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Ella Folk and Shenandoah Sound opened the first Vinton Mingle at the Market of the 2024 season on June 8.

Charissa Joy and High Frequency gave a high energy performance at the first Mingle, featuring Seph Custer on mandolin.

Huge turnout for first Mingle at the Market of the season

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A huge crowd turned out for Vinton's first Mingle at the Market concert of the season, hosted by the Vinton Chamber of Commerce on June 8. The Vinton Chamber of Commerce has been sponsoring these shows for 15 years at the Vinton Farmers' Market in downtown Vinton on the second and

fourth Saturday of each month. Enthusiasm and attendance have grown exponentially, drawing visitors from across the valley.

The event was advertised as a "Triple Threat Season Opener" since instead of the usual one or even two bands performing, this time there were three guest bands: Ella Folk and Shenandoah Sound, Charissa Joy and the High Frequency,

and Low Low Chariot.

The Vinton Chamber just simply outdid itself with this season opener.

Ella Folk with Shenandoah Sound kicked things off at 6:30. Ella, at age 19, writes her own original music, mainly country. The band just officially formed in February 2024 and includes many family members. They will be performing at many venues around the valley this summer and are well worth traveling to see—a great show!

Next up was the fantastic Charissa Joy and the High Frequency. Charissa has been described as a "vocal powerhouse" and she did not disappoint. The band also showcased Seph Custer on mandolin. "High energy performance" doesn't even begin to cover his talents.

Headliner for the evening

was Low Low Chariot-one of the valley's (and Vinton's) favorites, featuring Nashvillerecording artists J.D. Sutphin, Joshua Mason, and Blaine Davis. Audiences look forward to their performance at Mingle each year.

The Chamber has added a bouncy house for kids (which was monitored by volunteers

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Hairston wins 2024 B'nai B'rith Athletic and Achievement Award

Israel Hairston, a 2024 graduate of William Byrd High School, has added the prestigious B'nai B'rith Athletic and Achievement Award for 2024 to his lengthy list of accomplishments and





recognitions.

B'rith The B'nai award is sponsored by the Roanoke Jewish Federation and recognizes exceptional young individuals who excel in athletics, academics, and citizenship. This award is based on athletic success, academic success, and community service.

Established in 1951, the B'nai B'rith Awards recognize and honor student athletes, both men and women, for their scholastic success, good citizenship, and character, as demonstrated by their extracurricular commitment community service. At first, the award went to a male student who excelled in school, athletics, and Roanoke on June 10. service. In 1976, the organization began committee selects the Levin winners.

outstanding schools were nominated community. for these awards which were presented at a multi-sport athlete at banquet at the Hotel William Byrd-football,

PHOTO COURTESY OF TAMMY NEWCOMB

William Byrd graduate Israel Hairston accepts the 2024 B'nai B'rith Athletic and Achievement Award. He is pictured with WBHS Assistant Principal (and soon to be principal) Travis Anderson.

Two top awards are presented to one male recognizing female high and one female athlete. school students as well. Simone' Hamlar from The faculty at each high Northside High School school in the Roanoke was this year's female and New River valleys winner. Alex Caywood nominates two students of Faith Christian School for the award, and a was awarded the Artie Personal Life Award which is given to Thirty-seven a student who makes a student positive impact on those athletes from 19 area around them and in the

> Hairston was а

basketball, baseball. and track. On May 22, he signed a letter of commitment as a "preferred walk-on" in the Virginia Tech Hokies football program and as an engineering student.

He was also one of the valedictorians in the Class of 2024. He was named Class 3 VHSL Scholar Athlete of the Year-a first in William Byrd history.

He was not only outstanding in sports at WBHS. He was named

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Brothers (from left) Oliver, Simon, and Paul Sealey brought down the house with their performance at the Susan Lewis Music Studio recitals on June 9. Oliver and Simon are former Susan Lewis students, now in college. Paul just graduated from high school.

Thriving Susan Lewis Music Studio hosts three Spring Recitals

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The Susan Lewis Music Studio Spring Recitals are always more concerts than just end-of-year performances. This year's series of recitals seemed to surpass prior seasons in the sheer beauty of the performances by students and teachers.

The Studio hosted three Spring Recitals this year, with enrollment having grown to about 100 students. Lewis has been teaching for over 40 years, beginning when she was in high school, and for the past 34 years in the Vinton area. Her voice and piano classes have become so popular and sought-after that it was becoming problematic to sign up for lessons. That led to the idea of associate teachers.

"The addition of associate teachers has allowed more students to begin their music education with the Susan Lewis Music Studio rather than just sitting on my waiting list," Lewis said.

'This began in February 2023 with my first two associate teachers, who were actually advanced students of mine at the time, Latriva Pierce and Abby Shelton."

Pierce left last fall to go to Oberlin College in Ohio on a full scholarship, double majoring in Music and Creative Writing. Shelton has been teaching voice for the studio in the Salem area.

"Continuing to mentor and teach Abby has been a privilege and having her teach for us has been a blessing,' Lewis noted. "She also has a relatively

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Caitlin Bishop



Jocelyn Brigdon



Katie Lucas

David Whiting



Tracy Nguyen



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Noah Franks



Isaiah Rider



Nate Hardy



PHOTOSCOURTESYOFSTEVETHRASHER/WILLIAMBYRDHIGHSCHOOL The first Vinton First Aid Junior Crew members pictured in early 1974

Vinton First Aid Junior Crew celebrates 50th anniversary

In 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. Their goals were "to save life, administer first aid, and teach safety." The crew will celebrate their 85th anniversary in October 2024.

In 1973, several members of the Vinton First Aid Crew (VFAC) obtained permission from William Byrd High School to come to the school to talk to students that might be interested in joining the VFAC. Those members included Doug Adams and Mike Chewning. Nine students showed an interest and attended training during the fall of 1973 to obtain their CPR and American Red Cross Advanced First Aid certifications.

