN STREET, SUITE 1, CHRISTIANSBURG, VA 24073  
Commonwealth of Virginia, in re ERIC RANDALE BRYANT v. CHRISTINA MARIE BRYANT  
The object of this suit is to: DIVORCE. It is ORDERED that CHRISTINA MARIE BRYANT appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before JUNE 5, 2024.  
APRIL 2, 2024  
ROBERT M.D. TURK, JUDGE  
TIFFANY M. COUCH, CLERK

**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 9th DAY OF MAY, 2024, AT 10:00 A.M., THE REAL ESTATE WITH

### Legals - Montgomery County

**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: MAY 9, 2024

TIME OF SALE: 10:00 A.M.

Daniel D. Hamrick, PC Substitute Trustee  
By: Daniel D. Hamrick, Agent

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

### Order of Publication

Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code§§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316.20-104  
Case No. **CL24-228** MONTGOMERY COUNTY Circuit Court, 55 EAST MAIN STREET, SUITE 1, CHRISTIANSBURG, VA 24073

COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY, VIRGINIA, a Political Subdivision of the Commonwealth of Virginia, Complainant,

FRANK E. LYTTON, ET AL., Respondent(s).

ORDER OF PUBLICATION] The object of this suit is to enforce the lien of the Complainant, County of Montgomery, Virginia, for delinquent real estate taxes against certain real property located in the County of Montgomery, Virginia, described as follows: Tax Map No. 076-A 74 Account No. 011621 All that certain tract or parcel of land, with the improvements thereon and the appurtenances thereunto belonging, situate, lying or being in the Riner Magisterial District, Montgomery County, Virginia, which contains one acre, more or less, described as follows: BEGINNING at an iron stake in or near the line of (now or formerly) Gifford McGuire and C.R. Thompson and running with said line in a westerly direction to another stake; thence northward to the N & W Railway Line, and east ward with the said N & W line back to about the center of a two-acre tract of land belonging now or formerly

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to the said Gifford McGuire; thence southward back to the point of BEGINNING.

And being the same property conveyed to Frank E. Lytton and Gladys E. Lytton, husband and wife, by Deed, dated July 2, 1951 and recorded July 2, 1951 in the Montgomery County Circuit Court Clerk's Office in Deed Book 172 at Page 59.

This description is made subject to all easements, conditions, agreements, restrictions, and reservations of record which affect the property herein described.

IT APPEARING that a Affidavit has been made and filed stating that due diligence has been used, without effect, to ascertain the identity and location of certain parties to be served, that the last known address for the Respondents herein are as follows: Frank E. Lytton, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Don Edward Lytton, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Glenn Lytton, whose last known address is unknown; Harrison Edward Lytton, whose last known address is 5391 Ivanhoe Rd, Apt. A, Fries, Virginia 24330; Janet Lytton, whose last known address is 3664 Caboose Rd. Christiansburg, Virginia, 24073; Violet Pagen aka Violet Lyons, whose last known address is 3428 Case Knife Rd. Pulaski, Virginia 24301; 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/or whose location cannot be ascertained apparat on or before May 15, 2024 in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the County of Montgomery, Virginia, and do what may be necessary to protect their interest in this cause.

Entered on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2024.  
K. Mike Fleenor, Judge

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### Notice of Public Hearing Town of Blacksburg Planning Commission Tuesday, May 7, 2024

Notice is hereby given that the Planning Commission of the Town of Blacksburg will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, May 7, 2024 during its meeting beginning at 6:30 PM in the Roger E. Hedgpeith Council Chamber, 300 South Main St, Blacksburg, VA on the following item:

AFD-24-1/ORD 2052- Withdrawal of 3.036 acres of land from the Agricultural and Forestal District at 701 Bishop Road (Tax Map No. 137-T-A-1, Parcel # 006339) by James and Carol Burger (property owner).

Request to withdraw 3.036 acres of land from the Town of Blacksburg Agricultural and Forestal District (AFD) at 701 Bishop Road by James and Carol Burger. A minor subdivision application (SUB 23-0006) for the creation of three (3) parcels is currently under review by the Planning and Engineering Department.

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the hearing, the Planning Commission will take action. Copies of the request and all related items may be found online at [www.blacksburg.gov/public-hearings](http://www.blacksburg.gov/public-hearings) or reviewed in person at the Blacksburg Planning and Building Department, 400 South Main Street, Blacksburg, Virginia.

