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DAR plants flags in Vinton to celebrate Fourth of July

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The Roanoke Valley Chapter National Society Daughters of the American Revolution celebrated the Fourth of July by planting 300 American flags in the gardens at the Vinton Municipal Building.

The DAR commemorates patriotic holidays such as the Fourth of July, Memorial Day, and Veterans Day with the traditional flag planting in downtown Vinton. Members Sharon Menzies and Elaine Muldrew placed dozens of flags on July 2 and will retrieve them next week to be used on another occasion.

The local DAR Chapter is an active community service organization, recognized throughout the area for their dedication to veterans and to patriotism. Members send care packages and holiday cards to those currently deployed; they donate homemade fleece blankets and clothing to veterans at the Virginia Care Center in Salem; they assist with Honor Flights for veterans to the monuments in Washington, D.C.; they send cards to the VA for those who have served their country.

They have significantly contributed to the Vinton community through the collection of recyclables which netted Vinton several park benches for the greenways. They participate in Vinton's festivals and march in Colonial dress in local parades. They bring history to life.



PHOTOBYDEBBIEADAMS
DAR members Sharon Menzies (left) and Elaine Muldrew planted dozens of American flags at the Vinton Municipal Building to commemorate the Fourth of July.



PHOTOBYDEBBIEADAMS
Vinton Police Chief Fabricio Drumond introduced the department's newest member, Officer Wyatt Cobler, at the Vinton Town Council meeting on July 2. Pictured left to right are Lt. Scott Hurt, Deputy Chief Tim Lawless, Officer Wyatt Cobler and his wife, Chelsea with their daughters, and Chief Fabricio Drumond.

Vinton Police introduce new officer

Vinton Police Chief Fabricio Drumond introduced the newest addition to the department—Officer Wyatt Cobler—at the Town Council meeting on July 2. He was sworn in on June 26. With Cobler's hiring, the department is now fully staffed.

Cobler is from the Roanoke area, growing up in Roanoke County and graduating from Northside High School in 2008. He attended Virginia Western Community College for two years before transferring to Radford University where he earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice in 2013.

He began his career in law enforcement in 2014 as a member of the Roanoke City Police Department. During that time, he worked as a patrol officer for three years and then transitioned to what was then known as the Community Response Team (CRT). As a member of the team, Cobler became very effective at policing at a street level interdiction capacity while also focusing on violent crime and offenders.

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Vinton Town Council meeting a busy one

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Vinton Town Council Chambers were unusually full for the council meeting on July 2, with several employees there to accept awards and recognitions, staff presenting briefings on a variety of topics, and citizens attending to

express their concerns.

Planning and Zoning Director Anita McMillan recognized the Roanoke County GIS Team and town personnel (Fayula Gordon and Kenny Sledd) who were involved with the development and implementation of the Town of Vinton Stormwater Outfall Management Application Program. In April 2024 the county's Information Technology GIS Team submitted the program for a National Association of Counties (NaCo) award—and won.

The application, created by the GIS team, allows the town's field

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GRAPHIC COURTESY OF TOWN OF VINTON
Rendering of Vinton Community Playground, coming in 2025

Swanson crowned Miss Virginia 2024

Carlehr Swanson, Miss Blue Ridge, was crowned Miss Virginia 2024 at the Berglund Center on June 29. She won a \$20,000 scholarship and will compete for the title of Miss America 2025 in Orlando, Fla., in January 2025.

Swanson is from Richmond. She was crowned Miss Blue Ridge in April. She has been a Miss Virginia contestant six times and was the Miss Virginia runner-up in 2023.


She is a third-year doctoral student at the University of Virginia in Critical and Comparative Studies in Music. She earned her Bachelor of Music degree from George Mason University and her Master's in Music degree from the University of Miami, studying Jazz Vocal Performance and Jazz Studies. She performed an Aretha Franklin piano and vocal solo in the talent portion of the Miss Virginia competition.

Her career goals are to continue performing and recording as a professional musician, publish research, and teach at the college level.

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Miss Virginia 2024 Carlehr Swanson was crowned at the Berglund Center on June 29 and will next compete for the title of Miss America 2025.



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Vinton town leaders attend inaugural Virginia Small Towns Conference

Vinton Mayor Brad Grose, Vice Mayor Mike Stovall, Town Manager Pete Peters, and Deputy Town Manager Cody Sexton attended the first-ever Small Towns Conference in Abingdon on June 10 and 11 at the Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center.

“The Virginia Small Towns Conference was a wonderful opportunity to help ensure that the Town of Vinton is up to date on current programs, procedures, and opportunities,” said Grose. “The conference was a collaboration between Virginia Tech and the Virginia Municipal League (VML). The two days were packed with highly qualified speakers and informative presentations.

“At the conclusion of the conference, I was better informed and very encouraged. While timely information is always important, I was delighted to be reminded that the Town of Vinton is performing exceptionally well in many areas such as economic development, financial strategy, planning, and community identity. The conference was certainly educational and beneficial for the staff and council members in attendance.”

According to organizers, this conference was different than many municipal conferences in that the focus was on towns with populations from a few hundred to several thousand, not larger municipalities.

“Small towns in Virginia truly serve a special role in local government, and I believe the personal touches and maintaining close relationships with residents and business owners are much more difficult in large cities

and counties,” said Peters. “The recent conference was designed exclusively for small towns, and I was particularly impressed by the creativity and innovation of our counterparts across the state who are helping their communities thrive. Vinton has experienced great positive momentum, although we have only scratched the surface of what’s possible with the incredible people we have working across this organization and an optimistic and supportive council.”

The stated goal of the Small Towns Conference was to provide an overview of topics related to local government management specifically geared towards small town issues. Those included local town governance, placemaking and economic development, strategic planning for small communities, housing development in towns, legal issues in local government, and financial strategies for small towns. Highlights included a legislative update from the VML, a case study on small town financial planning and a regional economic activity and analysis.

The conference invited elected officials including council members and mayors, town managers, and leadership staff to join the inaugural meeting. Nearly 100 attended the conference sessions.

Virginia Delegate Israel O’Quinn said, “Building that awareness of resources is what makes a conference like this so important. Convening like-minded people from across the state to share ideas and best practices helps make all of our towns better. Not only do town leaders benefit from sharing



PHOTO COURTESY OF VIRGINIA TECH

Vinton Mayor Brad Grose (left) was one of the nearly 100 town leaders attending the first-ever Small Towns Conference.

stories of success, but also talking about some of the obstacles so that others can avoid them.”

The conference allowed small-town leaders an infrequent opportunity to build connections with peers. Mitchell Smiley from the VML noted that holding the event in Abingdon was really helpful to government leaders in Southwest Virginia “where many towns are closer to at least six other state capitals than they are to Richmond. That geographic gap can make networking and attending events like this more difficult.”

According to participants, attendees shared plenty of “if you know, you know” chuckles as they connected over

“only in a small town” tales. One such saga involved residents of the town of Stuart who were dismayed over the whereabouts of Thomas Stuart, the cat who calls the collective businesses of Main Street home. Another concerned the flurry of planning that goes into a festival that doubles the population of The Plains in Fauquier County for a weekend each year.

Keynote speaker Melody Warnick, communication specialist at Virginia Tech, commented that “getting residents engaged in making the town a place where they want to be is key.” She also discussed research that shows how people, no matter where

they live, find community connections.

“Working with local governments is one of the many ways Virginia Tech fulfills its land-grant mission,” Virginia Tech Associate Professor Stephanie Davis said. “With VML’s extensive experience serving the needs of town leaders paired with the university’s expertise in many critical concerns facing our small towns, we’re uniquely positioned to fill training gaps for our rural leaders.”

The Small Towns Conference serves as a “prime example of how the Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center links regional needs with university resources,” Allison Mays, director of the center, said. “Through

this vital community engagement, we’re helping support and build strong towns across Virginia.”

“Towns occupy a special spot in Virginia local government: we don’t do everything cities do, but we also do more for the parts of the counties we serve,” said Deputy Town Manager Sexton. “This middle ground allows us to be more responsive to our citizens and businesses but can also come with challenges. It is a joy to be around other town leaders from across the state to learn how they thread that needle just like we do every day. Vinton is a special place. We are good and will keep getting better.”

