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Vinton WorldTrekkers share details of amazing trip to Japan

Dionne Nichols
Contributing Writer

The Vinton WorldTrekkers (VWT) recently returned home from a trip across the globe to the southern half of Japan. The group, led by Cherrybell Damasco-Farrington, a teacher at William Byrd High School, consisted of 43 people from the Vinton community as well as other areas of Southwest Virginia.

They left Roanoke on July 10 and returned on July 20. The WorldTrekkers work through Education First (EF), a company that provides student-based tours throughout the world to broaden our global perspective.

The Vinton WorldTrekkers group is spearheaded by Damasco-Farrington, and also includes two other teachers from William Byrd High School, Dionne Nichols and Ashley Satterfield. Nichols was also on the tour.

Their purpose, especially for this trip, was to “allow the travelers to experience a culture that was different from their own.”

Damasco-Farrington states, “Eastern cultures are very different from the Western cultures that we are used to, from their mannerisms in public vs. private, as well as the levels of hierarchy within society. Reading about these customs or watching a TikTok or Instagram reel is completely different from experiencing them firsthand.”

Prior to the trip, however, the travelers were able to prepare for the cultural differences through monthly classes sponsored by William Byrd High’s International Club, and led by Michael Cisneros, a former student of Damasco-Farrington and Nichols.

Cisneros spent two years teaching English in Japan through the JET Program, so his experience and coaching was integral to helping the travelers feel confident in their daily interactions.

Damasco-Farrington says that Cisneros’ “insights on navigating the culture was quite beneficial for those that attended the monthly classes. He was a constant resource before and during the trip as the students and adult travelers formed a bond with him.” This is elaborated further by several travelers.

Mercedes Collins, for one, felt “the classes helped [her] anticipate some of the differences in culture properly, [...] and the phrases given to us were also very helpful and were used often.”

Alexander Scott, another traveler, agreed, adding that “[In addition to the language,] learning about the nuanced aspects of Japanese culture, such as social norms, traditions, and etiquette, allowed me to navigate various situations with confidence and respect, ultimately enhancing my overall experience and appreciation for this rich and complex society.”

The 11-day trip was led by Tour Director Hirokazu



The Vinton WorldTrekkers group in Tokyo with the Great Buddha of Kamakura



The group was able to travel on the Shinkansen – the bullet train – which travels upwards of 175 mph.



Tour organizers Cherrybell Damasco-Farrington (left) and Dionne Nichols (right) spearhead the Vinton WorldTrekkers journey. They are pictured with educator and Tour Director Hiro-san from the EF company.

Mizukoshi, who asked to be called Hiro-san. He is an educator in Japan who also works for EF. Hiro-san was emphatically declared the “best tour director EVER” by the group. His patience, knowledge, and laid-back demeanor quickly helped the entire group

of travelers feel like a family.

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Bo Herndon – Public Works Director by day; sports official nights (and weekends)

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Vinton Public Works Director Bo Herndon

William “Bo” Herndon’s primary job is Director of Public Works for the Town of Vinton. He has worked for the town for 13 years and has advanced rapidly from Utility Technician to Special Projects Manager to Assistant Public Works Director before being named as Director of the department in 2021.

In addition, he has a part-time job as referee and umpire for high school football and girls fast-pitch softball. He has been a sports official for 25 years, beginning at

age 27, with Rec League sports. He coached when his sons and grandson were playing sports and transitioned to officiating after that. Herndon is a graduate of Patrick Henry

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PHOTOS COURTESY OF BO HERNDON

Sports officials train continually. Herndon is shown here at an Umpire-in-Chief Conference in Oklahoma for USA Travel Softball.

National Night Out scheduled for August 6

Get a chance to meet town officials, area law enforcement



PHOTO COURTESY OF VINTON POLICE

The Vinton Police Department and the Town of Vinton will be hosting National Night Out – an evening of fun, food, and friendship – on Tuesday, August 6, at the Charles R. Hill Community Center from 6 to 8 p.m.

National Night Out is traditionally held in Vinton and across the nation on the first Tuesday in August. In Vinton the event replaces the regularly scheduled Vinton Town Council meeting, as council

members attend the event as a way to meet with citizens in an informal setting. The purpose of the event is to build a safer and closer community, to connect with neighbors and community organizations, and to show support for law enforcement.

There will be kids’ games, face painting, and activities for all ages, along with free food, free drinks, and much more. Music will be provided by

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Mill Mountain Theatre brings ‘Flat Stanley’ musical to Vinton Library

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The Mill Mountain Theatre performs a musical each summer at the Vinton Library as part of the Summer Reading Program. It seems impossible, but each year’s performance tops the previous one.

This year the troupe brought “The Musical Adventures of Flat Stanley,” based on the original “Flat Stanley” book series by Jeff Brown. Brown wrote the story featuring hero Stanley Lambchop as a bedtime story for his two sons. Twenty years later he added more books to the series, including “Invisible Stanley” and “Stanley, Flat Again.” Author and musician Timothy Allen McDonald has now turned Brown’s story into “The Musical Adventures of Flat Stanley.”

The story opens with Stanley as a normal 10-year-

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Flat Stanley (Bo Peep) foils a museum heist in Paris.

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PHOTO COURTESY OF JULIE SANDZIMIER

Herman L. Horn Elementary School in Vinton was honored with the VTEEA Elementary School Program of the Year Award on July 22 at the Hotel Roanoke. Principal Julie Sandzimier holds the award plaque.

Herman L. Horn wins VTEEA Technology Education Award

Herman L. Horn Elementary School in Vinton has been awarded the Virginia Technology and Engineering Education Association (VTEEA) Elementary School Program of the Year Award for 2024. The school was recognized at the annual VTEEA Summer Conference Awards dinner at the Hotel Roanoke on July 22 and was presented an engraved plaque denoting the achievement.

The VTEEA is a professional organization, founded in 1958, which promotes and encourages STEM education.

The letter to Herman L. Horn Principal Julie Sandzimier from the VTEEA Teacher of the Year/Program of the Year Committee said, "On behalf of the Virginia Technology and Engineering Education Association (VTEEA), it is a pleasure to announce that upon the nomination of your peers and the

review committee's recommendation to the VTEEA Executive Committee, Herman L Horn Elementary School has been selected to receive the 2024 Virginia Elementary School Technology Education 'Program of the Year' Award.

"In addition to receiving Virginia's top Elementary School Technology Education Program Award, you will receive the International Technology and Engineering Educators Association (ITEEA) 'Program Excellence Award' during ITEEA's 87th Annual Conference in St. Louis, Missouri, on April 2-5, 2025.

"We are proud of your school's accomplishments! Your team's effort at Herman L Horn Elementary School will help ensure that students in the program learn about design, engineering and technology as part of the total elementary school experience. Further, your school's

students will develop a significant degree of technological capability."

The VTEEA's Program of the Year Award is one of the highest honors given to Technology and Engineering Education Programs and is presented in recognition of outstanding contributions to the profession and to students. The award provides public recognition at the local, regional, and state levels.

According to the VTEEA, "These award-winning programs serve as a standard for comparison and models of development of other programs. Program of the Year awards are available to elementary, middle, and high school programs."

Minimum requirements for the award include:

- Program teachers must be appropriately certified and involved in on-going professional development

- Program teachers must maintain the philosophy that all students should and can learn about technology and apply its principles in everyday life

- The program must reflect a Technology and Engineering Education philosophy and curriculum structure and incorporate contemporary teaching strategies

The program must also model activities or units of instruction using state and/or national standards

- The program teachers should demonstrate an understanding of the relationships between technology and other areas of study in the school

- The curriculum must have been written or revised within the past five years and have the support of building and district administrators

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Load the Bus for Kids school supplies drive is back

Donate School Supplies & Support Students in the Roanoke Valley

Aug. 2 - 3-7 p.m.
 Aug. 3 - 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
 Aug. 4 - Noon-6 p.m.

