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The Field of Honor at the Vinton War Memorial on May 9

Flags fly in formation on Vinton’s Field of Honor once again

The Vinton Veterans Outreach Committee, Vinton Police Dept., Vinton Public Works, town staff, the non-profit Sirens and Salutes, and several volunteers spent May 9 installing the Field of Honor at the Vinton War Memorial. This tradition began last fall with Veterans Day and is now continuing in observance of Memorial Day.

According to the Outreach

Committee, “The Vinton Field of Honor is made up of a panorama of United States flags flying in solemn formation atop eight-foot poles to honor our fallen heroes. Each U.S. flag represents an individual and tells a story.”

The first Field of Honor consisted of 100 flags; this time there are 300 flags flying on the front lawn of

the War Memorial, which was originally built to honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice in World War II. There are also flags flying near the portico representing each branch of the military service.

Vinton Public Works employees placed the poles in the field in even rows to support the flags.

The Veterans Outreach

Committee said, “The Field of Honor is being held in a patriotic tribute to honor our fallen heroes within both our First Responder and Military communities.”

“The committee was officially established in January 2024 to honor and support employee and town veterans through dedicated advocacy, resources, and community engagement. Their purpose is

to ensure that every veteran feels appreciated, valued, and supported long after their service to our nation has ended. The Town of Vinton has been a designated Virginia Values Veterans Employer since 2015, with the message to future employees that “Vinton Values Veterans!”

The original Field of

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Mayor Brad Grose (left) and volunteer Gary Houff assemble a flag for the Field of Honor.



PHOTOS BY DEBBIE ADAMS

Flags representing the branches of military service fly near the War Memorial portico.

Cam throws out the first pitch at Terrier girls softball game



PHOTO BY SUZANNE WITCHER

Cam Thepsimuong throws out the first pitch at the Terriers girls softball game at Byrd on May 9.

Sports have long been a main focus in Camden Thepsimuong’s life. He has excelled as a football and tennis player at William Byrd High School, but baseball wasn’t one of his interests.

However, this spring he has been seen on local ballfields – throwing out the first pitch in both softball and baseball games in support of Cam’s Purpose, an organization formed to help the Thepsimuong family with expenses in his fight against bone cancer.

He threw out the first pitch at the Salem Red Sox game on April 19, and this past week at the WBHS girls softball JV/varsity doubleheader at Byrd against Franklin County. The team was playing for a bigger purpose than winning that evening – they were there supporting Cam.

Cam was diagnosed almost a year ago with osteosarcoma, a form of bone cancer. He has undergone many rounds of treatments since then,

locally and in North Carolina, all with faith, grace, good humor, and a positive attitude which have inspired his family, friends, school, and the entire community.

His mother, Charlene, says “Cam is always on. His energy is infectious. There is never a dull moment with him, and he enjoys being himself around others. The events have been so wonderful to be a part of and it has made my heart smile at the support and love shown to Cam.”

Many community partners have joined Cam’s fight, including Mainstream Mental Health Services, William Byrd High School and its teams and organizations, the Vinton Breakfast Lions Club, the Salem Red Sox, and many more.

Cam said his goal with his pitches this spring has been not throwing a strike, but just throwing on target and

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PHOTO BY DEBBIE ADAMS

Vinton Asst. Planning and Zoning Director Nathan McClung (far left) and consultant Mike Callahan of 3TP Ventures (far right) sought citizen input on the Comp Plan 2050 at the Dogwood Festival on April 26.

Vinton’s 2050 Comp Plan nearly complete

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Vinton town staff, consultants, and citizen volunteers, along with Town Council and the Vinton Planning Commission, have spent a little over a year putting together the Town of Vinton 2050 Comprehensive Plan which will plot the town’s course for the next 25 years.

The new plan replaces the Comprehensive Plan adopted by Town Council in 2004. It is now in its final draft, ready to be unveiled to the town in June and adopted by council.

Consultants 3TP Ventures, led by President Mike Callahan, was selected to work with the town in developing

the plan. Callahan has been assisted by Vlad Gavrilovic from New Paradigm Planning.

Comp Plan 2050 kicked off at the 2024 Dogwood Festival with consultants and the Vinton Planning and Zoning staff setting up a display at the Vinton Munipal Building to solicit opinions from citizens about what they found great about Vinton, what needed to be changed, and specific suggestions for the town’s future leading up to 2050.

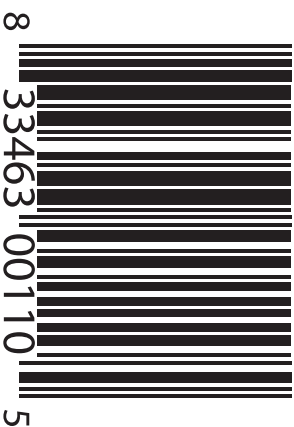
At this year’s 2025 Dogwood Festival, Callahan, Vinton Planning and Zoning Director Anita McMillan and Asst. Director Nathan McClung once again set up in front of the Municipal Building to share the nearly finished plan with those attending the festival and asking

for help in fine-tuning the document. Over 100 residents stopped by and shared their input.

Vinton residents have also been able to give feedback and input at a community meeting and through online surveys during the process.

The Comp Plan is the

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Please be advised that the Vinton Town Council will hold a public hearing at its meeting on Tuesday, May 20, 2025, at the Vinton Municipal Building, 311 S. Pollard Street, Vinton, Virginia, at 6:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, for the purpose of discussing the proposed FY2025-2026 Town of Vinton Budget.

Revenues	Total All Funds
General Fund	\$13,557,181
Grant Fund	\$4,000
Capital Fund	\$500,000
Total Revenues	\$14,061,181

Expenditures	
General Fund:	
Town Council	\$184,066
Town Manager's Office	579,980
Human Resources	297,219
Treasurer/Finance Department	884,299
Police Department	3,209,751
Police/Animal Control	4,100
Public Works Administration	638,462
Maintenance/Highways/Streets/Bridges	1,752,285
Snow and Ice Removal	20,600
Refuse Collection	604,448
Recycling	75,353
Building & Grounds	512,009
War Memorial	399,150
Special Programs	298,810
Planning & Zoning	514,628
Economic Development	98,913
Town Museum	23,117
Commonwealth Attorney	45,000
Town Attorney	35,000
E911/Communications Services	150,000
Traffic Signs and Street Light	110,000
General Property	2,300
Health Department	26,000
Greenway	11,000
Vinton Veterans Monument	5,000
Performance Agreements	913,350
Public Transportation	80,000
Vinton Business Center	2,850
Audit	65,000
Fire & EMS	2,385
Debt Retirement	859,458
Stormwater Administration	160,142
Stormwater Street and Road Cleaning	123,593
Stormwater Operations	368,913
Transfer to Other Funds	500,000
Total General Fund	\$13,557,181
Grant Fund:	
VML Risk Management Grant	\$4,000
Total Grant Fund	\$4,000
Capital Fund:	
Public Works	\$280,000
Building and Grounds	27,500
Town Museum	50,000
Economic Development	142,500
Total Capital Fund	\$500,000
Total Combined Expenditures	\$14,061,181

Persons requiring special assistance to attend and participate at this public hearing should contact the Town Manager's office at (540) 983-0607.

