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Law enforcement, citizens, town and county officials come together for National Night Out

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The Vinton Police Department joined with law enforcement agencies from across the valley to celebrate National Night Out at the Vinton War Memorial (Charles R. Hill Community Center) on August 6.

The first Tuesday in August has been celebrated across the nation and around the world as National Night Out since 1984.

Vinton Community Resource Officer Will Holland, who facilitated the event, noted that National Night Out is designed to build partnerships and bridge the gap between citizens, communities, and law enforcement, as a way to make communities safer. Vinton is well-known for its proactive police force, its emphasis on community policing, and their visibility in the community.

The first NNO involved 2.5 million neighbors across 400 communities in 23 states. After 41 years, the event now

includes 38 million neighbors in 17,000 communities with 141 of those being in Virginia.

Participating organizations and law enforcement agencies in 2024 included the Office of the Virginia Attorney General, the Town of Vinton, Roanoke County, the Vinton War Memorial, the Roanoke County Sheriff's Office, the Roanoke County Police, Roanoke County Fire & Rescue, the Western Virginia Regional Jail, the Vinton Area Chamber of Commerce, the Virginia State Police, the Vinton Branch of the Roanoke County Public Library, Vinton Moose Lodge 1121, the National Park Service, the Wildlife Rescue Conservation Police, and Roanoke County Communications-Police, Fire, Rescue, and 911.

Officials attending included County Administrator Richard Caywood, Roanoke County Sheriff Eric Orange, Vinton's representative to the Roanoke County Board of Supervisors Tammy Shepherd, State Senator David Suetterlein, Delegate



PHOTO BY DEBBIE ADAMS

Town, county, and even state leaders turned out for Vinton's National Night Out Celebration on Aug. 6. Pictured left to right are Delegate Will Davis, Roanoke County Administrator Richard Caywood, State Senator David Suetterlein, Roanoke County Sheriff Eric Orange, Vinton's Board of Supervisors representative Tammy Shepherd, Vinton Deputy Police Chief Tim Lawless, Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Angie Chewning, Chamber Executive Assistant Kathryn Sowers, Vinton Town Council members Keith Liles and Sabrina McCarty, Mayor Brad Grose, Vinton Council member Laurie Mullins, Community Resource Officer Will Holland, and Police Chief Fabricio Drumond.

Will Davis, Vinton Mayor Brad Grose and council members Sabrina McCarty, Laurie Mullins, and Keith Liles, Vinton Police Chief Fabricio Drumond, Deputy Police Chief Tim Lawless, Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Angie

Chewning and Executive Assistant Kathryn Sowers, and Roanoke County School Board Chair Brent Hudson. (The Vinton Town Council meeting for August

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PHOTO COURTESY OF DR. AUTO SPA

Doc Aaron Taylor at work at Dr. Auto Spa.

Dr. Auto Spa opens in Vinton

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Dr. Auto Spa has opened in Vinton. President and CEO "Doc" Aaron Taylor lists their specialties as premium detailing, paint corrections, ceramic coatings, industrial coatings, window tinting, PPF (rock chip prevention) Clear wraps, and more.

Taylor is a graduate of Patrick Henry High School, Virginia Western, and Liberty University where he received his degree in Business Management.

Coincidentally, he and Vinton Town Councilman Keith Liles both worked at The Roanoke Times in 2005 where Taylor was sales manager.

"Aaron was always looking for business opportunities and ways to make extra money," Liles says. "I mentioned that he could detail my car. Aaron did a fabulous job and others at work wanted their cars done, too!"

Not only did Taylor find a side business – but one he fell in love with.

In 2014 he went to Pittsburgh for training at the Detail King Training Institute and became an authorized licensee (the only one in the area) – one of the best decisions he has made. In January 2017, he made detailing vehicles into a full-time job.

"Aaron started his own mobile car

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Generous community helps Load the Buses with school supplies

The Load the Bus campaign to support students in need in Roanoke County, Roanoke City, Salem City, and Craig County public schools was a huge success once again in 2024.

The local school systems partnered with Walmart stores to collect school supplies at the locations in Bonsack, Clearbrook, Valley View, and Salem over the weekend of August 2-4 during Virginia's annual tax-free weekend.

A school bus was parked at each location

to load school supplies donated by the community. When the buses were unloaded on August 5, there were enough supplies to fill a gymnasium.

Roanoke County Schools Director of Community Relations Chuck Lionberger thanked Walmart for teaming up with the schools again and the community who contributed so generously to the cause.

"It reminds you there are a lot of great people in our community, and they step up," Lionberger

said.

Buses were filled with backpacks, glue sticks, notebooks, three-ring binders, crayons, colored pencils, notebook paper, pens, pencils, highlighters, rulers, folders, scissors, construction paper, tissues, hand sanitizer, printer paper, dry erase markers and more. Monetary donations were also welcomed.

"Every item and every cent of donations goes to help students in need in the Roanoke Valley and

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Volunteers for Load the Bus at the Bonsack Walmart included (from left) Layna Miller, Kelsey Harris, WBMS Principal Evan Noell, WBHS Principal Travis Anderson, and bus driver Joel Markham.

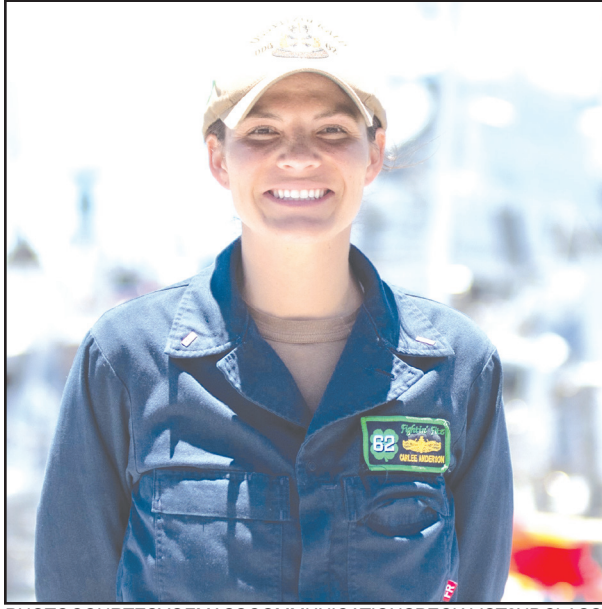


PHOTO COURTESY OF MASS COMMUNICATIONS SPECIALIST 2ND CLASS Lt. Carlee Anderson JEROME FIELD

Byrd graduate Carlee Anderson participates in world's largest international maritime warfare exercise

Lt. Junior Grade Carlee Anderson, a Roanoke native, serves aboard the USS Fitzgerald, a U.S. Navy warship operating out of San Diego, Calif. She will be participating in the biennial Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) exercise in and around the Hawaiian Islands.

Anderson graduated from William Byrd High School in 2014 and the Virginia Military Institute in 2018 with a bachelor's degree in English.

"I learned the world is a very big place and I come from a small town where everyone knows everyone, but it taught me to treat everyone kindly and stay true to yourself," said Anderson. "In the Navy, there is a lot of expectation to be a certain way by acting seriously and professionally, but staying true to myself helps me with my sailors when it comes to understanding them and what they go through."

