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The Town of Vinton is paying tribute to the men and women who have served and are currently serving in all branches of the military with a Field of Honor at the Vinton War Memorial through November 16. One hundred flags have been placed on the front lawn.

## Vinton celebrates Veterans Day with Field of Honor flag formation

**Debbie Adams**  
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One of the reasons townspeople love living in Vinton is because of the town's reverence for and recognition of veterans, current military personnel, and first responders. The town is proud of its Vinton War Memorial and the High Ground Monument which honor those

who have served or are serving. Scouts and members of the local chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution traditionally plant flags at Mountain View Cemetery and the Municipal Building gardens for both Veterans Day and Memorial Day.

The town has now added a new tradition to observe Veterans Day (coming up on November 11) – a Field

of Honor formation of flags on the front lawn of the Vinton War Memorial. One hundred American flags have been placed there atop eight-foot poles. Installation was by Jason Davison, Keith Childress, and Jon Hess of Public Works. (Not an easy task since the flag poles are 18 inches in the ground.)

The temporary display was finished up by Town of Vinton staff and Mayor Brad

Grose on Monday, November 4 and will remain up until Saturday, November 16.

The idea for the flags came from the Town of Vinton Veterans Outreach Committee. Human Resources Director Donna Collins, who chairs the Veterans Outreach Committee, noticed a similar display in Chatham, Va., as she was

See **Field**, page 6

## Local Baptist church partners with area churches on hurricane relief project



PHOTO BY DEBBIE ADAMS

**Vinton Baptist Church members loaded hurricane relief donations for transport to Melrose Baptist, where 1,000 disaster relief buckets would be packed for hurricane victims.**

Vinton Baptist Church recently partnered with Grandin Court Baptist, Melrose Baptist and Radiance Community Church and Church of Hope to pack 1,000 disaster relief buckets for victims of Hurricanes Helene and Milton. Vinton Baptist's

assignment was to gather some 12,000 items specified by the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship (CBF), including liquid laundry detergent, cans of spray air freshener, and soap-less scouring pads.

Other churches contributed concentrated household

cleaners, bottled dish soap, insect repellent, reusable cleaning wipes, clotheslines and clothespins, and heavy-duty trash bags. Melrose Baptist secured a donation of 1,000 five-gallon buckets from a local hardware.

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**Vinton Breakfast Lions Club members treat local elementary school students to a Christmas shopping trip to the Bonsack Walmart. Pictured left to right are Zach McCarty, Hal Mabe, Joel Lytton, Torrie Nininger, Chris McCarty, Otis Chambers, Sam Cundiff (in back), Jeff Mason, Paula Greenway, Gwynne Myers, Tim Greenway, Gary Myers, and Peggy Stovall.**

### Lions Club gets a head start on Christmas shopping tradition

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Each year the Vinton Breakfast Lions Club treats students in need at Herman L. Horn and W.E. Cundiff Elementary Schools to a Christmas shopping trip. Children are recommended by the guidance staff and administration at their schools.

This year's shopping spree was on November 1 at the Bonsack Walmart.

The Lions, teachers, and guidance staff from each school were joined by members of the Leo Club (which they sponsor at

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PHOTOS BY DEBBIE ADAMS

**Leo Club members and Lion Tim Greenway help children choose new shoes.**

## Public invited to help plan Vinton's future at community meeting Tuesday



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The Town of Vinton is inviting the community to join the discussion on the 2050 Comprehensive Plan that will guide the growth, development, preservation, and investment in the town for the next 50 years. The Comp Plan will set the vision of the town for the future and steps for getting there.

The Code of Virginia requires local governments to review their Comprehensive Plan every five years. The current Vinton Comprehensive Plan was adopted in 2004 with a few amendments adopted since then. Updating the plan will help ensure that it remains relevant and sets a course for addressing the town's current needs and

future aspirations.

Last February, the town hired consultants from 3TP Ventures to facilitate the process. Mike Callahan of 3TP was named project manager.

The project kicked off in April at the Vinton Dogwood Festival, raising awareness and soliciting community input on what matters most to people in Vinton and what issues need to be addressed over the next 25 years.

Much of the time since April has been spent gathering data about the town and meeting with stakeholders to complete a needs assessment. In September, citizens had the opportunity to complete a community

questionnaire online about the town's assets, challenges, and opportunities for the future.

Now, it's the public's turn to provide input. A Community Meeting will be held at the Vinton War Memorial from 5 to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, November 12 with a presentation on the plan from 5:30 to 6 by the consulting team from 3TP Ventures and town staff. An open house will follow from 6 to 7 p.m.

Attendees will receive an overview of the plan and will also be able to leave questions about the project to be answered during the meeting or

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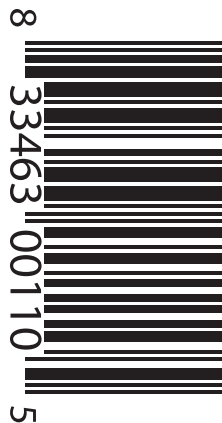
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Ann Anderson models casual wear in the Holiday Fashion Show on November 3.



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The highlight of the Order of the Eastern Star 2024 event was a Holiday Fashion Show featuring five models. Pictured left to right are Mildred Scott, who spearheaded the event, models Ann Anderson and Rosalind Reynolds, fashion show emcee Pete Brooks, model Sharon Cawley, Worthy Matron Judy Lupton, and models Jean Holm and Jackie Peale.

## Order of the Eastern Star hosts Holiday Fashion Show fundraiser

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The Order of the Eastern Star Virginia Hillcrest Chapter 159 hosted a Holiday Fashion Show and luncheon fundraiser at the Vinton War Memorial on November 3. The Grand Chapter of Virginia Order of Eastern Star is a renowned organization committed to community service activities

and outreach. Members of the Hillcrest Chapter are mainly from the Roanoke area, but there are numerous chapters across the state.

According to their webpage, their members are “dedicated women and men who reflect the spirit of fraternal love and desire to work together for the greater good. By giving their time and energy to meaningful projects that include charity fundraising,

supporting community youth, and fellowship/community outreach, members strive to embody their defining principles of fidelity, constancy, loyalty, faith, and love.”

About 70 members and guests attended this year’s event, which was facilitated and emceed by Worthy Matron Judy Lupton, chapter president, who credited Mildred Scott for spearheading the event.

The afternoon included the luncheon, the Holiday Fashion Show, and a silent auction.

Lupton introduced Pete Brooks, store manager of M Robinson Ladies Fine Clothing boutique, located at Townside Festival Shopping Center in Roanoke. This was his fifth fashion show for the organization.

Brooks served as coordinator and emcee, keeping the show

running smoothly while introducing the models and sharing details about the colors, designs and designers, materials of the clothing, and the jewelry they were wearing.

Models included Jackie Peale, Jeane Holm, Sharon Cawley, Rosalind Reynolds, and Ann Anderson. Each participant “walked the runway” twice, first in casual wear and then in holiday attire.

## Mount Pleasant VFD Auxiliary hosting Veterans Breakfast

The Mount Pleasant Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary will host its annual Veterans Day Breakfast on Saturday, November 9, from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m.

This charity event will help raise funds for a local veteran diagnosed with cancer.

The menu includes pancakes, eggs, sausage, bacon, coffee, and orange juice.

Veterans eat free. All others eat for \$5/plate.

The event takes place at the firehouse located at 2909 Jae Valley Road in the

Mount Pleasant area of Roanoke.

- Mount Pleasant VFDA

## WILLIAM BYRD HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLLS

William Byrd Middle School has announced the A and A/B Honor Rolls for the first nine weeks of the 2024-2025 school year.