Megan K. Lawless
Executive Assistant to the Town Manager



Ben Watts (right), retiring from WBMS



Tracy Broughman, retiring from Mount Pleasant Elementary



Robin Ard, retiring from W.E. Cundiff

Thanks for your service, retiring Vinton educators!

Several teachers and staff members are retiring from Roanoke County Public Schools in the Vinton area at the end of this school year. They will be sorely missed by students, fellow teachers, and their administrators.

Ben Watts is retiring from William Byrd Middle School where he teaches social studies. He did his student teaching at WBMS in 1995, followed by three years in Craig County. He then returned to William Byrd Middle where he has spent the last 27 years, mostly in seventh grade teaching US History.

"I will miss the camaraderie with the staff and the relationships developed with the students," said Watts. "I am looking forward to a new chapter, perhaps traveling, working around my house, playing golf and doing things that are hard to do while working. I will likely work part-time and will continue to substitute. I will always cherish my days at WBMS and will miss certain aspects of teaching, but I am willing to give this retirement thing a try!"

Tracy Broughman is retiring from Mount Pleasant Elementary.

"After 28 wonderful years of teaching at Mount Pleasant Elementary –

four in kindergarten and 24 in first grade – I'm retiring with a heart full of gratitude," Broughman said. "For 23 of those years, I taught in the same classroom, a space that became a second home filled with laughter, learning, and countless memories.

"I've loved dancing with my students, hatching chicks each spring, and raising monarch butterflies in the fall. I'll deeply miss the sweet smiles with missing teeth, the adorable lisps from freshly lost ones, the joyful laughter during funny classroom videos, and the incredible pride I've felt watching my students learn and grow. It has been an honor and a joy to be part of so many young lives."

Robin Ard is retiring from W.E. Cundiff Elementary where she teaches second grade.

"I began my career at Mount Pleasant Elementary as an instructional assistant for two years in 2002," Ard said. "I've taught first and second grade as a classroom teacher for 21 years at Cundiff.

"I will miss the lifelong friends I have made at Cundiff plus the teamwork we have at our school. I'll always remember



Vicki Henschel, retiring from W.E. Cundiff

PHOTOS COURTESY OF RCPS AND BEN WATTS

Melissa Peroulas, retiring from Bonsack Elementary

developing relationships with so many children and being a part of their education, plus watching them become hard working adults reaching their lifetime goals.

"I plan to take time off to travel, rest and get into new adventures in the future."

Vicki Henschel is also retiring from W.E. Cundiff from her position as an instructional assistant. She spent two years at Mount Pleasant Elementary, and then 18 years at Cundiff.

"I'm planning on spending more time with my grandchildren," Henschel says. "My third grandchild is due in mid-August. I also plan to substitute at WEC."

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125 YEARS



The Roanoke Valley Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution installed new officers at the meeting on May 10. Pictured left to right are Historian/Librarian Cindy Higgins, Secretary Donna Minnix, Registrar Sheila Campbell, Chaplain Lynn Thompson, Vice Regent Shannon Campbell, and Regent Susan Doyle. (Treasurer Heather Menzies was not present.)

Local DAR Chapter installs new officers

Debbie Adams
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The Roanoke Valley Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution installed new officers at the meeting on May 10. They are:

- Regent - Susan Doyle
 - Vice Regent - Shannon Campbell
 - Recording / Corresponding Secretary - Donna Minnix
 - Registrar - Sheila Campbell
 - Treasurer - Heather Menzies
 - Chaplain - Lynn Thompson
 - Historian / Librarian - Cindy Higgins
- The organization also elected two Honorary Regents, who have served the chapter with distinction, Eleanor Dye and Sharon Menzies.

Dye, a member for 34 years, served as Regent from 1997-2001 and as Vice Regent, Recording and Corresponding Secretary, and Registrar. At the state level, Dye has served as State Registrar, State Chaplain, and State Chair of Conservation. She also served as American Indians Eastern Division Vice Chair and the Conservation Eastern Division Vice Chair. She was a member of the Volunteer Chapter Genealogists.

“Eleanor has served DAR with distinction that we can only aspire to in our own DAR journeys,” said outgoing Regent Cindy Higgins. “Now that she is facing health issues, I think it would be a beautiful gesture to present her with one more accolade.”

Sharon Menzies, a member for 15 years, also was named as “Honorary Regent.” Sharon has served as Vice Regent and two terms as Regent.

“She was an indispensable mentor to me, and I continue to value her opinion on matters,” said Higgins. “She has continued to serve the chapter in many ways – most notably in heading up the yearly blanket project and keeping us connected with various veteran issues and activities.”

New member Emilee Higgins Graham was installed at the meeting. Another new member, Julie Campbell Lawrence, is awaiting installation, with four prospective new



PHOTOS BY DEBBIE ADAMS
New member Emilee Higgins Graham was installed. Pictured left to right are Registrar Janice Taylor, Regent Cindy Higgins, Graham, and Chaplain Diana Goode.

members in the process of completing documentation of their lineage to a Patriot who contributed to the success of the American Revolution.

Higgins and Chaplain Diane Goode led a memorial service for DAR member Elizabeth “Betty” Nantz, who passed away in Salem in June 2024 at age 80.

Shannon Campbell was recognized for winning the Women’s Mental Health Issues Essay Contest for the State and Eastern Division and an honorable mention at the national level.

Members heard a presentation about “Cats in the Military,” which detailed the important role “ratters” have played in military units throughout history, as far back as ancient Egypt. During World War II, “a good ratter could help preserve precious food stores, help prevent the spread of diseases and keep rats or mice from chewing through ropes and wiring.”

Cats also served as mascots and companions, providing stress relief and comfort during wartime. They provided early detection and warning to the presence of mustard gas during World War I and kept down insect populations. They have also been trained for covert operations. According to the U.S. Dept. of Defense, a cat joined a U.S. Army unit in Iraq in 2004, named Private First Class Hammer by his soldiers. He was so special to the unit that they went through an animal rights non-profit to provide him a home in Colorado.

Debbie Adams from The Vinton Messenger was recognized with a certificate and medal for her part in “keeping the DAR in the paper and in the eyes of the public.”