Walmart Store Locations:
Bonsack, Clearbrook, Salem & Valley View

Roanoke City Schools, Walmart, and other logos.

GRAPHIC COURTESY RCPS

Roanoke County Public Schools, Roanoke City Public Schools, Salem City Public Schools and Craig County Schools are teaming up with Roanoke area Walmart stores to Load the Bus for Kids. They are collecting school supplies for students in need across the Roanoke Valley now through Virginia's Tax-Free Weekend, Aug. 2-4.

School buses will be on site at Roanoke area Walmart stores:

- Friday, Aug. 2: 3-7 p.m.
- Saturday, Aug. 3: 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
- Sunday, Aug. 4: Noon-6 p.m.

Roanoke Valley Walmart stores (Bonsack, Clearbrook, Salem and Valley View) to donate school supplies for students who might not be able to afford the tools they need to be successful in school. Volunteers will be collecting supplies at the registers and at bins in each store throughout the day.

They are also accepting donations of back-to-school supplies and/or monetary donations for students in need. Any money collected at the event will be used to purchase school supplies. Every item and every cent of donations will go to help students in need in

the Roanoke Valley and beyond.

What kind of supplies are needed— backpacks, glue sticks, notebooks, 3-ring binders, crayons, colored pencils, notebook paper (college and wide-ruled), pens, pencils, highlighters, rulers, folders, scissors, and construction paper; also, classroom items like tissues, hand sanitizer, printer paper, dry erase markers and more.

The kickoff event will be at the Clearbrook Walmart at 3 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 2.

-Submitted by Chuck Lionberger, Roanoke County Public Schools



Soulacoustix brought the crowd to the streets.



Another great crowd turned out for the season's fourth Mingle.

PHOTOS BY DEBBIE ADAMS



Soulacoustix and the Justin Prillaman/Lyndsay Bella duo performing together at the July 27 Mingle.

Downtown Vinton streets filled with music on July 27

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Soulacoustix and the Justin Prillaman/Lyndsay Bella duo treated crowds to another amazing Mingle concert on July 27, the fourth of the season. But even before the show began at 7 p.m. at the Market— as soon as you stepped out of your car, in fact— you could hear music filling the streets of downtown Vinton.

That's because local restaurants Pok-E-Joe's, Pollard 107 South, and Twin Creeks Brewing have extended the party before and after Mingle this year with special menus, special music, and special events. Rosie's Gaming Emporium is also participating in Mingle mania with late shows after the market concert, even though they're not downtown.

"I am very pleased with the support we have with our Mingles this season so far," said Vinton Chamber of Commerce President Jason Boothe. "We have brought in some great new bands this year. Our restaurants are on board and doing really well on Mingle nights. Rosie's has joined in as well. We could not do this without the support of our volunteers, great sponsors, and the help of the town. It truly takes an army to do this. The only question I ask people is, 'Why are you not coming, if you have not been?'"

This year's fourth Mingle at the Market concert featured great music, a great crowd (from across the Valley and beyond), and excellent weather.

The Justin Prillaman/Lyndsay Bella father/daughter duo kicked off the evening playing a variety of rock and country. Prillaman is a "hometown boy"; he grew up in the Mount Pleasant area and has stayed close to Vinton, now living in Botetourt County. His talented daughter is just 19 years old and embarking on her own performance career.

Headliner Soulacoustix — Jo Jo Stockton, Stuart Brown, Chris Eural, and Adam Hill — had the crowd dancing in the streets with a mix of

blues, R&B, country, rock— they play it all, and as Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Angie Chewning says, "The music gets funkier as the night goes on." The band originated several years ago with Stockton and Brown performing as a duo, but with their growing popularity, they decided to expand the band.

Soulacoustix joined Prillaman and Bella at the end of their set, adding in some tambourine.

Mingle at the Market concerts are hosted by the Vinton Chamber of Commerce, and sponsored by Mountain View Real Estate, Rosie's Gaming Emporium, Pok-E-Joe's BBQ, Jamie McCadden with Edward Jones, McCarthy Tire Service, Pollard 107 South, HomeTrust Bank, MemberOne, RVT3, the Vinton McDonald's, Bank of Botetourt, ALCOVA Mortgage, Blue Ridge Beverage, the Town of Vinton, Roanoke County, Coastal Insurance Planning, Neely's Accounting, Magnets USA, Oakey's, Fox 910 Radio, the Boothe Bell Real Estate Team, ServPro, Vertex Signs, and The Vinton Messenger.

Once again, the William Byrd Terriers Football team volunteered to set up and tear down the venue. Volunteers from Defy Gravity helped everything run smoothly.

Food trucks for this Mingle were Chris's Coffee and Custard and Mountain Grille. This year Boothe Bell Real Estate has added a Kids Zone with a variety of games for children and adults.

The next Mingle at the Market concert is scheduled for August 10 featuring the Eric Wayne Band and Karlee Rea. The final Mingles of the 2024 season are scheduled for August 24 (Five Shades of Gray), September 14 (Gasoline Alley and Filthy Souls), and September 28 (Fuzzy Logic).

More Mingle photos are available on The Vinton Messenger Facebook page.

RCPS schools qualify for National School Breakfast and Lunch Program

Roanoke County Public Schools has announced that through the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) of the National School Breakfast and Lunch Program, 10 RCPS qualifying schools will provide breakfast and lunch to all students at no charge for the 2024-2025 school year.

Those schools include four Vinton-area schools— Herman L. Horn Elementary, Mount Pleasant Elementary, W.E. Cundiff Elementary, and William

Byrd Middle School.

Other qualifying schools in the county are Burlington Elementary, Glen Cove Elementary, Masons Cove Elementary, Mountain View Elementary, Northside High School, and Northside Middle School.

Free and reduced meal applications are not required at these schools.

-Submitted by RCPS Nutrition Services



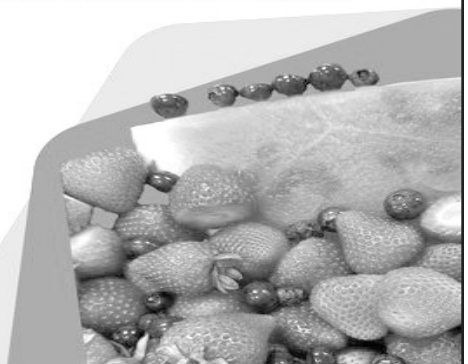
COMMUNITY ELIGIBILITY PROVISION (CEP)

Roanoke County Public Schools is pleased to announce that through the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) of the National School Breakfast and Lunch Program, ten qualifying RCPS schools will provide breakfast and lunch meals to students at NO CHARGE for the 2024-2025 school year.

CEP SCHOOLS

- Burlington Elementary
- Glen Cove Elementary
- Herman L. Horn Elementary
- Masons Cove Elementary
- Mount Pleasant Elementary
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- Northside High School
- Northside Middle School
- W.E. Cundiff Elementary
- William Byrd Middle School

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PEOPLE, PLACES AND THINGS



Deaton Bell at the Paris Olympics

PHOTO COURTESY OF ANGIE CHEWNING

By Angie Chewning

Most people never get to go to the Olympic Games one time; however, Deaton Bell has been there five times. He works for Turner broadcasting TNT sports in Atlanta and Eurosport invited him to join the crew working the soccer games with them. His love for soccer goes way back to when the girls were on fire— Mia Hamm days. He traveled to cover them.

Deaton is doing the same thing he did in Mom's (Bootie's) basement, directing his cousins, Valerie (Bell) Hendricks, Lindsey (Bell) Wells, Angie (me), brother Hunter, and sometime, Greg (brother), if they needed someone to run the camera. Deaton started early directing us amateurs. Now he gets paid for it as a professional! I know he is having a blast in Paris 2024.

