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The Dogwood Court will ride through Vinton courtesy of Lexington Carriage Company after the crowning of the queen.



The Trial By Fire Journey Tribute Band will perform at the Vinton Dogwood Festival on April 25.

Vinton celebrating 70th annual Vinton Dogwood Festival April 25-26

The Vinton Dogwood Festival will be celebrating its 70th anniversary on April 25 and 26. The two-day festival features over 150 craft and retail vendors, three festival entertainment stages, street entertainment, an antique car show, a free Kids' Zone, a free Family Activity area, the "Dogwood Stroll - Walking Parade," the crowning of the Vinton Dogwood Festival Queen and presentation of the Dogwood Court, Native American History Walks, a Quest Scavenger Hunt, and a Strongman Demo.

The "Trial By Fire Journey Tribute Band" will perform a concert on Friday evening, April 25, at the Vinton Farmers' Market Stage. The gate, beverage garden and food trucks open at 6 p.m. Admission is \$5. You'll need your own seating and an ID.

Also on April 25, Native American

History Walks lead by Ren Herdman will take place at the Glade Creek Greenway at Gus Nicks Boulevard at 10 a.m., 1 p.m. and 5 p.m.; tours are free. The Central Appalachian Cherokee Tribe, a 501c3 educational and community-based tribe, along with the Vinton History Museum, will be holding an open tribal summit during the Dogwood Festival. The public is invited to come and view local artifacts and tour a walking path where there are still visible signs of Native American life that once existed in the area. Parking is available at the Glade Creek Greenway parking lot at Gus Nicks Boulevard. The tribal summit will be relocated to the Vinton History Museum in the

Saturday, April 26, is a fun day of activities for all ages. Events include a large craft show and business showcase,



The Central Appalachian Cherokee Tribe will be providing history tours along the Glade Creek Greenway and walking in the Dogwood Festival Parade.

antique car show, live entertainment on three stages including Mason Creek, ON2 Band, Lost in Space Camp Band, Andrew Nicely, Island Trio, the Big Daddy Ray Band, the William Byrd High School Jazz Band and musicians from the eighth grade William Byrd Middle School. Also, there will be the Gurlz with Attitudz Dance Factory, Strongman Demo, a World Tai Chi Day demo, and street entertainers roaming through the crowd, including a juggler,



Strongman Demo is coming to the Vinton **Dogwood Festival.**

magician, and balloon artist.

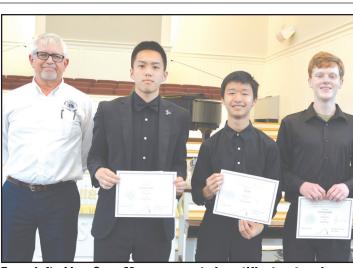
The free Kids' Zone located at the Vinton Farmers' Market will feature large inflatables, hands-on activities, games, prizes, and a petting zoo by Spring Valley Farm. Also check out the family-friendly activities inside the Vinton Library and the RCACP

Adoption Fair outside. At 1 p.m., a 70th Anniversary

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winner Josue Smales, and third place winner Lilyan Wingfield.



From left, Lion Gary Myers presented certificates to winners From left, first place vocal winner Emery Maxson, second place in instrumental performance Joshua Miao (first place), Joel Ng (second place), and James Knox (third place).



Performer Josue Smales takes vocal lessons from Susan Lewis of the Susan Lewis Music Studio in Vinton.

Vinton Lions host Regional Bland Foundation Music Scholarship competition

Debbie Adams

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While you would have loved to be in the audience at the Bland Music Scholarship Regional Competition on April 6, you would not have

wanted to be a judge for the phenomenal competition between six outstanding young musicians.

The Vinton Breakfast Lions Club hosted the Region 1/Region 2 District 24-C competition at Thrasher Memorial United

Methodist Church in Vinton. The other regional Lions clubs participating this year were the Daleville/Fincastle Lions Club and Forest Lions Club.

This Lions music scholarship program extends across Virginia. It was established in 1948 "to assist and promote educational opportunities for the musically talented youth of Virginia." The program consists of elimination contests starting at the club level and continuing through the

state finals competition. The competition honors James Bland who is considered "the greatest black writer of American Folk Music," composing over 700 songs throughout his career. He wrote "Carry Me Back to Old

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Lovern named Vinton Chamber of Commerce president

Page Stovall Lovern has been named president of the Vinton Area Chamber of Commerce for 2025. She is a 2007 graduate of William Byrd High School and a 2012 graduate of Radford University with a Bachelor's Degree in

She is currently the revenue specialist at Twenty/20 Management. In this role, she oversees the financial operations of multiple assisted living, memory care, and independent living communities spanning from West Virginia to South Carolina.

Lovern, a fourth generation Vintonite, is passionate about engaging



Page Stovall Lovern

with the Roanoke Valley through various networks to highlight what Vinton

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William Byrd students compete in regional and state science fairs

Back in February, nine William Byrd Middle School students and 22 William Byrd High School students advanced from their school Science Showcases to participate in the Roanoke County District Science Fair at Northside High School. After their projects were evaluated by a panel of judges, several Byrd students moved up to the regional Western Virginia Science Fair held at Virginia Western Community

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WBHS student Gabrielle Romeo and Nafisah Izzat (Cave Spring High School) advanced to the Virginia State Science Fair on April 5 and brought home numerous awards for their experiment which involved developing medical sponges.

Vinton Farmers' Market opens for the season April 12

The Vinton Farmers' Market is excited to announce its season opening on Saturday, April 12, at 204 W. Lee Avenue.

The Vinton Farmers' Market is open Tuesday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1

Vendors each year include those selling flowers and bedding plants, fresh produce, handmade crafts, homemade baked goods, and more.

The market features large, individual vendor tables and a spacious permanent canopy. With electricity and fans available, the market is designed to provide an enjoyable shopping experience year-round.

Located in the heart of Downtown Vinton, the market is easily accessible for locals and visitors alike. The Town of Vinton owns and operates the market and is actively seeking vendors who are interested in setting up at the Farmers' Market this season.

If you are interested in becoming a vendor, contact

Amanda Payne 983-0645 or email her at vintonfarmers market@ vintonva.gov. information can also be found https://www.vintonva. gov/73/Farmers-Market.

- Vinton Messenger staff



William Byrd High School announces A/AB Honor Rolls for third nine weeks

William Byrd High School has announced the A and A/B Honor Rolls for the third nine weeks of the 2024-2025 school year:

A HONOR ROLL

12th Grade: Alyssa Adams, Natalie Altice, Layla Bannister, Logan Beavers, Carson Bivens, Carson Bramble, Brooke Brant, Hunter Butterworth, Nevaeh Davila, Hayden Davis, Zahara Davis, Graysen Divers, Caleb Dogan, Camryn Dullaghan, Skylar Edwards, McKinly FiGart, Savanna Fisher, Skylar Fitzgerald, LeNorah Garcia, Lilah Gregory, Payton Hall, Aiden Hardy, Ethan Haston, Luke Hemming, Nathan Hiemstra, Sophie Holcomb, Annika Hylton, Hannah Janney, Lillian Johnson, Mallory Johnson, Aidan Kelly, Raelyn Lancaster, Kendall Lecas, Kaylee Makuch, Emma Andrews, Zachary McAllister, Peyton Miller, Alexander Montgomery, Jake Moore, Abigail Mosher, Grace Onwi, Eliza Otey, Ellawyn Pagan, Genevieve Paul, Spencer Peters, Madelyn Pittman, Marcayla Poindexter, Isabella Posadas, Ethan Powell, Becca Radford, Meera Raichura, Elyse Rider, Vanessa Sattah, Nathan Short, Benjamin Singh, Zheniya Staples, Gregory Stiltner, William Thompson, Sarah Wilcox, Grace Woodcock, Virginia Yonce

11th Grade: Kyndall Agee, Lillian Ashley, Andrew Bartley, Olivia Basham, Ainsley Bolen, Braeden Booth, Joshua Boykin, Jacob Bray, Olivia Bustamante, Lily Carrell, Addison Clark, Asher Claybrook, Ashston Dillon, Kendall Dodson, Jaelyn English, Shelby Ensor, Paul Ferrebee, Elizabeth Gheen, Chloe Gill, Keegan Harnish, Jaden Holmes, Owen Humphreys, Taylor Jacobsen, Macabe James, Cary Jones, Brooke Justus, Tatianna Kubik, Kennady Leonard, Brooklyn Linick, Kayla Lovern, Alice Matsumoto-Rodrigues, Cara May, Collin Mills, Miley Moses, Dominic Myers, Emily Ngo, Jayden Niday, Divy Patel, Lilian Perez, Mallory Peroulas, Bethany Pittenger, Meisha Robinson, Gabrielle Romeo, Makenzie Scott, Napiray Sierra Prin, Taylor Spangler, Ethan Sutton, Annabelle Teague, Daniel Ulleberg Felipe, Lucy Whitenack, Noah Williams, Peyton Wright

10th Grade: Emily Alderson, Erica Barton, Ava Betterton, Aubrey Blewett, Christopher Boyd, Lane Brunk, Nate Buck, Ashlyn Cain, Bridget Carlisle, Victoria Chang Leon, Addison Collins, Ălexis Davis, Carina Dibenedetto, Heidi Dixon, Emely Fuentes Vargas, Aaron Hemming, Sophie Hoagland, Cole Johnston, Evelyn Jones, Stella Jones, Britton Jordan, Vincent Liu, Olivia Long, Olivia Lorek, Tyler Minnix, Elena Mullen, Sarah Nguyen, Carly Norton, Kendall Norton, Sebastian Perdomo, Allison Phillips, Nathan Pickeral, Nathanael Reed, Luke Richardson, Jamya Rosborough, Abigail Saritelli, Willow Seth, Aubrey Sink, Riley Slusher, Zane Telsch, Gavin Thornton, McKayla Tingler, Kalen Watkins, Owen Webb, Heidi Wienke, Maggie Zimmerman