Those initial meetings resulted in nine students becoming the first Junior members in early 1974—Kenneth Drewery, Terry Fuqua, Ralph Hargis, Gary Honaker, Mike Huddleston, Ray Sloan, Perry Spangler, Chris Stull, and Danny Wood.

Partly because of the accomplishments of these charter members, the Vinton First Aid Crew has had a provision for a Junior Crew continuously since that time.

More Junior members were added in the coming years as the Junior Crew proved to be a vital component of the VFAC.

Of the nine charter members, several would go on to also join the Vinton Fire Department and other fire and rescue departments. Danny Wood worked for Roanoke County Fire and Rescue Department and retired from that role. Two continued on to become Life Members with VFAC- Chris Stull and Danny Wood. Chris Stull continues to serve on the Board of Directors. Although life took these nine members in many different directions, for a few years they would set an example together that is still being followed to this day.

This year, 2024, marks 50 years since the inception of the Junior Crew. Unfortunately, one of these, Gary Honaker, has already passed away. The charter members were honored by the VFAC and the Town of Vinton at the VFAC 2023 Installation/Christmas Banquet. Four of the nine were able to be present-Kenny Drewery, Terry Fuqua, Ralph Hargis and Chris Stull.

Many young people have served in the Junior Crew since 1974 and many have gone on to serve in the Senior Crew. Many have also gone on to serve the community and nation in a variety of public services including Emergency Services and the military.

This spring another group of VFAC Junior members has graduated from high school in the Class of 2024:

Caitlin Bishop graduated from William Byrd High School with honors and as a valedictorian and will attend Radford University Carilion in the Paramedic program.

Jocelyn Brigdon graduated from William Byrd and will also attend Radford University Carilion in the Paramedic program.

Noah Franks graduated from William Byrd and will attend Virginia Tech to major in Computer Science in the College of Engineering.

• Katie Lucas graduated from William Byrd High School with honors and will attend Radford University Carilion in the Paramedic program.

Tracy Nguyen graduated from William Byrd and will attend Johns Hopkins University.

Isaiah Rider graduated from William Byrd and will attend Radford University Carilion in the Paramedic program.

David Whiting graduated from Roanoke Valley Christian Schools and plans to enlist in the United States Air Force Reserves and become a medic.

Guinov Myrtil graduated from William Fleming High School with honors and will begin work with Roanoke City Fire and EMS in their July academy.

Nate Hardy graduated from Glenvar High School and will attend Virginia Tech to major in Chemistry.

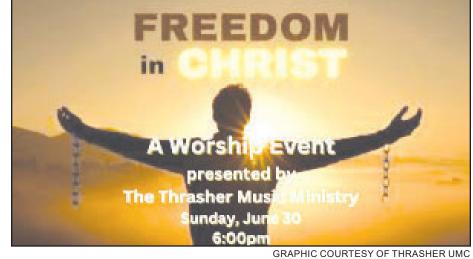
Submitted by Steve Thrasher, Vinton First Aid Crew

Thrasher Memorial music ministry invites community to 'Freedom in Christ'; local churches prepare for Vacation Bible School

The Thrasher Memorial United Methodist Church Music Ministry invites about songs of freedom, is "Scuba, diving into the community to a we usually consider friendship with God."

but spiritual freedom is 9 a.m. to 12 noon for an even greater blessing. Pre-K through fifth

"When we think grade. This year's theme special presentation of patriotic ones. But there Register at https://



'Freedom in Christ" on June 30 at 6 p.m.

be Music will presented the by Choir, Sanctuary Adult Handbell Choir, Humble Praise, and Kingdom Come and features songs and hymns that proclaim and celebrate spiritual freedom.

Thrasher Music Director Doug Pedigo notes, "Freedom! This is the cry of every legendary warrior and the longing of every heart. Earthly, political freedom is a blessing and a right many believe should be granted to every person, are many great hymns and songs that celebrate the whole person's freedom (body, mind, and soul) only available through Jesus.

"Songs and hymns that proclaim or celebrate our spiritual Christ freedom in remind us how precious freedom truly is and what it cost. No matter our social, political, physical, or situational state, we are truly free if we are free in Christ." Thrasher also invites the community to participate in its Vacation Bible School on June 24-27 from vbspro.events/p/50a1e3.

The Thrasher Youth will hold a car wash to raise money for summer activities on Saturday, June 15, at 11 a.m. in the lower parking lot. Thrasher Memorial UMC is located at 707 East Washington Avenue in Vinton.

Lynn Haven Baptist and Vinton Baptist will also be presenting the Scuba Vacation Bible School program.

Lynn Haven's VBS is scheduled for July 7-12 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. for ages 3 to fifth grade. Call 540-342-6102 to register. Lynn

Haven Baptist is located at 1501 E Washington Avenue in Vinton.

Lynn Haven will also be having a special music presentation on June 29 at 6:30 p.m. featuring Joseph Overfelt in the church's Summer Concert series.

Vacation Bible School at Vinton Baptist for Pre-K through sixth grade will be held from Sunday, July 14 through Thursday, July 18 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Registration is now open. Visit the website at www. vintonbaptistchurch.

org or the Facebook page to sign up. Vinton Baptist is located at 219 Washington Avenue.

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Vinton History Museum cargo/lift fundraising campaign continues, Watermelon Open House planned for July 6



Rendering of planned cargo/lift for the Vinton History Museum.

The Vinton Historical Society and Vinton History Museum are seeking funding to install a much-needed cargo/accessibility lift. Their "Rising to New Heights Cargo/Accessibility Lift" project aims to enhance accessibility and community engagement by addressing the challenge of access to the museum's second floor-now possible only via a steep set of stairs, original to the Upson home built in 1906.

