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The District VII DAR held the annual meeting at the Vinton War Memorial, preceded by a wreath-laying ceremony at the High Ground Monument.

Vinton War Memorial hosts Virginia District VII DAR meeting, wreath-laying ceremony

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The Vinton War Memorial hosted the annual meeting of Virginia DAR District VII on July 13. The meeting

began outside at the High Ground Monument with the presentation of American flags by the VFW Post 1264 Honor Guard. The posting of the colors was followed DAR members and guests reciting in

unison the Pledge of Allegiance, The American's Creed, and the Preamble to the United States Constitution—the rituals which usually begin local

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Pine Spur Hunt Club's 71st annual Horse Show brings back the good ol' days

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In 1953 a group of horse-loving families in the Vinton area established the Pine Spur Hunt Club to offer “fellowship, recreation, social activities, and an opportunity to enjoy and share the privileges and beauty of the great outdoors and to promote good sportsmanship.”

They held their first horse show in 1954 at the Gross family farm, off of Mountain View Road in Vinton. In 1961, the club incorporated and eventually purchased 12 acres of land off what is

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Debbie Barron has been showing horses at Pine Spur Hunt Club horse shows since she was 8 years old. She won the blue ribbon this year in the Open Pleasure Driving class.

Vinton History Museum receives donation of Native American artifacts



Ren Herdman (right) presented Native American artifacts to the Vinton History Museum dating back to 700-500 B.C.

Native American educator Ren Herdman visited the Vinton History Museum on July 12 to present archaic Native American artifacts donated by the Central Appalachian Cherokee Tribe to the museum for its collection and eventual display (probably this fall).

The items came from areas of Roanoke County and Glade Creek, and include

grinding stones, plates, and pottery chards with a reed pattern. Herdman said this donation was made to honor her ancestors.

Herdman is a native of Vinton and a graduate of William Byrd High School. Early on, she was a local television

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William Byrd Middle School Counselor Leslie Jordan and School Resource Officer Deputy Joe Mullins accepted the “New Middle School Club of the Year Award” for 2024 from YOVASO at a banquet at James Madison University.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF ROANOKE CO. SHERIFF'S DEPT. SRO Justin Hubbard accepts the “Middle School Club of the Year Award” for Cave Spring Middle School at the YOVASO banquet at JMU. He was also named SRO of the Year.

William Byrd Middle School receives ‘New Club of the Year Award’ from YOVASO

Youth of Virginia Speak Out (YOVASO) is a youth leadership organization focused on saving the lives of teenage drivers through empowering them to be

traffic safety advocates in their schools and communities. YOVASO helps students and school administrators set up a YOVASO Club in their schools or expand an

already existing club to include safe driving initiatives.

Each year an awards banquet is held at James

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Vinton Town Council approves special use permit for Farm Shoppe; explores options for modifying zoning requirements for future medical/dental clinics

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Vinton Town Council adopted an ordinance at the meeting on July 16 approving the petition of The Advancement Foundation (TAF) for a Special Use Permit (SUP) for a proposed marketplace at 301 South Pollard Street.

The Planning Commission held its public hearing on the SUP on July 1 and voted unanimously to approve

the petition, followed by a public hearing at the council meeting this week.

Two conditions were imposed with the adoption of the ordinance: the vendor market shall only be permitted in the footprint of the structure currently designated as Suite A and all activities will occur within the enclosed structure and designated footprint, not precluding the outdoor display of goods or merchandise immediately adjacent to the building

and shall not impede the sidewalk or ADA accessibility.

Historically, the commercial building space has been used for various retail businesses. In 2020, it was the location of a business incubator establishment (the Innovation Mill), which also housed a retail establishment which sold hemp products (the Hemp Mill). Currently, the space contains a retail

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PHOTO COURTESY OF THE FARM SHOPPE-A MARKETPLACE OF VIRGINIA'S ENTREPRENEURS The Farm Shoppe – A Marketplace for Virginia's Entrepreneurs has opened on Pollard Street and will be adding up to 20 booths for vendors.



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PHOTO BY DEBBIE ADAMS
Several ASP team members described their experiences in Dickenson County with the Thrasher congregation on July 14. Pictured left to right are: Jo Brooks, Luke Hemming, Nick Edmondson, Caroline Edmondson, and Phil Barber.



PHOTO COURTESY OF RED VALLEY EASP
ASP team members take a break from making home repairs.



PHOTO COURTESY OF BONNIE JONES
ASP Trailer repair team

Thrasher ASP team changes lives through service project

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The Appalachia Service Project (ASP) mission team (students and adults) from Thrasher Memorial United Methodist Church spent the week of July 7 in Dickenson County with the goal of “making homes warmer, safer, and drier.” ASP, created in 1969, brings thousands of volunteers from around the country to Central Appalachia annually to repair and replace homes for low-income families. ASP repairs roofs, walls, floors, foundations, and bathrooms, in addition to making homes accessible through porch and ramp repairs or additions. This was the 25th year Thrasher youth have participated in the mission project. Members of Thrasher’s 2024 ASP team included Phil Barber, Luke Hemming, Nick Edmondson, Adam Edmondson, Karen Hemming, Cary Jones, McKenzie Crow, Eli Richardson, Marty Crow, Jo Brooks, Caroline Edmondson, Aaron Hemming, April Jones, Mayzie Jones, Kara Sutton, Levi Anderson, John Romeo, Ginger Quinn, Mary Ann St. Clair, Isaac Anderson, Ethan Sutton, and