-Vinton Messenger staff report



PHOTOS COURTESY OF SANDRA HUNT

Herman L. Horn hosts Title I Summer Reading Night

The Title 1 program at Herman L. Horn Elementary School in Vinton hosted the annual Summer Reading Night on Thursday, June 27, on the school playground. According to Title I teacher Sandy Hunt, “Students chose free books to keep for summer reading. Freedom First Credit Union provided ice cream.” Title I sponsored the event.

Submitted by Sandy Hunt, Title I teacher at Herman L. Horn

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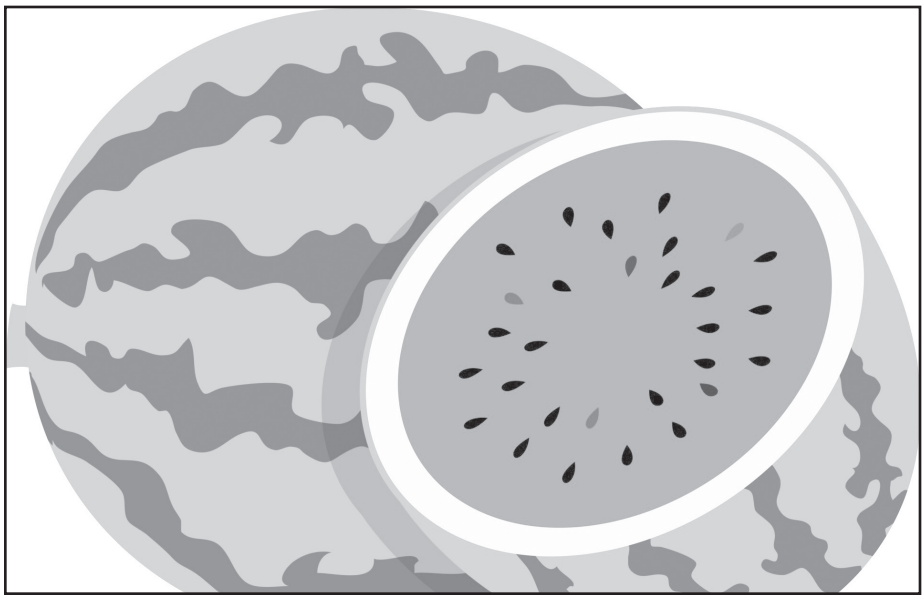
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Vinton History Museum

hosting watermelon social, patriotic display, open house



On Saturday, July 6, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., the Vinton History Museum will be hosting a free watermelon social and open house. Exhibits include a special Patriotic Display, a Vintage Wedding Attire Display and items in the regular museum collection. Vinton Memories and History Facebook page members are especially welcome on this day. The Vinton Historical Society will also receive donations and pledges from anyone wishing to donate to the Cargo/Accessiblity Lift Fund-raising Campaign currently being conducted. Volunteers will be available to answer questions about the project. 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. In addition, visit the Vinton History Museum Facebook Page and the Vinton Memories and History Facebook Page for frequent updates and interesting history information.

Submitted by Mary Beth Layman

New laws take effect in Virginia this month

Governor Glenn Youngkin signed 824 new bills passed by the Virginia General Assembly into law in 2024. Most are technical, local, or minor changes to existing law. (He also vetoed 201 bills passed by the General Assembly in 2024.)

Animal-related laws:

- HB 1354 “Declawing Cats” makes declawing cats unlawful, except as a necessary therapeutic purpose and/or to protect the owner’s life or health. The surgery often causes physical pain for cats, can lead to arthritis and nerve damage, and can affect cats’ personality and quality of life. Declawed cats are more likely to bite and exhibit other forms of aggression. Violators could face up to a \$500 fine for the first incident.
- HB62 “Public Animal Cruelty Registries” allows localities to establish public animal cruelty registries on their websites so those selling or giving away animals can more easily research potential new owners. Registries can include the names and relevant information of individuals convicted of felony-level animal cruelty offenses. Any person convicted of felony cruelty to animals may be prohibited by the court from possession or ownership of companion or equine animals for life and any person convicted of misdemeanor cruelty to animals may be prohibited by the court from possession or ownership of such animals for a period of up to five years.
- HB1025 “Right to Road Kill” allows any deer, bear, turkey, or elk that appears to have been killed in a collision with a motor vehicle to be claimed by and awarded to any person.

Firearms:

- SB44 “New Penalty for Providing Firearm to Child Identified as Posing a Violent Threat” makes it a class 5 felony for any parent or person responsible for the care of a child under the age of 18 whose willful act of omission causes or enables that child to gain possession of a fire arm after having received a notice that child poses a violent threat or that adult knows the child has previously been convicted of adjudicated delinquent for a violent felony.
- HB22 “Auto Sears Ban” prohibits “auto sears” — a device used in converting a semiautomatic firearm to shoot automatically without manual reloading by a single function of the trigger.
- SB363 prohibits the removal or alteration of serial numbers on all firearms, except antiques.

Alcohol-related laws:

- SB635 “Legality of To-Go Cocktails” makes permanent the law allowing restaurants to sell to-go cocktails.
- SB26 “Alcohol on Private Campground” removes the ban on drinking or offering an alcoholic beverage in public when on a campground on private property “at which a majority of the campers use travel or tent trailers, pickup campers, or motor homes or similar recreational vehicles.”

Transportation/traffic laws:

- SB951 “Motor Vehicle Liability Insurance Required” repeals the option to pay a \$500 fee to register an uninsured motor vehicle. All drivers must have auto insurance.
- HB 282 creates a traffic infraction for any moving vehicle in a highway work zone. A fine of up to \$300 for the first offense would be assessed, increasing to \$500 for a second offense. If a subsequent offense occurs within 12 months, the fine would be a minimum of \$750.
- HB 1072 “Local 15 MPH Speed Limits” expands the authority of

RECIPE OF THE WEEK

Fluffy Peanut Butter Pie



Fluffy Peanut Butter Pie PHOTO COURTESY OF ITSALWAYSAUTUMN

Anyone who ever tasted my mother’s Fluffy Peanut Butter Pie asked for the recipe to take home.

Ingredients:

- Chocolate crunch crust (ready-made)
- 8 oz. pkg cream cheese, softened
- 14-oz. can sweetened condensed milk (not evaporated)
- 3/4 cup peanut butter
- 3 Tbsps. lemon juice
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 1 cup whipping cream, whipped

Beat cream cheese until fluffy. Beat in milk and peanut butter until smooth. Stir in lemon juice and vanilla until smooth. Fold in whipped cream. Turn into crust. Chill 4 hours or until set.

- Debbie Adams

local governments to set 15 MPH speed limit zones in residential and commercial areas.

- HB 179 “Farm Placards” requires DMV-issued farm placards for unregistered farm use panel trucks, pickup trucks and sport utility vehicles. Previously, an unofficial farm use tag, not issued by DMV, was sufficient.
- HB 1084 “Disabled Parking Placards,” there will no longer be a fee for disabled parking placards. Previously applicants paid a \$5 fee. In addition, temporary placards now have a validity period of up to 12 months, if a medical provider certifies the temporary placard will be needed that long – double the previous maximum of 6 months.

Election laws:

- SB109 “Failing Primary Candidates Cannot Refile for the General Election” states that candidates cannot withdraw from a primary election after early voting has begun and then file as an independent or candidate of another party for the same office in the general election.
- HB 998 extends the deadline for local Offices of Elections to submit a locality’s election results from seven to 10 days. This extension is to ensure local offices have the time needed to count and certify all ballots and submit them to the State Board of Elections.
- HB 441/SB 605 clarifies that individuals with a disability (not just a physical disability) can vote curbside.
- HB 940 requires local registrars to post a notice of a change in a polling place at the previous location, along with information about how to find the new location.
- HB 1003 requires that notice of a change in precinct, polling place, or election district be mailed to all registered voters at least 30 days before the next election. Current law requires mailing at least 15 days prior.

Trials/juries:

- “SB638 “Exemptions from jury service upon request; Age” increases from 70 to 73 the age at which a person is exempt from jury service upon request.
- HB 1443 “Trial by jury; contact with jurors after trial prohibited” creates a Class 1 misdemeanor for any defendant who knowingly and intentionally contacts, with the intent to harass, intimidate, or threaten, a juror regarding such juror’s service as a juror after a jury trial.