Another great trip to the river! Greg (fiancé) and I had the pleasure of joining Jeff and Noni Hall at a little slice of Heaven on the Maury River. We always enjoy floating in the river, 4-wheeling, and browsing through beautiful Lexington. Each year we visit the cabin, we come back feeling relaxed and recharged.

Congratulations to the Vinton Moose Lodge 1121 for receiving the Premier Lodge award this past weekend in New Orleans. Lodges must earn "points" by reaching many goals throughout the year. Congrats, Vinton!

VINTON HISTORY: P. Buckley Moss painting of Vinton War Memorial

The Town of Vinton was honored for renowned artist P. Buckley Moss to do a painting of the Vinton War Memorial, entitled "Our War Memorial." It hangs in the Vinton History Museum and in the Vinton War Memorial. The painting was issued in 1998, which marked the 50th anniversary of the opening of the War Memorial.

Moss passed away on July 13, 2024, at age 91. In her lifetime, it is estimated that she created over 100,000 images, often of the American countryside. She often used the Amish and Mennonite communities as her subjects to showcase the beauty of their simplicity, community, and faith. She also created paintings of colleges and patriotic monuments and buildings. Her work has been featured in prestigious galleries and museums around the world.

As a child, Moss experienced learning challenges; however, one of her teachers determined that she was artistically gifted. That led to her enrollment in the Washington Irving High School for the Fine Arts in Manhattan. She then received a scholarship to study art at the prestigious Cooper Union College.

Moss, who grew up in New York, was the mother of six children and grandmother of 10 with her husband Jack Moss. They moved to the Waynesboro area for his work in 1964. In 1967 she won her first major art show award— a one-person show at a local gallery. The show was a critical and financial success

and encouraged her to start seriously creating and marketing her work. She opened the P. Buckley Moss Museum in Waynesboro in 1989.

She was also a dedicated philanthropist who used her art to make a positive impact on society. She established the P. Buckley Moss Foundation for children's education in 1995 to support children with learning differences and to integrate art into education.

Moss began to donate original works and prints to various children's charities and other organizations whose mission mirrored her own passionate interest in this area. These donations and collaborations have raised millions of dollars for many of these charities.

In 2013, the Virginia Tech Board of Visitors named the university's new 147,000-square-foot arts center the Moss Arts Center in her honor, in recognition of her generous pledge toward its construction as well as her prominence as an artist and advocate for arts education.

Stop by the Vinton History Museum on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and the first Saturday of each month between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. to see the Moss painting and tour the museum. The museum is located at 210 E. Jackson Avenue in downtown Vinton.

Submitted by Judy Cunningham, Vinton History Museum, and Vinton Messenger staff



PHOTO COURTESY OF VINTON HISTORY MUSEUM

The P. Buckley Moss painting of the Vinton War Memorial is on display at the Vinton History Museum.

Memorial service for Pattersons this Saturday

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 office administrator at William Byrd Middle School.

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DJ Leftwich. Sponsors for the event include Kroger and Deb's Frozen Lemonade.

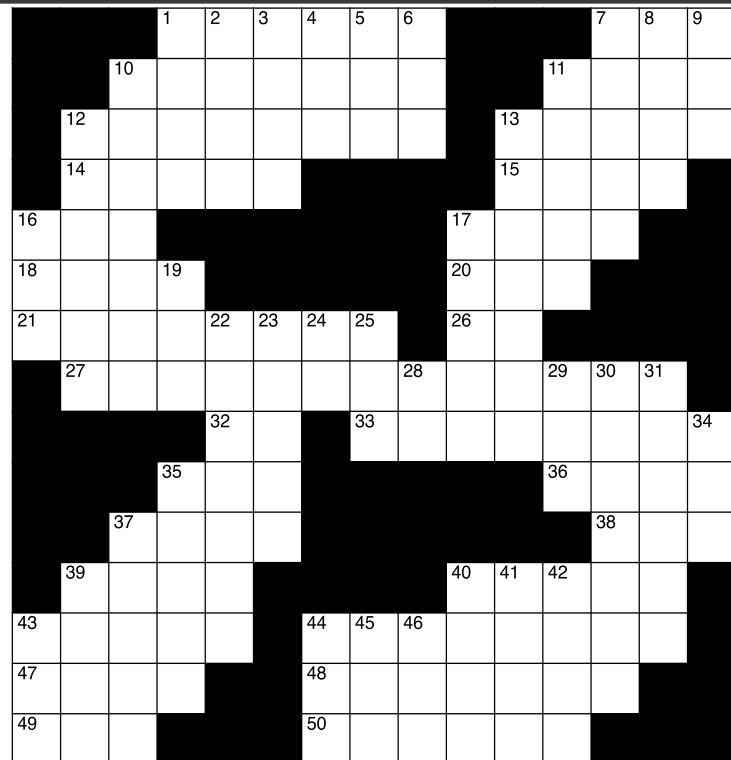
Participating organizations and law enforcement agencies include the Office of the Virginia Attorney General, the Town of Vinton, the Vinton War Memorial, the Roanoke County Sheriff's Office, the Roanoke County Police, Roanoke County

Fire and Rescue, the Western Virginia Regional Jail, the Vinton Area Chamber of Commerce, the Vinton Branch of the Roanoke County Public Library, the Wildlife Rescue Conservation Police, and Roanoke County Communications—Police, Fire, Rescue, and 911.

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- About Andes
- Secondary School Certificate
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- Past tense of bid
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- Big Bear was chief
- A group of cattle
- The bill in a restaurant
- People of the Dali region of Yunnan
- One point S of due E
- Pig genus

What's happening at the Mt. Pleasant Library in August?

The staff at Mt. Pleasant Library has many fun and educational events planned for August.

Adults, be sure to register for the "Vision Boards" activity on Thursday, August 1, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Bring your photos and magazines to create your own vision board. Board and additional supplies will be provided.

Children are invited to drop in for fun Saturday Crafts on August 3, August 10, August 17, August 24, and August 31 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. while supplies last.

School-age children, teens, and adults are welcome to visit the Mount Pleasant Library to play board games on August 3

from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Celebrate the end of the Summer Reading Program on August 8 from 6 to 7 p.m. with a special "Ice Cream Storytime" with not just a story, but ice cream, and a craft.

"Book Chat for Adults: Read and Recommend" is scheduled for August 10 from 11 a.m. to noon. This is an informal type of book group to discuss books "we've read recently and books we want to read." Refreshments are provided.

A monthly beginning chapter book read aloud club, "Tune in to a Story," ideal for grades 1-5, is scheduled for Monday, August 12 from 3 to 4 p.m.

Kids will work on a craft while staff reads the first chapter from a fun adventure book.

Teen Book Chat is scheduled for Tuesday, August 20, from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Chat about what you are reading, pick up a Teen Takeout Book Club Kit, and hang out with other teens. Register at <https://roanokecountyva.gov/FormCenter/Library-8/Teen-Takeout-Registration-Form-145>.

Pokemon Club for families and school-age children is planned for August 26 from 3 to 4 p.m. Join fellow Pokemon fans, share and discuss your cards, trading optional. All participants will be entered into a drawing for fun

Pokemon prizes. Best for grades K-5. Those older than 5th grade can attend but will not be permitted to trade. Please pre-register.

Register online for programs at www.rocolibrary.org.

Mt. Pleasant Library is located at 2918 Jae Valley Road, just across from the fire station. Their usual hours are Monday: 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Tuesday: 2 - 8 p.m.; Wednesday: 2 - 6 p.m.; Thursday: 2 - 8 p.m.; Friday: 1 - 5 p.m.; and Saturday: 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

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'Christmas in August' at the Vinton History Museum



PHOTO BY DEBBIE ADAMS

Vintage Santa will be on display at the Vinton History Museum for "Christmas in August."

