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Emily Tuck crowned 2024 Miss Vinton Dogwood Festival Queen

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William Byrd High School senior Emily Tuck was crowned as Miss Vinton Dogwood Festival Queen for 2024 in a ceremony at the Vinton Municipal Building at noon on April 27. She was crowned by Vinton Mayor Brad Grose.

Tuck is one of 10 young women nominated by the faculty at William Byrd for the prestigious Dogwood Queen's Court. The queen is chosen by a panel of judges the morning of the festival after individual interviews.

Other members of the 2024 Queen's Court were Olaedo Anyanwu, Jaslyn Bibby, Sydney Blewett, Kathryn Bryant, Elizabeth Dixon, Claire Glover, Makenna Jacobsen, Emma Kageals, and Addisyn St. Clair.

One of the judges noted that this year was quite a challenge as all the girls were high achievers academically, heavily involved in extracurricular activities and the community, and all interviewed well.

Tuck is the daughter of Melissa and Kevin Tuck.

She plans to attend Virginia Tech and major in elementary education and return to Vinton to teach at her former elementary school— Herman L. Horn.

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Emily Tuck was crowned Miss Vinton Dogwood Festival Queen for 2024.



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Each year the Vinton Dogwood Queen's Court is made up of 10 young women from William Byrd, nominated by the faculty. Pictured left to right are Sydney Blewett, Addisyn St. Clair, Claire Glover, Kate Bryant, Elizabeth Dixon, Emma Kageals, Makenna Jacobsen, Jaslyn Bibby, Emily Tuck, and Olaedo Anyanwu.



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Dogwood Queen and Court ride through the streets of Vinton in horse-drawn carriages festooned with dogwood blossoms.

Vinton celebrates 69th annual Dogwood Festival

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The Vinton Dogwood Festival Committee and the Town of Vinton brought the community together on April 26 and 27 with another great Dogwood Festival— No. 69 this year. The weather was beautiful; so were the 10 William Byrd students in the Dogwood Court.

There was entertainment on three stages, a mini-circus, streets filled with vendors, and a friendly

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Israel Hairston and Claire Glover were named Best All-Around Male and Best All-Around Female for the William Byrd Class of 2024 at the Honors Banquet and Scholarship Ceremony on April 25.



Dominic Dulak



Makenna Jacobsen



Gretchen Kinney



Dexter Gaines



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Carter Dullaghan (left) and Natalie Blevins

William Byrd Class of 2024 honored at Awards Banquet/Scholarship Ceremony

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William Byrd High School seniors in the Class of 2024 were recognized at the annual Honors Banquet and Scholarship

Ceremony on April 25 at the school.

A crowd of about 400 students and their families, School Superintendent Dr. Ken Nicely and School Board representative Tim Greenway, along

with those who came to present scholarships were welcomed by Principal Tammy Newcomb. She recognized Greenway for his role in the Renovation and Expansion Project at WBHS.

Two seniors received the coveted Best All-Around Award—Claire Glover and Israel Hairston. This award is based on academic success, good character, and investment in the school

and community through a variety of academic and extracurricular activities. The selection is determined by faculty nomination and vote. The award comes with a scholarship.

The tradition is to build suspense by describing the winner, without naming them, until the end of the presenter's speech.

Kathryn Sowers from the GFWC Vinton Woman's Club presented Glover with the Best All-Around Female award.

Sowers described Glover as a "self-disciplined and highly motivated high school student with a strong work ethic in and out of the classroom. She has strong organizational abilities with proven



Jovie Underwood



Tyler Morrison



Zachary James



Emily Sowers



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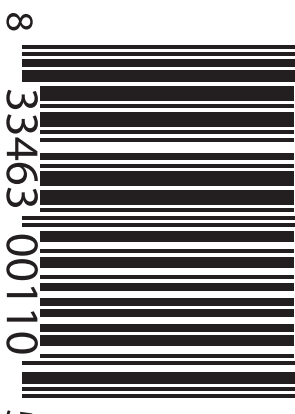


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Renovations, upgrades, expansions wow guests at William Byrd open house



William Byrd High School hosted an open house for the community on April 28 to celebrate the completion of the Renovation and Expansion Project.

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William Byrd High School hosted an open house on April 28 to showcase the completion of the school's \$30 million Renovation and Expansion Project which wrapped up this month. School Superintendent Dr. Ken Nicely, Principal Tammy Newcomb, Assistant Principals Marcee Cook, Travis Anderson, and Phillip Martin, and School Board member Tim Greenway welcomed guests. Students were available to provide tours and information.

The crowd was amazed at the changes, if overheard comments are any indication. There were many exclamations of "This is awesome!" quite a few, "It sure looks different than when I was a student," several "Where are the lockers?" and at least one outburst of "Holy Cow!" from former students, teachers, administrators, and parents of past and current students, who came to see all the improvements. The entire school is bright, spacious, and aesthetically pleasing. There is state-of-the-art technology throughout.

"We really started this journey in November of 2015 when it became obvious William Byrd was nowhere on the School Board's Capital Improvements Plan to be renovated," said Greenway, who represents the Vinton area on School Board. "All other high schools were already renovated, and Cave Spring was being planned at the time. Once the omission was brought to the attention of our other School Board members, they all agreed to place Byrd up front for major renovations. The project was turned over to Avis

and our administrative staff in 2021 to start designing the facility you see today. A huge shout out needs to be given to our previous School Board members, as well as our current members. This project would never have started without their help!

"The administrations and staff at William Byrd started designing the classrooms you see today. Our staff at William Byrd are nothing short of amazing educators with our students' best interests at heart. Thank you from the Vinton, Mt. Pleasant, Bonsack, and East Roanoke County communities to our staff!"

Greenway says that Principal Tammy Newcomb, always a driving force behind the project, an enthusiastic support, and a stickler for detail, actually asked for input from all those who would be using the building. Teachers and other staff members were asked what they needed in their spaces to make them more functional, efficient, appealing, and safe.

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

The Family and Consumer Sciences Department now has their own large kitchen within the classroom. The main office has a connecting hallway to the guidance suite. Much-needed storage has

been added. The auditorium has a new sound system, new curtains, and new lighting. There are no more cords dangling from the ceiling or running across the floor to accommodate computers and technology. Electrical receptacles are abundant.

Hallways are lined with display cases for student work and awards. The front portico is covered to make a special place for seniors, along with their front lobby. Desks have been replaced in the art and science rooms by tables which allow students to stand or sit on stools to work. Many of the new furnishings are on wheels to eliminate heavy lifting when floors need to be cleaned and waxed.

Avis Construction and Hughes and Associates Architects and Engineers have been the design/build team for the project.

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

"When I became superintendent and was asked to prioritize school construction projects, I wanted to make sure that the William Byrd High Schol project was the top priority," said Dr. Nicely. "It was the last Roanoke County high school that had not been extensively renovated in the current cycle, and much of the building, including the science classrooms were in their original condition. I am very grateful for the support of the School Board to finally fully renovate WBHS. The result is a modern school of which the whole community can be proud."



The auditorium has a new sound system, new curtains, and new lighting.



Dr. Ken Nicely (left), Principal Tammy Newcomb, and Tim Greenway



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The lobby/foyer/lunch area for seniors has been renovated.

Board of Supervisors candidates share their views

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Tim Greenway and Tammy Shepherd are running in the Republican Primary on June 18 to win the nomination for a seat on the Roanoke County Board of Supervisors representing the Vinton Magisterial District. They have

agreed to answer questions about their backgrounds, views, and goals.

1. What do you like about the Vinton area and why have you chosen to live here?

Tim Greenway: This is an easy question for me—I love everything about Vinton, Mt. Pleasant, Bonsack, and East Roanoke County. I've lived here

my entire life—born and raised in the Timberidge section of Vinton, where I had a wonderful childhood, growing up in a community full of kids and good neighbors. We later moved to Bonsack where I enjoyed my teenage years and graduated from William Byrd in 1982. Again, numerous childhood friends and great neighbors.

I tell this story all the time. I had the chance as a young adult to be hired and move to Atlanta for Norfolk Southern in the accounting department. Sometimes the best decisions you make in life are the decisions you turn down for lifestyle over financial gains. We started our married lives in the lower unit of a triplex on the 400 block of West Cleveland Avenue. We had three beautiful children who enriched our lives tremendously and we later bought our first house on Bowman Street.

For us, living in Vinton, walking to Vinton Baptist on Sunday mornings, raising three kids, working hard, was just our way of life in Vinton. I think this



Tim Greenway



Tammy Shepherd

is why we have chosen to live here for our 40 years of adulthood. Paula (my wife) and I have made friendships to last a lifetime. We love our now thriving little community where everyone knows your name and where you can still make a difference in the lives of your friends and neighbors.

Tammy Shepherd: The Vinton area is a small tight-knit community that my husband and I have grown up in and both graduated from William Byrd High School. We have always loved living here and wanted to raise our family here as well. Presently all my children and grandchildren still live in

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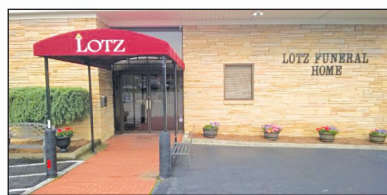


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Dogwood

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The William Byrd Marching Terriers (who started the Dogwood Festival tradition 69 years ago to purchase band uniforms) performed.



The Virginia Highlands Pipes and Drums marched again in the Dogwood Parade.



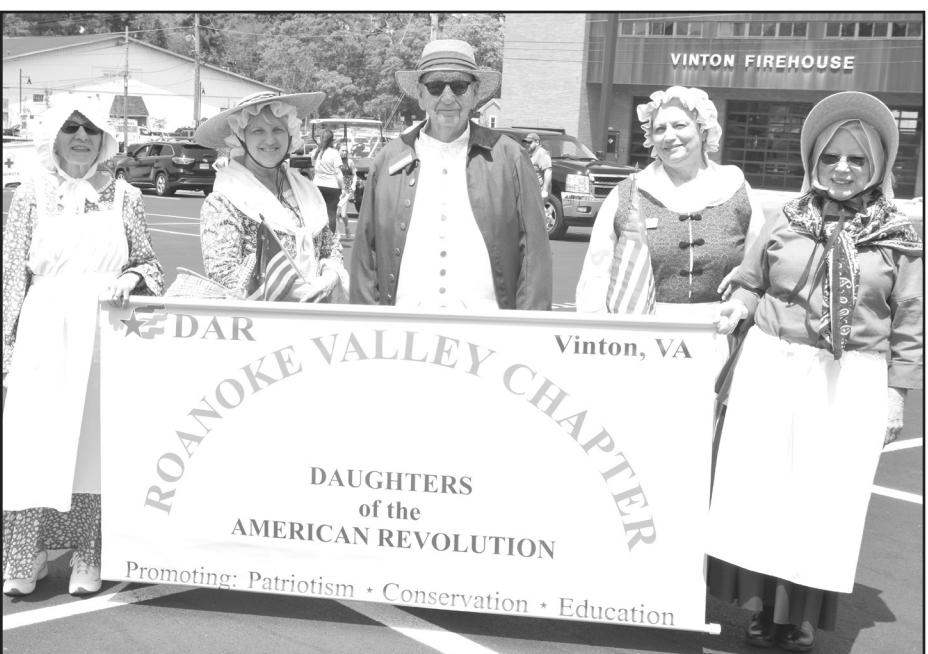
Members of the community were encouraged to decorate themselves and create props at Creative Station to march in the parade.