Children/Youth-related:

- HB 27/SB 39 “Kinship foster care; alternative living arrangements; Parental Child Safety Placement Program established.” The law establishes the Parental Child Safety Placement Program to promote and support placements of children with relatives by local boards of social services in order to avoid foster care.
- HB994 “Legal age for marriage” establishes the legal age of marriage as 18.
- SB46 “College Legacy Admissions” prohibits Virginia public colleges and universities from giving preferential treatment in the admission process because of an applicant’s familial

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Plant of the mint family
7. Hand tool
13. Made of the color of gold
14. A volume of several novels
16. Type of degree
17. Good job!
19. Seventh tone in major scale
20. Fevers
22. One's mother
23. Fertile desert spots
25. Large integers
26. Plate for Eucharist
28. Tennis matches have them
29. Peyton's little brother
30. Monetary unit of N. Korea
31. Head movement
33. Twelve
34. Renaissance musical instrument
36. Behavior showing high moral standards

38. Letter of the Hebrew alphabet
40. Notes to be sung
41. Women's garment
43. Coarsely ground corn
44. One point south of due east
45. A way to deplete
47. Rough, prickly covering of a seed
48. LA hoopster, but not a Laker
51. Hindquarters
53. Franz van __, German diplomat
55. Liquid body substances
56. Rhythmic patterns
58. A beaver might build one
59. Police officer's tool
60. Indicates who you are
61. Pinwheel
64. Exist
65. Ornamental molding

67. Closes again
69. Verses
70. Come into view

CLUES DOWN

1. Short stick used as a weapon
2. An alternative
3. Laws
4. Sense organs
5. One from Utah
6. Mariner
7. People in charge of cattle
8. Health insurance organization
9. Ornamental box
10. Forest-dwelling deer
11. One quintillion bytes (abbr.)
12. Atomic #71
13. Become less intense
15. Cowards
18. Body ornament (slang)
21. Applicable to all cases
24. Multiplied by 6
26. Afghanistan monetary unit

27. Calendar month
30. Cena and Lennon are two
32. Monetary unit of Serbia
35. First time on the market
37. Georgia rockers
38. Free from contamination
39. Coastal region of Canada
42. Clothing retailer
43. It rises and sets
46. Fathers
47. Stain with mud
49. Suitable for crops
50. Feels concern for
52. Orange-brown
54. Buddy
55. Late sportscaster Craig
57. Used to align parts
59. Wake up
62. Solid water
63. Semiprecious stone
66. Atomic #45
68. Top lawyer



The Gospel Plowboys to perform in Vinton

PHOTOCOURTESY OF GOSPEL PLOWBOYS

Gospel Plowboys to perform at Blue Ridge Baptist on August 4

The Gospel Plowboys will be performing at Blue Ridge Baptist Church on Sunday, August 4, at 5 p.m.

The Gospel Plowboys is a bluegrass gospel group dedicated to “spreading the good news of Jesus Christ and His saving grace.” The group was founded by David Murph after two

years of diligent prayer seeking God’s guidance. He had a passion for the mandolin and three- and four- part harmonies, but more than that, he had a passion for seeing people come to know Jesus as their Lord and Savior— “Plowing the ground, planting the seed...that Christ died for you.”

The group is known for dressing

in denim bib overalls, white shirts, and red ties. According to the band, their attire is in tribute to the 1930s when bluegrass music was becoming popular and during a time when the nation was facing terrible problems— much as it is now. “We must get back to loving God and putting him first!”

The event is free to the public. A

voluntary love offering will be taken.

For more information email brbcvinton@gmail.com. Blue Ridge Baptist Church is located at 2410 Hardy Road in Vinton.

Submitted by Maxine Meade, Blue Ridge Baptist



From the Pulpit

By Pastor Bryan Crouch, Lynn Haven Baptist 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.

Ephesians 6:5-9 is a passage from the Bible that gives advice on how people should act in their jobs or when working for others. It talks about the relationship between workers and bosses and how to treat each other with respect.

For workers, the passage says to obey their bosses with respect and sincerity. This means doing your best at your job, not just when your boss is watching, but all the time. You should work hard and honestly, as if you are working for God, not just for people. This attitude helps you do a good job and be proud of your work.

The passage also reminds workers that God sees everything we do, and He will reward us for doing our

jobs well. This means that even if others don’t notice your hard work, God does, and He appreciates it.

For employers, the passage advises them to treat their workers well. They should not threaten or be harsh. Instead, bosses should remember that they also have a boss in heaven, who is God. This means they should be fair, kind, and respectful to their workers. Christians ought to stand out in a positive way in the workplace, regardless of your role in the company.

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

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

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Wits’ End Corner

Read Psalms 106:1 through 109:31

Life can be like riding a ship rolling in the midst of a stormy sea: up one second reaching for the stars, the next second plummeting to the depths. The Psalmist wrote about those who “went out on the sea in ships.”

They reeled and staggered like drunkards; they were at their wits’ end. Then they cried out to the Lord in their trouble, and he brought them out of their distress (Psalm 107:27–28).

A. G. Ward wrote in the Pentecostal Evangel eighty-three years ago, “We have passed through many tests in the

past twenty-four years, often we have been at ‘wits’ end corner’ but again and again we have found ourselves singing.”

Are you at the end of your rope? Cry out to the Lord. Your prayer life will be different. Your praise life will open up.

Your prayer should be like that of Jehoshaphat as he led God’s people when they were under attack: “We do not know what to do, but our eyes are upon you” (2Chronicles 20:12).

Prayer Suggestion: Lord, I trust You to still the storms in my life. Quicklook: Psalm 107:23–32

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

Wednesday Bible Study 10 a.m.

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

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

NAZARENE
FIRST CHURCH OF NAZARENE, 728 Highland Ave., SE, Roanoke, Virginia. 342-4003. Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 a.m., Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Wednesday Night Bible Study 7 p.m.

PRESBYTERIAN
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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.

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

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Council

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The Town of Vinton Community Programs staff was recognized for their Roanoker Magazine “Best in Service” Award at the council meeting on July 2. Pictured left to right are Caroline Loveland, Mayor Brad Grose, Shea Hicks, Amanda Payne, Rachel Nunley, and Mandy Adkins.

personnel (Gordon and Sledd) to move away from time-consuming paper document entry with possible transcription errors to a dynamic ArcGIS FieldMaps application using web services to collect data. The award was made possible by the partnership between the town’s Stormwater and the county’s GIS personnel. In congratulating the recipients of the award, Mayor Brad Grose noted how closely the town and county work together and pointed out a quote from Helen Keller on the certificate, “Optimism is the faith that leads to achievement.”

Town Manager Pete Peters recognized employees of the Community Programs staff who had won the Silver Level “Best in Service” award from the Roanoker Magazine for 2024—Amanda Payne, Shea Hicks, and Caroline Loveland. Peters and council members thanked the women for the work they do for the town which made 2023 a record-breaking year at the Vinton War Memorial. Community Programs was short-staffed last year; they work practically seven days a week at all hours, doing an enormous variety of tasks from booking and setting up events to doing the dishes and laundry afterwards. Peters also introduced the two newest employees—Director Mandy Adkins and Rachel Nunley—making the department fully staffed once again.

Vinton Police Chief Fabricio Drumond introduced a new employee—Officer Wyatt Cobler.

During the Citizens Comments and Petitions part of the meeting, several addressed council on their concerns about a reported abortion clinic coming to 3rd Street in Vinton. Phil Buchy and Ryan Tunnell from Love Life, a national prayer-based organization which sponsors prayer walks and sidewalk outreach counseling outside abortion clinics, said they offer support for pregnant women and alternatives to abortion, “without judgment.”

Ann Russell asked council members to consider the negative impact of an abortion clinic on the neighborhood and to look for loopholes in the zoning laws. Barry Witt expressed his opposition to the clinic being located in Vinton, along with Joseph Pigford.

Mayor Grose, in a statement beforehand, noted that he personally opposes abortion, and that the town did not recruit the clinic, and was, in fact, unaware of the specifics of the business when the property was purchased. Town Council and staff are now actively investigating what legal options there might be in the situation. Councilman Keith Liles told the speakers that their concerns “are not falling on deaf ears,” and the town is working to determine whether there are legal remedies for the situation.