FILE PHOTO

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

The cost of the project is estimated at approximately \$170,000. The museum has about \$60,000 set aside in funds accumulated throughout the years, along

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new business venture called 'Whimsical Character Experiences' bringing magic and even Disney Princesses to events and birthday parties."

Angela Janney joined Lewis's studio as an associate teacher last September, teaching both piano and voice to 31 students.

The newest associate teacher, Katie Saunders, joined the Susan Lewis Music Studio just seven weeks ago, also teaching both piano and voice. She is familiar to many in the Vinton area as the music teacher at Bonsack Elementary. Saunders was a student of Susan Lewis many years ago, which Lewis says makes their business relationship "even more special."

At the Susan Lewis Music Studio, "we have dedicated our hearts and souls to giving your child the best music education and experience possible," Lewis told the audience.

Lewis, Associate Teachers Angela Janney and Katie Saunders, and 30 students held the first recital at Hales Ford Baptist Church on June 2. The second and third recitals were on the afternoon of June 9 at Thrasher Memorial UMC in Vinton, with Lewis, Janney, Saunders, Shelton, and about 60 students included in those performances. Students ranged in age from preschool to adult and played a variety of music genres.

Students performing at the June 2 recital at Hales Ford Baptist included:

• Noah Walker (piano solo)— Summertime Waltz

• Elizabeth Crowder (piano)— Mary's Rockin' Lambs, and (vocal solo)—Jesus Loves Me

• Oliver Pack (piano)—Twinkle Twinkle Little Star

• Amaryllis Pagans (vocal)—The Blessing, and (piano)—Amazing Grace

• Ryleigh Lawhorn (piano)—See You Later!

• Whitley Wade (piano)—Lightly Row

• Maia Sanctuary (piano)—Fuzzy Fuzzy Caterpillars

• Jonah Franklin (piano)— Swinging High

 Arya Lawrence (vocal)—Part of Your World (from the Little Mermaid)
 Malia Bowman (piano)—The

• Malia Bowman (piano)—The Bubble

• Madelyn Floyd (piano)—A Million Dreams

• Trey Satterwhite (piano)—From the New World Theme

• Maddox Sanctuary (piano)— Come See the Parade!

• Isaiah Houf (piano)—Fur Elise

Courtney Walls (vocal)—Seven
 Moriah Floyd (piano)—On with the Show

• Grayson Holland (piano)— Faded (Interlude) and Truman Sleeps

• Noelle Longoria (piano)— Snicker Doodle

• Whitley Wade (vocal)—Lost Boy

• Cora Graham (piano)—Gum Drop Hop

Attlee Manuel (piano)—Minuet
in G
Eli Booth (piano)—Piranha
Plants on Parade

scholarship from the Bland Foundation Music Scholarship competition program at the state level."

Paul plans to attend the Old Dominion University Diehn School of Music as a vocal performance major.

"This teacher's heart is full," Lewis said.

Paul Sealey performed at both afternoon recitals on June 9, both as a soloist and in a trio with his brothers.

Lewis also introduced a special guest– her former student, Rick Smith.

"I taught him when I was in my early to mid-20s and he was middle and high school-aged," Lewis explained.

Smith said Lewis is "as beautiful today as when I first met her. Sometimes that made it difficult for a teenager to pay attention. She was one of my all-time favorite teachers."

They lost touch when she moved to the Roanoke area, but reconnected through Facebook when he reached out to let her know how much her teaching helped him.

"I have literally lost count of the numerous students through the years who have majored in music, and chosen musical careers as professional performers, school music teachers, church choir directors or musicians," Lewis remarked.

She says Smith showed a lot of promise even in those early years.

"He was gifted at composing even back then and would play his original compositions in recitals."

Smith went on to earn degrees in Piano Performance and Education and taught music privately and in public schools. He has four children of his own who also play the piano.

Smith performed his composition "Endearment" which he wrote for his wife on a cross-country drive and "Country Day" during both recitals on June 9.

Performers at the 2 p.m. performance on June 9 included students of Lewis (*), Janney (†), Saunders (Δ), and Shelton (\Diamond):

• Ingrid Smith Δ (piano)— Yankee Doodle

• Jackson Doss* (piano)—The Marines Hymn

• Hank Regal*(piano)—Imperial March from Star Wars

• Addy McLennan*(vocal)—Jesus Loves Me, and (piano) Christ the Lord is Risen Today

• Ashlyn Woodford † (piano)— Hoola Hoop

• Emory Mullins* (piano)— Hedwig's Theme

• Elizabeth Flint ◊ (vocal)— Naughty from Matilda, the Musical

• R.J. McLennan^{*} ((piano)— Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us and (vocal) Amazing Grace

• Deon Staunton* (piano)— Riptide

• Keegan Thacker* (piano)—Just the Way You Are, and (vocal) You Belong

Lilla Clark* (vocal)—Dads and



Pictured left to right are Susan Lewis Music Studio Associate Teacher Angela Janney, Susan Lewis, and Associate Teachers Abby Shelton and Katie Saunders.



Susan Lewis with former student Rick Smith (when he was in middle and high school), who performed at the June 9 recitals.



Students and teachers in the first Susan Lewis Music Studio Spring Recital at Hales Ford Baptist on June 2.



• Emma Mayhorn (piano)—Here I am to Worship

• Malia Bowman (vocal)—Abide, accompanying herself on the piano

Haleigh Alls (piano)—Fur Elise
 Moriah and Madelyn Floyd
 (vocal)—A Million Dreams duet

• Associate Teacher Angela Janney performed Postludium, Op. 13: No.10 to conclude the program.

Janney teaches all of the students in the first recital, except Arya Lawrence, who is taught by Katie Saunders.