### A HONOR ROLL

Sixth Grade: Micah Addo, Noah Alderman, Baylee Angle, Tabitha Apple, Jayda Baldwin, Beatrix Barr, Lily Barrett, Tucker Baumgart, Delaney Blewett, Ellason Bradford, Kensington Brown, Harper Cain, Mia Caldwell, Emmaleigh Crawford, Dalton Damiano, Kathryn Dodson, Emma Dooley, Derrick Edwards, Jaylynn Edwards, Anne Ely, Elizabeth Fraley, Riley Fuller, Evan Fuqua, Julia Gardner, Owen Gibson, Nathaniel Gray, Gabriel Griego, Advitiya Gupta, Aryaman Gupta, Amaya Hall, Alexander Hebert, Riggins Hill, Andrew Johnson, Britny Khouri, Carson Kirby, Liam Krista, Cohen Leonard, Jalissa Lewis, Lucy Lineburg, Collins Lott, Addyson Lutz, Taelyn Martin, Isaac Mason, Ian McCallister, Marina Mihelcic, Landry

Miller, Henry Nolan, Ryder Overstreet, Bentlee Palmer, Soha Patel, Grace Richardson, Nicholis Robtison, Kennedy Savignac, Cael Sink, Aiden Snead, Sunnie Sorensen, Addilynne Thiel, Laila Thornton, Jacob Tinger, Grayson Underwood, Brookeland VanName, Avery Waddell, Aubrey Walters, Jackson Warf, Jace Weddle, Jacoby Weddle, Gabryle Weden, Willow Wiggins, and Graham Wooge

Seventh Grade: Brenner Alterio, Paige Aremia, Ashnoor Ashnoor, Evan Bays, Lydon Beavers, Grayson Bell, Maggie Benson, Hayden Biggs, Mariah Black, Dorothy Booher, Piper Bouvier, Landon Brammer, Peyton Burks, Angel Cabrera Cruz, Jack Clark, Isabella Cooke, Pedro Cruz Quiroz, Kayleigh Davis, Kobie Davis, Brooklyn Duncan, Chaz Jordan Dunlap, Nicole Eggleston, Ahmad Faqiri, Sophie Fielder, Brett Gardner, Rory Grant, Marie Guyer, Charlotte Harper, Ethan Hastings, Madison Haupt, Shelby Hensley, Corbin Holloway, Sophia Jones, Aubri Kessler, Kathryn Linkenhoker,

Bryden Lish, Cally Lutz, Ember Lyles, Ashlyn Mason, Jacob Morris, Maci Morrison, Olivia Morrison, Chance Nguyen, Maddox Overstreet, Greylin Peters, Jackson Price, Georgia Ralph, Liam Roberts, Annabelle Robtison, Majd Sata, Kristian Sattah, Owen Seth, Liam Sheridan, Allie Smart, Garren Sutphin, Collins Terrell, Jordin Terry Cabbler, Peyton Underwood, Madison Weymouth, Jaylynn Williams, Tyler Williamson, Danielle Woodcock, and Matthew Yang

Eighth Grade: Ace Adkins, Tabitha Allen, Alexander Ashwell, Elizabeth Ball, Lola Barbour, Grant Bartley, Addison Bradford, Cooper Butrym, Savannah Chattin, Payten Childress, Avery Chitwood, Cameron Crowe, Carston Dibenedetto, Reid Divers, Michael Dixon, Claire Draper, McKinley Edberg, Brayden Furrow, Julissa Garcia, Kayden Gibson, Jaxon Glatt, Landon Hagy, Alyssa Harless, Marygann Jenkins, Caroline Johnson, Brogan Jordan, Briggs Kotz, Brooke Lomax, Ashlynn Lovern, Chase Madonna, Kyler Martin, Lixi Martinez Maldonado, Ella McReynolds, Corinne Michalski, Layna Miller, Sophia Nester, David Pham, Madelynn Ray, Maxwell Reeves, Isabella Shropshire, Isabella Wertz, Jack Williams, Joshua Williams, and Carlie Zimmerman

### A/B HONOR ROLL

Sixth Grade: Khalid Alrefai, Jerry Angel, Lylah Arnold Parker, Aubrey Austin, Chanze Bannister, Cormac Brady, Lydia Burgess, Landry Cain, Keaton Cale, Payton Campbell, Lindsay Camper, Bailee Carlisle, Gracelynn Carlson, Elizabeth Chisom, Eli Copening, Hunter Dawson, Teagan Doss, Madison Eubank, Mariah Eubank, Charlotte Faddis, Oliver Fralin, Rory Gaskins, Blake Gearheart, Carrington Gill, Avery Ginter, Sebarame Gon, McKenna Gordon, Irvin Guardado Villas, Micah Hamlar, Aria Hardifer, Mia Hayslett, Zoey Hicks, Rylee Hill, Angus Hindenlang, Asher Hipplesley, Willow Huffman, Vivian Hunter, Emma Janney, Hayden Janney, Colton Jenkins, Samantha Keith, Layla Lord, Kaydence Lorek, Gavin Lorton, Williams Louis, Jr., Natalie Lyles, Connor Manning, Hayden McClure, Jace McCoy, Brooklynn McGuinn, Jace Meador, Charlotte Mikesell, Kamden Miller, Pandora Nakhle, Bentley Oliver, Brayson Osborne, Evan Osborne, Luke Pagans, Andrew Pitcock, Trilby Pully, Josue Ramos Lopez, Emmalyn Redden, Lucas Rewis, Hunter Robinson, Kalee Royall, Jeremih Saunders, Tyler Shepherd, Audrey Siler, Brooklyn Siler, Archer Smith, Jaxon Smith, Nikki Sunuwar, Dane Thomas, Makayla Thomas, Ethan Umberger, Lakyn Wendell, Taylor Weymouth, Jaxen White, Sadie Whitenack, Kieran Wilhelm, Marail Wilson, Joanna Wood, Grayson Woodford, Anthony Yates, and

Avonna Yonn

Seventh Grade: Victor Alatorre-Lopez, Skylar Alderman, Kendall Bailey, Cohen Berry, Reece Brady, Josiah Buck, Noah Burwell, Kenlee Campbell, Kyleigh Catlin, Kimberly Chittum, Mackenzie Cole, Liam Collins, Hanna Counts, Cooper Crutchman, Colton Cunningham, Abigail Davis, Jacqueline Delgado Garcia, Brantley Dodd, Julian Doura, Addilyn Dudley, Adalynn Eubank, Grayson Ferguson, Pierce Franks, Brinkley Gonzales, Benjamin Gurley, Brayden Hawse, Abbey Hedrick, Raegan Henritze, Chloe Hodges, Jameson Horst, Matthew Hoyle, Serenity Jones, Korrina Kish, Rylan Lewey, Jayden Lin, Jayden Lowe, Abigail Maldonado, Parker McAlmont, Annabelle McIntyre, Thomas McKinney, Ashton Mills, Jacinna Mitchell, Gabriel Morgan, Trevor Nunn, Dominick Olson, Blake Osborne, Lauren Phillips, Jackson Poindexter, June Prichard, Alexander Pyle, Ava Rader, Alaina Robertson, Blake Rosser, Ashton Royall, Owen Rupe, Kevin Sayles, Brooklynn Scott, Manaya Sharma, Savannah Shepherd, Jordan Stanley, Liam Thepsimuong, Ariel Thomas, Emily Thomas, Jaqwaylin Toler, Jaciel Torres Carreon, Charlie Tyree, Aaliyah Vorst, SoLynn Walter, Caleb Webster, William Weden, Michael White, Jr., and Mia Zuniga Dominguez

