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Fifth graders at Bonsack Elementary continue 'Balloons over Bonsack' tradition

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Fifth grade students at Bonsack Elementary School celebrated Thanksgiving with their annual "Balloons over Bonsack Parade."

The students designed and created balloon floats, representing one of the huge balloons from the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York City, as a STEM project challenge.

Right before school was dismissed for the Thanksgiving holiday on November 26, they paraded their creations through the hallways of the school which were lined with cheering students from all the other grade levels. This has become a fifth grade tradition at Bonsack,

beginning in 2016.

The project was facilitated by fifth grade teachers Laura Muncy, Morgan Buzzo, and Katelyn Nash with assistance from other school personnel.

The project starts off each year with students reading "Balloons over Broadway" by author Melissa Sweet. The book focuses on the origin and history of the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. It tells the story of Tony Sarg, the puppeteer and marionette master who created the first Macy's upside-down puppet parade balloons in 1928, which have become the parade's trademark in the

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Santa joins the Balloons over Bonsack Parade.

PHOTO BY DEBBIE ADAMS

Sirens and Salutes non-profit places Fallen Heroes Tree in Vinton Municipal Building

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Bill Price, founder of the 501c3 non-profit Sirens and Salutes, was asked by the Vinton Veterans Outreach Committee to place a Fallen Heroes Tree in Vinton. The organization is committed to honoring and memorializing first responders and veterans. The location they selected is in the Municipal Building, in the hallway next to the Vinton Police Department.

The town supplied the tree; Price brought the ornaments – over 200 stars, each one honoring and memorializing a hero who died in 2024 in the line of duty across the United States.

The wooden star ornaments are hand



PHOTO BY DEBBIE ADAMS

Bill Price from the Sirens and Salutes non-profit stands with the Fallen Heroes Tree the organization placed in the Vinton Municipal Building. He served in the Navy, as a firefighter, and now as a volunteer firefighter.

Painted and marked with the names, departments, and dates of death of all fire, police, EMS, military, and K9s.

Red stars (56 this year) represent firefighters and EMS. Blue stars (187) are for law enforcement. Paw prints are for

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Town Council discusses Gus Nicks Boulevard reconfiguration, supports state ban on skill games

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Vinton Town Council held the final council meeting of the year on December 3. Members approved their meeting schedule for the 2025 calendar year when they will continue to meet on the first and third Tuesday each month, with two exceptions. They will not meet on August 5; instead, they will join the Vinton Police Department for the annual National Night Out celebration. Their meeting is also cancelled on November 4, Election Day.

Deputy Town Manager Cody Sexton announced that the town has been awarded the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Distinguished

Budget Presentation Award for Fiscal Year 2024-25. This is the ninth year the town has received this award, quite a significant achievement for a small locality.

To receive the award, the town's budget must satisfy the criteria to operate as a policy document, a financial plan, an operations guide, and a communications device.

According to Sexton, the document represents a huge team effort involving town leadership and all departmental staff and is based on transparency – "making the budget readable and accessible to the laymen on the street who want to see where their tax dollars are going." The award signifies that staff

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Gus Nicks Boulevard in Vinton

Gabriel Wilson completes his Eagle Scout project

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Gabriel Wilson of Scout Troop 235 in Vinton spent the weekend of November 23-24 completing his Eagle Scout project – building and installing an information kiosk for the "Friends of the River" as part of the Franklin County Blueway on the Blackwater River.

Eagle Scout is the highest youth ranking a Scout can obtain. It requires years of advancing from Scout to Tenderfoot, 2nd Class, 1st Class, Star, and Life ranks, then to Eagle. Only 4 percent of Scouts go on to become Eagle Scouts.

There are obligations and expectations for attaining the rank – Scouts must commit to live honorably, be loyal

to God, troop, family, Scout leaders, friends, school, and nation, be courageous, be cheerful, and, most importantly, to do service.

The Eagle Scout must earn 21 merit badges including those which are required (First Aid, Citizenship in the Community, Citizenship in Society, Citizenship in the Nation, Citizenship in the World, communication, cooking, personal fitness, emergency preparedness or lifesaving, environmental science or sustainability, personal management, swimming or hiking or cycling, camping, and family life) plus several others of their choice.

During his years in Scouting, Gabriel has earned some 42 merit badges, over 21 in just the

past year.

Aside from mastering the skills that earn merit badges, the major requirement for becoming an Eagle Scout is to complete an Eagle Scout project, usually after months of planning and preparation. In addition, Scouts must raise funds to finance their project. They must also recruit fellow Scouts, leaders, and other volunteers to help complete the final stages of the project.

Wilson asked his fellow Scouts to dress for the weather, bring work gloves, wear good footwear, and bring a water bottle, but no tools were necessary, because his father had all of the equipment they would need for the building project.

As for why he chose



PHOTO COURTESY OF TAMMY COOK

Gabriel Wilson has completed his Eagle Scout project – an information kiosk as part of the Franklin County Blueway on the Blackwater River.

that particular project, Gabriel says that the Friends of the River were hoping for Eagle Scout candidates to take on building the much-needed

kiosks. Gabriel and his grandfather, Scoutmaster Brian Cook, did some research and decided it would be a beneficial project to take on for the

community. Gabriel is now finishing up the documentation for his project, which will be

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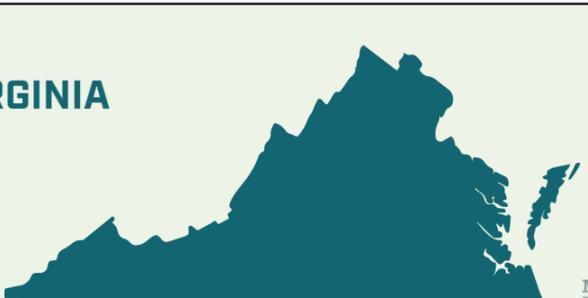


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Dec. 13-15, 20-22
5-9 p.m.

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Make your holiday merry and bright as friends and area businesses decorate trees in our visitor center. Vote for your favorite tree by donating items to Rockbridge CAN, Project Horizon and the Natural Bridge/Glasgow Food Pantry.

Suggested donation items include non-perishable, unexpired food items, paper towels, aluminum foil, sandwich bags, 13-gallon trash bags, laundry detergent, disinfectant spray/wipes, towels and wash cloths, body wash/soap, deodorant/body spray, shampoo/conditioner, hairbrushes, socks, diapers (size 5 and 6) and baby hygiene items.

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Santa Crawl returns to Vinton for fifth year, bringing holiday cheer to local neighborhoods

The Town of Vinton has announced the return of its annual Santa Crawl for its fifth year, set to take place on Tuesday, December 10.

This festive tradition promises to spread holiday cheer as Santa Claus, Mrs. Claus, and a few of their trusty elves make their way through the town's neighborhoods, bringing candy, coloring books, and dog treats to families.

Thanks to the support of the Vinton Police and Public Works Departments, Santa will begin his merry journey from the Vinton War Memorial at 5:30 p.m., following four distinct routes across town. Parents are reminded that route times are approximate and may vary depending upon traffic and other factors.

The Santa Crawl was first launched in 2020 as a collaboration between the Vinton Area Chamber of Commerce

and the Town of Vinton, following the cancellation of the Christmas Parade due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The event was an instant hit, and its success has led to its continued growth and popularity in the years since.

"The Santa Crawl was designed to bring Santa to the kids when they couldn't come see him in 2020 due to the canceled parade," said Mayor Brad Grose. "It turned out to be so much fun for staff and so popular with the families, we decided to keep it going. To be honest, I am not sure who enjoys it more – the kids or Town Council and staff."

For more information, including the Santa Crawl routes, visit www.vintonva.gov/santacrawl.

Submitted by Mandy Adkins, Vinton Director of Cultural Placemaking and Events



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Lions and Leos wrap up another community service project – Christmas shopping for kids in need



The Vinton Breakfast Lions Club and the William Byrd High School Leo Club joined forces on December 1 to wrap gifts they had purchased to help children in need in the community to have a happier Christmas.

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The Vinton Breakfast Lions Club and their younger cohorts, the William Byrd High School Leo Club, completed one of their numerous community service projects on December 1 with a gift-wrapping party at the Vinton Moose Lodge.

In November, the two clubs, along with several members of the Vinton Police Department, met at the Bonsack Walmart, where they were joined by teachers, guidance counselors, and about 20 students from Herman L.

Horn and W.E. Cundiff Elementary Schools for a Christmas shopping spree. Guidance and administration at each school selected students whose families might need a little help to have a merry Christmas.

Leos, Lions, counselors, and students paired up and spread out through the store, with lists of sizes in hand from their families, and set about choosing clothing, shoes, coats, and a toy.

Once the shopping was complete, the children and accompanying adults stood in line to check out and the purchases were bagged and transported

by the Lions for gift wrapping. That was the task on December 1. The Lions and Leos were joined by other volunteers to wrap the large bags of gifts which would then be delivered to the two schools to be distributed to families in time for Christmas morning.