Old Bay Circus featuring aerialist Hannah



The new Lady Appalachia contemplated the Dogwood Festival goings-on from her mural perspective.



Members of the Roanoke Valley Chapter DAR strolled in the Vinton Dogwood Parade, accompanied by Bob Taylor of the Fincastle Resolutions SAR Chapter.

PHOTO BY DEBBIE ADAMS

crowd reveling in the day.

The festival kicked off on April 26 with a concert by The Frequency Band, who received rave reviews at the Vinton Farmers’ Market.

Dogwood Festival Day included performers on three stages (Island Trio Band, Karlee Raye, Gurlz with Attitude, the jazz bands from William Byrd Middle and High Schools, the Tim Martin and Brian Wheeling Duo, Rare Form, Jerry Wimmer and Terry Hannabass, Mason Creek Bluegrass Band) and about 180 craft, business, and food vendors, along with quite a few non-profit organizations lining the streets downtown. There was entertainment at the library and a pet adoption event, along with tours of the Vinton History Museum. The AACA held its annual Antique Car Show on Saturday morning at Thrasher Memorial UMC.

The Farmers’ Market area featured not only performers but a Kids Zone with inflatables, crafts, a hugely popular petting zoo, games, and more.

At noon, the 2024 Dogwood Queen, Emily Tuck, was crowned by Mayor Brad Grose, after a performance of “God Bless America” by Floyd Boone and the Roanoke Symphony Chorus. The nine other members of the Dogwood Court were introduced, also seniors at William Byrd– Olaedo Anyanwu, Jaslyn Bibby, Sydney Blewett, Kathryn Bryant, Elizabeth Dixon, Claire Glover, Makenna Jacobsen, Emma Kageals, and Addisyn St. Clair.

The highlights of the day, in addition to the crowning of the new Dogwood Queen, were performances by the spectacular and hilarious Old Bay Circus featuring Michael Rosman with aerial artist Hannah and the child/student/family-focused “Dogwood Stroll Walking Parade.”

The traditional Dogwood Parade was replaced this year with a trendy “strolling” parade through the historic streets of downtown Vinton. It was a return to parades of the past focused on children, family, schools, and community.

The Vinton Police led the half-mile parade in a patrol car, followed by the Roanoke County Honor Guard, several Vinton Town Council members, the Dogwood Queen and Court in horse-drawn carriages from Lexington Carriage Company, the William Byrd Marching Terrier band, Michael Rosman from Old Bay Circus, honored media guests from WFXR News, Vinton’s School Board representative Tim Greenway, students from Herman L. Horn Elementary and their PTO, the Southernettes baton group, Roanoke Valley Chapter DAR members in Colonial costumes, the Virginia Highlands Pipes and Drums, the Stiltwalkers, the “Exit, Pursued by a Bear” Downtown Community Theatre, Gurlz with Attitude, the Island Trio band, a group of children and adults who decorated themselves and made props at a Creative Station to participate in the parade, Miss Heart of Shenandoah Brielle King, and Roanoke County Fire and Rescue.

The day’s events concluded with an outdoor concert on the Creek Bank Stage at Twin Creeks Brewing Company.

This year’s Vinton Dogwood Festival Committee members who dedicated themselves to continuing the Dogwood tradition in Vinton included President Jeff Teass, Vice President Heather Beamer, Secretary Susan Teass, Publicity Chair Mary Beth Layman, Entertainment Chair Joey Nicely, along with Beth Abbott, Callie Webb, and many others. Town Manager Pete Peters and many members of town staff were instrumental in facilitating the event for months beforehand and on the days of the festival. Numerous volunteers made the event “do-able.”

The Vinton Dogwood Festival is made possible through the contributions of many businesses and organizations in the Town of Vinton and throughout the Roanoke Valley. They include Platinum Sponsors– the Town of Vinton, Roanoke County, the Community Foundation Serving Western Virginia, and WFXR News; Gold Sponsors– HomeTrust Bank, Shepherd Realty, Mountain State Oral and Facial Surgery, Twin Creeks Brewing Company, and The Vinton Messenger; Silver Sponsors– Dirk Padgett Law, Pretty Paws Dog & Cat Grooming Salon, Harmony Senior Services, and Dr. Jeff and Susan Teass; Bronze Sponsors– A Cleaner World and SFCS Engineering; and Brad Grose, Nita Echols, Vinton Appliance Center, and Mountain View Real Estate.

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the Vinton community and look forward to raising their families here.

2. Why are you running for Board of Supervisors?

Shepherd: This position was never in my thoughts until recently when the position became available. After applying and going through the interview process, I was selected to fill the interim position left by Jason Peters. Growing up here, starting my business here, I have earned my living from the local community. I have grown up in the Vinton area and this is a way that I can best serve and give back to the community. I want to make sure we use our citizens’ tax dollars wisely to provide and improve the many services offered to our citizens. After serving on the William Byrd Booster clubs and other various volunteer positions, representing the Vinton District on the Roanoke County Board of Supervisors is another way I can help my community continue to grow and make sure that we use our citizens’ tax dollars wisely. Supporting our public safety workers and economic growth will be a major focus. I recently have spent a lot of time in the Mount Pleasant community and have enjoyed getting to know many of the residents. Being involved in their community events as I spend more time visiting with local groups and listening

and understanding their needs, I will be able to help them with various situations they need as well.

Greenway: Because I want to make a difference for the people that have enriched my life so greatly. You’ve heard the ol’ saying, it takes a village to raise a child? I’m that child! As a kid, neighbors took me to practices and ballgames, they kept me after school until my parents got off from work, they fed me, they looked after me when my parents were away, and most importantly, they shared with me the values of loving thy neighbor. Vinton has raised me, supported me, and essentially made me the person I am today. I owe everything to this community! I want to give back to the community that has given me so much!

3. What are the biggest needs in Vinton and Roanoke County and how will you go about answering these needs?

Greenway: I think we’ve (the School Board) already solved some of the most important needs in our part of the county. I’ve championed the need to get William Byrd and W.E. Cundiff renovated. These schools were so in need of renovations, it couldn’t have been delayed any longer. We’ve also gotten the new Career and Technical Training school off the ground to be built starting this summer. It

was a five-year challenge to get Cundiff and CTE approved and through the Board of Supervisors approval process, but we did it! Now, Vinton and our East Roanoke County residents will benefit greatly from the hard work the School Board put in to bring these projects to reality.

My first goal on the Board of Supervisors will be to get a new fire/rescue facility for the Mt. Pleasant area. The current facility needs to be modernized and brought up to today’s standards like the other districts in our county. For instance, the Board of Supervisors just spent \$8 million on the Bonsack emergency services building and now they are planning to spend \$5 million on the Hollins emergency services facility, all while expecting the Mt Pleasant community to wait for eight more years to get any renovation funds. We have to be vocal to get things done in the Vinton District. It just doesn’t happen unless we are persistent and let the public know our situation.

But the overall biggest goal for Roanoke County has to be economic development. Look at the past decade...no new jobs have been brought to our county other than fast food or expansions. We need jobs to come here and stay here. Our kids are graduating currently and leaving the area because they can’t

find higher paying jobs in our area. I’m sure I don’t need to go into the jobs we’ve lost in this area. We need to be a leader, not a follower, and not become just a “retirement community.” If we don’t start creating jobs, we will eventually turn into a dying community.

We have lost 1,000 Roanoke County Public School students over the last decade. This is a direct result of jobs leaving and new/higher paying jobs not coming to our area. We have to reverse this trend. We can’t just accept this as the way Roanoke County

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1. Hot meal
5. Razor clams
10. Blood-sucking African fly
12. Chauvinists
14. Windy City football player
16. An alternative
18. Federal Housing Administration
19. Styles hair
20. Arabic female name
22. Paddle
23. Area once separated from Germany
25. Marketplace
26. Gode Airport
27. Upset
28. Where wrestlers sweat
30. Garland
31. Robert __, poet

CLUES DOWN

33. An iPad is one
35. Fruit of the oak tree
37. Della __, singer
38. Women's clothing retailer
40. Mailed
41. Largest English dictionary (abbr.)
42. Pouch
44. Radioactivity unit
45. Month
48. Nanosecond
50. Domestic
52. What a boy becomes
53. Breezes (anc. Greek)
55. Jogged
56. At the stern
57. Lawrenceium
58. Destructive to both sides
63. Arterias
65. Removes

66. Pretentious people
67. Tropical Asian plant

1. Type of whale
2. Type of medication
3. Land of the free
4. Formed an opinion of
5. Logo
6. No (Scottish)
7. Leaves tissue
8. Sacred state to Muslims
9. Thus
10. African nation
11. Someone who has a stake in
13. Parties
15. Subsystem producers
17. Large, flightless birds
18. Compromises visibility
21. A ballet enthusiast
23. More (Spanish)

24. Skeletal muscle
27. Hands (Span.)
29. Weighed
32. Businessman
34. Famous clock Big __
35. Unkeyed
36. Break between words
39. Ink (slang)
40. Disappointed
43. Stroke
44. Curdled milk
46. Restaurants
47. Explosive
49. Type of terrier
51. Disfigure
54. Innermost cell layers
59. Bar bill
60. Distinct period of history
61. Mode of transportation
62. Equal (prefix)
64. Operating system

Greenway, Shepherd face off in Republican Primary for Vinton seat on Roanoke County Board of Supervisors; early voting begins May 3

Tim Greenway and Tammy Shepherd are running in the Republican Primary on June 18 to win the nomination for a seat on the Roanoke County Board of Supervisors representing the Vinton Magisterial District. The winner of the primary will represent the Republican Party on the ballot in the General Election on November 5.

According to Roanoke County Director of Elections & General Registrar Anna Cloeter, “Only registered voters residing in the precincts of the Vinton Magisterial District [North Vinton, South Vinton, Bonsack, North Lindenwood, South Lindenwood, and Mount Pleasant] are eligible to participate and will see that office on their ballots.”

Virginia utilizes an open primary process in which registered voters do not have to be members of a party to vote in that party’s primary. You do not need to be a Republican to vote in this upcoming primary; you just need to be a registered voter in the Vinton Magisterial District.

