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William Byrd Middle School celebrates Class of 2029

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William Byrd Middle School held its annual Eighth Grade Awards Assembly on May 23 to recognize students who will be graduating with the Class of 2029 and their many achievements.

“Terrier Scholars” who have maintained All A’s at WBMS from sixth grade through the first semester of their eighth grade year were recognized including: Ace Adkins, Tabitha Allen, Alexander Ashwell, Lola Barbour, Grant Bartley, Addison Bradford, Madison Brigdon, Garrett Brunk, Peyton Childress, Avery Chitwood, Carston Dibenedetto, Reid Divers, Claire Draper, McKinley Edberg, Kayden Gibson, Jaxon Glatt, Landon Hagy, Alyssa Harless, Marygann Jenkins, Caroline Johnson, Briggs Kotz, Ashlynn Lovern, Melissa Madonna, Lixi Martinez-Maldonado, Ella McReynolds, Corinne Michalski, Layna Miller, Sophia Nester, David Pham, Madelynn Ray, Maxwell Reeves, Isabella Shropshire, Khyler Wagoner, Isabella Wertz, and Carlie Zimmerman.

The prestigious Levi Freeman Awards were presented to Ace Adkins and Carlee Akers this year. This award goes to two students who, in the opinion of the faculty, best embody the characteristics of kindness,

compassion, honesty, tolerance, and the willingness to do the right thing even when it’s not popular. This award is in memory of Levi Freeman, a fellow eighth grade student at WBMS whose life was tragically cut short after a diagnosis of bone cancer. Levi “loved music, the Cleveland Cavaliers, and the Pittsburgh Steelers, and would have been a 2020 graduate of William Byrd High School. His memory lives on through his family, friends, and this award.” Coincidentally, Carlee’s brother Michael won the Levi Freeman Award last year.

Teachers nominated students for Highest Achievement Awards in core subjects.

Highest Achievement Awards in English were presented to Grant Bartley, Payten Childress, Avery Chitwood, Dakota Downs, Claire Draper, Katelyn Howell, Zachary Ingram, Marygann Jenkins, Caroline Johnson, William Linkenhoker, Lixi Martinez Maldonado, Ella McReynolds, David Pham, Colton Stiltner, and Paylin Waldron.

Students recognized for Highest Achievement Awards in Math were Carlee Akers, Laylah Austin, Grant Bartley, Addison Bradford, Madison Brigdon, McKinley Edberg, Kayden Gibson, Madelynn Huffman, Marygann

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Ace Adkins won the prestigious Levi Freeman Award. Pictured left to right are Asst. Principal Abby Barnes, Ace’s father Daniel Adkins, Ace Adkins, mother Katy Adkins, and Counseling Coordinator Lubeth Jones.



Carlee Akers also won the Levi Freeman Award. Pictured left to right are Carlee’s father Joey Akers, mother Hilarie Akers, Carlee Akers, and brother Michael Akers.



PHOTOS BY DEBBIE ADAMS
Principal Evan Noell congratulates eighth grader David Pham.

BoomTown CrossFit and Vinton Police observe Memorial Day hosting The Murph Challenge



PHOTO BY DEBBIE ADAMS
Runners in the Murph Challenge at BoomTown CrossFit in Vinton on Memorial Day

The Vinton Police Dept. joined forces with BoomTown CrossFit to observe Memorial Day with “The Murph Challenge” fundraiser on May 26. This annual event is free and open to the public and designed to help remember the sacrifice of heroes like U.S. Navy Seal Lt. Michael P. Murphy, who was killed in combat with Taliban fighters in Afghanistan in 2005.

The Murph Challenge is held annually around the world on Memorial Day. Over 100 hardy participants showed up at BoomTown CrossFit early on this rainy Memorial Day to remember Murphy, honor all those others we have lost, and reflect on the cost of

freedom.

According to information from the fitness center, Lt. Murphy was the officer-in-charge of a four-man Seal element in support of Operation Red Wings, tasked with finding a key anti-coalition militia commander near Asadabad, Afghanistan. Shortly after inserting into the objective area, the Seals were spotted by three goat herders who were initially detained and then released. It is believed the goat herders immediately reported the Seals’ presence to Taliban fighters.

A fierce gun battle ensued on the steep face of the mountain between the Seals and a much larger enemy force. Despite the intensity of the

firefight and suffering grave gunshot wounds himself, Murphy is credited with risking his own life to save the lives of his teammates.