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 the annual Drawdown fundraiser.



Members of the WBHS Leo Club at the wrapping party were (from left) advisor Lisa Stover, Kendall Lecas, Lacie Gibson, Graysen Divers, Kaylee Makuch, Emma Rupe, Ellawyn Pagan, Kendall Gordaon, Raelyn Lancaster, and Payton Hall.



PHOTOS BY DEBBIE ADAMS

Lions Club President Zach McCarty (left) and Lion Chris McCarty wrapping gifts.

White Family to perform Christmas concert at Blue Ridge Baptist

Celebrate Christmas with Blue Ridge Baptist Church, located at 2410 Hardy Road in Vinton, on Sunday, December 15, at 10:45 a.m.

There will be special Christmas music by The White Family, a family gospel

trio "desiring to serve our Lord, Jesus Christ, in praise, song, and testimony." A Christmas message by Pastor Tom Hurt will follow.

The White Family, from Rocky Mount, has been singing as a group for

11 years after singing for many years in their home church.

There is no charge for the concert. If you have questions, contact brbcvinton@gmail.com.

Submitted by Maxine Meade, Blue Ridge Baptist Church



The White Family PHOTO/ BLUE RIDGE BC

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CLUES ACROSS
 1. Chop up
 5. Ones who utilize
 10. Songs with closed lips
 14. South American hummingbird
 15. Serves as a coxswain
 16. Liquor distilled from coconut or rice
 17. Spur
 18. Senile
 19. Tanzanian people
 20. Cruel
 22. Boxing's "GOAT"
 23. Yokels
 24. London soccer team
 27. Chinese chess piece
 30. Supervises flying
 31. 007's creator
 32. Shaft horsepower (abbr.)
 35. A spider makes one
 37. Liquefied natural gas
 38. Opaque gem
 39. Brazilian palm
 40. Periodical (slang)

CLUES DOWN
 1. Not low
 2. Small water buffalo
 3. A mark left behind
 4. Archaic form of have
 5. Fiddler crabs
 6. Popular Hyundai sedan
 7. Deport
 8. Making over
 9. Midway between south and southeast
 10. Arabic masculine name
 11. Type of acid
 12. Popular 1980s Cher film
 13. Outdoor enthusiasts' tools
 21. Chinese city
 23. "Star Wars" character Solo
 25. The bill in a restaurant
 26. Old, ugly witch
 27. Burn with a hot liquid
 28. To claim or demand
 29. "A Doll's House" playwright
 32. Involuntary muscular contraction
 33. Pea stems (British)

CLUES ACROSS
 41. You might step on one
 42. Marvin and Horsley are two
 43. Partner to cheese
 44. Unpleasant smell
 45. Field force unit (abbr.)
 46. Fashion accessory
 47. Cool!
 48. Time zone
 49. Songs to one's lover
 52. German river
 55. Go bad
 56. Sword
 60. Very eager
 61. Leaf bug
 63. Italian seaport
 64. Napoleon Dynamite's uncle
 65. Member of Jamaican religion
 66. Large wading bird
 67. Carries out
 68. Eternal rest
 69. It holds up your head-words

CLUES DOWN
 34. Double or multiple fold
 36. No longer is
 37. Lakers' crosstown rivals (abbr.)
 38. S. American plant cultivated in Peru
 40. Cloth or fabric
 41. Flanks
 43. Disfigure
 44. Angry
 46. Baltic coast peninsula
 47. Large, flightless birds
 49. Plants of the lily family
 50. Medieval Norwegian language
 51. Polio vaccine developer
 52. Not soft
 53. Exchange rate
 54. Voice (Italian)
 57. Baseball's Ruth
 58. Famed guitarist
 59. Take a chance
 61. Wife
 62. Elaborate handshake



PHOTO BY DEBBIE ADAMS

GFWC Vinton Woman's Club members Hazel Moody, Mary Kay Brown, Kathryn Sowers, and Judy Banik bunched up on a very windy day to plant tulip bulbs in downtown Vinton as part of the Yellow Tulip Project to raise awareness of mental illness.

Vinton Woman's Club adopts Yellow Tulip Project to raise awareness of mental illness

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Several members of the GFWC Vinton Woman's Club spent a cold December morning planting yellow tulip bulbs in a flowerbed at the new Walnut Avenue Parking Lot. The club asked the town for permission to plant the garden as part of the Yellow Tulip Project (YTP) whose goal is to spread hope to those suffering from depression and despair, to "smash the stigma associated with mental illness," and to build community to remind people that there is help and hope for those living with mental illness.

Their vision is to gather together as a community to plant hope gardens in the fall and welcome the flowers in the spring.

According to their website, the Yellow Tulip Project was founded by Julia Hansen and her mother, Suzanne Fox. When Hansen was in middle school and until her sophomore year in high school, she felt alone in dealing with her own depression. The deafening silence and stigma that surrounds the topic kept her from reaching out for help. It took the tragedy of losing her two best friends to suicide when she was a 15-year-old high school sophomore for her to find her voice and to speak out.

She and her mother had an idea — to create a space for determined youth to eradicate stigma, build community, and inspire productive conversations

about how to combat the rising rates of suicide. The Yellow Tulip Project was born from this vision to make every person struggling aware that there is help and hope available.

The yellow tulip flowers represent happiness and hope. They also remind Julia of her two best friends who she lost to suicide. The tulip was one friend's favorite flower and yellow was the other's favorite color. YTP hopes to help others realize that even in the darkest places, hope is always there, and suicide should never be an option. They are fiercely dedicated to helping people know that there are ways to get help, people are there for them and that circumstances can and will change. In those dark times it is important to reach out and get the help you need. to talk about mental illness, not suffer alone or feel ashamed.

YTP is a determined youth-driven movement tired of the silence surrounding mental illness — and ready to move mountains to bring change. They are tired of suffering in silence and tired of losing their friends to suicide. They are ready to address the elephant in the room that no one wants to talk about, even though one in five people worldwide suffer from mental illness.

Statistics indicate that every 40 seconds someone dies from suicide. It is the second leading cause of death for people

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Upcoming holiday events planned at local churches

Several local churches have planned special events for the Christmas season.

Lynn Haven Baptist Church is hosting a Christmas Eve concert featuring "Back Home for Christmas" with Jaclyn Hayden, on December 24 at 5 p.m. (everyone is welcome). Lynn Haven is located at 1501 East Washington Avenue.

Thrasher Memorial United Methodist will host the "O Holy Light Christmas Cantata" on December 8 at 6 p.m. The combined adult and children's choirs of Thrasher and Melrose Baptist will perform.

The Thrasher Children's Choir will perform a Christmas

cantata on December 22 at 10 a.m.

On December 22 at 6 p.m., there will be a performance of "Pipes, Bells, and Keys" at Thrasher.

Thrasher's Christmas Eve services are scheduled for December 24 at 5 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Thrasher Memorial is located at 707 East Washington Avenue in Vinton.

The **Vinton Wesleyan Church Choir Cantata** will be on Sunday, December 22 at 10:30 a.m.

A candlelight service will be held on Christmas Eve at 5 p.m. The public is invited to both services. Vinton Wesleyan is located at 246 Jefferson

Avenue in Vinton.

Vinton Baptist Church will be hosting the "Panamania Steel Drums Holiday Concert" on Saturday, December 7 at 3 p.m. You will be treated to the sounds of Christmas with a Caribbean twist. The concert is free. A love offering will be taken.

Vinton Baptist welcomes the community to a Christmas musical on December 15 at 10:30 a.m. and Christmas Eve services at 5 p.m. on December 24. Vinton Baptist is located at 219 Washington Avenue, Vinton.

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Vinton History Museum hosting annual Holiday Open House December 7

The Vinton History Museum will host its annual Holiday Open House on Saturday, December 7, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Stop by for a visit with Santa and his Elf between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. There will be dulcimer music and trees decorated with the handmade ornaments featured on the Vinton History Museum Fashions for Evergreens tree at the Hotel Roanoke in 2023.

There will also be a "Holiday Pop-Up Shop" with a "Children's Santa Shop" and gift baskets for sale.

Everyone is welcome. Refreshments will be served.



PHOTOCOURTESY OF VINTON HISTORY MUSEUM

William Byrd High School Leo Club members helped decorate the History Museum for the holidays.

The museum will be open on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. through December 20, before closing for the holidays until January 3, 2025.

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.

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TRUST THE TRUTH
Read 2 Timothy 1:1 through 4:22

Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth (2 Timothy 2:15).

The Greek word orthotomeo, translated here as "correctly handles," is rendered "rightly dividing" in other versions.

It carries the idea of cutting straight like a surgeon and getting to the heart of the matter. Paul's letters to Timothy emphasize sound doctrine, which must be taught in the churches so believers will be established in the truth. Is false teaching being advocated? Stand firm on God's truth. Do unbelievers mock our Christian life? Stand firm on God's truth.