Eighth Grade: Kendall Adams, Laylah Austin, Elyshah Ball, Ryan Bell, Tristan Blevins, Emma Boyd, Karla Brumback, Garrett Brunk, Sofia Butler, Zachary Camden, Kori Carter, Serenity Cassell, Calvin Chen, Chase Clark, Gage Clark, Kaitlin Clark, Eliana Colwell, Kelly Dixon, Ashlynn Doss, Dakota Downs, Iris Dudley, Izaih Duncan, Lillian Duncan, Drayven English, Jayden Ferris, Macie Fields, Cohen Gill, Jeffrey Gill, Madison Gordon, Carter Gray, Joshua Hale, Lallie Hannabass, Jackson Henderson, Gabriel Hindenlang, Zumira Howard, Gabrielynn Howell, Ayriana Huff, Madelyn Huffman, Nathen Hurley, Jackson Johnson, Mia Johnson, Kenzy Kendall, Mason Labinski, Rylan Lang, Makenzie LaPradd, Zoe LaRose, Melissa Madonna, Silas Marshall Emma, Cale Meador, Bryce Moding, Miriam Moore, Oliver Moore, Mason Moses, William Muddiman, Vanessa Mullen, Philip Nguyen, Jaxon O’Neill, Jayden Omiyo, Alaura Overstreet, Madilyn Overstreet, Vishva Patel, Marley Poindexter, Maya Potter, Violeta Ramirez, Mahkenna Ramsey, Emily Robtison, Nyah Rutherford, Kennedy Shifflett, Jacob Spradlin, Colton Stiltner, Olivia Strassburg, Khyler Wagoner, Paylin Waldron, Griffen Ward, Holden White, Temperance Whorley, Joshua Williams, and Wesley Wilson

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PEOPLE, PLACES AND THINGS



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By Bootie Chewning

It is always fun getting together with family and friends. That’s what happened on Saturday at the farm of Karen and Mark Chewning. Karen’s brother David and nephew

Shawn were in from California. They got to meet so many of the Chewning Clan and that’s not all of us. We miss those that didn’t attend. How sad only four of the oldies were there -- Bill, Alvin, Melvin, and (me) Bootie – really sad. Last time there were nine of us. So

if you’re having a gathering of family and friends, please attend – that might be the last time you see some of them. It took Karen and Mark to get us all together again. Thank you two, just glad I got to go .We sure appreciate it.

Vinton First Aid Crew inspires future generations

The Vinton First Aid Crew held an open house on October 19, inviting the community to meet the crew, tour their facility in downtown Vinton, and learn what it takes to become an EMT. Volunteers gave the public an opportunity to acquire some basic CPR and first aid training, to meet crew members, to see the equipment they use, and to ask some questions. Thankfully, for the future of the community, they had many children show up, eager to learn some basic first aid skills. In particular, volunteers covered how to stop a bleed, CPR, and

airway management. Speaking of children, the First Aid Crew will be hosting a fundraising “Breakfast with Santa” at the station on Jackson Avenue on December 14 from 9 to 11 a.m. Tickets must be purchased in advance on Eventbrite at https://www.eventbrite.com/e/vfacs-breakfast-with-santa-tickets-1023021253107?aff=oddtcreator. To learn more about the Vinton First Aid Crew, visit the Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/vintonems/. ~ Vinton Messenger staff report



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A future Vinton First Aid Crew volunteer learns some basic first aid skills.

**“MEDICARE 101”**  
**CHANGES FOR 2025**  
SHANNON ABELL  
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Abell presents annual Medicare 2025 updates

Shannon Abell, the AARP Community Ambassador, will once again be presenting new information on Medicare 2025 at Thrasher Memorial United Methodist Church. The annual event is scheduled for Thursday, November 14, at 1:30 p.m. in the main sanctuary at Thrasher. There is no charge to attend.

These “Medicare 101” sessions are always extremely useful in providing information about changes to Medicare in the upcoming year and options that are available. Abell worked for 37 years with the LOA as Director of Senior Services. He is well-known and respected for his presentations on Medicare and scams affecting seniors. He offers information

sessions each fall during the Medicare Open Enrollment Period (which began on October 15 and continues through December 7). Thrasher Memorial UMC is located at 707 East Washington Avenue in Vinton. No products are offered or sold at this event.

~ Vinton Messenger staff report

Changes to Town of Vinton refuse collection schedule

The Town of Vinton has announced several changes to the refuse collection schedule for November: On Veterans Day, Nov. 11– town offices will be closed on Monday, Nov. 11. Monday and Tuesday refuse, bulk, and recycling will be collected on Tuesday, Nov. 12 Thanksgiving Holiday– town offices will be closed on Thursday and Friday,

Nov. 28 and 29. Monday’s refuse, bulk and recycling will be collected on Monday, November 25; Tuesday’s and Wednesday’s refuse, bulk and recycling will be collected on Tuesday, November 26. Thursday’s and Friday’s refuse, bulk, and recycling will be collected on Wednesday, November 27.

~ Town of Vinton



Town refuse truck

PHOTO BY DEBBIE ADAMS



From the Pulpit

By Pastor Bryan Crouch,  
Lynn Haven Baptist Church

Practical Faith –  
James 1:22-25

We are studying the Book of James at Lynn Haven Baptist Church. In James 1:22-25, we are encouraged to be doers of the Word. Hearing God’s Word is important, but it’s not enough just to listen. We must also do what it says. Imagine looking in a mirror and then walking away, forgetting what you look like. That’s what it’s like when we hear the word but don’t act on it. God’s Word is like a mirror for our souls. It shows us who we truly are and helps us see where we need to change. This leads to blessings in our lives.

Doing what God’s Word says means putting our faith into action.

It’s about living out the teachings of Jesus every day. This might mean being kind to others, helping those in need, or speaking truthfully. When we live this way, we show the world what God’s love looks like. If we only listen and don’t act, we deceive ourselves. We miss out on the joy and blessings that come from living God’s way. But when we hear the Word and do what it says, we find true freedom and happiness. Let’s commit to being doers of the Word, not just hearers. Ask God to help you live out His teachings every day. By doing so, you will experience His blessings and grow closer to Him.

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  - 18. Visionaries
  - 19. Large, fish-eating bird
  - 21. Indicates near
  - 23. Former CIA agent and critic
  - 24. Icelandic poems
  - 28. Pop
  - 29. “Hammer” is one
  - 30. Senses of self-importance
  - 32. Thyrotrophic hormone
  - 33. Not around
  - 35. Electronic data
- processing

  - 36. Licenses and passports are two types
  - 39. Snakelike fish
  - 41. Air Force
  - 42. Popular computers
  - 44. Of a withered nature
  - 46. Wings
  - 47. Used in combination
  - 49. Laid back
  - 52. Jeweled headdress
  - 56. In slow tempo
  - 58. \_\_ Falls
  - 60. Assertions made again
  - 62. Periods of history
  - 63. Hyphen

CLUES DOWN

  - 1. Body part
  - 2. Mimics
- 3. Expel large quantities rapidly
  - 4. Sea eagle
  - 5. A type of subdivision
  - 6. Variety of Chinese
  - 7. Mr. T’s name on “The A-Team”
  - 8. Consumed
  - 9. Chinese dynasty
  - 10. NFL great Randy
  - 12. Ireland
  - 13. Palm trees with creeping roots
  - 16. Fungal disease
  - 17. Impressionable persons
  - 20. Affirmative! (slang)
  - 22. Instinctive part of the mind
  - 25. “The First State”
  - 26. A way to develop
  - 27. Fraternities
  - 29. Woman (French)
- 31. Sunscreen rating
  - 34. Beer
  - 36. Spiritual leader
  - 37. Indigo bush
  - 38. Burn with a hot liquid
  - 40. Junior’s father
  - 43. Ray-finned fishes
  - 45. Morning
  - 48. Line passing side to side through the center (abbr.)
  - 50. Double curve
  - 51. A small bundle of straw or hay
  - 53. Got older
  - 54. Crater on Mars
  - 55. Humanities
  - 57. Relating to the ears
  - 58. “To the \_\_ degree”
  - 59. Residue of a burned product
  - 61. It cools a home

## ‘Everything but the Turkey’ event aims to provide Thanksgiving meals to area families

Prestige Gymnastics Academy has announced its annual community initiative, “Everything but the Turkey,” running through November 21. This charitable event, hosted in conjunction with Lancerlot Sports Complex, is dedicated to supporting local families in need by collecting essential Thanksgiving meal items.