Murphy, intent on making contact with headquarters, but realizing this would be impossible in the extreme terrain where they were fighting, unhesitatingly and with complete disregard for his own life, moved into the open, where he could gain a better position to transmit a call to get help for his men.

Moving away from the protective mountain rocks, he knowingly exposed himself to increased enemy

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Roanoke County’s first Fire Chief, Tommy Fuqua, passes away

Retired Fire Chief Tommy Fuqua passed away at his Roanoke County home after a battle with cancer on Saturday, May 24, 2025.

Fuqua joined the Vinton Volunteer Fire Department in 1962, as a senior at William Byrd High School, and served until 1978. In addition, he was an active member of the Vinton First Aid Crew.

He joined the U.S. Army Reserves in 1964, serving until 1975, obtaining the rank of Senior Drill Sergeant (E7) and was assigned to the 80th Division Training in Salem. He was also employed with the VA Hospital Fire Department where he served for four years.

Fuqua had a great passion for the fire service. He was certified as both a firefighter and an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT). He became a certified fire instructor in 1974 where he began sharing his passion with others. He has taught hundreds of people both locally, and at the state and national levels. He was a distinguished instructor at the prestigious National Fire Academy where one year alone he taught for 24 weeks, inspiring many with instruction on leadership in the fire service profession.

In May 1977, he became a career firefighter with Roanoke County. He served as a firefighter, lieutenant, fire coordinator and, in 1986, made history becoming the first career fire chief for Roanoke County. He helped to shape what the Roanoke Regional Fire Service is today.

He became an advocate for fire suppression systems and improved life safety codes following the Shenandoah Home fire in 1989, which claimed the lives of four and injured 24. He took roles with Virginia Fire Chiefs Association to ensure that his voice was heard and that pivotal changes were made to reduce risks, and became president of the association in 1990.



Tommy Fuqua PHOTO COURTESY OF RCFRD

In the historic “Flood of 1985,” Fuqua said he had an “all hands-on-deck” strategy, which included his wife. “It was devastating, causing destruction throughout the Roanoke region. Tremendous labor and around-the-clock leadership was needed.”

In 1996, Fuqua stepped down as chief of RCFRD but remained employed as Battalion Chief for Training and Operations, before retiring in 2003, after 26 years of service.

Recognizing the need for advanced education to further the fire service as a fire officer, Fuqua went to college graduating from Virginia Western College’s Fire Sciences program in 1998 and obtaining a Bachelor’s Degree from Pacific Northwest University in 1999.

He was appointed for two four-year terms on the Virginia Fire Services Board serving under Governor Warner and later Governor Gilmore. In addition, he served as a FEMA Grant reviewer for several years.

In addition to his fire service leadership, he also was actively involved in the Melrose Masonic Lodge and the Rotary Club of North Roanoke. He took on officer roles and served on a variety of committees. His favorite role there was being Chief of the Kazim Shrine Fire Brigade. He also received the Rotary Paul Harris Fellowship award for his contributions to his fellow man.

After retirement from Roanoke

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PHOTO COURTESY OF RCPS

The Roanoke County School Board announced several changes in administration at its meeting on May 22—including at Vinton schools. Evan Noell, who is currently principal at WBMS will become principal at William Byrd High School. WBMS Asst. Principal Katie Hutchison will become principal at the Middle School. Allison Thornton, who teaches at WBHS, will become an asst. principal at WBMS. Pictured are (from left): front row, Allison Thorton, Jason Murray (new asst. principal at Glenvar High School), Katie Hutchison, and Evan Noell; back row, Supervisors David Linden and Tim Greenway with Supt. Dr. Ken Nicely.

Roanoke County School Board applauds student accomplishments, introduces new administrators

The Roanoke County School Board held a celebration of student and school accomplishments at the meeting on May 22. A host of scholars and athletes from Vinton area schools were presented with awards, along with the schools themselves. The board also named several new administrators at the meeting.