Voters have three options for voting in the primary:

- Early voting in person
 - Mail-in voting
 - Voting in person on Primary Day, June 18, from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- Early voting begins on Friday, May 3, at the Roanoke County Elections main office, located at 900 Chestnut Street in Vinton and at the satellite office at the Brambleton Center (3738 Brambleton Avenue) in Roanoke. Voting hours are Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. through June 14.
- Saturday voting hours are offered in both locations on June 8 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on June 15 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. After that date, all in-person voting must take place on Election Day at your assigned polling precinct.
- Virginia no longer requires voters to provide an excuse to vote early; any registered voter who wants to cast their ballot before Election Day is eligible to do so. You must provide your name and address and show an acceptable form of ID. No application is required to vote early in person.

Mail-in absentee ballots will be sent to voters with valid absentee ballot requests on file at least 45 days prior to the Election; the deadline to submit a request to receive an absentee ballot by mail is 5 p.m. on Friday, June 7. The deadline to return a voted absentee ballot is noon on Friday, June 2.

If you requested an absentee ballot by mail and decide that you would rather vote in-person, take your unmarked, unvoted absentee ballot with you to exchange for a new ballot should you decide to vote early in-person or at your assigned voter precinct on Election Day instead.

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Tuck

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She has played volleyball for WBHS and is a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, DECA, the Beta Club, the Reindeer Club, the International Club, Teachers for Tomorrow, and Young Life. She and her friends lead a girls’ Bible study group. She works at Honey Tree 460 and volunteers in the nursery at Bonsack Baptist.

Emily is not the only member of her family to participate in the Dogwood Queen’s Court tradition. Her cousin Madison Tuck was Dogwood Queen two years ago in 2022; her sister Reagan was on the Dogwood Court in 2021; and her mother Melissa

was a member of the court in 1995.

Another family also shares the Dogwood tradition. Olaedo Anyanwu’s three sisters have been members of the Dogwood Court– Urunna in 2021, Ozioma in 2018, and Kpakpando in 2015 and now Olaedo in 2024.

The ceremony opened with “God Bless America” performed by Floyd Boone and the Roanoke Symphony Chorus Quartet.

After the name of the new queen was revealed, she was presented with a scholarship check for \$750 from Dogwood Festival President Dr. Jeff Teass. Each member of the Dogwood Court also received the traditional

Dogwood necklace as a memento of the occasion. After a reception, the young women boarded beautifully decorated

horse-drawn carriages from Lexington Carriage Company for the Dogwood Strolling Parade downtown.



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Dogwood Festival President Dr. Jeff Teass presents a scholarship check to Dogwood Queen Emily Tuck.

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

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OUR PATIENT GOD

Read 2 Kings 14:1 through 16:20

And since the Lord had not said he would blot out the name of Israel from under heaven, he saved them by the hand of Jeroboam son of Jehoash (2 Kings 14:27).

Reading through the Old Testament can seem like an exercise in frustration. We read about privileged people who regularly rebel against God and get themselves into trouble. God becomes angry at their constant attraction to sin, and threatens to punish them. From truly remorseful hearts, they repent in sackcloth and ashes, and God stays His hand. He keeps His word by punishing the ringleaders or by allowing them all to go into slavery. However, He always comforts and rescues them. Why, we wonder, do they never learn their lesson?

Interestingly, if we are honest with ourselves, we might just see our own failings mirrored in the lives of these Israelites. Like them, we, too, experience the loyal heart of a God who is unwilling to leave us in our sin and never ever willing to abandon us.

Challenge for Today: Read through the entire Old Testament this summer. Rejoice in God’s long-suffering heart of love for you.

Quicklook: 2 Kings 14:23–27

If you would like to see your church services listed here in the Vinton Messenger contact Tucker Frye at 540-473-2741 or email tfrye@ourvalley.org

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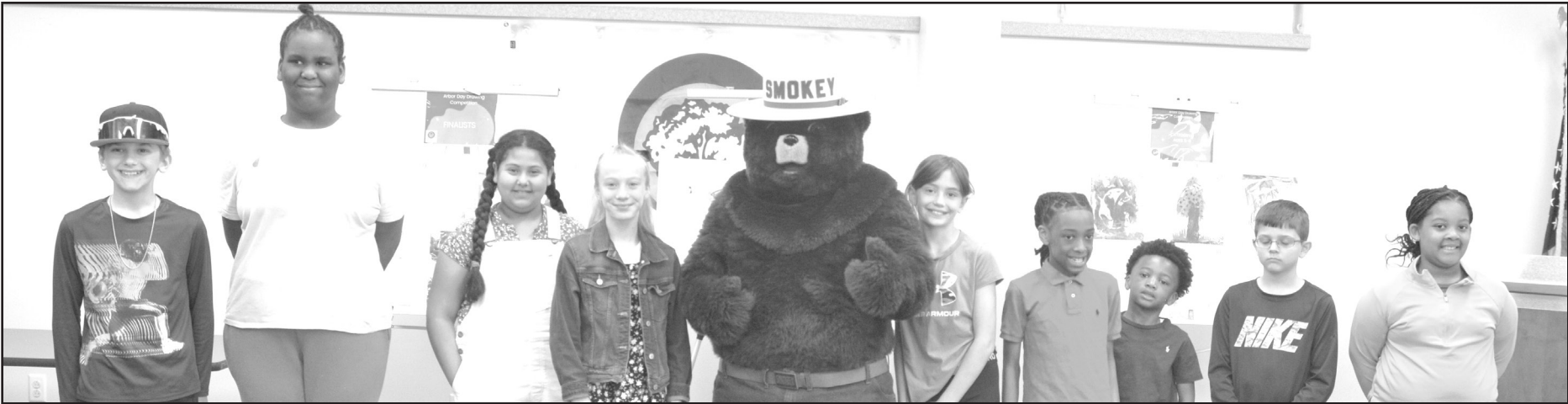
Night Bible Study 7 p.m.

PRESBYTERIAN
CAMPBELL MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1130 Hardy Rd, Vinton, VA, 540-343-1842; cmpe2verizon.net Sunday school 9:45am, Worship 11:00am; Communion 1st Su.ndays; 2nd Sunday Session; Monday Noon Bible Study; Tuesdays & Thursdays Stretch Class 9:00am; 1st Tuesdays Deacons; Wednesday Choir 7:00pm; Monday Girl Scouts 7:00pm; 3rd Saturday Men’s Breakfast 8:00am. Rev. Jonathan Moelker, pastor

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

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

Vinton celebrates Arbor Day with Art Contest winners and Smokey Bear



Fifty-four young artists created artwork for the first Arbor Day art contest. These are some of the winners with Smokey Bear.

Debbie Adams
dadams@ourvalley.org

The Town of Vinton celebrated its 22nd year as a designated Tree City USA with an Arbor Day Celebration at the Vinton Library on April 25. New this year was the addition of a Drawing Contest for children ages 5-12 focused on the theme, “The Life Cycle of Evergreen Trees.” The drawings were on display in the Municipal Building lobby for several weeks. Winners were determined by votes from the community, online or in-person.

There were 54 entries in the contest; the children’s artwork was on also display at the ceremony with the winning entries recognized by Town Manager Pete Peters and the presentation of prizes to the participants.

Winners in Category 1 for ages 5-8 were:

- 1st Place: Raelynn McClure
- 2nd Place: Ashton Rivens
- 3rd Place: MacKenzie Preston

Winners in Category 2 for ages 9-12 were:

- 1st Place: Adah Gillenwater
- 2nd Place: Ayden Hash
- 3rd Place (a five-way tie), Noah Amos, Brisa Maldonado-Vasquez, Ayden Rivens, Haleigh Stokes, and Kieran Wilhelm

First, second, and third place winners received certificates and art supplies from the Town of Vinton. First place winners also were awarded \$50 gift cards from Pok-E-Joe’s. The second place winner in Category 1 received a gift card from Downhome Creamery (\$20). The second place winner in Category 2 received a gift card from Firehouse Skate ‘n Play (\$30). Third place winners received paintbrushes from Earthworks Pottery.

Many of the entries came from students at the Boys and Girls Club of Southwest Virginia site at Vinton Baptist Church. Daphne Sargent directs the afterschool program.

Vinton Town Council member Laurie Mullins hosted



Raelynn McClure won first place (Category 1, ages 5-8) in the Arbor Day Drawing Contest. Town Manager Pete Peters presented her award. Her art was titled “Happy Arbor Day, Plant a Tree.”

the standing-room-only Arbor Day event, noting her love for trees as demonstrated by her Bachelor’s Degree in Horticulture from Virginia Tech.

Vinton Associate Planner Nathan McClung told the crowd of children and their families that the average tree takes about 20-30 years to mature– so the trees planted 22 years ago at Vinton’s first Arbor Day have “all grown up.”

He shared two of his favorite quotes about trees, which illustrate the benefits of trees for generations to come: “The best time to plant a tree was 30 years ago; the second-best time is today” and “A society grows great when old men plant trees in whose shade they will never sit.”

In his remarks, Vinton Mayor Brad Grose noted that the Vinton community, with their parks and greenway trails, likes to emphasize trees and the great outdoors, especially since the town is known as the “Dogwood Capital” of Virginia.

Vinton Senior Library Assistant for Youth Services Kennah Hebert kept the tree theme going during a special story time, reading “We Are Branches” and “Thank You



PHOTOS BY JULIE TUCEI & DEBBIE ADAMS

Adah Gillenwater won first place (Category 2, ages 9-12) in the Arbor Day Drawing Contest. Her painting is entitled “Love the Earth, Plant a Tree.”

Tree,” which explains what trees add to the world– flowers, syrup, branches to swing on, places to hide, holding birds’ nests, providing shade on hot days, acorns, and “joy.”

Senior Area Forester Denny McCarthy from the Department of Forestry also talked to the audience about the benefits of trees including providing shade, ameliorating temperatures, reducing the need for air conditioning, providing oxygen, preventing erosion and stormwater run-off, cleaning the air, supplying a renewable source for paper, wood, fuel, and more. Trees increase property values and beautify the community.

He also explained the significance of Arbor Day. In 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees; this holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska but is now observed throughout the nation and the world.

Smokey Bear had no comments to add, but was jovial throughout the event, which was facilitated by Associate Planner Fayula Gordon and Planning and Zoning Coordinator/Webmaster Julie Tucei.

Vinton Farmers’ Market officially opens May 4

The Vinton Farmers’ Market in downtown Vinton will officially open for business on Saturday, May 4.

Vinton’s Community Programs Supervisor Caroline Loveland has announced that Gabby’s Produce will return along with artisanal goods, free kids’ activities, and free music from local musician “That Guy Will.” He will be performing from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the Market Stage on May 4 and July 13.

May 4 is “Start Your Garden Day,” followed on July 13 by “National Hot Dog Day,” “Dog Days of Summer” on Aug. 31, and “Move and Groove” on

Sept. 31.