We are all to be students of God's Word—diligently studying it, faithfully putting it into practice in our daily lives, and effectively sharing it. We should never be ashamed to be identified with Christ, nor do we want to be embarrassed by our lack of preparation for witnessing.

We need to be ready with knowledge of the truth and guided by God's Spirit in sharing it with others.

Thought for Today: Train in the truth and trust its teaching.

Quicklook: 2 Timothy 2:7-15

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

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

LUTHERAN
ST. TIMOTHY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH, "The Church Under The Cross", 1201 Hardy Rd, Vinton VA 24179, Pastor, Rev. Dr. James B. Davis (540) 342- 1715, 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 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.

RECIPES OF THE WEEK:

Christmas Fudge for the holiday season

By Debbie Adams

The holidays and fudge just seem to go together – for dessert or for gifts.

Buckeye Fudge (really easy)

Peanut Butter Layer

- 1 cup butter
- 1 cup creamy peanut butter
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 3-1/2 cups powdered sugar

Chocolate Layer

- 7 ounces sweetened condensed milk (1/2 of a 14-ounce can)
- 1-1/2 cup dark or semi-sweet chocolate chips
- 2 tablespoons butter

Microwave Directions

1. Peanut Butter Layer – Combine the peanut butter, butter and vanilla in a glass bowl and melt in the microwave for 90 seconds. Stir to combine. Slowly add the powdered sugar a cup or so at a time. Stir to combine thoroughly. Grease an 8- to 9-inch pan with butter or line with parchment. Transfer the peanut butter fudge mixture to the pan and press into the pan.

2. Chocolate Layer – Combine milk, the chocolate and the butter in a medium size glass bowl and heat in the microwave for 90 seconds. Stir to combine and heat another 15 seconds if needed. Stir until smooth. Pour over the peanut butter fudge layer.

3. Let cool on the counter for at least 4 hours before cutting, or chill in the refrigerator. Slice into bite size servings and store in an airtight container in the refrigerator for up to a week.

Home Economics Class Fudge Fantasy Fudge

We made this fudge in eighth grade Home Economics class back in the '60s.

- 2-1/4 cups sugar
- 3/4 cup evaporated milk
- 1 cup marshmallow crème or 16 large marshmallows
- 1/4 cup butter or margarine
- 1/4 tsp. salt
- 6 oz. (1 cup) semi-sweet chocolate pieces
- 1 tsp. vanilla

Mix sugar, milk, marshmallows, butter, and salt in a heavy 2 qt. saucepan. Cook, stirring over medium heat, to a boil (mixture will be bubbling on top). Boil and stir for five minutes more. Remove from heat. Stir in chocolate pieces until completely melted. Stir in vanilla. Spread in buttered 8-inch square pan. Cool. Cut into 30 pieces.

Rocky Road Fudge Bars (worth the work)

Bar ingredients:

- 1/2 cup butter or margarine
- 1 square (1 oz.) unsweetened chocolate
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 cup flour
- 1/2 to 1 cup nuts
- 1 tsp. baking powder
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 2 eggs

Filling ingredients:

- 8 oz. cream cheese, softened (reserve 2 oz. for frosting)
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 2 Tbsp. flour
- 1/4 cup butter or margarine, softened
- 1 egg
- 1/2 tsp. vanilla
- 1/4 cup chopped nuts
- 6 oz. pkg. (1 cup) semi-sweet chocolate chips

Frosting ingredients

- 2 cups miniature marshmallows
- 1/4 cup butter or margarine
- 1 square (1 oz) unsweetened chocolate
- 2 oz. reserved cream cheese
- 1/4 cup milk
- 3 cups powdered sugar
- 1 tsp. vanilla

Heat oven to 350°. Grease and flour 9x13-inch pan. In large saucepan, over low heat, melt 1/2 cup margarine and 1 sq. chocolate. Lightly spoon flour into measuring cup and level off. Add remaining bar ingredients; mix well. Spread in prepared pan.

In a small bowl, combine 6 oz. cream cheese with the next five filling ingredients. Beat 1 minute at medium speed until smooth and fluffy, stir in nuts. Spread over the chocolate mixture in pan. Sprinkle with chocolate chips. Bake at 350° for 25-35 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Remove from oven; sprinkle with marshmallows and bake 2 minutes longer.

In large saucepan over low heat, melt 1/4 cup butter, 1 sq. chocolate, remaining 2 oz. cream cheese and milk. Stir in powdered sugar and vanilla until smooth. Immediately pour over marshmallows and swirl together. Cool. Cut into bars. Store in refrigerator. Makes 3-4 dozen bars.

PEOPLE, PLACES AND THINGS



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Pictured (from left) are: Steve Jones, Dixie, Holden O'Boyle, Hannah and Drake Lewis, Emille O'Boyle (Congrats, newlyweds!) Abbie Lewis, Bootie Chewning, Tara Jones, Greg Chewning, Greg Boitnott, and Mike Boitnott; and back, Bobbi and Tim Jordan.

By Angie Chewning

Holidays are for family and friends. We, of course, love to have them both together. Thanksgiving changes each year for us as well as many families. I hope

everyone had a great holiday!

Don't forget to wrap up and join us at the Vinton Christmas Parade. Tree Lighting is at 6 p.m., followed by entertainment by Floyd Ward Dance, then the parade steps off at 7 p.m. See ya there!

Council

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created “a good product which can be used by town council, staff, and citizens.”

During the Citizens' Comments section of the meeting, Pastor Joe Whiting of Chamblissburg Baptist Church told council that he is proud to be part of this community. He then prayed for council to be blessed and show wisdom in their actions in the coming year.

Council adopted a resolution formally urging the Virginia General Assembly to uphold the ban on “skill” gaming machines to enforce measures that protect communities from their detrimental impact and advocating for stricter enforcement measures. The resolution emphasizes that the Town of Vinton is committed to “collaborating with state and local authorities to ensure comprehensive enforcement and effective penalties for violations.”

The resolution also advocates for policies that require local input before any reconsideration of “skill” gaming machine legalization. It states that “the proliferation of unregulated gaming establishments

undermines legitimate businesses, poses enforcement challenges, and jeopardizes public welfare.”

The resolution will be sent to local representatives to the General Assembly and the governor.

There is some debate across the state among various groups about the definition of a “skill” game, which often resembles a slot machine. They are generally in use at restaurants, truck stops, bars, and convenience stores.

In a work session prior to the council meeting, Sexton presented a report on the “complete streets and safety project” which involves lane reconfiguration on Gus Nicks Boulevard, from Route 460 in Roanoke City to South Pollard Street in Vinton.

In September 2024, town staff met with Roanoke City staff regarding the opportunity for the project on Gus Nicks. The city has a “complete streets” program which looks to enhance safety

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

The staff at Mt. Pleasant Library has many fun and educational events planned for the month of December.

Jammie Storytime is scheduled from 6 to 6:30 p.m. on December 5. Raise your children to be lifelong readers by bringing them to storytime at the library. Join us just before bedtime to practice early literacy skills, enjoy activities and stories with library staff. Little ones, be sure to wear your PJs!

Bored? All ages are invited to come and play board games at the library from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on December 7.

Dungeons and Dragons –

adventures wanted! Join us in a place where newbies get together to play the popular tabletop game with other teens, on Tuesday, December 10 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Santa will be visiting the Mt. Pleasant Library on Thursday, December 12 from 6 to 7 p.m. for stories, songs, a craft, a special snack, and a visit with Santa.

Book Chats for adults is scheduled for Saturday, December 14 from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. This is an informal book group. Discuss what you are currently reading, what you've read in the past, and

your TBR list. Refreshments provided.

Join fellow Pokemon fans for Pokemon Club. Share and discuss your cards, with trading optional. This group is scheduled to meet on Monday, December 16 from 3-4 p.m. and is best for grades K-5. Those older than fifth grade can attend but are not allowed to trade. All participants are entered into a drawing for fun Pokemon prizes.

Make and enjoy featured drinks while discussing go-to genres, favorite titles, and books everyone should read at least once during “Sip & Read Teen

Book Club.” While you're there, don't forget to grab your Teen Takeout Book Club Kit. This event is scheduled for December 17 from 4:30 to 5:30.

Holiday Ornament Painting – Children are invited to come and paint an ornament for the holidays on Thursday, December 19 from 6 to 7 p.m.

Children are invited to create their own gingerbread houses on Saturday, December 21, from noon to 1 p.m. Houses, icing, and candy are provided.

Teens are invited to participate in Origami Creator Craft on Saturday, December 28, from noon to 1 p.m. Create

your own paper creature and learn the art of paper folding.

Register online for programs at www.rocolibrary.org.