Stella Jones. Several youth and adults from Red Valley UMC were part of the team as well: Jae Song, Abby Clay, Nyla Gurley, Shane Clay, Tyler Gurley, Dennis Bilbey, Tyler Wertz, J.R. Cooper, and Parker Sharp. During the week, the CEO from ASP visited the team to recognize them for Thrasher’s 25 years of service. During the worship service at Thrasher on July 13, several team members shared their experiences from the ASP trip and how it changed them personally in addition to improving the homes and lives of those they helped. For some this ASP trip was their first; others had volunteered in previous years. For adult Phil Barber, this was his first venture. He confessed that “fix-it” skills weren’t his strength, but being on the team was a “real blessing. It was a joy to give to others.” He said he “saw God” in the empathy and compassion team members showed to those whose homes they repaired and he witnessed them “living abundantly” in their unselfish service. Jo Brooks, another one of the adults on the trip, was impressed with the

hard work and dedication of the youth on the team, and their willingness to bond with the homeowners they were serving. She commented that she felt so blessed to “see God’s words in action” with team members living for the “sole purpose of serving someone else. It was a life-changing experience. God was there in those ‘God moments’ experienced by each of them.” This was student Luke Hemming’s third ASP trip— and “a real joy for sure.” It was also a learning experience and a time for a deep personal encounter with Jesus and his unfathomable love, “which reminded me how much I love and need him.” Nick Edmondson was a return volunteer, as well. He was assigned to work on replacing the underpinning of a trailer so siding could be added. He spent a good deal of time during the course of the week thinking about “servant leadership” and not giving just physical labor to help those in need. He was grateful to be able to serve families living in terrible situations and to serve with others like and unlike him.

His sister Caroline Edmondson made her first ASP trip, somewhat reluctant because she knew little about construction tools. After a few days, and coaching by mentor Marty Crow, she became very proficient in the use of many tools, most amazingly the skill saw. Her team worked initially on installing a bathroom floor, but then took on the task of reconstructing a bathroom floor and its plumbing. The homeowner was absolutely overwhelmed to learn that new windows were going to be installed, letting the light into what had been a pitch-black interior. During her time working on the home, she learned the life story of the homeowner and that “not everyone is as blessed as I am. ASP has allowed us to be disciples of Christ and build relationships during the week.” Other church groups joining Thrasher during the July 7 week included First Baptist Church – Massillon, St. Matthew’s United Methodist Church–Bowie, Trinity Christian Academy – Servejoy, Hockessin United Methodist Church, and Windsor Hills United Methodist Church – Roanoke.



PHOTO BY DEBBIE ADAMS
Felicia Branham from Kids’ Square demonstrates Bernoulli’s Principle with a leaf blower and flying bath tissue.



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Kids’ Square pays a visit to Vinton Library

As part of this year’s Roanoke County Public Library Summer Reading Program “Adventure Begins at Your Library,” the Vinton Library hosted a visit from Kids’ Square on July 12, putting children on a mission to explore. Kids’ Square is a much-acclaimed museum which encourages hands-on learning, located in Center in the Square in downtown Roanoke. Executive Director Felicia Branham and Associate Director Veronika Geier brought a room full of STEM-related interactive activities for children and their families to enjoy. This year’s STEM program covered polymers, refraction, air currents, earthquakes, air pressure, patterns, weights, measures, electrical currents, orby gel balls, and more. Branham conducted a riveting experiment to explain Bernoulli’s Principle using a leaf

blower and a roll of flying bathroom tissue, making a toilet paper blaster. Here’s the concept, apparently easy for children, less comprehensible for adults– “the faster air flows over a surface, the less it pushes on that surface which means it has a lower pressure. The moving air from the leaf blower flows over the top of the toilet paper creating a lower pressure than the surrounding air pushing upward on the bottom side of the toilet paper. The toilet paper is lifted because there are a sufficient number of air molecules striking the lower side of the paper to overcome the downward pull of gravity and the lower air pressure on the upper side.” Airplanes fly because of Bernoulli’s Principle. Air rushing over the top of a curved airplane wing exerts less pressure than air moving against the flat, underside of the wing. So, the relatively higher

air pressure beneath the wings provides the upward force, or lift, that enables airplanes, birds, kites, and sail planes to fly. Who knew? There is still time to join the Summer Reading Program. Sign up at www.rocolibrary.org or at the local library; read, win prizes, and attend more delightful events (register early; there is often a waiting list). The program ends on August 10. To complete the program, babies and toddlers must read 10 books and school age children, teens, and adults must read three books to earn the completion prize. Participants are encouraged to keep reading after they have met their personal goal to help meet the community reading goal for summer 2024 of 30,000 books– so far, the total is 20,499. *-Vinton Messenger staff report*

RCPS seeks input on mobile device usage in high school classrooms; plans to restrict student access to social media on RCPS-issued laptops

In recent days, Virginia Gov. Glenn Youngkin announced Executive Order 33, which raises concerns about student health related to the pervasive use of mobile devices by students, and directs school divisions to create policies concerning the use of mobile devices (phones, watches, tablets, earphones, etc.) during school hours, with the aim to create mobile device-free education in Virginia. The Roanoke County School Board proactively adopted a strong policy in the 2022-2023 school year but is considering making further adjustments at the high school level to this policy, in consideration of the concerns expressed

in the governor’s executive order. Currently, Roanoke County Public Schools policy states that elementary and middle school students may possess a mobile device provided the device is off, or on airplane mode, and put away out of sight during the entire school day. At the high school level, students may have a mobile device in the classroom provided it is off or on airplane mode and put away out of sight. Students may use mobile devices in the classroom only if permitted by a teacher for specific instructional purposes. Students may use mobile devices while in the hallways and



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HCK Hot Chicken opening in Vinton

HCK Hot Chicken, the renowned fast-casual restaurant brand known for its fiery Nashville-style cuisine and distinctive premium sauces, is opening its first outlet in Vinton on July 20 at 2499 East Washington Avenue. The grand opening event will run from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.

To celebrate, the first 24 guests in line will receive a free sandwich. Plus, all guests will have the opportunity to buy \$5 sandwiches throughout the opening day (limit one per guest).