The Vinton History Museum will host a free "Christmas in August" event on Saturday, August 3, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Enjoy a preview of the large animated vintage Santa that will be part of the display for the Vinton History Museum's "Fashions for Evergreens

Tree" at the Hotel Roanoke.

Visitors will receive a free Christmas ornament featuring a Vinton historic landmark.

Free refreshments will include individual snowball cakes, cookies and beverages. Holiday Pop-up Shop gift items

will be for sale, also.

Visitors are encouraged to visit the entire museum and enjoy the exhibits and resources.

Submitted by Mary Beth Layman, Vinton History Museum Program Chairman



PHOTO COURTESY OF ARC

Pictured following the commission ceremony are (from left): ARC Program Manager, Virginia DHCD, Bill Hartley, Virginia ALI Graduate, Annette Patterson, Virginia ALI Graduate, Mary Newlyn, ARC Virginia Program Manager, Director Office of Broadband at DHCD, Tamarah Holmes

Annette Patterson graduates from Appalachian Leadership Institute

The Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) celebrated the graduation of 40 fellows from its Appalachian Leadership Institute (ALI) in a ceremony held in Washington, D.C. ARC is a federal-state partnership aimed at economic development across 13 States in the Appalachian region. Annette Patterson of Vinton and Mary Newlyn of Winchester were selected as Virginia's Fellows for the 2023-2024 Appalachian Leadership Institute and commissioned last Wednesday.

Patterson is the founder and president of The Advancement Foundation (TAF), a non-profit organization that works across Virginia's 23 Appalachian counties, focused on increasing Virginia's

entrepreneurial and innovation activity through programs, resource development, and placemaking Initiatives, including the ARC-funded "Virginia Innovation Accelerator" in Buena Vista. She is also the founder of the Gauntlet Business Program and Competition.

Newlyn is the executive director of the W.Va. Hope in Action Alliance, Inc. and vice president of Plugg'd, Inc. Both non-profit organizations collaborate with key stakeholders to develop healthy and strong communities.

"My heartfelt congratulations to the Appalachian Leadership Institute Class of 2024! The hard

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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)

VINTON BAPTIST CHURCH - 219

Washington Avenue, Vinton. Rev. Dr. Travis Russell, 343-7685. Sunday Services (year-round): Sunday School 9:15 AM, Morning Worship 10:30 AM; Wednesday Services (during the school year): Worship, Bible Study, Children's Choirs & Youth Ministry 6:15 PM.

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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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Road, Vinton (corner of Hardy Road and Feather Road), 540-982-3694, www.evangel4sq.com, Pastor Tim Wright. Worship

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All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

2 Timothy 3:16-17 (KJV)

Shy away from scripture because it makes you aware of your faults? While it does do that, it also identifies what we can do to set things right. Along with reproof and correction, the Bible teaches us in the way of the righteous and the forgiveness of Christ.

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 Su.ndays; 2nd

Sunday Session; Monday Noon Bible Study; Tuesdays & Thursdays Stretch Class 9:00am; 1st Tuesdays Deacons; Wednesday Choir 7:00pm; Monday Girl Scouts 7:00pm; 3rd Saturday Men's Breakfast 8:00am. Rev. Jonathan Moelker, pastor

UNITED METHODIST

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

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Vinton History Museum benefit yard sale August 17



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The Vinton History Museum will have a large benefit yard sale on Saturday, August 17, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. The sale includes great prices for: housewares, decorating items, furniture, small appliances, vintage items, toys, linens, framed prints, maps, tools, cookware, toys, size 5-1/2 brand name shoes, cookbooks, craft books, fiction and non-fiction books. All proceeds benefit the operation of the museum. No early sales will take place.

The Vinton History Museum is

located at 210 E. Jackson Avenue, Vinton. For more information email info@vintonhistorymuseum.org or call (540) 342-8634.

In addition, visit the Vinton History Museum Facebook Page and Vinton Memories and History Facebook Page for frequent updates and interesting history information.

Submitted by Mary Beth Layman, Vinton Historical Society

Herndon

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High School. He played football and baseball himself.

In his years as an official, Herndon has spent 20 years umpiring high school fast-pitch softball, 15 years with USA travel softball, two years of college softball, and one year of college Division 1 ball. That's in addition to high school football, where he has officiated at two state championship games.

He says he got involved in the officiating side of sports when a buddy he worked with talked about being a referee and mentioned that it's a paying job. Herndon signed up for Little League/Rec League ball and moved up through the ranks to officiating high school and college games.

Sports officiating requires hard work and dedication—there is training involved, annual tests, post-game evaluations, certifications, and conferences to attend to get your name on a list of those qualified—in addition to maintaining your day job.

The USA Softball umpire program Herndon works with is among the nation's largest officiating organizations with over 26,000 officials actively involved each year. Those umpires are nationally recognized as the best trained and proficient in the sport.

This summer Herndon was chosen as one of the umpires in the 2024 USA Softball Nationals held in Salem. The Nationals included 20 18U teams and 10 14U teams. Twenty-seven umpires were chosen from across the East Coast, including Tennessee, Florida, Rhode Island, and Georgia. He was one of three chosen in Virginia, and the only one from Southwest Virginia.

"Being selected for Nationals in my hometown was really cool to show off the new sports complex and give suggestions on where to eat," Herndon said. "There is nothing better than being on the ball field and watching the plays come together."

In 2023, Herndon participated in the USA Softball Umpire-in-Chief Conference in Oklahoma City. This fall he will umpire out of state to get his

last qualification for his "USA Softball Elite Umpire" status. There are not many that make it to this position. His ultimate goal is to officiate at the college Division 1 level, which includes schools like Virginia Tech and UVA.

Herndon says his favorite sport to watch is football—he just loves the game; but his favorite sport to officiate is softball with its fast-paced action.

Fast pitch softball is what's played at competitive youth, high school and college levels. In fast pitch, pitchers use a windmill-like motion to deliver the ball to the batter. It involves pitching speeds often exceeding 60-70 mph.

He alternates between umpiring at the plate or on base but prefers the plate, because "you are more in control of the game."

Herndon says most officials he works with referee and umpire part-time. It's a good part-time job; you get to travel, meet and work with lots of nice people—and different kinds of people—and make good friends. He especially loves "Friday Night Football" as a "guys night out" with other officials after the game.

"Once in a while you get burnt out" with what can be long hours (he recently called seven games on a Saturday), but the "love of the game" keeps you going.

Generally, softball season runs from the first week in February to the last week in November. Regular season football goes from August to December. In the next two or three weeks, Herndon will be working football, softball, and travel softball nights and weekends continually, in addition to his regular job in Public Works.

He estimates that in 2022, he officiated at nearly 300 softball games and 50-60 football games.

Herndon says he tries not to officiate too close to home—sometimes the visiting team and fans think you might show favoritism to the home team.

What does it take to become a successful sports official? Herndon says it helps to be calm and thick-skinned, not easily upset—and to not take things personally. "There is always somebody

RECIPE OF THE WEEK

Sizzle Corn and Hobo Corn on the Cob

Here are two recipes that start with fresh corn on the cob:

Sizzle Corn (Fried Corn): Remove the husk and silk from fresh corn on the cob, about one or two ears per person. Cut the kernels from the cob (or you can use frozen). Melt about 1 Tbsp. butter per ear of corn in a skillet (preferably non-stick). Add salt and pepper to taste and a little milk (about 1Tbsp. per cob). Heat about 15 minutes, stirring often.