9th Grade: Max Althoff, Caleigh Aremia, Kayleigh Barber, Jaiden Blankenship, Allison Bowling, Norah Buck, Stephen Byars, Ryan Carroll, Isabella Clark, Milton Clark, Jahniya Coles, Isabella Davis, Helen De La Cruz Cala, Nathan Doan, Dustin Dudley, Keeli Emery, Reagan Fike, Alanna Fitzgerald, Peyton Gates, Kyleigh Ginger, Michal Hamlar, Camryn Hicks, Benjamin Hoyos, Ellison Ingram, Kaylee Johnson, Cooper Kageals, Gray Matthews, Brady Maxey, Mallory Michalski, Katelyn Mills, Leah Montgomery, Kennedy Moseley, Riley Niday, Caridad Palmero, Anna Perkoski, Jack Petersen, Jenna Petersen, Kendall Ranson, Amy Rickman, Elliana Ruble, Areefa Saeed, Enna Schofield, Aaron Start, Alyssa Steahly, Gwen Summo, Kara Sutton, Hadyn Terrell, Emma Thierry, Kameron Tuck, Emma

Whitcomb, Levi Whitcomb, Ryan Witcher, Hendrix

A/B HONOR ROLL

Wright, Caleb Wrye

12th Grade: Christian Alatorre-Gomez, Ava Ashworth, Jaleiya Bannister, Christian Barbour, Christian Barrette, Isaiah Board, Dawson Brinkley, Torin Bundy, Maurice Burnette, Jr., Nicholas Bustamante, Barry Cheatwood, Jr., Erika Coon, Evan Copening, Anthony Davis, Brogan Dent, Gabriel Dixon, Alejandro Dooley, Emily Fisher, Lacie Gibson, Carson Gill, William Glover, Kendall Gordon, Macie Hall, Hayden Hamblin-Lish, Steven Hornady, Jr., Sara Kingery, Kristin Kochendarfer, Sara Lang, McKenzie Lee, Max Livingston, Nathaniel Lynn, Elizabet Maldonado, Zoev Mann, Landon Martin, Brayden Mason, Devon McGhee, Kameron McKee, Madison Miller, Christian Parker, Blake Richardson, Curtis Roberts, Nathan Rogers, Jonathan Rosser, Jr., Nathan Rowland, Reid Ruble, Emma Rupe, Robert Sankbeil, Brianna Sargent, Landon Sarver, Ian Sigmon, Elijah Trogdon, Mason Truslow, Stephen Underwood III, Braeden Young

11th Grade: Jeremy Abbott, Joshua Abbott, Joshua Allen, Blake Austin, Zachary Bailey, Ashleigh Barton, Kelsey Bell, Kelsea Blankenship, Sawyer Bolen, Christopher Boykin, Ella Brady, Tyson Brady, Allysa



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Brooks, Jordan Brown, Sophia Brown, Caleb Brunk, Kendra Brunk, Kaylin Bumgarner, Jenna Bunce, Tyler Chambers, Khloe Chapman, Xavier Clingenpeel, Sydney Crossan, Isabella Dudley, Nathaniel Edwards, Elijah Elyard, Kaden Falu, Draven Flinchum, Katelynn Franks, Cody Gardner, Braelynn Gibson, Sofia Gonzalez, Shawn Gower, Kevin Green, Jr., Benjamin Grimm, Ryleigh Grubb, Rileigh Hackett, Brooke Hale, Tyler Harris, Kalee Hayes, Luke Helton, Gavin Hilliker, Natalie Holland, Carmen Janney, Lauren Johnson, Tate Kotz, Shelby Krawczyk, Jesus Leon, Carleigh Leonard Carter Leonard, Juan Maldonado, Gracie Mandakis, Elizabeth Martinez, Autumn Mills, Charlotte Mullen, Lindsay Murtaugh, Lizeth Nolasco, Gabriella Norris, Morgan Odum, Carlee Partleton, Tyler Pickeral, Makiya Price, Kara Rickey, Justyn Rozenboom, Kyle Saccocci, Keith Schult, Jr., Ava Sexton, Christopher Shively, Mitchell Sigafoes, Bryce Simpson, Matthew Sloane, Jr., Jarrett Smith, Payton Steahly, Mallory Summo, Sabita Sunwar, Kaeleigh Swan, Evan Tabor, Camden Thepsimuong, Jamez Toler, Jaxen Toms, Catherine Underwood, Zane Vasser, Joshua Vaughan, Dixie Venable, Benjamin Waid, Darin Witcher, Aaron

Wood, Benjamin Wright, Morrison Wright 10th Grade: Eleanor Ball, Adriana Barahona, Lauren Baringer, Alanah Bonnell, Raegan Bowman, Tanner Bromfield, Madelyn Brown, Sage Brown, Hudson Cain, Mackenzie Clark, Emily Clinebell, Cohen Cook, Mackenzie Crowe, Chase Daughtery, Fallon Davis, Colter Dean, Alyssa Dennis, Emmalee Dodson, Sidney Draper, Colton Edwards, Clarissa Gill, Alexis Hall, Lanaiya Hardy, Brihanna Harris, Emmalee Harris, Khloe Hart, Christopher Hurd II, Lilly Jarels, Daniel Jimenez Vargas, Lukas Johnson, Owen Johnson, Lily Joy, Cameron King, David Krawczyk, Arianna Krista, Elena Lopez, Charley Lord, Jocelyn Lyons, Reece Magill, Bradley Martin, Emma Milliron, Lilith

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Coming Soon!

Give a shout out to your favorite businesses around The Roanoke Valley



Get Ready To Vote

Cast your votes from April 14th to May 14th

More than 100 categories—from Steakhouse • Wineries • Pizzerias

Event Centers • Law firms • Jewelry Stores

Ice Cream Shops • and much more,

You can cast your votes in each Category

Our ballot is super simple! Don't know much about the accounting firm in your region? Feel free to skip it and move on. Fill out the entire ballot if you're feeling ambitious, or pick and choose among our categories. Select from our drop down list, or if your favorite coffee shop or spa isn't listed, write in your own winner. And, take your time. Our voting platform saves your votes, so you don't have to feel rushed. That means you can return to the ballot to continue choosing your favorites without worrying about any of your votes being lost.

Winner's will be published in New Castle Record & Fincastle Herald on July 2nd & Salem Times Register & Vinton Messenger July 3rd.



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Draft Horse Pull coming up at Pine Spur Hunt Club this weekend.

Pine Spur Spring Festival and Draft Horse Pull coming up this Saturday

Pine Spur Hunt Club is promoting the equine opportunities in Southwest Virginia with the Spring Festival and Draft Horse Pull on Saturday, April 12, from 10 a.m. to

They will be featuring many horse and farm-related businesses. Professional demonstrations and booths with additional information will be present.

There will also be an equine breed demonstration to show off the many different breeds of horses here in Southwest Virginia.

The Draft Horse Pull at 6 p.m. is another aspect of equine power and versatility. The Blue Ridge Horse Pullers Association will be bringing 15 teams. These horses are very large and exciting to watch. The kids are not being left out

either. There will be a Kids' Zone

with a bouncy house, roping game, and horse-themed activities full of prizes and fun. A petting zoo and an educational horse experience sponsored by Triple M Equestrian Center will be included in the price of admission. The cost for adults is \$8, children five and up \$5, and 4

years and under free. The club is located off Route 24 just outside of Vinton. Coming from Vinton, turn off Route 24 onto Route 635, Jeters Chapel Road, then make a left on Pine Spur Road. Parking is free.

Pine Spur is a non-profit group made up of horse owners/ appreciators, and friends.

-Submitted by Pine Spur Hunt

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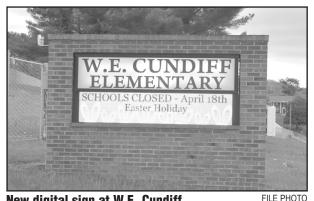
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Thanks for making new school sign possible

In the spring of 2023, the W.E. Cundiff Elementary School PTA officially launched a community-funded campaign to raise money toward the purchase of a new digital LED sign for our school.

As many Vinton area residents noticed, the digital sign at WEC had not been working for some time, so the PTA developed a plan to start raising money for the purchase of a new sign. After obtaining quotes, the PTA team set a fundraising goal of \$16,000. This was a LOT of money for the PTA to raise. We started our campaign by sending letters to our community partners and local businesses in May of 2023. Immediately, donations started coming in and continued as we transitioned into the



New digital sign at W.E. Cundiff

2023-2024 school year.

The PTA also held multiple fundraisers throughout the 2023-2024 school year. We had great success with each of our fundraisers and we continued to push on toward our goal. We were humbled as checks came in from so many local business owners, citizens, and even parent groups that came together in support of this project.

Last spring (2024), the WEC PTA was close to meeting our fundraising total, but we still needed a little over \$4,000 to reach our goal. During the summer break, we had an anonymous donor reach out and generously

cover the remaining balance.

We would like to thank this incredible community for helping us make this project possible! We are forever grateful to every parent, local business, and/ or private citizen that donated money for our amazing digital sign. The new sign was purchased over the summer, installed in late fall, and lit up for the very first time on December 4, 2024! We are so proud of this accomplishment for our school and community.

Hope Tingler, PTA President - W.E. Cundiff Elementary School



PHOTO BY DEBBIE ADAMS

Virginia Willis (on left) and Lauren Freeman from the Roanoke Symphony Orchestra perform for patrons at the Vinton Library.

RSO entertains patrons at the Vinton Library

Members of the Roanoke Symphony Orchestra have been visiting all the branches of the Roanoke County Library to play "Sweet Sounds in the Stacks" while patrons browse the collections. Violinists Virginia Willis and Lauren Freeman performed at the Vinton Library on the evening of April

Other than entertainment, their focus was on providing information on music education for children in the community. Willis is the RSO Education and Community Engagement director and brought along information on "Allegro! Strings Camp," youth

ensembles, in-school ensembles, afterschool strings classes, and discovery concerts. For more information on these programs, visit https://rso.com/ education-outreach/.