Lewis began the recitals at Thrasher Memorial on June 9 by introducing Paul Sealey, who is her only graduating high school senior this year.

"Each year, I usually have between one and six high school seniors," Lewis said. "My seniors are incredibly special to me, whether they have been studying with me for a few years, or whether they started with me at age 3 or 4 and continued through their senior year.

"Paul is a 2024 graduate of Hidden Valley High School and has been a dedicated voice student with me for the past five years. I also taught his two older brothers, Oliver and Simon. I teach their twin sisters, Lily and Lucy, piano.

"Paul has many significant achievements over the past four years of high school. He completed the three-year Building Trades program through the Burton Center for Arts and Technology, culminating in a trip to State Finals in the SkillsUSA TeamWorks competition as team captain and electrician of his building team.

"He played three years of football and ran one year on the cross-country team during Covid. His greatest accomplishments have been in the music studio and on the track team. He has gone to the state track meet multiple times for the 4x800 and 4x400 relays. Last year his SMR relay team became All-American, placing in the top 6 at the Adidas Track Nationals.

"He has sung numerous solos with his choir, made first alternate as a sophomore and then first delegate as a junior and senior to All-Virginia Choir. He won Best Male Soloist in the Commonwealth Choir Invitational. He also won a \$1,500 Daughters (accompanying herself on guitar) and (piano) Dance Monkey

• Emily Hall* (piano)—The Arkansas Traveler, and (vocal)—Tell me the Story of Jesus

• Joelle Card* (piano)—Golden Hour, and (vocal)—This is How I Thank the Lord (accompanied by Jacob Laffoon on piano)

• Chloe Hopkins*–(college student) (vocal)—Tennessee Waltz (accompanied by Lisa Ratliff on guitar), and (piano)—Hymn Medley (arranged by Chloe Hopkins)

• Elizabeth Becker*–(adult student) (piano)—Nocturne, Op. 54, No. 4

• Abigail Harvey* (vocal)—Come Alive (Dry Bones) and (piano)—Ancient Stones

• Dr. Mark Schueler* (on guitar) vocal duet with Lora Hoppe—Didn't I (Teddy Bear and Mr. Frog) composed by Dr. Schueler

• Steve Miller*–(adult student) (piano)—I'll Fly Away

• Scott Dreyer*–(adult student) (vocal)—It's a Good Day

• Kayleigh Taylor* (piano)— Sailor's Song, Op. 68, No. 1

• Henry Saben* (piano)—Frank Churchill Arrives (Emma)

• Cheyenne Grantham^{*}-(vocal), accompanying herself on guitar—Jolene

• Deborah Dreyer* (adult student) (piano)—Ballade Pour Adeline

• Paul Sealey* (vocal)—Evermore (from Beauty and the Beast)

• Rick Smith* (former student)— (piano) Endearment and Country Day

• Oliver* (former student), Simon* (former student), and Paul Sealey* (vocal)—If You Go In, You're Sure to Win (Iolanthe)

Associate Teacher Angela Janney performed the lovely Postludium, Op. 13, No. 10 on piano and Katie Saunders beautifully sang His Eye is on the Sparrow at both recitals.

The final 4:30 recital on June 9 included:

• Miles Cole Rueff* (piano)— Star Wars

• Vivian Cain* (piano)—It's a Small World

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Students and teachers in the second Susan Lewis Music Studio Spring Recital at Thrasher Memorial UMC on June 9.



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with some grant funding, leaving about \$60,000 to be raised.

The campaign kicked off on April 22, the 35th anniversary of the museum. Approximately \$5,000 was received from several donors within the first 7-10 days. Cash donations as of June 4 totaled \$13,500, along with pledges of \$10,000 for a total of \$23,500. Fiftyfive individuals and businesses have donated-with the vast majority being individuals. The organization hopes that more businesses and organizations will get involved in the campaign.

"We are extremely pleased with the progress of the campaign and the generous donations received thus far," said Mary Beth Layman, chair of the Lift Campaign.

Current members of the Fundraising Committee are Judy Cunningham, Julie Ferguson Huckaby, Dale Ellis, Doug Sowers, Deanna Gordon, Anthony Amos, Carolyn Fidler and Layman. Volunteer Debbie Cooper is assisting with fundraising clerical needs. Youth volunteer Annabelle Teague is helping with preparation of information as well.

"The committee is doing an excellent job; however, we need a volunteer to help with applying for grants and corporate donations," Layman said.

The stately two-story home was donated to the Town of Vinton by the Upson family and now houses over 4,000 artifacts and resources related to Vinton's history.

The cargo/personnel lift fundraising campaign is the largest project the museum has undertaken since its opening in 1989.

If you would like to help the Vinton History Museum "rise to new heights" stop by the museum during the business hours (Monday, Wednesday, Friday and the first Saturday of each month from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.) and deposit dollars and donations in the rocking butter churn for the Cargo/Accessibility Lift project.

For more information email info@ vintonhistorymuseum.org or call (540) 342-8634. The museum is located at 210 East Jackson Avenue in downtown Vinton.

The museum will be hosting a First Saturday Open House and Watermelon Social on July 6 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. They are hoping many members of the Vinton Memories and History Facebook page (which number about 5,000) will attend, along with the public. All are encouraged to visit the museum, look at the proposed location, and the project information for the Cargo Accessibility Lift. They could also drop donations in the "Churn" at that time.

Bridal and patriotic displays are being featured at the museum currently.

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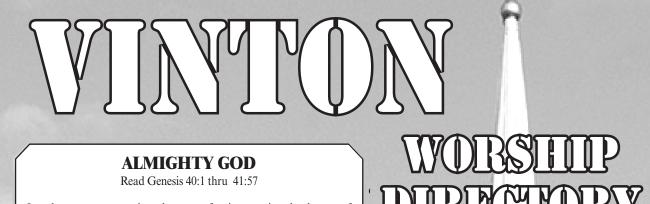
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The cargo/lift will be on the exterior of the building; however, the access will be through this indoor location on the first floor.