The Appalachian Piping Academy will be performing from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Aug. 31 with no charge for admission.

Roanoke County Libraries will be stopping by on occasion (TBA) for story time and activities.

Support local farmers and artisans by stopping by the Vinton Farmers’ Market at 204 W. Lee Avenue downtown. If you are interested in being a vendor or have other questions, email Caroline Loveland at cloveland@vintonva.gov or call her at 540-283-7078.

- Vinton Messenger staff report



PHOTO BY DEBBIE ADAMS

Ryan Hunter (on right) is new to the Vinton Farmers’ Market this year with Hunter’s Gourmet Shroomery. He opened at the market on April 6 and is shown with his first customer, Eric Lynn, purchasing gorgeous and recipe-versatile oyster mushrooms.

Celebrating The Town of VINTON!

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

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

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

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

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

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PEOPLE, PLACES AND THINGS



Participants in the Miss Virginia Workshop on April 28 at the Vinton War Memorial

By Bootie Chewning

You know that the Miss Virginia and Outstanding Teen Pageants are not far away when the Miss Virginia Workshop is held each year in late April. This brings all the girls together along with their local executive directors. They are bringing back the “magic” to Roanoke with new leaders, Mark Schreier and Elaine Aikens, Nancy Lucy, plus board and committees, etc., all going over what to expect at Miss Virginia Week in June.

The Saturday event on April 27 was a luncheon at the Shenandoah Club in Roanoke, thanks to Carolyn and Pete Campbell. I got to go and was thrilled to do so. So many people I have not seen in years– it was just a delight to see them. Thanks to Tammy Epps and her crew there at Shenandoah Club– they did a great job, and the food was delicious.

Then on Sunday, Vinton had the honor to be host to the girls at the Vinton War Memorial with Macado’s providing the lunches–

which again were delicious. Thanks to Melanie and Jesse for arranging another great day for the girls. To find out more about Miss Virginia, where you can get tickets, and more information, please go to the website <https://www.missvirginia.org/home>.

Yes, it’s time to bring the magic of the Miss Virginia Pageant back to Roanoke in late June (the 24th-29th), so check it out. Get your tickets now and come support the girls. Thanks again to Carolyn and Pete and all the people there. I enjoyed my day!



Bootie Chewning with Miss Virginia



Carolyn and Pete Campbell

Mt. Pleasant Volunteer Fire Dept. to host annual spaghetti dinner

The Mt. Pleasant Volunteer Fire Department will hold its annual spaghetti dinner on May 4 from 12 p.m. to 6 p.m., or until the food is gone. The cost is \$10 per dinner with children 6 and under eating free.

This will be a drive-through event. The menu will include spaghetti, salad, bread, drink, and dessert.

The fire department will be assisted by the Auxiliary members. This is a major fundraiser for

the department to help the members continue to be able to serve the community.

The address for the fire department is 2909 Jae Valley Road, Roanoke.

~ MPVFD

Ruritans having a chicken barbecue May 18

The Bonsack/Blue Ridge Ruritan Club will hold a chicken barbecue from 4-6 p.m. on May 18. This is a drive-through-only event; pick up at the back lot of Bonsack United Methodist Church, 4493 Bonsack Road, Roanoke.

Tickets are \$15 for half a chicken, baked beans, slaw, roll and bottled water. Order tickets by phone at 540-798-2104 or email JIRuritan82@aol.com.

~ Bonsack/Blue Ridge Ruritan Club

Happy 100th Birthday, Annie Jeter Lee!

Annie “Lock” Jeter Lee celebrated her 100th birthday with a party at Mill Creek Baptist Church on April 27 (her actual birthday is May 5).

Mrs. Lee is the last of the third generation of Jeters of Jeter Farm in Bonsack. She was born and raised in the home that her dad, Jacob, was born and raised in, located on Route 460. Her mother was Hattie Brugh from Nace and always had a garden, using a tiller to cultivate it. She planted enough so she was able to give away what was not used by her family.

Annie is known as “Lock” to family and close friends. According to her daughter, Anne Wagner, Annie received the nickname from her brother, Max. When she was in elementary school the premier book had the rhyme “Lucy Lockett lost her pocket, Penny Fender found it.”

“Max was helping her with her lessons when she was reading Lucy Lockett; she continuously would say Lucy “Lock” and he continued to



PHOTO COURTESY OF MILDRED SCOTT
Annie Lee (on right) with daughter Anne Marie Lee Wagner and Congressman Ben Cline.

correct her. After many times Max told her ‘If you say Lucy Lock one more time, I am going to call you Lock.’ And from that day she has been called Lock. She even receives mail addressed to “Lock Lee.

“Mother worked on the farm when and where she was needed, from picking squash or wiping tomatoes to selling peaches, cantaloupes, and watermelons on the roadside stand at the farm. She also was an avid gardener. In the summer she always had a garden, using a tiller to cultivate it. She planted enough so she was able to give away what was not used by her family.

“However, about four years ago she had an aortic valve replacement and that put an end to her big gardening. This was not her choice; it was her doctor’s

decision.

“When she was not gardening, she was quilting. She enjoys quilting so much that there is not a family member who does not have a quilt or two, plus many friends. She entered quilts in quilt shows and usually came home with ribbons.


“Mother is blessed that she is able to continue to live on the farm that she loves so dearly. She is a member of the Botetourt County DAR.”

She has two daughters, Anne Marie Lee Wagner and Judy Lee; two grandchildren, Paula and Jacob; and three great-grandchildren, Alexis, Brooklyn and Cora.

Congressman Ben Cline attended the birthday celebration which was arranged by her daughters.

~ Vinton Messenger staff report

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Vinton History Museum features Vinton First Aid Crew memorabilia, seeks donation for cargo/personnel lift

On Saturday, May 4, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., the Vinton History Museum will feature a special pop-up display of vintage artifacts and photos of the Vinton First Aid Crew in honor of the 50th anniversary of all Emergency Medical Systems and the clinicians who provide care in a variety of settings every single day. This year’s national theme is “Honoring Our Past, Forging Our Future.”

According to “Roanoke County Fire and Rescue: A Reflection of 150 years,” on October 5, 1939, 17 men with a strong desire to help their friends and neighbors in need met in the basement of Vinton Baptist and officially established the Vinton First Aid Crew, Inc. It was one of the first 10 volunteer first aid organizations in Virginia.

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

The Vinton History Museum is accepting donations for the installation of a cargo/personnel lift to make the second floor of the building more accessible for guests and volunteers. The goal is to raise \$60,000. (See flyer to contribute)

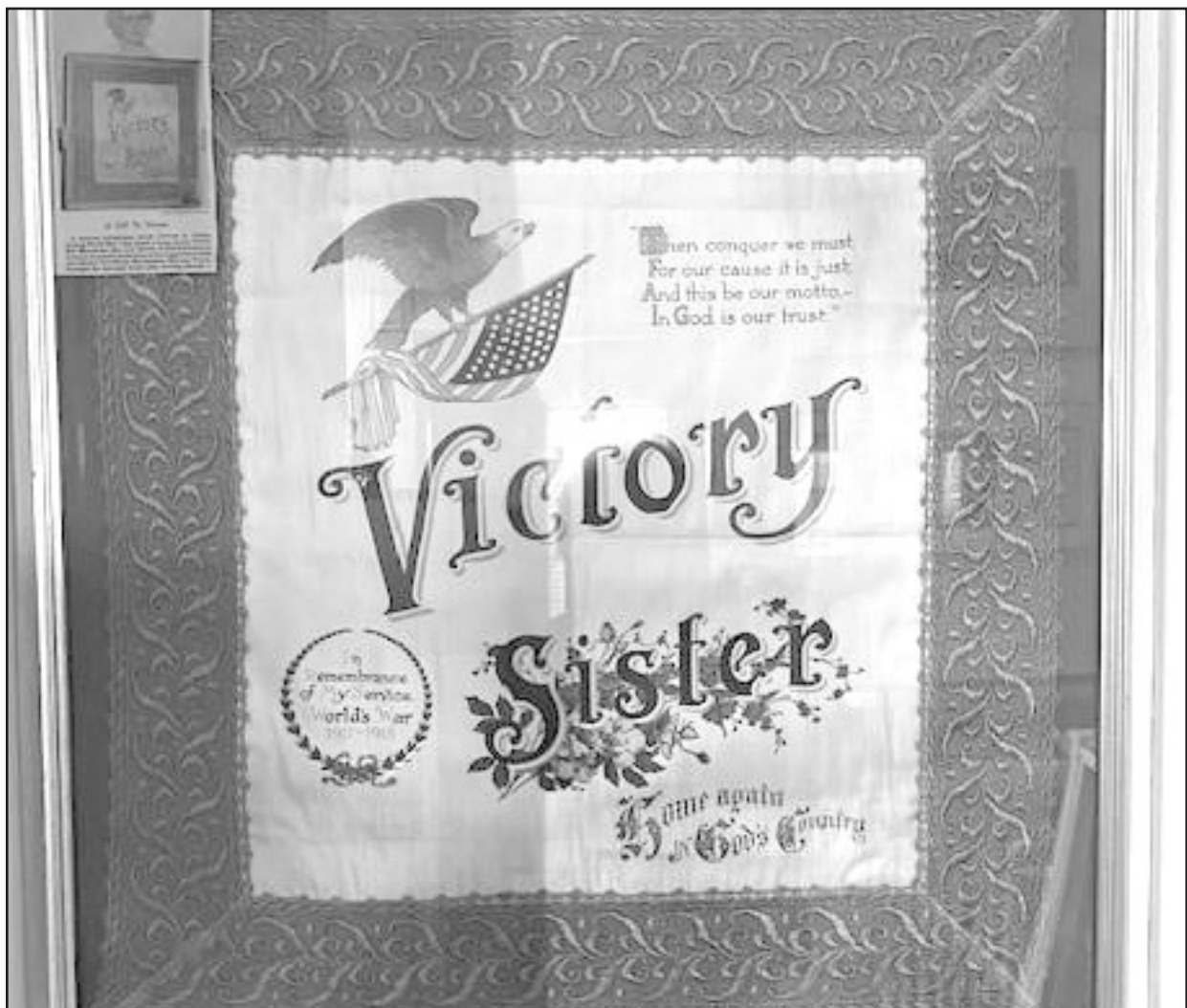
The Vinton History Museum is open for tours and research every Monday, Wednesday, Friday and the first Saturday of each month from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at 210 E. Jackson Ave. in Vinton.

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

Visit the Vinton History Museum Facebook Page and Vinton Memories and History Facebook pages for frequent updates and interesting history information.