Members of the Roanoke Valley Chapter DAR do not just concern

themselves with history. They also devote many hours of community service, particularly focused on veterans. They cut and tie fleece blankets for veterans in the area (the goal this year is 20 blankets), collect manufacturers’ coupons to send to the military base in Japan (\$129,349 worth from local DAR chapters in 2024), send snacks to deployed U.S. Air Force troops, and send jewelry to Native American thrift shops for sale. They have an ongoing project collecting plastic recyclables for the Trex Corporation, receiving composite benches for the Town of Vinton in return.

Members Sharon and Heather Menzies recently presented the DAR JROTC bronze medal to a deserving William Byrd High School student, Alexis Short, at the annual NJROTC Military Ball.

The Roanoke Valley Chapter also presents the DAR Good Citizenship Award and scholarship to a William Byrd senior each year. Emma Rupe was this year’s recipient.

The group takes field trips to historic sites such as Montpelier, the home of James Madison, and assists with the Honor Flight Program at the D-Day Memorial. Members participate in Veterans Day parades in the region and join forces to support other local DAR chapters and their projects. They have a book club that meets regularly and usually is focused on books with an historic theme.

The Roanoke Valley Chapter NSDAR meets on the second Saturday of most months during the school year at Campbell Memorial Presbyterian Church on Hardy Road in Vinton.

Herman L. Horn hosts Lemonade and Literacy Night

Herman L. Horn Elementary School in Vinton hosted a special event on May 8, “Lemonade and Literacy.” Families and students browsed through books for summer reading and enjoyed a cup of Deb’s Lemonade. This event was sponsored by Title I. The school has another fun event planned during the summer on June 26, featuring an ice cream truck and free books.

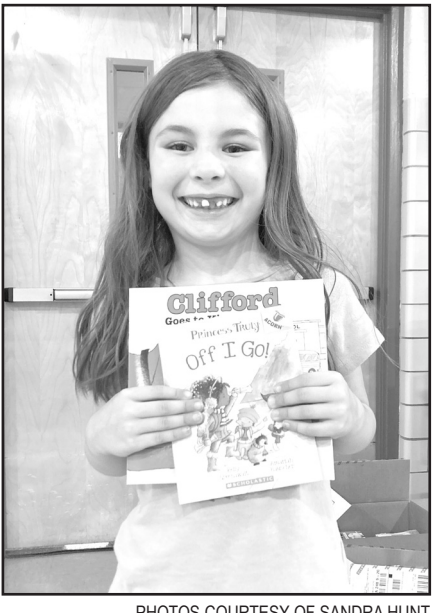
- Submitted by Title I teacher Sandra Hunt



Owen Good-Vasquez, Dylan Good-Vasquez, and Brisa Good-Vasquez



Caleb Kelso and Chelsea Kelso



Addie Grubb
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New Freedom Farm to close in July as founder retires

After nearly a decade of service to veterans, first responders, and their families, New Freedom Farm (NFF) in Buchanan will close its doors on July 31, as founder and director Lois Dawn Magill prepares for retirement.

Founded in 2016, New Freedom Farm has served as a sanctuary of healing and connection, pairing rescued horses with veterans and EMS personnel seeking emotional and mental support. Through the dedicated leadership of Magill and the support of volunteers and donors, the farm became a safe haven that fostered powerful, therapeutic relationships between animals and people.

As the organization prepares for this transition, its board of directors is

working to ensure that both its human and equine communities are thoughtfully supported. Efforts are underway to connect veterans with trusted alternative resources, while each of the farm’s horses is being placed with the same level of care and compassion that defined their time at New Freedom Farm.

The NFF board emphasized its gratitude to the many individuals who contributed to the farm’s mission over the years, noting that the impact of the organization will live on in the lives it touched.

Questions or inquiries can be directed to the board of directors at NFFBoard2016@gmail.com.

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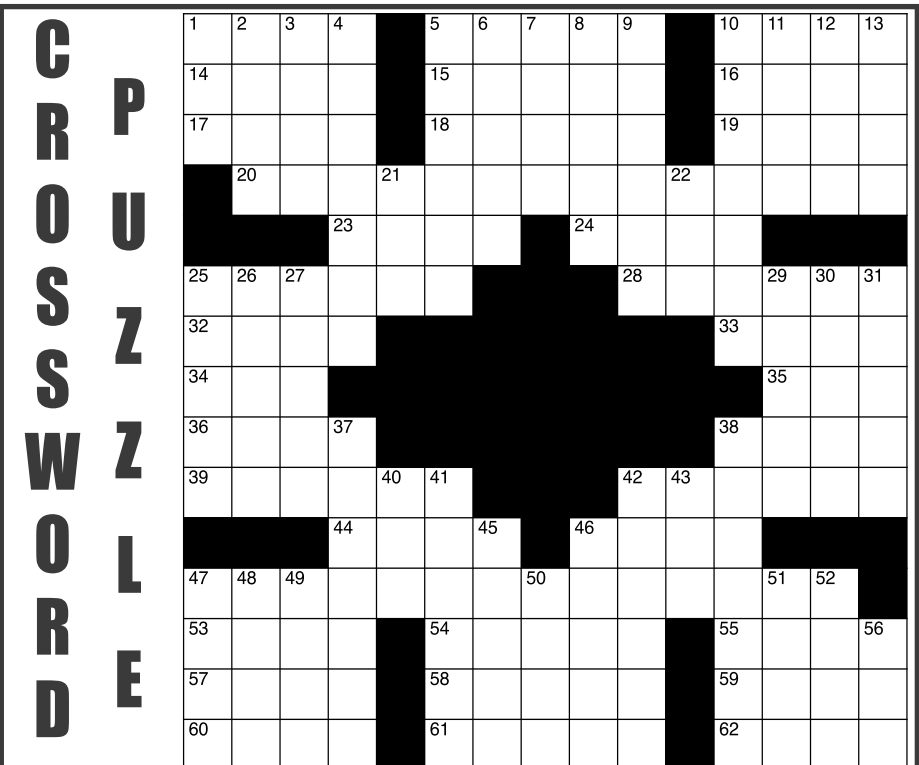
Vinton businesses recognized by Roanoker Magazine

Several Vinton area businesses have again been voted as the “Best of Roanoke” by the local community in the May/June Roanoker Magazine.