Willis also brought information on how to purchase discount tickets (50% off) through the library to RSO performances. Upcoming concerts include "An Innocent Man: The Music of Billy Joel" on April 18, "Portraits of America" on April 26 and 27, and "Queens of Soul" on June 13. Visit rso. com for more information.

-Vinton Messenger staff report

PEOPLE, PLACES AND THINGS



PHOTO COURTESY OF ANGIE CHEWNING Pat Barton (seated) celebrated her 90th birthday at a party at Vinton Baptist on April 5. She is pictured with her friend and fellow cook, Ardella Hough.

By Angie Chewning

Many thank yous to everyone who has sent messages, texts, phone calls, food and prayers. This surgery was one for the books. Rotator cuff is no joke. Your thoughts and prayers made it a bit easier.

Her family gave a 90th birthday party to Pat Covington Barton on Saturday, April 5 in the Vinton Baptist Church gym. More than 50 people attended including cousins from Georgia and Alabama, two children and spouses, six grandchildren and spouses, nine of her 11 great-grandchildren, her sister and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and

Pat has been a lifelong citizen of Vinton. She, along with her husband, Bobby, and Ardella and Don Hough were cooks for Vinton Baptist Church for over 40 years providing delicious meals to many people in the Vinton area.

County Library director speaks to Mount Pleasant Lions, who issue challenge to Vinton Lions



Roanoke County Library Director Jim Blanton (standing) was the guest speaker at a recent Mount Pleasant Lions Club meeting. He is pictured with Lions Mike and Anne Ferguson.

At its last meeting the Mount Pleasant Lions Club featured as the guest speaker Jim Blanton, the Roanoke County Public Library director. A Kentucky native and University of Kentucky grad, he came to Roanoke County three years ago following an upward path through library ranks from Florida, Chesapeake, Va., back to Kentucky and Ashville, N.C., to be the Library System director, overseeing and being responsible for the county's six



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Mount Pleasant Lions have launched a new program to place free "reader" eyeglasses in the Mount

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Pleasant Library.

1/2 1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce 1 cup freshly grated sharp (or mild) cheddar cheese, about 2 ounces Another 1/2 to 1 cup

Recipes of the week

Easter Chick Cheeseball

finely grated cheddar to coat the cheeseball 2 black olives for eyes

Orange bell pepper for beak and feet

Instructions

very cute for Easter!

8 ounces cream cheese,

1/2 teaspoon garlic

Ingredients

softened

powder

Place the cream cheese in a large mixing bowl and beat with an electric mixer until smooth, about 1 minute. Scrape the sides of the bowl and sprinkle garlic powder over the cream cheese. Add the Worcestershire sauce. Mix again until well combined, about 1

Add the first cup of cheese and mix again. Spread plastic wrap on the counter and scoop the cheese mixture onto it. Form into a ball with the spatula (or your hands).

Gently roll cheeseball in the finely grated cheese to coat it completely. Wrap the finished cheese ball in plastic wrap until ready to serve.

cheeseball Remove from the refrigerator at least 30 minutes before serving to add beak, eyes, and feet. Serve with

(You can actually make almost any cheeseball recipe into the Easter Chick Cheeseball.)



Salem Holiday Market Spring Event Salem Civic Center, Salem, VA When: Sat., April 12, 2025

9:00am-4:00pm Mark your calendars to come shop with over 100 unique

vendors, artists and direct sales companies.

Support Local Businesses!

Canned and non-perishable food will be collected

for the Salem-Roanoke Food Pantry. Bring a donation and shop local.

Please be aware: The location will enforce the clear bag policy. Clear bag up to 12x12x6 is permitted.

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27. Helps

30. Court is in it

34. Touch lightly

57. Mustachioed actor Elliott Clay

24. Able to pay one's debts 60. A way to soak 25. Fleshy bird beak covering 61. Car mechanics group 26. Dueling sword 62. Born of

63. Time zone

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1. Sharp mountain ridge 36. Of one 37. Examples 41. Baked good 38. __ Gould, actor 2. Thin, fibrous cartilages 45. Jai ___, sport 3. Provides new details 39. The habitat of wild 46. About aviation 4. Muscular weaknesses animals 5. Ottoman military title 40. Artful subtlety 47. Low oval mound 50. Rugged mountain 41. Infielders 7. Horse-riding seats 42. Keep under control ranges 54. Compel to do some-8. Arms of a shirt 43. Herb 9. Narrow path along a road edge 44. Distressed 55. A way to carve 47. A way to go down 56. Sao __, city in Brazil

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59. American Idol runner-up 20. Wrongful act 22. No (slang) 27. State of agitation __ Diego 29. One point east of due south

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Discard your documents at Vinton shredding event on April 19

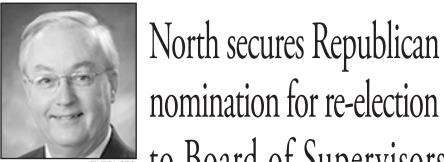
The Town of Vinton is hosting another of its always popular Shredding Events on April 19 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon in the Vinton Municipal Building parking lot at 311 South Pollard Street in downtown Vinton. This is a free event. Shredding is done on-site.

The event is sponsored by the town, the Vinton Dept., Recycle/Commonwealth Document Management and Feeding Southwest

Feeding Southwest Virginia will be accepting food donations in the form of canned vegetables, meats, soups, fruit, beans, 100% fruit juice, peanut butter, rice, and pasta. (Low sodium and low sugar are preferred.)

- Town of Vinton





nomination for re-election to Board of Supervisors

Hollins Supervisor Phil North

North, Hollins District representative on the Roanoke County Board of Supervisors, has secured the Republican nomination for re-election.

First elected in 2018, North has served on the Board of Supervisors in various capacities, including chairman (2019 and 2024) and vice chairman (2020 and 2025).

With no other Republicans meeting the filing deadline, Vice Chairman North has become the Republican nominee the Hollins District.

"It is an honor to continue serving Roanoke County," said North. "For the past seven years, I have had the pleasure of representing our community and delivering for Roanoke County families. Since 2022, securing \$375 million in new business opportunities and 1,540

new jobs, to expanding CTE curriculum with a \$130 million capital investment in our schools amounting to \$400 million 20-year return on the investment, to cutting tax rates on real estate and property taxes for hardworking Roanoke families, I am proud of my record. I look forward to continuing to deliver for Roanoke County and the Hollins District.

"There is still more work to be done more tax rate savings, more process improvements, more citizen engagement, and more economic development. I challenge our board and staff these next four years to do these and more. I remain committed to working with all members of the Board of Supervisors so we can make Roanoke the best place to live, work, and raise a family."

Submitted by Phil North

Students

College on March 8. Five of the WBHS students then advanced to the Virginia State Science and Engineering Fair on April 5 at Piedmont Virginia Community College. At the regional level:

Marygann Jenkins from WBMS won first place for her experiment "The Effects of Different Water Methods/ Treatment Filtration Systems When Tested on Water Nitrate Pollution." She also won one of the middle school special awards- the Office of Naval Research Awards.

Brett Gardner from WBMS won third place in the Middle School Chemistry/ Biochemistry category

experiment "School Water: Just Add Chlorine?" He investigated whether several Roanoke County schools closer to water treatment facilities have higher chlorine levels than those farther away and proved his hypothesis that they do.

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Nicole Eggleston from WBMS won third place for her experiment "What structure holds up best against winds from a hurricane? The effect of house design on the ability to withstand hurricanes.' She determined that designs cylindrical hurricanes withstand better than square homes.

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Meera Raichura won second place in Plant Sciences at the Virginia State Science Fair.



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From left, Ryan McIntyre, Josh Allen, and Hudson Cain represented Roanoke **County in the Virginia State Science Fair**

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branches, (Bent Mountain, Glenvar, Hollins, Mount Pleasant, South County and Vinton).

Some members of the Mount Pleasant Club accused him of having some Gypsy in his soul for having had such a circuitous route to the Roanoke Valley. Jim assured them that he and his wife were now where they had always wanted to be.

Blanton then reviewed and listed many programs and tools available through the library system. There is an app called "RVLMobile" that allows patrons to check out digital books to a phone, laptop, or tablet.

"Libby" is a way to download audio books or listen to how-to-do presenters on subjects as varied as rug hooking to health tips. "Magzter" is another app that connects users with a vast number of magazines. "Hoopla" has NetFlix films available

for download to your digital device. Other instruments include "Ancestry.com" for genealogy research, "Newspapers.com" to tap into over 4,000 newspapers worldwide, and "Valuation" for money management. And there is even a link that allows foreign language practice.

At the Vinton branch there is a Digital Lab that has the equipment necessary to transfer older media, such as VCRs and CDs, to computer flash drives. Also, the Vinton Branch holds monthly dulcimer and A.I.

classes.

The South County branch has a 3-D printer available for a small fee and while you are there you can apply for a passport. All branches have stor time kits ready for children and Virginia State Park packages including free parking tickets. All of these services and information are free to library card holders and those cards are free for the asking.

The real reason the library director came to the Lions Club meeting was to approve and help kick off a program to provide space designated for the placement of refurbished "reader" eyeglasses in the Mount Pleasant Branch Library.

The Lions will supply, at no cost to the county, free eyeglasses for distribution to library patrons. The glasses are provided by the Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center, located in Roanoke City at Elm Avenue and Fifth Street, where donated, used eyeglasses are cleaned, sorted and labeled by magnification and boxed for free distribution worldwide. The glasses provided to the library will have magnifications available from 1 to 2.5, and patrons may use them and return them to the container box or keep them and take them

It is hoped that this service co-provided by the Mount Pleasant Lions and the Library System will catch on and spread to the other branches as well. The Vinton Lions Club is hereby challenged to see that the Vinton branch library soon has "readers" also.