Anderson joined the Navy four years ago. Today, she serves as the ship's training officer.

"I joined to serve my country and be part of the world's greatest Navy," said Anderson. "Being in the Navy has also given me the chance to see the world. I've been to six different countries so far. Sri Lanka was my favorite."

As the world's largest international maritime exercise, approximately 29 nations, 40 surface ships, three submarines, 14 national land forces, over 150 aircraft and more than 25,000 personnel will participate in RIMPAC 2024. This exercise provides a unique training opportunity that helps participants foster and sustain cooperative relationships that are critical to ensuring safety at sea and security on the world's

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Volunteers from the William Byrd Terriers football team joined members of the Vinton Breakfast Lions Club to clear the Gladetown Trail – an annual partnership.

William Byrd Terriers join Breakfast Lions for annual Gladetown Trail clean-up

Volunteers from the William Byrd High School Terriers football team joined members of the Vinton Breakfast Lions Club on July 30 for their annual “clearing” of the Gladetown Trail. Terriers head coach Brad Lutz has always made community service a focus for his players.

Players participating included Ethan Haston, Cannin Lutz, Kam McKee, Jahdai English, Jackson McCoy, Titus Beatty, Caden McReynolds, Caleb Wrye, and Colton Edwards.

The Gladetown Trail begins just south of the Department of Elections building on Chestnut Street in Vinton. It hugs the hillside for 0.7 mile until it ends up in the upper parking lot of the Jesus the Redeemer Church on Niagara Road. The end of the trail includes a walking bridge and picturesque rocky transition all the way to the top of the hill. Those who use the trail have reported seeing 56 different species of birds and numerous species of mammals there.

The land was originally part of Vinyard Farm, owned by Vinton’s founding fathers in the 1700s. The trail started out as a footpath and was turned into a greenway trail by the Pathfinders for Greenways Midweek Crew. In 2009,



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Tommy and Karen Wood, who owned the property (then known as Woodland Place), donated a portion to the Town of Vinton to build the trail. It was completed in 2012 and is known as one of the most beautiful and peaceful trails in the greenway system.

The Town of Vinton recently completed a Streambank Restoration project at the Woodland Place end of the trail with the assistance of grant funding from the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) Stormwater Local Assistance Fund (SLAF).

Submitted by John Berry, Vinton Breakfast Lions Club

Fundraiser scheduled for Byrd student Camden Thepsimuong

Show your support for William Byrd student Camden Thepsimuong by attending a Craft and Vendor Show, food truck, car/bike cruise-in fundraiser on Sunday, August 18 from 2 to 6 p.m. in the William Byrd High School parking lot.

Camden, a member of the William Byrd High School Terriers football and tennis teams, was recently diagnosed with a form of bone cancer and is undergoing surgery and follow-up treatment at a hospital in North Carolina. According to his mother, Charlene, he has begun chemotherapy after surgery this week, but the family believes he will have time off from therapy on August 18 and will be able to

attend the fundraising event. “Camden is a big light and is very active in his faith, church, and school,” his mother says. “We are claiming victory now over his healing. We know he is strong, and we appreciate how close the community has come in their thoughts and prayers for Cam.”

The costs associated with treatment, medical bills, travel, and hotel stays quickly add up. The public can help by attending the fundraiser or donating to Cam’s GoFundMe page at <https://gofund.me/f0d7164c>.

All of the money collected from booth rentals from vendors, food trucks, raffles, and the cruise-in will be donated to Camden’s family.



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Camden Thepsimuong

Vendor 10x10 empty spaces are \$40 each. Food vendors are \$50 per truck. Cruise-in vehicles will be asked for a \$10 donation when they arrive.

This is an outdoor event which will be rescheduled in case of inclement weather. Volunteers are needed to assist.

-Vinton Messenger staff report

Eric Wayne Band, Karlee Raye to perform at Mingle Saturday

The Eric Wayne Band and Karlee Raye take the stage for the fifth Mingle at the Market concert on August 10. In addition, wrestler Emily Jaye, “The Stunner,” will be making a public appearance with pictures, autographs, and special edition T-shirts for sale.

This week’s food vendors will be Mountain Grille and Get Glazed Donuts. As usual, there is a beverage garden

sponsored by Blue Ridge Beverage. The concert gets underway at 7 p.m. (Gates on Walnut Avenue open at 6:30.) Admission is \$7. This is a family-friendly event, children under age 12 are admitted free of charge. The summer concert series is hosted by the Vinton Chamber of Commerce.

ID is required. No outside food or

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The Eric Wayne Band

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Community gathers to celebrate lives of Jeanette and Bob Patterson

Family, friends, co-workers, neighbors, former students and church members gathered at Mountain View Cemetery in Vinton on August 3 to celebrate the lives of Bob and Jeanette Patterson. Bob passed away on April 23, 2020, followed by Jeanette on December 17, 2023. They were married for 58 years. Originally from North Carolina, they moved to Vinton when Bob was named principal at William Byrd High School.

He served as the principal of WBHS for 34 years, from 1965 to 1999. Jeanette worked in the office at William Byrd Middle School for many years as well, but her main focus was on being “a wonderful wife, mom and grandmommy,” according to her children and grandchildren.

The Pattersons had three children— Leigh, Robert, and Carol, and four grandchildren— Sam, Xander, Owen, and James, and a wonderful life together.

They were both more than familiar faces in the community. Everyone knew them or knew of them. They touched countless lives through their careers, their family, and their involvement in the community.

The memorial service was conducted by the Rev. Dr. Chris Monroe

of Vinton Baptist Church where the Pattersons were members beginning in 1965. Monroe said he had never taken part in a funeral service where people were so joyful, mainly because they were celebrating “lives so well-lived with such love and compassion and dedication to the community. They continue to inspire each of us.”

During the service guests were invited to share anecdotes and memories of the Pattersons by their son Rob.

Barry Trent, a former student and then teacher under Bob Patterson for 21 years, described him as a “great guy with great compassion.” He noted that he once came across Mr. Patterson after school hours sowing grass seed in the courtyard at William Byrd— no job was too small.

Many said they were unable to call Patterson, “Bob.” It just seemed disrespectful. He was always “Mr. Patterson” to them, even when they were middle-aged and senior adults themselves.

Others mentioned Patterson’s strength and athletic abilities and his love for sports. Apparently, he had “a handshake that could take you to your knees.”

Patterson also loved ice cream and with his travels across the state for

his career and athletics, he “knew the location of an ice cream shop in every town.”

Former students and teachers shared actions which had resulted in receiving the dreaded “Please see me” notes from their principal and shaking in their boots in anticipation of what he might say.

Former student Wanda Melchers, who led the singing of hymns at the memorial service, remembered being forcibly recruited by Patterson to be in charge of the music on the nights he preached at the Rescue Mission. Each time, no matter how large the crowd, he would take time to speak individually with those in attendance and comfort them during a difficult time in their lives. “He was such a caring pastor and counselor.”

