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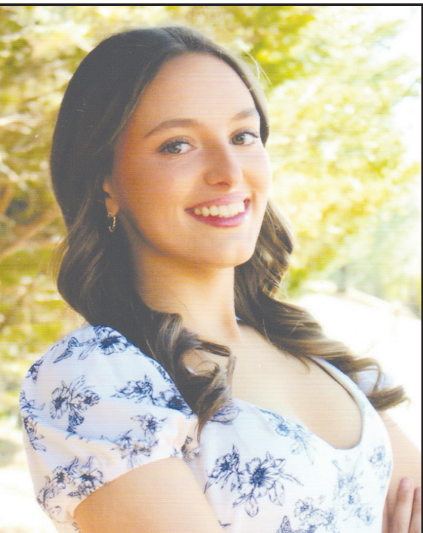
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Emily Anne Fisher



Hannah Janney

Ten William Byrd seniors
vying for title of this
year's Dogwood Queen

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The 2025 Vinton Dogwood Festival Queen will be crowned at the Vinton Municipal Building by Mayor Brad Grose at noon on April 26.

The Dogwood Court is traditionally made up of 10 seniors from William Byrd High School who are nominated by the faculty. They are interviewed during the morning of the Dogwood Festival by a panel of judges, who then select the queen. The new queen receives a \$750 scholarship from the Dogwood Festival Committee. After she is crowned, the new queen and her court ride through the streets of downtown Vinton in horse-drawn carriages.

The young women vying for this year's title of Vinton Dogwood Festival Queen are Ava Ashworth, Brooke Brant, Camryn Dullaghan, Emily Anne Fisher, Hannah Janney, Jada Johnson, Raelyn Lancaster, Kaylee Makuch, Meera Raichura, and Emma Rupe.

Ava Ashworth is the president of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and a member of the Beta Club, DECA Club, Leo Club, and Young Life. She has served as captain of the William Byrd volleyball team, was named to First Team All-District her senior year and received Regional Honorable Mention.

Her future plans include attending Virginia Tech to major in Elementary Education. Her hobbies include baking, spending time with friends and family, working out, and playing pickleball. She works at the Bonsack Baptist Church preschool and Green Ridge Recreation Center. She also helps coach volleyball camps for children in the Roanoke Valley. Her parents are Andrew and Emilie Ashworth.

Brooke Brant is a member of the Terrier TV Club whose staff members meet each Thursday to film announcements for Friday's "News Broadcast." As a junior, she joined the Art Club. She is an A/B Honor Roll student.

Her future plans are to attend a university to obtain a Bachelors' in Biology and work with science and animals "for the rest of my life." Her hobbies include drawing, cooking, working out, gaming, and listening to music.

As for other facts about herself, Brant says she is "kind of shy at first. I am an animal lover; I'm nice but slightly introverted, social when I get to know people, and am shocked, yet totally blessed to be a part of this event." Her parents are Andy and Crystal Brant.

Camryn Dullaghan has been a member of the Yearbook staff for all four years of high school, this year serving as Editor in Chief. She is also a member of the FCA (grades 9-12), Byrd Buddies (9-12, president this year), a member of the SCA (grades 9-12), Habitat for Humanity (10-12), and Announcements (9-12). She was a Junior Marshal last year. Now in her senior year, she is a member of the Reindeer Club, Teachers for Tomorrow, the Beta Club, DECA, and Morgan's Message (secretary).

She plans to attend Virginia Tech and double major in Business and Psychology. She then hopes to attend seminary. Her ultimate goal is to be the lead pastor of a church.

Her hobbies include playing piano, cooking and baking, and hanging out with friends and family.

Dullaghan is actively involved with her church group and currently in her fifth semester as an intern for her church—Journey Church Roanoke.

She is the daughter of Mike and Lisa Dullaghan and has three older sisters.

Emily Anne Fisher has participated in indoor and outdoor track in grades 9-12. She has also been a member of the DECA Club for all four years, the SCA in 10th grade, the Leo Club as a sophomore and junior, Beta Club and NSHSS this year as a senior.

She plans to attend Virginia Tech and major in Elementary Education.

She has danced for 12 years at Studio 45 and competed for nine of those years.

"I love working with children," Fisher said. "I have worked at the Orchard Hills Day School for two years and I am also working at the YMCA's Stay and Play."

She is the daughter of David Fisher.

Hannah Janney has been a member of the volleyball team at Byrd from 9th to 11th grade and the basketball from 9th to 12th grade (captain her junior and senior year). She has also been a member of the lacrosse team and track team. She is a member of a variety of different clubs including the Beta Club, FCA, Leo, and International Clubs. She has participated in FCA, Leo, and SCA for all four years of high school.

Janney plans to attend a four-year university and study animal science.

"Growing up, I have always had a deep love for animals, so my dream job is to work with and help animals and their owners who are in need."

Her hobbies include "anything outdoors, especially with my dogs" and being with family and friends. She also enjoys singing and is active in her church and youth group.

"Through my involvement in church, school clubs, and volunteering at the animal shelter, I have been able to participate in food drives, donations, community clean-ups, and other activities. I have also served at the Rescue Mission and that has allowed me to interact with the surrounding community, which has taught me many things including the significance of giving back to my community."

Her parents are Chris and Tina Janney.

Jada Johnson has played William Byrd varsity basketball, 2021-2025. She played varsity lacrosse in 2021 and 2023. She is a member of FCA, Younglife, Student Voices, DECA, the Leo Club, and Byrd Buddies. She also gives underclassmen tours and Central Office tours.

She plans to attend a four-year university and major in Biology in order to become an orthodontist.

Her hobbies include working out, being outdoors, organizing/cleaning, and reading.

Some other facts Jade has shared include: "I am a believer in Jesus! I am also left-handed and was born in North Carolina. I am the youngest of three (who are two boys). I am extremely motivated and persevere through challenges. I have maintained a 4.0+ GPA and have been nominated all four years to be on the Homecoming Court!" Last fall she was crowned as Homecoming Queen 2024.

Her parents are Tony Johnson and Coleen Johnson.

Raelyn Lancaster is captain of the volleyball team, where she has played all four years of high school, and was named twice to Second Team All-District, and also plays girls soccer (grades 9-12). She was selected for Junior Marshal last year and is on track to becoming a valedictorian in the Class of 2025 and to taking the biliteracy test in Spanish.

She is a member of the Leo Club

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Jada Johnson



Raelyn Lancaster



Kaylee Makuch



Meera Raichura



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Emma Rupe



Pictured left to right are Lt. Scott Hurt, Deputy Chief Tim Lawless, Chief Fabricio Drumond, Det. Cpl. Justin Baker, Det. Sgt. Todd Bailey, Officer Jacob Miller, and Councilman Mike Stovall.

Vinton Town Council recognizes
Det. Cpl. Justin Baker

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Detective Cpl. Justin Baker of the Vinton Police Dept. has spent the past nine weeks in Richmond completing the rigorous curriculum to graduate from the Virginia Dept. of Forensic Science

Academy. He was a member of the 114th session of the Academy, graduating on March 28.