Submitted by Mike Ferguson, member Mount Pleasant Lions Club

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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ON HISTORY: Nurse uniforms

The white dress, apron and cap are instantly recognizable as the common uniform for nurses. The uniform is among the most iconic in the history of American professions. It instilled a sense of pride in the work, and a sense of peace among patients. It had a lasting, positive impact on our society.

The birth of the first standardized nursing uniform came from Florence Nightingale during the Crimean War. These full-length, long-sleeved dresses and aprons were meant to protect nurses from illness. The dress was meant to protect against "fever," yet nurses in those early days wore neither masks nor gloves.

During World War II, shorter nursing dresses and

sleeves were introduced. Scrubs were introduced in

the 1980s.

The roots of this nursing uniform transition were twofold: the movement away from more feminine styles in the 1960s and the influx of male nurses in the 1970s. Capping ceremonies celebrated a nurse's achievements and induction into the profession.

A typical nurse's uniform worn by Helen Nichols Hicks is on display at the Vinton History Museum, located at 210 East Jackson Avenue in Downtown Vinton, open Monday, Wednesday, Friday and every first Saturday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Submitted by Judy Cunningham, Vinton History Museum Executive Director



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Fair from page 4

Meera Raichura, who attends WBHS and the Roanoke Valley Governor's School, won first place in Plant Science at the regional fair for her experiment, "Rooting for Positive Thinking: How Magnets Affect Root Growth." She explored the effect of neodymium magnets on root reorientation and growth. She also received the special United States Air Force Award and was selected as an Alternate Grand Award

Gabrielle Romeo, who also attends the Roanoke Governor's School, along with her partner Nafisah Izzat (from Cave Spring High School), won second place in the Microbiology category for "Developing and testing a medical sponge with coagulative and antimicrobial properties on Staphylococcus epidermidis within a simulated wound cavity." Their real-world application would be developing a medical sponge to prevent infections and promote blood coagulation.

Ryan McIntyre and Josh Allen earned first place in the Materials Science and Physics category for "The effect of temperature and humidity on various musical instruments' timbre." Their hypothesis was that if temperature is increased there will be an increase in the instrument's hertz (pitch frequency), causing a sharper sound while also making the decibels increase; if humidity is increased, the hertz and amount of sound will be lower and quieter. Testing flutes, clarinets, oboes, trumpets, and drums, they found that temperature plays a crucial role in performance.

Hudson Cain placed second in the Materials Science and Physics category for "The Effect of Bat Composition on the Exit Velocity of a Baseball," determining that aluminum bats result in greater velocity than wood or composite. He received the special Alfred D. Blease

Elena Mullen earned second place in the Chemistry and Biochemistry category with "An Analysis of the Amount of Fat Extracted from Specific Foods Versus the Corresponding Healthy Counterparts." She compared dark and milk chocolate, regular Lays chips and Lays Baked Chips, and almonds vs. cashews.

Kyleigh Ginger and Noah Wheeler won third place in the Chemistry and Biochemistry category for their experiment "The Effect of Addition of

Salt (NaCl) and Sugar (Sucrose) on the Freezing Point of Water." They verified that salt decreases the freezing point of

Anna Carter placed second in the Biomedical & Health Sciences/ Behavioral & Social Sciences category for her experiment "Investigating the Relationship between Dopamine-Influencing activities and Mental Health." Her data showed that dopamine-inducing activities (like exercise) could improve mental health, with excess "screen time" leading to higher levels of depression and anxiety. She also earned a special award from the American Psychological Association.

Josh Allen, Hudson Cain, Ryan McIntyre, Meera Raichura, and Gabrielle Romeo qualified to advance to the Virginia State Science and Engineering Fair on April 5 at Piedmont Virginia Community College.

At the state science fair:

Meera Raichura won second place in Plant Science for her experiment.

Gabrielle Romeo and Nafisah Izzat won several awards including honorable mention in the Biomedical Sciences, Biomedical Engineering, and Translational Medicines category.

They won the Mark Licata Award for Biotechnology which provides cash prizes to the high school students with the top three rated projects in bioscience fields at the Fair. The Mark Licata Award focuses on the use of cellular and molecular processes rather than chemical synthesis; to solve problems or develop products, plus other key areas of industry focus, such as bioinformatics, biodefense, biofuels, agricultural bio and industrial/ environmental biotechnology.

Romeo and Izzat also won the Leidos Award for Excellence in Applied Science and the Regeneron Biomedical Science Award which provides an award and a certificate to an exceptional student scientist or team of scientists who not only demonstrate an impressive command of biomedical science and research but also embody Regeneron's core values and behaviors, known as The

Regeneron Way. WBHS Chemistry and AP Chemistry teacher Melissa Carr says that "even those who didn't place at the state level were thankful for the experience."

-Vinton Messenger staff report

WBHS Honor Rolls from page 2

Mills, Presley Mills, Kaden Mitchell, Sydney Nichols, Giovanni Pandolfini, Brody Parrish, Jeremy Paul, Eric Pierce, Thomas Purcell, Nathanial Rucker, Jonah Schofield, Alexis Short, Elliott Smith, Nathaniel Smith, Riley Spradlin, Ramsay Stephens, Bailey Tabor, Lauren Toney, Nicholas Toney, Izabella Trumble, Sydney Tuck, Colton West, Connor Whitehead, Makaylah Witt, Aiden Wright

9th Grade: Tayler Austin, Asia

Bannister, Isabella Barrette, Madelyn Barrette, Matthew Beavers, Logan

Hall, Preslee Hamm, Aubrey Harris, Kenleigh Hetherington, Jude Hinkle, Landon Hollins, Khloe Humphrey, William Lasecki, Naleigh Lewis, Reese Mahanes, Andrea Maldonado, Olivia Marcus, Luka Mihelcic, Adalie Mills, Kenley Minnix, Jesse Moore, Josephine Mullen, Mallorie Mullins, Alana Niday, Amira Nieves, Emma Olivit, Bailey Overstreet, Cooper Peery, Jacob Perez, Myles Preston, Nathaniel Roberts, Vivian Schmidt, Layla Sexton, Zoe Sowers,

Paul St. Clair, Aiden Stiltner, Brooklyn Strother, Julyanna Stultz, Hope Thomas, Mia Vest, Kolee Walter, Hailey Webster, Jacey Weddle, Bryson Wendell, Kaelyn Wheeler, Noah Wheeler, Haleigh White, Bindi Whitenack, Abriel Wilhelm, Sabrina Wray, Cayden Wright, Kaydy Wright, Gianna Zivelonghi

Submitted by WBHS Asst. Principal Hannah Prater

BAPTIST (SOUTHERN) MINERAL SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH & CHRISTIAN SCHOOL - 1030 Bible Lane, Vinton, Va. 24179. Church Phone 890-4465. Rev. Jason Gault. Sunday Services: Traditional Service, 8:45 AM, Sunday School, 10:00 AM, Contemporary Service, 11:00 AM, Evening Worship 6:00 PM, Wednesday Services: AWANA 6:30 PM, Bible Study 7:00

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.

CHURCH OF CHRIST DALE RIDGE CHURCH OF CHRIST -

Will you "come back to the Bible", learn more and follow Him? If you live locally in this beautiful Roanoke Valley or Botetourt County area, there is a Church, you will know it's the ONE when you see the name on the end of the building that reads Church of Christ. 7165 Cloverdale Rd., NW, Roanoke, VA 24019. We offer a free 3 lesson, OPEN Bible course entitled "Back to the Bible." Only available in home or where our Church meets: Sign up now on our website, daleridgechurchofchrist.net or email us at comeback2thebible@gmail.com and request to be scheduled for lesson #1 of 3 entitled "who has the Authority In Religion today". You will be contacted promptly. All studies are conducted by 2 individuals, never alone. May God Bless you in choosing this 'open book Bible study.

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.

ECKANKAR

Eckankar, The Path of Spiritual Freedom, is a simple teaching that focuses on the Light and Sound of God to help people find more love in their life. We offer a Spiritual Event on the 2nd. Sunday of each month at 2:00 p.m. The program may be a Light and Sound Service, a Spiritual video and discussion, or other topics and techniques to help Raise Your Spiritual IQ. The Roanoke ECK Center is located at 1420 3rd. St. SW, Roanoke, VA 24016. For more

Beverage, Logan Blevins, Jackson Booze, Greyson Bradford, Olivia Bush, Gabriel Campbell, Crisli Casula-Lazo, Eric Chen, Jazmine Clifton, Claire Cooper, Bella Craddock, Kayden Creel, Riley Cummings, Braylon Dent, Meranda Dilcher, Lily Duffy, Logan Ferguson, Michael Fleisher, Debra Gamble, Adrian Garcia, Luke Gillmore, Kur Gon, Carson Gordon, Ainslee

GOODBYE TO GUILT

Read Psalms 101:1-8; 103:1-22

Do you feel guilty long after a situation has been resolved? Do you continue to mentally kick yourself for rash words uttered in anger? Do errors you could have avoided keep you awake at night?

Such lingering self-reproach is unhealthy. When you realize you've made a mistake, take the necessary steps to correct it; then let it go. Focusing on past problems will not lead to a productive future.

If you have repented of sin and confessed it to the Lord, do not doubt God has forgiven you. His Word makes that emphatically As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our trans-

gressions from us (Psalm 103:12). God totally wipes clean our forgiven past. He not only removes the guilt of our sin, but the punishment we deserve. Because Jesus died

for our sins, we can live eternally. He set us free from sin and guilt. Guilt exposes the wrong committed. A forgiven sinner has no reason for guilt to remain (1 John 1:9). If you struggle with guilt, ask God to help you fi nd release.

Thought for Today: Let guilt guide you to God. He has the solution.

Quicklook: Psalm 103:1-12

If you would like to see your church services listed here in the Vinton Messenger contact Alixandria Wall at Cell: (276) 732-6083

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information visit www.eck-va.org or call 540- 353-5365. People of all faiths are welcome.