You may also call the office at (540) 443-1300 for more information. Individuals with disabilities who require special assistance to attend and participate in the public hearing on the above should contact the Planning & Building Department at (540) 443-1300, or (540)-443-1000-TDD.

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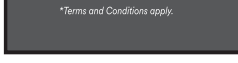
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# Softball hosts Northside Friday

The William Byrd girls are 2-2 in Blue Ridge District softball after splitting games on back-to-back nights last week.

The Terriers were at Northside on Thursday, April 18, and Addison Clark was dominant on the mound as the Terriers shut out the Vikings, 6-0. Clark struck out 10 batters and allowed just three hits in a complete game outing.

Supplying all the run support needed was senior Sydney Blewett, who went deep twice for the Terriers, driving in three runs with two homers. Mandolin Draper and Sydney Tuck had two hits each for the Terriers.

The girls had a quick turnaround with a Friday evening game in Staunton River and this time Byrd was on the other side of a shutout, falling 12-0. Sara

Lang started in the circle in this one and took the loss. Clark relieved and calmed things down, fanning 10 in three and two-thirds innings, but the Byrd offense failed to put runs on the board. Blewett and Heidi Dixon had hits for the Terriers.

On Monday the girls were back home for a non-district game with Cave Spring and were shut out for the second game in a row, this time by a 13-0 score. The visiting Knights had 12 hits off Clark and Byrd's offense struggled again. Blewett, Olivia Bustamante and Shelby Ensor had hits for the Terriers.

With the loss the girls are now 7-6 overall and 3-2 in the Blue Ridge District. The Terriers have two home games this week, with Christiansburg coming Wednesday and Northside Friday.



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Mallory Peroulas guards the hot corner for Byrd.



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PHOTO BY EDMEE HASLER

Left McKenna Jacobsen hits a backhand and, right, Ryan Carista returns a shot for the Byrd tennis teams.

## Byrd tennis teams split

The William Byrd boys and girls both split two tennis matches in the past week, but with opposite results. The boys beat Staunton River but lost to Cave Spring, while the girls fell to Staunton River but rebounded to beat Cave Spring.

Last Friday at home the boys shut out Staunton River, 9-0, to improve to 5-0 in Blue Ridge District matches. Singles winners included Ryan Carista, Dillon Colgan, Keith Schult Jr. and Bryce Simpson. Winning at doubles were the teams of Carista and Ryan McIntyre and the duo of Luke and Aaron Hemming.

On Monday the boys dropped a 7-2 non-district match at Cave Spring.

The girls were in Moneta last Friday where they lost to Staunton River, 7-2. Ashley Begasse won an 8-3 pro set in singles and teamed with Makenna Jacobsen for an 8-6 win in doubles.

On Monday in Vinton the girls avenged a prior loss to Cave Spring with a 6-3 victory. Jacobsen won 8-3 at number one and Begasse overcame a 4-7 deficit to win the next five games and pull out a 9-7 win. Other singles winners were Brooke Justus(8-6), Miley Moses(8-1) and Peyton Wright(8-5) as the Terriers won five of six singles. Jacobsen and Begasse won in doubles, 8-2, to account for the final score.

The tennis teams are back in action Friday against Northside with the girls at home and the boys at Northside.

## Lacrosse teams meet Glass, FC

The William Byrd lacrosse teams will have two games in three days next week as they take on a couple larger schools. On Monday the girls will host Class 4 E.C. Glass while the boys play the Hilltoppers in Lynchburg. Then, on May 1, the boys will host Class 5 Franklin County while the girls go to Rocky Mount.

Byrd is in Class 3, and both teams lost to Class 5 Patrick

Henry opponents last week. The girls were at PH and dropped a 20-3 decision as Ava Sexton scored two goals and Annika Hylton had one. That dropped the girls to 2-7 prior to Wednesday's home game with Christiansburg.

The boys were home against Patrick Henry and they fell 17-3. With the loss the boys are now 3-5.



Sergio Leon settles the ball for the Terriers.

PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

## Boys shut out Eagles in soccer

The William Byrd boys will be looking to make a move in the Blue Ridge District standings when the Terriers play host to Northside in soccer Friday. The Terriers are 3-3 in the BRD after shutting out Staunton River in Moneta last Friday, 3-0.

"It's always a challenge to play there, between the close proximity, rivalry and energy there," said Byrd coach Russell Dishman.