Asst. Coach Andrew Decoster recognized Indoor Track State Champion DeShawn Austin from WBHS who won the 55-meter hurdles in both his junior and senior years and set a school record and a state

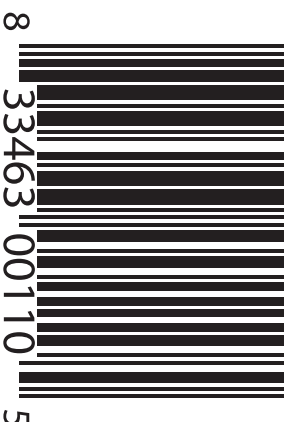
meet record. He began running track in seventh grade. “DeShawn has a tireless work ethic; track is his passion,” Decoster said. Austin will be attending Roanoke College in the fall.

WBMS eighth grader Rory Grant was recognized by RCPS English Supervisor Joe LeGault as the winner of the Regional Spelling Bee, competing against students in over 137 schools in the region.

Dr. Debora A. Bays Wilbon, the associate dean and director of the Office of Field Experience in the College of Education

and Human Development and “Bee Coordinator” at Radford University which sponsored regional competition in the 100th Scripps Spelling Bee, noted that Rory is competing on

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Vinton Boy Scouts, DAR plant flags in observance of Memorial Day

Several members of Vinton Boy Scout Troop 235 and a few other district and council leaders placed American flags on the graves of veterans in Mountain View Cemetery in Vinton on May 24 in memory of their service to the United States.

“It took them about four hours, which is a small amount of time since some gave the ultimate sacrifice,” said Scoutmaster Greg Leslie.

The flag observance has become an annual event for area Scouts, beginning around 2015. The Scouts also traditionally place flags on the graves for Veterans Day in November each year.

While Memorial Day is dedicated to remembering and honoring military personnel who died in



DAR members Linda Upchurch (left) and Elaine Muldrew planted flags at the Vinton Municipal Building to mark Memorial Day.

service to their country and Veterans Day recognizes the service of all of America’s veterans, whether they are still living or have passed away, the Scouts honor all twice each year.

The Scouts and their leaders walked the cemetery looking

for graves marked to indicate a veteran was buried there. While newer grave markers generally indicate who is a veteran, and even their branch and rank, many of the older graves do not.

According to the Military Graves section

of findagrave.org, at least 434 veterans are buried in Mountain View.

While the Boy Scouts observe the occasion with flags on graves, the local Roanoke Valley Chapter DAR traditionally plants flags in the gardens at the Vinton Municipal



PHOTO COURTESY OF GREG LESLIE

Vinton Boy Scouts planted flags on the graves of veterans in Mountain View Cemetery in observance of Memorial Day.

Building in downtown Vinton. Members Elaine Muldrew and Linda Upchurch placed dozens of flags in the gardens for the 2025 Memorial Day holiday.

The Town of Vinton, which is home to the Vinton War Memorial and the High Ground

Monument, places special emphasis on recognizing veterans. In fact, this year 300 flags are flying on the lawn of the Vinton War Memorial in observance of Memorial Day 2025.

~Vinton Messenger Staff report



WBHS graduating seniors who attended Bonsack Elementary visited their school on Senior Day.

PHOTO BY SUZANNE WITCHER

Bonsack Elementary welcomes former students from Class of 2025

Members of the graduating class at William Byrd High School traditionally visit their former elementary schools on the morning of Senior Day (May 22), wearing their caps and gowns. Pictured are former Bonsack Elementary

students from the Class of 2025 visiting their school and even their former bus driver, Norman Smith. Once their visit is complete at their elementary school, graduates moved on to William Byrd Middle School for a walk through the halls,

followed by another walk down the hallways of WBHS, watching the senior video, and practicing for graduation.

~ Vinton Messenger staff report

New backseat seat belt law takes effect July 1

In Virginia, buckling up isn’t just smart, it’s the law, and next month, the law is changing.

DMV and its partners are reminding Virginians that starting July 1, a new law will require drivers and passengers in every seat (including the backseat), no matter their age, to wear a seat belt. Current law only requires adults in the front seat to wear a seat belt. The new law was signed by Governor Glenn Youngkin on March 27, 2025.

This law is named the Christopher King Seat Belt Law for Christopher King who died in an accident as a result of not wearing a seat belt. He was an 18-year-old whose life was tragically cut short in a 2020 car accident in Williamsburg involving an intoxicated driver clocked at 80 mph. King was not wearing a seat belt in the backseat at the time of the crash and was thrown from the vehicle.