Joseph spent two years in a dungeon after interpreting the dreams of Pharaoh's cupbearer. Joseph had asked this man to mention him to the king upon being reinstated, but, as each day dragged on, no communication came from the Pharaoh.

When Pharaoh had a dream and told it to all his wise men, no one could interpret it. The cupbearer finally remembered Joseph and told Pharaoh abouthim.

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So Pharaoh sent for Joseph, and he was quickly brought from the dungeon. When he had shaved and changed his clothes, he came before Pharaoh (Genesis 41:14).

Joseph was going to be taken into the presence of the nation's highest ruler. His first order of business was to make himself presentable. His prison clothing and his haggard appearance were hardly appropriate to stand before royalty. Joseph prepared to see the king, honoring the authority and majesty of Pharaoh.

We have the privilege of an audience at any time with our King, Jesus Christ. May we never forget His majesty or approach Him with less than honor and adoration.

Thought for Today: Consider the majesty of God.

Quicklook: Genesis 41:1-14

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which is as relevant today as it was when it EVANGEL CHURCH - 2330 Hardy Road, Vinton (corner of Hardy Road and Feather Road), 540-982-3694, www.evangel4sq.com, Pastor Tim Wright. Worship Service Sunday, 10AM. Bible Study Wednesday 11AM-12PM.

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he told Nathanael about Jesus in (John 1:46) FIRST CHURCH OF NAZARENE, 728 Highland Ave., SE, Roanoke, Virginia. 342-4003. Sunday Morning CHURCH OF CHRIST VINTON - 2107 Worship 10:30 a.m., Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Wednesday Night Bible Study 7 p.m.

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West Cedar Mobile Home Village becomes green space

Demolition of the flood prone West Cedar Mobile Home Village in Vinton, which is bounded by Cedar Avenue and Glade Road and adjacent to the Glade Creek Greenway and Tinker Creek, is almost complete. Vinton Public Works staff disconnected four sewer connections and three water connections prior to demolition. Other utility companies, such as AEP, Cox, and Verizon did their own pre-demolition work.

Four trailers and one garage were demolished, and existing concrete pads were removed. Overall clean-up of the site resulted in over 50 loads of debris hauled to the Roanoke Valley Resource Authority and two scrap loads to D.H. Griffin.

Public Works is now weed-eating the site and will be hauling in fill dirt to level the area, which will be reseeded and become green space. The town anticipates the site restoration project will be completed by the end of this week.

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PHOTO COURTESY OF TOWN OF VINTON Demolition and restoration of the flood prone West Cedar Mobile Home Village will be completed this week.

From the Pulpit

By Pastor Bryan Crouch, Lynn Haven Baptist Church

A Study of Ephesians: 'Promoting Unity and Maturity in the Church'

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. In Ephesians 4:17-32, the apostle Paul delivers an emotional message on the transformative power of Christ's love in our lives.

blindness (v.18-19). Instead, he calls them to be renewed in the spirit of their minds, embracing a fresh perspective rooted in the truth of God's Word (v.22-24). Central to Paul's exhortation is the call to put off falsehood and speak truthfully with one another. Honesty and integrity form the foundation of authentic relationships, fostering trust and mutual respect within the body of Christ (v.25).

unrighteous anger and instead choosing forgiveness and reconciliation. By letting go of bitterness and believers resentment, embody the grace and mercy they have received from Christ (v.26-31).

Paul concludes by encouraging believers to imitate God's love and forgiveness, extending kindness and compassion to one another. By living lives marked by love, believers reflect the transformative power of the Gospel to a world in desperate need of hope and reconciliation (v.32).

PEOPLE, PLACES AND THINGS



By Angie Chewning

My baby boy Drake is going to be a girl dad! We are over the moon! Mommy Hannah, Aunties Abbie, Emilee and Cydney, Cousin Kellen, Grandparents Steve and Tara Jones, PHOTO COURTESY OF ANGIE CHEWNING

Angie Chewning and Greg Boitnott and David Lewis, along with so many other family and friends will be excited to welcome this baby girl in December! This makes Nana Boo (Bootie) Great-Grand-Nana AGAIN!

BITUARY

Divers, Thelma Payne

Thelma Payne Divers, 92, (Debbie); and five grandchildren, of Bedford, departed this life on

Thursday, May 30, 2024 after a brief illness. She was born in Huddleston on May 5, 1932, the daughter of the late Robert J. and Hester Jacobs Payne. She was preceded in death by her husband of 72 years, Lewis Roscoe Divers; brother, Eugene Payne; and sister, Hazel Payne Mitchell.

Health Department and was a and Crematory, 627 Hardy Road member of Quaker Baptist Church in Bedford. She enjoyed genealogy, designing cards, and creating scrapbooks for family members. She also loved baking and sharing her fresh apple cakes with friends and family. Thelma is survived by her two sons and their wives, Robert E. Divers (Jackie) and Larry D. Divers



JoAnn Divers (Rene), Alex Divers

(Carmen), Eric Divers (Kayla), Christopher (Alyssa), and Hollie Borchardt (Brian); nine great-grandchildren; brothers, Thomas Payne (Hazel) and Wallace Payne (Dorothy); and sisters, Mamie Payne Crouch (James), and Mary Payne Booze.

Visitation will be Friday, June 14 from 5

Thelma retired from the Roanoke to 8 p.m. at Oakey's Funeral Services

He encourages believers to embrace a new way of living, characterized by righteousness, truth, and love.