Vinton’s Capital Projects Manager Jamie Hurt updated council on the Vinton Community Park which is in the works on the hillside behind the Vinton War Memorial where the Vinton Pool was once located. Demolition of the pool is now complete. Dead trees are currently being removed to clear space on the site for an impressive and inclusive playground which will serve children ages 5-12 primarily and will be ADA

accessible. Hurt displayed a rendering of the coming playground equipment which will be installed in the spring of 2025 and includes slides, swings, and musical instruments. A “poured in place” surface will be used for the project which will reduce maintenance costs for the town. The Community Park will also include pickleball courts and some elements of a skateboard park, along with a picnic area.

The estimated cost of the park, which will be built in phases, is \$500,000. The town received a grant of \$218,000 from the Virginia Outdoors Foundation for the project and is in discussions with local organizations, such as the Vinton Breakfast Lions and Bank of Botetourt, for more financial support through public/private partnerships.

Assistant Planning and Zoning Director Nathan McClung briefed council on proposed amendments to the Vinton Zoning Ordinance. The proposed amendments would: require for an alternative financial institution use to obtain a special use permit in the GB General Business District, and allow for a personal service business use to be permitted by-right in the R-B Residential-Business; amend the standards for vehicle storage or impound lots; amend the yard and screening requirements for swimming pools, tennis, or pickleball courts; amend the standards and permitted modifications of the landscaping ordinance section and remove the maximum motor vehicle parking requirements; and amend the somewhat confusing definition of “flea market” to “flea market/vendor market.” The public hearing on the proposed amendments is scheduled for July 16.

McClung also briefed council on a petition from Annette Patterson of The Advancement Foundation (TAF) for a Special Use Permit for a proposed flea/vendor market use at 301 South Pollard Street, Suite A, the site of various retail uses in the past. In 2020, it was the location of a business incubator establishment (the Innovation Mill), which also housed a retail establishment that sold hemp products (the Hemp Mill). Currently, the space contains a retail establishment (the Farm Shoppe, operated by Brandon Hall), who will be the same operator of the proposed flea/vendor market use in partnership with the current property owner. The business will be located entirely within the existing structure; the commercial space will not require a change-of-use or new certificate of occupancy from the Roanoke County Office of Building Safety.

The current property consists of a mixed-use building with commercial spaces on the lower floor and residential apartments on the second floor. The structure was constructed in approximately 1939.

The Farm Shoppe plans to construct approximately 20 booths within the Marketplace, along with potential wall space for artisans, photographers, etc. Booths and spaces may include home décor, candles, general store items, local and Amish pantry goods, self-care items, kids’ items, apparel, gifts, artwork, handmades, promotional/logo items, and more.



PHOTOS BY DEBBIE ADAMS

The Roanoke County GIS Team, along with town employees Kenny Sledd and Fayula Gordon, were recognized by Mayor Brad Grose and Vinton Planning and Zoning Director Anita McMillan at the council meeting on July 2 for their NaCo Award for the development and implementation of the Town of Vinton Stormwater Outfall Management Application Program.

Town staff has recommended approval of the Special Use Permit based on two conditions:

- The flea market use shall only be permitted in the footprint of the structure currently designated as Suite A. An additional Special Use Permit will be required to expand the use into other areas contained within the structure.
- All activities related to the flea market use shall occur entirely within the enclosed structure and the designated footprint of Suite A. This condition shall not preclude the outdoor display of goods or merchandise in accordance with the provisions of the Zoning Ordinance; however, the outdoor display of merchandise shall only be located immediately adjacent to the front of the building facing South Pollard Street and shall not impede the sidewalk nor ADA accessibility.

The Town Council public hearing on the permit is scheduled to be held on July 16.

Council adopted a resolution authorizing the town to forgive the balance of ANBAJA Enterprises, Inc. (Twin Creeks Brewing Company) loans in the amount of \$10,069.60. (Andy and Jason Bishop and Barry Robertson are partners in Twin Creeks.)

In 2015, the Department of Housing and Community Development made the original \$100,000 Revolving Loan Program grant to the town via a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). The town authorized two loans to Twin Creeks in 2016 (\$25,000) and 2019 (\$15,000) from the CDBG funds. ANJABA has repaid \$29,069.60 of the loans.

The town desires to forgive the balance of the two loans to encourage additional investment at Twin Creeks enabling them to enhance their property, grow their brewing capacity and generate more tax revenue for the town. Twin Creeks originally discussed applying for another loan; the town suggested forgiving the present loans instead. Twin Creeks plans to invest over \$100,000 in the improvements.

Council next adopted a resolution dissolving the Revolving Loan Program, which has administered five loans to downtown businesses since 2015. (The town has satisfied all obligations for the CDBG grant program.) The loan program will now become a grant program to support downtown investment.

Mayor Grose commented on how successful the CDBG program has been and thanked Twin Creeks for “getting the ball rolling and the momentum started” for downtown economic development by opening their business in Vinton. Andy Bishop thanked the town for its support through the years, especially during COVID.

Council then adopted a resolution authorizing a Performance Agreement between the Town of Vinton, the Roanoke County Economic Development Authority, and Twin Creeks, providing the brewing company with a Local Economic Development Incentive Grant not to exceed \$40,000 to “induce them to develop the exterior rear of the property, including adding patio seating, fire pits, lighting, and façade improvements. The county EDA will take action on the issue in August.

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

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

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

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Highland Road in Mount Pleasant area closed until August 14

Highland Road in the Mount Pleasant area of Roanoke County (not to be confused with Highland Avenue in Vinton) will be closed between Hogan Road and Rutrough Road until August 14.

The greenway route approved by the National Park Service/Blue Ridge Parkway requires using the Blue Ridge Parkway underpass on Highland Road. As a result, the roadway will be narrowed to one 14-foot-wide travel lane to allow the 8-foot-wide greenway to be located adjacent to the roadway behind a concrete barrier. VDOT has approved this design, which includes the installation of “Yield” bars and signs on either side of the underpass for drivers to take turns driving through the underpass.

In order to construct the greenway, install the concrete barrier, and resurface the road, Highland Road is closed between Hogan and Rutrough Roads. This work was planned to coincide with Roanoke County Public Schools’ summer break, and the roadway is anticipated to reopen by August 14 before school starts on August 15. During the Highland Road closure, drivers will need to use Rutrough Road to pass under the Blue Ridge Parkway.

Construction is underway for an approximate two-mile section of the East Roanoke River Greenway that will be located south of the Roanoke River, run parallel to Highland Road, cross underneath the Blue Ridge Parkway and

Roanoke River Parkway, and extend to Explore Park.

Development of the two greenway projects is locally administered by Roanoke County with oversight from the VDOT. The projects are financed by federal, state, and local funds from the Federal Lands Access Program, the Transportation Alternatives Program, and funding from Roanoke County. These projects are supported by the National Park Service-Blue Ridge Parkway, Roanoke Valley Resource Authority, the Virginia Recreational Facilities Authority, and the Roanoke Valley Greenway Commission.

The proposed greenway projects will provide connectivity to an existing 0.4-mile section of greenway completed by Roanoke County in September 2023, located west of the Blue Ridge Parkway and south of the Roanoke River at 3226 Highland Road. The proposed greenways will include an 8- to 10-foot-wide asphalt greenway, a small trailhead parking lot at the corner of Rutrough and Highland Roads, connection to the Back Creek Valley Overlook located on the Roanoke River Parkway, and connectivity to Explore Park.

The greenways will traverse through two existing tunnels, the closed Roanoke regional landfill, and include retaining walls, signs, fencing, drainage improvements, and other appurtenances. A future 1.4-mile section of greenway through Explore Park that will terminate



PHOTO COURTESY OF ROANOKE COUNTY

Blue Ridge underpass on Highland Road

at Rutrough Point is planned for construction in 2024-2025.

Surveying, contractor mobilization, and tree clearing activities began in December 2023. Construction is anticipated to be complete by December 2024.

Roanoke County advises of potential traffic delays and lane closures along Highland Road, in the vicinity of the Blue Ridge Parkway. The contractor will

attempt to minimize traffic disruptions to the extent practical; however, periodic closures will be required. Roanoke County has awarded the construction contract to Allegheny Construction Company, Inc. and construction management is being provided by McDonough Bolyard Peck. The design engineer for the project is Balzer and Associates, Inc.