As part of the event, community members are invited to contribute by either selecting grocery items from a provided list or by picking up a bag and returning it filled with all the necessary non-perishable ingredients for a traditional Thanksgiving feast. Of course, as the title explains, these items include everything EXCEPT the turkey itself. This effort aims to ensure that every family in the community has the opportunity to enjoy a festive and fulfilling holiday meal.

“We are humbled to give back to our community,” said a representative from Prestige Gymnastics Academy. “This event reflects our commitment to supporting local families and fostering a spirit of generosity and togetherness during the holiday season through our program called, “Prestige Gives Back.”

Participants and supporters can visit the Prestige Gymnastics Academy table at Lancerlot Sports Complex (1110 Vineyard Road in Vinton) for more information and to drop off their donations. For those who prefer to get involved in other ways may reach out to the owner, Kaleigh Duffy, via email at [info@prestige-gymnastics.com](mailto:info@prestige-gymnastics.com).

“Join us in making a difference this holiday season and help spread warmth and cheer to those in need. Together, we can ensure that everyone has a memorable and joyful Thanksgiving,” Duffy said.

This year’s donations, and “Everything but the Turkey” bags will be donated to the Botetourt County Department of Social Services for distribution.

*- Vinton Messenger staff report*



Council member Laurie Mullins (left) and Town Clerk/Administrative Manager Antonia Arias-Magallon assisted with the document shredding event.

## Vinton War Memorial hosts town events

The Vinton War Memorial hosted three popular events simultaneously on Saturday, Oct. 26. The public was invited to drop off sensitive documents for shredding, get a flu vaccine, and turn in expired/unused medications all at one location– the Vinton War Memorial. The town joined with Commonwealth Document Management to shred up to five boxes of paper per vehicle. Kroger sponsored the flu vaccine clinic. Vinton Police officers were available to accept and dispose of the medications.

*- Vinton Messenger staff report*



Vinton Police Officers Will Holland (left) and Justin Baker were on hand to collect unused and expired meds.



Kroger provided flu and other vaccines for the public. PHOTOS BY DEBBIE ADAMS

## Virginia Western’s CCAP accepting applications through February 1

Thanks to the private-public community partnership that funds the Community College Access Program (CCAP), 489 students are attending Virginia Western Community College tuition-free this fall.

Since 2008, public localities and private donors have united in support of CCAP, which is the largest “free college” program at a Virginia community college. CCAP provides up to two years of tuition for recent high school graduates who meet program requirements, as funding allows.

More than 4,400 Roanoke Valley students have participated in the program as of fall 2024.

“We are especially proud of our sustained commitment to scholarship support in our region,” said Deborah L. Petrine, chair of the Virginia Western Community College Educational Foundation, a nonprofit affiliated with Virginia Western Community College that administers the program. “Our community has invested in these students, year after year, and sees CCAP as vital to economic development.”

Roanoke region high school seniors may apply for the fall 2025 CCAP scholarship now through February 1, 2025, at [www.virginiawestern.edu/ccap](http://www.virginiawestern.edu/ccap).

Applicants must also apply to Virginia Western and complete the Free Application for Student Financial Aid (FAFSA) by the same date.

Students who are ineligible to complete

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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: AWA-NA 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

# VINTON

## WORSHIP DIRECTORY

### SPREAD THE WORD

Read John 12:1 through 13:38

A large banner on the semitrailer in the church parking lot announced, “Food Giveaway on Saturday.” Sharon saw the banner as she drove by on her way to work. Just five years earlier, as a single mother of two, she had received two bags of groceries from the same church. This gift enabled her to get through a tough time after her husband deserted her. More importantly, it opened her heart to the message of Christ.

Now a growing Christian, Sharon takes time to tell others about the church’s food giveaway and about the greatest gift of all: Jesus.

The crowd that was with him when he called Lazarus from the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to spread the word (John 12:17).

Those who saw Jesus raise Lazarus from the dead just couldn’t keep quiet. They kept talking about the miracle and generating interest in those who heard. The story of how Jesus has touched one person’s life has the power to touch other people’s lives.

Prayer Suggestion: Jesus, help me to spread the word about You boldly today.

Quicklook: John 12:17–19

Feather Road), 540-982-3694, [www.evangel4sq.com](http://www.evangel4sq.com), Pastor Tim Wright. Worship Service Sunday, 10AM. Bible Study Wednesday 11AM-12PM.

**LUTHERAN**  
**ST. TIMOTHY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**, “The Church Under The Cross”, 1201 Hardy Rd, Vinton VA 24179, Pastor, Rev. Dr. James B. Davis (540) 342- 1715, Worship 11:00am, [sttimothy1201@verizon.net](mailto: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](http://cmcp2verizon.net) Sunday school 9:45am,

Worship 11:00am; Communion 1st Su.ndays; 2nd Sunday Session; Monday Noon Bible Study; Tuesdays & Thursdays Stretch Class 9:00am; 1st Tuesdays Deacons; Wednesday Choir 7:00pm; Monday Girl Scouts 7:00pm; 3rd Saturday Men’s Breakfast 8:00am. Rev. Jonathan Moelker, pastor

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

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

# Registration now open for Gauntlet Business Program and Competition

The Advancement Foundation will launch the 11th season of the Gauntlet, Virginia’s largest business program and competition, with virtual classes beginning on January 28, 2025.

Innovators and entrepreneurs who have a business idea, a business to accelerate, or a business innovation are encouraged to apply.

Gauntlet is a cross-regional network of innovators, entrepreneurs,

community business leaders and industry experts that leverage all the assets of the entrepreneurial ecosystem across the state with a focus on the Roanoke, Shenandoah, and New River Valleys, Alleghany, Southside and far Southwest Virginia. The comprehensive and immersive Gauntlet ecosystem is powered by The Advancement Foundation, a 501C3 that has served over 1,100 innovators/entrepreneurs for over a decade.



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The Gauntlet program accelerates entrepreneurial business success by advancing critical business knowledge, connection to industry mentors, cash/in-kind resources, and business spaces.

Over \$8 million in resources have been brought to bear for entrepreneurs and communities served.

The Gauntlet program offers virtual classes, industry mentor meetings, and networking sessions over 10 weeks, from January through April, followed

by a two-week evaluation of business plans and pitch presentations. It culminates with a cross-regional award ceremony in May that grants more than \$300,000 in cash and in-kind prizes.

For more information about Gauntlet and to apply online, visit [www.TheAdvancementFoundation.org](http://www.TheAdvancementFoundation.org).

- TAF



## Remembering Vinton

Remembering Vinton 50 years ago in November, 1974

with the Vinton Historical Society

In November 1974, Vinton voters chose American Party candidate Warren Saunders over Republican Caldwell Butler in the Sixth District congressional race; however, Butler won the statewide contest. He is remembered as a staunch Republican, widely admired for his integrity, bipartisanship and courage, who voted to impeach Richard Nixon over the Watergate scandal.

There was another election in Vinton that fall – Bootie Chewning was elected as the first woman president of the Lake Drive Plaza Merchants’ Association. She owned Bootie’s Hallmark & Gifts.

Chewning said the Lake Drive merchants wanted to work with the downtown merchants for the good of the entire Vinton area. “There is enough room for us all.”

The William Byrd Terriers ended their football season with two wins, seven losses, and one tie, due to “injuries and inexperience.”

The entire county was awaiting news of which cable TV firm would be chosen to provide services for Roanoke City, Roanoke County, and Vinton. The cable television committee was hoping to begin receiving cable services by 1976, with the whole valley connected by 1978.

A Community Thanksgiving Service was scheduled at Thrasher Memorial on Wednesday evening before Thanksgiving, with speaker the Rev. Kenneth Wright of Evangel Foursquare Church.

There was a rash of vandalism in downtown Vinton with a robbery at Cundiff Drug Store, where a teenager was found in the prescription department, and another at High’s Ice Cream where ice cream and candy were reportedly stolen. Belcher’s Grocery on East Cleveland also experienced a break-in with cash, a pistol, and food stamps stolen.