- Best Computer Repairs: Vinton Computer (Gold)
- Best Local Artist: Jon Murrill (Platinum)
- Best Local Artwork Project: Jon Murrill, Lady Appalachia in downtown Vinton (Platinum) and Nature Train in downtown Roanoke (Silver)
- Best Home Décor Store: The Shoppes on Pollard (Silver)
- Best Place for Unique Finds: The Shoppes on Pollard (Silver)
- Best After School Programming: Boys & Girls Clubs of Southwest Virginia (Gold)
- Best Library Branch: Vinton Public Library (Gold)
- Best Race/Marathon: Boys & Girls Club of SWVA’s Four on the Fourth (Silver)
- Best Local Florist/Greenhouse/Plant Shop: Flowers by Eddie (Gold)
- Best Local Florist/Greenhouse/Plant Shop: Creative Occasions (Silver)
- Most Dependable Car Repair & Service: Woods Service Center Towing and Transportation (Gold)
- Best Spray Tanning Salon: Glo

- Custom Spray Tanning (Platinum)
- Best Holistic Healer: Therapeutic Elements (Gold)
- Best Massage Therapist: Tristina Pagans, Therapeutic Elements (Gold)
- Best Physical Therapy Practice: CORA Physical Therapy (Platinum)
- Best Pet Grooming: Pretty Paws Dog & Cat Grooming Salon, LLC (Platinum)
- Best Local Pet Supply Store: Wag N’ Wash (Gold)
- Best Emergency Veterinarian: Vinton Veterinary Hospital (Gold)
- Best Veterinarian Group: Vinton Veterinary Hospital (Silver)
- Best Individual Real Estate Agent: Bradley Thomas, Mountain View Real Estate, LLC (Silver)
- Best Indoor Air Quality/Disinfecting Provider: W.C. Butler Heating and Air Conditioning (Gold)
- Best Appliance Repair Company: Vinton Appliance (Silver)
- Best Pest Control Company: Star City Pest Control & Wildlife Services (Gold)
- Best Rental Store: Grand True Value Rental (Silver)

- Vinton Messenger staff report



CLUES ACROSS

- Irish mother of gods
- Provides weapons
- Hyperbolic cosecant
- Kilt nationality
- Mexican artist Rivera
- Circle of light around the sun
- What a clock tells
- To condescend to give
- Chocolate cookie with white cream filling
- Harry Potter star
- Without (French)
- A dissolute man
- Resecure a book
- Blanketlike shawl
- Opaque gem
- Biblical name for Syria
- Mail call box abbreviation
- Mined metal-bearing mineral
- Mild yellow Dutch cheese
- After a prayer
- Baseball’s world championship
- Knights’ tunic
- Small pigeon shelter
- Mereditth, Johnson & Shula
- 20th U.S. President
- Pitcher Hershiser
- Sans _____ typeface
- High water tide
- Sew up a falcon’s eyelids
- Mexican plant fiber
- Taxis
- Fermented rice beverage
- A mode of living
- Formerly (archaic)

CLUES DOWN

- Fall back time
- Has a sour taste
- Gangrenous inflammation
- Spoon or fork
- What is added to the augend
- Cambodian monetary units
- Golda _____, Israeli P. M.
- “Walk Don’t Run” actress Samantha
- Often the last movements of a sonata
- Contaminated water disease
- Indian dress
- Musical pitch symbol
- Horse foot sheath
- 007’s Flemming
- A billiards stick
- Catches with a lasso
- 3rd part of a Greek ode
- Elephant’s name
- Distinctive odor that is pleasant
- A small sharp fruit knife
- Improve by critical editing
- Droplet in a colloidal system
- Failure to be present
- Winged goddess of the dawn
- Static balance between opposing forces
- Treacle candy
- Black tropical American cuckoo
- Discharge from the body
- Training by multiple repetitions
- A Chinese image in a shrine
- Length X width
- Mild and submissive
- Affectedly artistic
- Tragic Shakespeare king
- Taps gently
- Time in far western states



Remembering Vinton

Fifty years ago in May 1975

with the Vinton Historical Societv



William Byrd High School co-valedictorians and salutatorian for the Class of 1975 were: front row, Jan Jones (left) and Janet Conner; back row, Carolyn Gross and Linda Marks.

May 1975 was awards month in the Town of Vinton. Joyce Spradlin Baker was named Mother of the Year by the Vinton Area Chamber of Commerce. She received the award at Roland E. Cook Elementary where she served as PTA president. She was nominated by her daughter, Lin.

In her nomination letter, Lin described what made her mother so special, including “she tells us right from wrong and who not to hang around with. She went to the parade Saturday, even if there weren’t any clowns. Some people think if you have seen one parade, you have seen them all. I love her and so I hope she will win.”

The Town of Vinton named bookkeeper Ayles Brogan as the employee of the month for May.

The Town of Vinton submitted a budget for \$1.4 million, an increase of \$200,000 from the previous year.

Town Council authorized an experiment eliminating a left turn for traffic turning onto Pollard Street from Washington Avenue. Councilman Elmer Cox warned, “You’re going to have trouble if you try this.”

Fifth graders from the elementary schools were taking the annual orientation trip to William Byrd Intermediate School.

The William Byrd High School Home Ec Dept. wrapped up a year-long study on family life, with a mock wedding between Sandee Ross and Richard Canell. The newspaper article stated that “following the ceremony and reception, the couple attended their regular classes. They will reside in the homes of their separate parents.”

Twenty-one William Byrd seniors received honors at the annual William Byrd Senior Scholastic Honor Banquet. Three were named co-valedictorians in 1975 – Jan Jones, Janet Conner, and Carolyn Gross; Linda



Vinton firemen and the First Aid Crew responded to a call for a tree struck by lightning.

Marks was named salutatorian.

Hardy Road Elementary celebrated the end of the school year with a Hawaiian luau for their families. The menu featured Polynesian chips, Island Ambrosia, and Hawaiian Punch. The evening also included a lei for each guest, two active volcanoes erupting and hula dancing.

Vandals damaged Vinton’s new gateway signs with spray paint; the Chamber of Commerce was offering a \$100 reward to help arrest the culprits. The signs had just been installed at a cost of \$500. Police were also investigating a break-in at Brabham Petroleum Company, where calculators and Dictaphones were stolen.

There were also burglaries that month at the Roanoke County Pre-Vocational School, the Hair Shack, and the Vinton Municipal Pool, along with several residential robberies (including a black piggy bank containing \$100). A shoplifter was apprehended at the Super-X Drug Store. Two mowers were stolen from G.C. Murphy.

Paving was underway on Mountain View Road. William Byrd High School graduate Cadet Dan Darnell was named Valedictorian of the Class of 1975 at VMI and commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force Reserve, going on to have a stellar career in the military.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers was preparing to begin a flood elevation study in Vinton to establish actuarial flood insurance rates. Of special interest were flood elevation areas in the town in the flood hazard zone.

Candidates were announcing their intentions to run in the fall elections. Incumbents Raymond Robrecht and Richard Cranwell, along with Lela Spitz, revealed plans to run for the Virginia House of Delegates.

Two candidates announced they would be running for seats on the Roanoke County Board of Supervisors representing Vinton – John Seibel and Deal Tompkins.