~ Submitted by Vinton History Museum

VINTON HISTORY: Pillow Covers



Pillow covers were popular souvenirs designed to be sent home by servicemen during World Wars I and II. For mothers and relatives at home, the souvenir pillow cover was a fond reminder of those overseas. They were typically made of silk and decorated with war-related designs and writing. They were a way to express love, longing, and unwavering support. Each pillow cover held a unique story. If these pillow covers could talk, they would whisper tales of resilience,

sacrifice, and hope. And the V for Victory sign, urging oppressed nations to fight alongside the Allies, found its way onto many of these cherished covers. So, next time you see a vintage WWII pillow cover, remember the hands that stitched it, the hearts that held it, and the courage it symbolized. The Herman Swain family donated a World War I pillowcase that he brought home to his sister, Mrs. A.C. Harris, to the Town of Vinton.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF JUDY CUNNINGHAM

See the Vintage WWI Victory Sister Silk Pillow Cover on display at the Vinton History Museum, 210 East Jackson Avenue in downtown Vinton; open Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and every first Saturday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. “Preserving the Past for the Future.”

Submitted by Judy Cunningham, Vinton History Museum Executive Director

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will evolve into the future. We have to start creating jobs!

We need to start going to areas we know where the jobs are being created to sell Roanoke County. The day of waiting for the phone to ring and hoping they come here with jobs is over. We need to go to them! We need to find businesses expanding and looking for new locations. We have to be proactive, not reactive. Let’s start building for the future and bring jobs to Roanoke County!

Economic development has not been our strong suit over the last decade. Once home values stop rising, we will have to make some hard choices on spending. Our real estate tax dollars continue to rise, as \$11 million was added to the county government this year and the board only gave \$2 million back to the citizens. Next year may be a reality check if home values don’t continue to rise as they have over the last several years.

Shepherd: The locality needs to focus on economic development to bring additional positions to the area so that our young adults will have the opportunity to stay in the area and raise their families. I also would like to work with developers to encourage additional housing of all types to provide homes that we are lacking. Being in the real estate business, I constantly hear agents and home purchasers complain about the lack of available housing. Recently Roanoke County has funded remodeling W.E. Cundiff and Glen Cove Elementary Schools as well as building a new Career and Technical Education Center which will allow students to begin careers locally as soon as they graduate from Roanoke County Schools.

4. What are your plans for the future of the district? What do you see for the Town of Vinton in the

next 10-20 years?

Shepherd: I will continue to advocate for additional business and development opportunities in Vinton so that our children and grandchildren have the opportunity to continue to live and work in Vinton and raise their families here.

Greenway: Did I mention ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT! We are going to lead the region in job growth, not try to ride the coat tails of our regional counties. I plan to hold meetings for small businesses to see how we can help them thrive, not just survive. We will remove barriers and regulations to doing business in Roanoke County. We will make it easier to open a business in Vinton along our corridors like Washington Avenue or Walnut Avenue or Hardy Road. We can do this. We don’t have to follow– we can lead!

I see Vinton as a thriving town in a decade. Hopefully, we will see a renewed growth in downtown Vinton area homes to support downtown businesses. I’m hoping the Water Authority continues to expand its reach in the Mt. Pleasant area so we can see some development opportunities. We have a piece of property waiting on businesses now to come– the McDonald farm property– or we could repurpose it into other growth opportunities, including housing, an amphitheater, or some other use. We could also bring a new entrance into Vinton via Explore Park and possibly give a new entrance/exit for the Montgomery Village community. I’m not ready to give up on this property for business, but we may be able to tie in the property with the Explore Park property to give us another entrance into Vinton as a destination. Lastly, we need to get the hotel deal done to continue the idea of a destination location. There are many, many opportunities to grow our Vinton district in a way that doesn’t take away from who we are as communities.

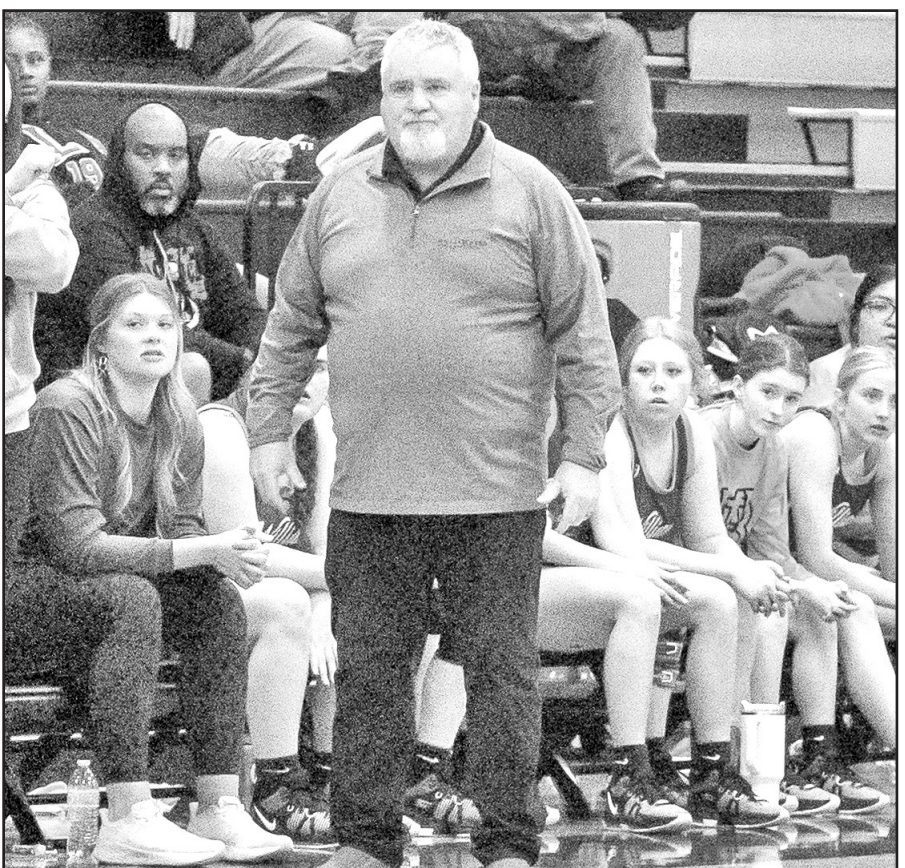


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Rebecca “Kat” Stanley, seated at the left, was the varsity assistant to Randy Bush(standing) for the Byrd girls’ basketball team this winter.

STANLEY IS NEW GIRLS’ COACH

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Terrier players growing up, and heard about others.

“My future goals are getting Byrd basketball to where it used to be,” she said. “We have had a lot of great athletes come through Byrd like Brandy Allen, Andrea Gay and Jenny Mitchell, and they really set the tone during their time here. I believe the girls we have and those coming up can do just that.”

Bush has no doubt he’s turning the program over to the right person.

“This program is a sleeping giant,” he said. “No doubt she has the energy and the knowledge, and she already has the trust of the players to assist them to that next level. She was instrumental in making sure everything ran as it should this past season. I am very excited for her. She will do amazing things.”

There’s no doubt Kat bleeds orange.

“This job is more than just special to me, I truly am blessed,” she said. “I have had great coaches in my life like Coach Pyzik from Lynchburg, Coach Greenway, Brian Bartley, Sammi Webster, Miranda Carasco, Dave Kelly, my AAU coach Renee Favaro (now Lord Botetourt head coach) who all inspired me to pursue coaching, and more importantly be a positive influence to young girls.”

Vinton Breakfast Lions Club volunteer to test students’ vision

The Vinton Breakfast Lions Club has completed its school vision screenings at area public and private schools for the 2023-2024 school year, donating 51 volunteer hours to the annual project. Dickens is shown at Lynn Haven Baptist Preschool on April 17 where he screened 20 students, using the handheld Welch Allyn Spot Vision Screening device. The camera screens both eyes at once from a nonthreatening 3-foot distance in just moments and detect near-sightedness, far-sightedness, unequal refractive power, blurred vision and eye structure problems like astigmatism, pupil size deviations, and eye misalignment. Students who already have glasses or contact lenses can be screened with the camera as well. The Lions use a wireless printer with the vision screener to print out results of only those who need to be evaluated further and pass those pages along to the school, which sends them home with a recommendation for further evaluation. The local Lions screened 1,119 public school students in six schools this school year, with 165 needing referrals. They screened 203 students in six private schools, with 18 needing referrals.

~ Vinton Breakfast Lions Club



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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

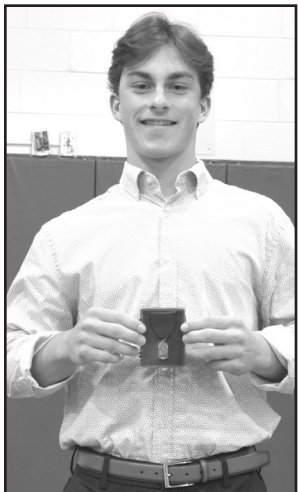
and led to a man named Ananias. Saul was one of the greatest persecutors of Christians at the time. The Lord told Ananias that Saul was God’s “chosen instrument to proclaim my name to the Gentiles and their kings and to the people of Israel” (v.15). Once Saul could see again, he was

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!

Honors

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Ian Burnett



Emma Kageals



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Fifteen students were awarded \$1,000 scholarships in memory of baseball coach Mike Shepherd.

successes managing multiple academic projects, athletics, and volunteering. Being well-rounded and recognized for strong leadership skills along with consistently exemplifying kindness and respect towards peers and adults makes her the choice for this award. “She is an honor student with a 4.28 GPA and in addition to her studies she works part-time, volunteers at the Rescue Mission and Carilion Roanoke Memorial Hospital. Selected to be William Byrd’s HOBY (Hugh O’Brian Youth) Leadership Seminar in Ashland, Va., she returned to Vinton and presented a program to the Vinton Woman’s Club. Just to let you know, her speech was shared with the Virginia HOBY organization and all 124 GFWC Virginia clubs.

“Sports have been a large part of her life and include serving as captain of the cross country team serving in 2023 and as part of the Blue Ridge District and All-Region Team. She served as captain of the girls soccer team in 2024 and was chosen for the district and region teams. And just so she would not become bored, she is a member of the Virginia United Travel Soccer Roanoke team.

“She is a member of the LEO, Reindeer, Beta Clubs and a founding member of the Young Life Vinton Program and president of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.”

Jeff Mason from the Vinton Breakfast Lions Club presented the award for Best All-Around Male to Hairston.

“This young man held a 4.16 GPA in high school while taking Pre-AP, AP, and Dual Enrollment classes and was on the A or A/B Honor Roll every nine weeks during his high school career,” Mason said.

“He is a member of the Beta Club. He is active in his church where he has served as a volunteer and junior deacon. He has also volunteered in many programs from collecting and distributing clothes, toys, and non-perishable food for the Rescue Mission, Turning Point, the Salvation Army, and the Brian Center. He has been active in the community by volunteering with community rec leagues and many other programs. He has been the William Byrd quarterback for most of the last four years, earning All-District, All-Region, All-State and local media honors as well as being team captain. He also won All-Region defensive honors as a senior as a defensive back. He played basketball throughout his high school career as well. He plans to attend Virginia Tech this fall. He was also crowned Homecoming King.