The town purchased a new refuse truck at a cost of \$23,000. Two new police vehicles were bought for \$8,571 from Fulton Motors in Salem.

Residents from the Briarcliff subdivision “stole the show” at the Vinton Town Council meeting registering complaints about two barking dogs who disturbed the peace night and day with their incessant noise. Council informed the citizens that since the dogs weren’t running loose, they didn’t fall under the dog ordinance.

- Vinton Messenger staff report



PHOTOCOURTESY OF VINTON HISTORY MUSEUM  
**Bootie Chewning was elected as the first female president of the Lake Drive Merchants’ Association in November 1974.**

## VWCC

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the FAFSA can complete the Virginia Alternative State Aid (VASA) application as an alternative, also by the February 1 deadline. The VASA provides state aid only and is for Virginians who have certain non-immigrant visas, are undocumented, have Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) status, or are otherwise ineligible to file a FAFSA.

Those interested in learning more about CCAP are invited to attend Zoom information sessions Nov. 11, Dec. 12 and Jan. 14. To register for an information session, visit [www.virginiawestern.edu/ccap](http://www.virginiawestern.edu/ccap).

To stay up-to-date on important CCAP application deadlines, financial aid workshops and more, sign up for text alerts by texting “2025 ccap” to 877-235-2279. (Reply STOP to cancel, HELP for help; message and data rates apply.)

For more information about CCAP, see [www.virginiawestern.edu/ccap](http://www.virginiawestern.edu/ccap) or contact Carolyn Payne, CCAP Coordinator, at (540) 857-7544 or [cpayne@virginiawestern.edu](mailto:cpayne@virginiawestern.edu).

Roanoke County students (including many William Byrd High graduates) who are recipients of the CCAP scholarship

for 2024-25 include:

First Year: Dakota Adams, Sarah Addo, Abdulrahman Alshammari, Charles Anderson, Benjamin Armentrout, Justin Autrum, Ryan Ayersman, Madyson Baker, Jasmin Bane, Zachary Beman, Laine Bishop, Sydney Blewett, Jordan Bryant, Dylan Burkett, Landon Caldwell, Dylan Callahan, Jenna Capito, Amayah Clarke, Gabriella Cochran, Margaret Collins, Alexis Cook, Emily Cook, Kaleigh Copper, Milla Creasy, Christopher Darnell, Jocelyn Davis, Madelyn Davis, Maxine del Castillo, William Dent, Aiden Dogan, Mandolin Draper, Savannah Drewery, Christian Estrada, Avery Fay, Chelsea Fontaine, Olivia Forth, Nicolas Franklin, Mykiah Garrison, Steven Grubb, Reid Hanson, Campbell Hardin, Kaliyah Harris, Matthew Hinchey, Kaitlyn Holbrook, Elijah Hutchins, Hope Hutchins, George Jeffreys, Jacob Johnson, Carson Jones, Parker Jones, Leilani Keele, Leighanna Kissner, Luke Knoblock, Cole Kovacevic, Robert LaPrad, Savanna Lee, Aiden Likens, Claire Linkous, Elia Linkous, Holden Lovern, Sophia Mays, Nasir McGill, Natalie McMahon, Adam Megdadi, Alexander Merritt, Marly

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Second Year: Raelyn Adams, Javeria Adnan, Kylie Altizer, Christopher Amoroso, Emily Banks, Kirsten Barnett, Jane Beheler, Austin Blakeman, Teagan Blatt, Tyler Booth, Chelsea Brown, Sebastian Burnette, Sedona Canner, James Carr, Alex Coffey, Jimena Colazo, Kelsey Cone, Rachael Cone, Lucy Cosma, Paige Davis, Jackson Egle, Samuel Ferris, Camden Freeland, Jillian Funk, Karley Gaylor, Emmerson Gray, Tessa Griffith, Andrew Harshbarger, Hannah Johnson, Madison Johnson, Logan Jones, Ashton

Kanode, Conner Katerba, Watson Koeppel, Jakob Kroese, Olivia Lakner, Mary Larracas, Philip Linkenhoker, Ashley Linsenman, Alejandro Lopez, Cathryn McCroskey, Riley McGraw, Harley Morgan, Kristen Patrick, William Phan, Trace Poindexter, Aidan Poush, Sidney Price, Nathan Radmacher, Kara Ragland, Payton Ramsey, William Raymond II, Sydney Read, Ty Read, Ethan Roberson, Sally Saweeres, Jacob Shorter, Eden Simmons, Carter Sink, Owen Snead, Mark Thomas, Jordyn Tucker, Amelia Winn, Camden Woodard and Penelope Young

Third Year: Arianna Adebisi, Ryan Barbour, Chayton Behrens, Abigail Brown, Sara Chapman, Megan Coleman, Hannah Cooper, Ryan Crouch, Sheridan Dooley, Riley Duncan, Isabella Franco, Victoria Goodman, Breanna Hall, Nathan Hendrick, Kaiya Hoagland, Sean Hoey, Sofia Kouser, Zachary McCroskey, Ryan Moore, Elizabeth Morris, Tori Nininger, Madelyn Richardson, Abigail Ricker, Evan Ridinger, Faith Smith, and Lana Turner.

-Submitted by VWCC

# 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.

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## Meeting

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COMMUNITY MEETING - NOVEMBER 12, 2024

VINTON COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

Come share your vision for the future of Vinton and join in the discussion with fellow community members! The Comprehensive Plan (often called the ‘Comp Plan’) is a guiding document for growth, development, preservation, and investment in the Town of Vinton. It sets a vision for the future, looking ahead 25 years, in the year 2050.

**WHAT:** Community Meeting for the Vinton 2050 Comprehensive Plan Update

**WHEN:** Tuesday, November 12th from 5:00 to 7:00 PM - Presentation at 5:30 PM; Drop in anytime!

**WHERE:** Vinton War Memorial, 814 Washington Avenue


**WHO:** Everyone! All Vinton residents, businesses, neighbors, community groups, and more are welcome to attend. We need your ideas!

**WHY:** Community input is a valuable part of the process for building a comprehensive plan. In other words, we need your help!

Stay Involved

Have questions? Please don’t hesitate to reach out. We can be reached at [vinton2050plan@gmail.com](mailto:vinton2050plan@gmail.com).

Can’t make it to the meeting, but want to stay informed? Bookmark the Comprehensive Plan Update page (<https://www.vintonva.gov/537/Comprehensive-Plan---Vinton-2050>) for regular updates and to sign-up to receive messages about the Plan.



VINTON 2050

online. They will also be able to provide feedback on what they see as community needs, vision principles, land use and connectivity, and “Big Ideas” for the future of Vinton.

All Vinton residents, businesses, neighbors, community groups, and others are welcome to attend.

The update process for the Vinton 2050 Comp Plan is anticipated to be

completed in May 2025.

If you are unable to attend the meeting, update information is available on the Comp Plan at <https://www.vintonva.gov/537/Comprehensive-Plan---Vinton-2050>.

The Vinton War Memorial is located at 814 Washington Avenue in Vinton.

- Vinton Messenger staff report

## Lions

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Several members of the Vinton Police Department help children with their Christmas shopping. Pictured left to right are Det. Sgt. Todd Bailey, Lt. Scott Hurt, Det. Cpl. Justin Baker, Executive Assistant to the Chief Mandie Baker, and Records Clerk Ginny Rhodes.

William Byrd High School) and members of the Vinton Police Department escorting students on a trip through the store with wish lists in hand. Purchases were mainly clothes and shoes, but with one toy included. The volunteer

shoppers received lists of clothing sizes for the children ahead of time.

The Lions shopped for 20 students (10 from each elementary school), spending about \$125 per child.

Once the shopping was

complete, the Lions and children stood in line to check out (Walmart set aside one lane just for them) and the purchases were bagged and transported by the Lions for gift wrapping. The wrapped gifts will be delivered to the

two schools for distribution to families in time for the holidays.