In presenting Baker a Certificate of Commendation, Vinton Police Chief Fabricio Drumond noted that "completing

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A photograph of a woman standing next to a large quilt. The quilt is divided into a grid of squares, each containing a different patchwork design. The designs include a star, a house, a barn, a truck, and various animals. The woman is wearing a grey jacket and a pink bag.

Jan Dickens of Vinton wins first place in the Quilt Show.

The first Pine Spur Hunt Club Draft Horse Pull was a jaw-dropping sight to behold. Pairs of powerful Percheron and Belgian Draft Horses pulled up to 7,000 pounds of concrete blocks behind them on a sled while the crowd sat in dead silence (good horse etiquette) until the finishing whistle blew.

Pine Spur was promoting equine opportunities in Southwest Virginia at the Spring Festival and very first Draft Horse Pull on April 12. They hope to make the pull an annual event. They are a non-profit group made up of horse owners/appreciators, and friends, located off Route 24 just outside of Vinton.

The day started with the festival which included equine breed demonstrations showing off the many different breeds of horses in the area, vendors, a quilt show (Jan Dickens of Vinton won first place), and more. There were horse-related activities for the kids—lassoing, face-painting, and the very popular corn pit (like a large sandbox, but with corn kernels).

Late in the afternoon came the draft horse pull. Teams of horses lined up within the ring, appearing as “quiet, gentle giants” until the competition began.

Basically, a draft pull is a contest to see who has the strongest team of pulling horses. The teams compete in rounds and weight is added at the end of each



Scenes from the Pine Spur Hunt Club Draft Horse Pull above and below



PHOTOS BY DEBB
Taking the horses to their trailers after the race

round. Teams try for a full pull in each round—at Pine Spur on April 12, that was 27.5 feet. The winner is the team that has pulled the heaviest load the furthest. Teamwork between horses and their teamster is the key.

The teams were hitched to a flat-bottomed boat/sled loaded with 500-pound concrete blocks. Weight increases as the contest advances.

At Pine Spur there were two divisions—lightweight (starting with a sled filled with 4,000 pounds of concrete blocks) and heavyweight (starting at 5,000 pound of concrete blocks). When the pull ended, the sled held 7,000 pounds of blocks.

The “teamster” drives the horses to the boat, assisted by two “evener” men who are responsible for carrying the metal evener bar with a hook that attaches the horses to the load. Sometimes that takes more than one attempt. This is the place where the most suspense comes in—will the horses start pulling before the bar is hooked, causing a great deal of gasping from the audience.

As soon as the horses hear the sound of the eveners in contact with the boat, they are off and pulling. The teamster shouts encouragement to his team until the whistle blows, signaling a full pull. Spectators are encouraged to remain quiet until the whistle is blown so the horses don't prematurely think they are finished.

The most common horses to see in the pulling ring are Belgians, which are typically chestnut with flaxen manes and tails and occasionally roan as well. Percherons are less common but also seen in the United States, typically black or gray. Lightweights are generally under 3,000 pounds of combined weight between both horses and heavyweights are over 3,000 pounds of combined weight.

The horses are extremely large. One of the Percherons in the competition Saturday weighed 2,250 pounds; his owner says the horse consumes 75 pounds of hay and four gallons of grain daily.

The winner of the Lightweight Division on April 12 was Odell Coley, with horses Hoover and Barney, from Statesville, N.C. Their top pull was 6,500 pounds, 21 feet.

First place in the Heavyweight Class went to Russell Harmon of Vinton and his horses Jim and George, whose top pull was 7,000 pounds pulled 23 feet.

Other winners in the Lightweight Division included: second place Stanley Chaffin of Floyd with Barney Fife and Flame, and third place Blane Chaffin of Riner with Mike and Charlie.

Other winners in the Heavyweight Division included: second place L.W. Calton of Mt. Airy, N.C., with Jack and Buster; third place Josh Stevens

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Questions exclusion of Cherokee leader from parade

I'm writing out of deep concern regarding the exclusion of Chief Ren, a respected leader of the Central Cherokee Tribe, from participation in the upcoming Vinton Dogwood Festival Parade. As a resident and a proud member of the local EMS community, I believe this decision deserves urgent reconsideration.

The Cherokee people have long-standing historic ties to the Blue Ridge Mountains. They hunted, traveled, and lived on this land long before Vinton was established. Ironically, the Town of Vinton's EMT vehicles display the official Roanoke City seal, which features the image of a Native American. That image is a tribute to the tribes – including the Cherokee – who once thrived in this region. If we honor that legacy symbolically, we should also respect it

in action.

The Cherokee have made important contributions to this country – especially in agriculture, medicinal knowledge, and healing practices that still influence holistic care today. Their understanding of native herbs and plants laid a foundation many of our ancestors relied on and still benefits us today.

To deny Chief Ren participation in the parade, especially as the Vinton History Museum prepares to host a Tribal Summit during the festival, feels both contradictory and exclusionary. We should welcome opportunities to include living Native voices – not just memorialize them in symbols.

As someone who rides in an ambulance bearing a seal that honors this land's first people, I believe we owe them more than symbolic gestures. We owe them respect, inclusion, and a seat in the celebration of our shared history.

Manuel Alfaro
Vinton

OBITUARY

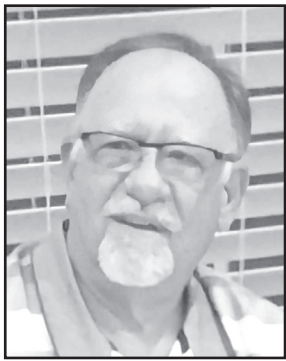
Garoutte, Philip Dean

With deep love and sorrow, we announce that Philip Dean Garoutte of Raleigh, N.C., entered eternal rest on April 9, 2025, at the age of 77.

Phil, as he was affectionately known, was a shining light in the lives of all who had the privilege of knowing him. His passing has left a void in the hearts of his family, friends, and many more whose lives were touched by his presence. We ask that you remember Phil not for how his life ended but for how he lived and for his profound impact on those who had the pleasure of knowing and loving him.

Phil was born to Robert and Ruby (Vahl) Garoutte in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, in 1947. After he graduated from Jefferson High School, Phil went to Ellsworth Junior College in Iowa. After only a year in college, Phil was drafted by the United States Army, where he served his country with honor, courage, and unwavering commitment in the Vietnam War. After completing his military service, Phil returned home and took a job with Montgomery Ward, where he worked for many years in management until the company went under. After, he worked in other retail management positions until he retired from Lowes Distribution Center in Rockford, Ill.

In 1968, Phil met his wife, Linda. After marrying in 1969, they moved to Van Horne, Iowa, where they built a life rooted in love, family, and faith. They had two sons and, later, three grandsons. Once their children had grown, Linda and Phil moved to Rockford, Ill., where Phil was employed by Walmart. Several years later, they retired in North Carolina, the perfect place to show off Phil's gardening skills. The garden was one of his favorite places to be. He had a green thumb that most could envy– a love both he and Linda enjoyed together. Fishing was also one of his pastimes. Phil loved a beautiful mountain trout stream or the deep waters of Upper Goose Lake in northwestern



Ontario. He liked playing cards, collecting coins, and spending quality time with his closest friends from the American Legion in Van Horne, Iowa, where he was a member for over 50 years. Phil also enjoyed being a member of the 40-8 La Société des 40 Hommes et 8 Chevaux for over 32 years. He firmly believed in hard work, keeping your word, and showing up for those you love. Phil was a proud veteran, which showed in his character's strength– disciplined, loyal, and quietly brave. He carried these values into every aspect of his life. Phil's devotion to his family and friends brought many years of laughter, celebrations, and memories that those of us left behind will cherish forever.