Vinton Mayor Gus Nicks was also considering a run for the position but eventually decided to serve out his term as mayor of Vinton.

O.S. Foster and Elizabeth Stokes were nominated to run for Roanoke County Sheriff and Clerk of Court, respectively. County Treasurer Fred Anderson of Vinton challenged Stokes for the nomination, but she prevailed.

May 27 was “Free Baby Chick Day” at Red Rose Feed and Farm Supply in Vinton. The business was giving away 25 free chicks to customers who purchased 25 pounds of chicken feed. All that was necessary was to “bring your own box.”



Vinton police were investigating the mutilation of several new gateway signs in 1975.



Several candidates announced they would be running for public office, including the Virginia House of Delegates, the Roanoke County Board of Supervisors, Roanoke County Sheriff, and Roanoke County Clerk of Court.



Sandee Ross and Richard Canell participated in a mock wedding in Home Ec class to end a yearlong study of family life.

Passbook Savings Accounts were earning 5.25% at First Federal Savings and Loan. California strawberries were 88 cents a quart at Kroger; sirloin steak was \$1.59 a pound; and the price of bread was three loaves for \$1.

For Mother’s Day, you could take your mom to Murphy’s for just 99 cents for a meal which included meat loaf, mashed potatoes and gravy, buttered vegetables, rolls and butter.

- Vinton Messenger staff report

Celebrating The Town of VINTON!

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

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

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

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

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

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From the Pulpit

During May at Lynn Haven Baptist Church, our sermon series is “Strength for the Journey.”

“Faith in the Fire,” week three of the series, draws from Daniel 3:16-28, the story of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. These three men faced a life-threatening trial when they refused to bow

to King Nebuchadnezzar’s idol. Despite the king’s threats, they boldly declared their faith in God, trusting Him to deliver them from the fiery furnace. Even if He didn’t, they refused to compromise their faith. God’s miraculous deliverance through the fire not only saved them but

also revealed His power to the king and those watching.

Today’s devotional reminds us that we, too, face “fires” in life – trials that test our faith. In those moments, we are encouraged to trust God, knowing He is always with us, just as He was with the three men in the fire.

Isaiah 43:2 promises that when we walk through the fire, we will not be burned because God is with us. In addition, always remember Jesus, who endured the ultimate fire, taking on our sin, so we could experience salvation and eternal life. His victory assures us that we can face any trial with

faith and courage, knowing He is with us every step of the way.

If you are looking for a conservative, friendly, Bible-preaching church to attend, you will love our church. As always, I encourage all of you to “be more like Christ tomorrow than you were today!”

By Pastor Bryan Crouch,
Lynn Haven Baptist Church

PEOPLE, PLACES AND THINGS



PHOTO COURTESY OF ANGIE CHEWNING

The Chewnings celebrating Mother’s Day (from left), Angie Chewning; her mother, Bootie Chewning; new mother Hannah Chewning (Angie’s daughter-in-law), with baby Lainey Bell

By Angie Chewning

Mother’s Day is always so special, but this year we added a little something extra. Hannah Lewis celebrated her first Mother’s Day along with baby Lainey Bell. We all had such a good

time. Joining us were my mom Bootie, daughter Abbie, son Drake Hannah and Lainey, husband Greg Boitnott, and brother Greg. Babies just make every day a bit brighter. We hope everyone had a great Mother’s Day and got to spend time with loved ones.

Time for LOA Let’s Give Lunch fundraiser

The Local Office on Aging’s (LOA) annual fundraiser for Meals on Wheels and nutrition services, “Let’s Give Lunch,” is in its 34th year. Each boxed lunch gives the purchaser a gourmet deli meal, and also provides the equivalent of two Meals on Wheels delivered.

Order should be placed by May 23 for a \$20 boxed lunch consisting of a Gourmet Deli Sandwich Regular Boxed Lunch (ham, turkey, lettuce, tomato, and provolone cheese on a Telera roll) or a Vegetarian Boxed Lunch (seasoned onions, peppers, mushrooms, and artichokes with fresh spinach and cheese on a Telera roll). The meal also includes red potato salad, fresh fruit, a slice of pound cake, and bottled water.

Lunches can be picked up on June 6 at North Roanoke Baptist Church, 6401 Peters Creek Road in Roanoke, between 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. rain or shine.

The LOA also is holding a raffle for \$1 per chance. Enter by June 20. On the ticket order form select the number of chances you want to purchase for an item, next to each item.

The drawing for prizes will be held on June 25; you do not need to be present to win. All prizes have been donated by

local businesses and supporters of LOA’s Meals on Wheels.

If you cannot attend, consider making a donation to support “Let’s Give Lunch,” which supports Meals on Wheels and LOA’s other nutrition programs for older adults. One hundred percent of the outright cash gift is tax deductible.

Volunteers are needed to help with the event.

For more information on the event, visit <https://loaa.org/events/letsgivelunch/>.

Vinton Roofing is one of the sponsors of the Let’s Give Lunch event.

~ Local Office on Aging



GRAPHIC COURTESY OF LOA

Update on the Vinton Post Office mail collection box

Senator Mark Warner has sent an update on the long-absent mail collection box at the Vinton Post Office after his inquiry to the U.S. Postal Service. Here’s the response from the postal service.

“An agency official states: ‘Thank you for reaching out regarding the collection box replacement. I understand how important this service is to you, and I appreciate your patience as we work through this process.

“The collection box will be replaced once the freeze is lifted, though at this

time, we do not have an estimated date for replacement. It was removed due to damage, and unfortunately, Headquarters has not yet provided a timeline for lifting the freeze.

“In the meantime, there are alternative collection boxes available for your convenience:

- Two collection boxes remain in use at Food Lion and Kroger
- Two interior boxes are available 24/7 in the customer lobby
- A ‘snorkel box’ is located approximately eight minutes away

downtown, and allows customers to drive up and deposit mail easily

“I sincerely wish we could expedite the process, but unfortunately, the decision regarding reinstallation rests with Headquarters. Please know that we are continuing to monitor the situation and will provide updates as soon as new information becomes available.

“Thank you for your understanding and patience.”

A motorist mail chute “snorkel box” is a collection box that is affixed with

a mail chute that permits motorists to deposit mail without exiting their vehicles.

Unfortunately, the collection boxes at Food Lion and Kroger and the interior boxes in the customer lobby at the post office require patrons , often elderly or physically challenged, to leave their cars and walk to the boxes and in busy parking lots. The closest snorkel box is in Roanoke, several miles away.

~ 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

VINTON

WATCH OUT FOR PRIDE

Read 2 Chronicles 24:1 through 26:23

After Uzziah became powerful, his pride led to his downfall. He was unfaithful to the Lord his God, and entered the temple of the Lord to burn incense on the altar of incense (2 Chronicles 26:16).