The Lions Club raises money for community service projects such as this with their annual Pancake Breakfast on Vinton Fall Festival Day, their

traditional Spaghetti Dinner on the evening of the Vinton Christmas Parade and their annual Drawdown fundraiser.

This year’s Spaghetti Dinner is coming up on December 5 at Vinton Baptist Church.



PHOTOS BY DEBBIE ADAMS

William Byrd High School Leo Club members joined the Lions Club for their annual shopping trip. Pictured front row (l-r) are advisor Lisa Stover, Emily Glass, Lacie Gibson, Ellawyn Pagan, and Kendall Gordon and back row, Payton Hall, Raelyn Lancaster, Graysen Divers, Emma Rupe, Kendall Lecas, and Kaylee Makuch.

## Relief

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Collected supplies (left) were moved to a central location at Melrose Baptist for a packing party on November 3. On the right, local hardware store donated 1,000 buckets for the hurricane relief project.



PHOTO COURTESY OF MELROSE BAPTIST

The Vinton Baptist congregation and the community collected donations through the end of October, and on November 1, a large crew gathered to load a trailer to move the donations to Melrose Baptist on Peters Creek Road, where 600 buckets of supplies were assembled on the afternoon of November 3 during a “Pail Packing Party.”

After the buckets were packed, their destination was the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship and Impact Missions headquarters for distribution as needed to those most

affected by the recent hurricanes. The churches plan to reach their goal of packing 1,000 buckets over the coming months.

“It is our prayer that our work in collecting supplies to pack disaster clean-up buckets will be a symbol of love to those who are continuing to deal with the aftermath of Hurricanes Helene and Milton,” is the message from the churches. “We hope that whoever receives the buckets we pack remembers that there are neighbors, even hundreds of miles away, that love them and are praying for them.”

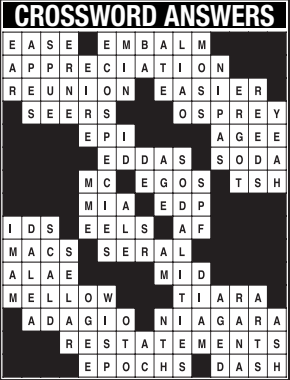
## Field

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traveling last summer.

The town hopes to double the number of flags in 2025.

On Wednesday, November 13 at 11 a.m., the Town of Vinton will host a Field of Honor



Celebration on the War Memorial lawn in celebration of National Veterans and Military Families Month.

Individuals or organizations may dedicate a flag in honor or in memory of a loved one. The cost of each flag is \$20. At the conclusion of the event, the flag will be provided as a take-home gift to be flown and continue the tribute. Donations and corporate sponsorships are also being accepted online. The proceeds and donations from the event will benefit the Vinton

VFW Post 4522.

The Veterans Outreach Committee was officially established in January 2024 to honor and support employee and town veterans through dedicated advocacy, resources, and community engagement. Their purpose is to ensure that every veteran feels appreciated, valued, and supported long after their service to the nation has ended.

Visit [www.vintonva.gov/fieldofhonor](http://www.vintonva.gov/fieldofhonor) for more information or to purchase a flag.



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Night view of the Vinton War Memorial Field of Honor

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**Legals - Botetourt County**

for Botetourt County, Virginia, as Instrument No. 120002089, the Substitute Trustee will offer the above-described property for sale to the highest bidder at public auction on the date and time referenced below.

All those certain lots or parcels of land, with buildings thereon and appurtenances thereunto appertaining, lying and being in the Town of Buchanan, Buchanan Magisterial District, Botetourt County, Virginia, and more particularly described as follows, to-wit:

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SUBJECT to the agreement that the alley first above mentioned and named on the west side of the property hereby conveyed shall be kept open for the convenience of the owners of the lots of land adjoining the same, as more particularly set forth in that certain deed dated May 30, 1989, of record in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court for the County of Botetourt, Virginia, in Deed Book 362, page 511.

Date of Sale: November 20, 2024 at 9:30 a.m. at Botetourt County Circuit Court, 1West Main Street, Suite 120, Fincastle, VA 24090.

Terms: CASH: a deposit in the form of certified funds in the amount of \$10,000 or 10% of the sale price, whichever is lower. Settlement within thirty (30) days of date of sale. Time is of the essence.

OPTIONS:

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2. The Substitute Trustee reserves the right to reject all bids, extend the time to receive bids or withdraw the property from sale at any time. In addition, should the Substitute Trustee be unable, for any reason, in its sole discretion, to convey title, the successful bidder's sole remedy in law or equity

**Legals - Botetourt County**

shall be the return of his deposit. Upon refund of the deposit, the sale shall be void and of no effect.

Additional terms may be announced at the time of the sale. The Substitute Trustee will convey the above-described property to the purchaser(s) by Special Warranty deed at settlement and makes no additional representations or warranties of any kind regarding the title to said property.

John K. Prillaman, Esq. Substitute Trustee

For Information Contact: John K. Prillaman, Esq. OPN LAW 3140 Chaparral Drive Roanoke, Virginia 24018 (540) 725-8194

**Legals - City of Salem**

Objections should be registered at [www.abc.virginia.gov](http://www.abc.virginia.gov) or 800-552-3200.

**PUBLIC HEARING**  
The City of Salem School Board will hold a public hearing for comment on the FY 2025-26 budget on Tuesday, December 10th The hearing will begin at 7:00 PM at the School Administrative Office, 510 South College Avenue, Salem.  
Any citizen of Salem who wishes to address the Board should contact Susan E. Young, Clerk of the Board, at 540-389-0130 by Friday, December 6, in order to be placed on the agenda. Individuals who plan to address the Board are requested to bring a copy of their remarks for the record.  
In accordance with Board Policy KD, Public Participation in Board Meetings, individuals who plan to address the Board are requested to:  
☐ provide their name and address,  
☐ address their remarks to the Board,  
☐ be brief,  
☐ provide a copy of their remarks for the record, and  
☐ be prepared to answer questions from the Board,  
☐ In unusual cases or cases of emergency, the Board, by consensus, may allow an individual or organization to speak if not on the agenda.

**Legals - City of Salem**

2. Hold public hearing to consider an application from Mikel Leo Trenor, property owner, appealing the decision from the Zoning Administrator dated September 5, 2024, which cited that 1374 Texas Street (formerly 1300 block, Tax Map # 150-1-3) was in violation of the City of Salem Zoning Ordinance as follows: Chapter 106 Zoning, Article IV Development Standards, Sections 106-400 Site Plan Review and 106-404 Construction Standards.

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

**Legals - Town of Vinton**

referenced parcels to KARA Hospitality, LLC, as well as the related Contract of Sale, are available for inspection at the Town Manager's Office, which is located in the Vinton Municipal Building.

Any additional information on this public meeting is available in the Town Manager's Office, located in the Vinton Municipal Building, (540) 983-0607. Persons requiring special assistance to attend and participate at this public meeting should contact the Town Manager's office at (540) 983-0607. Antonia Arias-Magallon Town Clerk

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# New Byrd boys' soccer coach has always loved the game

Roanoke County has hired one of its own to coach the William Byrd High School boys' soccer team. The county has named Kevin Niday, who grew up in the Mount Pleasant area and played soccer for William Byrd High, the new boys' coach.

Niday replaces Russell Dishman, who stepped down after last season to spend more time with his family. Niday, a 1993 graduate of Byrd, has a family as well but that won't be a problem as they're all involved with either school in Vinton or soccer.

Kevin's wife Wendy, who graduated from Byrd, is a kindergarten teacher at Herman L. Horn in Vinton. Daughter Kallie, 19, graduated from Byrd last year and is currently living in Los Angeles, California where she's attending Shannon Mather's 'Bridge into the Industry Program' at Mather Dance Company.