WBHS Coach Paul Barnard spoke as a neighbor of the Pattersons. He mentioned that Patterson was always very supportive of the coaches; that he kept his yard in tip-top shape with a pair of clippers; and that Barnard received those infamous “See me” sticky notes several times a week. He also remembered that Patterson loved his own children and all children and would take time to play with the kids in the neighborhood.

Teacher Angela Shields

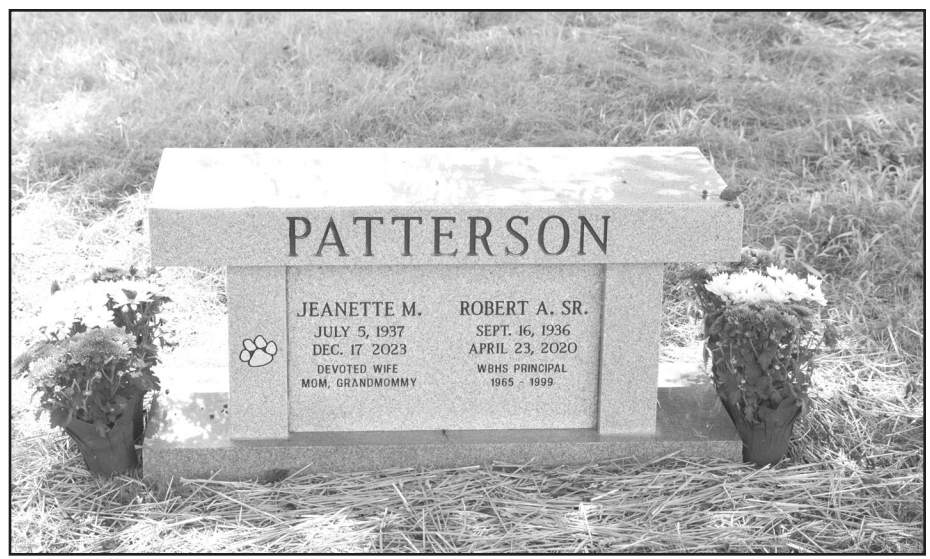


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A memorial bench for Jeanette and Bob Patterson has been placed in Mountain View Cemetery, honoring their lives well-lived.

commented that Patterson was also a great supporter of the arts program at William Byrd— up to a point. That limit was reached when a student built a beer can castle for an art recycling project.

Many talked about Jeanette Patterson’s kindness to the children she worked with and her willingness to talk about her own grandchildren at every opportunity. Grandson Xander shared a family secret that he and his “grandmommy,” who had a great sense of humor, liked to watch TV shows together that might be considered less than educational or even dignified.

Daughter Leigh read a poem in remembrance of her parents called “Afterglow” by Helen Lowrie Marshall that was most fitting:

I’d like the memory of me to be a happy one.

I’d like to leave an afterglow of smiles when life is done,

I’d like to leave an echo whispering softly down the ways,

Of happy times and

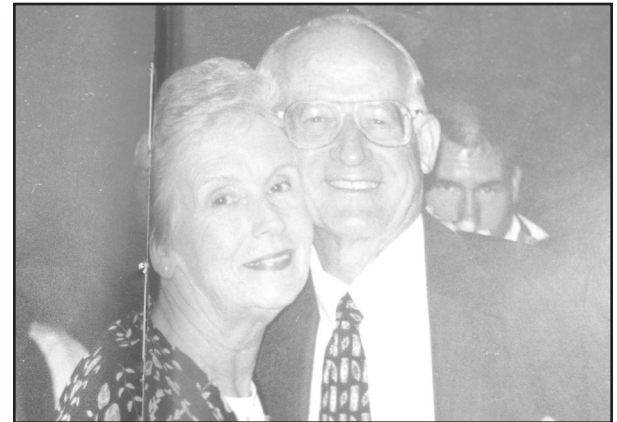


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Bob and Jeanette Patterson celebrated his retirement at the school prom in 1999.

laughing times and bright sunny days.

I’d like the tears of those who grieve, to dry before the sun,

Of happy memories that I leave, when life is done.

A look back at the 1999 Black Swan yearbook when Bob Patterson retired shows that the students, teachers, and staff thought so much of him that May 28, 1999, was named “Patterson Day,” filled with practical jokes and staff wearing, “Please see me” printed T-shirts. The football

stadium was renamed in his honor. He had this to say, “I see the success of this school as a collaboration between students, teachers, parents, and staff members. I sincerely believe it takes working together to have success. We have been more like a family at William Byrd High School.”

Another summary of the Pattersons’ philosophy of life was printed on their memorial program: “Life is like an ice cream; enjoy it before it melts.”

PEOPLE, PLACES AND THINGS

By Angie Cheuning

What more can you say— Happy Birthday to the Queen of Vinton! Mom (Bootie) celebrated her 88th birthday with friends and family at Pancho’s.

Joining in the festivities were Greg Cheuning, me (Angie), grandchildren Drake (Hannah) and Abbie Lewis, along with Jerry Franks, Sharon Llewellyn, Melanie Vest, Carolyn and Pete Campbell, Mark Schreier, Jim and Suzanne Bell, Dr. David Points, Walt Hodges and Kathryn Sowers. We missed those who could not join us. Thanks everyone for celebrating with us and for all the many cards, texts, and messages wishing her a Happy Birthday!

Join us Saturday night for Mingle at the Market with Karlee Raye, the Eric Wayne Band, Mountain Grille Food Truck and Get Glazed Donuts.



Bootie Cheuning celebrates her 88th birthday at Pancho’s.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF ANGIE CHEUNING



Steve Garay



Matilda Wentzel



PHOTOS COURTESY OF AMANDA PAYNE
Rod Ferguson

Vinton Community Programs introduces new painting and Tai Chi Cane classes at Community Center; special Tai Chi event coming up on September 21

The Vinton Dept. of Community Programs and Facilities is adding several new classes at the Charles R. Hill Community Center.

A new Tai Chi class, “Eight Immortals Tai Chi Cane and Defense Cane Class,” begins on Monday, August 12 at 5:30 p.m. The class will be taught by Steve Garay. There is no charge to attend.

Beginning on August 14 from 5 to 8 p.m., artist Matilda Wentzel will be teaching adult painting classes. These classes are open to all adults; Wentzel is offering a special discount to seniors. The August 14 class is a one-time class. She will also be hosting a four-week course running beginning Aug. 29. The Community Programs staff hopes to continue the classes on a monthly basis.

“I love to be in a dream state and within the flow,” Wentzel says. “This is the quiet space I find as I paint.

Naturally a sense of peace and calm is infused into the canvas and translates to you in an unexplainable way, tugging on your emotions and animating that which is already within your heart. I pour my heart and soul into my paintings, knowing that I am planting seeds of love, the harvest of which will be received by all who connect with my work.”

Her method is to guide artists to “wander inside of ourselves, inspiring the stories of our own imagination to come to life.”

Working in acrylic paint, Wentzel uses fine line work and bright colors to create an illustrative piece. A variety of styles arise from heavily textured work to an extremely smooth canvas.