He leaves behind a legacy of love, honor, and family. He is survived by his wife, Linda; sons, Randy (Michelle) from Amana, Iowa; Brian from Apex, N.C.; and grandsons, Cody, Jacob, and Nicholas, all from Iowa. He is preceded in death by his parents, Robert and Ruby, and brother, Jim. Though Phil is no longer with us in body, his spirit lives on in the lives he touched, the lessons he taught, and the love he gave so freely.

The family would like to thank Heartland Hospice of Raleigh, N.C., and the Durham VA Hospice Unit of Durham, N.C., for the care and compassion they showed Phil during his final days. We are also grateful for the love and support given to us by our family and friends during this difficult time.

A service to celebrate Phil's life will be held on Sunday, April 27, at 2 p.m. at Lord of Life Lutheran Church, 2100 Buffalo Road, Garner, N.C. A luncheon will be served immediately following the service. Military honors will be rendered in recognition of his dedicated service to our country.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made in his memory to the American Legion in Van Horne, Iowa, or Heartland Hospice in Raleigh, N.C.

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4. Zodiac sign
9. S. China seaport
14. Former OSS
15. Early English printer
16. Aphid genus
17. General's assistant (abbr.)
18. Aussies
20. Dissuades
22. Make law
23. Drench
24. Soak in a liquid
28. Male child
29. It cools your home
30. Small constellation
31. To call (archaic)
33. Explores beneath the Earth
37. Commercial
38. W. hemisphere orga-
nization

39. You can find it in a can

41. "Land of the free"
42. 36 inches
43. Footwear
44. Challenges
46. They hold things together
49. Of I
50. Partner to flow
51. Not connected by kinship
55. Worries
58. Garlic mayonnaise
59. A way to take by force
60. Legendary English rockers
64. Your consciousness of your own identity
65. Fencing swords
66. Silly
67. Actor DiCaprio
68. Encircles with a belt
69. Mails a message

70. Longing

CLUES DOWN

1. Horse mackerels
2. It can be viral
3. Prickly plants
4. Consciousness
5. Type of sarcoma
6. Tax collector
7. Sun up in New York
8. One who scorches
9. Influential psychotherapist
10. Situated at an apex
11. Communicative
12. Forearm nerve
13. Former CIA
19. Folk singer DiFranco
21. Employee stock owner-
ship plan
24. Large-scale
25. School environment
26. Remove
27. Male parents
31. Large rodent

32. Weighed down

34. Held tightly
35. __ route: going there
36. Explains again
40. Exclamation of surprise
41. Courteously
45. Lying down
47. Judge
48. Forcefully took
52. Loosely compacted sediment
53. High mountain
54. Portable conical tents
56. Cereal grass
57. Dining utensil
59. Thoughtful
60. Helps you walk
61. Indicates near
62. Midway between northeast and east
63. Local area network

RND and WBMS Art Dept. partner to showcase coffee-inspired art created by students

PHOTO BY DEBBIE ADAMS

PHOTO COURTESY OF LAURA BALDWIN

Artwork from students at WBMS now on display at RND Coffee.

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RND (Roaster's Next Door) and the William Byrd Middle School Art Dept. are partnering to showcase student artwork in the downtown Vinton coffee shop.

Laura Baldwin, the art teacher at William Byrd Middle School, reached out to Jes Curtin, the Events and Catering Coordinator and HR Director at RND Coffee, in hopes of collaborating to feature her students' artwork. Her goal was to connect the students with the community and for the community to support the students by showcasing their artwork, cultivating a sense of hometown pride in the Vinton community.

This is Baldwin's second year of teaching art at WBMS. She began her career as a Special Education teacher. Her goal is to make art accessible for all. Her husband also teaches PE at WBMS.

Baldwin offered to work with RND to select the subject matter to fit the aesthetics of the business, and the size and number of paintings to be involved. Students could work individually on small pieces or collaborate on larger pieces. The results are a mixture of both.

"RND's motto is 'Founded by Family, Bolstered by Community' and we absolutely stand by that whenever possible,"

Curtin said. "When Mrs. Baldwin reached out with this opportunity, I was eager to partner with her to continue fostering Vinton's unique sense of community. RND is honored to showcase the students' talents and to foster a sense of connection to the Vinton business community."

Baldwin worked with her students to curate custom pieces to display at RND Coffee, inspired by their menu items, as well as the colors and aesthetic of their space.

Students spent much of March creating their artwork–57 seventh and eighth grade students, creating 22 pieces in total. The eighth graders are enrolled in Arts and Crafts and eighth grade Art; the seventh graders are enrolled in the seventh grade interest block.

Baldwin taught them the skills necessary for drawing a cup, step-by-step, using minimal brush strokes and breaking down shapes. They did not draw from memory, which is not always reliable, but from photo observation.

Baldwin, her daughter Jayda, and Curtin installed the artwork on April 8, just in time for RND's Weekend Market with local vendors and artisans on April 19 and the Vinton Dogwood Festival on April 25 and 26. The exhibit will remain on display for about six weeks afterward.

The coffee-inspired

art project was an actual assignment on which students were graded. It was also a part of a unit on exploring art as a profession and helping cultivate a sense of community connection.

Baldwin says that only a handful had visited RND previously, so they were unfamiliar with the space initially, but now they are eager to come in and see their work on display.

This is not the first time Baldwin and her students have worked with the business community. For the Christmas holiday in 2023, many decorated ornaments for the Canine Tree in Salem sponsored by the non-profit Friends of Regional Center for Animal Care and Protection (RCACP) as a fundraiser. The RCACP asked Mrs. Baldwin's eighth grade art classes at William Byrd Middle if they would decorate ornaments for the tree. Anyone who stopped by the Canine Cottage was welcome to take an ornament (or more) off the tree and hopefully leave a donation.

Stop by RND on April 19 (from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.) to see the students' work (paintings are not for sale) and find Easter-themed gifts (hand-crafted jewelry, trinkets, wreaths, and soaps) and treats at the Weekend Market while supporting local artisans and small businesses. Then stop in again during the Vinton Dogwood Festival the following weekend.

VDOT

Virginia Department of Transportation

Route 24 (Hardy Road/Bypass Road) and Route 634 (Hardy Road) Intersection Improvements

Town of Vinton

Design Public Hearing

Tuesday, May 20, 2025, 5 - 7 p.m.