Uzziah became king in Judah at sixteen years of age. During his reign, he fortified towers, dug wells, increased agriculture, invented weapons, and raised an impressive army. However, after forty blessed and prosperous years as king, he made a monumental mistake in judgment. He let pride settle in.

He entered into the sanctuary to offer incense on the golden altar, a ministry rite belonging to the consecrated temple priests, not him. When the high priest, along with a band of eighty priests, withstood him, Uzziah became furious. While screaming back at the priests, leprosy broke out on Uzziah’s forehead. Sadly, he remained a leper, living in an isolated home until the day he died.

Pride can slip into a believer’s life almost unnoticed. The consequences are never good. If pride ever raises its ugly head, deal with it immediately. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you.

Thought for Today: Humility is our best defense against pride.

Quicklook: 2 Chronicles 26:16–23

WORSHIP DIRECTORY

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

Your Spiritual IQ. The Roanoke ECK Center is located at 1420 3rd. St. SW, Roanoke, VA 24016. For more 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 Su.ndays; 2nd Sunday Session; Monday Noon Bible Study; Tues-

days & 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 FELLOW-SHIP 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 Jefferson Ave., 540-345-3385; Sunday Service 10:30 AM.



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The Craig County Circuit Court
has an opening for a Deputy Clerk 1

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Record keeping, financial transactions, document preparation, customer service, administrative support, and technology. Technology

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High school diploma, strong work ethic and organizational skills, attention to detail, customer service skills, computer proficiency, and communication skills.

Please turn your resume into the Craig County Circuit Court Office.

Please put your phone number on your resume.

Please turn in by May 27, 2025

Sharon P. Oliver, Clerk

Yard Sale

Huge Church Yard Sale

First Christian Church
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Friday and Saturday
May 16 & 17th
8 am to 2 pm

Lunch available Friday and Saturday -BBQ & hotdogs

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Heron's Landing, Fairlawn.

Join us for a neighborhood-wide yard sale on Saturday, May 17th from 8am-2pm. Accessible from Heron's Landing Drive and River Course Drive.

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Trustee's Sale
344 LLOYD TOLLEY RD, NATURAL BRIDGE ST, VA 24579
Parcel ID: 113E100A00000030

Default having been made in the terms of a certain Deed of Trust dated 4/29/2008, in the original principal amount of \$101,042.00 and recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the Rockbridge County, Virginia on 4/30/2008, as Instrument No. 080001623, Loan Modification recorded on 12/20/2017 as Instrument No. 170003480, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will sell at public auction on 6/30/2025 at 1:30 PM, Rockbridge County Circuit Court, 20 S Randolph St, Lexington, VA 24450, the property designated as 344 LLOYD TOLLEY RD, NATURAL BRIDGE ST, VA 24579. All that certain lot or parcel of land, with any and all improvements thereon and appurtenances thereunto belonging, lying, being and situated in:

Being that certain real estate, together with the buildings and improvements thereon, and the rights and appurtenances thereunto, belonging, situate in the Natural Bridge Magisterial District of Rockbridge County, Virginia, containing 0.42 acre, more or less, and being more particularly described

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on a survey of B.S. Clark, Jr., dated February 6, 1968, said plat being attached to a deed to Raymond V. Shanks from Helen Chiles Mason and husband recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Rockbridge County, Virginia, in Deed Book 301 at Page 574.

TERMS: CASH. A deposit of \$10,104.20 or 10% of the sale price, whichever is lower, will be required of the successful bidder at time of sale. Prior to the sale, interested bidders will be required to register with and must present a bid deposit which may be held during the sale by the trustee. The bid deposit must be certified funds and/or cash, but no more than \$9,900.00 of cash will be accepted. The successful bidder's deposit will be retained at the sale and applied to the sale price. If held by the trustee, all other bid deposits will be returned to the unsuccessful bidders. Settlement is to be made within 15 days. The successful bidder will be responsible for obtaining possession of the property, and for all costs and fees related to recording the Trustee's Deed, including the grantors tax. The successful bidder will be required to execute a Memorandum of Trustee's Sale, available for review upon request before the sale, outlining additional terms of sale and settlement. A Trustee's Deed will be prepared by Trustee's attorney at high bidder's expense. This is a communication from a debt collector. Vylla Solutions - Virginia, LLC, 283 Constitution Drive, Suite 102, Office B, Virginia Beach, VA 23462, File No. 25-33255, Tel: 888-313-1969

Trustee's Sale
133 RIDGEVIEW CIRCL, ROANOKE, VA 24019
(Parcel ID: 13766/107E(1)BK5-9)

Default having been made in the terms of a certain Deed of Trust dated 7/18/2009, in the original principal amount of \$155,652.00 and recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the Botetourt County, Virginia on 8/7/2009, as Instrument No. 090004397, Loan modification recorded on 4/3/2024 as Instrument No. 240000818, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will sell at public auction on 7/10/2025 at 1:00 PM, Botetourt County Circuit Court, 1 W Main St, Fincastle, VA 24090, the property designated as 133 RIDGEVIEW CIRCL, ROANOKE, VA 24019. All that certain lot or parcel of land, with any and all improvements thereon and appurtenances thereunto belonging, lying, being and situated in:

The Land situated in the County of Botetourt in the State of Va Lot 9, Block 5, according to the Revised Map of Section 4, Botetourt East, which map is recorded in Plat Book 8, page 74, in the Clerk's Office of the County of Botetourt, Virginia.

Being the same property conveyed to STEVIE W. SHIRES and BARBARA T. SHIRES, husband and wife as tenants by the entirety, by deed dated March 20, 1991 of record in Deed Book 385, Page 730, in the Botetourt County Clerk's Office. Group Number: N/A Commonly known as: 133 Ridgeview Circl Roanoke, VA 24019

TERMS: CASH. A deposit of \$15,565.20 or 10% of the sale price, whichever is lower, will be required of the successful bidder at time of sale. Prior to the sale, interested bidders will be required to register with and must present a bid deposit which may be held during the sale by the trustee. The bid deposit must be certified funds and/or cash, but no more than \$9,900.00 of cash will be accepted. The successful bidder's deposit will be retained at the sale and applied to the sale price. If held by the trustee, all other bid deposits will be returned to the unsuccessful bidders. Settlement is to be made within 15 days. The successful bidder will be responsible for obtaining possession of the property, and for all costs and fees related to recording the

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ABC NOTICE

VILLENA & HUANTE, CORPORATION, trading as OLAIKA, 130 JACKSON STREET NW, BLACKSBURG, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA 24060-7410.

The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) AUTHORITY for a MIXED BEVERAGE RESTAURANT; BEER, WINE, MIXED BEVERAGES; ON AND OFF PREMISES CONSUMPTION license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages.