Adding to the excitement, a prize wheel will be on-site for customers to spin and win free food for their next visit. Guests will also have the chance to sign up for a chance to win “Free Sandwiches for a Year.”

This new 1,500-sq.-ft. location, led by Al Khalili Mohammad, will offer dine-in, pick-up, and delivery through Grubhub, Uber Eats, and DoorDash. With plenty of parking, an accompanying convenience store, and a gas station, “it’s convenience and quality in one spot.”

Operating hours will be Monday through Saturday from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

This location has been Vinton Tobacco & Grocery, near William Byrd and Domino’s.

Submitted by HCK Hot Chicken

Memorial Service scheduled for Pattersons on August 3

A memorial service will be held for Bob and Jeanette Patterson on Saturday, August 3, at 10 a.m. at Mountain View Cemetery in Vinton. The service will include time for friends and family to share memories. The public is invited to attend.

Bob Patterson was the beloved principal of William Byrd High School for 34 years; Jeanette served as an administrator at William Byrd Middle School.

- Vinton Messenger staff report



PHOTO COURTESY OF CAROLYN CAMPBELL

Alberto de Bobé received the Lifetime Achievement Award for his efforts through the years with the Miss Virginia Pageant.



PHOTO COURTESY OF SUSAN TEASS

Alberto de Bobé received his award during the Miss Virginia festivities at the Shenandoah Club.

Alberto de Bobé receives Lifetime Achievement Award

Alberto de Bobé received the Miss Virginia Lifetime Achievement Award for 2024 for his work with the Miss Virginia Pageant over the course of many years. The award was presented at a luncheon at the Shenandoah Club on July 29– and a complete surprise to de Bobé.

“The Town of Vinton and the Vinton Dogwood Festival Committee are so very proud of him,” said Susan Teass, who has also volunteered with the Miss Virginia Pageant and Dogwood Festival for many of those same years.

- Vinton Messenger staff report

RECIPE OF THE WEEK

German Blackberry Pudding with Blackberry Sauce

It’s blackberry season and this is one of my mother’s best berry recipes. It’s really more of a cake than a pudding. She also made wonderful blackberry jam and blackberry cobbler.

Ingredients:

1/4 cup butter or margarine

1 cup sugar

1/4 tsp. salt

3 egg yolks

1/2 tsp. baking soda

1/2 cup buttermilk

1 and 1/2 cups all-purpose flour

1/2 cup fresh blackberries

Cream butter and 1 cup sugar until light and fluffy; add salt and egg yolks,

mixing well. Combine soda and buttermilk. Add flour to creamed mixture alternately with buttermilk mixture; beat well after each addition. Fold in berries. Spoon into greased 9-inch square pan. Bake at 375° for 25-30 minutes until toothpick comes out clean.

Blackberry Sauce

2/3 cup butter or margarine, melted

3 Tbsp. all-purpose flour

1 and 1/4 cups sugar

1/4 to 1/2 tsp. ground nutmeg

Dash of salt

1/4 cup water

2 cups fresh blackberries

Combine butter and

flour in a saucepan. Add sugar, nutmeg, salt, water, and blackberries. Cook over low heat, stirring constantly until thickened. Yields about 3 cups sauce. (You can also serve the sauce over ice cream.)

You can use frozen berries instead of fresh in this recipe. You can also substitute other berries or mixed berries.

FILE PHOTO

Chittum Family Reunion scheduled for July 28

This year’s Chittum Family Reunion is scheduled for Sunday, July 28, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Charles R. Hill Community Center in Vinton. The reunion is always held on the last Sunday in July. The Community Center is located on the grounds of the Vinton War Memorial at 820 East Washington Avenue. Dress is casual for the potluck-style meal. For more information, email Treasurer Chelsea Roark at Chelsea@floydwarddance.com.

Submitted by Chelsea Roark

GRAPHIC COURTESY TOWN OF VINTON

Vinton hosting first Pink Warrior Walk in support of Virginia Breast Cancer Foundation

Lace up your sneakers and join the fight against breast cancer at the inaugural Town of Vinton Pink Warrior Walk, benefiting the Virginia Breast Cancer Foundation. Scheduled for Saturday, September 7, at the Vinton Farmers Market, this event promises to be a memorable evening for a great cause.

Participants of all ages and fitness levels are invited to take part in either a walk or run, with the course beginning and ending at the Vinton Farmers Market. The event kicks off at 5:30 p.m. Each participant will receive a commemorative T-shirt and bracelet to honor their commitment to raising awareness about breast cancer.

Following the walk, the celebration continues with an after party at the market, featuring a live band to keep the energy high. Local business vendor booths, food trucks offering delicious fare, and a Kids Zone will ensure there’s something for everyone to enjoy. This community-focused event aims not only to raise funds for breast cancer support services, but also to unite the community in a shared commitment to health and wellness.

“We are thrilled to launch the Pink Warrior Walk in support of the Virginia Breast Cancer Foundation,” said Mandy Adkins, director of Cultural Placemaking and Events. “Breast cancer impacts so many lives, and events like this are important in providing support to those affected. We encourage everyone to come out, walk with us, and enjoy a fun-filled evening that makes a difference.” Registration for the Pink Warrior Walk is open through September 7.

The Town of Vinton is seeking sponsorships to support the event as well as volunteers to serve as course marshals during the event. To learn more about how to register or get involved as a sponsor or volunteer, visit www.vintonva.gov/pinkwarriorwalk.

The Virginia Breast Cancer Foundation is a non-profit organization committed to the eradication of breast cancer through access, advocacy, education, and community action. By supporting events like the Pink Warrior Walk, the Foundation aims to raise awareness about breast health and provide support to those affected by breast cancer across Virginia.