Hobo Corn on the Cob (easiest recipe for corn in the oven)

1 18 x 24 sheet of aluminum foil
4 ears corn on the

cob, husked, with silk removed
1/4 cup softened butter or margarine
Salt and pepper to taste or seasoning salt
2 ice cubes

Preheat oven to 400° or build a medium-high grill in campfire or barbecue. Spread margarine or butter on corn. Place corn

on aluminum foil. Place ice cubes on top. Double fold the top and ends to seal, making one large foil packet. Leave room for heat to circulate. Bake 35-40 minutes on a cookie sheet in oven or grill 15-20 minutes. Turn packet over once during cooking. Open carefully to avoid steam and enjoy!

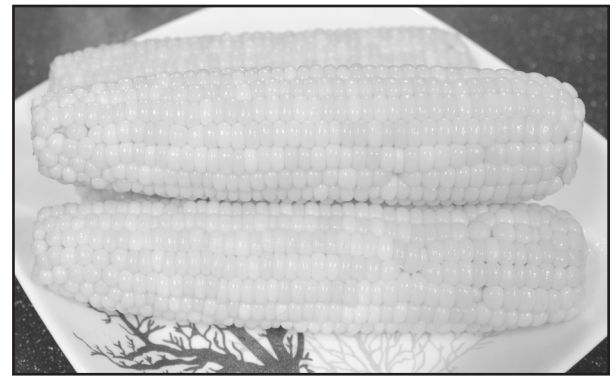


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PHOTO COURTESY OF BO HERNDON

Bo Herndon (center) wears the White Hat as the leader of the crew at high school football games.

who is not going to like your call—usually half of the people there. Most of the time when fans get upset, it's not at you—it's at the result of the play."

"At the end of the day, officials just want to get it right," Herndon says. "You don't want to be the reason someone wins or loses. The best job you can do as a referee is not be seen."

Being an official involves good judgment and trusting your judgment—something that comes over time with experience. You have to make decisions quickly and move on.

Asked about officiating football games with such a wide playing area and so many players to watch at once, Herndon says there are generally five to seven officials, all with a certain zone to watch, looking for different things like illegal blocks, for instance. His own job as the official in charge who gives the signals (indicated by his white hat) is to watch the quarterback and the ball carrier.

Most sports officials tend to be middle-aged with a few younger men or women and some retirees. Some are adjusting to no longer coaching their children who have grown up, but who still want to be involved in sports in some way.

Herndon has a friend who has been officiating for 50 years. His own goal is a 30- to 40-year career. He says that while

he is getting older, the ages of the players and their level of competition stays the same.

Herndon is regarded as a pretty friendly, easy-going guy, but he's also matter-of-fact and business-like as an official. He has good advice for those who are interested in becoming successful sports officials. For Rec League parents who may take a game too seriously, "tell them, nobody is scouting your Little League kid; let them enjoy the game."

For new or less-experienced officials, remember, "Be approachable; don't ignore the coaches; one of their jobs as a coach is to question. Listen to what they are asking you. They are probably not questioning your call, they just want to be able to make adjustments in their game. They are trying to figure you out and what you call as an official."

He says he has learned over time not to take things personally as an official, to keep things in perspective, and to try to see the other person's point of view.

So, keep in mind, when you are watching a game, that sports officials, like Herndon, are professionals and the key to competition that is fair and conducted according to the code of conduct and rules of an organization. As one sports group puts it, "without sports officials, it's just recess or a scrimmage."

Patterson

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work and dedication that they have put into the program over the last nine months will not only lead to personal and professional development for

themselves but also forward momentum for their communities," said ARC Federal Co-Chair Gayle Manchin.

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Flat Stanley from page 1

old wishing for a break in what he sees as his boring life with his parents and younger brother, Arthur. His wish comes true when an unexpected accident (a bulletin board falling off the wall in the night) leaves him as “flat as a pancake.” He decides to make the best of the situation.

Stanley discovers that he can escape from his mundane existence and easily travel and explore the world via the mail service— with the approval of his parents. He has himself stamped, mailed, and processed from his home to Hollywood to Paris and then to Honolulu. Along the way, he prevents a museum heist at the Louvre and surfs the waves in Hawaii with the starring role in a movie production.

Ultimately, Stanley realizes he really misses his family and that the best kind of adventure is any adventure you share with the family you love. His Hollywood agent mails him back home, where he becomes a three-dimensional boy once again.

The one-hour musical featured a very talented cast and several fast-paced songs which seemed to delight the audience, which ranged in age from infants to adults.

This story not only became a book series, but a special “Flat Stanley Project” known throughout the world. Back in the '90s, Dale Hubert, a Canadian third grade teacher, came up with the

idea of using the Flat Stanley concept to facilitate reading and letter-writing among his students.

The project involved first reading the Flat Stanley book, then creating a paper doll Flat Stanley, keeping a journal of Stanley’s journeys and adventures, and sharing those journals with students in other schools, sometimes across the world. Stories abound of students and/or their relatives taking the Flat Stanley paper dolls along on travels and sending back his photo from various locations.

Flat Stanley has posed with Presidents Bush and Clinton, Carrie Underwood, and Willie Nelson; he’s been into space with the astronauts; and Clint Eastwood took him to the Oscars. He frequently visits pediatric hospitals.

The Mill Mountain Theatre performs at many local and regional libraries, churches, and venues each summer. This year those included most of the Roanoke County Public Libraries, plus ones in Roanoke City, Salem, Montgomery County, Franklin County, and on the Waldron Stage at MMT in downtown Roanoke, all between June 28 and July 28.

“The Musical Adventures of Flat Stanley” is part of Mill Mountain Theatre’s initiative to connect theatre to literacy. Free books were available to audience members at the Vinton Library performance.



Flat Stanley’s parents agree to mail him around the world to make his life more adventurous.



Flat Stanley surfs in Hawaii. PHOTOS BY DEBBIE ADAMS

Japan from page 1



PHOTO COURTESY OF DIONNE NICHOLS

The yukatas (summer kimonos) were waiting for the tour group in each hotel room. This was Hakone-Mount Fuji hotel. Most of the group dressed in the kimonos for dinner that night.

The trip started in Tokyo, where the group spent three nights before moving on to Hakone and Mount Fuji, then Kyoto, Osaka, and Hiroshima.

In Tokyo and the surrounding area, the travelers visited historic sites such as: Asakusa Kannon Temple and Meiji Shinto Shrine in Tokyo, the Odaiba Waterfront Commercial area with Joypolis, an indoor theme park, the Great Buddha of Kamakura (the second largest in Japan) and the Hachimangu Shrine.

The group then moved on to the Hakone area where they stayed in a hotel that looked upon Mount Fuji. Here, they visited the Fuji-Hakone National Park and took a cruise on Lake Ashi, residing at the base of Mount Fuji, before getting to walk through Odawara Castle. They were scheduled to take cable cars to a base camp on Mount Fuji, but weather was not permitting while they were there.

The group then had the opportunity to ride the Shinkansen – the bullet train. They made the cross-country trip from Hakone to Kyoto in less than two hours, traveling at speeds upwards of 175 mph.

In Kyoto, the group visited the iconic and beautiful Arashiyama Bamboo Forest before heading to the Golden Pavilion, a Zen Buddhist temple. They finished the day with a visit to the Fushimi Inari Shrine. This is another place many people may have seen images of without knowing what it is – it is the shrine containing several tunnels made from over 5,000 gates. From there, the travelers went to dinner and then returned to their hotel.

Some days were early nights, partly because the schedule was quite full and so getting rest was necessary, but also because of Japanese federal law. Damasco-Farrington explained that “a law was passed that bus drivers were limited to work a certain amount of hours each day [which] really packed a day with activities in a shorter amount of time than what I am used to on a European tour.” Knowing the explanation behind the early evenings, though, allowed time for the travelers to visit a local 7-11 for some of the best treats they had while in Japan!

One of the most exciting parts of the trip was the sheer mix of ancient history, medieval history, and present day. The travelers visited temples and shrines, but also received lessons on Samurai history.