CARLOS VILLENA MONTROYA OWNER

NOTE: Objections to the issuance of this license must be submitted to ABC no later than 30 days from the publishing date of the first of two required newspaper legal notices. Objections should be registered at www.abc.virginia.gov or 800-552-3200.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY ELECTION INFORMATION
June 17, 2025 Dual Primary

Registration Deadline: Tuesday, May 27, 2025

In-Person Early Voting at the MONTGOMERY COUNTY OFFICE OF ELECTIONS 1546 North Franklin Street, Christiansburg, VA. May 2 – June 13, 2025 from 9:00am – 5pm

The office will be closed for the holiday on May 26, 2025.

In addition, we will be open from 9am to 5pm Saturday, June 7, 2025 and Saturday, June 14, 2025

Note: The last day qualified voters can apply for an absentee ballot by mail: Friday, June 6, 2025 by 5:00 PM

A Ballot Drop Box will be available inside the Montgomery County Office of Elections from May 2, 2025 – June 17, 2025, during normal business hours.

The Constitution of Virginia requires that in order to be qualified to vote in the General & Primary Election you must be a citizen of the United States, be eighteen years of age on or before the next General Election, have domicile and a place of abode in Montgomery County and that you be registered in the precinct in which you reside.

An acceptable ID will be required when you vote. A voter may show either voter registration confirmation documents, valid Virginia Driver's License, valid United States Passport, or any other identification issued by the Commonwealth, one of its political subdivisions, or the United States; any valid student identification card issued by any institution of higher education located in the Commonwealth or any private school located in the Commonwealth; any valid employer identification card containing a photograph of the voter and issued by an employer of the voter in the ordinary course of the employer's business or a copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document that shows the name and address of the voter.

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Contact the Montgomery County Office of Elections if you have any questions at 540-382-5741 or the Department of Elections at elections.virginia.gov.
Connie Viar
Director of Elections/General Registrar

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, May 27, 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. 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 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 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.

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.

RESOLUTION SETTING PROPOSED WATER AND SEWER RATE SCHEDULE FOR JULY 1, 2025 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2026 AND AUTHORIZING

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PUBLIC HEARING PROPOSED RESOLUTION:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Montgomery County Public Service Authority does hereby agree to set the following proposed preliminary schedule fixing and classifying rates, fees, and charges for water and sewer service:

WATER RATE

Proposed 13.87% Increase
From: \$14.42 to \$16.42 per 1,000 gallons

SEWER RATE

Proposed 13.27% Increase
From: \$10.55 to \$11.95 per 1,000 gallons

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Montgomery County Public Service Authority, that the Public Service Authority hereby authorizes the Director to advertise a public hearing in accordance with Section 15.2-5136G of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, to be held on June 02, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. in the Montgomery County Government Center, 755 Roanoke Street, Board Room, in order to receive citizen comments on the preliminary schedule fixing and classifying rates, fees and charges for water and sewer service.

Notice of Public Hearing Town of Blacksburg Planning Commission Tuesday, June 3, 2025

Notice is hereby given that the Planning Commission of the Town of Blacksburg will conduct the following public hearings on Tuesday, June 3, 2025, during its meeting beginning at 6:30 PM in the Roger E. Hedgepeth Council Chamber, 300 South Main St, Blacksburg, VA on the following item:

RZN-25-2-Clydesview Planned Residential Development from R-5 Transitional Residential to PR Planned Residential at 103 Jefferson Street for Shah Development, LLC (owner). Request to rezone to Planned Residential (PR) to permit the construction of ten (10) two-story single family detached homes. Each home will have 2 bedrooms, 2.5 bathrooms. There are 20 bedrooms proposed in 10 units with a maximum density of no greater than 15.3 units per acre (10 units) or 30.5 beds per acre (20 beds). Resident parking will be provided in the parking lot adjacent to the homes and accessed from Jefferson Street. Total parking spaces will be 20 spaces or 2 spaces per unit. The Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use designation is Medium Density Residential. This proposed development does not increase density above the Future Land Use (FLU).

RZN-25-3-801 North Main Street Rezoning Amendment to amend RZN-24-2 approved March 2025 to add the former Speedway Gas station at 825 North Main Street for LV Hokie GP, LLC (owner). A rezoning amendment request to amend RZN-24-2 (approved March 11, 2025) to PR Planned Residential which would permit the construction of an 8-story multifamily building with commercial on the ground floor and townhome-style multifamily buildings, with up to 869 bedrooms total. The property is located at 801 North Main Street and includes parcels on Kabrich Street, Winston Avenue, Progress Street and the former Speedway Gas Station at 825 North Main Street which was not included in the original rezoning request (RZN-24-2). There is a companion request (ROW-25-1) to vacate Town-owned alley and additional right-of-way. The Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use designation is Commercial and Medium Density Residential. The request for 265 bedrooms per acre represents an increase in the density above the Future Land Use (FLU).

Persons affected by or interested in the rezoning and rezoning amendment

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requests may appear and present their views. After the hearing, the Planning Commission may take action. Copies of the applications, staff report and all related items may be found online at www.blacksburg.gov/public hearings or reviewed in person at the Blacksburg Planning and Building Department, 400 South Main Street, Blacksburg, Virginia. You may also call the office at (540) 443-1300 for more information. Individuals with disabilities who require special assistance to attend and participate in the public hearing on the above should contact the Planning & Building Department at (540) 443-1300, or (540)-443-1000-TDD.

TOWN OF CHRISTIANSBURG, VIRGINIA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) CONSOLIDATED PLAN/ANNUAL ACTION PLAN

A Draft Amendment to The Town of Christiansburg 5-Year Consolidated Plan for the period July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2027, and Draft Program Year 2025 Action Plan will be available for comment period beginning May 5, 2025, and ending June 5, 2025. The 5-Year Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan has been developed in accordance with the guidelines set forth by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The 5-Year Consolidated Plan is a planning document that identifies housing and community development needs in the Town's low to moderate income, homeless, and special needs population, as well as three targeted low to moderate income areas. The PY 2025 Annual Action Plan serves as the Town's grant application to HUD and sets the goals and budgets for the use of funds.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION
A copy of the Draft Consolidated Plan, Annual Action Plan, and Citizen's Participation Plan is available for review online at


www.christiansburg.org/729/CommunityDevelopment-Block-Grant or at the Town Manager's Office, 100 East Main Street, Christiansburg, VA 24073. A print copy of the draft plan will be located at the Christiansburg Public Library, located at 125 Sheltman Street during the review process.

PUBLIC MEETINGS
Two Public Meetings with Town staff to discuss and receive comments will be held on Wednesday, May 21, 2025, from 4 PM to 6 PM and Friday, May 30, 2025 from 12 PM to 2 PM in the Admin Conference Room, Christiansburg Town Hall, 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, Virginia.