Submitted by Roanoke County



GRAPHIC COURTESY OF VHSL

The Virginia High School League (VHSL) has announced the 2023-24 National Guard Cup Academic Activity winners. First awarded in 1990, the Cup represents 35 seasons of excellence, with six Cups awarded for academic activities and

athletics in each of the VHSL's six enrollment classifications.

For the five academic activities involving team champions — scholastic bowl, creative writing, debate, theatre, forensics, and robotics — points are awarded on the following basis: first place,

50; second place, 45; third place, 40; fourth place, 35; fifth place, 30; sixth place, 25; seventh place, 20; and eighth place, 15.

Scoring for publications is based on the ranking earned in the League's evaluation service: Trophy Class, 35; First Place, 20;

Second Place, 5.

William Byrd finished 14th in Class 3. Byrd earned 35 total points in the Yearbook category.

Winners in each class include: Class 1--Eastside (100 points); Class 2--Clarke County – Total (120 points); Class 3--Fluvanna

County – Total (252.5 points); Class 4--Rock Ridge – (151.6 points); Class 5--Princess Anne – Total (350 points); and Class 6--Manchester (398 points).

Submitted by VHSL and Brian Hoffman

VINTON HISTORY: The Grapevine Tree

Grapevine is a common name for the woody vines that produce grapes. There are many species and varieties of grapevines. They can grow more than 50 feet long and need a sturdy support system, such as a trellis, fence or arbor, to hold their weight and shape.

Grapevine trees are crafted entirely from natural grapevines, making them an ideal decorative addition to your home. A grapevine tree can be simple, with nothing but the grapevine, or it can be decorated with lights, moss and other products of your garden, such as dried flowers. The beauty of a grapevine tree can be enjoyed year-round.

A grapevine tree was donated to the Vinton History Museum, which is now decorated with dogwoods – in honor of the Annual Vinton Dogwood Festival established in the 1950s. Stop by the Vinton History Museum, 210 East Jackson Avenue in Downtown Vinton and see the many displays and artifacts. Open Monday, Wednesday, Friday and every first Saturday, 10 a.m. 'til 2 p.m., “Preserving the Past for the Future.”

Submitted by Judy Cunningham, Vinton History Museum Executive Director



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Officer

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After several years on the CRT, he transferred to the Gang Unit, initially formed and structured by Cobler and his CRT



teammates. They began to see a correlation in the policing they were doing and how frequently they were dealing with gang

members. While being involved in the Gang Unit, they were able to have over 200 local gang members officially entered into the Virginia Criminal Information Network (VCIN).

Away from work, Cobler enjoys spending time with his family, going to the gym, and working on home projects. He and his wife, Chelsea, have two daughters, ages 1 and 3.

-Vinton Messenger staff report

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All creditors of John Harrison Stickley, Jr., deceased, and persons interested in his estate should appear at the time and place named, or any other time or place to which the proceedings may be adjourned, and protect their interest.

Given under my hand this the 26th day of June, 2024. Malcolm McL. Doubles Commissioner of Accounts

Trustee's Sale 112 Sunnydale Court, Troutville, VA 24175 (Parcel ID: 15342)

Default having been made in the terms of a certain Deed of Trust dated May 12, 2003, in the original principal amount of \$110,000.00 and recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the County of Botetourt, Virginia on May 16, 2003, in Deed Book 0000, at page 0086, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will sell at public auction on July 31, 2024 at 2:00 PM, in front of the building housing the County of Botetourt Circuit Court, 1 W. Main Street, Fincastle, VA 24090, the property designated as Lot 6, Block 19, according to Map No.3, Rainbow Forest, property of Botetourt Development Corp., Botetourt, Virginia made by C.B Malcoln & Son, SCE, June 28, 1962 of record in the aforesaid Clerk's Office in Plat Book 4, page 143.

Sale is subject to all prior liens, easements, restrictions, covenants, and conditions, if any, of record, or other matters which would be disclosed by an accurate survey or inspection of the premises.

TERMS: CASH. A deposit of \$11,000.00 or 10% of the sale price, whichever is lower, will be required of the successful bidder at time of sale. Prior to the sale, interested bidders will be required to register with and must present a bid deposit which may be held during the sale by the trustee. The bid deposit must be certified funds ! and/or cash, but no more than \$9,900.00 of cash will be accepted. The successful bidder's deposit will be retained at the sale and applied to the sale price. If held by the trustee, all other bid deposits will be returned to the unsuccessful bidders. Settlement is to be made within 15 days. The successful bidder will be responsible for obtaining possession of the property, and for all costs and fees related to recording the Trustee's Deed, including the grantors tax. The successful bidder will be required to execute a Memorandum of Trustee's Sale, available for review upon request before the sale, outlining additional terms of sale and settlement. A Trustee's Deed will be prepared by Trustee's attorney at high bidder's expense.

This is a communication from a debt collector. Tromberg, Morris & Poulin, PLLC on behalf of Southeast Equity Trustees, LLC and/or NFPDS-VA LLC, Substitute Trustee(s), 5310 Markel Road, Suite 201, Richmond, VA 23230, File No. 24-000332, Tel: 804-525-1570.

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 July 24, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 114 North Broad Street, in the City of Salem, Virginia, to consider the following applications.

The request of Savory Ventures Salem, LLC, property owner, for a variance from Section 106-402.7(A) of the City of Salem Zoning Ordinance pertaining to perimeter landscaping standards for parking lots for the property located at 600 block of West Fourth Street, Tax Map # 143 – 4 – 1. The petitioners are requesting a variance to allow for a food truck court. Section 106-402.7(A) states that the required landscaped planting strip shall have a minimum width of eight feet. Therefore, the petitioners are requesting a 3-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, CZA, CFM Planning & Zoning Administrator

REAL ESTATE TAXPAYERS

Kristie D. Chittum, the Commissioner of the Revenue, would like to inform those individuals that were 65 or older or permanently disabled as of December 31, 2023, that they may be able to apply for the tax freeze during the months of July and August. Taxpayers must meet ALL the following qualifications:

•Your name is on the deed for the property in which you are applying.

•You were at least 65 years of age OR totally and permanently disabled as of 12/31/2023.

•You were the property owner as of 12/31/2023.

•The house you are applying for is your primary residence.

•The gross income from all parties living in the residence and/or named on the deed is \$65,000 and under.

•All assets, excluding the home you are applying for, is \$185,000 or under.

Applications are in our office and online at www.salemva.gov. Assistance in completing the required tax freeze application is provided in our office by appointment. Please contact our office at 540-375-3019 between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday with any questions.

Order of Publication
CU-23-00275

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SAN BENITO

TONY MOULES, AS TRUSTEE OF THE ANTONIO AND SUSANA MOULES 2021 TRUST DATED FEBRUARY 4, 2021 Plaintiff, v. DONALD DAVID HENNAGAN, JR., DECEASED; TIFFANY MARIE HENNAGAN; CYNTHIA ANN MARIE HENNAGAN; DESTENY NICOLE HENNAGAN; AND DOES 1-100, INCLUSIVE, Defendants.

On reading the filings and evidence consisting of plaintiff's application and declaration for this order, and it satisfactorily appearing to me therefrom that defendant Desteny Nicole Hennagan, hereinafter referred to as ("Defendant"), cannot with reasonable diligence be served in any other manner specified in Sections 415.10 through 415.40 of the Code of Civil Procedure, and that the Defendant is a necessary party to this action.

IT IS ORDERED that the summons be served by publication in the Salem Times Register, a newspaper of general circulation published in Salem County, Virginia, hereby designated as the 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 ANTONIO AND SUSANA MOULES 2021 TRUST DATED FEBRUARY 4, 2021

NOTICE! You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond within 30 days. Read the information below.

You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear

your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money, and property may be taken without further warning from the court.

There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Web site (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), or by contacting your local court or county bar association.