Submitted by Mandy Adkins, Town of Vinton

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Jeremy
23. Famed island
25. Parent-teacher groups
26. Distributes
28. Self-immolation by fire ritual
29. Ad ____
30. Circulation problem (abbr.)
31. Brother or sister
33. A famous "Squad"
34. Stage actor Anthony
36. Violent seizure of property
38. Saclike cavities
40. Sound units

CLUES DOWN
41. Counts on
43. Dad
44. Woman (French)
45. A digital tape recording of sound
47. Polish Baltic peninsula
48. Recipe measurement
51. Requests out of dire need
53. Precious stone weight unit
55. The immaterial part of a person
56. Anoint
58. Golf score
59. Supernatural
60. Northwest Territories
61. Can be made suitable
64. A professor's helper
65. Having a toothlike edge
67. Got atop a horse
69. Judged
70. Static balance between opposing forces

CLUES DOWN
1. Flowing
2. Computer department
3. Lasts
4. DiFranco and Samsonyan are two
5. ____ de sac
6. Merchant
7. Hosts film festival
8. State of agitation of fuss
9. A way to praise
10. Opaque gems
11. McKinley is one
12. Smallest interval in classical Western music
13. Famed designer Lauren
15. Occupies
18. Small island (British)
21. Misuse of the sacred
24. Covers with a thin sheet
26. Most valuable player
27. Title of respect
30. Investigated discreetly

CLUES DOWN
32. Belonging to the bottom layer
35. Black tropical American cuckoo
37. Music genre
38. Indicates one is in mourning
39. Secured forever
42. Bodily cavity
43. A dog is one
46. Chose to do something
47. Annoy persistently
49. Large hotel rooms
50. Beg
52. Docket
54. Subway dwelling rodent
55. Sources
57. Mild Dutch cheese
59. Spanish city
62. Consumed
63. Ballplayer's tool
66. Midway between north and east
68. Atomic #3

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PEOPLE, PLACES AND THINGS



Carolyn Campbell has worked with the Miss Virginia Pageant for many years, handling ticket sales and publicity. She is shown with her husband, Pete.



Pete and Carolyn Campbell enjoying the Miss Virginia Pageant.

By Angie & Bootie Cheuning

At the Miss Virginia Pageant, not only the contestants dress for the different events during the week— Carolyn and Pete Campbell dress, too, and look great. Carolyn works hard all week handling the tickets for the Miss Virginia Opportunity 2024 shows— not an easy task— as do a lot of others. Thanks to Co-directors Nancy Lucy, Mark Schreier and Elaine Aiken, and all the hard workers this year, bringing the magic to Roanoke. Many thanks to everyone who once again braved the heat and joined us at Mingle at the Market last weekend. We are so happy with the crowds that have turned out for the last three Mingles. We still have five more, so mark your calendars and come join us. The next one is July 27 at 7 p.m. with Justin and Lindsey Prillaman and SOLACoustix. You won't want to miss this one!

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

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Been There; Done That

Read Ecclesiastes 1:1 through 4:16

The familiar phrase "been there; done that" is often said by those who feel they've seen it all and done it all, and they're bored by it. This appears to be the outlook of the author of Ecclesiastes.

He concluded that everything he had experienced was meaningless, including the pursuit of wisdom and pleasure—things many in our modern culture seek. Even the hedonistic lifestyle of "wine, women, and song" proved to not be satisfying. These indulgences created only fleeting enjoyment.

Much of happiness depends on attitude

I know that there is nothing better for people than to be happy and to do good while they live. That each of them may eat and drink, and find satisfaction in all their toil—this is the gift of God (Ecclesiastes 3:12–13).

Once we determine to find satisfaction in life's simple things, including what God has given us to do, we will no longer base our worth or our hope in the accumulation of more things.

Thought for Today: "People are just as happy as they make up their minds to be." —Abraham Lincoln

Quicklook: Ecclesiastes 3:1–13

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

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

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

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

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Vinton Breakfast Lions elect new officers, set events dates



PHOTO COURTESY OF JOHN BERRY
Vinton Breakfast Lions Club officers for the new year include (from left) Secretary Gary Myers, President Zach McCarty, and Treasurer Bob Benninger.

The Vinton Breakfast Lions Club met on July 10 at Famous Anthony’s to kick-off the new club year and elect officers. Officers include President Zach McCarty, Secretary Gary Myers, and Treasurer Bob Benninger. The organization selected dates for several of their special events, including their annual Awards dinner on August 8, their main annual Drawdown

fundraiser on Sept. 28, the Lions Pancake Breakfast at the VFW on the morning of the Vinton Fall Festival on Oct. 12, the White Cane sale at the Vinton Food Lion on Oct. 19, and the Lions Spaghetti Dinner prior to the Vinton Christmas Parade on Dec. 5.

Submitted by Lion John Berry

Council

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establishment (The Farm Shoppe), which will be the same operator of The Farm Shoppe – A Marketplace of Virginia Entrepreneurs.
Brandon Hall opened The Farm Shoppe in a 422-sq.-ft. cottage on the hillside behind the Vinton Farmers’ Market in December 2023 and has been quite successful in that location.
He and property owner Annette Patterson of TAF told council their plans are to develop the property on Pollard into an entrepreneurial space which will encourage new businesses in Vinton.