Charles R. Hill Community Center

820 East Washington Avenue

Vinton, VA 24179

Find out about a project to enhance safety, increase capacity and improve traffic flow at the intersection of Route 24 (Hardy Road/Bypass Road) and Route 634 (Hardy Road) in Vinton. The project entails replacing the current signalized intersection with a one-lane roundabout with three slip lanes. The entrance to the bank property at the intersection will be moved about 110 feet west and a new bank exit will be added on Roop Street. Crosswalks with median islands will be added to Bypass Road and Hardy Road and new sidewalk will be constructed to tie into the existing pedestrian accommodations. During construction, southbound Bypass Road traffic that currently turns left onto Hardy Road would be detoured for approximately four to six months.

Review the project information and the National Environmental Policy Act document in the form of a Programmatic Categorical Exclusion at the public hearing or after the public hearing at VDOT's Salem District Office located at 731 Harrison Ave, Salem VA, 540-387-5353, 800-367-7623, TTY/TDD 711. Please call ahead to ensure the availability of appropriate personnel to answer your questions.

The hearing will be held in an "open-house" format and VDOT representatives will be present to answer questions. Property impact information, relocation assistance policies and tentative construction schedules are available for your review at the above address and will be available at the public hearing.

Give your written or oral comments at the hearing or submit them by May 30, 2025, to Hayden Hill, Project Manager, Virginia Department of Transportation, 731 Harrison Avenue, Salem, VA 24153. You may also email your comments to Hayden.Hill@vdot.virginia.gov. Please reference "Hardy Road Roundabout Vinton" in the subject heading.

VDOT ensures nondiscrimination and equal employment in all programs and activities in accordance with Title VI and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. If you need more information in regards to your civil rights on this project or need special assistance for persons with disabilities or limited English proficiency, contact Hayden Hill at the phone numbers listed above.

In case of inclement weather or other issues, the hearing will be rescheduled on May 22 at the same time and location.

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Roanoke County Schools seeks public input on bullying policies

The Roanoke County School Board addressed the district’s bullying policies and processes at its meeting on April 10, with an overview presented by Deputy Superintendent of Administration and Operations Dr. Jamie Soltis and Director of School Counseling Dr. Shawn Hughes.

The discussion followed the death of 10-year-old fourth grader Autumn Bushman, who took her own life in late March; her family reported that she had been a victim of bullying. Many supporters spoke at the meeting about the bullying policy now in effect and their suggestions for changes to be made to create a better policy.

The School Board voted to maintain the existing policy; however, RCPS Director of Community Relations Chuck Lionberger noted that the policy “can change as often as it needs to change.”

The school system encouraged families to become stakeholders and share their suggestions for changes to the current policy online at <https://www.rcps.us/>. The survey has just one question, “What suggestions do you have for improving Roanoke County Public Schools’ Policy 3.16, Administrative Regulation 3.16AR, and our procedures for investigating bullying reports?”

The current policy in effect, also available on the RCPS website, reads:

A. Policy Statement
Roanoke County Public Schools division (RCPS) is committed to maintaining a learning/working environment free from bullying as defined by RCPS.

B. Harassment/Bullying Definition
There has been confusion at times as to whether a reported offense is harassment or conflict.

Harassment/bullying means any aggressive and unwanted behavior that is intended to harm, intimidate, or humiliate the target; it involves a real or perceived imbalance of power between the aggressor(s) and target; and it may or may not be repeated over time or causes severe emotional trauma. Harassment/

bullying includes cyber bullying. Harassment/bullying does not include ordinary teasing, horseplay, argument, or peer conflict.

The principal or principal’s designee notifies the parent of any student involved in an alleged incident of bullying within 24 hours of learning of the allegation of bullying.

Conflict is a disagreement between two or more people where each person involved is participating. It may involve repeated discussion and actions by all parties and may go on for a period of time before resolution occurs. Conflict mediation is recommended to end conflict. Conflict is not harassment/bullying but can lead to such behavior.

The entire school community is adversely affected when harassment/bullying occurs. Therefore, the RCPS division prohibits harassment/bullying of any person at school or any school-sponsored activity. It shall be a violation of this policy for any person, including a parent/guardian, a student or an employee of RCPS to harass/bully another person.

Further, it shall be a violation of this policy for any school personnel (bystanders) to tolerate or participate in harassment/bullying as defined by Roanoke County Public Schools.

For the purpose of this policy, school personnel includes: School Board members, school employees, agents, volunteers, contractors or other persons subject to the supervision of the Roanoke County Public Schools division.”

As part of the policy each Roanoke County Public School establishes and maintains a Bullying Committee to establish and maintain procedures for education and prevention of harassment/bullying for students, staff, and parents and to monitor ongoing prevention/intervention procedures. Education of students and staff about harassment and bullying is to be done through classrooms annually. Each school publishes on their school’s website their bullying contact, listed under the “Parents and Students” tab.

According to Soltis and Hughes, harassment/bullying may include:

- Relational– the use of peer pressure and manipulation to isolate and/or harmfully target an individual
- Verbal– mocking, threatening, and spreading gossip/rumors/lies
- Physical– hitting, shoving, or other physical aggression intended to do harm
- Cyberbullying– harassing, humiliating, intimidating and/or threatening others on the Internet or through any technological device (such as phones). It can also be sexual in nature. It can involve someone a student knows or a complete stranger. Cyberbullying can include cruel jokes, malicious gossip, cruel and harmful messages, embarrassing information, or photographs, and/or websites designed to target

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Rain Barrel Workshop planned for Vinton Farmers’ Market

Clean Valley Council has scheduled a Rain Barrel Workshop for the Vinton Farmers’ Market on Tuesday, June 10, from 5:30 to 7:30. The event is free and open to the public. All supplies will be provided to make your own rain barrel.

This is a very popular workshop, limited to 12

participants, and usually fills up fast. Registration is now open at <https://www.cleanvalley.org/events/rain-barrel-workshop-at-vinton-farmers-market>.

Clean Valley Council’s mission is “to encourage environmental stewardship and lead the way towards a sustainable

tomorrow by educating and inspiring those around us.”

The Vinton Farmers’ Market is located at 204 West Lee Avenue in downtown Vinton. Plenty of parking is available.

Submitted by Clean Valley Council

Blue Ridge Parkway implements full closure for improvements on certain routes

The Blue Ridge Parkway has implemented a full road closure and detour along the park’s corridor in Roanoke from milepost 95.9 at the Montvale Overlook (south of Peaks of Otter) to milepost 106, near U.S. Route 460. It began April 14. This nine-mile closure is the next phase in the previously announced repaving and rehabilitation, Great American Outdoors Act (GAOA) Legacy Restoration Funded project.

A signed detour will direct travelers around the closure via route(s)– Rt. 43 through Bedford and Rt. 460 north of Vinton. A full closure to all users, including vehicles, pedestrians and cyclists will be in place between milepost 95.9 and 106 to ensure the safety of Parkway visitors and staff. Appalachian Trail hikers should coordinate arrangements



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for any support at Montvale Overlook or points further north on the Parkway.

The \$75 million project, jointly managed by the Federal Highway Administration, includes slope stabilization, road resurfacing, repair or replacement of drainage structures, curbs, walks, shoulders, guardrails, stone walls, overlooks,

pavement markings, and signage. The project has been ongoing with single-lane closures since last summer. The shift to a full road closure is part of the project’s planned phase structure.