The Community Programs staff has also announced a special event coming

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- Time units (abbr.)
- Pigeon’s murmur
- Moves aside in fright
- Partner to “ahh”
- Taxis
- Monetary units of Turkey
- Returned material authorization (abbr.)
- Prolific Italian opera composer
- Restaurants
- One’s grandmother
- Ancient Greek City
- Italian mountain ranges
- Data
- Acted in an obedient way
- Autonomic nervous system
- Not on the up-and-up
- Mock lightly
- Mimic
- Built

CLUES DOWN

- Sign language
- In style
- Norwegian river
- People with impaired hearing
- A neighborhood
- Inflammation of the kidneys
- Semitic fertility god
- Temporary name of Seaborgium
- Wise people
- Tear down
- fi (slang)
- Diamond weight
- Frosted
- Predecessor to EU
- Makes changes to
- Some are secret
- Tooth caregiver
- Old English poet
- Large stinging paper wasp
- Bucharest is its capital
- River in Ireland
- Type of TV
- Double-reed instruments
- Spanish motorcycle manufacturer
- Midway between south and southeast
- French commune
- Alike
- A bachelor’s apartment
- Foot part between the ball and ankle
- Belonging to a thing
- Japanese classical theater
- Supervises flying
- Not even
- Capital of Saudi Arabia
- Electronic counter-
- measure
- Consumed
- American politician (abbr.)
- Sun up in New York
- Casually looked through
- Revealed the presence of
- Peyton’s little brother
- Diana __, singer
- Study of moral values and rules
- Civil Rights group
- Makes less severe
- Made an emotional appeal
- Vivacity of style
- One who is highly skilled
- Gets around in pursuit of pleasure
- Famed guitarist Clapton
- Most common Japanese surname
- Recipe abbreviation

Vinton History Museum's benefit yard sale coming up on August 17



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 Ave., Vinton. For more information email info@vintonhistorymuseum.org or call 540-342-8634.

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

Submitted by Mary Beth Layman, Vinton Historical Society

VINTON HISTORY: Ball Mason Jars

Early Mason Jars for canning were manufactured in different colors with green being the rarest. People thought darker glass helped prevent food from spoiling as quickly as lighter colored jars. In addition to canning, jars are also used as antique décor now.

Ball is the most recognized name in home canning. In the early 1900s, there were hundreds of brands of Mason jars, but only a few stood the test of time. Ball Corporation began manufacturing glass home canning jars, the product that established Ball as a household name and licensed Mason's design.

While canning, pickling, and curing practices helped extend the lifespan of people's food, it wasn't until the airtight Mason jar that the art of



PHOTO COURTESY OF JUDY CUNNINGHAM

food preservation was perfected.

The Vinton History Museum has several Ball Mason Jars along with thousands of other artifacts that bring back memories. You are invited to visit the Museum at 210 East Jackson Avenue

in Downtown Vinton Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and every first Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Submitted by Vinton History Museum Executive Director Judy Cunningham

WBHS students compete in a simulated stock market competition

Each spring, William Byrd High School students enrolled in an Economics and Personal Finance course get the opportunity to practice investing in the stock market. Using a simulated investment platform, students are challenged to develop a diversified portfolio that will produce the largest return on their \$100,000 investment. Over the course of 10 weeks, team members buy, sell, and closely monitor their securities with the

hopes of earning a medal and bragging rights to prove that they achieved the rank of "best investor."

Nathan Hiemstra earned the top spot out of all 86 competitors with an impressive 19.91% return on investment. Nathan's hard work helped him narrowly edge past Dylan Burkett and Sean Rickman, who both favored shares of eBay. Maddux Sizemore, Madison Miller, and Nevaeh Davila each won first place in their

respective classes. Their competitive spirit and thorough knowledge of business concepts paid off.

Rising-senior Nevaeh Davila held onto first place in her class thanks to savvy stock choices, including her investment in Dell. For fun, Nevaeh purchased a small amount of shares in Build-A-Bear and sold the shares for a \$600 profit.

"When I noticed a stock was going down in price and was not changing, I'd either sell half of it



Nathan Hiemstra



Nevaeh Davila



Madison Miller

PHOTO COURTESY OF MARY JEAN SULLIVAN

or drop all of it. Then, I'd invest in other stocks that were doing well, like Nvidia," Nevaeh said.

Nevaeh's strategy helped grow her portfolio by 10.88%.

Students learned that the stock market is quite

volatile and a "buy and hold" investment strategy is less risky than day trading. There were many surprises, both joyful and heartbreaking, throughout the competition.

Special thanks to Pacific Life for their sponsorship

of Personal Finance Lab's stock market game this past spring.

Submitted by Mary Jean Sullivan, WBHS Business Teacher and FBLA co-adviser

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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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.

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

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Almighty God

Read Genesis 40:1 through 41:57

Joseph spent two years in a dungeon after interpreting the dreams of Pharaoh's cupbearer. Joseph had asked this man to mention him to the king upon being reinstated, but, as each day dragged on, no communication came from the Pharaoh. When Pharaoh had a dream and told it to all his wise men, no one could interpret it. The cupbearer finally remembered Joseph and told Pharaoh about him.

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

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

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

Thought for Today: Consider the majesty of God.

Quicklook: Genesis 41:1-14

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

com, Pastor Tim Wright. Worship Service Sunday, 10AM. Bible Study Wednesday 11AM-12PM.

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

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

PRESBYTERIAN CAMPBELL MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1130 Hardy Rd, Vinton, VA, 540-343-1842; cmcp2verizon.net Sunday school 9:45am, Worship 11:00am; Communion 1st Sundays; 2nd Sun-

day 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

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Town of Vinton News: Department reports and updates released for June

The Town of Vinton has released its monthly reports for the Public Works, Community Programs and Facilities, and other departments for June 2024, along with several updates on projects around town.

Public Works: FY2025 Highway Maintenance funding increased by \$27,000 to a total of \$1.65 million. Crews are working on a stormwater project on Shalon Circle. The Thrasher Stormwater project has been designed and will be bid in early August.

Niagara Road has been reopened, although additional pavement repair will be completed in the fall.

The traffic signal at PFG was damaged beyond repair on July 19 due to a single car collision. The traffic signal will be replaced, although the mast arm and foundation will need to be redesigned due to age and new standards. The project will take 6-8 months to correct, although a temporary signal will be put in place to assist with shift changes at PFG. Insurance of the truck driver will cover damages.

Municipal waste and wood waste collected in June totaled 260.16 tons; residential waste and wood waste disposal totaled 30.75 tons. Curbside recycling resulted in collection of 2.69 tons of recyclables.

Twenty-three Public Works staff members received Trauma Kit Training in June. Two full-time equipment

operators were hired, along with two seasonal staff members.

Vinton Police Dept.: The VPD is recruiting two new officers in order to become fully staffed.

Economic Development: Crosswalk projects at Gus Nicks and Hardy Road are complete with the installation of flashing beacons, just in time for school to open on August 15.

An RFP has been issued for the former Steve's Garage property on Walnut Avenue, behind the Municipal Building. Proposals are due by September 27.

Playground equipment has been ordered for the Community Park to arrive in February 2025. Site preparation will continue through the summer and fall.

The iconic Cundiff Drugstore sign has been removed and is being refurbished. The sign will be relocated to the original Cundiff Drugstore location downtown.