Mt. Pleasant Library is located at 2918 Jae Valley Road, just across from the fire station. The usual hours are: Monday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Tuesday, 2-8 p.m.; Wednesday, 2-6 p.m.; Thursday, 2-8 p.m.; Friday, 1-5 p.m.; and Saturday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. There will be some holiday closures in December. Watch for the announcement.

-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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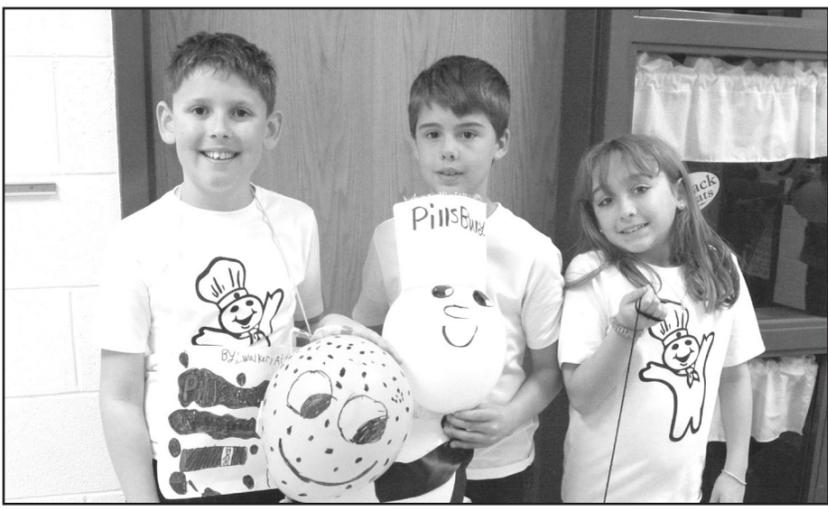
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Balloons from page 1



The Pillsbury Doughboy



Tom the Turkey

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years since. Students also learn to use the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade website to research which balloons were to be in this year's parade in order to design and create a balloon puppet which represented one of the Macy's balloons.

Students generally work in groups of two to four. They receive a rubric with project guidelines. They must use at least one balloon, but not more than four. Balloons must stay connected to the puppet. Each creation must have at least one defining feature of the balloon they are trying to duplicate from the real Macy's balloon. Strings must hang down like a marionette puppet. The puppet must measure at least 12 inches in height (not counting the strings) and must stay connected and in one piece throughout the parade. And if tape is used, it must not be visible.

Students were instructed to create a blueprint or plan for their balloon on paper – describing what it would look like, how it would be suspended,

and the supplies needed to complete the project. Designs were reviewed by at least one "parade manager," either Muncey, Buzzo, or Nash.

Permissible materials included Dixie cups, balloons, straws, craft sticks/paint sticks, string/ribbon, paper towel/toilet paper rolls, various kinds of paper, pipe cleaners, felt/fabric, brads, and crepe paper.

Permissible tools included glue or tape, a ruler, markers, crayons/colored pencils, a balloon pump, pencils, and Cropadile (hole punch).

On their rubrics, students recorded design and construction challenges they encountered through the process. They were then graded on whether they had met all the criteria – including whether they completed their planning sheets, were creative and neat, gave their best effort in the project, and cooperated with teammates.

Balloon puppets this year included Tom the Turkey, Bob the Minion, the Grinch, the Very

Hungry Caterpillar, Bluey, the Christmas Cactus, the Pigeon, Luffy, Football Snoopy, Charlie Brown, Winnie the Pooh, Garfield, Hello Kitty, Santa, Tiptoe Reindeer, the Pillsbury Doughboy, the World Series featuring Aaron Judge, Go Jo, Pusheen the Cat, and more.

The teachers noted that each year's balloons seem to be more detailed than the year before.

Students in the lower grades showed their enthusiastic appreciation of the fifth graders' efforts, applauding all the participants and most likely looking forward to a future day when they would be the ones showcasing their own balloons.

The "Balloons over Bonsack" parade grew from another Bonsack Elementary tradition in which the fifth graders walk the halls on the last day of the school year, cheered on by students in the lower grades.

More photos of all the balloon puppets in the parade are available on The Vinton Messenger Facebook page.

Gus Nicks from page 5

and multimodal opportunities whenever paving a road in order to receive "economies of scale" for the construction of improved road design.

The city had been considering a redesign of Gus Nicks for several years. That section of roadway is considered a "high injury" area. When the plan to repave Gus Nicks in the city moved up to year 2025, the city reached out to the town regarding a partnership in the project.

A plan for Gus Nicks had also been in the works in Vinton for a couple of years. When the city moved up the paving schedule, that was the "trigger" for moving the project along in Vinton, Sexton says. The project has also received support from VDOT.

Gus Nicks is due for repaving and has seen rapid development and redevelopment in recent years (the Billy Byrd Apartments, Vinyard Station, renovations to Gish Mill, another completed phase of the greenway, the addition of a recycling station, and Pollard 107 South) which would benefit from a complete streets design with added left turn lanes and a mobility track.

In addition, the intersection of Gus Nicks and South Pollard Street would provide a more natural transition point for a new road design than the town/city line at Glade Creek, allowing the traveling public a "seamless" experience along the entire corridor between the two jurisdictions.

For this project the city has agreed to design the entire corridor in both jurisdictions and incorporate the milling, paving, and striping of the town's portion of the road into the city's construction contract. In return, Vinton will pay for traffic counts along the road and the materials for an upcoming demonstration

of the proposed new traffic patterns (mainly traffic cones). The town will also reimburse the city for the cost of milling, paving, and striping in the town from the bridge over Glade Creek to Pollard Street.

According to the Federal Highway Administration, for decades the purpose and goal of street design in the United States was to move as much motorized traffic, cars and trucks, as expeditiously as possible, from Point A to Point B regardless of other considerations. These plans did not always accommodate for pedestrians, bicyclists, transit users, the elderly, and others. However, nowadays, improving safety has become the top priority.

The "complete streets" concept, on the other hand, places emphasis on design plans customized to the needs of the area served and designing streets which not only are safe, but "feel safe" for all users. (U.S. Department of Transportation research indicates that road reconfigurations reduce total crashes by up to 47%.)

The town hopes to modify pavement markings – typically painting and restriping – to accomplish the reconfigurations.

Sexton said that it generally takes about six months for the traveling public to become comfortable with new road configurations, but these changes will increase public safety and allow traffic to move more seamlessly. He also indicated that there are funds in the town's paving budget to "capitalize on this opportunity."

More details will be forthcoming on the project. There will be some traffic flow testing in the designated area in December and January. Results of those studies will most likely be available in February, when design updates will be made, if necessary. Repaving and lane reconfiguration is anticipated in the summer of 2025.

Women's Club from page 4

ages 10-34.

Anxiety affects one in four youth between the ages of 13 and 18. Eighty percent do not get the treatment that they need. Suicide rates have increased overall by 35% since 1999.

Members of the local woman's club were able to attend a webinar by Suzanne Fox on the project in order to help fight mental illness and its stigma and help promote mental health in the community.

The Vinton Woman's Club already partners with the Vinton Police Department to plant a pinwheel garden at the Municipal Building in April to raise awareness of child and domestic abuse.

The women are hoping that the yellow tulip bulbs they planted this week will bloom in the spring – hopefully in March.

For more information on the Yellow Tulip Project visit <https://theyellowtulipproject.org/>.

Heroes Tree from page 1

K9s (19 stars). There are also stars labeled 9/11 who belong to fire and police who have died from 9/11 related cancer in 2024. Tan stars belong to those in the military (16 lost in 2024). One of those red stars is for a Virginian, along with three blue stars.

Stars for those who served in the military display their names, branch of service, and the date they passed away. Stars for canines have paw prints. The stars for firefighters say "Last Alarm" on the date of their passing. The stars for law enforcement, firefighters, and EMS display the name of the department or organization the individual worked for.

Price is continually updating the names from many sources, most recently on December 1. At the end of the year, Sirens and Salutes will mail the ornaments to families upon request. A new tree will begin in January 2025.

Price and Vinton Director of Human Resources and Risk Management Donna Collins, who is also the chair of the Vinton Veterans Outreach Committee, set up the tree and display.

According to Price and the Sirens and Salutes website, "Sirens and Salutes, Inc. was founded and incorporated by Bill and Cindy Price in April 2021. Bill is a Navy Veteran, who served 10 years, and retired firefighter (36 years of service), now volunteering at his local fire department. He also is Commander of the local VFW Post." Price's father was a police officer.

"Cindy Price is a Registered Nurse with many years of experience working in the ER and ICU. She now also volunteers with the Buchanan Lions Club. Both come from service families with military and police backgrounds,

2024 Fallen Heroes Tree

Each star on this tree belongs to a hero who has died this year in the Line of Duty across the United States. Red stars are firefighters and EMS. Blue stars are for law enforcement. Paw prints are for K9's. You will also notice 9/11 on some, those belong to fire and police who have died from 9/11 related cancers. Tan stars belong to those in the military.