Kevin and Wendy's son, Landon, is 20 and graduated from Byrd in 2022. He played varsity soccer for the Terriers for four years and was all-state his senior



Kevin Niday

in a neighborhood called Hampden Hills and played recreation soccer for Mount Pleasant from age five to age 17. He also played travel soccer for Roanoke Star.

"Frank Ball was my first coach for the Mt. Pleasant rec club and he taught me a lot about the game at an early age," said Niday. "Gary Walthall (who was a Mount Pleasant gym teacher and later became

year. Landon is now attending Hampden S y d n e y College, playing soccer for the Tigers and pursuing a Biology degree. He's planning to become a (PA) Physician's Assistant.

Soccer has been a big part of the Niday family. Kevin grew up in the Mount Pleasant area



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**The Nidays are all William Byrd High School graduates. Left to right are Kevin, daughter Kallie, wife Wendy and son Landon, who was an all-state soccer player for the Terriers like his dad.**

Athletic Director at Byrd) started an 'After School Soccer Program,' and I also had a few other coaches that taught me different parts of the game as I got older. Some of my Mount Pleasant coaches were Pete Tyree, Pat Musselwhite and Lynn Cochran."

Kevin attended both old Byrd Junior High School and the new Middle School, where he played for longtime coach Milton Dowdy.

"Coach Dowdy taught us that teamwork, dedication and commitment are not only important to have in soccer but in life, too," said Niday.

In high school Kevin played for Jeff Highfill, who started the Byrd program and now has the field at Patterson Stadium named in his honor.

"Coach Highfill was probably the most influential coach I've ever had, because of my age at the time but also because of what else he taught us," said Niday. "Coach Highfill continued what Coach Dowdy started when I was in middle school. He taught us about teamwork, dedication, commitment and work ethic, but he also taught us integrity, honor, leadership, loyalty and respect, all of which have been valuable life lessons."

Niday played striker/forward for the Terriers for three years, then shifted to center midfield for his

senior season. He was All-Blue Ridge District and All-Region multiple times and first team All-State in Class 3A his senior year. During Kevin's time at Byrd the Terriers went to the state finals his sophomore year, and when he was a senior he scored the only goal against Northside in the region final.

After graduating from Byrd Kevin attended Ferrum College and played soccer for the Panthers.

"It was an amazing experience, I loved every minute of it," he said. "Ferrum was in the Dixie Conference back then and it was very competitive."

Niday coached with the Roanoke Star for four years and was an assistant coach for Dishman at Byrd for three seasons. He'll draw from past experiences as he takes over the program and puts his stamp on the team.

"I'll have to assess the team and find a style of play that fits us," he said. "I have a preference I would like to play, but I'll have to see how the preseason trainings go before I can give a definitive answer on a style."

"I'm excited to have the opportunity to coach at Byrd for many reasons, but the main reason is I love this game, and I always have."

# Region 3D cross country meet is this week

The William Byrd cross country team was heading to Martinsville Wednesday to run in the Region 3D cross country meet. Results were too late for press deadlines, but the top three teams in the region and top five individuals not on those teams advance to the state meet on November 16 at the Virginia Tech course in Blacksburg.

"The team is prepared to have strong races," said Byrd coach Kayland Bond. "Each athlete has made significant

strides, and I'm excited to see how they perform. It has been so rewarding to watch them grow on and off the course this season."

The Terriers ran in the Blue Ridge District meet at the Greenfield Recreation Complex in Daleville last week. Franklin County swept the district team titles for both the boys and girls while the Byrd girls were third and the boys were fourth.

Caitlyn Roach of Franklin County

was the girls' individual winner with a time of 21:10 over the 5,000 meter course. Byrd's Lucy Whitenack finished third among 31 girls in the race with a time of 23:13, earning All-Blue Ridge District honors. Also scoring for Byrd were Grace Woodcock in 15th place, Elena Mullen in 17th, Jacey Weddle in 20th and Bindi Whitenack in 26th place.

Lord Botetourt's Eric Duncan was the boys' individual champion among

46 boys with a time of 16:38. Colton Sotherden of Byrd was eighth in 19:07 and that was good for all-district honors. Also scoring were Drew Bartley in 22nd, Riley Slusher in 26th, Cole Johnston in 32nd and Chase Gonzales in 33rd place.

"I am impressed with their race performances, and it is rewarding for them to see their hard work pay off," said Bond of Byrd's two all-district runners.



PHOTOS BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

**Above, William Byrd girls warm up for last week's Blue Ridge District cross country meet at Greenfield Recreation Park in Daleville. Left to right are Grace Woodcock, Elena Mullen, Skylar Fitzgerald, Megan Higgins, Bindi Whitenack, Lucy Whitenack and Jacey Weddle. Right, Colton Sotherden is on his way to an eighth place finish and all-district honors. Below rights, Drew Bartley comes down the home stretch.**



# Roanoke College basketball opens this week

The Roanoke College men's and women's basketball seasons open within the next week. The men will be at a two-day event in Winchester this weekend while the women open next week.

The RC men will play in the Shenandoah University Classic on Saturday and Sunday. Roanoke will play Eastern University on Saturday at 5:30 pm, then take on SUNY-Geneseo on Sunday at 2 pm.

"We are excited to face another challenging schedule that will hold tremendous opportunities and

experiences both in and out of conference," said coach Clay Nunley. "We appreciate playing in a league as tough as the ODAC, and are confident our non-conference slate will prepare us for what lies ahead when we enter conference play."

The Maroons return seniors Zach Rosenthal, Josh McClary and Josh Moore on a youthful squad. Nunley has four juniors, seven sophomores and six freshmen on the 20 player roster.

The Maroons home opener will be the annual Frankie Allen Tip-off Tournament at the Cregger

Center on November 15 and 16. The Maroons will play Springfield College at 6 pm on Friday followed by St. Vincent of Pennsylvania against William Peace at 8 pm. The winners will play for the championship Saturday at 3 pm following a 1 pm consolation game.

The Roanoke women open next Monday, November 11, against North Carolina Wesleyan University in Rocky Mount. The Maroons will host the Jean Beamer Tip-Off Classic at the Cregger Center the following weekend.



# Preston places third in first RC wrestling tournament

The Roanoke College wrestling team opened the 2024-25 season last Saturday by hosting the 2024 Southeast Open in the Cregger Center. The competition included a field with Division I, Division II and Division III teams.

The Maroons had three place winners between the Freshmen/Sophomore and Open divisions. In the Open Division, junior Isiac Paulino placed sixth with a victory against an opponent from North Carolina University. Sophomore Lorenzo Pellet took third at 197 pounds in the Freshman/Sophomore division and sophomore Xavier Preston from William Byrd was third at 174 pounds.

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## Terriers hold on to win “War of 24” in overtime

### Northside here Friday

The William Byrd defense came up big on a two-point try in overtime as the Terriers emerged victorious in Moneta last Friday. Byrd won in overtime, 21-20, in the traditional football “War on 24” rivalry with Staunton River.

This one went down to the wire. Byrd had the only score before halftime when Cannin Lutz found senior tight end Aiden Kelly with a five yard TD pass in the first quarter. Connor Whitehead converted the extra point kick and Byrd led 7-0 at the half. After a scoreless third quarter the Terriers increased their lead to 14-0 on a two yard run by Jerrett Shepherd early in the fourth quarter. The Terriers had a chance to make it a three-score game when the Eagles fumbled the ball in their own territory with Byrd recovering. However, the Eagles held and a 45 yard field goal attempt was no good, giving the home team hope

Staunton River battled back and was able to tie the game in regulation. An 80 yard drive cut the lead to 14-7 with about five minutes remaining. The Eagles then forced a punt and were able to tie the game with just over a minute to go, forcing Byrd’s first overtime game of the season. A week prior the Terriers scored in the last minute of a 10-10 game to avoid overtime with Franklin County.

Staunton River won the toss and elected to play defense first, as is usually the case.