NOTE: The court has a statutory lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of \$10,000 or more in a civil case. The court's lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the case. The name and address of the court is: Main Courthouse 450 Fourth Street Hollister CA 95023 Hollister CA 95023 CASE NUMBER: CU-23-00275

The name, address, and telephone number of plaintiffs' attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, is: Makayla A. Whitney, Berliner Cohen, LLP, 1601 I Street, Suite 150, Modesto, CA 95354 Tel: (209) 576-0111 Date: 12/15/2023

Legals - Montgomery County

Order of Publication

Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code §§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316.20-104 Case No. **CL24000869-00** VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MONTGOMERY COUNTY Circuit Court, 55 EAST MAIN STREET, SUITE 1, CHRISTIANSBURG, VA 24073 DONALD BROOKS SAVILLE, JR., *et al* Plaintiffs, v. RICHARD BARNETT, ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE ESTATE OF EDITH CORDER BARNETT, *et al* Defendants.

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

Upon consideration of the Affidavit for Entry of Order of Publication filed by the Plaintiffs, the reason for this cause is to obtain the whereabouts of any person who may have an interest in the property located at 3114 Emerson Lane, Blacksburg, VA 24060, and/or 3137 Emerson Lane, Blacksburg, VA 24060, and if such parties cannot be located, the secondary purpose of this cause is to quiet Plaintiff's title to the Property.

An Affidavit has been made and filed showing that the Defendant **John Does 1-100 All Persons Unknown or Parties Claiming a Title, Lien, Easement, or Other Interest in the Lands Known as 3114 Emerson Lane, Blacksburg, VA 24060; John Does 1-100 All Persons Unknown or Parties Claiming a Title, Lien, Easement, or Other Interest in the Lands Known as 3137 Emerson Lane, Blacksburg, VA 24060; and John Does 1-100 All Persons Unknown or Parties Claiming an Inherited Interest from Avery May, a/k/a Lee Evans May, Brandyne May a/k/a Brandyne May Moorefield** (collectively "John Does 1-100"), address unknown the general description of **"parties unknown,"** who by reason of true names and capacities, whether individual, corporate, associate or otherwise of defendants JOHN DOES 1-100 are unknown to Plaintiff, and may have a beneficial interest in the Property. UPON CONSIDERATION whereof,

this Order of Publication as to all the parties above is GRANTED, and it is ORDERED that any interested person(s) shall appear here on or before July 31st, 2024 at 9 am, which date is no sooner than fifty (50) days after entry of this Order of Publication. And it is further Ordered that this Order of Publication be published once a week for four (4) successive weeks in The News Messenger, a newspaper of general circulation in the Montgomery County, Virginia. ENTERED the 11 day June, 2024 K. Mike Fleenor, Jr. Judge

WE PRAY FOR THIS: FIDELITY NATIONAL LAW GROUP, the Law Division of Fidelity National Financial By: Lisa M. Ernst, Esq. (VSB#72718) 8484 Westpark Drive, Suite 310 McLean, Virginia 22102 (T) 703-245-0298 (F) 703-821-1618 Lisa.Ernst@fnf.com Counsel for Plaintiffs

ABC NOTICE

Amando's LLC., trading as Amando's Italian Kitchen, 1154 E. Main Street., Radford, VA 24141-1748.

The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) AUTHORITY for a Restaurant license, for on and off-premises of beer, wine license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages.

Cotey Bentley, OWNER

NOTE: Objections to the issuance of this license must be submitted to ABC no later than 30 days from the publishing date of the first of two required newspaper legal notices. Objections should be registered at www.abc.virginia.gov or 800-552-3200.

Legals - Town of Vinton

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 15.2-2204 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, the Town Council of the Town of Vinton, Virginia, hereby gives notice of a public hearing to be held on Tuesday, July 16, 2024, at 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, in the Council Chambers of the Vinton Municipal Building, 311 South Pollard Street, Vinton, Virginia.

The purpose of the public hearing is to receive comments concerning:

1. Petition of the Advancement Foundation, for a Special Use Permit (SUP) for a proposed flea market use, located at 301 South Pollard Street, Suite A, Vinton, Virginia, tax map number 060.15-07-41.00-0000, zoned CB Central Business District.
2. Proposed amendments to the Vinton Zoning Ordinance. The proposed amendments would: require for an alternative financial institution use to obtain a

special use permit in the GB General Business District, and allow for a personal service business use to be permitted by-right in the R-B Residential-Business District in Article IV (District Regulations); amend the standards for vehicle storage or impound lots in Article V (Supplemental Regulations); amend the yard and screening requirements for swimming pools, tennis, or pickleball courts, amend the standards and permitted modifications of the landscaping ordinance section, and remove the maximum motor vehicle parking requirements in Article VI (Development Standards); and amend the definition of flea market in Article XI (Definitions).

Further information concerning this public hearing may be obtained in the Planning and Zoning Department located at 311 South Pollard Street, Vinton, VA 24179, during business hours, or via phone: (540) 983-0605. Interested persons may be heard at the above public hearing.

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

Richard W. Peters, Jr. Town Manager

Legals - Roanoke County

ABC NOTICE

Bent Mountain Brewery LLC, trading as Bent Mountain Brewery, 9513 Bent Mountain Road, Bent Mountain, Roanoke County, VA 24059.

The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) AUTHORITY for an Industry Farm Winery and Limited Brewery license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages.

Tommee Larochelle, Manager

NOTE: Objections to the issuance of this license must be submitted to ABC no later than 30 days from the publishing date of the first of two required newspaper legal notices. Objections should be registered at www.abc.virginia.gov or 800-552-3200.

Legals - Wythe County

ABC NOTICE

RAPID CENTER LLC., trading as RAPID TRAVEL CENTER, 5740 E LEE HWY, MAX MEADOWS, WYTHE COUNTY, VA 24360.

The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) AUTHORITY for a convenience Grocery Store license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages.

RAJWINDER KAUR, OWNER.

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The Glebe’s groundbreaking ceremony featured (l-to-r) Jonathan Cook, president and CEO of LifeSpire of Virginia; Jerry Steele, Glebe resident; Shelli Schinkus, director of sales and marketing; Loretta Ikenberry, Ikenberry family; Suzanne Rhoades, Ikenberry family; Ellen D’Ardenne, Glebe executive director; Rev. Nelson Harris, LifeSpire Board of Trustees; Peter Robinson, chief marketing officer of LifeSpire of Virginia; Tracey Jennings, chief operating officer of LifeSpire of Virginia; Sam Oakey, LifeSpire Board of Trustees; and Andy McLaughlin, new cottage resident depositor.

The Glebe breaks ground on \$25M major expansion

The Glebe, a LifeSpire of Virginia senior living community in Daleville, has begun its \$25 million expansion project that will provide more independent living cottages and upgraded amenities while boosting the local economy. The expansion includes additional space for senior housing, upgraded dining experiences, and more room for community events. A formal groundbreaking for the cottages was held at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 27.

A total of 22 new cottages will be added to the campus. These new residences are specifically designed to allow seniors to age in place, maintenance and worry-free. The first set of cottages is expected to be ready by early 2025. The arrival of this new housing is very timely.

U.S. Census data shows that persons older than 60 years of age account for 28 percent of the overall population in Roanoke County. In adjacent Botetourt County, seniors account for 32 percent. The data also shows that the senior population is growing, driven by the aging Baby Boomer generation. This is creating an increasing consumer demand for attractive, new senior housing

infrastructure.

The new cottages at The Glebe will feature large, open floor plans up to 2,500 square feet, expansive living and dining areas, state-of-the-art kitchens, and a two-car garage with a front-row mountain view. The demand for the project is demonstrated by the fact that all the cottages have already been reserved.

“The Glebe is a beautiful five-star senior living community surrounded by gorgeous, landscaped views of the Blue Ridge and Allegheny Mountains,” said Ellen D’Ardenne, Executive Director for The Glebe. “We are excited to enter this next phase of development with additional housing and upgraded dining experiences for current and future residents.”

LifeSpire of Virginia purchased the 65 acres of the Ikenberry Orchards, where the community is located now, decades ago. The new cottages are being partially developed on the Ikenberry House property, which was purchased in 2013. “The old Ikenberry House was uninhabitable and unused space,” said Mark Ikenberry. “Our family is happy to

see the land go to good use by offering more housing options for local seniors in the community we care about so much.”

Over the next 24 months, The Glebe will expand and add amenities to its already robust senior living community to include a larger multi-purpose room, renovated culinary spaces and a new tavern.