Environmental reviews are underway at the McClung property on Walnut, the fire-damaged properties downtown, and three properties on East Madison.

The Vinton 2050 Comprehensive Plan is progressing well.

Community Programs and Facilities: Staff is working on the Pink Warrior Walk, Fall Festival, and Halloween Downtown Trick or Treating events. Twin Creeks Brewing Company has applied to host Creekfest at the Vinton Farmer's Market on Sept. 21. Vinton is



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The crosswalk project on Hardy Road near W.E. Cundiff Elementary is complete with flashing beacons installed just in time for school to open on August 15.

participating with two scavenger hunt locations as part of the Blue Ridge Games (Aug. 12 through Sept.6) – the Vinton War Memorial and the Lady Appalachia mural.

The Charles R. Hill Community Center reported eight rentals in June with revenues totaling \$1,540 and over 500 attending. Over 900 individuals attended senior programs at the Community Center in June for Tai Chi (4 classes), Line Dancing (12 classes), Canasta (4 sessions), Mexican Train Dominoes (4 sessions), and the Monday Music Jam (4 sessions). A new Tai Chi program is beginning on Aug. 12 at 5:30, "Eight Immortals Tai Chi Cane and Defense Cane Class," taught by Steve Garay.

The Vinton War Memorial hosted two wedding/reception events with 325 in attendance for revenues of \$6,020

and 11 room rentals with over 1,000 attending for rental revenues of \$6,634.

The War Memorial also hosted SWVA Pride Paint Night.

Vendors at the Vinton Farmers' Market in June included Gabby's Produce, Hunters Gourmet Shroomery, Becky Ayers (crafts), Karole Passmore (crafts), Amy Hebert (crafts), Julie Beckwith (crafts), Hannah Gallagher (paintings), Jessica Nasatka (breads), Tupperware with Christy, baked goods with Keelyn and Chris Mitchell, Cathey Hargrove (fresh cut flowers), Alice Summers (crafts), Vintage by Design Upcycled creations, Ronald (honey), and Living on the Patio– patio lights and décor.

- Vinton Messenger staff report

Touch-A-Truck revs up again at Roanoke County's Green Hill Park

The 13th Annual Touch-A-Truck event returns to Green Hill Park on Saturday, August 10, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. This family-friendly event offers a unique opportunity for kids and adults alike to explore, interact, and learn about dozens of fascinating vehicles. Step inside, climb aboard, and engage with the operators who keep the community running smoothly.

This year's event promises a variety of

activities and attractions, including:

- Car Smash – Sponsored by Pick-n-Save
- Foam Pit – Sponsored by Napa Auto Parts
- Dig Pit – Sponsored by Freedom First
- Misting Stations – Sponsored by Anthem Healthkeepers

Vehicles you can expect to see and touch

include: firetrucks, garbage trucks, race cars, postal cars, backhoes, military vehicles, tow trucks, ambulances, school buses, cement mixers, dump trucks, tractors, police cars, and more.

Ear protection will be available at the Roanoke County Parks, Recreation and Tourism tent to ensure everyone enjoys the event comfortably.

Food will be available from the following food vendors: Big Daddy's BBQ and Bean Bliss Coffee, Birrieria la vaca, Queen's Vegan Café, Top Dawgs Mobile, Kono Pizza, SWVA Concessions, CharLee Tropical Italian Ice and Drinks, Tinker Mountain Kettle Corn, and Chris's Coffee & Custard.

Visit www.RoanokeCountyParks.com for more information.

Submitted by Roanoke County Parks, Recreation, and Tourism



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Classes

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up on September 21 – the Roanoke Tai Chi/Qigong Seminar with Master Rod Ferguson from Australia.

According to staff, "Ferguson will guide you through a workshop where you can immediately apply the skills you learn. Using selected exercises and techniques from the Academy's popular Qigong sets and the traditional Tai Chi form, you will be led through centuries-old stress release and relaxation techniques, known for their heart-calming and rejuvenating effects. The workshop will emphasize the essential principles to help you discover your perfect practice, making each aspect easy to follow and allowing you to immediately incorporate these skills into your own practice, providing you with immediate stress relief and relaxation."

According to Ferguson, this approach to Tai Chi training improves essential parameters of the quality of life, mood, and overall confidence in performing exercise.

The morning session (from 10 a.m. to noon) will focus on a simple "Opening the Golden Lotus Qigong." This primordial Qigong routine is a foundation for practicing other Qigong and Tai Chi forms. It is easily followed, making it accessible to participants of all levels. Participants will be able to follow along and benefit from this session, regardless of their experience level.

The afternoon session (from 1 to 3 p.m.) will focus on the "Warrior Monk Lohan Qigong." It will build on the morning session, emphasizing the three important principles of focus (mindfulness), connection, and activation. This dynamic energy meditation releases deep stress and trauma from the tendons while strengthening the muscles and bones.

Ferguson is a full-time professional instructor who has been with the Australian Academy of Tai Chi and Qigong since 1976. He has traveled to China for further studies

frequently and has trained with top-level masters and health experts there and in the United States.

Besides regular teaching classes, Ferguson works with local and state governments to achieve community well-being, securing ongoing funding and promotion to provide free and low-cost community classes.

The cost is \$20 for one seminar and \$40 for both. You can preview these sets and Master Rods' teaching style on the Facebook page www.facebook.com/TaiChiMasterRod/videos. Contact Steve Garay for more information at 540-797-1256 or email: steve_garay@yahoo.com.

For more information on all classes at the Charles R. Hill Community Center, call the Community Programs Department at 540-983-0645.

-Submitted by Amanda Payne, Vinton Community Programs and Facilities Dept.

Mingle

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beverages are allowed. Bring your own seating. No pets are allowed. There is a "clear bag" policy at the Mingle concerts this year, which means all bags are prohibited except for those that measure 5.5"x8.5"x 1", clear bags up to 12"x6"x12", one-gallon plastic freezer bags, or medically necessary bags and diaper bags.

This year the Boothe Bell Real Estate Team is sponsoring a Kids Zone with a variety of activities with games for children and adults at every Mingle and the street is always available for dancing.

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

Check the Facebook pages of downtown restaurants (Pok-E-Joe's, Pollard 107 South, and Twin Creeks Brewing Company) for

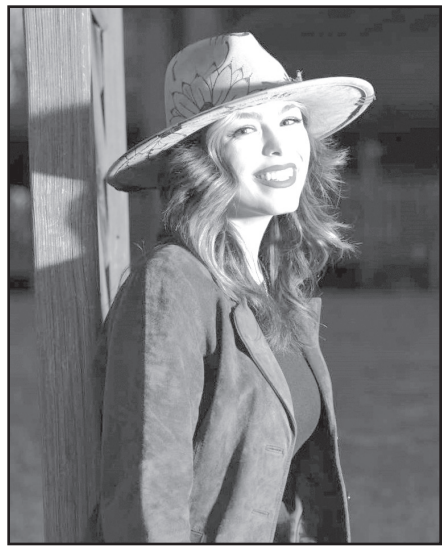


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special menus and events before and after the Mingle concerts.