Totals for 2024 to date

Red stars- 56
Blue stars- 187
Tan- 16
K9-19

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A plaque describes what the Fallen Heroes Tree signifies.

instilling the value of community service in their children."

When Bill Price retired in 2019, he wanted "to do something for the military and first responders," so they began the non-profit.

In addition to the Prices, Sirens and Salutes has an active board to assist with the organization's projects.

For the past three years, Price has entered a Fallen Heroes Tree in the Hotel Roanoke Fashions for Evergreens competition. Every year, their tree won the prestigious People's Choice Award. The trees make the public aware of various organizations like Sirens and Salutes, their goals, and their activities.

While the stars on the tree are meant to honor those who have died in service, they are also meant to comfort families and make them aware that their loved ones are not forgotten on this, their first Christmas without them.

"While you sit with your family, they have an empty chair now because someone lost their life protecting us," Price says.

Early on, Sirens and Salutes started "as a passion for attending 9/11 Memorial Stair Climbs and making sure we 'Never Forget' those killed on September 11. It turned into hosting our first 9/11 Memorial Walk in our hometown of Buchanan, Virginia, in 2019. In 2021,

as our first official year as Sirens and Salutes, we had the 'Walk of Heroes' trail, American flags placed on both sides of the track, with ID photo tags of those who died on 9/11, and a biography on the back. Those flags and tags were adopted out after the walk, so no hero was left behind."

The Fallen Heroes Tree began in the Price's front yard. Then it moved in front of the Buchanan Volunteer Fire Department for all to see.

Some of their other activities have included placing hundreds of wreaths on graves of veterans in a cemetery in Buchanan and beyond, sending CARE packages to veterans in nursing homes, giving Christmas cards to veterans at the Salem VA, taking photos with Santa at Limestone Park, a free movie night for veterans on Veterans Day, Military Appreciation Night in conjunction with the Railyard Dawgs, cards, gifts, and goodies for veterans in local nursing homes, and more.

Price thanked Vinton "for showing respect to our first responders and military members who lost their lives in the line of duty in 2024," by requesting the Fallen Heroes Tree to be placed in Vinton.

For more information go to www.sirensandsalutes.org or visit their Facebook page.

Wilson from page 1



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Eagle Scout projects involve a coordinated effort from fellow Scouts, leaders, family, and friends. This group helped construct Gabriel Wilson's project.

submitted to the Scout Board of Review. The board will evaluate whether the qualifications have been successfully met, including interviewing Gabriel about the project and the process.

Once the requirements are met satisfactorily, the Scout is recognized at an Eagle Scout Ceremony. That will most likely be scheduled in early spring for Gabriel.

Gabriel has been involved in Scouting since he was 11 years old. He is now 16 and a junior in high school. He is homeschooled by his parents, Josh and Jamie Wilson, and his grandparents, Brian and Tammy Cook.

Gabriel says that when he first got involved in Scouting as a Cub Scout at the encouragement of his grandfather, he "had a blast, it was so much fun, and I loved it."

When he reached Boy Scout age, he joined Troop 235 which meets at Thrasher Memorial United Methodist Church in Vinton. One of their leaders, Greg Leslie, is a family friend. Gabriel says he has "made many great friends there."

"A Scout working on his Eagle project is a special time and will be remembered for the rest of his life," said Scoutmaster Cook.

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Send quotes to Burleigh Construction, PO Box 289, Concord, Virginia 24538 or by email to bmc@mccormick.com or contact the office at (434) 993-2214 fax (434) 993-3851. Bid date is 12/11/24. Please respond by 12/09/24. EOE

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The Town of Troutville Planning Commission and Council

will hear request of property subdivision for Tax Map Lot #101D(7)B, Valley Road, no physical address within the Town of Troutville on Monday December 16 at 7:00pm at Troutville Town Hall. Public comment will be received. Contact the Town Office at 540-992-4401 for additional information.

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 142 PIPER GLENN, BLUE RIDGE, VA 24064.

In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated July 18, 2013, in the original principal amount of \$252,400.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Botetourt County, Virginia as Instrument No. 130003354. The undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the front of the Circuit Court building for Botetourt County, Main Street, Fincastle, VA 24090, or any such temporary alternative Circuit Court location designated by the Judges of the Circuit Court, on February 10, 2025, at 12:15 PM, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows: ALL THAT CERTAIN LOT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN THE COUNTY OF BOTETOURT, STATE OF VIRGINIA, DESIGNATED AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEING ALL OF LOT 28, SECTION 1, COBBLESTONE, AS SHOWN ON THE SURVEY PLAT OF COBBLESTONE, SECTION 1, BY RODERICK F. PIERSON, LLS, DATED MAY 22, 2000 AND RECORDED JUNE 29, 2000 IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR BOTETOURT COUNTY, VIRGINIA IN PLAT BOOK 22, PAGE 67, TO WHICH PLAT REFERENCE IS MADE FOR A FURTHER DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY CONVEYED HEREBY. TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder's deposit of ten percent (10%) of the sale price or ten percent (10%) of the original principal balance of the subject Deed of Trust, whichever is lower,

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in the form of cash or certified funds payable to the Substitute Trustee must be present at the time of the sale. The balance of the purchase price will be due within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Purchaser's deposit may be forfeited to Trustee. Time is of the essence. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser may, if provided by the terms of the Trustee's Memorandum of Foreclosure Sale, be entitled to a \$50 cancellation fee from the Substitute Trustee, but shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. A form copy of the Trustee's memorandum of foreclosure sale and contract to purchase real property is available for viewing at www.bwvsales.com. Additional terms, if any, to be announced at the sale and the Purchaser may be given the option to execute the contract of sale electronically. This is a communication from a debt collector and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. The sale is subject to seller confirmation. Substitute Trustee: Equity Trustees, LLC, 8100 Three Chopt Road, Suite 240, Richmond, VA 23229. For more information contact: BWV Law Group, LLC, attorneys for Equity Trustees, LLC, 6003 Executive Blvd, Suite 101, Rockville, MD 20852, 301-961-6555, website: www.bwvsales.com. VA-370221-1.

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Timber Ridge, Buchanan, Virginia 24066

Parcel ID No. 31978 Tax Map No. 49-43B BOTETOURT COUNTY, VA

In execution of a credit line deed of trust dated December 13, 2019 (the "Deed of Trust"), recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the County of Botetourt, Virginia, as Instrument 190004704, the undersigned substitute Trustee, any or all of whom may act, will offer for sale at the front steps of the Botetourt County Circuit Court Clerk's Office, 5 West Main Street, Fincastle, Virginia 24090-0219, on December 12, 2024, at 12:00 o'clock noon, property located at or near Timber Ridge, Buchanan, Virginia, which property is more particularly described as follows:
All of that certain tract or parcel of land designated as New Tract B and containing 5.012 acres, more or less, as more fully shown on that certain "Plat Of The Property of George T. & Lesley N. Kutchman DB 392 PG 420; TM #49-43 Creating New Tract B," dated March 7, 2019 and prepared by Christopher N. McMurry, Land Surveyor, a copy of which is recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Botetourt County, Virginia, in Plat Book 63, Page 31.

This sale is subject to all liens, easements, restrictions, conditions, and reservations of record affecting the title to the property hereinabove described, to the extent any of them have priority over the lien of the Deed of Trust.
TERMS OF SALE: A bidder's deposit of up to ten percent (10%) of the successful bid in certified funds required (certified or cashier's check made payable to Spilman, Thomas & Battle, PLLC). Settlement within thirty (30) days of sale with balance of purchase price paid in cash. Additional terms may be announced at the time of sale. The successful bidder will be required to execute a Memorandum of Trustee's Sale outlining additional terms of sale and settlement that will be available for review prior to the announcement of sale. Employees, directors and officers of Farm Credit of the Virginias, ACA, and their immediate family and companies in which they have an interest are not eligible under federal regulations to purchase this property at foreclosure.

Bryson J. Hunter, Peter M. Pearl, and Jennifer A. Baker, Substitute Trustees
For Information Contact: Bryson J. Hunter, Esquire bhunter@spilmanlaw.com Spilman Thomas & Battle, PLLC
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Legals - Montgomery County

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 15.2-2204 and 15.2-2272 of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended, the Montgomery County Board of Supervisors hereby gives notice of a public hearing to be held on MONDAY, December 16, 2024 at 7:15 p.m. in the County Government Center, 755 Roanoke St., Christiansburg, Virginia, in order to hear citizen comments regarding the Board of Supervisors intention to act on the following Ordinance: AN ORDINANCE VACATING A FORTY FOOT (40') WIDE UNIMPROVED RIGHT OF WAY PORTION OF GREENBRIER CIRCLE LOCATED ADJACENT TO LOT 301, PARCEL ID 003542 AND LOT 302, PARCEL ID 000520, IN THE MOUNT TABOR MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT IN SECTION II OF BLACKBURG COUNTY CLUB ESTATES SUBDIVISION RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 16, PAGE 1 IN THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT CLERKS OFFICE SUBJECT TO THE COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY RESERVING A FIFTEEN FOOT (15') PUBLIC DRAINAGE EASEMENT WITHIN THE VACATED PORTION OF GREENBRIER CIRCLE RIGHT OF WAY. Copies of the proposed plans, applications, ordinances or amendments may be examined at the Department of Planning and GIS Services, County Government Center, 755 Roanoke St., Suite 2A, Christiansburg, Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. or at <http://www.montgomerycountyva.gov/planning>.