The law does not allow police to pull someone over just for a seat belt violation. However, officers can issue tickets as a secondary offense during traffic stops for different infractions. The fines will be paid into the state treasury and credited to the Literary Fund, which provides loans and grants for schools in Virginia. The

penalty for not wearing a seat belt is a fine of \$25.

“Ensuring the safety of every driver and passenger on our roads is a responsibility we all share, and it begins with the simple act of buckling up. Seat belts are one of the most effective tools we have to reduce injuries and save lives in the event of a crash,” said Virginia DMV Commissioner Gerald Lackey, the Governor’s Highway Safety representative. “I urge everyone to make seat belt use a non-negotiable part of their daily routine. It’s not just about following the law—it’s about protecting yourself and the people riding with you.”

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, buckling the seat belt can reduce the risk of death in a crash by 45%.

“We want everyone to reach their destination safely—that is our top priority,” said Virginia State Police Superintendent Col. Matthew Hanley. “Protect yourself and others by buckling up, driving the speed limit, and paying attention to other vehicles and motorcycles on the roadway.”

According to the most recent statewide seat belt survey in 2024, 19% of Virginians were still not wearing seat belts while driving. Though this



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is an improvement over the 2023 numbers, there’s still plenty of road ahead when it comes to making seat belt use second nature for everyone. Last year, 50% of people killed in traffic crashes were unrestrained in a vehicle that had safety restraints. Buckling up could be the simplest decision that saves a life.

The new seat belt regulations come after the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration identified Virginia as having the lowest seat belt usage rate in the country, with only 73% of people strapped in, starkly contrasting the national average of 92%.

The legislative change was spearheaded by Delegate Keys-

Gamarra, who introduced the bill that now includes the protective measure for backseat passengers. In light of the new law, her supporters plan to press for the implementation of primary seat belt laws. Such laws would allow law enforcement officers to stop motorists solely for seat belt violations, intensifying enforcement efforts.

Federal law requires all vehicles to be equipped with seat belts, but it’s up to each state to decide who must wear them and where. All 50 states, except New Hampshire, have seat belt laws for adults in the front seat.

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Clean Valley Council sponsoring Reuse, Rethink, Repair Fair

Roanoke’s Clean Valley Council is sponsoring its second annual “Reuse, Rethink, and Repair Fair” on June 21 at Wasena Park in Roanoke City from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The event is free and open to the public—and pet friendly.

Before you throw an object away—the Rethink, Reuse, Repair Fair is here to teach you how to give new life to old stuff!

Connect with people and businesses who specialize in repairing and reusing objects. Extending the lifespans of possessions reduces waste as well as environmental impacts.

Vendors will be able to help visitors repair their things onsite or provide

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By Vinton Library Assistant Molly Meador

It’s time! It’s finally here! We’ve arrived at one of the best times of the year at the library—Summer Reading, of course!

Our annual Summer Reading program starts on June 2 and runs through August 2. This year we’re welcoming you to color your world with reading, fun programs for all ages, and plenty of opportunities for awesome prizes all summer long.

Get ready by joining us for our Summer Reading Kickoff Party on Thursday, June 12 from 2-4 p.m. Come on over to learn more about and get signed up for the program. We’ll have food, fun, and magic with your friends at the Vinton Branch Library and the Vinton Police Department. At 2 p.m. there will be a sleight-of-hand show by magician Jefferson Rose (space for this portion is limited and will be first come, first served).

This month for Database Detective* we will learn how to use Universal Class. Ever wanted to learn landscaping? Hone your history skills? Crack open the crafting code? Find out how to use this database to learn something new on Monday, June 2 from 2:30-3:30 p.m. On Thursday, June 26 from 3-4 p.m., we’ll show you how to use Google Maps*. This is the class for you if you have never used it before, need a refresher, or just want to pick up a few

tips and tricks.

For this month’s Game Night, drop by on Thursday, June 5 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. to play a friendly game of Uno and its fun variations with friends and neighbors while enjoying some free snacks.

Creations and Temptations* will be on Saturday, June 21 from 3-4 p.m.; we will make bee and butterfly watering stations while enjoying delicious chocolate.

Are you curious to learn more about the bees visiting your new watering station? Join us for Beekeeping 101 with Heritage Apiary* to learn more about the fascinating world of beekeeping with expert Vasilia McCrady on Monday, June 23 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Learn about bees, bee products and their environmental importance. There will also be Q&A for those wanting to get started with beekeeping or simply to learn how to help our local bee population.