“In our new Marketplace, we seek to create both a central shopping destination for a large market of consumers, along with a true retail incubator for entrepreneurs to come together and grow their business right here within our community,” said Hall. “We are anticipating over 20 businesses to be showcased and branded throughout the Marketplace in their own booths and spaces.” Hall is planning five 8x10 booths, seven 6x8 booths, and eight 4x4 booths.
The hope is that the business incubator will streamline the path for new businesses opening their own stores in Vinton over time. Mayor Brad Grose said that he hopes some of the new businesses will participate in TAF’s acclaimed Gauntlet Business Program and Competition, established by Patterson.
Booths and spaces across the Marketplace may include, but may not be limited to, home decor, candles, general store items, local and Amish

pantry goods, self-care, kids’ items, apparel, gifts, artwork, handmades, food/beverage items, promotional/logo items, and more.
Hours of operation will be from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. It will be closed on Wednesdays and Sundays. The shop is located across the street from the Vinton Library.
Several Roanoke- and Vinton-area citizens once again addressed council during the citizens’ comments and petitions portion of the council meeting, expressing their opposition to a reported abortion clinic opening in Vinton.
Town Council adopted an ordinance approving several proposed amendments to the Vinton Zoning Ordinance after a briefing by Assistant Director of Planning and Zoning Nathan McClung.
Council also adopted a resolution authorizing the town manager to file an application for the allocation of VDOT SMART SCALE funds for a roundabout project at Washington Avenue and Bypass Road. This grant application is for the conversion of the intersection of Washington Avenue and Bypass Road from a signalized intersection to a two- lane roundabout with additional pedestrian accommodations in the immediate area. A redesign of the signalized intersection was identified and recommended as an improvement project in the Route 24 Bike/Ped Plan adopted as an amendment to the Town of Vinton



From the Pulpit

By Pastor Bryan Crouch, Lynn Haven Baptist Church

A Study of Ephesians – “The Armor of God, Part 1”

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 6:13-14 is a passage from the Bible that encourages us to stand strong in our faith and to be prepared for spiritual battles. It reminds us that God provides us with armor to protect ourselves. The passage begins by urging us to put on the full armor of God. This armor includes things

like truth, righteousness, peace, faith, salvation, and the word of God. Each piece of armor helps us in different ways to face the challenges of life. Wearing the belt of truth means being honest and living by what is right. The breastplate of righteousness protects our hearts and keeps us morally upright. The shoes of peace help us stand firm in our faith and spread peace to others. The shield of faith guards

us against doubts and fears. The helmet of salvation reminds us of our hope and security in God. Lastly, the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, helps us fight against lies and temptations. A Christian soldier cannot go into battle expecting to win without being properly prepared for war. We cannot expect to stand against Satan unprotected and unarmed. We must do our part and God will do His.



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Comprehensive Plan in November 2022. VDOT is currently accepting applications for SMART SCALE grant funding, with applications for the grant due by August 1, 2024. If the town is awarded the grant, construction would not begin until 2030-2031.
Deputy Town Manager Cody Sexton briefed council on various public works projects:
• Sign replacement continues throughout the town; the Midway community is complete; the Bali Hai area will be next.
• The Mountain View Road Full Depth Reclamation project is substantially done. Paving is complete, awaiting striping by the contractor. The speed limit is 25 miles per hour.
• Niagara Road is open again. The town is monitoring the settling of the roadway in the section near Rosie’s and Long John Silver’s, and it will be paved soon. The storm drain at Niagara and Wyndham has been repaired and that section of roadway is now open.
• The Bali Hai neighborhood will be first up on the Fall Paving Schedule. West Lee and South Pollard are also on the list because the addition of several new businesses in the downtown area has resulted in many cuts to the roadway.
• A citizen’s request to make Lynn Haven Circle a one-way street has been denied after review.
Town Manager Pete Peters briefed council on two potential projects: improvements downtown involving a West Lee Avenue Plaza and public alley

improvements suggested by a citizen; and fulfilling the town’s desire to find the “highest best use” of the property on Walnut Avenue which was previously Steve’s Garage.
Council convened in closed session, then returned to chambers and unanimously adopted a resolution proposed by Councilman Keith Liles, and seconded by Councilwoman Laurie Mullins, on the advice of town attorney Jeremy Carroll, concerning modifying zoning ordinances for medical and dental facilities in the Town of Vinton.
Summit Medical Center of Roanoke, LLC, known for providing abortion services, has applied for a zoning permit on 3rd Street. Offices and medical clinics are permitted as a “matter of right” in that zoning district.
Liles’ motion states, “For the public necessity, convenience, general welfare, and good zoning practice, I move that Vinton Town Council adopt a resolution to initiate the process with town staff and the Vinton Planning Commission to modify the requirements for approvals for medical and dental facilities under the town’s zoning ordinance.”
Given the recent United States Supreme Court ruling, abortion is an issue of state law and is currently legal in Virginia. While Town Council is unable, without incumbering the significant cost of potential litigation for taxpayers, to prohibit Summit from opening, changes in the zoning ordinances may prevent additional purported abortion clinics from locating within the town.

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Southwest Virginia Health Districts conducting Long COVID study

The Central Virginia Health District began a Long COVID surveillance project in October of 2023 that is now available to all residents of Southwest Virginia. Long COVID is when a person is still sick two or more months after getting COVID-19. Symptoms can include trouble breathing, a cough, feeling weak and tired, and problems with certain organs, such as the heart, brain, or lungs. A diagnosis of Long COVID is not required to participate. Health officials want to learn about any long-term effects that people might have two or more months after a COVID-19 infection.

To participate in the study, you must meet the following criteria:

- Had COVID-19 at least once or been diagnosed with Long COVID
- Experienced symptoms lasting at least two months after a COVID infection
- Must be a resident of one of the following health districts: Roanoke City and Alleghany, Central Virginia, Cumberland Plateau, LENOWISCO, Mount Rogers, New River, Pittsylvania-