The next place they toured was Nijo Castle, where the Tokugawa Shogunate kept a second home. From there, they went to Nara, an ancient

capital and the home of the Deer Park, where the deer are wild but completely socialized to humans and treated as demigods. This also houses the Kasuga-taisha Shrine. From here, they visited the Todaiji Temple, a Buddhist temple that houses the largest statue of Buddha in Japan as well as other icons.

The travelers continued on their way to Osaka, where they stayed the night before catching the bullet train again for Hiroshima. In Hiroshima, the first stop was the Peace Memorial Museum. This was a somber affair where they learned about the history of Hiroshima during WWII. They saw photos from before and after the bomb dropped that helped end the war before touring the accompanying Peace Memorial Park. It was a truly educational experience.

From the contemplative morning that held a few tears for humanity, the group traveled to Miyajima Island where another well-known torii gate resides. This one is built on the beach and is accessible with the tides. They also visited the Itsukushima Shrine in Miyajima Park before heading to dinner and their hotel.

The last location the travelers visited before heading home was Osaka and Himeji Castle. The travelers rode back to Osaka by bus, enabling them to see the countryside more easily than they could by train.

They spent time at the castle, then experienced the restaurant district on Dotonbori Canal in downtown Osaka for dinner. The next day, they traveled home.

In asking the travelers which location was their favorite, the answers are so varied, it is safe to say this trip was truly enjoyed by all and held something for everyone.

So, what was the end result? Were Vinton WorldTrekkers successful in broadening the perspectives of the participants?

According to Cameron Altizer, his “skills with conversational Japanese was strengthened, and [he] gained a better understanding of the language through the everyday interactions.” The experience with immersion in Japanese was echoed by several other travelers.

Collins emphasized that she “[became] more comfortable in a place where my native language isn’t spoken. I have previously studied abroad in the Galápagos Islands, and even though I knew quite a bit of Spanish, I was too bashful speaking it to the locals, so I avoided it at all costs. Speaking with Japanese locals, I got out of my comfort zone more and actually spoke some Japanese!”

In addition to language, the travelers opened themselves to culture.

Scott states, “My travel experience increased my cultural understanding and awareness, making the journey an incredible period of personal growth.

One skill I learned and honed during my travels was adaptability. Being in unfamiliar environments with unpredictable situations required me to quickly learn how to navigate new cities, embrace cultural differences, and be flexible when things didn’t go as planned.” This was echoed by several other travelers.

Syrys Harden noted, “I feel like I could travel to Japan again easily even on my own. Traveling with people who are more experienced than me in a safe country like Japan was the best way to learn how to visit new places.” That is definitely what the VWT likes to hear!

When asked what is next for the Vinton WorldTrekkers, Damasco-Farrington and Nichols state their line-up – Austria, Germany, and Switzerland in July of 2025, led by Ashley Satterfield; “Stories of Scotland” in July of 2026, led by Nichols; and South Korea in 2027, led by Damasco-Farrington.

Damasco-Farrington explains that her choices for “Japan: Land of the Rising Sun” and South Korea were “not only to fulfill my longtime interest in the countries but also for their history, their people and the impact that they have made around the world in one way or another.”

While all three group leaders are educators, Damasco-Farrington has another key interest. “As a language educator, language is learned through the culture and history. They go hand in hand as the times change and progress. Also, travel to the Eastern countries is not as easily accessible on our side of the world as traveling to a Central/South American or a European country. There is just so much we see in movies or the little tidbits we read in textbooks that leaves us wondering what it’s really like.” It’s one reason why the chosen tours are so diverse.

Meetings for anyone interested in accompanying the group on the next tours will be held in September at the Vinton Library. The 2025 and 2026 tours meeting will be held on September 4 at 6 p.m., and for 2027 on September 25, also at 6 p.m.

When asked if they would encourage others to join the trips, several travelers enthusiastically responded. Wendy Holmes says, “Do it. This is a group of trusted educators who take on the task of showing the world from an educational perspective. If you love learning and having fun while doing it, this is the group to join.”

Her sentiments are echoed by Altizer, who feels “far more confident after this experience.”

Kaeleigh Swan simply states “Gooooo! It’s a once in a lifetime chance. It’s so amazing and you will not regret it.”

For more information, visit vintonworldtrekkers@gmail.com. For more photos of their adventure in Japan, visit the Vinton WorldTrekkers Facebook page.

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Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code §§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316.20-104
Case No. CL24001130-0 MONTGOMERY COUNTY Circuit Court, 55 EAST MAIN STREET, SUITE 1, CHRISTIANSBURG, VA 24073
Commonwealth of Virginia, in re CRAIG COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES v. CARMEN COLLINI
The object of this suit is to: APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIANSHIP. It is ORDERED that BROOKE COLLINI, SHADE COLLINI, CAYENNE COLLINI, TONI COLLINI, CHRISTOPHER CUMBEE

Legals - Craig County

appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before AUGUST 21, 2024 @ 10:00AM. JULY 22, 2024 TIFFANY COUCH, CLERK

Legals - Botetourt County

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 362 LOWE STREET, BUCHANAN, VA 24066.

In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated March 12, 2018, in the original principal amount of \$88,065.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Botetourt County, Virginia as Instrument No. 180000875. The undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the front of the Circuit Court building for Botetourt County, Main Street, Fincastle, VA 24090, or any such temporary alternative Circuit Court location designated by the Judges of the Circuit Court, on August 30, 2024, at 2:00 PM, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows: LOCATED IN THE COUNTY OF BOTETOURT, VIRGINIA: TWO-THIRDS OF LOT NO. EIGHTEEN (18), FRONTING 88.92 FEET ON WATER STREET, AND RUNNING BACK BETWEEN PARALLEL LINES 167.77 FEET TO THE REAR LINE OF SAID LOT NO. 18; THE WEST ONE-THIRD OF SAID LOT ADJOINS AN ALLEY KNOWN AS SECOND ALLEY, AND BEING THE SAME LAND THAT WAS CONVEYED TO H.S. HODGES BY J.E. HODGES AND M.F. HODGES, HIS WIFE, BY DEED DATED JUNE 18, 1934, AND RECORDED IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BOTETOURT COUNTY, VIRGINIA, IN DEED BOOK "X" AT PAGE 34. LESS AND EXCEPTING THAT PORTION OF THE ABOVE-DESCRIBED LOT SECURING 44 FEET ON WATER STREET AND RUNNING BACK BETWEEN PARALLEL LINES 167.77 FEET, THAT WAS CONVEYED TO H. J. SMITH AND EDRA SMITH, HIS WIFE, BY THE SAID HARRY S. HODGES AND LENA S. HODGES, HIS WIFE, BY DEED DATED NOVEMBER 6, 1948, AND RECORDED IN THE AFORESAID CLERK'S OFFICE IN DEED BOOK 100, PAGE 282, TO WHICH SAID DEED REFERENCE IS HERE AND NOW MADE. TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder's deposit of ten percent (10%) of the sale price or ten percent (10%) of the original principal balance of the subject Deed of Trust, whichever is lower, in the form of cash or certified funds payable to the Substitute Trustee must be present at the time of the sale. The balance of the purchase price will be due within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Purchaser's deposit may be forfeited to Trustee. Time is of the essence. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser may, if provided by the terms of the Trustee's Memorandum of Foreclosure Sale, be entitled to a \$50 cancellation fee from the Substitute Trustee, but shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. A form copy of the Trustee's memorandum of foreclosure sale and contract to purchase real property is available for viewing at www.bwvsales.com. Additional terms, if any, to be announced at the sale and the Purchaser may be given the option to execute the contract of sale electronically. This is a communication from a debt collector and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. The sale is subject to seller confirmation. Substitute Trustee: Equity Trustees, LLC, 8100 Three Chopt Road, Suite 240, Richmond, VA 23229.