Byrd was able to control the play early in the game, and in the 12th minute Sergio Leon won the ball and crossed it to Cole Kovacevic to open the scoring. Cole then scored on a penalty kick with eight minutes remaining in the half and Byrd led 2-0 at the break.

In the second half Byrd's defense took over, and Noah Lowe gave the Terriers some insurance with a goal just before the end of the match for the 3-0 final.

On Monday the Terriers traveled to Cave Spring for a non-district game and dropped a 2-1 decision to the host Knights. Cave Spring scored early on a rebound and that was the only goal in the first half.

The Knights went up 2-0 midway through the second, but Dexter Gaines got the Terriers back in the game when he headed in a free kick from Daniel Britts with about 10 minutes to go in the match. However, the Terriers couldn't level the score and the Knights secured the win.

"We created more chances on the night and controlled most of the match," said Dishman. "We were just punished with mistakes in our build up and struggled to finish chances."

The loss dropped Byrd to 6-4-2 overall.

## Girls on Northside pitch Friday

The William Byrd girls are looking to get back on the winning track Friday when they travel to Northside. The girls dropped two close games in the past week but still hold a 3-2 record in Blue Ridge District games.

Last Friday in Vinton the girls dropped a 2-1 decision to visiting Staunton River. The visiting Golden Eagles led 2-0 midway through the first half, with their first goal coming on a penalty kick after the Terriers were called for a hand ball in the box. Byrd cut the lead in half by intermission on a goal by Addi St. Clair, assisted by Logan Andrews, and it was 2-1 at the half.

Byrd had some opportunities in the second half but the Eagles were able to keep the net clean and held on for the 2-1 win. Kadence Fernatt had five saves in goal for the Terriers.

On Monday the girls were back home to host Cave Spring in a non-district match and once again Byrd fell behind early. The Terriers trailed 1-0 at the half, and with 24 minutes remaining in the game the Knights added an insurance goal off a corner kick and that was the end of the scoring in a 2-0 Cave Spring win. Fernatt kept it close with 15 saves in the cage.