The remainder of the Mingle at the Market concerts are scheduled for August 24 (Five Shades of Gray), September 14 (Gasoline Alley and Filthy Souls), and September 28 (Fuzzy Logic).

- Vinton Messenger staff report

Celebrating The Town of VINTON!

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

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

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

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

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

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oceans. RIMPAC 2024 marks the 29th exercise in a series that began in 1971. The theme of RIMPAC 2024 is "Partners: Integrated and Prepared." The participating nations and forces exercise a wide range of capabilities and demonstrate the inherent flexibility of maritime forces. These capabilities range from disaster relief and maritime security operations to sea control and complex warfighting. The relevant, realistic training program includes gunnery, missile, anti-submarine and air defense exercises, as well as amphibious, counter-piracy, mine clearance operations, explosive ordnance disposal and diving and salvage operations.

Anderson plays an important role in the exercise.

"I am one of the RIMPAC coordinators on board and it is so amazing and a special opportunity to meet the sailors from other countries," said Anderson. "We are very lucky to have this opportunity."

Anderson serves a Navy that operates far forward, around the world and around the clock, promoting the nation's prosperity and security.

"Serving in the Navy is an incredible honor," said Anderson. "I get to meet some incredible people and shoulder a lot of responsibility, and I consider it a privilege."

Anderson is grateful to others for helping make a Navy career possible.

"I want to thank my parents, Brian and Nancy," added Anderson. "Starting in my senior year of high school they were my biggest advocates to join the Virginia Military Institute, and they never wavered in their support. I also want to thank my

husband, Lt. Matthew McGee, who is stationed in San Diego. He has been so understanding of my career and the time I have to spend away from home. We support each other across time zones, and he is my sounding board for any questions I have about leadership."

Hosted by Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet, RIMPAC 2024 will be led by Commander, U.S. 3rd Fleet, Vice Adm. John Wade, who will serve as Combined Task Force (CTF) commander. For the first time in RIMPAC history, a member of the Chilean Navy, Commodore Alberto Guerrero, will serve as deputy commander of the CTF Rear Adm. Kazushi Yokota of the Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force will serve as vice commander. Other key leaders of the multinational force will include Commodore Kristjan Monaghan of Canada, who will command the maritime component, and Air Commodore Louise Desjardins of Australia, who will command the air component.

During RIMPAC, a network of capable, adaptive partners train and operate together in order to strengthen their collective forces and promote a free and open Indo-Pacific. RIMPAC 2024 contributes to the increased interoperability, resiliency and agility needed by the Joint and Combined Force to deter and defeat aggression by major powers across all domains and levels of conflict.

More information about RIMPAC is available here at <https://www.cpf.navy.mil/RIMPAC/>.

Submitted by Senior Chief Mass Communication Specialist John Osborne, Navy Office of Community Outreach

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beyond," Lionberger noted.

William Byrd Middle School Principal Evan Noell, WBMS Assistant Principal Katie Hutchison WBHS Principal Travis Anderson, bus driver Joel Markham, and several other volunteers were on hand at the Bonsack Walmart on August 3 to pass out flyers about the event, collect donations, and help load them on the bus.

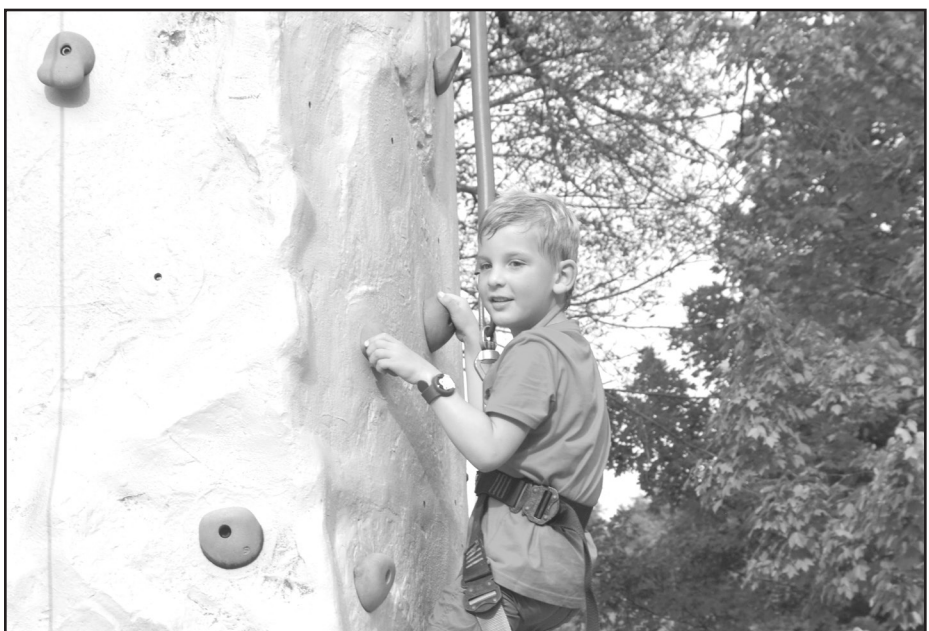
Items were sorted into boxes as they were loaded on the buses. They will be counted, divvied up, and distributed to

students in need around the area.

"Once Roanoke County Public Schools divides the supplies between the schools, our Counseling Department at William Byrd Middle School determines which students could benefit from the support of school supplies; additionally, we maintain a stock of school supplies throughout the year to assist students in need," said Noell.

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James Adkins masters the rock wall.

Dr. Auto Spa from page 1



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Dr. Auto Spa is located on 4th Street in Vinton next door to the Vinton Pawn Shop.

washing business and then moved into a brick-and-mortar," Liles said. "Recently, the location he was renting (in Troutville) was needed for another business to expand. I knew the Pawn Shop had the back building that was almost identical to what Aaron was using. And here he is!"

Some renovations were required as the building had been used primarily for storage. A few more are planned such as moving his metal carport in front of the garage doors.

"Aaron has brought this business to heights I never knew possible for a detailing business," Liles added. "He's very driven and 'detailed' in what he does. Aaron is the perfect example that dedication, determination, and hard work do pay off!"

"Doc" is a nickname clients have given him, which he has found "pretty neat" since the theme of Dr. Auto Spa involves "bringing a vehicle back to life. Everyone loves a clean car." He says many even

believe that "clean cars drive better."

Taylor says that he offers a variety of services because every vehicle and client is different, and he likes to meet their needs. His customers come from all over the Roanoke Valley, Lynchburg, Bedford, and even West Virginia.

He often hears customers say, "My car didn't look this good when I bought it from the dealership."

Taylor says that his most requested service is probably ceramic coating, although many people are not familiar with the process, which has been used in Asia for many years. The coating is a liquid glass resin applied by hand which provides a barrier between the car's clear coat and the environment. The process is said to affect the cosmetic look of a vehicle by preserving paint for up to seven years and provides protection against bugs, road salt, bird droppings and more.

Many new car owners choose to apply ceramic coating to make

maintaining their vehicles easier. It takes a full day to apply the coating and curing overnight for the process.

He notes that many people think you don't need to do anything to maintain a new car, but that's not the case; in fact, sun exposure can have detrimental effects from which a car needs protection.