In order to maintain access to Explore Park, and as work continues in the coming months, the

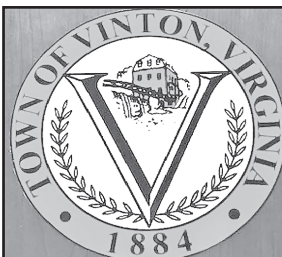
See **Parkway**, page 8

Town of Vinton Finance Office open on Fridays in May

The Town of Vinton Finance Office in the Municipal Building will resume open hours to the public from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Fridays during May to provide maximum availability to citizens for the spring tax collection season.

Drive-thru hours in May also will be Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Submitted by Town of Vinton



GRAPHIC COURTESY TOWN OF VINTON

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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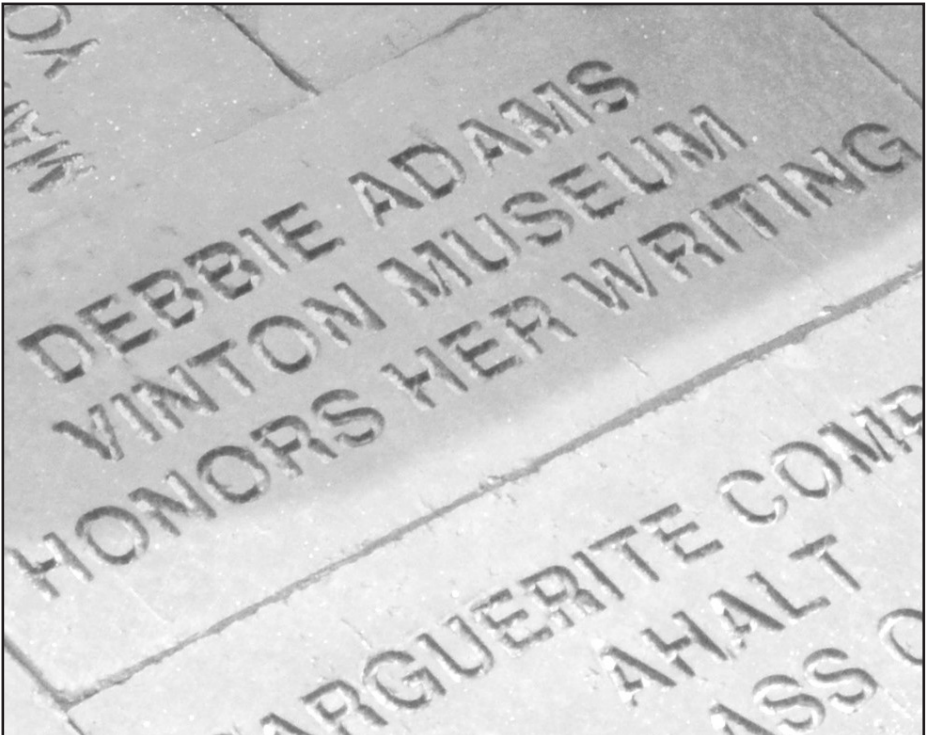
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The Vinton History Museum recognized Debbie Adams of The Vinton Messenger for supporting the museum through articles in the local newspaper. Pictured left to right are History Museum Executive Director Judy Cunningham, William Byrd High School Leo Club members Kaylin Bumgarner and Lindsay Murtaugh, Mary Beth Layman, Randy Layman, Debbie Adams, Doug and Cindy Sowers, and Jan and Denny Dickens.



Commemorative brick in the pergola

PHOTOS COURTESY OF JUDY CUNNINGHAM

Vinton History Museum celebrates National Volunteer Month

The Vinton History Museum celebrated National Volunteer Month on Saturday, April 5.

William Byrd High School Leo Club members who generously donate their time as volunteers at the History Museum were available to speak to visitors about the many volunteer opportunities the museum offers from working on displays, exhibits, and scrapbooks, to research, writing articles, digitizing artifacts, leading

tours, taking photographs, helping with fundraisers, assisting with decorating the annual Fashions for Evergreens tree at Hotel Roanoke, and more.

Vinton Messenger staff writer Debbie Adams was recognized with a commemorative brick in the pergola for her support of the museum through the local newspaper.

Volunteers are always welcome at the museum.

Contact the museum at info@vintonhistorymuseum.org or 540-342-8634.

The museum is open the first Saturday of most months from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., in addition to the Monday, Wednesday, and Friday hours of 10-2.

~ Vinton Messenger staff report



“God will finish what He started”

**By Pastor Bryan Crouch,
Lynn Haven Baptist Church**

In recent weeks, Lynn Haven Baptist Church focused on the topic of “Walking in Faith.” This week’s devotional is centered on the promise of Philippians 1:6, which assures believers that God will carry His work in us to completion.

I want to highlight how God is faithful to fulfill His purposes in our lives, even when we feel incomplete or discouraged. Using stories like Joseph’s journey from slavery to leadership in Egypt, we are reminded how God works all things together for good.

As believers, it is good for us to be reminded to trust God’s process, knowing that He sees the finished masterpiece even when we only see the mess. I wanted this week’s devotional to encourage you to rest in God’s faithfulness and remember that His

work doesn’t depend on our strength but on His grace. Let’s also celebrate the finished work of salvation through Jesus Christ and inviting all to trust in Him.

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

‘Cam’s Night’ at the Salem Red Sox this Saturday

William Byrd High School student Camden Thepsimuong will throw out the first pitch at the Salem Red Sox game on Saturday, April 19, during “Cam’s Night at the Park.”

Mainstream Mental Health Services and the AWARE Foundation will be supporting Cam’s Purpose, along with their family, friends, and local law enforcement.

MMHS strives to support, advocate and empower others. It offers Mental Health Skill Building services across most of western Virginia, including Roanoke, the New River Valley, Lynchburg, Southside, Alleghany, and Southwest Virginia.

Camden is well-known as a student athlete at William Byrd who was diagnosed with a form of bone cancer last year. The community has

since come together on numerous occasions for fundraisers to assist the family with expenses.

Tickets to the Red Sox game are available online at <https://www.milb.com/salem>. The action begins at 5:30 p.m.

~ Vinton Messenger staff report

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

BAPTIST (COOPERATIVE)
VINTON BAPTIST CHURCH - 219 Washington Avenue, Vinton. Rev. Dr. Travis Russell, 343-7685. Sunday Services (year-round): Sunday School 9:15 AM, Morning Worship 10:30 AM; Wednesday Services (during the school year): Worship, Bible Study, Children’s Choirs & Youth Ministry 6:15 PM.

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

VINTON

WORSHIP DIRECTORY

DEPRESSED SAINTS

Read 1 Kings 19:1 through 20:43

Sometimes Christians get depressed. The cause might be a chemical imbalance, sin, an attack from Satan, or the stress of life, but depression can happen to all of us. Prayer is in order, and in some cases medications might also be needed. Depression is a serious problem, especially for those diagnosed with clinical depression. However, we can always count on the Holy Spirit to gently lead us through the dark days, if we let Him.