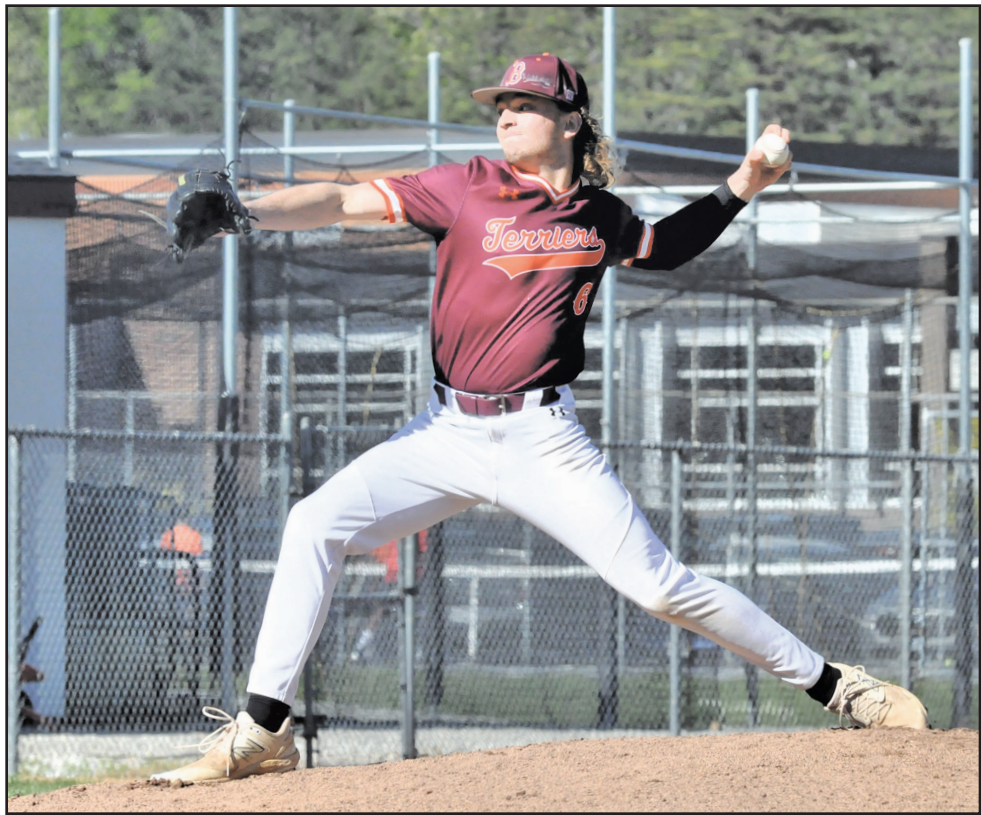
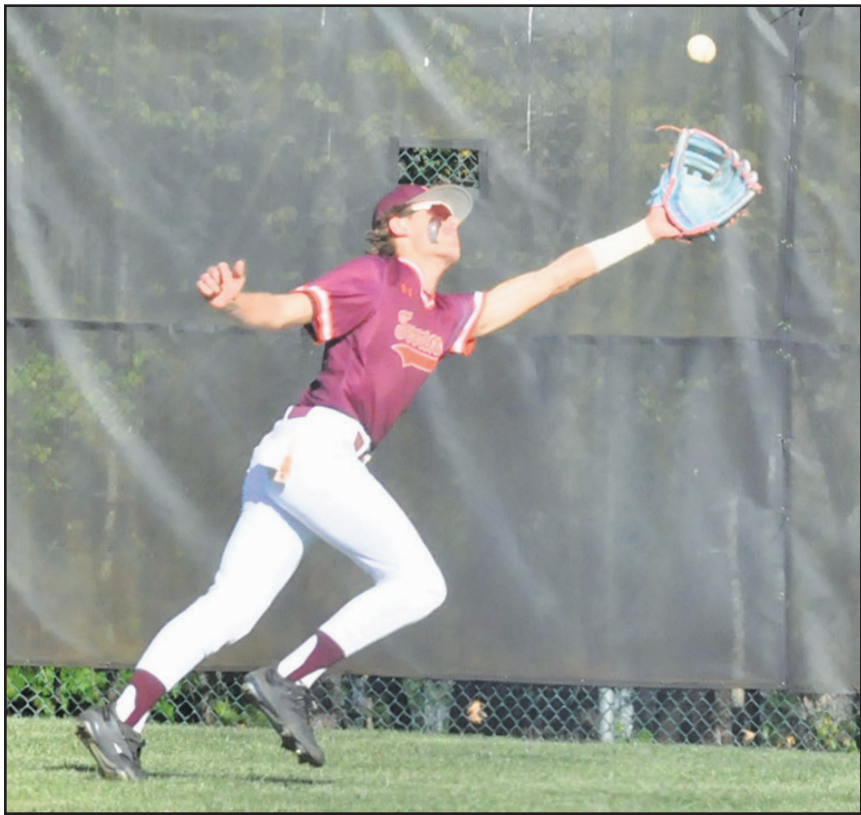
Byrd is now 4-7 overall.



Mia Martin sends the ball downfield in Monday's soccer game with Cave Spring.

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Above left, Byrd centerfielder Kam McKee runs down a long drive for one of his seven putouts Monday at Cave Spring. Above right, Cooper Minnix pitches the Terriers to a win over the Knights and, below, Brogan Dent slides home safely to top off a Byrd rally in the fourth inning.