FOURSQUARE

EVANGEL CHURCH - 2330 Har-

dy Road, Vinton (corner of Hardy Road and Feather Road), 540-982-3694, www.evangel4sq.com, Pastor Tim Wright. Worship Service Sunday, 10AM. Bible Study Wednesday 11AM-12PM. **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 NAZA-RENE, 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 PRES-BYTERIAN CHURCH, 1130 Hardy Rd, Vinton, VA, 540-343-1842; cmpc2verizon.net Sunday school 9:45am, Worship 11:00am; Communion 1st Su.ndays; 2nd Sunday Session; Monday Noon Bible Study; Tuesdays & Thursdays Stretch Class

9:00am; 1st Tuesdays Deacons;

Wednesday Choir 7:00pm; Monday

Girl Scouts 7:00pm; 3rd Saturday

Men's Breakfast 8:00am. Rev. Jonathan Moelker, pastor **UNITED METHODIST**

THREE OAKS FELLOWSHIP UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

- 1026 Gravel Hill Road, Vinton, Va. 540-512-8070. Pastor: Rev. Dr. Rob Colwell. Sunday School - 9:45 a.m., Worship 11 a.m. WESLEYAN

VINTON WESLEYAN CHURCH

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

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Cemetery Plots For Sale

NOTICE OF INTENT **TO DECLARE** INTERMENT RIGHTS **ABANDONED**

Evergreen Develop Co. Inc., owners of Evergreen Burial Park declares its Intention to recover the abandoned cemetery lot know as Section O, Lot #14 own by and in the name of John W. Payne and Annie Frances Payne. If there Is no response from said lot owners or their heirs of assigns within 120 days from the publication of this notice, the interment rights

shall be deemed abandoned and shall revert to Evergreen Burial Park, 1307 Summit Avenue. SW

Help Wanted



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Now accepting Applications for **3 MACHINE OPERATORS FOR** LASER, **TURRET PUNCH** AND PRESS **BRAKE**

CNC Fabricators, a 25-year Roanoke based fabrication and machining company, is looking to fill the above

Key qualifications for these positions include the ability to read and understand blueprints, read tape measure, and understand basic math skills to accurately measure dimensions.

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If you have the ability to fill this role, please email a resume to info@cncfabricators.com. **CNC FABRICATORS** 621 Ashlawn Street SW Roanoke, VA 24015 540-345-2031

Help Wanted

PleasantDale Church of the Brethren seeks a pianist to play at the 11 o'clock Sunday service. Salary negotiable Call Pastor David Tozar, 540-580-3257 or Gary Creed, 540-537-2412.

Help Wanted Part-Time

REMAX Real Estate One Secretary/Receptionist needed to answer phone, do light computer work, and filing 540.353.8661

System Engineer sought by TMEIC **CORPORATION** AMERICAS in

Roanoke, VA

to dsgn & test automation systems for industrial applications, provide team & tech'l leadership in the application, engg, unit testing, & system testing of the h/ware & s/ware components of custom control systems. Availability to travel, domestically &

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Bach's Deg in Mechatronics, Electrical or Control Engg or related

field, or foreign equiv deg, & 36 months of exp dsana &/or maintaining industrial control systems. Proficiency

in industrial drives, automation & control h/ware & s/ware. Demonstrated knowl of relevant industrial standards. Proficiency in MS Office Suite, MS Project. Send resume to recruitment@tmeic.com. Ref#8024.

Help Wanted

HARDWARE ENGINEER 2 TORC Robotics, Inc. seeks a **Hardware Engineer**

2 in Blacksburg, Virginia.

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careers@torc.ai. Reference job number 773.

Auctions Auction

Tuckit In Storage Saturday April 12 at 9am 3950 South Main ST Blacksburg

Unit A15- Chiah Davis Unit B2- Karen Sewell Unit B8- Drew Tanger Unit B39- Alivssa Marsh Unit C4- Pamela Spencer Unit D22-Andrew Cuellar Unit E20- Oscar Alvarez Unit F2-Denise Cary Unit 167-Mary Sheets Unit J8-Erica Henegar

Notice of Public Auction The contents of the

following storage unit(s) will be sold at Public Auction to enforce our owner's lien: **Unit #26**

Sale will be conducted at B&B Storage, At 645 Radford Street, Christiansburg VA on Friday, April 11, 2025, at 10:00 A.M. All sales are final & CASH only



Live Onsite Auction Saturday April 12th at 9:30amEstate of The Late Mrs. **Audrey Pruett** Armentrout

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Round kitchen table with woven bottom chairs Humpback trunk Ladies' dresser with mirror Wardrobe Blue upholstered living

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Legals -

City of Salem **NOTICE OF**

PUBLIC HEARING Notice is hereby given to all

interested persons that the Board of Zoning Appeals of the City of Salem, Virginia will hold a public hearing, in accordance with the provisions of Sections 15.2-

2204 and 15.2-2309 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, on April 24, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 114 North Broad Street, in the City of Salem, Virginia, to consider the following applications.

Hold public hearing to consider the request of Michael W. and Lisa P. Moeller, property owners, for a variance from Section 106-202.3(B)(2) of the City of Salem Zoning Ordinance pertaining to site

development regulations for the property located at 615 Crestwood Drive, Tax Map # 89-4-7. Section 106-202.3(B)(2) states that accessory structures must be located behind the rear building line of the principal structure. Therefore, the petitioners are requesting a variance to construct an inground pool in the side yard.

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 Bruffev 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

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to all interested persons that the Council of the City of Salem, at its regular meeting on Monday, April 28, 2025, at 6:30 p.m., in Council Chambers, City Hall, 114. N. Broad Street, in the City of Salem, Virginia, will hold a public hearing, pursuant to Sections 15.2-2204 and 15.2-2285 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, to consider the following requests relative to the CODE OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA:

1. Consider the request of Clipp Family Trust, or assigns, contract purchaser, to rezone the property located at 2381-2383 Roanoke Blvd. (T/M# 225-2-6.1) from HBD Highway Business District with conditions to HBD Highway **Business District**

2. Consider the request of ABoone Real Estate, Inc., contact purchaser, to rezone the properties located at 1906 Mill Ln. & 1400 blk Penley Blvd. (T/M#s 205-2-5 & 204-13-1) from RSF/AG Residential Single Family/Agriculture Districts & AG Agriculture Districts to RSF Residential Single Family District and for a Special Exception Permit to include both parcels in the Cluster Housing Overlay

Copies of the proposed plans, ordinances or amendments may be examined in the Office of Community Development, 21 South Bruffey Street, Salem, Virginia. At said hearing, parties in interest and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard relative to the said

Legals -City of Salem

requests. THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA H. Robert Light Clerk of Council

Legals -Montgomery County

LEGAL NOTICE OF **PUBLIC HEARING** OF THE TOWN OF **CHRISTIANSBURG PLANNING** COMMISSION

The Town of Christiansburg Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, April 28, 2025, at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers of the Christiansburg Town Hall, 100 E. Main Street. Christiansburg, Virginia 24073, pursuant to Sections 15.2-2204 and 15.2-2285 of the Code of Virginia, as amended. The purpose of the public hearing is to receive public comments concerning:

A. Code Amendment request by Town of Christiansburg, Applicant, to amend the Christiansburg Town Code, Chapter 42, Section 42-11 Amendments to chapter (c) Notice and hearing. The request is to 1) remove the requirement for notices of public hearings to be published once a week for two successive weeks and 2) amend the advertising requirements to the first notice appearing no more than 28 days before and the second notice appearing no less than seven days before the date of the meeting referenced in the notice. The change would bring Town Code into alignment with Code of Virginia § 15.2-2204. (Advertisement of plans ordinances, etc.; joint public hearings; written notice of certain amendments).

B. Conditional Use Permit request by Mary Frances Keith, Property Owner and Applicant, to allow a Single-Family or Two-Family Dwelling in the General Business District (B-3) on property located near the intersection of Boxwood Dr NW and Redwood Dr NW, identified as Tax Parcels 466-(1)-49, 50, 51, and 52 Parcel ID 013934, and consisting of approximately of 0.480 acres. The property is designated as Mixed Use with Buffer (Residential/Business) on the Future Land Use Map of the 2013 Christiansburg

Comprehensive Plan. C. Conditional Use Permit request by Burch Properties, LLC, Property Owner, and David Beasley, Applicant, to allow for a Kennel in the General Business District (B-3) on property located at 1605 N. Franklin Street, identified as Tax Parcel 466-((A))-20C, Parcel ID 013214, and consisting of approximately 10.9 acres. The property is designated as Business/Commercial on the Future Land Use Map of the 2013 Christiansburg Comprehensive Plan.

D. Rezoning request by RN Investments Annex, LLC, Property Owner and Applicant, to rezone property located at 115 Farmview Rd NW. identified as Tax Parcels 466-((1))-60A-67A, Parcel ID 070719, consisting of approximately of 9.050 acres, from General Business District (B-3) to General Industrial District (I-2). The property is designated as Business/Commercial on the Future Land Use Map of the 2013 Christiansburg Comprehensive Plan.