The angel of the Lord came back a second time and touched him and said, “Get up and eat, for the journey is too much for you” (1 Kings 19:7).

Godly Elijah, who had just won an incredible victory for the Lord, was hit so hard by depression that he wanted to die. God did not scold him or beat him when he was down. Instead, God sent His angel to gently remind Elijah to eat the food He provided. We, too, must daily eat the Word of God, the Bread of Life, for the “journey is too much” for us to travel in our own might.

Prayer for Today: Lord, encourage the depressed ones today. Draw them to Your Word, where they can find food for the journey.

Quicklook: 1 Kings 19:1-9

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

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

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

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.

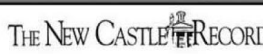


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Legals -

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 Bruffey Street, Salem, Virginia (Phone 375 3032).

THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS OF THE CITY OF SALEM

BY: Mary Ellen H. Wines, CZA, CFM
Planning & Zoning Administrator

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 District.

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

Legals -
City of Salem

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

Legals -
Botetourt County

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF
176 Country Road,
Eagle Rock,
Virginia 24085
Tax Map No.: 38-31C

In execution of a Deed of Trust dated July 19, 2013, recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court for Botetourt County, Virginia, as Instrument No. 130003388, the Substitute Trustee will offer the above-described property for sale to the highest bidder at public auction on the date and time referenced below.

Beginning at an iron pin found at the northeast corner of the James W. Zell, III, 1.719 acre tract; thence N. 89-50-51 E. 119.80 feet to an iron pin; thence S. 0-25-02 W. 529.29 feet to an iron pin; thence N. 77-51-01 W. 122.35 feet to an iron pin, corner to the aforementioned James W. Zell, III, tract; thence N. 0-25-02 E. 503.22 feet to the place of beginning, containing 1.42 acres, more or less, as shown on plat of survey by Lewis A. Hickman, Jr. C.L.S., dated November 7, 1978, a copy which is recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Botetourt County, Virginia, in Deed Book 324, Page 356, the said property being a part of the property conveyed to Frances Elizabeth Zell by S. San Juan, et al, by deed dated October 2, 1946, and recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Botetourt County, in Deed Book 97, at Page 170.

TOGETHER WITH a perpetual right of way and easement, 15 feet in width, over the existing road, for the purposes of ingress and egress, between the property herein conveyed, the remaining property of the party of the first part, and U. S. Route 220, said right of way and easement to be non-exclusive and located generally along the southern edge of the 8.40 acre tract conveyed by Deed dated July 24, 1975, and recorded in the aforesaid Clerk's Office in Deed Book 222, at Page 291.

Date of Sale: May 1, 2025 at 9:30 a.m. at Botetourt County Circuit Court, 1 West Main Street #120, Fincastle, VA 24090.

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

OPTIONS:
1. All costs of conveyance, examination of title, recording charges, etc. will be at cost of purchaser with the exception of the grantor's tax. Neither the Substitute Trustee nor any other party guarantees or covenants to deliver or in any way to obtain possession of the premises for any third party purchaser.

2. The Substitute Trustee reserves the right to reject all bids, extend the time to receive bids or withdraw the property from sale at any time. In addition, should the Substitute Trustee be unable, for any reason, in its sole discretion, to convey title, the successful bidder's sole remedy in law or equity shall be the return of his deposit. Upon refund of the deposit, the sale shall be void and of no effect.

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

John K. Prillaman, Esq.
Substitute Trustee

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

Legals -
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 2013 Christiansburg 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.

Contact
Retta Jackson, Planning Director, at (540) 382-6128, ext. 1120 or by email at rjackson@christiansburg.org 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. **CA2500005-00**
MONTGOMERY COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT, 55 EAST MAIN STREET, SUITE 1, CHRISTIASNBURG, VA 24073

GILLIAN ROSE SCHNIDER MANNEBACH and MICHAEL CHRISTOPHER MANNEBACH, Petitioners v.

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. **CL25000550-00**
MONTGOMERY COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT, 55 EAST MAIN STREET, SUITE 1, CHRISTIASNBURG, VA 24073

Kayla Dawn Comer, Stanley Hunter Early v.

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, CHRISTIASNBURG, VA 24073

Megan Alyssa Sawyers v.

Elden Raul Gonzalez

The object of this suit is to: Divorce

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

Legals -
Montgomery County

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 295 NEWTOWN ROAD, SHAWSVILLE, VA 24162.

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 the Circuit Court building for Montgomery County, 55 East Main Street, Christiansburg, Virginia, or any such temporary alternative Circuit Court location designated by the Judges of the Circuit Court, on May 19, 2025, at 1:30 PM, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows: ALL THAT CERTAIN TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND, WITH THE IMPROVEMENTS THEREON AND THE APPURTENANCES THEREUNTO BELONGING, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING ON THE SOUTHWESTERLY SIDE OF NEWTOWN ROAD IN THE VILLAGE OF SHAWSVILLE, SHAWSVILLE MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, . VIRGINIA, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: ALL OF NEW PARCEL 2, CONTAINING 0.374 ACRES AS SHOWN ON THE PLAT OF C.B. SISSON AND R.D. SISSON BOUNDARY LINE REVISION AND LOT LINE VACATIONS, PREPARED BY C.S. CORRELL, L.S. PLAN #P-1095, DATED APRIL 2, 1999 A COPY OF WHICH IS RECORDED HERewith IN PLAT BOOK 19, PAGE 74, AND TO WHICH MAP REFERENCE IS MADE FOR A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY HEREBY CONVEYED. TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder's deposit of ten percent (10%) of the sale price or ten percent (10%) of the original principal balance of the subject Deed of Trust, whichever is lower, in the form of cash or certified funds payable to the Substitute Trustee must be present at the time of the sale. The balance of the purchase price will be due within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Purchaser's deposit may be forfeited to Trustee. Time is of the essence. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser may, if provided by the terms of the Trustee's Memorandum of Foreclosure Sale, be entitled to a \$50 cancellation fee from the Substitute Trustee, but shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. A form copy of the Trustee's memorandum of foreclosure sale and contract to purchase real property is available for viewing at www.bwwsales.com. Additional terms, if any, to be announced at the sale and the Purchaser may be given the option to execute the contract of sale electronically. This is a communication from a debt collector and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. The sale is subject to seller confirmation.

Substitute Trustee: Equity Trustees, LLC, 8100 Three Chopt Road, Suite 240, Richmond, VA 23229. For more information contact: BWW Law Group, LLC, attorneys for Equity Trustees, LLC, 6003 Executive Blvd, Suite 101, Rockville, MD 20852, 301-961-6555, website: www.bwwsales.com. VA-375117-1.

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.org g, with any questions or if you require reasonable accommodations.

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.

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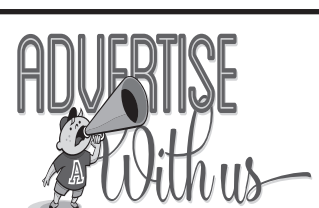
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Above left, Byrd’s Jacey Weddle (#2) competes in the 1,600 in last Saturday’s track meet in Vinton. Above right, Kaidence Stores is out of the blocks in the 100 and, below, Ashton Williamson is up and over the bar in the pole vault competition.