The Botetourt Room, The Glebe’s multi-purpose room used to host community events, will get an upgrade by adding more than 1,300 square feet, allowing more room for community gatherings, performances, shows, and lectures. The room will total just over 3,700 square feet, offering more options than ever for entertainment.

The current Depot Café will get a complete makeover, emerging as The Marketplace, creating a modern, casual dining experience for residents. The new dining area will host additional seating, a covered patio and stone fireplace. Residents dining at The Marketplace will be able to enjoy an expanded cooking line and grill, a fire deck pizza oven, fresh salad bar and grab-and-go items. Private dining will be available in the

newly decorated Blue Ridge Dining Room for special occasions and events, by reservation only.

Adjacent to The Marketplace will be a brand-new tavern with a large-screen television and billiards. The new tavern gives residents a place to gather, relax and enjoy spending time with each other in a shared space. In addition, a new coffee and bake shop is being added near the Allegheny Dining Room offering a warm ambiance, comfortable seating, and coffee artistry.

As part of the renovations, The Glebe’s Assisted Living kitchen is being upgraded to provide an elevated dining experience for residents featuring fresh made-to-order meals.

“These projects represent a significant investment to our residents at The Glebe,” said D’Ardenne. “Today’s seniors want more options and want to stay independent as long as possible. We could not be more thrilled to provide these experiences now and in the future.”

~ Vinton Messenger staff report

Roanoke County offers new Business Equipment Acquisition grant



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The Roanoke County Economic Development Authority has announced a new Business Equipment Acquisition Program (BEAP) grant aimed at helping businesses in Roanoke County and the Town of Vinton.

The grant will offer funding opportunities for eligible for-profit businesses looking to enhance their operations through the acquisition of

new capital. On a competitive basis, the Authority will award grants of up to 50% of capital acquisition costs in amounts up to \$20,000 per award.

Eligible acquisitions must be taxable as business personal property or business machinery or tools. Some examples include furniture, fixtures, office and business machines, tools and equipment, and computer equipment.

To be eligible, businesses must:

- Employ more than three full-time employees at a physical location in Roanoke County
- Have operated as a for-profit business in Roanoke County for at least one year
- Hold a current Roanoke County or Town of Vinton business license and be in good standing with all local requirements and taxes

Applications will be accepted from July 1 through September 1, 2024. Funding is limited and competitive, and grants are awarded at the sole discretion of the Authority. Recipients will be notified in the fall of 2024 and must complete their proposed acquisitions within one year of award notification.

For more information on the grant program and to apply, visit www.yesroanoke.com/

BEAP, call 540-772-2185 or email Karli Foster at kfoster@roanokecountyva.gov.

For help completing the application, visit any Roanoke County Public Library and request assistance at the desk. Upcoming Zoom webinars are also available and can be found on the website.

Submitted by Roanoke County Economic Development Authority

Laws

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relationship to a contributor.

Human rights:

- HB 174/SB 101 Same-sex and interracial marriages are protected under a new Virginia law that bans marriage licenses from being denied “on the basis of the sex, gender, or race of the parties.” Such lawful marriages must be recognized in the Commonwealth. Religious organizations or members of the clergy acting in their religious capacity shall have the right to refuse to perform any marriage.
- HB 18/SB 7 deals with hate crimes and discrimination and ethnic animosity. It is the policy of the Commonwealth to safeguard all individuals

within the Commonwealth from unlawful discrimination in employment and in places of public accommodation because of such individual’s ethnic origin and prohibits such discrimination.

- HB 78/SB 16 “Search warrants, subpoenas, court orders, or other process; menstrual health data prohibited” prohibits the issuance of a search warrant, subpoena, court order, or other process for the purpose of the search and seizure or production of menstrual health data, as defined in the law, including data stored on a computer, computer network, or other

device.

Miscellaneous laws:

- SB 628 “Petersburg Casino Authorized” repeals the previously authorized casino in Richmond after being defeated in two voter referenda and now Petersburg may seek a casino.
- HB 342 “State Agencies to Possess Naloxone” requires the Department of Health to develop a plan for the procurement and distribution of naloxone or other opioid antagonists to each state agency and for the possession of naloxone or other opioid antagonists.
- HB 517 makes the European honeybee the official

state pollinator.

- HB 906/SB480 Virginia’s public utilities – electric, gas, water and wastewater – can’t disconnect service to a residence during an official state of emergency – and 30 days after – even if a customer hasn’t paid bills or fees. Utilities can’t cut off service when temperatures are at or below 32°F or at or above 92°F and on Fridays, weekends, state holidays, and the day before a state holiday.
- HB 759 “Cake Pop” law– People who sell certain food products made in a home can promote and offer them online and sell them at an event

that operates for “no more than 14 consecutive days.” Before, they were limited to selling in a home or a farmers’ market.

- HB 25/SB 116 “Annual retail sales and use tax holiday” establishes such a holiday on the first full weekend in August beginning on July 1, 2025, through July 1, 2030. During that weekend, state retail sales and use tax will not apply to certain school supplies, clothing and footwear, qualified products designated as Energy Star or WaterSense, portable generators, or hurricane preparedness equipment.

~ Vinton Messenger staff report

Miss VA

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Each Miss Virginia contestant selected a Community Service Initiative. Swanson is the founder of “Bridging the Divide: Music is Unity,” an organization dedicated to spreading musical joy through free performances at schools and nursing homes. She brings performances to those who are unable to experience them otherwise.

“After experiencing the healing benefits of music in the eighth grade, I have dedicated my life to helping others feel the same,” Swanson said. “Through my social impact initiative,

I take music performances to those that need it most.”

She serves as the director of the University of Virginia’s Historic Gospel Choir, Black Voices and hosts a weekly gospel radio show on 101.3 Jamz.

Miss Loudon County Breana Turner was named as first runner-up; she was awarded a \$6,000 scholarship and two more awards totaling \$1,500.

Miss Arlington Emily Kinsey was second runner-up; Miss Lynchburg Susanna Shedd, third runner-up; and

Madison Whitbeck, Miss Northern Virginia, was fourth runner-up.

The Miss Virginia Pageant also included a Miss Virginia Teen 2024 competition.

Miss Hampton-Newport News’ Teen Cassidy Lee was the winner and awarded a \$5,000 scholarship. This was her third year of participation in the Miss Virginia organization competition. She will compete in the Miss America’s Teen 2025 pageant in January 2025 in Orlando.

~ Vinton Messenger staff report



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Miss Virginia Teen 2024 Cassidy Lee was crowned at the Berglund Center and will compete for Miss America Teen 2025.

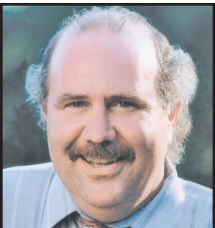
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The Salem Red Sox had a big crowd Saturday night as the team hosted Fredricksburg for a Carolina League baseball game and featured “Tyler’s Amazing Balancing Act.” Left, Tyler balances a wheelbarrow on his chin and, middle, he balances a fans’ flying disc on his nose. Right, Lexi Powell, a William Byrd High graduate who is interning for the Red Sox, leads the fans in “The Wave” from the visitors’ dugout. The Sox are now on the road through June 18 with the Salem Fair in town.



Brian Hoffman

They started here

When you watch kids playing in high school you have no idea what the future may hold. Certainly you don’t envision them striking out New York Yankees with the bases loaded or coaching the Los Angeles Lakers.

I consider myself very lucky to have seen two of the area’s best compete in the high school ranks while covering William Byrd sports in the Roanoke Valley, Lord Botetourt graduate Zack Kelly and Cave Spring’s JJ Redick. It’s not like I saw this coming, but it’s fun looking back.

Let’s take Kelly, who played baseball for LB and is now coming out of the bullpen for the Boston Red Sox. I asked long time Cavalier coach Todd Smith if he looked at Zack as a future major leaguer when he donned the red and grey of LB.

“Possibly as a hitter, maybe, but not a pitcher,” said Smith. “He’s worked really hard to get where he is today.”

Kelly is one of Boston’s most reli-

able relief pitchers. Through Monday he appeared in 21 games with 29 and a third innings pitched. He had a 2-1 record, four holds and an outstanding earned run average of 1.53. His WHIP, which is figured by combining walks and hits allowed and dividing by innings pitch, was just 0.92. Anything under 1.00 is considered exceptional, as Zack allowed 14 hits and 13 walks over close to 30 innings.