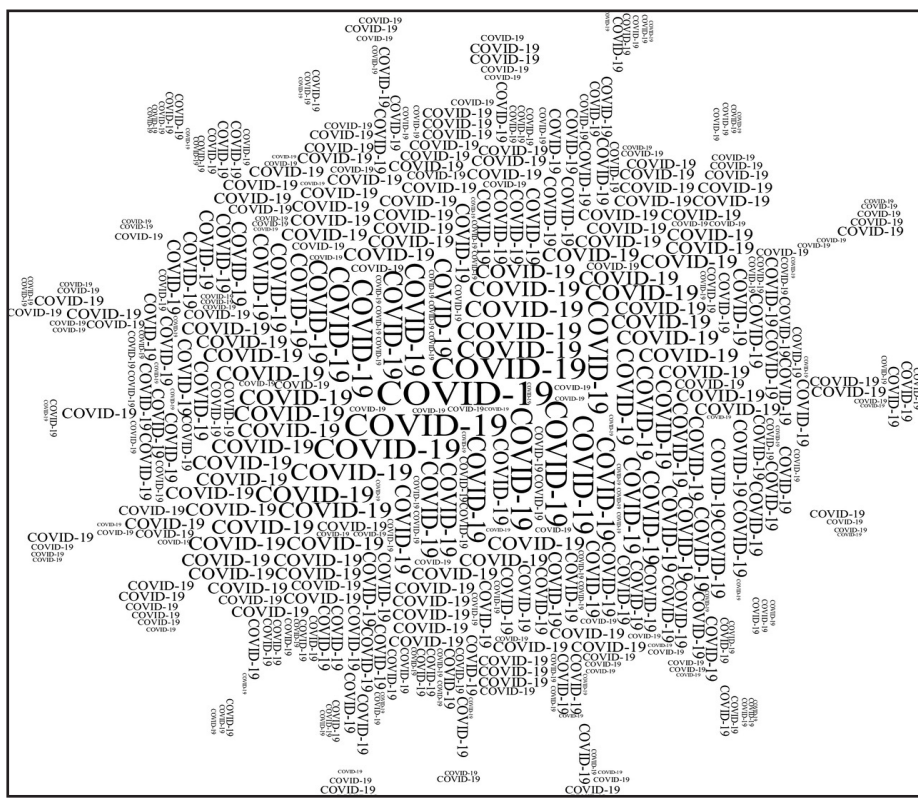
Danville, Southside, or West Piedmont.

If you qualify and would like to enroll, go to <https://redcap.link/virginalongcovidstudy>. A member from the team will make contact, review consent, and complete a phone interview. Individuals will then be asked to participate in follow-up interviews in three and six months after the initial interview.

Findings from the study will be submitted for future publication and presentation to the scientific community and made available at CVHD.org. The purpose of the study is to improve understanding of how Long COVID affects the residents of rural Virginia, assess the quality of support participants have received, and identify Long COVID resource needs.

Additional questions about the project can be directed to Cali Anderson at cali.anderson@vdh.virginia.gov. For more information about Long COVID, visit <https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/coronavirus/protect-yourself/longcovid/>.

~ Virginia Department of Health



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RCPS

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during lunch.

In Executive Order 33, Gov. Youngkin noted statistics from the Centers for Disease Control about the significant physical and mental health concerns for children who use social media extensively and are distracted and disconnected from personal social interactions due to constant communication through mobile devices. Research conducted by the Thomas Fordham Institute noted that mobile devices and social media are contributing to increased depression and anxiety in students, resulting in lower academic performance.

Following the governor’s executive order, the Roanoke County School Board is considering some potential changes to the current mobile device policy related to use in high schools. The School Board is looking at three options:

- No changes – keep the current policy as is
 - Prohibit all use of personal mobile devices during class for high schools but continue to allow use between classes and during lunch
 - Mirror the elementary and middle school policy – high school students would not be allowed to use mobile devices during the entire school day
- The school division has released a survey and is asking all Roanoke County Public Schools parents, high school students and high school staff to share their thoughts on these options by July 28 at <https://www.rcps.us/post-details/~board/district-front-page-news/post/school-board-seeks-input-from-parents-students-and-staff-on-mobile-devise-usage-in-high-school-classrooms>.
- “This is a serious matter that affects the safety and well being of our students as well as their ability to succeed in the classroom,” said Dr. Ken Nicely,

superintendent of Roanoke County Public Schools. “There are many strong opinions on this topic, and we need to hear what parents, students and staff think about what steps we should take moving forward. We encourage our parents, students, and staff to share their thoughts on this survey.”

In an effort to further curtail the negative impacts of social media on students, the school district will prohibit all RCPS-issued laptops from accessing social media sites at any time (at school or home).

“As a recent CDC study showed, constant social media use has been clearly linked to increased suicide rates nationally among students. We are going to take whatever measures we can to protect our students and help them become Opportunity Ready,” said Dr. Nicely.

~Submitted by Roanoke County Public Schools

WBMS

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Madison University to honor schools, students, sponsors, School Resource Officers, and volunteers for outstanding teen safe driving initiatives.

This year William Byrd Middle School Counselor Leslie Jordan and School Resource Officer Deputy Joe Mullins accepted the “New Middle School Club of the Year Award for 2024” from YOVASO at the awards banquet on July 12. Mullins and Jordan were the leaders of the club.

“This evening during the annual YOVASO banquet at JMU, two of our own were recognized,” said Roanoke County Sheriff Eric Orange. “Deputy

Joe Mullins and WBMS received the New Middle School Club of The Year Award, while Officer Justin Hubbard and Cave Spring Middle School received the Middle School Club of The Year Award. Additionally, Officer Justin Hubbard received the SRO of The Year Award.”

“Deputy Mullins is a true asset to the Roanoke County Sheriff’s Office and has proven to be invaluable to the WBMS community in his role as SRO Deputy,” Orange said. “Deputy Mullins strives to serve the students, faculty and staff of William Byrd, with the same level of dedication and professionalism that

he has served the citizens of Roanoke County for over two decades.”

“We are very thankful for Sheriff Orange and his staff’s commitment to assisting our safety programs in Roanoke County Public Schools,” said WBMS Principal Evan Noell. “We are fortunate to have Deputy Joe Mullins on our staff at William Byrd Middle School. He has diligently worked to ensure a safe learning environment for our students while they are on campus. Beyond his work as a School Resource Officer, Deputy Mullins builds positive relationships with our students and staff, assists our football coaching staff, and

frequently serves lunch to our students in the cafeteria. Deputy Mullins provides a true example of servant leadership, and his presence has been vital to our overall school culture.