Assistant Principal Phillip Martin presented several awards to outstanding students, including:

Top Terrier—Olaedo Anyanwu (This student is nominated by students and elected by the faculty and “best exemplifies the qualities of integrity, loyalty, courage of character, and serves as a role model for everyone. They value education and the traditions of the school.”)

Dog Pound Leaders—Kate Bryant and Brenin Witcher (These students are nominated and elected by the senior class to lead the Dog Pound student spirit section at events.)

Blue Ridge Academic Awards for the highest GPA and most awarded school letters: Wyattte Bailey, Dexter Gaines, Sydney Blewett, Claire Glover, and Olaedo Anyanwu

B’Nai Brith awards for WBHS—Emma Kageals and Israel Hairston (The B’Nai Brith awards are given each year to a male and female winner from among 19 high schools in the Roanoke Valley—the “Heisman trophy” of high school awards. The award is based on athletic success (40%), academic success (40%), and community service (20%). Kageals and Hairston will compete against the other 19 schools for the prestigious award.)

Each department at WBHS selects one outstanding senior who maintains good academic standards, displays good character, and contributes constructively to the class, department, and school—another coveted award. This award is determined by a vote of the faculty in the department and revealed on the night of the awards assembly.

This year’s Department Award recipients included:

- Art Dept.—Gretchen Kinney
- Band—Griffin Yakob
- English—Shiloh Markwith
- FACS—Jovie Underwood
- French—Tyler Morrison
- German—Zachary James
- Latin—Emily Sowers

- Marketing—Reagan Lilley
- Math—Dexter Gaines
- Physical Education—Ian Burnett
- Science—Emma Kageals
- Social Studies—Dominic Dulak
- Spanish—Makenna Jacobsen
- Technology Education—Mason Teehan
- Yearbook—Natalie Blevins and Carter Dullaghan

The following scholarships were also awarded during the evening:

PTSO Scholarships: Milla Farrington, Claire Glover, Israel Hairston, Jack Hinkle, Tyler Morrison, presented by PTSO President Kori Webb

Dr. Charlie J. “Jay” Lovelace III Memorial Scholarships: Elizabeth Dixon and Claire Glover, presented by Charlie and Carolee Lovelace in memory of their son Jay. Recipients must be members of Vinton Baptist Church.

Erica Thomas Memorial Scholarship: Claire Glover and Addisyn St. Clair, presented by the Thomas family in memory of their daughter, Erica, a 1999 honor graduate of William Byrd

Arnold R. Burton Scholarship: Wyattte Bailey and Alexandra Bonilla, presented by Coach Paul Barnard to honor former WBHS Principal Arnold R. Burton

Reindeer Club Scholarships: Emmerson Abshire, Olaedo Anyanwu, Eva Brown, Kate Bryant, Elizabeth Dixon, and Emily Tuck, presented by Len Hale

Wallace Cundiff Memorial Scholarships: Israel Hairston, Emma Kageals, Sawyer Harris, presented by Jeff Mason in memory of Wallace Cundiff, a beloved member of the Vinton community, a School Board member, and a lifelong Lions Club member.

Vinton Breakfast Lions Club Scholarship: Claire Glover, presented by Jeff Mason

Mt. Pleasant Volunteer Fire Department Scholarship: Sawyer Harris, presented by Chief Eric Stump and Lt. Cody Southers

Air Force Math and Science Award: Griffin Yakob, presented by Sgt. Nicholas Countess, USAF

Mike Shepherd Memorial Scholarship: Ian Burnett, Noah Thompson, Keller Spraker, Doniven Davis, Dexter Gaines, Elliott Gaines, Julian Pantoja, Lane Shoemaker, John Kiker, Brayden Andrews, Dominic Dulak, Bricen Lancaster, Ian Vest, Cooper Minnix, and Israel Hairston, presented by the Shepherd family in memory of baseball coach Mike Shepherd

Dr. Herbert L. Keaton Memorial Scholarship: Seth Elmore, presented by Chris Keaton in memory of Dr. Herbert Keaton, Vinton’s first optometrist, who “loved education and never stopped learning”

Dee Graybill Memorial Baseball Scholarship: Israel Hairston, presented by Scott Graybill in honor of his mother, Dee Graybill

RCPS Education Foundation Scholarships, presented by Chuck Lionberger, representing the RCPS Education Foundation:

- Carilion Clinic Research: Jenny Nguyen
- Kip Nininger Scholarship #2: Makenna Jacobsen

- Education Foundation Golf Scholarship from Southern Team Auto: Griffin Yakob

RCPS Education Foundation Scholarships, presented by Tammy Newcomb:

- Herman L. Horn Elementary PTA Scholarship: Emily Tuck
- LaCole Board Memorial Scholarship: Israel Hairston

- Robert A. Patterson Memorial Scholarship: Kate Bryant

- Vinton McDonald’s Scholarship: Karli Stephenson
- Quincy Development Scholarship: Claire Glover

Stovall-Page Scholarship: Elizabeth Dixon and Claire Glover, presented by the Page and Stovall families in memory of Raymond Eugene Page and Joseph William Stovall, both graduates of WBHS and lifelong members of Vinton Baptist Church. Mr. Page made the first WBHS class ring.

Vinton Woman’s Club Scholarship: Emma Kageals, presented by Vicky Newbern. Newbern described Kageals, “who seemed to do it all” during her high school years, and “will make a positive impact on this world.” She participated in track and field, competing in hurdling and jumping. She holds the record for long jump at William Byrd. She has been involved in competition cheerleading and sideline cheerleading,

serving as captain. She will be attending Virginia Tech next year on a pre-Med track. She is a member of the Beta Club and vice president of the Leo Club, a member of the SCA, and a volunteer at Carilion Clinic and Jill’s Buddy Camp for children with developmental disabilities. She has been employed at T.J. Maxx, at Tree-top Quest as a zip-line guide, and at Carilion as a health care associate.

Some 60 students were recognized as valedictorians and presented individually with their Valedictorian Certificate, stole, and Honor Graduate tassel indicating they have achieved a GPA of 4.0 or higher during their high school years. Many of the valedictorians also received Advanced Study Diploma pins, Beta Club pins, and Beta Club cords (indicating completion of volunteer hours).

William Byrd valedictorians as of May 2 include Sarah Addo, Erin Adkins, Olaedo Anyanwu, Wyattte Bailey, Ashley Begasse, Jaslyn Bibby, Natalie Blevins, Sydney Blewett, Alexandra Bonilla, Eva Brown, Ian Burnett, Nathan Carter, Hernan Cataneo-Luna, Emily Cook, Elizabeth Dixon, Dominic Dulak, Carter Dullaghan, Landon Dyess, Phoenix Eanes, Aidan Eline, Noah Franks, Dexter Gaines, Elliott Gaines, Claire Glover, Israel Hairston, Joshua Hardy, Britton Harnish, Sawyer Harris, Jack Hinkle, Aiden Hundley, Makenna Jacobsen, Zachary James, Emma Kageals, Alexis LaBarbera, Thaddeus Lilley, Shiloh Markwith, Payton Martin, Emma Miller, Sean Minnix, Abigail Moats, Tanner Montgomery, Tyler Morrison, Jenny Nguyen, Tracy Nguyen, Kallie Niday, Emily Sowers, Keller Spraker, Samantha Start, Addisyn St. Clair, Finley Stephens, Karli Stephenson, Johnathan Teague, Kayli Thompson, Kenny Trang, Emily Tuck, Madelyn Ward, Ashley Woods, Griffin Yakob, and Elizabeth Young.

About 60 students were also recognized as Distinguished Honor Graduates with GPAs of 3.75 or higher. Each received an Honor Graduate gold tassel; some also received Advanced Studies Diploma pins, Beta Club pins and Beta Club cords (for volunteer service).

Distinguished Honor Graduates for 2024 include Emmerson Abshire, Dakota Adams, Brooklyn Arven, Noah Austin, Beau Brady, Terran Brown, Kathryn Bryant, Sydney Bunce, Abigail Bush, Makynna Byrd, Landon Caldwell, Logan Carpenter, Alexandra Chaney, Zachary Claybrook, Madelyn Davis, Anibeth Dixon, Mandolin Draper, Seth Elmore, Kadence Fernatt, Samantha Flippen, Lance Freedle, Savannah Gibson, Reid Hanson, Kaliyah Harris, Autumn Hicks, Donald Hodges, Taryn Hodges, Michael Hoyos, Andrew Kiker, John Kiker, Gretchen Kinney, Keila Leonel-Castro, Reagan Lilley, Andrew Lindsay, Landon Lorton, Katelyn Lucas, Steven Matar, Allyson Mavredes, Brayden McCulloch, Adam Megdadi, Gracie Mick, Cooper Minnix, Kaylee Mitchell, Madison Montgomery, Hannah O’Brien, Nicole Posadas, Lane Shoemaker, Benjamin Sink, Dominic-Nasir Smith, Mason Teehan, Noah Thompson, Jovie Underwood, Chloe Varney, Nathaniel Vaughn, Ian Vest, Alexis Ware, Madison White, Meghan White, Brenin Witcher, and Grayson Workman.

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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

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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, 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.bwwsales.com. Additional terms, if any, to be announced at the sale and the Purchaser may be given the option to execute the contract of sale electronically. This is a communication from a debt collector and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. The sale is subject to seller confirmation. Substitute Trustee: Equity Trustees, LLC, 8100 Three Chopt Road, Suite 240, Richmond, VA 23229. For more information contact: BWW Law Group, LLC, attorneys for Equity Trustees, LLC, 6003 Executive Blvd, Suite 101, Rockville, MD 20852, 301-961-6555, website: www.bwwsales.com. VA-369557-1.

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.bwwsales.com. Additional terms, if any, to be announced at the sale and the Purchaser may be given the option to execute the contract of sale electronically. This is a communication from a debt collector and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. The sale is subject to seller confirmation. Substitute Trustee: Equity Trustees, LLC, 8100 Three Chopt Road, Suite 240, Richmond, VA 23229. For more information contact: BWW Law Group, LLC, attorneys for Equity Trustees, LLC, 6003 Executive Blvd, Suite 101, Rockville, MD 20852, 301-961-6555, website: www.bwwsales.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

Legals - Botetourt County

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 13th 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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Counsel for James A. McClure, Administrator of the Estate of Charles Matthew Barton, deceased

Legals - City of Salem

Notice is hereby given to all interested persons that the City of Salem Planning Commission, at its regular meeting on May 15, 2024, at 7:00 p.m., in Council Chambers, City Hall, 114 North Broad Street, in the City of Salem, Virginia, will hold a public hearing, pursuant to Sections 15.2-2204 and 15.2-2285 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, to consider approval of the following requests relative to the CODE OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA:

Consider the request of JBN Investments, LLC, property owner, for the issuance of a Special Exception Permit to allow the conversion of a single-family dwelling into a two-family dwelling on the property located at 324 Pennsylvania Avenue, (Tax Map # 120-6-3).