Don’t forget to swing by for the Vinton Community Connection every Friday from 10:30 a.m.- 12 p.m. for free coffee, a fun mini-program, and chatting with friends and neighbors.

Our programs for June are as follows:

- June 6- D-Day
- June 13- Art Fun
- June 20- Giant Bubbles
- June 28- Star City Dulcimers

In June, the Vinton Book Club* will discuss “Table for Two” by Amor Towles

on Thursday, June 5 from 3-4 p.m. The As the Page Turns Book Club* will discuss “The Same as it Ever Was” by Claire Lombardo, with a special virtual visit from the author, on Wednesday, June 11 from 2-3 p.m.

Be sure to check out our awesome ongoing adult programs:

- Open Bridge meets every Tuesday from 1-4 p.m.
- The Roanoke Valley Dulcimers meet Saturday, June 21 from 10:15 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

On Tuesday, June 3 from 3-4 p.m. teens can come make their very own Sun Prints*. Create your own one-of-a-kind photogram with one of the earliest photographic processes, using blue cyanotype paper and the sun! Use the props we have supplied or bring something of your own treasures to create the silhouettes you want to see in your photogram. Weather permitting.

Try something new at book club this month by making your own on Monday, June 16 from 5-6 p.m. Using a no-sew Book Binding* method, we’ll make our own custom books, perfect for journaling, sketching, or keeping track of what you’re reading. Materials and step-by-step instructions will be provided. While you’re here, don’t forget to grab your Teen Takeout Book Club Kit! Not yet registered? Request your personalized picks on our website.

Join us on Monday, June 9 from 11 a.m.-12 p.m. for Folk Tales and Songs with Jon Sundell* as he shares simple folk songs and tales and explains why the folk process of oral transmission was crucial before the age of mass communication. He will demonstrate the guitar, 5 string banjo, autoharp, mountain dulcimer, and spoons! The audience will have the chance to participate throughout the program. (Ideal for ages 5-11.)

Engage in process Art Play* on Wednesday, June 11 from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Test out alternative art-making materials and methods at various stations

to practice fine motor skills and get creative. (Ideal for ages 2-5.) Don’t forget to bring the older kids to Art Aficionados* on Wednesday, June 25 from 4-5 p.m. This month, we’ll learn about local contemporary artist Maggie Perrin-Key. (Ideal for ages 6-11.)

Join us for the Warriors Book Club* on Friday, June 13 from 3-4 p.m. We’ll discuss “Into the Wild,” the first book in the beloved Warriors series by Erin Hunter, and enjoy activities and crafts related to the book. (Ideal for ages 8-11.)

On Friday, June 27 from 3:30-4:30 p.m. we’ll have an Author Talk with Cece Bell*. The award-winning author, cartoonist, and illustrator will be giving a talk about her latest picture book, “Animal Albums from A to Z!” She will read from the book, share music and videos, and do some doodling. (Ideal for ages 4-11.)

Our summer story time session starts later this month on Tuesday, June 24 and Wednesday, June 25. You can attend Toddler Storytime* (ages 18-36 months) either on Tuesdays from 11:30 a.m.-12 p.m. or on Wednesdays from 10:30-11 a.m. Preschool Storytime* (ages 3-5) is on Wednesdays from 11:30 a.m.-12 p.m.

Don’t forget about our ongoing teen and children’s programs:

- Teen Volunteer Group will meet Thursday, June 5 and Tuesday, June 17 from 5-6 p.m.
- Caturday* is on Saturday, June 14 with 15-minute slots from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

As always, be sure to register for and check out all the programs RCPL has to offer across the county online at www.rocolibrary.org.

*All programs denoted with an asterisk require prior registration to reserve a spot. Please call or visit the library or check out our website to register. *



GRAPHIC OF VBR RESTAURANT WEEK

VBR Restaurant Week debuts May 31, celebrating regional cuisine

For the first time, food enthusiasts across Virginia’s Blue Ridge will come together to celebrate the region’s vibrant culinary scene during VBR Restaurant Week from May 31 to June 8. This landmark event will spotlight restaurants from across the region, including the City of Roanoke, Roanoke County, the Town of Vinton, City of Salem, Botetourt County, and Franklin County.