Order of Publication

Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code §§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316.20-104
Case No. **CL24001725-00** MONTGOMERY COUNTY Circuit Court, 55 EAST MAIN STREET, SUITE 1, CHRISTIANBURG, VA 24073
Commonwealth of Virginia, *in re* ASHLEY DIANE MCLEMORE v. COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
The object of this suit is to: MINOR NAME CHANGE FOR RYLAND HALL. It is ORDERED that CHRISTOPHER JOSPEH HALL appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before JANUARY 10, 2025 @1:00PM.
10/31/2024
K. Mike Fleenor, Judge

Order of Publication

Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code §§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316.20-104
Case No. **CL24001726-00** MONTGOMERY Circuit Court, 55 EAST MAIN STREET, SUITE 1, CHRISTIANBURG, VA 24073
Commonwealth of Virginia, *in re* ASHLEY MCLEMORE v. COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
The object of this suit is to: MINOR NAME CHANGE FOR DAYTON HALL. It is ORDERED that CHRISTOPHER JOSEPH HALL appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before JANUARY 10, 2025 @1:00PM.
November 6, 2024
K. Mike Fleenor, Judge

Order of Publication

Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code §§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316.20-104
Case No. **CL24001764-00** MONTGOMERY COUNTY Circuit Court, 55 EAST MAIN STREET, SUITE 1, CHRISTIANBURG, VA 24073
Commonwealth of Virginia, *in re* STACEY LYNN MONTOYA v. JOSE CARLOS HERNANDEZ MONTOYA
The object of this suit is to: DIVORCE. It is ORDERED that JOSE CARLOS HERNANDEZ MONTOYA appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before JANUARY 13, 2025 @9:00 AM.
November 12, 2024
K. Mike Fleenor, Judge

Legals - Montgomery County

Order of Publication

Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code §§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316.20-104
Case No. **CL24001724-00** MONTGOMERY COUNTY Circuit Court, 55 EAST MAIN STREET, SUITE 1, CHRISTIANBURG, VA 24073
Commonwealth of Virginia, *in re* ASHLEY DIANE MCLEMORE v. COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
The object of this suit is to: MINOR NAME CHANGE FOR TEAGAN HALL. It is ORDERED that CHRISTOPHER JOSEPH HALL appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before JANUARY 10, 2025 @1:00 PM.
11/1/2024
K. Mike Fleenor, Judge

New River Valley HOME Consortium and Town of Blacksburg HOME and CDBG Grant Programs

Notice of Public Comment Meeting

CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL PERFORMANCE EVALUATION REPORT (CAPER) PROGRAM YEAR 2023
In accordance with guidelines established by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the New River Valley HOME Consortium and the Town of Blacksburg seek public comment on the Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report (CAPER) for the 2023 program year of the New River Valley HOME Consortium's Home Investments Partnerships Program (HOME) and the Town of Blacksburg's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program.
The report includes an assessment of projects funded under CDBG and HOME, including expenditures in relation to community objectives, progress on HUD financed activities, and an analysis of persons benefiting from activities.

A copy of the report is on file at the Town of Blacksburg's Office of Housing and Community Connections, 303 Wilson Avenue, Blacksburg, Virginia, and will be available for review upon request. It can also be found on the Town's website at the following web address: [http://www.blacksburg.gov/ HUDreport](http://www.blacksburg.gov/HUDreport).

All citizens and organizations are invited to attend a public meeting on December 9th at 12:00 p.m. at 303 Wilson Avenue, to provide comments and suggestions on the draft Consolidated Plan. Comments may be given via e-mail to: housing@blacksburg.gov, by phone at (540) 443-1615, and by mail to Housing and Community Connections, P.O. Box 90003, Blacksburg, VA 24062. All comments must be received by December 20th at 5:00 p.m. Accommodations for persons with disabilities and non-English speaking residents will be provided upon request. For additional information, please call (540) 443-1613.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 15.2-2204 & 15.2-2285 of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended, the Montgomery County Planning Commission hereby gives notice of a public hearing to be held on December 11, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in the County Government Center, 755 Roanoke St., Christiansburg, Virginia, in order to hear citizen comments regarding the Planning Commission's intention to act on the following Special Use Permit request: A request by Andrew and Katie Wells for a Special Use Permit (SUP) to allow a Short-Term Tourist Rental within an existing residential structure on property located at 2671 Luster's Gate Road, approximately

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0.08 miles southeast of the intersection of Harding Road (State Route 785) and Luster's Gate Road (State Route 723). The property is further identified as Tax Parcel 042-A 1 77A (Parcel ID: 000020), 3.483 acres, zoned Residential (R-2) in the Mount Tabor Magisterial District. The property currently lies in an area designated as Residential Transition in the 2025 Comprehensive Plan. Copies of the proposed plans, applications, ordinances or amendments may be examined at the Department of Planning and GIS Services, County Government Center, 755 Roanoke St., Suite 2A, Christiansburg, Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. or at <http://www.montgomerycountyva.gov/pendingapplications>.

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 3025 OLIVER ROAD, ELLISTON, VA 24087.

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Order of Publication

Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code §§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316.20-104
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Commonwealth of Virginia, *in re* KEVIN C. LYLE v. UNKNOWN HEIRS OF MARJORIE MILLER LYLE
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Girls drop hoop debut to Demons

Rebecca "Kat" Stanley has moved over a seat on the William Byrd girls' basketball team bench this year. The former Byrd standout is the new head coach after serving as an assistant to Randy Bush.

The girls opened the season on Monday at Christiansburg and took a 46-39 loss. Sam Martin led the team with a dozen points while Kaylee Makuch had 10 and Skye Williams scored six. Martin and Makuch are both senior returnees.

"The score says we lost but in my mind it was a game that shows how much these girls have improved since last year," said Stanley. "We worked the ball around well and the girls used each other as a real team, something I haven't seen in a while with them. There's no doubt that when our shots start falling we are going to shock a lot of teams."

The girls were scheduled to play at Cave Spring Wednesday but results were too late for publication. They stay on



Sam Martin will be a scoring threat for Byrd.

the road Friday at Glenvar and then have their home opener next Tuesday, December 10, against Hidden Valley.

"I want these girls to just have fun and enjoy it, that is one of my main goals," said Stanley. "Obviously we want to win, but with winning comes hard work and that is what these girls have been doing. If anything this team has shown how badly they want to change this program for the better than in years past. Since my four years being back at Byrd this is the most excited I have ever seen them and that will go a long way."

Swimmers in C'burg Saturday

The William Byrd swimmers will hit the water this week with two events. The Terriers were scheduled to swim at Franklin County on Wednesday and this Saturday they're entered in the big Southwest Invitational at the Christiansburg Aquatic Center.

Coach Krista Martin returns a solid group of swimmers from last year, with 28 on the roster. Captains are Evan Copenig and Josie Taylor.

"My girls team this year are all returning swimmers," said Martin. "For the boys team we have four new swimmers to our team and the rest returnees, and three of the four new swimmers are eighth graders. It's so good for our program when swimmers join for



Lindsay Murtaugh medaled in two events at the state Class 3 swim meet last season.

all five years.

Members of last year's state team who return this winter include Cary Jones, Gabby Romeo, Addison Collins, Lindsay Murtaugh, Blake Richardson, Chris Hurd, Brody Parrish and Copenig.

"I'm sure these swimmers are looking to qualify for state again this year," said Martin.

"I'm also hoping taking so many to state last year inspires this year's crew to set that as a goal as well. Lindsay Murtaugh will be one to watch in the distance events and freshman Hadyn Terrell is one of the top breaststrokers in our state and will finally get to swim for points this year and compete in post season."