Paul begins by urging believers to break free from the patterns of the old self, which are marked by ignorance and spiritual

Furthermore, Paul admonishes believers to manage their emotions wisely, refraining from

Vinton. A graveside service will be held on Saturday, June 15, at Blue Ridge Memorial Gardens, 5731 Airport Road NW, Roanoke, at 11 a.m. with the Rev. Kevin Payne and the Rev. David Timma officiating.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a contribution to the Moneta Rescue Squad, 12646 N. Old Moneta Road, Moneta, 24121.



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.

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Students and teachers in the third Susan Lewis Music Studio Spring Recital at Thrasher Memorial UMC on June 9.



Susan Lewis with graduating senior Paul Sealey.

Baldwin* Jayda (vocal)— Reckless Love

Ethan Dailey* (piano) —Aria ٠ Math from Minecraft

Nolan Ferguson* (vocal)-Gratitude, and (piano)-Circle of Life (from the Lion King)

• Faith Dooley* (piano)—Let's Go Fly a Kite (from Mary Poppins)

Hazel Cole-Rueff* (piano)-• Music Box Dancer, duet with Susan Lewis

Smales* Josue (vocal)— Somewhere Only We Know, and (piano) Butterflies and Hurricanes

Anna Carter* (piano)-Mia & • Sebastian's Theme (from LaLa Land) William Dodge* (piano)—It is •

Well with My Soul Cecilia Tollin* (piano)-Little

Prelude Petra Dodge* (vocal)-Behold

Our God, and (piano)-10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

Kori Carter* (piano)—Final Duet (Omori)

Ryleigh Woolwine* (vocal)-٠ Human

Brent Saunders* (vocal)-• Part of Your World (from The Little Mermaid) Jackson Morris* (piano)-Linus and Lucy Kelly Ronan* (adult student) (vocal)-Be Prepared (from the Lion King)

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Enna Schofield* (piano)-Merry-Go-Round of Life (Howl's Moving Castle)

Lyla Young* (vocal)—Make You Feel My Love

• Lily Sealey* (piano)—Sonatina from Op. 39, No. 1, I Allegro

Lucy Sealey* (piano)-L'Orage (The Storm) Op. 109, No.13

Piano duet by Lily and Lucy -Beauty and the Beast Sealey-

Sherry Holland* (adult student) (vocal)—The Lord's Prayer

Paul Sealey* (vocal)—Cara Sposa (Rinaldo)

Ellawyn Pagan* (piano)-Experience

Allie Watson* (college student) (piano)—Up Is Down (Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End)

Cary Jones* (piano)—Great Balls of Fire

Oliver, Simon, and Paul Sealey* (vocal)-If You Go In, You're Sure to Win (Iolanthe)

Students who prepared for the recitals but were unable to perform included Emma Irvin, Crosby Cannon, Dejagaye Burnell, and Kim Grantham.

Information on Abby Shelton and Whimsical Characters can be found at https://www.gabrielleeshelton.com/ whimsicalwishescharacterexperiences. https://www.facebook.com/ Visit susanlewismusicstudio/ for information on the Susan Lewis Music Studio.

Mingle from page 1



PHOTO BY DEBBIE ADAMS Vinton and Roanoke favorite Low Low Chariot headlined this year's first Mingle concert.

Coach Lutz and members of the William Byrd football team) and large yard games—all sponsored by the Boothe Bell Real Estate Team. (Mingle at the Market is a family-friendly event with free admission for those under age 12.)

There was a free photo booth from Flexphotobooth (sponsored by ServPro), food trucks "Food on the Go" and Chris's Coffee and Custard, and the Blue Ridge Beverage adult beverage garden.

The William Byrd Class of 1984 reunion chose Mingle and the Pollard 107 South restaurant for the site of their event.

The Mingles have been supported by local restaurants, especially Pok-E-Joe's BBQ, Pollard 107 South, Twin Creeks Brewing Company, and Rosie's Gaming Emporium, open before and after Mingle with special entertainment and menus of their own.

As Chamber Executive Director Angie Chewning said in an interview with WDBJ-7, "You could spend the whole day and night in Vinton-there is so much happening!'

The Town of Vinton has even added a new parking lot on Walnut Avenue just next door to the Farmers' Market which accommodates the increasing demand for downtown parking due to Vinton's weeknight and weekend blossoming restaurant and event scene. The remainder of the Mingle at the Market concerts (which will begin at 7 p.m.) are scheduled for June 22 (That 80's Show), July 13 (Five Dollar Shake), July 27 (SOLACOUSTIX and Justin & Lindsey Prillaman), August 10 (Eric Wayne Band & Karlee Rea), August 24 (Five Shades of Gray), September 14 (Gasoline Alley and Filthy Souls), and September 28 (Fuzzy Logic). The William Byrd High School football team and coaches are again generously donating their time to set up and take down at the Mingles. Business volunteers for this concert were from Mountain View Real Estate (Tim Shepherd and friends) and Defy Gravity.

If any individuals or organizations would be interested in volunteering at the Mingle events, contact the Chamber office at 540-343-1364. There are also sponsorship opportunities still available.

Sponsors for this year's Mingle at the Market concerts include Mountain View Real Estate, Rosie's Gaming Emporium, Pok-E-Joe's BBQ, Jamie McCadden with Edward Jones, McCarthy Tire Service, Pollard 107 South, HomeTrust Bank, MemberOne, RVTV3, the Vinton McDonald's, Bank of Botetourt, ALCOVA Mortgage, Blue Ridge Beverage, the Town of Vinton, Roanoke County, Coastal Insurance Planning, Neely's Accounting, Magnets USA, Oakey's, Fox 910 Radio, the Boothe Bell Real Estate Team, ServPro, Vertex Signs, and The Vinton Messenger.