Town Hall will be open and available to receive public comment in-person at the time of this Public Hearing. A copy of the application, the Town's Zoning Map, Zoning Ordinance, and Future Land Use Map may be viewed in the Planning Department Office, 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, VA 24073, during normal office hours of 8:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Contact Retta Jackson, Planning Director, at (540) 382-6128, Ext. 1120 or by email at rjackson@christiansburg.or g, with any questions or if you require reasonable accommodations



Legals -Montgomery County **LEGAL NOTICE OF**

PUBLIC HEARING OF THE TOWN OF **CHRISTIANSBURG TOWN COUNCIL**

The Town of Christiansburg Town Council will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, April 22, 2025, at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers of the Christiansburg Town Hall, 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, Virginia 24073. The purpose of the public hearing is to receive public comments concerning: A. Conditional Use Permit

request by SHAH Development LLC. Applicant and Property Owner, to allow Single-Family or Two-Family Dwelling(s) in the General Business District (B-3) zoning district on property located on the western side of Plum Street across from Trent Dr. NE. identified as Tax Parcel 497-(2)-B; (Parcel ID 120350), and consisting of approximately of 0.776 acres. The property is designated as Residential on the Future Land Use Map of the

Comprehensive Plan. A copy of the applications, the Town's Zoning Map, Zoning Ordinance, and Future Land Use Map may be viewed in the Planning Department Office, 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg VA 24073 during normal office hours of 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

2013 Christiansburg

Contact Retta Jackson, Planning Director, at (540) 382-6128, ext. 1120 or by email at rjackson@christiansburg.or g, with any questions or if you require reasonable accommodations

Order of **Publication** Commonwealth of Virginia

VA Code§§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316.-317.20-104 Case No. CA25000005-00 MONTGOMERY COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT, 55 EAST MAIN STREET, SUITE 1, CHRISTIASNBURG, VA 24073

GILLIAN ROSE SCHNIDER MANNEBACH and MICHAEL CHRISTOPHER MANNEBACH, Petitioners

Commonwealth of Virginia, The object of this suit is to:

ADOPTION OF CHILD TO BE KNOWN AS CORY ROSE IRENE RODGERS It is ORDERED that **EDWARD LEE RODGERS** appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before May 16th, 2025 @ 9:00 AM. Entered March 17, 2025 Honorable Robert M.D. Turk Judge

Order of **Publication**

Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code§§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316-317,20-104 Case No. CL25-260

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT

COURT OF THE COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY, VIRGINIA, a Political Subdivision of the Commonwealth of Virginia, Complainant, v PATSY ANN CALDWELL, ET AL., Respondents.

ORDER OF PUBLICATION The object of this suit is to enforce the lien of the Complainant, County of

Montgomery, Virginia, for delinquent real estate taxes against certain real property located in the County of Montgomery, Virginia, described as follows:

Tax Map No. 063-A-2-35,36

Account No. 002962 All those two (2) certain lots or parcels of land, with all improvements thereon and appurtenances thereunto belonging, situate, lying and being in the Riner Magisterial District of Montgomery County, Virginia, and being Lots No. Thirty-Five (35) and Thirty-Six (36) as shown and described on a map of the portion of the E.P. Eskridge Property on New River, which map is recorded in the Clerk's Office of the

Circuit Court of Montgomery

Patsy Ann Caldwell,

County, Virginia, in Deed Book III at Page 186. Megan Alyssa Sawyers And being the same real property conveyed to Charles E. Caldwell and

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husband and wife, as tenants by the entirety with the right of survivorship, from Larry Snow Vaught and Hilda May Vaught, husband and wife, by deed, dated August 28, 1967 and recorded September 27, 1967 in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Montgomery County, Virginia, in Deed Book 279

at Page 368. This description is made subject to all easements, conditions, agreements. restrictions, and reservations of record which

affect the property herein described including but not limited to those recorded in Deed Book III at Page 186, Instrument Number 2019006289. Deed Book 306 at Page 417, Deed Book 399 at Page 379, Instrument Number 2020006394

Deed Book 399 at Page

379, Instrument Number 2020006394 IT APPEARING that an Affidavit has been made and filed stating that due diligence has been used, without effect, to ascertain the identity and location of certain parties to be served, that the last known addresses for the Respondents herein are as

follows: Patsy Ann Caldwell, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Charles E. Caldwell, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown: Carolyn A. Graves, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Harvey Graves, whose last known address is 1490 Mahone St, Christiansburg, Virginia 24073; Ricky W. Caldwell, whose last known address is unknown; Gary W.

Barker, whose last known address is unknown; Charles E. Caldwell, Jr., whose last known address is 1201 Virginia Ridge Dr, Hardy, Virginia 24101; Phyllis Jean Caldwell Poff. who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Monica Noble, whose last known address is 3353 Vista Rd, Pulaski, Virginia 24301; and that any officers, heirs, devisees and successors in title of the Respondent named herein are made parties Respondent to this action individually and/or by the

Parties Unknown, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties herein and all Parties Unknown and/or whose location cannot be ascertained appear on or before May I, 2025 in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the County of Montgomery, Virginia, and

do what may be necessary

to protect their interests in

general description of

this cause. Entered on the 24th day of March, 2025 Honorable K. Mike Fleenor, Jr. Judge I Ask For This: John A. Rife, Esq. (VSB No. 45805) Jeffery A. Scharf, Esq. (VSB No.30591) Mark K. Ames, Esq

Order of **Publication** Commonwealth of Virginia

(VSB No. 27409)

VA Code§§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316.-317.20-104 Case No.CL25000550-00 MONTGOMERY COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT, 55 EAST MAIN STREET, SUITE 1, CHRISTIASNBURG, VA 24073 Kayla Dawn Comer,

Stanley Hunter Early Commonwealth of Virginia,

The object of this suit is to: Name change of a minor

It is ORDERED that Anthony Paul Early appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before May 26th, 2025 @ 9:00 AM. Entered March 17, 2025 Honorable Robert M.D. Turk Judge

Order of **Publication**

Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code§§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316,-317,20-104 Case No.CL25000555-00 MONTGOMERY COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT, 55 EAST MAIN STREET, SUITE 1, CHRISTIANSBURG, VA 24073

Elden Raul Gonzalez

The object of this suit is to: Divorce

Legals -Montgomery County

It is ORDERED that Elden Raul Gonzalez appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before May 27, 2025 @ 9:00 AM.

Entered March 25, 2025 Honorable Robert M.D. Turk Judge

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In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated October 2, 2007, in the original principal amount of \$139,200.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Montgomery County, Virginia as Instrument No. 2007013212. The undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the front of

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From the Pulpit

"When God Seems Silent"

By Pastor Bryan Crouch, Lynn Haven Baptist Church

In recent weeks, we have focused on the topic of "Walking in Faith" at Lynn Haven Baptist Church. This week's devotional explores how to trust God when it feels like He's not speaking or moving.

Using Psalm 13 as a foundation, we see how David poured out his heart to God during a time of silence but still trusted in God's unfailing love. This passage reassures believers that God's silence is not His absence and that He is always working, even when we can't see it.

Biblical examples like Elijah in the wilderness and Mary and Martha waiting for Jesus to come to Lazarus show that God's timing and purposes are always perfect.

I want to encourage believers to keep praying, seeking, and trusting, knowing that God's promises are always true. Let's wrap this week's devotional up by pointing to Jesus,

whose life, death, and resurrection prove that God's love and presence are constant, even in seasons of

And as always, try to be more like Christ tomorrow than you were today! Please join us this Sunday at

Music from page 1

Virginny," the state song of Virginia from 1940 to 1997.

Joshua Miao won first place in instrumentals, performing "La Campanella" by Niccolo Paganini and Franz Liszt on the piano. He was sponsored by the Vinton Breakfast Lions Club. His music teacher is Kevin Matheson. He will now advance to the state competition in May. Emery Maxson won first

place in vocals, performing "Vittoria, Mio core!" by composer Giacomo Carissimi, and accompanied by Hope Dornfield. He was sponsored by the Daleville/Fincastle Lions

Joel Ng took second place in instrumentals, performing "Zigeunerweis"by Pablo de Sarasate on the violin. He was accompanied by Jenna Ng. He was sponsored by the Forest Lions Club.

Josue Smales won second place in vocals, performing "Don't Stop Believin'" by Cain, Schen, and Perry. He was accompanied by his music teacher, Susan Lewis, of the Susan Lewis Music Studio in Vinton. Josue is an eighth grader at Hidden Valley Middle

School.

James Knox won third place in instrumentals, performing "Concerto No. 5 in D major, Op22, 3rd Mut. (Rondo)' by Friedrick Seitz. He was accompanied by Anna Preston. Knox was sponsored by the Daleville/Fincastle Lions. Lilyan Wingfield won third

place in vocals, performing "Magic in the Man" from "Big Fish" by Andrew Lippa. She was accompanied by Everett Godwin and sponsored by the Forest Lions Club. Any elementary, middle, or

high school student is eligible

to participate in the Bland Competition, but contestants tend to be secondary students. Contestants may perform in the vocal or instrumental category, but not both. Presentations are limited to eight minutes and must be

memorized. Performers are not allowed to use microphones. They are judged on "faithfulness score, technique, interpretation, stage presence, complexity of composition, and Over \$25,000 is awarded

annually in prizes at the local,

district, and state level in the Bland Competitions. Local winners receive monetary awards and certificates. Judges for year's this

competition were the Rev. Melissa Fox, Carolyn Cox, Charles Krause, and Roma

Fox, an Associate Pastor for Worship and Spirituality, is a native of Arkansas. She graduated from the University of Arkansas in 1984 with a Bachelors degree in Journalism/ Magazine Photography. She attended Midwestern Baptist Seminary in Kansas City and graduated with a Masters degree in Church Music with a minor in Vocal Performance. Her life has always been filled with music whether private lessons on flute and piano or trying her skills at saxophone, handbells, timpani, and organ. Her first love is singing. She and her husband, David, have just celebrated their 40th anniversary. She has served churches in Arkansas, Missouri, and Virginia since 1982.

Cox has a Bachelor of Arts degree from Roanoke College in Vocal Performance. She has taught music in Roanoke City

Schools for over 28 years. She has sung the National Anthem for various functions around the state. She also sings in her church choir and serves as a Charles Krause has a

Bachelor of Music in Education degree from VCU. He taught in Richmond before becoming an education consultant with Boykin's Music Shop. He received his Master of Church Music and became the first graduate to serve in a full-time capacity as director of a church orchestra. Krause has also played the tuba with the Richmond Symphony Brass Quintet and Opera Roanoke.

Roma Scriven holds a BA degree in Piano Performance and an MA in Music History and Literature from Radford University. For over 45 years, Scriven has maintained private piano studio throughout the Roanoke Valley and surrounding areas. In addition to her teaching, she is the pianist at Grandin Court Baptist Church. Her leadership skills have been evident as past Education Director for

the Roanoke Symphony and president of both the Virginia Music Teachers Association and Roanoke Valley Music Teachers Association.