Taylor has two part-time employees and plans on hiring a third soon. He enjoys doing much of the work himself.

Dr. Auto Spa is open from 9 to 5 Tuesdays through Fridays, by appointment on Saturday, and is closed on Sundays and Mondays. He also offers a VIP mobile service program.

For more information, an estimate, or to arrange an appointment, you can email Dr. Auto Spa at detail@draspa.com, call or text 540-227-0599, and visit the website at <https://www.draspa.com>. Dr. Auto Spa also has a great Facebook page with videos of detailing and application of ceramic coatings.

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Town Manager Pete Peters (right) and Det. Cpl. Justin Baker manned the grill for National Night Out.



One of the many fun events for children at National Night Out was creating giant bubbles.



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The Conservation Police brought along one of their boats for children to explore.

6 was cancelled so council members could attend the event.)

Vinton police officers and Vinton Town Manager Pete Peters took up their usual positions at the grill and kept the hot dogs coming. There was free Deb's Frozen Lemonade, popcorn, music from D.J. Leftwitch, corn hole, giant bubbles, a bouncy house, and a rock-climbing wall.

Kids collected lots of freebies from visiting agencies to take home and explored police and rescue vehicles—

most of the agencies brought along a vehicle or two, ranging from fire engines to a boat.

But back to the purpose of the National Night Out event—citizens and their families were able to enjoy the cook-out atmosphere while visiting their neighbors and talking informally with law enforcement and elected officials. It was a fun way to make your voice heard in the community.

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in Vinton, VA. The Town of Vinton reserves the right to reject any and all proposals without cause. The full details of the RFP #072924 are available at www.vintonva.gov or by calling Richard "Pete" Peters, Town Manager 540-983-0607 or by email at rpeters@vintonva.gov. Proposals must be returned to the Town of Vinton, c/o Richard "Pete" Peters, 311 South Pollard St., Vinton, VA 24179 by no later than 3:00 p.m. EST on September 27, 2024.

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Left, William Byrd graduated senior Noah Thompson bats in last Saturday's "The Last Inning" baseball game at Salem Memorial Ballpark. Right, the Salem-Roanoke Baseball Hall of Fame presented its annual Ray Bellamy Award, for the top high school player in the area, at "The Last Inning" baseball game along with two special scholarships. Lawson Pasley of Franklin County was chosen as the Bellamy winner. Left to right are Pasley and finalists Trace Monroe of Salem, Brice Abbot of Blacksburg, Jesse Brown of Staunton River, Ean Amerson of Franklin County, Posey Oylar scholarship recipient J.J. Tyree of Lord Botetourt and finalist Nolan Medley of LB. Brown was the recipient of the Kelvin Bowles Scholarship and Salem's Caleb Furge was a finalist but could not attend.

Byrd's Thompson plays one final high school baseball game

William Byrd High School graduated senior Noah Thompson participated in the fifth annual "The Last Inning" baseball game at Salem Memorial Ballpark Saturday. The game is sponsored by the Salem-Roanoke Baseball Hall of Fame and the Salem Red Sox, and was initiated in 2020 when the COVID pandemic wiped out the high school regular season, giving the seniors from that year a chance to play one last high school game.

"The Last Inning" was so successful it was decided to play it every year, and last Saturday players were divided into two teams for a pair of five inning games. Also on Saturday the Salem-Roanoke Baseball Hall of Fame announced the winner of its annual Ray Bellamy Award for the top high school player in the area serving the Hall of Fame, as well as two special scholarships.

Franklin County's Barry Shelton coached the Red team, which swept the doubleheader with scores of 8-0 and 5-1. Thompson played on the Gray team and Randy Boone of William Byrd coached the Gray team. Rain was in the forecast Saturday but never materialized and the event went on as planned.

"We dodged a huge storm about 3 o'clock that went about a mile south of us," said Hall of Fame vice president Gary Walthall. "Most people thought it was going to be rained out. Around the bottom of the fourth of the first five innings, another storm was headed right toward us and took a right turn as well and missed us."

The Red team swept the doubleheader by scores of 8-0 and 5-1. Glenvar's Anderson pitched a scoreless inning for the Red, allowing no hits and striking out one, and he also tripled at bat. Meadows singled and

walked and Stanley reached base twice on walks.

"All 18 players for the Gray team came and all but one from the Red team came," said Walthall. "It was the best attendance we've had in the five years of the game. The kids had a great time."

Between games the Bellamy Award was presented and Lawson Pasley of Franklin County was the winner. Other finalists included Nolan Medley of Lord Botetourt, Trace Monroe and Caleb Furge of Salem, Brice Abbot of Blacksburg, Jesse Brown of Staunton River and Ean Amerson of Franklin County.

The Hall of Fame also awarded two annual scholarships. The Posey Oylar scholarship recipient is J.J. Tyree of Lord Botetourt and Brown of Staunton River was the recipient of the Kelvin Bowles Scholarship.

Terrier soccer boys play in international event

Four boys from William Byrd High School recently competed in the Gothia Cup soccer tournament in Denmark in July. The Gothia Cup is the world's largest youth soccer tournament in the world with 72 nations represented on 1,911 teams. There were 4,820 games played over a five day span.

The Gothia Cup has been around since 1975. The United States has the fifth largest number of teams and Sweden has the most. Virginia United, a travel organization in the southwest Virginia area, sent two boys' teams, 2008s and 2009s, and half of a girls' team, 2009s who teamed up with players from Minnesota to make a complete team. Four players from William Byrd played in the Gothia Cup; Tyson Brady, Christian Barrette, Shaun Gower and Cooper Peery. The team also consisted of players from Cave Spring, Glenvar, Patrick Henry, Staunton River, Blacksburg, and Christiansburg.

The 2008 boys played teams from Sweden, Brazil, Beirut and Iceland.

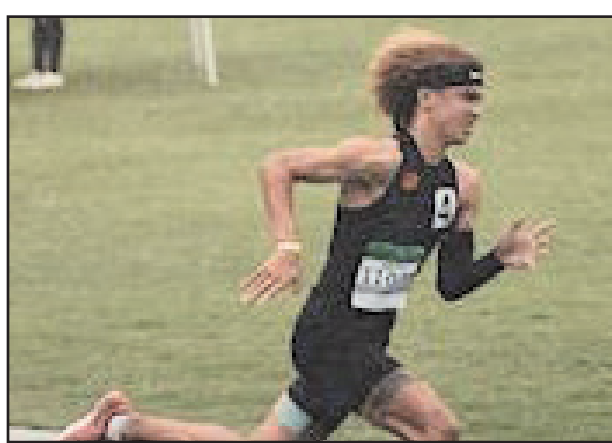


Gothia Cup

In the above photo William Byrd soccer boys are Shaun Gower(5th from left standing), Tyson Brady(7th from left standing) and Christian Barrette(7th from right standing). In the photo at left Byrd's Cooper Peery is the fifth from the right in the back row.