Wow! We are absolutely blown away by the overwhelming support you have shown for our Mingle at the Market season opener!" said Chewning. "The incredible enthusiasm, energy and unwavering support mean the world to us. Thank you for making it such a memorable and successful event. The music was electric, and the weather

was perfect! We can't wait to continue

the excitement throughout the rest of

the summer. Make sure to mark your

calendars for the rest of our dates. We

have a great line-up. Up next is 'That

80's Show.' Come dressed in your best 80's attire and dance the night away to

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all our favorites!"

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Hairston from page 1

by the faculty at Byrd as "Best All-Around Male" in the Class of 2024. He was chosen by the staff and his peers as Homecoming King last fall. He is a Beta Club member, active in his church, and a volunteer

with many community organizations, including rec league sports.

people that went into this, helping me with my time management skills and helping me with my academic load," Hairston

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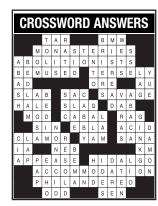
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said. "A ton of people instilled the right thoughts in me to keep going, keep "There's a lot of my grades up, especially my parents. They drove that into me and my brother, to maintain the highest grade you possibly can. That's what went into this."

> Hairston's parents are Christopher and Keevie Hairston.

Emma Kageals from William Byrd was also nominated for the B'nai B'rith award by the William Byrd faculty.

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Bryson J. Hunter, Peter M. Pearl, and Brian H. Richardson, Substitute Trustees For Information Contact: Bryson J. Hunter bhunter@spilmanlaw.com Spilman Thomas & Battle, PLLC P.O. Box 90 Roanoke, Virginia 24002 540-512-1800 Telephone

ABC NOTICE

Kenneth McGraw and Curtis Reed, trading as A Few Old Goats Brewing, LLC 19318 Main Street, Buchanan, Botetourt County, VA. 24066.

The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) AUTHORITY for a Industry Brewery Application Consumed license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages

> Kenneth McGraw OWNER

NOTE: Objections to the issuance of this license must be submitted to ABC no later than 30 days from

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

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Salem, Virginia.

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

the said requests.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to all interested persons that the Board of Zoning Appeals of the City of Salem, Virginia will hold a public hearing, in accordance with the provisions of Sections 15.2-2204 and 15.2-2309 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, on June 26, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 114 North Broad Street, in the City of Salem, Virginia, to consider the following applications.

The request of Jasper and Janet Doss, property owners, for a variance from Section 106-202.3(B)(1) of the City of Salem Zoning Ordinance pertaining to site development regulations, for the property located at 124 Upland Drive, Tax Map # 272-1-2.3. The petitioners are requesting a 15-foot rear-vard setback variance to allow for the construction of a covered porch. Section 106-202.3(B)(1) states that the rear yard setback shall be 25 feet. Therefore, the petitioners are requesting a 15-foot variance. At this hearing, all parties in

interest will be given an opportunity to be heard, present evidence, and show cause why such requests should or should not be granted. For additional information, contact the Office of the Zoning Administrator, 21 South Bruffey Street, Salem, Virginia (Phone 375 3032) THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS OF THE CITY OF SALEM BY:Mary Ellen H. Wines, ĆZA, CFM Planning & Zoning Administrator

publication in the Sale Times Register, a newspaper of general circulation published in Salem County, Virginia, hereby designated as the

IT IS ORDERED that the

summons be served by

newspaper most likely to give Defendant actual notice of the action, and that the publication be made once a week for four successive weeks.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of the summons. a copy of the complaint, and a copy of this order be forthwith mailed to Defendant if his/her address is ascertained before expiration of the time herein prescribed for publication of summons. Dated 5/24/24 J. Omar Rodriguez JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

I ask for this: MAKAYLA A. WHITNEY, CA STATE BAR NO. 327687 BERLINER COHEN, LLP 1601 I STREET, SUITE 150 MODESTO, CALIFORNIA 95354-1128 TELEPHONE (209) 576-0111 FACSIMILE: (209) 576-1076 benjamin.johnson @berliner.com makayla.whitney @berliner.com ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF. TRUSTEE TONY MOULES

SUMMONS NOTICE TO **DEFENDANT:** DONALD DAVID HENNAGAN, JR., DECEASED; TIFFANY MARIE HENNAGAN; **CYNTHIA ANN MARIE** HENNAGAN; **DESTENY NICOLE** HENNAGAN; AND DOES 1-100, INCLUSIVE YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF: TONY MOULES, AS TRUSTEE OF THE

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The name, address, and telephone number of plaintiffs' attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney.

is Makavla A Whitney Berliner Cohen, LLP, 1601 I Street, Suite 150, Modesto, CA 95354 Tel: (209) 576-0111 Date: 12/15/2023

Legals -Montgomery County

ABC NOTICE

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VISHNU PATEL, MEMBER.

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By: Martin M. McMahon,

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Kayla Lauer, k.lauer@trileaf.com 8600 LaSalle Road Suite 301, Towson, MD 21286,410-853-7128.

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Vinton, VA 24179, during business hours, or via phone: (540) 983-0605. Interested persons may be heard at the above public hearing.

South Pollard Street.

Given under my hand this 31st day of May, 2024.