For more information contact: BWW Law Group, LLC, attorneys for Equity Trustees, LLC, 6003 Executive Blvd, Suite 101, Rockville, MD 20852, 301-961-6555, website: www.bwvsales.com. VA-370006-1.

Legals - Montgomery County

Order of Publication

Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code §§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316.20-104
Case No. CL24-1097 VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY, VIRGINIA, a Political Subdivision of the Commonwealth of Virginia, TOWN OF CHRISTIANSBURG, VIRGINIA, a Municipal locality of the Commonwealth of Virginia, Complainant, v. HAZEL TERRY JUSTICE, ET AL., Respondent(s).

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

The object of this suit is to enforce the lien of the Complainant, county of Montgomery, Virginia, for delinquent real estate taxes against certain real property located in the County of Montgomery, Virginia, described as follows: Tax Map No. 526-2404 Account No. 010023

All that certain lot or parcel of land with all improvements thereon and appurtenances thereunto belonging situate, lying and being in the Town of Christiansburg, Riner Magisterial District of Montgomery County, Virginia, designated as Tax Map Number 526-24 4, Parcel ID Number 010023, being located on the south side of Lee Highway (now Radford St) fronting 58 ½ feet thereon and extending back 150 feet.

And being the same real property conveyed to Lucy Campbell and Hazel Terry Justice, as joint tenants, from J. C. Snidow and Lillian L. Snidow, husband and wife, by deed, dated November 14, 1944 and recorded November 16, 1944 in the Montgomery County Circuit Court Clerk's Office in Deed Book 134 at Page 250.

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

IT APPEARING that an Affidavit has been made and filed stating that due diligence has been used, without effect, to ascertain the identity and location of certain parties to be served, that the last known addresses for the Respondents herein are as follows: Hazel Terry Justice, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Lucy Campbell aka Lucy Mae Terry aka Lucy Mae Nichols, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Elizabeth Terry Grier, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Hobert L. Terry, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; James Monroe Terry, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Clarence William Terry, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Mary Terry, whose last known address is unknown; Robert Terry, Jr., whose last address is unknown, Patricia Terry, whose last known address is unknown; and that any officers, heirs, devisees, and successors in title of the Respondent named herein are made parties Respondent to this action individually and/or by the general description of Parties Unknown, it is hereby

ORDERED that the parties herein and all Parties Unknown and/or whose location cannot be ascertained appear on or before August 31, 2024 in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of The County of Montgomery, Virginia, and do what may be necessary to protect their interests in this cause. Entered on the 22day of July, 2024 K. Mike Fleenor, Jr. Judge

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Legals - City of Salem

Notice is hereby given to all interested persons that the City of Salem Planning Commission,

at its regular meeting on August 14, 2024, at 7:00 p.m., in Council Chambers, City Hall, 114 North Broad Street, in the City of Salem, Virginia, will hold a public hearing, pursuant to Sections 15.2-2204 and 15.2-2285 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, to consider approval of the following requests relative to the CODE OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA:

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

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

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

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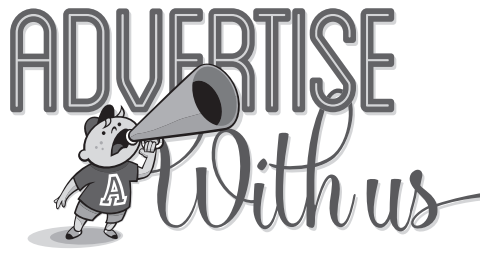
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Beaver Dam Farm Sunflower Festival announces 2024 festival dates

Have you ever wondered what the Largest Sunflower Festival and Vendor Show on the East Coast looks like?! Now is your chance to find out! Dates have been announced for the Beaver Dam Farm Sunflower festival located in Buchanan, Va.

Each September, thousands of visitors throng to Botetourt County, Virginia, to a small family-owned farm just outside of Buchanan. Their goal? To glimpse a sea of 700,000 sunflowers as they burst into brilliant gold blooms. For ten days, visitors clamor onto hayrides, pose for professional photographers, and visit with 100+ vendors of handmade crafts and fresh food. This is the iconic Beaver Dam Farm Sunflower Festival – now known as the largest sunflower festival and vendor fair on the East Coast.

The event's local roots run deep. Beaver Dam Farm was purchased in 1900 and became a tomato cannery in 1916, then a dairy in 1927. The farm – still owned and operated by the same family today – now focuses on beef cattle, hay and straw sales. But the sunflowers? The family first planted them almost on a whim.

“Back in 2015, we had an open field, and my father said out of the blue, “We need to plant sunflowers,”” remembers Candace Monaghan, the festival’s founder. “There was no other reason than he thought they were pretty.” The following year, Monaghan suggested opening the field to sightseers, with a goal of 300 attendees. Instead, the event saw 1600 in a single day.

Since then, the festival has steadily expanded, attracting 20,000+ visitors each year, and in 2023, the family opened Gracely Hill, a wedding and event venue with panoramic mountain views. All told, an annual study suggests that the festival and its offshoots represent some \$1.4 million in economic impact (2023).

For more information and ticket info please visit www.BeaverDamSunflowers.com.



The Beaver Dam Farm Sunflower Festival returns to Buchanan Sept. 6.

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2024 Schedule:
 Friday, Sept 6th – 4pm–7pm
 Saturday, Sept 7th – 10am–5pm
 Sunday, Sept 8th – 10am–5pm
 Monday, Sept 9th – CLOSED
 Tuesday, Sept 10th – Preschoolers – 10am-1pm
 Tuesday, Sept 10th – Ticketed Dinner – 5:30pm-7:30pm
 Wednesday, Sept 11th – Seniors – 10am-1pm

Wednesday, Sept 11th – 5:30pm-7:30pm
 Thursday, Sept 12th – Special Needs – 10am-1pm
 Thursday, Sept 12th – 5:30pm-7:30pm
 Friday, Sept 13th – CLOSED
 Friday, Sept 13th – Ticketed Dinner – 5:30pm-7:30pm
 Saturday, Sept 14th – 10am-5pm
 Sunday, Sept 15th – 10am-5pm

~ Vinton Messenger staff report

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Bingo benefits Vinton Breakfast Lions Club

Bingo lovers, mark your calendar for Saturday, August 17, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. when an afternoon of Bingo will benefit the Vinton Breakfast Lions Club, who complete a host of community service projects throughout the year in and around Vinton.

The doors will open at 10:30 a.m. at Star City Rehab and Nursing, located at 1047 Mecca Street, NE, in Roanoke, just behind the former Jersey's Lily's on Route 460.

Tickets will be sold in advance for \$25 (\$30 at the door). That price includes a buffet lunch, 20 rounds of Bingo, a door prize ticket, and a cover-all (black out) round for a grand prize valued at over \$121 (Slim Wallet & Wrist Strap, Cold Brew Pitcher, and coffee pouches). Lunch includes assorted sandwiches, fruit salad, chips, cookies, and beverages (at no charge).

Additional Bingo cards, Bingo daubers, cover-all cards, and door prize tickets will be available for

purchase the day of the event. There will also be a 50/50 drawing.

All Bingo prizes will be Pampered Chef and Thirty-One Products.

Contact Chris McCarty (540-761-5840), Gary Myers (540-309-6155), or Diane Taylor (540-520-7967) to pre-order and purchase tickets. Bingo games are for ages 14 and over. Tickets will sell out fast, so pre-order or purchase tickets by August 10 to reserve a spot.

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Football practice opens for school, youth teams

William Byrd football coach Brad Lutz, along with his staff and players, wrapped up the three day youth clinic at William Byrd High School last week. Above, Lutz explains the jerseys hanging up in the football hall to parents and campers who toured the football facilities. Top right, Terrier players welcome campers. Right, a camper hits a tackling dummy and, far right, Jaquawlin Toler and Owen Gibson won jerseys for the fastest time during the obstacle course. The high school team opens summer practice today at 3 pm.