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23 teams compete at Terrier Team Challenge

The William Byrd track team hosted the 23 team “Terrier Team Challenge” in Vinton last Saturday and there were some good performances despite a cold and windy day.

Byrd’s Ethan Haston won the long jump with a jump of 21’4. The boys 4x200m relay of Isaiah Board, Thomas Purcell, James Smith and Haston finished second.

For the girls, Spencer Peters set a new school record and finished second in the women’s pole vault with a height of 9’6. Lily Perez won the women’s long jump with a jump of 16’9” and finished second in the triple jump with a jump of 34’2.

Grace Onwi won the 400m dash with a time of 59.82 and finished third in the 200m dash with a time of 26.37. Kaelyn Wheeler took third in the discus with a throw of 101’4”.

The shuttle hurdle relay of Virginia Yonce, Mallory Michalski, Perez and Katelyn Bennett was third and the 4x200 relay of Michal Hamlar, Perez, Kaidence Stores and Alexia Donahue was runnerup.

The Terriers are in Lynchburg this Saturday for a meet at Heritage High School.



Byrd boys soccer team downs Lord Botetourt

The William Byrd boys hosted Blue Ridge District rival Lord Botetourt in a big soccer game Tuesday and came out on top, 2-1. The win put Byrd back in the black for the season with a 4-3 record.

“We played well against LB,” said Byrd coach Kevin Niday. “It was a tough game against a tough team.”

Sergio Leon got the Terriers on the board in the first half when he received a long pass from Christian Barrette and headed the ball over the top of the 18. Tyson Brady had the deciding goal when he received a pass from Shaun Gower 40 yards out on the left side of the field, dribbled in and shot from 20 yards out, from just inside the touchline, and scored at the far post, upper 90. It was Tyson 17th birthday and proved to be a nice present for the whole team. The Terriers were shut out in the second half but held on to win.

“The team is coming together and I’m excited to see how the season goes moving forward,” said Niday. “We still have a few things to work on but it was a big win and a step in the right direction.”

Byrd is back on the pitch next Tuesday when Terriers host Staunton River on Highfill Field in Vinton.



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Sergio Leon scored Byrd’s first goal.

Girls Draw 0-0

The William Byrd girls’ soccer team traveled to Daleville Tuesday for a Blue Ridge District soccer game. The Terriers returned without a goal, but they didn’t allow one either as the game ended in a nil-nil draw.

“We got off to a slow start but luckily our defense and keeper held strong and we were able to make it to half time tied 0-0,” said Byrd coach Molly Cox. “We played much better during the second half and had several chances but were unable to score.”

Strong defensive play from Karizma Wofford, Emily Glass, Mia Vest, Riley Spradlin and Elena Mullen and a shut out by keeper Bella Trumble allowed Byrd to escape with the scoreless tie. The two teams played 10 minutes of overtime but nothing was settled at that point and the teams will look to play again on May 6 in Vinton.

With the tie the girls are now 4-2-1 overall and 1-0-1 in the district. They’ll go again next Tuesday, April 22, at Staunton River.



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Bella Trumble was in goal for shutout.

Tennis teams sweep Fleming

The William Byrd tennis teams played William Fleming last week and both the boys and girls picked up wins.

The boys won 7-2 at home. Singles winners were Hunter Butterworth, Ryan McIntyre, Kassius Ayres, Luke Hemming, and Cody Gardner. Doubles were won by McIntyre and Keith Schult and Gardner and Josh Abbott.

The Byrd girls topped the Colonels in Roanoke, 8-1. Singles winners were Brooke Justus- 8-3, Miley Moses- 8-2, Ainsley Bolen- 8-2, Bethany Pittenger- 8-1 and Peyton Wright- 8-1. In doubles Justus and Moses won 8-2, Bolen and Wright won 8-1 and Pittenger and Sydney Coles won 8-0.

The Terriers were back in action Tuesday and both lost to LB. The boys were edged 5-4 at Hollins University and the girls fell 8-1 in Vinton. Both teams return to action next Tuesday against Staunton River with the girls at home and the boys in Moneta.



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Ryan McIntyre hits a return for Byrd.

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Left, Byrd's Jerrett Shepherd slides safely into third in last Saturday's game with Hidden Valley, and right Tate Kotz is safe at second at Lord Botetourt Tuesday.

Terriers look to turn things around with trip to Auburn today

With a five game losing streak that included some gut-wrenching losses you'd think playing a Class 1 team would be a welcome relief for the William Byrd baseball team today. Well, think again.

The Terriers will be heading to Riner today to play Class 1 Auburn at 5 pm, but don't think it will be easy. Auburn is a small school but the Eagles are 10-1 and one of the top teams in the area among any classification. Their only loss was to Blacksburg, and they split the two-game series with the Bruins.

Byrd can certainly use a win. The Terriers lost their fifth game in a row Tuesday at Lord Botetourt after starting the season 2-1. It's been a rough go with some tough losses, including a home game with Cave Spring last week that saw the Knights come back from 11-0 down to win 12-11.

"The team is snake bitten right now," said Byrd coach Jason Taylor. "We know there is a cure but we are running up hills and valleys trying to get there."

Last Wednesday at Walthall Park the Terriers led 11-0 after three innings but Cave Spring scored one in the fourth, five runs in both the fifth and sixth to tie the game and one in the top of the seventh to

win it while shutting out the Byrdmen for the last four innings. Connor Jones took the loss as the third reliever after starter Brogan Dent was lifted after pitching three shutout innings. Cannin Lutz had three hits for the Terriers and Jake Courtemanche and Kyland Spence had two each.

Friday's game against William Fleming was rained out, another stroke of bad luck as the Terriers needed to play a weak Fleming team after the Cave Spring disappointment. Instead they had their annual Saturday afternoon game at Hidden Valley and the Titans jumped to a 5-0 lead after two innings.

It would have been easy for the Terriers to pack it in at this point, but instead they fought back with two runs in the third, one in the fourth, three in the fifth and one in the sixth to take a 7-5 lead. Hunter Obenchain pitched three shutout innings in relief of starter Jones as the offense got Byrd back in the game but an error, a hit batter and a walk opened the door for the Titans in the bottom of the sixth. When the dust cleared the Titans had scored nine runs off Obenchain and Lutz for another tough loss as Hidden Valley won 14-7. Jerrett Shepherd and Kam McKee had two hits each for Byrd.

On Tuesday the Terriers were in Daleville for a Blue Ridge District game with Lord Botetourt with Jones getting the start again on the mound. This turned out to be the Noah Donaho show as the LB Roanoke College commit was four-for-four with six RBIs and two homers, including a walk-off grand slam that ended the game by slaughter rule in the bottom of the fifth, 13-3. It was one of four home runs by host Cavaliers.

"LB used the home field advantage," said Taylor, referring to the short fence in left at Botetourt's ballpark.

Botetourt used four pitchers in the game as Obenchain, Landon Haithecock and Spence all saw time on the mound in relief of Jones. Vest was scheduled to pitch this game but he injured his wrist in practice on Monday and could not go. Vaughan and Courtemanche had two hits each for Byrd in Tuesday's game.