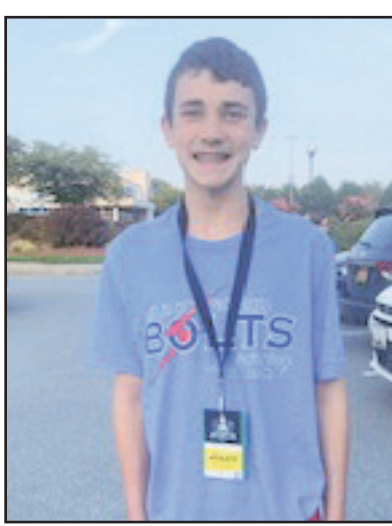
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Austin is Jr. Olympics All-American



DeSHAWN AUSTIN

DeShawn Austin, a rising senior at William Byrd High School, participated in the AAU Junior Olympics in Greensboro, NC in July. DeShawn was fifth in the 400 meter hurdle preliminaries with a time of 55.56 and earned recognition as an AAU Junior Olympics All-American with a seventh place finish in the finals at 56.31.



BRODY PARRISH

Local swimmer competes in N.C.

Brody Parrish, a rising sophomore at William Byrd High School, competed in swimming at the Junior Olympics in Greensboro, NC during the week of July 26-28.

Parrish competed with TEAM FAST (Florida All Star Team). He was on a team with some teammates he swims with when the family vacations in Sebastian, Florida every summer. Teams came from all over the United States, including Hawaii and Guam, to compete in this event.

In the Friday, July 26, events Parrish was 11th in the 200 Breaststroke, 16th in the 200 IM and 29th in the 50 Freestyle. On Saturday he was

11th in the Breast, 20th in the 200 Free and 16th in the 100 Butterfly. He also swam in the 400 meter relay, leading off the four-boy team.

On Sunday Brody was 15th in the 100 Breast, 16th in the 100 Backstroke and 27th in the 100 Free.

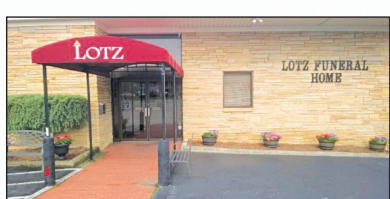
Brody swims year round for the Virginia Gators and is also a member of the William Byrd High School swim team.

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Above, Byrd football players gather for a group photo at the Washington Commanders practice Sunday. Below, coaches and support staff enjoy a day with the NFL team.

Terriers attend Wash. practice

The William Byrd football team will host their annual “Midnight Madness” practice this Friday night and the public is invited for anyone who wants to stay up late and watch football. Byrd opened preseason practice last week and will have two scrimmages prior to their August 30 opener at Liberty High in Bedford.

The Terriers had a special day last Sunday as 60 staff members and players attended the Washington Commanders National Football League practice in Ashburn, VA. Byrd coach Brad Lutz and his staff were invited to attend in recognition of Brad being the recipient of the Commanders’ High School Coach of the Year honor last season. Lutz was one of 10 coaches selected as the “Coach of the Week” in the greater Washington area through the 2023 high school season. One of the 10 would be the Commanders’ nominee for the NFL-wide Don Shula NFL High School Coach of the Year Awards, and Lutz was chosen to represent the Commanders, which happen to be his favorite NFL team.

“The Washington Commanders gave us 60 tickets to bring our coaching staff and players,” said Lutz. “With that amount of tickets we were able to take our seniors, juniors, and sophomores.”

The Byrd delegation watched the practice on the sidelines and the Terriers were treated like royalty.

“The entire experience was impressive,” said Lutz. “The Commanders had a section for our team that was on the sideline. Coach (Dan) Quinn and numerous players spent time visiting with us after practice. As far as the actual practice was concerned, it was impressive to see how fast the tempo is in practice. It was also interesting to see how many coaches and support staff are involved in managing an NFL practice. Overall, it was a great experience for our players



and coaches.”

This was not only an eye-opening experience for the Terriers, but a bonding event as well. There is no more team game than football, and Lutz and his staff are continually promoting that to the team.

“I strongly believe that the more you do as a team, away from the field, the stronger the team becomes,” he said. “Our day started at our team roll call at 3:50 am. We left William Byrd High School at 4 am and spent most of the day together, traveling, watching practice, visiting with the Washington Commanders, getting autographs and eating together. We are grate-

ful for the game of football, but even more grateful that we are able to enjoy time together growing as a team.”

Friday’s “Midnight Madness” is a way to get the community involved, and Lutz was appreciative of the support the Vinton area showed the team last year as they went 12-2 and reached the Class 3 state semifinal game.

Byrd will take on two strong Three Rivers District teams in scrimmages prior to opening the season, both on the road. The Terriers will be at Glenvar on August 16 and at Radford on August 23.



PHOTO BY JIM DEVINNEY

RUSSELL DISHMAN

Dishman resigns as soccer coach

Russell Dishman has resigned as soccer coach at William Byrd High School to spend more time with his family.

Dishman has been the coach of the Terriers for the past four years. He was hired to coach the team prior to the 2020 season but that never materialized due to the COVID pandemic and Russell had to wait until the spring of ’21 to get a team on the pitch.

“It was a tough decision, but the fact that my sons are getting active in sports themselves and I want to be there to watch them,” he said. “My oldest played middle school

at Staunton River Middle School and I did not get to watch him this season, and my younger son is playing and it was tough for us as a family to bounce back and forth through the spring. My wife is a super hero for how she managed the schedule.”

Dishman is coming off a 10-10-3 season that saw the Terriers play their best soccer down the stretch and earn a spot in the state Class 3 tournament. Russell had also coached the Byrd girls’ team prior to his stint with the Terrier boys.

“It has been a privilege to be a part of the boys’ program and to

build through the last few years and have the run we did this year,” he said. “Starting off with the season that never really started due to COVID, then building back from there was an awesome experience to see the kids work and build for the next groups. There is a quality group returning from this year, so the future is bright.

“I am grateful for the opportunity to be a part of the girls’ and boys’ programs in my time here and am looking forward to supporting both programs going forward.”

Byrd Golfers 10th at Metro

William Byrd was 10th as Blacksburg High won the Botetourt Metro Golf Tournament at the Botetourt Golf & Swim Club Tuesday. The Bruins won the annual event with a score of 288, easily winning the title by 27 strokes over second place Auburn at 315 and Christiansburg was third with 318.

William Byrd finished with a team score of 334 for 10th place, two strokes behind Cave Spring and three behind Glenvar. The team was led by senior Reid Ruble with a score of 80. Also scoring were junior Tyler Chambers with an 83, sophomore David Foster with an 82 and senior Brogan Dent with an 89.

“It wasn’t the score we were looking for, but not a bad place to start the season,” said Terrier coach Paul Thompson. “We will be hoping to improve on this every week.”

The Terriers start district play next Tuesday with a Blue Ridge District match at Ole Monterey, hosted by William Fleming High School.



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2019 Champs

William Byrd High School softball coach Greg Barton recently hosted a picnic for members of the 2019 state championship team at his house. Front row, left to right, are Bri Hodges, Jada Karnes, Maddie Tuck, Rachel Cruff and Carson Wood. Back row, left to right, are Sydney Burton, Erin Courtemanche, Lexi Powell, Megan Grant and coach Melissa Vaughan. Behind are Barton and coach Alan Wood.