## Byrd baseball team picks up big wins against Eagles, Knights

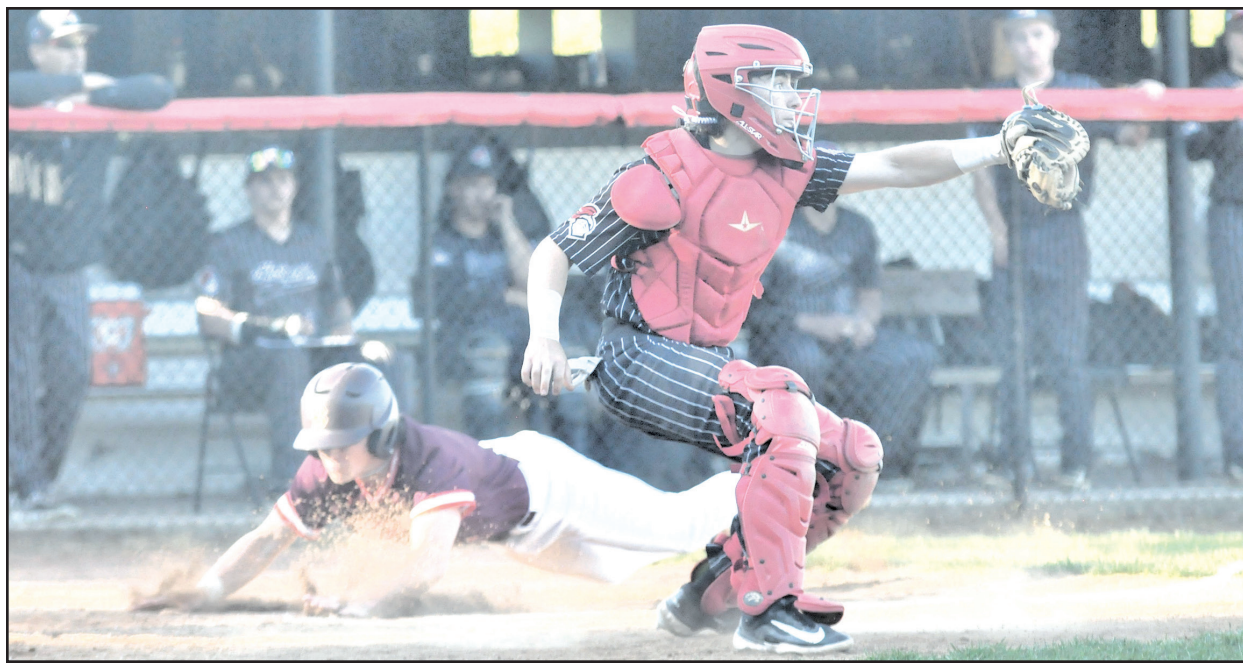
The William Byrd baseball team is pretty much a lock to make the Region 3D playoffs, but the Byrdmen are battling for position for the important post-season games. The Terriers are currently fifth in the Region 3D rankings with a chance to move up and secure some home games. The top 10 in the 13 school region make the playoffs, with the higher seeds earning home advantage.

The Terriers won two important games against Region 3D teams in the past week. Last Friday at Walthall Park the Byrdmen took a 6-1 win over Staunton River. Brogan Dent got the win with five and two-thirds innings on the mound, allowing four hits and striking out six. Cooper Minnix pitched an inning and a third of hitless ball to close it out.

Offensively, Ian Burnett and Kam McKee both had a single and a double. Byrd had 10 hits in the game.

On Monday Minnix got the start and went five strong innings to pick up the win as Byrd took a 4-1 victory at Cave Spring. The senior lefty allowed just three hits to a solid Knights attack. Torin Bundy pitched two hitless innings to close out the game and pick up his first save. In those two innings the last five outs were recorded on fly balls to center as McKee had five putouts and seven total for the game.

Keller Spraker and Dent had two hits each, and Brogan had the big hit of the game. Down 1-0, Byrd loaded the bases in the top of the fourth but back-to-



back strikeouts gave the Knights a chance to get out of the inning unscathed. Dent was up next and, after working a 2-2 count, he lined an opposite field hit down the leftfield line that scored two runs and gave Byrd the lead. Israel Hairston followed with a two-run double and that was all the runs Byrd would need.

With the win the Terriers improved to 9-6 overall

with a 5 pm game at Northside Friday. Next week the Vikings will return the trip to Byrd on Wednesday, then Byrd goes to Lord Botetourt for a game with big region implications on Friday, May 3. The Terriers and Cavaliers are separated by percentage points in the region standings.



PHOTOS BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

## A big night for the Big Orange

The Roanoke Valley Wrestling Hall of Fame held its annual induction ceremony and awards banquet on Monday night at the Holiday Inn-Tanglewood and it was a big night for the Big Orange as three former William Byrd wrestlers were among the Class of 2024. Inducted into the Hall of Fame were Terrier greats David Labiosa, Greg Henderson and Bruce Palmer along with former Glenvar coach and Grundy standout Jason Cline. Above left, Jeff Edmondson of the Hall of Fame (left in photo) presents Labiosa with his plaque. Center and right are Henderson and Palmer as they address the crowd. All three were presented by former William Byrd coaches or wrestlers. Right, left to right, Andy Nicely presented Labiosa, Barry Trent presented Henderson and Chuck Altice spoke for Palmer. Staunton River's Noah Nininger was named Wrestler of the year, Salem's Lawrence Van Liew was named Coach of the Year, Chip Nininger was named Assistant of the Year and six scholarships were presented to deserving high school wrestlers.