“Deputy Mullins and Mrs. Jordan did a tremendous job launching our YOVASO club at WBMS. They were able to engage students and staff in activities that provided education on safe driving tactics and have assisted in the development of future teen drivers. It was no surprise that their YOVASO club was named the ‘New Club of the Year’ for the Commonwealth of Virginia.”

~ Vinton Messenger staff report

Artifacts

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journalist; she moved to Denver and now is based in South Carolina, spending a good deal of her time traveling as an educator, speaking at museums, libraries, and organizations about Native American topics. She is multi-ethnic herself, and a descendant of Jesse Brock, a Cherokee patriot who served as a scout in the American Revolution.

Randy Layman, president of the Vinton History Museum and Historical Society, was on hand to accept the donation of the artifacts from Herndon. Executive Director Judy Cunningham documented their intake.

Herdman, dressed in full Native American regalia, shared details of the artifacts with a group gathered for the presentation. She noted that the items dated back to 700-500 B.C.– the pottery shards possibly even farther. All were found locally, not on federal or state property, but on private land and waterways. She called attention to the fact that Roanoke is literally five minutes from a huge Native American hunting area.

“We are surrounded by history,” museum volunteer Ann Hewitt said. “It gives you a profound respect for the past.”

Herdman is a tribal member of the Central Appalachian Cherokee Tribe, a 5013c non-profit organization established for the purpose of tribal education.

The Vinton History Museum already has a small collection of Native American artifacts,

mainly projectile points, frequently referred to as arrowheads. The term arrowhead is a misleading descriptor, as not all projectile points were part of a bow-and-arrow weapon system.

To hear a fascinating video presentation on Native American artifacts and customs by Herdman, recorded by the Vinton History Museum in 2021, visit the Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100064545885609&sk=videos>.

Herdman will be appearing at the Meadowbrook Public Library in partnership with the Meadowbrook Museum in nearby Shawsville on July 20 from 1 to 3 p.m. to discuss “Native America: Different Tribes, Different Journeys.” The public is welcome to attend at no charge. The Meadowbrook Public Library is located at 267 Alleghany Spring Road in Shawsville.

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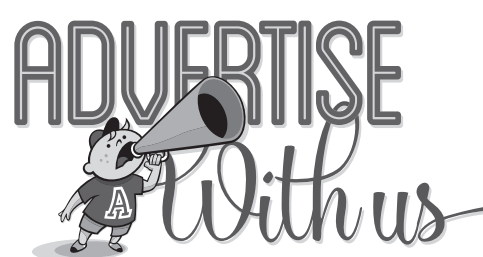
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Pine Spur

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The 2024 Pine Spur Hunt Club Horse Show opened with a salute to the American flag.



Horse shows highlight the skills of both riders and horses.

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now Route 24 and Jeters Chapel Road in Vinton.

The horse show tradition has continued throughout – and is now in its 71st year.

This year’s event on July 13 brought back memories of simpler times with families and friends gathered around horse trailers on the hillside, few cell phones in sight, “burgers that tasted like steak” and gallons of pinto beans and homemade corn muffins at the concession stand, and about 125 of the “most beautiful animals ever created.”

The horses, riders, trainers, organizers, officials, and spectators endured extremely hot, dry weather when the competition for blue ribbons got underway in late afternoon in an all-breed show with entrants from the Roanoke Valley all the way to Tennessee and South Carolina.

A couple of riders/trainers who had been at that first horse show in 1954 were present with fond memories to share. Several families have been riding in the shows, and/or been members and volunteers for several generations.

Nancy Troutman, owner of Meadow Wood Stables in Salem and a trainer, was at the first horse show in 1954 at Gross Farm, as an 8-year-old. This year she brought six students she has trained

to compete.

“My parents were founding members of the Pine Spur Hunt Club, so I grew up attending the horse shows and sometimes the weekend square dances,” said Troutman. “My parents bought a 52-acre farm in Salem in 1958, so I grew up at Meadow Wood Stables. I always rode with my dad, but my parents were very involved in horse clubs and 4-H, so we attended mostly local shows. As a young adult, I started to train American Saddlebreds and hackneys for myself and clients, branching out to larger horse shows, including the World Championships in Louisville, Ky. It is my pleasure to bring young students and their horses or lesson horses to Pine Spur every year and support the club.”

Debbie Barron, who grew up in Roanoke County, has also been involved with Pine Spur since its beginnings, when she was just 8 years old. In fact, she and her husband of almost 44 years, Tommy, met at a horse show. She began by riding Pleasure Ponies, then Pleasure Horses, and then driving Pleasure Ponies, which she says is “just a lot of fun.”

Barron won the blue ribbon in this year’s “Open Pleasure Driving” class with her pony, the petite “I’m No Angel” pulling the carriage. She returned to

competition this year after several years of battling serious health issues. She received 4-year-old “I’m No Angel” as a Christmas gift and threw herself back into the sport. Barron says that returning to showing horses has been a welcome relief and a way to take her mind off of battling illness.

Barron also trains horses, working with three currently. Her grandfather was a “cowboy” from Walla Walla, Wash., who later moved to North Carolina, and then Virginia, where he had horses. Her husband is a trainer. Her two daughters also ride; one competed in the Pine Spur show; one is a trainer in North Carolina. Her grandsons, ages 6 and 11, have shown an interest in carrying on the family tradition as well.

“Horses are in our blood,” Barron says.

The 2024 horse show began around 5 p.m. with the national anthem as a horse and rider carried the American flag around the show ring. Judge Tim Townes and announcer Tyler Hege summoned the horses to perform in 52 different classes, going forward and then in reverse, using different gaits, well into the night under the lights.

Horse shows showcase the skills of both horse and rider. The horses are judged on their movements and manners; the riders are judged on their equitation,

communication, and ability to control their mount. Judges must make their decisions rapidly to keep the event moving.