Lion Gary Myers served as Master of Ceremonies for the competition. He is chairman of the local and regional Bland Contest and a long-time musician himself. He thanked the students who performed, along with their parents and teachers who supported and encouraged them.

The State competition will be on May 2 in Williamsburg at the Fort Magruder Hotel. The Bland Foundation provides music scholarships to the top finalists: \$2500 to first place, \$2000 to second place, \$1300 to third place, and \$1000 to fourth, fifth, and sixth place winners.

There are approximately 46,000 Lions Clubs in over 200 countries around the world, with over 1.4 million members—reportedly largest service organization in the world. The Bland Music Scholarship Competition is just one of the ways the club impacts students and their educations.

Dogwood Festival

Celebration Float with 1,000 free cupcakes will be provided compliments of the Vinton Kroger and served by the GFWC Woman's Club of Vinton. Visit the intersection of Pollard Street and Lee Avenue for the special treat.

The "Dogwood Stroll - Walking Parade" will step off at 2 p.m. on a route in downtown Vinton beginning at the 200 block of Lee Avenue and following Pollard Street, Cleveland Avenue, Maple Street, then back to Lee. All ages will enjoy the William Byrd High School Band, the James River High Marching Band, Scottish pipes, a steel drum band, Miss Kitty's Cosmonaut Stilt Walkers, Central Appalachian Cherokee Tribe representatives, walking and novelty units, costumed characters and more during the parade.

One William Byrd High School enior girl will be crowned Dogwood Festival Queen. She will receive a scholarship, the coveted crown, and a place of honor riding with her court in a Lexington Carriage Company

horse-drawn unit during the Dogwood

Check out the exciting schedule below and save the date for the wonderful spring celebration "In Vinton."

Vinton Dogwood Festival **Schedule of Events for**

Native American History Tours, Glade Creek Greenway (Gus Nicks Boulevard), 10 a.m. 1 p.m., 5 p.m. Free. Festival Concert: Trial by Fire

Journey Tribute Band, gates open at 6 p.m., Vinton Farmers' Market Stage, \$5 cover, beverage garden and food truck. ID required for beverage garden. Bring seating. No pets.

Schedule of Events for April 26:

Craft and retail show with over 150 vendors throughout downtown Vinton

- AACA Antique Car Show
- Three entertainment stages Free Kids' Zone with inflatables,
- petting zoo, activities, games Street entertainment including
- a juggler, magician, balloon artist
- Strongman Demo
- Quest Dogwood Scavenger Hunt.

Native American History Tours Glade Creek Greenway (Gus Nicks Boulevard), 10 a.m. and 12 noon "Dogwood Stroll" - Walking

Parade - 2 p.m., Lee Avenue, Pollard Street, Cleveland Avenue, Maple Street Vinton Farmers & Market Stage and Parking Lot

10 a.m. - William Byrd Jazz Band and musicians from the 8th grade William Byrd Middle School Band

11 a.m. – On3 Band

1 p.m. – Big Daddy Ray Band Vinton Baptist Church Parking Lot and Stage – Lee Avenue

10 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. - Craft Vendor Show

10 a.m. – World Tai Chi Day

Demo 10:45 a.m. - 2 p.m. - Mason

Creek Bluegrass Vinton Municipal Building

10 a.m. - Lost in Space Camp

Band 11 a.m. - Gurlz with Attitudz

Dance Factory 11:15 a.m. - Strong Man

Demo and Feats of Strength Audience Participation

12 p.m. – Andrew Nicely

1:15 p.m. – Island Trio

Vinton History Museum – Vinton Dogwood Festival History Display and over 4,000 historic artifacts for viewing Kid's Zone - Vinton Farmers Market Canopy and Parking Lot

10 a.m. to 3 p.m. - Large Inflatables, games, crafts, hands-on activities coordinated by Lighthouse Christian Academy, Petting Zoo by Spring Valley Farm and Cabins

Vinton Library

10 a.m.-4 p.m. - Family Activities (indoors and out); Yard Games, Prize Wheel, Chalk Art. RCACP Pet Adoption Fair (outside)

Pollard and Maple Streets - Craft Vendors

Lee Avenue - Business Showcase Vendors, Festival Food Vendors, Craft Vendors

Parking Lot on 7 Walnut Avenue 10 a.m.-4 p.m. RVR-AACA Antique Car Show, over 100 vehicles.

Sponsors for the 2025 Vinton Dogwood Festival include the Town of Vinton (Platinum level); Gold Sponsors: Mountain State Oral & Facial Surgery, and Pretty Paws; Silver Sponsors: Spring Valley Farm and Cabins; the Vinton Kroger, The Vinton Messenger, Jeff and Susan Teass, and HomeTrust Bank: Bronze Sponsors: SFCS, A Cleaner World, C. Richard Cranwell, and

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William Byrd's defense closes in on a Cave Spring attack girl in last week's Terrier win at Bogle Stadium.

Lax girls beat Franklin County for third straight win

The William Byrd girls beat Franklin County Tuesday night for their third straight win, improving their season record to 3-1.

Samantha Matin had five goals and an assist in the 12-7 win over the visiting Eagles. Annika Hylton had four goals and goalie Barb Hernandez made four saves, splitting time with freshman keeper Anna Perkoki who had two.

Last Thursday at Cave Spring the girls pulled out a close one, 11-9 over the host Knights at Bogle Stadium Hylton had five goals in the win and Martin had three goals and three assists. Hernandez made nine saves in the cage and defender Kaylee Makuch came up big with four groundballs and a pair of forced turnovers.

"The girls worked very hard early in the season to be ready for this game," said coach Dan Eberhardt.

Boys put

21 on HV

The William Byrd boys hosted the two South Roanoke County teams in lacrosse in the past week and split. The Byrdmen dropped a 7-6 heartbreaker in overtime against Cave Spring last Thursday, then rout-

ed Hidden Valley on

Last Thursday

Patterson Stadium CJ Roberts got Byrd started early with a defensive goal and from there it

was back and forth. It

was 3-3 at the half and

Byrd led 5-4 after three

quarters but the Knights

tied the game with just

a few minutes left in the

fourth and won in over-

time. Justyn Rozenboom

led Byrd with two goals

Rozenboom had four

goals and five assists as

Byrd pounded Hidden

Valley at Patterson

Stadium. The Terriers

scored 11 first period

half. Brothers Morrison

and two assists.

On

Monday, 21-2.

"After the playoff loss last season to Cave Spring the girls wanted redemption."

On Monday the girls hosted Hidden Valley and took a 21-17 win as Martin had 11 goals and a pair of assists. Hylton had seven goals, two assists and six draw controls as Annika and Samanatha combined to score 18 goals, one more than the Titans' team.

Hernandez had 10 saves against Hidden Valley while Katelynn Franks ha two assists, two draw controls, a pair of ground balls and a forced turnover.

The Terriers will try to keep the momentum going tonight when they travel to Lynchburg to play a strong E.C. Glass team.

"I couldn't be prouder of this team," said Eberhardt. "We have a very small roster with a lot of new players, and to open the season with three wins against very tough teams is a tremendous accomplishment."

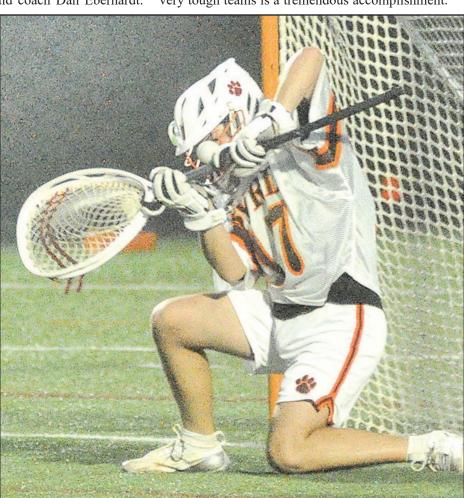


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William Byrd goalie Fernando Tzompaxtle makes a save with his face mask in last week's game with Cave Spring.

four goals each, Cason Nichols had three and freshman John Lasaecki scored two

goals and led 15-1 at the as nine different Terriers scored. With the win Byrd improved to 2-1 and Hendrix Wright had and they have a big game tonight at

home against E.C. Glass.

"I really feel like our team is starting to mesh after getting a late start," said coach Kaden West.

Second half PKs help Byrd down Warriors

The William Byrd boys' soccer team evened their record at 2-2 with a 5-4 win over Magna Vista on the road last Friday.

"They had speed and talent but the team was able to get a well-earned win at the end of the night," said Byrd coach Kevin Niday. "There were multiple lead changes throughout the game but the team stayed focused and kept working until we got the result we

Byrd got first half goals from Carter Leonard and Markis Coric. Leonard crossed the ball in the box and it deflected off of a defender and it went in. Coric shot from about 25 yards out and found the bottom right corner of the goal.

Leonard found the net again in the second half when he crossed the ball in the box off a Warrior defender, then Tyson Brady and Sergio Leon both converted penalty kicks for the final margin.

Byrd will try to keep the momentum going this week as the Terriers host Cave Spring Wednesday, then travel to William Fleming Friday for a big Blue Ridge District match.

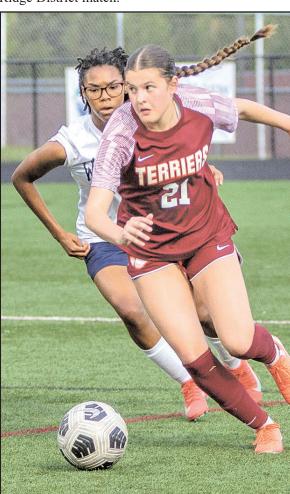


PHOTO BY REGINA DEVINNEY Byrd's Bella Barrette pushes the ball down the field in Friday's win over Magna Vista.