Kelly had 32 strikeouts through Monday, an average of over one strike-out per inning, and opposing batters were hitting just .136 when he was on the mound. He hadn’t given up an earned run since June 12th, a span of nine and a third innings and seven games.

Perhaps his signature game of the year came on June 16 against the Yankees at Fenway Park. The Sox were up 4-2 in the top of the seventh but the Yanks had the bases loaded and no one out when manager Alex Cora signaled for Kelly. Zack struck out Gleyber Torres and Jose Trevino, both swinging, then got DJ LeMahieu to fly out to center to end the inning unscathed. The Sox scored three in the bottom of the inning and went on to win, 9-3, but Kelly’s performance was the highlight of the game. Zack had some friends from the Roanoke Valley drive to Boston for the game and they enjoyed time on the field after the big

win.

Kelly, who was inducted into the Lord Botetourt High School Hall of Fame in 2023, has worked hard to get to this point. He’s battled several injuries and had pitched just 23 innings in the big leagues prior to this season. Last year he appeared in eight games with a 3.86 ERA and spent a weekend in Salem the first week of September rehabbing with the Salem Red Sox.

Now an established big leaguer, Zack recently got his own bobblehead. On June 22nd the Salem Red Sox gave away Zack Kelly bobbles to fans while Zack’s mother, Tracy Kelly, threw out the first ball. Zack couldn’t make it, as he was busy picking up the win in a 4-3 victory over the Reds in Cincinnati that evening.

And then you have JJ Redick, who was recently named head coach of the Los Angeles Lakers. While Kelly was somewhat of a surprise to make the big show in baseball Redick was destined for big things at a young age. But head coach of LeBron James and the LAKERS!!!

I’ve been around for a while, and I can remember some hype about JJ prior to his freshman season at Cave Spring. I went to an early season Knights’ game with the attitude, “okay big guy, let’s see if you’re as good as they say.”

Well, he was. I left the gym thinking this was one of the best freshman basketball players I’d ever seen, at least live.

People ask me sometimes if so-and-so is a Division I player. I usually tell them, if you have to ask he’s probably not. When you see a JJ, a George Lynch or a Richard Morgan you don’t have to ask that question. You just ask where, and you get Duke, UNC and Virginia.

Area basketball fans know all about JJ; Coach K coming to the gym at Cave Spring, fighting off foot pain to lead his team to a state championship, signing to play for Duke. After a great run with the Blue Devils he goes to the NBA for a solid career with several teams, playing in 940 games over 15 seasons. I went to see him play for the Clippers in Charlotte, and I saw him play for the Sixers in Philly. There was no denying he could shoot it with the best of them.

If that’s not enough he becomes the top analyst on the ESPN broadcast team for NBA games, a job not many would leave. Unless, of course, you’re offered the head coaching job of one of the NBA’s premier franchises. People wonder how he’ll do. I have no reason

to believe he won’t be anything short of terrific.

Pretty cool, isn’t it, to have two guys we saw grow up playing on the biggest stage of their sport? Makes you wonder who will be next.

ANOTHER GIANT LOSS

The 1960’s San Francisco Giants of Willie Mays and company didn’t drop many flies, but unfortunately 60 years later they’re dropping like flies.

If you didn’t see it, I wrote a tribute to Willie Mays in my column last week the week after he passed. I related a story about seeing Willie play live at old Connie Mack Stadium when I was a kid, and one of the things I remember was the Phillies walking Mays intentionally to load the bases and pitch to Orlando Cepeda. The “Baby Bull” then made them pay by drilling a grand slam home run off the left field roof.

Well, the day after that column came out Cepeda also died at the age of 86. The Hall of Famer played 17 years in the big leagues, the first eight and a half with the Giants before he was traded to St. Louis for pitcher Ray Sadecki. He also played for the Braves, the A’s, the Red Sox and the Kansas City Royals before retiring after the 1974 season. He was a lifetime .297 hitter, nine times ending the season over .300. He had 2,351 hits, hit 379 home runs and drove in 1,365 runs. He was the 1967 MVP with the Cardinals, played in 11 all-star games and went into the Hall of Fame in 1999.

What many folks might not know is that his first professional baseball season began in Salem. He was a 17 year old kid from Puerto Rico in 1955 when he was assigned to the Salem team in the Appalachian League. He opened the season as an infielder and played 26 games for the Rebels, who played at Salem Municipal Field, now known as Billy Sample Field at Kiwanis Park.

Young Cepeda hit .247 with one home run in 93 at bats before being sent to the Kokomo Giants in the Mississippi-Ohio Valley League. There he hit 21 home runs and batted .393 for the Giants’ affiliate for the remainder of the season.

Three years after opening the season in Salem Cepeda joined the big league Giants, who had moved from New York to San Francisco after the 1957 season. Cepeda was a charter “San Francisco” Giant and that year he was the National League Rookie of the Year, hitting .312 with 25 home runs and 96 RBIs.



PHOTOS BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Left, JJ Redick shoots his signature jump shot during his freshman year at Cave Spring. Right, the Salem Red Sox gave out Zack Kelly bobbleheads Saturday

Maroons promote swim coach

The Roanoke College athletic department has announced the promotion of Maroon assistant coach Nick Breschi to head men’s and women’s swimming coach.

After two years as an assistant at Roanoke, Breschi moves up to the head spot after Brandon Ress recently left the College to serve as an assistant at Division I UNC Wilmington.

“I am grateful and excited to be here with this opportunity to lead this team,” said Breschi. “This is an amazing team with a great culture and I am excited to continue to build upon that legacy.”

The Maroon women’s team finished second in the Old Dominion Athletic Conference (ODAC) Championship this winter in Greensboro, N.C., while the men’s team placed third. Junior Lily Mullens became the first Maroon swimmer since 2019 to be invited and go to NCAA competition.

Breschi joined the Roanoke staff after spending four years as the head swimming coach and aquatics director at Loyola Blakefield, a Catholic college preparatory school for boys in grades 6–12 located in Towson, Maryland. Loyola had won 20 out of 21 Maryland Interscholastic Athletic Association (MIAA) championships, six National Catholic Swimming championships, and is one of the premier high school swim programs in the country.

Prior to his time at Loyola, Breschi and Ress were teammates at Towson University.

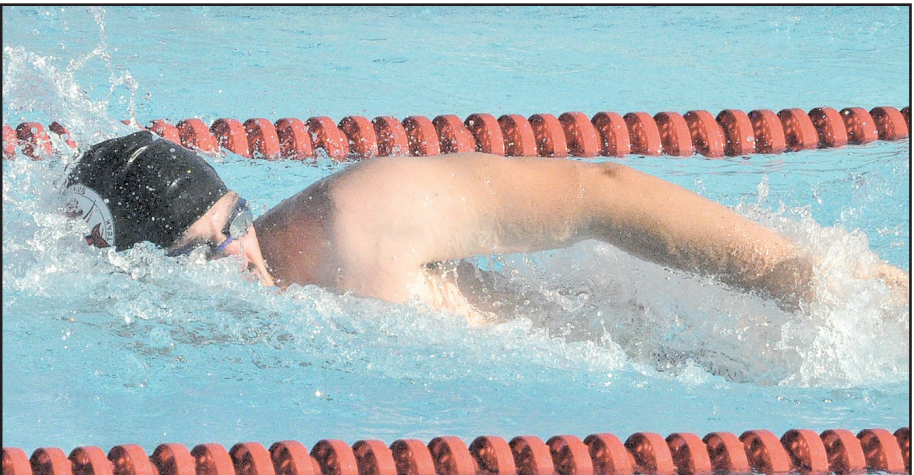


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Austin Nielsen, a William Byrd graduate and rising junior on the Roanoke College swim team, competes for Limestone Park in Monday’s Roanoke Valley Aquatic Association meet at the Stonegate Swim Club in Salem. Nielsen earned a spot on the College Sports Communicators Academic All-District Men’s Swimming and Diving Team after the 2023-24 season. Austin is a health an exercise science major at Roanoke College. Next Monday, July 8th, is the final night of RVAA regular season meets this summer. The local LancerLot team will be swimming at the Elks’ Club.