“I think it’s important to play defense first in overtime, so you know exactly what you need to do to win the game,” said Byrd coach Brad Lutz.

The Terriers were able to score on a seven yard pass from Cannin Lutz to Ethan Haston on second down. Whitehead’s kick made it 21-14 with the Eagles getting their chance at the 10 yard line.

River moved the ball to the one on two plays, then punched it over to make the score 21-20. Eagles’ coach Shaun Leonard decided to go for two and try to win it right then and there. That didn’t surprise Byrd coach Lutz as his regular defense remained on the field.

“They have a senior dominated team that runs the football extremely well,” said Lutz. “When they scored, there was no doubt they were going for two.”

River put the ball in the hands of Macon Ayers, who had scored the game-tying touchdown. His off tackle run resulted in a pile of bodies pushing both ways, and when the dust cleared Ayers was inches short of the goal line and Byrd had a big district win. Jonathan Rosser, Justyn Rozenboom, Maurice Burnette, Blake Anderson, Jerrett Shepherd and Jahdai English were all part of the pile that kept the ball out of the end zone on the two-point attempt.

Statistically, Shepherd led the rushers with 74 yards on 15 carries. Cannin Lutz completed eight of 16 for 70 yards. Haston and Kelly had TD catches and Tate Kotz had 36 yards in receptions.

On defense Anderson led the team with 10 tack-



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**William Byrd defenders(white jerseys) stone the Staunton River offense at the goal line on the Eagles’ two-point conversion attempt in overtime, giving Byrd a 21-20 win.**

les while Burnette had nine with one for a loss and three quarterback pressures. Kotz had nine tackles, Rosser had eight with one for a loss and a forced fumble and Rozenboom had seven tackles, a sack, a tackle for a loss, a forced fumble and a recovery. Haston finished with six tackles and three pass breakups in the backfield.

It was a big win for the Terriers, who breezed to their first five wins but have had four close ones in the past four weeks. They opened the district season with a close loss to Fleming, then fell short at Lord Botetourt in a game that went to the final seconds. Likewise, a game with Franklin County went to the wire before Byrd prevailed and last Friday it was a nail-biter in overtime.

“Our players gained a lot of confidence winning a close game, in that fashion, against a quality opponent like Staunton River,” said coach Lutz. “Our schedule includes seven potential playoffs teams, so each week has been a challenge and an opportunity to grow as a team.”

This week is another tough district game as the Terriers conclude the regular season with a home game against Northside. The Vikings are feeling good after shutting out Lord Botetourt, 17-0, last

week.

“Northside is a very talented, athletic team,” said Lutz. “Their roster is full of very experienced players. They are a confident football team and have played a tough schedule. They are battle tested and coming off a huge win.”

Northside is 5-4 and on the rise. The five wins are the most for the Vikings since 2019 and they look like a playoff team. They’re currently fifth in the Region 3D rankings at 21.4.

Byrd is fourth at 23.8 and if the current rankings stay the same after this week the Terriers would play Northside again to open the playoffs. in Vinton, on November 15. Christiansburg is sitting sixth at 21.0 and they’ve completed the regular season at 5-5. If Byrd wins Friday the Blue Demons could pass Northside for fifth place.

Also, Byrd is virtually tied with Lord Botetourt for third place and that could flip this week. The Cavaliers host Franklin County this Friday and that won’t be an easy game for them.

Byrd’s jayvee team defeated Staunton River last week, 28-8. The Terriers are 8-1 and will wrap up the jayvee season tonight at 6 pm at Northside’s Hickam Field.



**Left, William Byrd’s Jonathan Rosser forces a fumble in last Friday’s game at Staunton River. Middle, Tate Kotz(#11) and Braeden Young(#25) combine for a tackle and, right, Justyn Rozenboom gets a big sack for the Terriers.**

## Byrd volleyball season ends in Region 3D tournament

The William Byrd girls saw their volleyball season come to an end in Hillsville Saturday when the Terriers lost to Carroll County. The host Cavaliers took a three set win over Byrd, 25-16, 25-11 and 25-20.

Bella Dudley led the Terriers against Carroll with five kills, three digs and a pair of blocks. Heidi Dixon had four kills and 10 digs and Graysen Divers had four blocks at the net.

“Our 2024 season came to an end on Saturday after playing a tough Carroll County team,” said coach Allison Thornton. “Although the scoreboard wasn’t in our favor, I am proud of the hard work and effort given on the court. We set personal and team goals for the season and would reflect every couple of weeks with our sticker boards to see if our goals were being met. It allowed us time for measurements and what we need to continue to work on.”

With the loss Byrd ended the season with a 10-13 record. Byrd had one of the toughest, if not THE toughest, non-district schedule in the state with matches against defending state champ Hidden Valley, 19-3 Christiansburg, Class 4 Salem and E.C. Glass and perennially strong Class 3 teams Cave Spring and Magna Vista.

The Terriers finished third in the Blue Ridge District behind 21-1 Lord Botetourt and Class 5 Franklin County. After Lord Botetourt defeated Franklin County in the BRD final last week the

all-district team was announced and Byrd was well represented with first team selections senior Ava Ashworth and junior Dudley. Second team honors went to seniors Raelyn Lancaster and Kaylee Makuch and sophomores Maggie Zimmerman and Dixon.

“Although we have lost six seniors, I am excited about the success we will see from our returning players and some great talent coming up from the jayvee team,” said Thornton. “After a short break, we will get back to work for our 2025 season.”

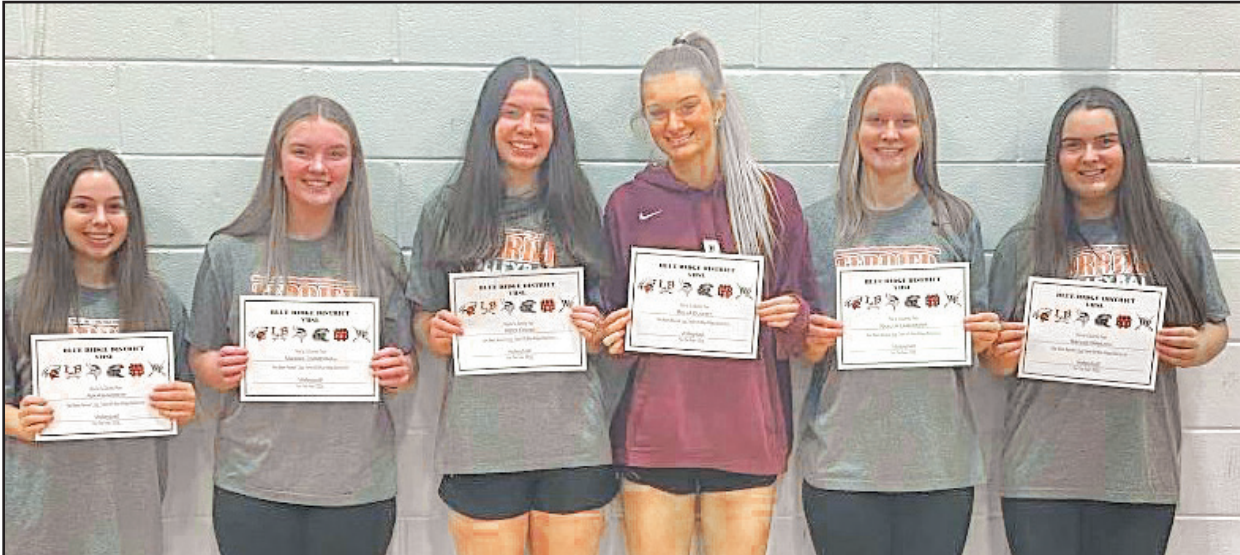


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**William Byrd girls who made the All-Blue Ridge District volleyball team are, left to right, Ava Ashworth(1st team), Maggie Zimmerman(2nd team), Heidi Dixon(2nd team), Isabella Dudley(1st team), Raelyn Lancaster(2nd team), and Kaylee Makuch(2nd team).**