Anita J. McMillan Planning and Zoning Director Secretary, Vinton Planning Commission



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William Byrd girls go to **U o L basketball camp**, two complete "Murph"

Above, new William Byrd girls' head basketball coach Rebecca "Kat" Stanley took the team to Lynchburg to participate in the University of Lynchburg basketball camp last week. Two girls on the team, Heidi Dixon and Kyndall Agee, recently participated in the "Murph Challenge" at Boomtown. The Murph Challenge is a workout that honors Lieutenant Michael P. Murphy, a Navy SEAL who died in Afghanistan in 2005. The workout is a test of physical and mental endurance and is often completed on Memorial Day. It includes a one mile run, 100 pullups, 200 pushups, 300 air squats and another one mile run. "It's awesome to see these girls out in the community and pushing their limits," said Stanley. "It truly shows their leadership and big hearts both on and off the court." In the photo at the right are, left to right, Heidi Dixon, **Coach Stanley and Kyndall Agee.**



Roanoke College announces five game club football schedule

The first Roanoke College football practice in over 80 years is a little over two months away and the Maroons have announced their 2024 schedule. It's a "club" schedule of five games with three scheduled for Salem Stadium. All five games are tentatively Club Team on November 3rd.

scheduled for 2 pm on Sunday afternoon, beginning with a home game against the Hampden-Sydney jayvee team on September 8th. Two road games follow, with a trip to Shenandoah University to play the Hornets' jayvee team on September 22nd in Winchester followed by a game at Bridgewater College against the Eagles on October 6th. The schedule concludes with two more home games as Fork Union visits on Sunday, October 20th, and the season concludes with the George Mason

"If you look at our schedule we play a week and are open a week," said head coach Bryan Stinespring. "That was by design so we can go back and learn and grow from each game. Having both home and road contests is important from a logistics standpoint

Stinespring has 60 players committed to the team with a couple more who have been offered a spot. Most of the players come from the greater Roanoke Valley area, the Richmond area and Northern Virginia.

"I'd say 80 percent of the players are from our own backyard," he

said. "We had four transfers come in

for second semester and we're pretty

much done recruiting for this year.

We've already turned our attention to

next year's class."

Roanoke will play a full Old Dominion Athletic Conference schedule in the fall of 2025, hitting the ground running after this year's club schedule. The first practice is scheduled for August 16 on Alumni Field, which is the field inside the C. Homer

and the most important aspect of this fall schedule is our development."

Stinespring has a staff of eight assistants along with strength coach Scott Bennett and trainer Keith Doolin. The team has brand new equipment and uniforms and will be stationed in the C. Homer Bast Center, which is currently being renovated to accommodate the team.

"If the Bast Center was ready we could practice tomorrow," said Stinespring. "Everything seems to be going well and on pace, but you can't really tell until you actually see it when it's finished."

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The home sits on a peaceful +/- 19.577 acre lot. For those who like spending time outdoors this property offers ample space to relax! The large back deck is perfect for taking in the scenery. With some clearing you could have a breathtaking view of the Blue Ridge Mountains off your back deck! There is a detached garage, with 2 parking spaces on each level. The garage gives you plenty of room to store mowers, gardening materials, tools and more! There is also an outbuilding. Home is served by a private well and septic system. Home does share a driveway with adjoining neighbor. Don't miss this great opportunity to own a home in Vinton, VA with potential views of the beautiful Blue Ridge Mountains!



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"If the players were here we could start practice tomorrow," said Stinespring. "We're waiting for a blocking sled, but other than that we have everything we need."



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Powell is national Division III Gold Glove recipient

University of Lynchburg softball graduated senior Lexi Powell, a 2020 graduate of William Byrd High School, has earned a 2024 NCAA Division III Rawlings Gold Glove Award, presented by the National Fastpitch Coaches Association.

Recipients of the Rawlings Gold Glove Awards, presented by the NFCA, were selected by the 10 regional representatives of the NFCA's NCAA Division III All-America Committee following regional voting to identify the finalists at each position. The group utilized fielding statistics and school-submitted video to closely examine finalists and select the winners at every defensive position.

Any student-athlete who competed in the current championship year and was nominated by their head coach, who is a member in good standing with the NFCA, was eligible for consideration for this prestigious accolade. Only nine student-athletes from Division III softball earned a Gold Glove award, meaning Powell was identified as the top right fielder in the country by the NFCA's committee.

Powell posted a 1.000 fielding per-

centage for the first time in her career. Not only was Lexi errorless in her usual position in right, but she also spent notable time behind the plate and did not record an error there either. Powell was the catcher on William Byrd's 2019 state championship softball team.

In right, Powell showcased her defensive ability and impressive instincts, not only catching many deep fly balls at the warning track or shark liners right at her, but also consistently tracking down balls in foul territory. Lexi played 165 games for the Hornets boasting a .972 fielding percentage, 112 hits, and 52 RBI. She earned second-team All-ODAC honors in 2021.

Powell has one more year to play despite graduating this spring, as she was granted an extra year due to COVID. Lexi missed her senior year of softball in high school due to the pandemic. She was first team all-district and second team all state as a junior for the Terriers.

Lexi is the daughter of Billy and Lisa Powell of Vinton and she has two sisters, Danielle and Cassie, who also played softball for both William Byrd and Lynchburg.



LEXI POWELL

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Field of Dreamers

The Vinton Brewers recreation baseball team recently served as the "Field of Dreams" team at the Salem Red Sox game. The Field of Dreams players are introduced prior to the game and stand with the Sox players at their respective positions during the national anthem. Left to right are Jace Weddle of the Brewers, Red Sox firstbaseman Freili Encarnacion, starting pitcher Luis Cohen, thirdbaseman Antonio Anderson, Jacoby Weddle and Skylar Nute.



LancerLot team is back

After a year off the LancerLot Swim Team is back in the Roanoke Valley Aquatic Association this summer. The LancerLot team is one of 14 area swim teams competing in six Monday night meets. This Monday the LancerLot team, wearing Roanoke Rail Yard Dawgs swim caps, competed against the Ashley Plantation and host Elks Club team in Roanoke. Left, Benjamin Hoyos of LancerLot competes in the 50 yard butterfly and, below, girls are off the blocks with LancerLot swimmers on both ends. Next Monday, June 17, the LancerLot team will swim against Forest Hills and Olympic Park at the Forest Hills pool. The Vinton team does not have a home meet this season.

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