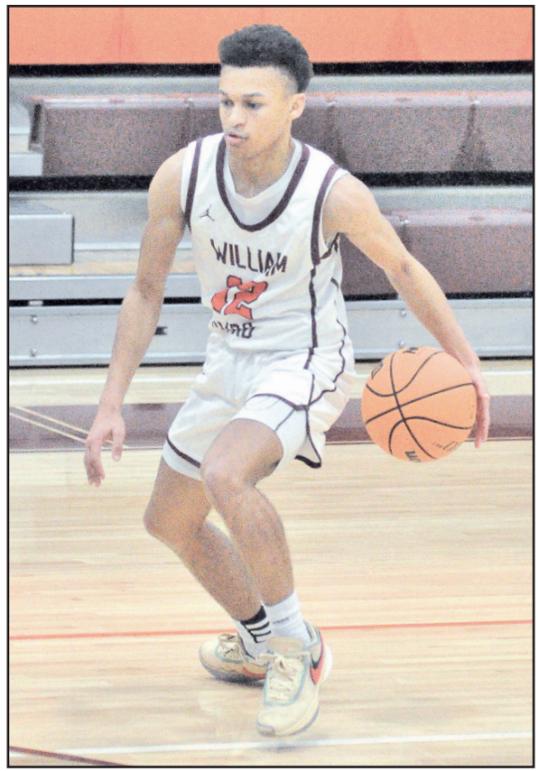
First three boys' basketball games are postponed due to football

The William Byrd boys will have to wait a little longer to open the basketball season. The first three scheduled games have been postponed due to the continuing success of the football team, which plays in the state Class 3 semifinal this Saturday.

Byrd was scheduled to open at home on Tuesday with Christiansburg but that game has been moved to January 29. There was no make-up date at press time for Wednesday's postponed game with Cave Spring, and Friday's game with Glenvar has been moved to January 20. Glenvar's football team is also in the state semifinal in Class 2.

So, as it stands, the Terrier basketball team is now scheduled to open next Tuesday, December 10, at Hidden Valley. When coach Brad Greenway has all the pieces assembled he's looking to have a good season. He'll be leaning on returning seniors Isaiah Board and Hayden Eads.

"Two guys who have played a lot of minutes for us through three years and we are excited to see the culmination of that play out this season," said Greenway. "Excited to see what they



Isaiah Board returns for the Terrier boys' team.

can do as seniors."

Others who will see time include juniors Luke Helton, Jesus Leon, Ryan Hurley and Cason Nichols, sophomore David Foster and freshman Moises Leon.

"We just want to take it one day at a time and see if we can reach this group's potential," said Greenway. "It's been a great group of guys to be around and we really just want to continue our growth throughout the season."

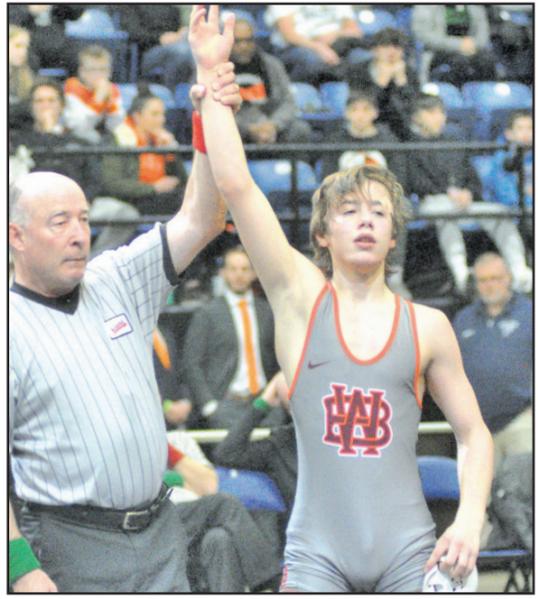
Wrestlers in Titan Toughman

The William Byrd "Big Orange" wrestlers open the season this week with a home event and a short trip across Roanoke County to Hidden Valley High School. The Terriers are looking to improve on last year's 12th place finish in Class 3.

"We are relatively young and we will need to grow into our lineup," said Byrd coach Thomas Kessler. "Our full lineup will not be set until football's playoff run, so we are likely not to see what potential we have until later in the season. We have a lot of high goals for some individuals that we are going to work our butts off trying to achieve."

Byrd will return state champion Darin Witcher and three other state qualifiers, Zane Taylor, Graylen Castleberry and Stephen Underwood.

"Darin Witcher will look to etch his name into William Byrd history by becoming a two-time state champion," said Kessler.



Darin Witcher is looking to repeat as state champ.

"He works so hard and holds everyone to the same standard. He's fun to coach."

Lane Brunk is looking to make the state this year and Myles Preston and Davion Wade are newcomers with promise.

The Terriers were scheduled to open the season on Wednesday with a middle school- varsity doubleheader against Salem. This weekend they'll compete in the Titan Toughman Tournament at Hidden Valley.

Salem-Roanoke Baseball Hall of Fame names Class of '25, former MLB manager Terry Collins is speaker and inductee

Former Major League Baseball manager Terry Collins, who played on the 1972 Salem Pirates Carolina League championship team, will be the guest speaker and one of five inductees for the Salem-Roanoke Baseball Hall of Fame's 33rd hot stove banquet and induction ceremony. The banquet will be held at the Salem Civic Center on Sunday February 2nd, 2025. In addition to Collins the Class of '25 includes Ed Culicerto, Casey Hodges, J.D. Mundy and F.L. Slough.

A graduate of Eastern Michigan University, Collins was drafted and signed by the Pittsburgh Pirates in 1971 and spent 53 years in professional baseball. He was an infielder for the Carolina League champion Salem Pirates in 1972, playing with future big leaguers Dave Parker, Ed Ott, Doug Bair, Ken Macha and Mario Mendoza.

Collins played 10 seasons in the minor leagues, including six in AAA, before he was hired to manage the Lodi Dodgers of the Class A California League in 1981. He managed 11 years in the minors for five different teams before the Pirates hired him as coach with the Major League team.

In 1994 the Houston Astros selected Terry to be their manager and he spent three years at the helm before moving to Anaheim for a three year stint as Angels' manager. His next stop was the far east for two years as manager of the Orix Buffaloes of the Japanese Baseball League, then back to the states in 2011 for seven seasons as manager of the New York Mets.

Terry's Major League career spanned 16 years, including a stint as coach with the Tampa Bay Rays. He managed team China in the 2009

World Baseball Classic and was the minor league director of the Los Angeles Dodgers for five years. He also served as a baseball analyst for SNY network's Baseball Night New York.

Culicerto was head baseball coach at Northside High School for 16 years. His 2011 team won the Group AA state championship and Ed's overall record is 244-121-2. During that time the Vikings won four district titles, two regional titles and made four state tournament appearances. He was selected as the state AA Coach of the Year and Timesland Coach of the Year in 2011.

Mundy is a 2016 graduate of Northside, where he was a four year starter and three time All-State player. He hit .550 his senior year and was the Salem-Roanoke Baseball Hall of Fame's Ray Bellamy Award winner as the starting player in the Hall of Fame area and he was also named Timesland Player of the Year.

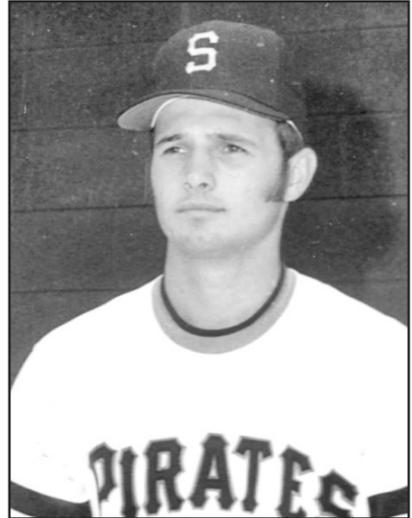
Mundy played two years at Virginia Tech, then played his junior and senior seasons at Radford University. He led the team with 13 home runs his junior year and hit .385 as a senior, earning VaSID All-State first team honors.

J.D. signed as a free agent with Baltimore Orioles and spent two seasons in their organization, reaching the AA level. He spent two seasons as assistant coach at Western Carolina University and is presently coaching at Maryland-Eastern Shore.

Hodges is a former Franklin County High School, Radford University and University of Mount Olive pitcher and infielder. He had a 10-1 record on Mount Olive's National Championship team with a 2.52 ERA, pitching in the



Terry Collins as a manager of the New York Mets, left, and as a player for the Carolina League champion Salem Pirates in 1972.



championship game and earning All-American honors.

Casey was drafted in the 23rd round of the 2008 Major League draft by the Atlanta Braves and played four seasons and 100 games in professional baseball, reaching the High Class A level. He has served as an assistant coach at Patrick Henry Community College and as the pitching coach at the University of Charleston in West Virginia.

Slough coached high school baseball for 22 years with a record of 188-109 as head coach. He was at Franklin County High from 1988 until 2007 and was head coach of the Eagles for 14 years, winning five district championships and a region championship.

F.L. served as assistant coach of the West Squad for the Commonwealth Games for 18 years, worked at the

Baseball Factory for four years and the Ferrum College Summer Baseball Camp for 10 years. He coached over 40 players who went on to play at the college level.