Soccer girls are 3-1 The William Byrd girls' soccer team came from

two goals down to rally for a win against Magna Vista last Friday. The final score was 4-2 in Byrd's favor on Highfill Field at Vinton's Patterson Stadium.

The visiting Warriors scored twice in the first 15 minutes to take an early lead. Bella Barrette got one back four minutes later to halve the lead, then Barrette scored the tying goal off an assist from Tayler Austin with 12 minutes remaining in the half and it was 2-2 at intermission.

The score remained 2-2 for the majority of the second half until Barrette found Logan Andrews, who buried a shot to put Byrd up 3-2 with 17 minutes remaining. The Terriers were able to add to the lead with four minutes remaining when Bella Barrette assisted Maddie Barrette for a big insurance goal, accounting for the final score.

With the win Byrd improved to 3-1 on the season. The Terriers were scheduled to play at Cave Spring on Wednesday of this week followed by a home game with William Flemng on Friday.

Terriers will host track meet Sat.

Left, Byrd's Parker Minnix runs the 300 hurdles and, right, McKinley Figart tosses

the discus in last Saturday's Northside Invitational track meet.

The William Byrd track team will host a big meet Saturday at Patterson Stadium beginning at 9 am. It will be the second meet of the week for the Byrd athletes as they were scheduled to compete at Lord Botetourt

Monday

Wednesday evening. Last Saturday Byrd was entered in the Northside Invitational on a sunny day at Northside High School. The Byrd girls won the 11 team meet and the boys were sixth as the host Vikings

Highlights for the girls included first place first place in the discus by Anya Moore and a win in the pole vault by Spencer Peters. The 4x400 relay team also came in first and Lily Perez was second in both the 100 and 300 hurdles.

For the boys, Michael Goins won the 110 hurdles and Greg Stiltner won the shot put. Titus Beatty was second in the shot and Parker Minnix and Ashton Williamson tied for second in the pole vault.





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Byrd's Kassius Ayres serves one up in last week's

William Byrd tennis teams play Fleming Friday

The William Byrd tennis teams will take on William Fleming in Blue Ridge District matches this Friday. The boys will host the Colonels in Vinton while the girls play at Fleming.

Last Thursday both teams played Bassett in non-district matches and split, with the boys winning 8-1 in Vinton and the girls falling 7-2 in Bassett. The boys swept the singles with wins by Hunter Butterworth, Ryan McIntyre, Keith Schult, Kassius Ayres, Luke Hemming and Cody Gardner. In doubles the team of Butterworth and Ayres and the duo of Hemming and Gardner added two more points to the victory.



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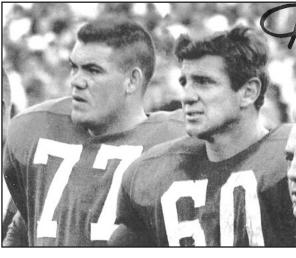
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Top left, Don Oakes(#77) is on the Philadelphia Eagles sideline in 1961 next to NFL great Chuck Bednarek. Above right, Don poses for a preseason photo with William Byrd football captains Craig Cox(#75) and David Morgan(#66) prior to the 1974 season. Below, in a photo from last year, Oakes(right in photo) and Salem High athletic director Drew Barrett hold up a Boston Patriots jersey that was to be framed and displayed in the lobby at Salem High School.



Brian Hoffman

Former Byrd coach was one of the best to come out of Roanoke Valley

One of the all time great athletes hailing from the Roanoke Valley passed away a couple weeks ago and, unless you're a big football fan or you're old, you may not have even realized it. Former William Byrd football coach Don Oakes was 86 when he passed at his home in Roanoke on March 29.

Don was a 1956 graduate of Andrew Lewis High School in Salem, where he played football for coach Hal Johnston. He was a terrific two-way lineman who went on to play for Virginia Tech, where he also wrestled. Don was inducted into the Virginia Tech Hall of Fame in 2001, something he was extremely proud of.

Oakes was drafted in the third round by the defending NFL champion Philadelphia Eagles in 1961, when I was eight years old growing up in southeast Pennsylvania and growing a love for the team. Others who were drafted the same year as Don were legends like Mike Ditka, Bob Lilly, Herb Adderley, Fran Tarkenton and Billy Kilmer. Don was drafted before Ben Davidson, Ernie Ladd and Ron McDole, to name a few you long time football fans may remember.

When I decided to make my home here, after graduating from Roanoke College, I loved talking to Don about his days with the Eagles. He played in Philadelphia with the likes of Chuck Bednarek and Sonny Jurgenson for two seasons before moving on to the American Football League to play for the Boston Patriots. When the Eagles played the Patriots in 2005 he told me he was torn between the two but had to root for the Patriots since he played there for more seasons.

Don played for the Patriots, who later changed their name to "New England," before and after the NFL merger in 1966, earning All-Pro recognition with the Pats on the offensive line. After his professional career he returned to the valley and was the head coach at William Byrd High School from 1972 to 1980. The Terriers were 45-44-2 during his time with a 10-1 record and a playoff appearance in 1973 when it was very difficult to make the playoffs. Vinton's Anthony Conner, who graduated from Byrd in 1979, played for Oakes in high school.

"He was kind of a gentle giant," said Conner. "Everyone respected him and wanted to do well. He was an outstanding person."

A couple summers ago Anthony invited the old team to his house and about 20 players showed up along with Don and assistants Paul Barnard and Wallace Thompson and they relived some of the good old days at Byrd.

After leaving the Terriers Don served as an assistant at Cave Spring, then came back to coach with Jeff Highfill at Byrd for a season in the late '90s.



"He was a really good guy," said Highfill. "He helped coach both sides of the line and he had that NFL intensity level. He loved being around kids and he was still substitute teaching at Byrd up until a few years ago."

Don Oakes was truly a great in the Roanoke Valley with roots in the Roanoke Valley, the heart of a Hokie and the love and respect of many. He'll truly be missed.

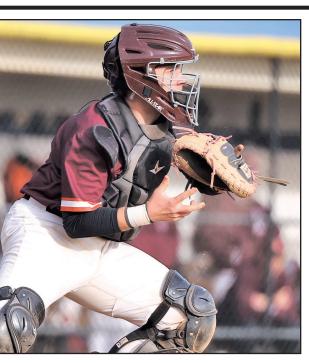


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Byrd catcher JW Vaughan doubled in two runs in the seventh to tie the game at Magna Vista.

ule with three games in four days this week. That gives the Terriers five games in 10 days going back to last week. Byrd was scheduled to play a

The William Byrd baseball

team will continue a busy sched-

home game with Cave Spring on Wednesday of this week, followed by a home game with William Fleming Friday. On Saturday the Terriers head to Hidden Valley for their annual Saturday afternoon game, with the first pitch scheduled for 2 pm.

The Byrdmen played backto-back games last week, on the road, and dropped them both. The Terriers lost at Brookville Thursday, 5-3, and at Magna Vista Friday, 7-6 to fall to 2-3 on the season.

"Two winnable games," said

Byrd coach Jason Taylor. "We did not get any breaks, nor did we create any."

Baseball team has three games this week

Byrd fell behind 5-0 after three innings at Brookville but rallied back to make it a game, only to fall short. Hunter Obenchain and Kylind Spence pitched three innings each, with Spence pitching three scoreless innings of relief. Kam McKee had two hits for the Terriers but Byrd batters struck out nine times.

On Friday in Ridgeway Byrd scored three runs in the top of the seventh to take a 6-4 lead, only to have Magna Vista score three in the bottom of the seventh for a walk-off win. All in all it wasn't a good day for the visitors.

"A very heated and hostile environment that I wish to never have to experience again," said Taylor.

"First time coaching at any level that we did not do a handshake line. We had to have a police escort to leave the dugout. It was not a good look for a high school event

Connor Jones started on the mound and allowed no earned runs in four and a third innings. Tyler Chambers pitched one inning and Cannin Lutz pitched two and took the loss.

Byrd had taken the lead in the top of the seventh when JW Vaughan doubled in two runs and pinch runner Landon Haithcock scored on a passed ball. Vaughan and McKee had two hits each in the game for the Terriers.

"We did not help ourselves in crucial situations," said Taylor. "Hopefully, we will clean it up this week.

Clark tosses shutout in win over Salem

Addison Clark struck out 11 Spartans and pitched shut out ball as the William Byrd girls won a pitchers' dual in Salem last Friday. The Terriers won 1-0 at the Moyer Sports Complex.

Clark allowed four hits and walked just two in picking up the win. On the other side Salem pitchers Cora Grace Sparger and Cora Robinson pitched well, fanning 14 Terriers and allowing just one unearned run in the top of the fourth that proved to be the difference.

Sydney Tuck, Olivia Bustamante and Hadyn Grubb each collected one hit for William Byrd. The Terriers were sure handed in the field and didn't commit a single error. Mallory Peroulas had the most chances in the field with a dozen.

With the win Byrd improved to 2-3 on the season. The Terriers were scheduled to play at Pulaski Monday but that was rained out and rescheduled for April 21. The girls were at Cave Spring Wednesday, they go to William Fleming Friday and on Saturday they have an afternoon game at Hidden Valley.

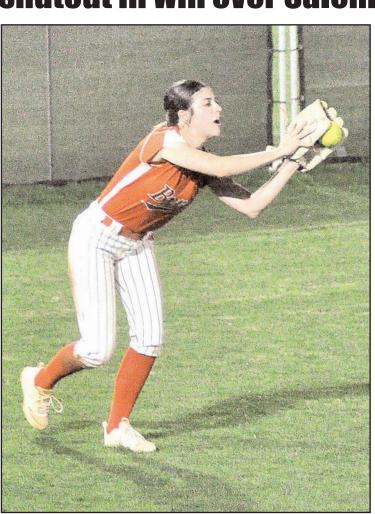




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Left, Byrd's Olivia Bustamante hauls in a deep drive in left field at the Moyer Complex in Salem Friday. Right, Carson Wood jumps for joy after crossing the plate with the only run of the game in the Terriers' 1-0 win.