PUBLIC HEARING
In addition, Town Council will hold a public hearing on May 27, 2025, at 7:00pm to receive comments.

Comments may be made by phone at (540) 382-6120 x. 1120,

by mail to Retta Jackson, Town of Christiansburg, 100 East Main Street, Christiansburg, VA 24073, or emailed to rjackson@christiansburg.org.



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Teachers

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Melissa Peroulas has taught for 20 years at Bonsack Elementary with Roanoke County Schools. “I had 11 years of

service in a neighboring district, prior to coming to Bonsack. I have taught kindergarten, second, and third grades, with

the majority being in kindergarten. “Once retired, I plan to substitute, travel, and enjoy spending more time

with family.

“I will miss my students and co-workers but look forward to working with them again when

I substitute. I am truly grateful for the many blessings received over the years as an educator, especially my time as a

Bonsack Bobcat!”

Look for more retirees in the May 22 Vinton Messenger.

2050

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guiding document for growth, development, preservation, and investment in the Town of Vinton 25 years into the future. Comp Plans are required by the Code of Virginia.

The new Vinton Comp Plans contains vision principles, a future land use plan, a future transportation network and “big moves” – the high priority actions for the town to take in the coming decades to achieve their goals.

Town Council and the Vinton Planning Commission have met in joint sessions to assist with development of the plan.

A Citizens Advisory Committee has met seven times to help develop and then review plans for Vinton’s future. The committee includes those who live, work, or own property/businesses in the town: Councilman Keith Liles, property manager Seth Wilkinson, property owner and business owner Stephanie Brown Mead, property/business

owner Anthony Conner, Vinton resident/property owner/artist/ Jonathan Murrill, Vinton resident/property owner James Wright, longtime Vinton resident/property owner/former council member and Vinton’s citizen representative to RVTV Ray Sandifer, Vinton resident/property owner Tiffany Rawling, and Vinton resident/property owner Kerry Werner.

The Advisory Committee held its seventh meeting on April 30 to review the final draft, including 10 vision principles that are the bedrock of the plan. The principles envision the Vinton of 2050 as a “sociable and welcoming small town, with a thriving and authentic downtown, which serves as an outdoor recreation hub for the region, and has housing available for all phases of life, along with safe and connected streets for motorists, cyclists, pedestrians, and public transportation.”

The plan also sees Vinton as an environmental stewardship

leader with clean, safe restored streams for fishing and recreation, and a tree canopy along major streets, minus invasive species. There will be parks for all residents within a ten-minute walk, ballfields, playgrounds, and greenways, connected by new sidewalks and trails.

The future Vinton will retain its small-town feel, not “frozen in time,” but adaptable, so that new businesses find it easy to set up shop and find success. Older buildings can be adapted for modern uses and preserved for future generations.

Vinton is already well-known for its well-maintained infrastructure (streets, water, sewer, and stormwater). Town investments have made the town resilient. Staff are recognized for being accessible and responsive.

Vinton is at the heart of the Roanoke Valley region and partners with other localities to solve regional problems of homelessness, water quality, air

quality, traffic, and greenway connectivity. That will continue into the future.

The notable “Big Moves” developers of the plan have selected involve:

- Improving vehicular traffic patterns, improving streetscapes on Lee Avenue and South Pollard Street and activating downtown alleys to create a more walkable downtown district
- Expanding public gathering space downtown by updating the Farmers’ Market, building a Glade Creek Greenway trailhead, and, long-term, exploring options for the fire and rescue station and post office
- Master plans for the War Memorial area and Glade Creek/Gearhart Parks, including potential new street and trail connections
- Investing in stormwater infrastructure improvements that reduce flooding, protect critical infrastructure, and support redevelopment

- Investment in green infrastructure starting out downtown, adding trees, landscaping, and rain gardens to absorb rainwater
 - Build the Gish Mill Greenway to Vinyard Park Greenway connection
 - Update the town’s zoning code to encourage housing development, bring the Comprehensive Planning and Zoning Code in alignment, and modernize standards
 - Invest in a “close the gaps” sidewalk program focused on streets that are identified as key bicycle/pedestrian routes
 - Build a direct walking and bicycling connection between downtown Vinton and the River Park area
 - Make gateway improvements including murals, wayfinding signage, landscaping, and, long-term, placing utilities underground.
- Callahan hopes the town will set the Comp Plan 2050 in motion quickly once it is finalized and adopted.

Cam

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Cam with the William Byrd JV and varsity girls softball teams at the game

PHOTO BY SUZANNE WITCHER

he has done well.

Those attending the Byrd games and other events were asked to wear yellow in support of Cam. Yellow

is the ribbon color that represents osteosarcoma.

The Thepsimuong family has a GoFundMe set up where all

proceeds go toward his treatments; anyone who wishes to donate can contribute at [https://www.gofundme.com/f/donate-to-camdens-fight-for-](https://www.gofundme.com/f/donate-to-camdens-fight-for-recovery-and-hope)

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Flags

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Honor was envisioned by the committee which included town employees Donna Collins, Mandy Atkins, Amanda Payne, Police Cpl. Jesse Dibble, and Police Chief Fabricio Drumond, and now has added Tiffany Stewart.

At the first Field of Honor observance, Police Chief Drumond said, “To our veterans and service members, while a ‘thank you’ can seem mechanical at times, we’ll continue to say it; but with us, in our town, with today’s presentation of the Field of Honor, we commence on our path to put our ‘thank you’ into action. So, as you look at each flag today

in the Field of Honor, carefully woven into each American flag is the sacrifice of love of country from each and every veteran.”

The Field of Honor will be up through the month of May. To make a donation or purchase a flag, visit <https://www.healingfield.org/event/vinton-val>. Proceeds go to Shield Chaplaincy, a non-profit established in 2018 which works with law enforcement officers to help them cope with trauma experienced on the job.

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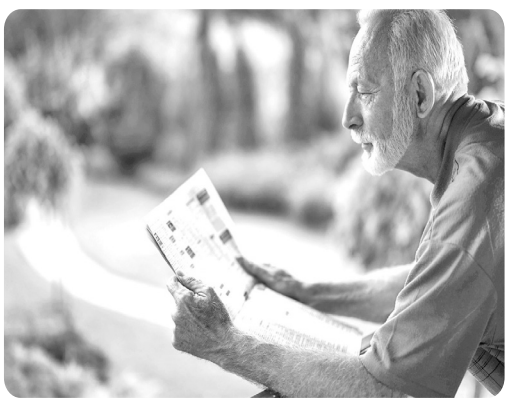


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Public Works employees placed the poles in the lawn to hold the flags. Vinton Police assisted in the installation.

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