Terriers will play in "The Last Inning" baseball game Saturday

William Byrd High School will have two graduated seniors participating in "The Last Inning" baseball game Saturday at Salem Memorial Ballpark. The game is an exhibition, free to the public, for area high school ballplayers to have one last game on the diamond.

The players are split into two teams with one sporting gray shirts and the other in red. Byrd players are on the Gray team with teammates from Lord Botetourt, Hidden Valley, Staunton River, Eastern Montgomery, Roanoke Catholic, Cave Spring, Alleghany and Smith Mountain Lake Christian. The Red team will be comprised of players from Glenvar, Liberty, Christiansburg, Northside, Franklin County and North Cross.

Randy Boone of Byrd is the Gray coach and he'll be assisted by Brian and Jake Divers of Staunton

River, Jonathan Hagee of Eastern Montgomery and Kevin Slough of Hidden Valley. Barry Shelton of Franklin County will be the head coach of the Red team, assisted by Dale Nelson of Christiansburg, Jeremy Cromer of Glenvar and Kelly Dampier and Trent Cundiff of Northside.

William Byrd will have seven players on the Gray team, Cooper Minnix and Noah Thompson. Minnix is a position and utility player and Thompson is a catcher and outfielder. All pitchers on the roster will take a turn on the mound.

The game is scheduled to begin at 5 pm and will be 10 innings so everyone can get ample playing time. After five innings there will be a break to announce the winner of the Salem-Roanoke Baseball Hall of Fame's Ray Bellamy Award for the high school

Player of the Year in the Hall of Fame area. There are seven finalists including Nolan Medley of Lord Botetourt, Lawson Pasley of Franklin County, Jesse Brown of Staunton River, Trace Monroe of Salem, Brice Abbott of Blacksburg, Caleb Furrage of Salem and Ean Amerson of Franklin County.

Recipients of scholarships named for Posey Oyler and Kelvin Bowles will also be announced.

The event is sponsored by the Salem-Roanoke Baseball Hall of Fame and the Salem Red Sox. There is no admission and concessions will be available.

High School golf season opens next week

The William Byrd golf team will officially tee-off the 2024-25 school sports calendar next week with the annual Botetourt Metro Tournament at the Botetourt Golf & Swim Club. The one day event will open with a 10 a.m. start on Tuesday, August 6th.

The William Byrd team was having tryouts this week and will have the team finalized by the end of the week. The Metro is only event for the Terriers next week, followed by the first Blue Ridge District meet on Tuesday, August 13, at Ole Monterey. That will be hosted by William Fleming.

"We have quite a few returning players as well as some new players," said coach Paul Thompson. "We're looking forward to a successful year."

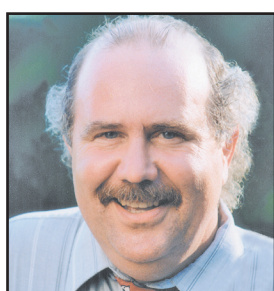


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William Byrd girls play on National Cup soccer team

Three rising freshmen girls from William Byrd High School played in the US Club National Cup soccer tournament in Denver, Colorado in July. The girls, who played for the Byrd javvee team in the spring, played for the 2009 VA United FC ECNL RL team coached by Cory Carroll. The team played against opponents from Texas, Minnesota, Ohio, California and North Carolina. The team had five wins in five days, only allowing one goal and finished as the 2024 US Club Soccer National Champions. Left to right are Isabella Barrette, Kendall Ranson and Madelyn Barrette. Kendall and Madelyn are twin sisters.

Brian Hoffman



First take on the Summer Olympics

In the words of semi-celebrity Kelly Clarkson, the first week of watching the Olympics has been "incredibly cool."

It's Monday as I write this column and I've been glued to the TV since Friday watching the summer Olympics in Paris, taking time out to check on the Yankees and Red Sox. In three days I must have seen the Eiffel Tower 100 times, and Snoop Dogg even more times than that. And, yes, that was actually Spike Lee at the United States basketball game even though no Knicks are on the team.

Friday's opening ceremonies had to be the most elaborate in the history of the Olympics, even topping Hitler's Berlin games. Usually the teams march into some stadium dressed in colorful attire and carrying their flag. Then they assemble on the infield after circling a track and when everyone is in the stadium they light a big torch and go home.

Not so Friday in France. These opening ceremonies were like a five-hour Broadway show on the water, as boats carried the teams down the polluted Seine River. There were 85 boats filled with over 10,000 Olympic athletes and there was some kind of music or dance number all along the way, from Lady Gaga to Celine Dion.

The opening ceremonies were hosted by Mike Tirico, who did a really nice job, Peyton Manning, who added insight and backstories to many of the

athletes, and Clarkson, who said everything was "cool." Why she was selected to be on the telecast, I have no idea. I would have understood if she was out on some boat singing "Stronger," but her obvious lack of knowledge about anything relating to sports or the athletes got annoying after a while. We had Snoop to tell us everything was cool.

A couple observations. I was amazed at how many of the countries I'd never heard of. I was never good in geography but I watch Jeopardy just about every night, so I should have come across most of them. I looked it up and there are 54 countries participating from Africa, 48 from Europe, 44 from Asia, 41 from the Americas and 17 from Oceania. I had no idea 48 countries could fit into Europe.

As for Africa, I suspect many of them change their name every couple years. I used to like to look at my Rand McNally Atlas of the World before we had the internet, and I swear most of the countries in Africa had different names when I was growing up in the '60s.

I was surprised at how many countries had names ending in "stan," and I wasn't sure where most of them were. Included in the list are, in alphabetical order, Afghanistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan. I'm starting to think Borat came from a real country, but I can't say for sure.

Then you have the "and" countries, which makes me think two countries combined into one so their high school teams can play in a higher classification. Included in this group are Antigua and Barbuda, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Sao Tome and Principe, and Trinidad and Tobago, which sounds like some kind of hot sauce. Honestly, tell me if you know where all those countries are located? And one that I know, Turks and Caicos Islands, didn't even send a team. You'd think they'd have some kind of boating team at the least.

Let me assure you I'm not making fun of these countries. We have plenty of stuff right here in the

USA to make fun of these days, so we don't need to look elsewhere. I'm sure Saint Kitts and Nevis is a wonderful place, and it was great to see folks from Central and South America on a boat instead of wading through a river.

As for the sports, baseball and softball aren't in this year's games but break dancing has been added. Does that make any sense to you? And when are they going to add pickleball?

Getting back to Snoop Dogg, did you see the interview NBC did with Simone Biles' parents when they were with Snoop? They mentioned how they'd met Snoop once before but he replied that he didn't recall. Simone's adopted mother, Nellie, said they saw him at a New Year's Eve celebration and asked if they could get a picture. She went on to say how Snoop told them to give him a couple minutes and, "in two seconds he was gone." Sounds like when I witnessed John Higgins blowing off autograph requests from Redskins' fans. At least Snoop had an excuse, as he was likely stoned out of his mind on New Year's Eve.

I'll be anxious to watch the rest of the games for the next week and a half. I love the track, and I really enjoy watching the basketball. It's amazing to see how good some of these teams (ie South Sudan men) are when we expect our players to blow out everyone else. And isn't it something to see how good LeBron James can still be?

And my God, the gymnastics!! It's incredible what those gymnasts can do, remembering my high school days when I could do a "frog stand" and climb a quarter of a way up a rope. When Biles hurt her leg and then came right back and did that floor routine, that was an instant classic right there.

Whatever you think of the games it's nice to see folks from different countries getting along, even though they did be sure to put the North and South Koreans in different boats. If the United States and Chinese athletes can hug each other after a close race maybe there's hope for the world after all. Maybe.