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

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

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

Notice is hereby given to all interested persons that the Council of the City of Salem, at its regular meeting on Monday, May 13, 2024, at 6:30 p.m., in the Community Room, Salem Civic Center, 1001 Roanoke Boulevard, in the City of Salem, Virginia, will hold a public hearing, pursuant to Sections 15.2-2204 and 15.2-2285 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, to consider the following request relative to the CODE OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA:

Consider the request of Virginia Baptist Children's Home (dba HopeTree Family Services), property owner, for rezoning the properties located at 1000 block Red Lane and a

Legals - City of Salem

portion of 860 Mount Vernon Lane (Tax Map #'s 41-1-1, 41-1-2, 41-1-3, 41-1-4, 41-1-5, 41-1-6, and a portion of 44-3-10) from RSF Residential Single Family to PUD Planned Unit District.

No formal action by Council will take place at the May 13, 2024 meeting. Council action for the required first and second reading of the ordinance will be scheduled for future Council meeting agendas.

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

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

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA
BY:
H. Robert Light
Clerk of Council

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to Section 22.1-29.1 of the Code of Virginia, as amended to date, notice is hereby given that the Council of the City of Salem will hold a public hearing at 6:30 p.m., May 28, 2024, in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 114 North Broad Street, Salem, Virginia, to receive views of citizens within the Salem School District regarding an appointment to fill the unexpired term ending 12/31/2026 of one member on the City of Salem School Board.

All candidates seeking appointment must submit a letter of interest and résumé to the Deputy Clerk of Council. Submissions are requested prior to noon on Friday, May 24, 2024, however, in all cases must be submitted prior to the closing of the public hearing.

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA
H. Robert Light
Clerk of Salem City Council

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

Legals - Montgomery County

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 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

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. Hedgepeth 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)

Legals - Montgomery County

for the creation of three (3) parcels is currently under review by the Planning and Engineering Department.

Persons affected by or interested in this Agricultural and Forestal District withdrawal may appear and present their views. After the hearing, the Planning Commission will take action. Copies of the request and all related items may be found online at www.blacksburg.gov/publichearings 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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Terrell selected for swim camp

Hadyn Terrell, a member of the William Byrd Swim Team and Virginia Gators Swim Team, has been selected by USA Swimming to attend the 2024 Eastern Zone Select Camp this summer. Zone Select Camps bring the top swimmers in each zone together.



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HAYDEN TERRELL

In 2024 USA Swimming will host two select camps: one for the Eastern and Southern zone and one for the West and Central zone. Each zone’s camp invites 56 athletes to attend. The fastest male and female swimmer from each of the 14 Olympic events is invited to attend the camp.

Hadyn swam the fastest 200 breast-stroke in the Eastern and Southern Zone to earn this honor. She will attend the camp at North Carolina State from June 6th to June 9th this summer!

“Hadyn swam exhibition for us as an eighth grader this past season,” said Byrd swim coach Krista Martin. “I am so excited to watch her compete on a varsity level next year. I am certain she has an exciting high school swimming career ahead of her.”

Martin swam on the team with Hadyn’s mother at William Byrd, Kyndal (Spradlin) Terrell, and they remain close friends.

“I have had the privilege of knowing Hadyn her whole life,” said Martin. “She is one of the most dedicated and hard working athletes I have ever met. She is a fierce competitor and an exceptional athlete, yet she is always extremely humble. Even at a young age she has so many great leadership qualities.

“Hadyn makes our school and our town very proud. What an incredible honor to be one of 112 selected from the whole United States to have this experience!”



PHOTOS BY BILLY POWELL

Byrd grads in ODAC tournament

Two University of Lynchburg senior softball players who are products of the William Byrd program were recently honored on “Senior Day” in Lynchburg. Left, Bri Hodges, and, right, Lexi Powell are outfielders for the Hornets. Lynchburg is the fourth seed in this week’s Old Dominion Athletic Conference Tournament and will open Friday with a game against fifth seeded Bridgewater at Virginia Wesleyan.

Terriers will run in Cosmo

The William Byrd track team will head to Roanoke this weekend for the annual Cosmopolitan Club Track meet. The three day meet is held at William Fleming High School.

The middle school field events and running trials will be Thursday. Junior Division athletes, in ninth and 10 grades, will have field events Friday at Fleming along with trials and some senior running trials. Senior field events, for juniors and seniors, will be Saturday morning and all running finals, for all three classes, will begin at 11:30 am Saturday.

William Byrd athletes competed in the Titan Track Classic at Hidden Valley High School last Saturday. The Blacksburg girls and Salem boys won team championships. Byrd was missing some athletes who competed in a meet at Tennessee Friday night and did not make the trip to Hidden Valley Saturday.

Friday night Byrd competed at West Ridge High School in Blountville, Tennessee for the 44th annual Trojan Track Classic. DeShawn Austin state qualified in

the 300m hurdles and earned a 2nd place finish with a time of 39.19.

Wyatte Bailey finished 4th in the 400m dash with a time of 51.66. The 4x100m relay of Brady Reachy, Austin, Ethan Haston and Lane Shoemaker finished 5th with a time 44.46 and Haston finished 2nd in the long jump (21’5) and 3rd in the pole vault (12’6).

On the ladies side Grace Onwi won the 400m dash competition with a time of 59.11. Emma Kageals finished 3rd in the 100m hurdles in 16.04 and 4th in the 300m hurdles at 49.05.

Lily Perez finished 4th in the triple jump with a jump of 35’3.5”. The 4x400m relay of Kageals, Emma Matthews, Perez and Onwi broke a school record set in 1977 by running a time of 4:13.54, which also helped them state qualify.

At Hidden Valley Saturday Olivia Bustamante finished 2nd in the high jump competition with a height of 4’10”, which qualified her for states. Skye Williams finished 7th in the discus with a throw of 81’5 and the 4x400m relay of Taylor Spangler, Heidi Weinke, Riley Roth and Allyson Mavredes



WM BYRD TRACK PHOTO

Left to right, Byrd’s Lily Perez, Grace Onwi, Emma Kageals and Emma Matthews pose for a group shot after breaking the school record in the 4x400 relay at the Trojan Track Classic in Tennessee Friday. The record had stood since 1977.

finished 6th with a time of 4:55.60.

On the men’s side Cooper Minnix finished 4th in the 100m dash with a time of 11.32 and 7th in the 200m dash with a time of 22.75 to state qualify in both events. Israel Hairston finished 9th in the 200m dash with a time of 23.09, which qualified him for states. Hairston also fin-

ished 5th in the high jump (5-4) and 3rd in the long jump with a distance of 19’11.

Micheal Goins was 4th in the 110m hurdles with a time of 16.28. The 4x100m relay of Minnix, Hairston, Jerrett Shepherd and Noah Thompson finished 3rd with a time of 44.48. All four also play on the William Byrd baseball team.

Byrd soccer boys host LB Friday

The William Byrd boys are hoping to gain some ground in the Blue Ridge District standings and Region 3D rankings when they host Lord Botetourt in soccer Friday at Highfill Field.

Franklin County comes into the week leading the BRD with a 7-0 record. However, after that LB, Byrd and Northside all have three wins, but Botetourt has two ties and that separates them from the other two. Byrd is 6-5-2 overall and that’s important as Botetourt is just 3-7-2 overall and behind the Terriers in the more important region rankings.

Byrd missed a chance to make some progress last Friday when the Terriers were edged by Northside in a home game, 2-1. The Vikings got the win when they scored on a corner kick late in the game to break a 1-1 tie.

“It was a tough night going in as we

are still short-handed with injuries and we had to make more adjustments as we went along,” said Byrd coach Russell Dishman. “The biggest thing I want to point out is Tyson Brady stepping up and playing in goal for us on the night. He took a risk moving into a position he does not normally play and stepped up for the group and played an awesome match. We ask players to sacrifice for the team and he did. I am sure it was stressful and it was a tough match to step into but he did not complain and stepped in with confidence.”

Sergio Leon scored Byrd’s goal off an assist from Daniel Britts.

“It was a tough loss to happen at the end, but we want the guys to understand it was a good performance with the adjustment we had to make,” said Dishman.

Next Tuesday, May 7th, the Terriers go to Franklin County.



PHOTO BY JIM DEVINNEY

Katelyn Franks(white shirt) advances the ball against Christiansburg.

Lacrosse teams get busy

The William Byrd lacrosse teams will look to pick up some wins when they play three games in a span of eight days.

The Terriers were scheduled to play Franklin County teams on Wednesday of this week, but results were too late for publication. Next Monday, May 6th, the Terriers will play Blacksburg opponents with the boys at home and the girls in Blacksburg. Then, next Wednesday May 8th, the girls will host Cave Spring at Patterson Stadium in Vinton while the boys play the Knights at Bogle Stadium behind Cave Spring Middle School.

On Monday of this week both teams played strong E.C. Glass opponents in Lynchburg. The boys lost 14-1 as the Hilltoppers scored 13 unanswered goals after Byrd’s Justyn Rozenboom tied the score at 1-1 on an unassisted goal.

“Our guys came out and stood with E.C. Glass from the first whistle,” said Byrd coach Will Satterfield. “We had eight shots hit goal posts and rattle out. We ran out of gas and IQ and experience showed in the fourth quarter. Good game for our guys to see that we can play with anyone in the region when we come in focused and prepared.”

Julian Pantoja had 22 saves in goal.

The girls lost a 15-4 game to Glass. Annika Hylton had three goals and is now the all-time Byrd goal leader with 109 goals. Barb Hernandez had nine saves.

Last week the girls hosted Christiansburg and shut out the Blue Demons, 17-0. Hylton had three goals and Macie Hall had three goals and two assists. Anna Sexton had two goals and assisted on five others.

Tennis teams sweep Northside

The William Byrd tennis teams will take on Lord Botetourt this Friday in Blue Ridge District action. The boys will play the Cavaliers at Hollins University and the girls will host Botetourt in Vinton.

Last Friday both teams defeated Northside. The boys shut out the Vikings, 9-0, on Northside’s courts and the girls took a 6-3 win in Vinton.

Winning singles for the girls were

Makenna Jacobsen at number one, 8-0, Ashley Begasse at number two, 8-1, and Miley Moses at number five, 8-0. Jacobsen and Begasse teamed up to win at number one doubles, 8-0. Brooke Justus and Moses won at number two doubles, 8-2, and Callie Lusk and Peyton Wright teamed up to win at three, 8-5.

Next Tuesday Byrd teams will take on Franklin County with the boys at home and the girls in Rocky Mount.