Now 2-6, the Terriers are at Auburn today and next week they have three games as they head to Staunton River Tuesday, host Brookville Wednesday and play at home on Friday, April 25, against Northside.

Byrd offense comes alive in games with Hidden Valley, LB

The William Byrd softball team is 3-5 after splitting games with Hidden Valley and Lord Botetourt in the past week.

The girls were at Hidden Valley for a rare Saturday afternoon game last weekend and found the sunshine to their liking. They broke open a close game with six runs in the top of the third and went on to a 13-7 win.

Terrier pitcher Addison Clark helped her own cause in the big third inning as she got the rally going when she singled in the first run for a 4-2 lead. Carson Wood grounded out to score a run then Heidi Dixon smacked an RBI double. Kyndall Agee singled, scoring another run, and Olivia Bustamante capped off the big inning when she homered to center field, scoring two.

Dixon hit a home run to center in seventh inning for some icing on the cake in a game that saw four homers, two by Byrd and two by Hidden Valley's Riley Eades. The Terriers had 17 hits in the game with Clark getting three hits and four runs batted in. Mary Wray and

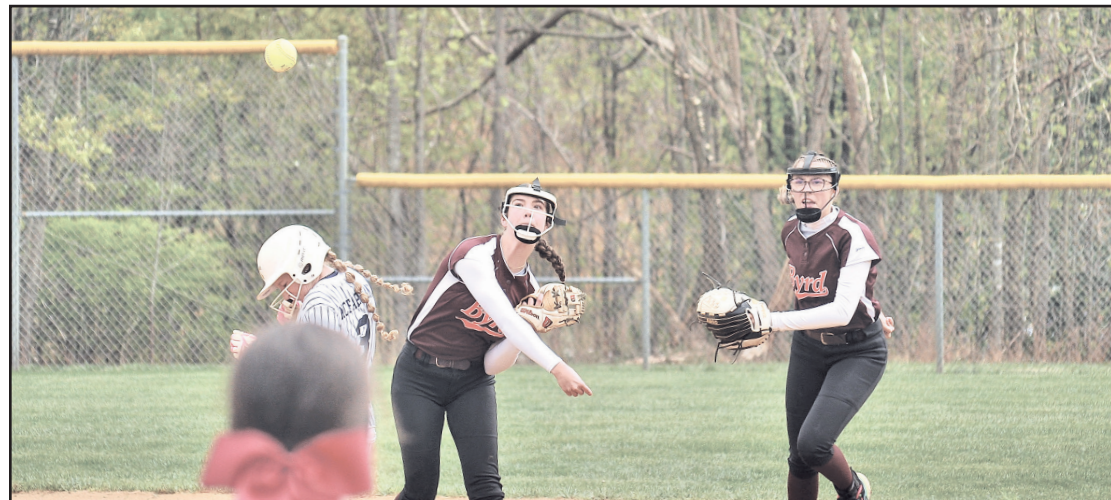
Agee also collected three hits for Byrd while Bustamante, Dixon and Hadyn Grubb had two each.

Clark took the win on the mound, striking out seven and working around nine Titan hits.

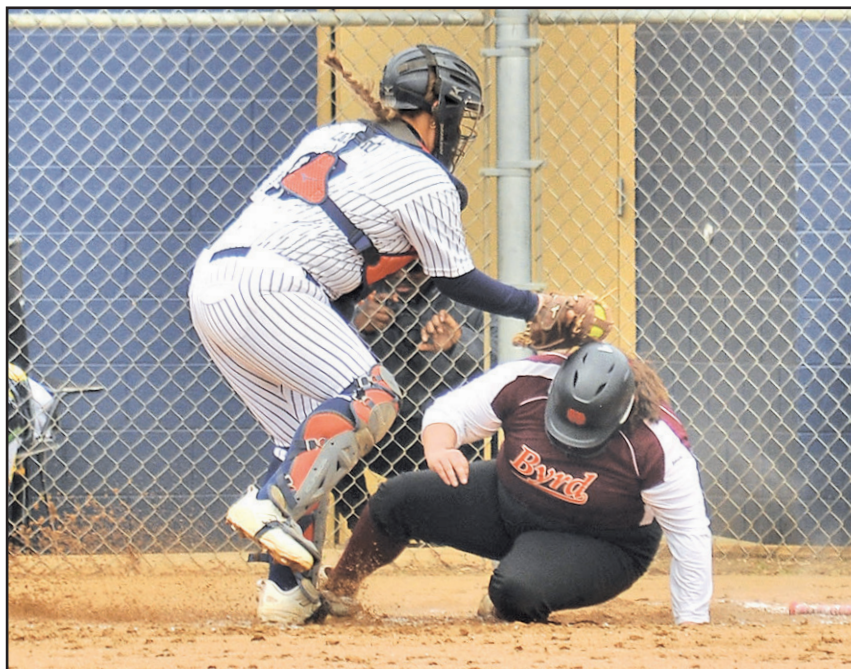
On Tuesday the Byrd girls hosted Lord Botetourt and the visiting Cavaliers had a big day for a 19-7 win. LB scored five runs in the top of the third to take the lead but Byrd rallied for five in the home fifth highlights by doubles by Wray and Agee around a Sarah Lang single. LB then put it away with seven runs in the top of the seventh.

Byrd had a dozen hits in the loss. Sydney Tuck and Hadyn Grubb each collected three hits while Wray and Agee each drove in two. Riley Niday had two hits in two at bats in the slug fest as Clark and Lang split time on the mound for Byrd and were touched for 15 hits.

The Terriers are back in action Monday at Pulaski County followed by a home game against Staunton River next Tuesday, April 22nd.



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Above, Byrd shortstop Hadyn Grubb makes the pivot at second base and fires to first in Saturday's win at Hidden Valley. Left, Mary Wray of the Terriers scores in Byrd's big six run third inning.



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Left, Macie Hall handles the ball for the Byrd lacrosse girls and, right, Dawson Brinkley goes to the crease.

Glass ceiling for lax

The William Byrd lacrosse teams took on strong rivals from E.C. Glass last Thursday and both came up the short end. The boys dropped a 14-3 decision in Vinton and the girls lost in Lynchburg, 16-11.

"We couldn't get anything set up offensively and they wore down our defense," said Byrd coach Kaden West. "We found out several things we need to work on going forward."

Dawson Brinkley scored two goals and Justyn Rozenboom added one goal and an assist for the Terriers.

The girls game was more competitive as the Terriers gave the Hilltoppers a run for their money. Samantha Martin had four goals for Byrd while Ava Sexton and Kateynn Franks had two each. Goalie Barb Hernandez kept the Terriers in the game with 19 saves.

"We got into some foul trouble late in the third quarter and ended up two players down," said coach Dan Eberhardt. "We were able to score three goals while a player down but could not close the gap. I believe if we had not gotten into foul trouble we would have won the game."

The loss was the first for the girls, who are now 3-1 and will host Cave Spring Monday. The boys are 2-2 and will host Blacksburg today before heading to Bogle Field for a game with Cave Spring Monday.