The Salem-Roanoke Baseball Hall of Fame was founded in 1991 and honors players and contributors from the counties of Alleghany, Roanoke, Bedford, Botetourt, Craig, Floyd, Franklin and Montgomery and the independent cities located within the boundaries of those counties. The Hall of Fame building is located on the grounds of the James E. Taliaferro Complex, next to the Salem Red Sox administrative office behind the third base seating area of Salem Memorial Ballpark. It is open to the public on selected nights during the Carolina League season and upon request.

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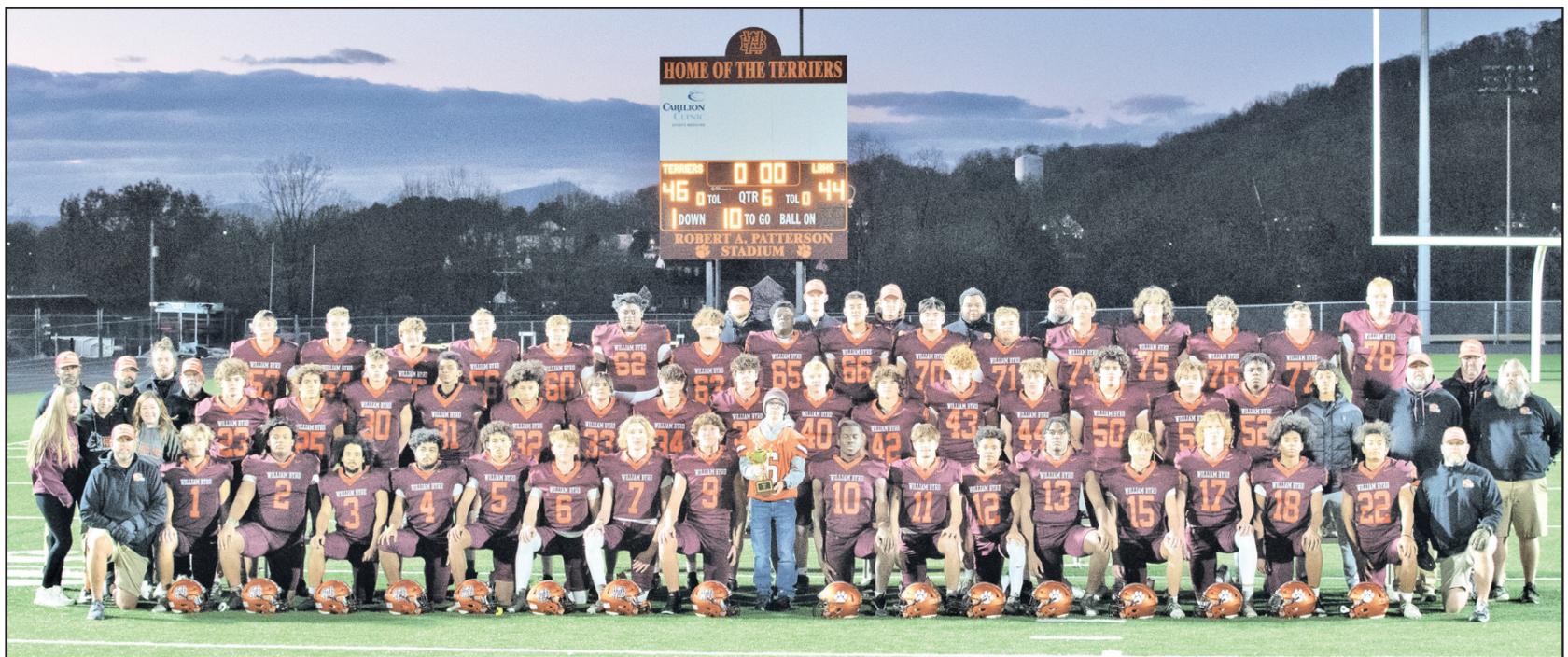


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The score is on the board as the William Byrd football team poses for a group photo with the 2024 Region 3D football trophy at Patterson Stadium.

Terriers rally from 18 points down to win Region 3D football championship

Byrd will play LCA in state semifinal

The William Byrd football team will be heading back to Lynchburg this Saturday with revenge on their mind. Byrd is the Region 3D champion once again after defeating Lord Botetourt in overtime last week, setting up a rematch of last year's state semifinal with Liberty Christian Academy.

Last year Byrd took a 12-1 record into the state semifinal only to lose to undefeated LCA, 49-6. The Bulldogs went on to win the state Class 3 championship over Lafayette in the final.

This year is much the same scenario. Byrd comes in at 11-2 and LCA is once again undefeated after beating Turner Ashby in the Region 2C semifinal, 56-23. In fact, the Bulldogs are working on a 26 game winning streak heading into this week's game and aren't the most popular program among public schools. Some feel a private school shouldn't be competing against public schools in Virginia High School League playoffs and that concern was voiced by members of the Vinton community after last year's game.

But, it is what it is and the Terriers are hoping to pull off the upset this Saturday. Terrier coach Brad Lutz feels having played the Bulldogs last year will help in his preparation for this Saturday's game.

"Playing against them last year helps us understand the speed and size that they have on their roster," said Lutz. "Unfortunately, they are a private school that brings in players from not only around the state, but outside of the state. They have a few new players on their roster that we did not see last year."

No one is counting the Terriers out after last Friday's win over Lord Botetourt in the Region 3D championship game in Daleville. Byrd came from 18 points behind in the third quarter to send the game into overtime, then win in dramatic fashion.

Botetourt had a 6-0 lead after one quarter. Connor Whitehead's 22 yard field goal cut the lead in half, but LB's Quinton Jones answered with a 25 yard TD run and Tristan Overbay ran in for two to make up for the missed extra point kick on Botetourt's first score.

Byrd cut the lead to 14-10 on a 55 yard run by Gray Matthews, along with Whitehead's extra point, but Overbay scored right before the half to put LB up 20-10 at the half as their two-point try failed.

Botetourt went up 28-10 in the third quarter as Overbay ran 51 yards for a score and Quinton Jones converted a two-point try. That put the Terriers in a hole, down three scores with a quarter and a half to go, but the Terriers didn't fold. They made a memorable comeback that will go down as one of the best in Byrd history as Matthews cut the lead to 28-16 on a one yard run to close out the third quarter.

"We made a few defensive adjustments at half-time that proved to be the difference in the game," said Lutz.

Byrd cut the lead to 28-24 in the fourth period on a 27 yard TD pass from Cannin Lutz to Jerrett Shepherd, and Lutz passed to Aiden Kelly for the two-point conversion. Lutz then hooked up with Matthews, this time for a 58 yard score, and



Above, William Byrd defenders Jahdai English(#2), Graylen Castleberry(#63), Aidan Kelly(#17) and Maurice Burnette(#62) swarm to the ball to tackle Lord Botetourt's Tristan Overbay.



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Above left, Gray Matthews picks up yards for the Terriers in Friday's win over Lord Botetourt. Above right, Blake Anderson (#23) makes a tackle and, left, the Terrier defense gang tackles Cavalier quarterback Angel Rigney for a loss.



Byrd coach Brad Lutz talks things over with quarterback Cannin Lutz during the overtime period.

Whitehead's kick put Byrd ahead for the first time in the game, 31-28.

Botetourt didn't go quietly. The Cavaliers drove into the red zone with time running out and Dean Webb kicked a 25 yard field goal with eight seconds on the clock to tie the game at 31-31 and send it into overtime.

LB went first in overtime and Angel Rigney scored on a three yard run. Webb kicked the point but Byrd matched it on a six yard TD pass from Lutz to Jonathan Rosser and Whitehead kicked the extra point.

Now 38-38, Byrd went first in the second overtime and Matthews scored from the 10. Byrd went for two and quarterback Lutz ran it in for a 46-38 lead.

On Botetourt's possession Rigney found Seth Reiter open in the end zone for a 10 yard TD. LB had to go for two to send it to a third OT, but the pass was incomplete and Byrd had a two point win and a Region 3D championship for the second year in a row.

"Our team has played great in the playoffs, and our players are gaining more confidence each week," said Coach Lutz of the thrilling comeback and overtime

success. "We've played a lot of really good football teams this season, and played in a lot of close games, which prepared us for Friday's second half and overtime."

Matthews, a freshman who has had a sensational second half of the season and playoffs, rushed for 164 yards on 21 carries with three touchdowns. He also had four catches for 100 yards and another score. Jalen Toler had two carries for 33 yards.

Cannin Lutz completed 17 of 24 passes for 207 yards and two scores. In addition to the four passes to Matthews Kam McKee had three catches for 48 yards and Shepherd had three for 37.

On defense Blake Anderson had 12 tackles. Maurice Burnette had nine tackles, including three for losses and five pressures. Shepherd had eight tackles and Ethan Haston had six.

Game time at Liberty Christian Academy's stadium this Saturday is 2 pm. The winner will meet the winner of a game between Region 3B champion Kettle Run and Region 3A champion Lafayette on Saturday, December 14, at 11:30 am at Liberty University. The championship will be a doubleheader with the Class 4 championship game.