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Stanley is named new girls' basketball coach at William Byrd

The William Byrd girls have a new basketball coach and the school has hired one of their own. Rebecca “Kat” Stanley, who played for the Terriers and has been an assistant coach under Randy Bush, has moved from the assistant’s chair to the end of the bench.

“I am beyond excited and truly blessed to be the head coach here at Byrd,” said Stanley. “I can’t wait to continue to build this program up even more. The future is very bright for Byrd girls’ basketball.”

Kat graduated from Byrd in 2017 where she was a standout player under coach Brad Greenway. Brad has since moved on to coach the Byrd boys’ team so she’ll be sharing the gym with one of her mentors’.

“Coach Greenway was my coach all throughout my high school career,” said Stanley. “My favorite memory would have to be when coach Greenway brought in all the dads for one of our practices and surprised us with a dad versus daughter game. It’s a memory that I hold very near and dear to my heart since losing my dad back in 2018. It shows that basketball is so much more than just a game.”

After high school Kat followed in her grandfather’s and mom’s footsteps and attended Lynchburg College, now the University of Lynchburg, and played basketball. She came back to Byrd right after college and helped with the jayvee team, and the following year she was the head jayvee coach. Last season she moved up to varsity assistant under Bush, who recently retired from the position.

“These past three years here at William Byrd have been beyond awesome,” said Bush. “Everybody from

the players, parents, the community and administrators were nothing but great and supportive. However, I am retiring from being a head coach due to the affects from the bout of pneumonia I contracted last July. It really zapped my energy. With this program growing and going in the right direction and with the talent here and the ones coming up I thought I should turn it over to somebody who has the energy and can continue to build this program. Kat in my mind is the right person to do that.”

Stanley is quite familiar with the girls after serving as an assistant, so she’ll hit the ground running.

“Relationships are key in every aspect of life and even sports,” she said. “Already having known these girls for the past three years is going to help tremendously.”

Kat has learned from Bush but she plans to put her own stamp on the team.

“Offensively, I want to push the ball and get up the court and utilize our speed and length on the defensive end, as well as with pressure right out of the gate,” she said. “These girls are very talented and we have even more talent coming up on the middle school end as well.”

Stanley already has her assistant. Brian Bartley, who was one of her high school coaches, will be the assistant coach.

“I am excited to work with him again and I know the girls will love his positive energy, just as I did,” she said.

As a Byrd grad Kat has seen some of the former



COURTESY PHOTO

Rebecca “Kat” Stanley is the new Byrd girls’ coach.

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Baseball team has big game at Botetourt Friday

Every game is important for the William Byrd baseball team as the post-season approaches, but Friday’s game at Lord Botetourt is especially important for both teams.

Byrd and Botetourt are fighting for position in Region 3D and Friday’s game could determine home advantage down the road. Coming into the week LB is ranked fourth in the region with an 11.6077 rating and Byrd is close behind in fifth at 10.5625. The top three schools are Abingdon, Magna Vista and Cave Spring, and things could change in the coming weeks as teams

battle for position. Byrd was scheduled to host eighth ranked Northside on Wednesday of this week and Friday’s game in Daleville is a 5:30 pm start.

“We have two big games this week,” said Byrd coach Jason Taylor. “It’s all about positioning for the region. LB jumped back ahead of us with a win at Franklin County.”

Byrd played Northside last Friday and took a 7-2 win over the Vikings at Northside’s Clyde Strutt Field. The Terriers were hitless through three innings but the Byrdmen put together a big sixth inning to score six runs and

pull out the win.

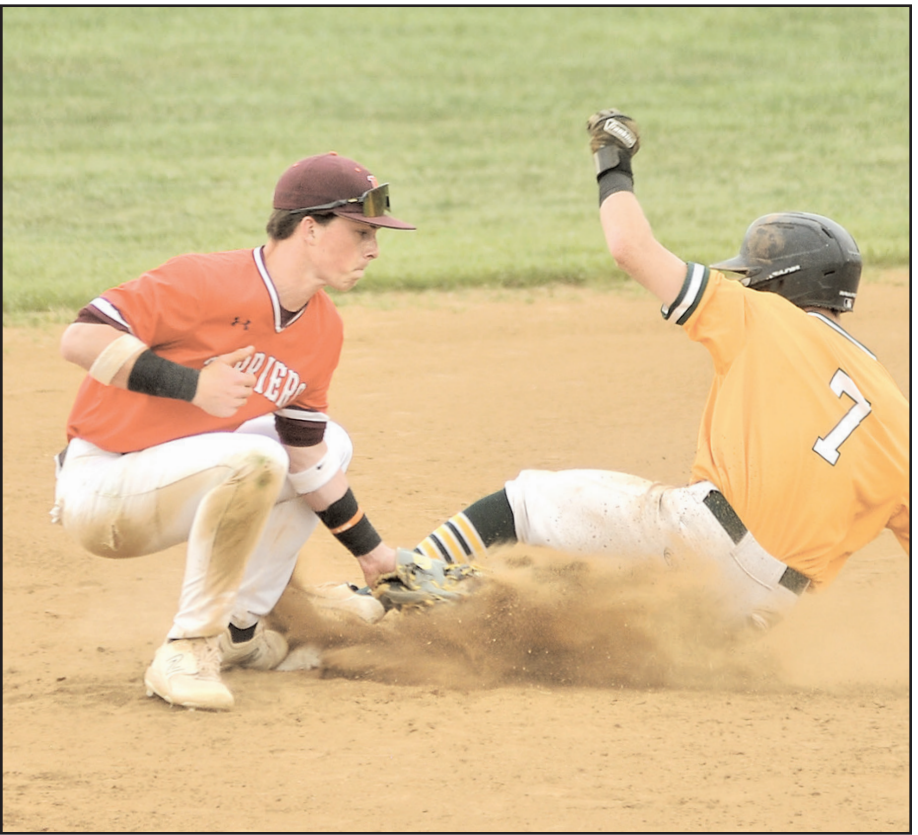
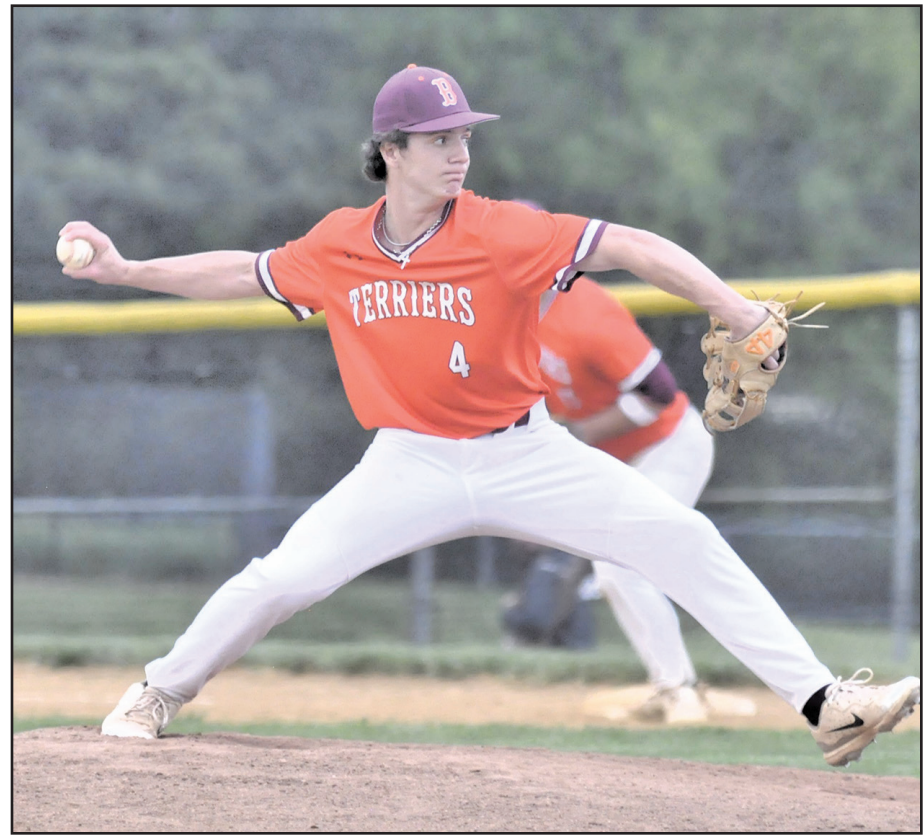
“Northside is very young and very competitive,” said Taylor. “They played the game with confidence and poise. We got a couple of breaks and put an inning together that was hard to overcome.”

Byrd had seven hits in the game, including two by Blake Glover. Ian Burnett drove in two with a hit and Noah Thompson, Israel Hairston, Brogan Dent and Hayden Eads had one hit each.

Dent started and pitched the first five innings for Byrd, striking out five.

He allowed two runs but neither was earned as he picked up the win. Brenin Witcher came on in the sixth and pitched two scoreless innings to close out the Vikings, striking out two.

With the win Byrd improved to 4-2 in the Blue Ridge District and 10-6 overall. Franklin County and Lord Botetourt came into the week tied for first in the BRD at 5-1 each and Byrd will play both in a span of five days, as Friday’s game at LB is followed by a home game against Franklin County next Tuesday in Vinton.



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Left, Byrd’s Brenin Witcher closes out the win over Northside with two scoreless innings. Right, Ian Burnett puts the tag on a sliding Viking at second base.



Heidi Dixon slides into second in last week’s game against Christiansburg.

PHOTO BY JIM DEVINNEY

Terriers have 17 hits in win over Vikings

The William Byrd girls hosted Northside Friday night for “Senior Night” and came up big with a 10-7 win. With the victory Byrd moved over the .500 mark at 8-7 and improved their district record to 4-2.

Prior to the game seniors Sydney Blewett, Mandolin Draper and Abby Fitzgerald were recognized. Then Byrd belted out 17 hits in the win and the seniors were big contributors. Underclassmen Carson Wood and Heidi Dixon had three hits each to add to the cause.

Addison Clark picked up the win on the mound for the Terriers. She pitched all seven innings and struck out eight.

Byrd also played at home against Christiansburg last week and dropped an 8-6 decision. The Terriers came from seven runs down but fell short despite out-hitting the Blue Demons, 8-6. Draper had three hits.

“We are so very young that it shows sometimes in critical spots,” said Byrd coach Greg Barton. “We’re starting two freshman and a whole lot of sophomores. At this point we are still in the hunt for the postseason and I’m hoping we can get some key wins down the stretch. We are out hitting most of our opponents but are making some young mistakes that cost us some runs.”

The Terriers will host Pulaski tonight. It’s a non-district game but the Cougars are a Region 3D opponent. On Friday Byrd will host Lord Botetourt and next Tuesday they go to Franklin County.

“This team never quits and are true fighters,” said Barton. “We can beat anyone on any given day, my job is to convince them that they can.”