An unexpected entertainer for the event was photographer Natasha Douglas, who used her uncanny ability to “neigh” exactly like a horse to elicit the best poses from the horses during competition and in the awards ceremonies once decisions were made.

Mickey Wentzel is currently club president with Lynda McGarry as vice president, Hayley Wentzel Ronk as secretary, and Tamla Nichols as treasurer.

The club usually hosts three horse shows each year– the July event, along with Fun Shows in April and August (this year on August 31).

The Stewartsville-Chamblissburg Volunteer Fire Dept. was on hand in case of accident or heat-related issues. Dozens and dozens of sponsors made the event possible, along with numerous volunteers in the days prior to the show and on show day.

For more information, visit the Pine Spur Hunt Club Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/107221369318412> or the website at <https://www.pinespurhuntclub.com/>.

DAR

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PHOTO BY DEBBIE ADAMS

Several members from the Vinton chapter attended the district meeting including (from left) Susan Doyle, Sheila Campbell, Diane Goode, Regent Cindy Higgins, Mayor Brad Grose, Janice Taylor, Shannon Campbell, Sharon Menzies, and Heather Menzies. Elaine Muldrew is not pictured.

chapter meetings.

DAR members of the District VII Chapters were welcomed by current District VII Director Jeanne Dooley, who introduced Vinton Mayor Brad Grose.

Mayor Grose emphasized the great and long-lived partnership between veterans and the Town of Vinton. The Vinton War Memorial itself was completed in 1946 to honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice in service to their country in World War II.

The nearby High Ground Monument (the Vinton-Roanoke County Veterans Monument) where the DAR ceremony was held was built to honor past Vinton and Roanoke County residents who were killed in action, along with military men and women who have or are currently serving. It was unveiled in 2011. Citizens of Vinton and Roanoke County primarily funded the campaign to build this monument.

Grose commented that the High Ground was a citizen-driven effort which exemplifies “how deep patriotism runs in Vinton.”

He also mentioned a new wall inside the Municipal Building which displays a seal from each branch of the military.

Prior to his remarks, one of the flags had toppled over in the brisk breeze that morning. Grose noted, “Once in a while the flag falls, but it always gets picked up. It may take a hit, as on 9/11 or Pearl Harbor, but it is always picked up. The American flag will always fly over this great nation, as long as there are patriots like you.”

Dooley expressed her appreciation for those attending the final District VII meeting of her administration. She thanked the town, the county, and the citizens for building the High Ground Monument which has become a special place to pause, remember, and honor those who have served or are serving in the armed forces– American heroes.

She pointed out the various symbols on the High Ground Monument– the lists of those who perished in combat, the names of local citizens who served, the granite panels, the bronze American flag, the

individual pavers placed by family and friends in remembrance, along with the seals denoting all branches of service. She read the inscription, “Here Pause Awhile– To Bless Their Sleep– Who Fell in War– To Save Our Peace– Then Go Renewed– And Build the Lives– They Lost for You– In God We Trust.”

Veterans in attendance were recognized with the presentation of American flags. The program then concluded with a wreath-laying ceremony, with patriotic wreaths placed by each local chapter in District VII, including the Roanoke Valley Chapter which meets at Campbell Memorial Presbyterian in Vinton. Regent Cindy Higgins placed that wreath.

District VII includes these DAR chapters: Alleghany,

Botetourt County, Colonel Abram Penn (Stuart), Colonel William Preston (Roanoke), Craig Valley, Floyd Courthouse, Fort Lewis (Salem), General James Breckinridge (Roanoke), General Joseph Martin (Martinsville), General William Campbell (Radford), Margaret Lynn Lewis (Roanoke), Nancy Christian Fleming (Roanoke), Patrick Henry (Martinsville), Peaks of Otter (Bedford), Virginia’s Old Carolina Road (Rocky Mount), and the George Pearis Chapter (Giles), in addition to the Roanoke Valley Chapter.

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A baseball player in an orange jersey and brown helmet with a 'B' logo is captured mid-swing. He is wearing white batting gloves and holding a wooden bat. A catcher in a black mask is visible in the foreground, partially obscured. The background shows a green field and a blurred player in the distance.

The West, coached by William Byrd High graduate and former Terrier head coach Rodney Spradlin, opened with an 8-4 win over the Central All-Stars, then dropped a 7-2 game to East after leading 2-1 into the sixth inning. The next game

Dent played first base and leftfield and had an RBI on a sacrifice fly. He also pitched one scoreless inning in the win over Central on Friday, allowing three walks and no hits.

ners based on overall performance in VHSL state championship competitions. In athletics, first place earns 50 points, second place earns 45 points, third place earns 40 points, fourth place earns 35 points, fifth place earns 30 points, sixth place earns 25 points, seventh place earns 20 points, and eighth place earns 15 points. Schools earning the League's Sportsmanship, Ethics, and Integrity Award earn 50 points each.



“We had a great opportunity to meet with over 25 recreation league coaches,” said Roanoke College head coach Bryan Stinespring. “We showed individual position techniques and specific position drills. We wanted to share in coaching up the basics no what whatever the level of play. Our defensive stages did a great job of demonstrating tackling mechanics and techniques. The goal was to share position basic fundamentals that each position has. We hope we can continue to build on this event.”

Johnson previously served as the

"My family and I couldn't be more excited about having the opportunity to be a part of something special here at Roanoke College," said Johnson. "I look forward to working under the leadership of Coach Stinespring with one of the best coaching staffs in Division III football."

PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

The Roanoke Valley Aquatic Association “City County” meet will be held this Friday and Saturday at the Christiansburg Aquatic Center, and the LancerLot team in Vinton will be competing. On each day a morning session for 10-and-under swimmers will begin at 8:30 am with a 1:30 pm session for swimmers 11-and-over. Here Parker Lavinson of the LancerLot team catches his breath after competing in a recent Monday night meet.