VBR Restaurant Week is a celebration of local flavors, offering participants a unique opportunity to enjoy special menus, discounts, and promotions at participating restaurants. From fine dining to casual eats, the event will highlight the diverse range of culinary offerings in the region, while also supporting local businesses and the community.

Vinton Mayor Brad Grose said, “Virginia’s Blue Ridge is home to an abundance of character and culture, and one way we show it is with our incredible restaurants. VBR Restaurant Week is a perfect way to highlight the variety of cuisines and experiences offered by local restaurants in the Town of Vinton and across our region.”

“VBR Restaurant Week is an excellent opportunity for people to explore new places to eat and for restaurants to market to new customers and try new menu options,” said Amy White, chair of the Botetourt County Board of Supervisors.

This inaugural event underscores the value of regionalism in Virginia’s

Blue Ridge. Bringing together multiple jurisdictions for one restaurant week offers a larger platform and greater audience reach for participating restaurants. This collaborative effort will help businesses grow and strengthen the region’s economy.

“Our region is home to a wide array of dining options, offering something special for everyone to enjoy,” said David Radford, chairman of the Roanoke County Board of Supervisors. “This event is a perfect opportunity to showcase our local restaurants—whether you’re returning to a favorite spot or trying something new. We invite residents and visitors alike to join us in supporting our vibrant restaurant community and enjoy the unique flavors our region has to offer.”

Vinton restaurants participating in VBR Restaurant Week include:

- Absolutely Delicious
- Famous Anthony’s
- Our Daily Bread
- Pok-E-Joes
- Pancho
- Pollard 107 South
- Renee’s Family Restaurant

Menus for each of the restaurants can be found by visiting vintonva.gov/restaurantweek.

Submitted by Visit Virginia’s Blue Ridge

Annual Vinton History Museum Ice Cream Social coming up June 7

Vinton History Museum volunteers will hand out free ice cream treats on Saturday, June 7, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. as part of the Community Ice Cream Social at the museum. The event is free and open to the public.

Folks are encouraged to enjoy the lovely porch, grounds, pergola, Little Free Library, and historic exhibits and resources in the museum.

The Vinton History Museum, located at 210 E. Jackson Avenue, Vinton, is open Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and the first Saturday of each month from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

For more information email info@vintonhistorymuseum.org or 540-342-8634.

- Vinton Messenger staff report

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Orator's podium

5. UK-Netherlands gas pipeline

8. Partner to "oohs"

12. African antelope

14. Indigenous Thai person

15. Monetary unit of Angola

16. Becomes less intense

18. Insurance mascot

19. Tech hub ___Alto

20. Actress Tomei

21. Airborne (abbr.)

22. Type of smart watch

23. Natives

26. Incompetent person

30. Rare Hawaiian geese

31. Unspoken relationships

32. Passports and licenses are two

33. Claw

34. Status quo

39. Mimic

42. Fur-lined cloak

44. Ancient foreigner

46. In an angry way

47. Ill-intentioned

49. Monetary unit of Serbia

50. S. American plant

51. One or the other

56. An alias for Thor

57. Gratuity

58. In a painful way

59. French commune

60. Promotional materials

61. Greek city

62. Assistant

63. Confederate general

64. Former NJ governor

CLUES DOWN

1. Used by gymnasts

2. "Luther" actor Idris

3. Broad volcanic crater

4. Not for

5. Blur

6. Tots

7. Acted leisurely

8. About the Alps

9. Gets out of bed

10. Town in "The Iliad"

11. Welsh given name

13. Remove salt

17. Calvary sword

24. Mental disorder concerning body odor (abbr.)

25. Keeps a house cozy

26. Ballplayer's accessory

27. Southwestern Russian city

28. Pro sports league

29. Congress investigative body (abbr.)

35. Stop standing

36. Utilize

37. Sign language

38. Famed ESPN broadcaster Bob

40. Being of central importance

41. Ruin environment

42. Dessert dish

43. Sea eagles

44. Fertilized

45. Jerry's friend Benes

47. Indian river

48. Pass into a specified state or condition

49. Nocturnal rodent

52. A way to travel

53. Iron-containing compound

54. Ancient Greek City

55. NFL signal caller Matt

Fair

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contacts and resources for future repair services. There also will be workshops and demonstrations for people to learn how to repair and upcycle things on their own.

Do you have some stuff you are no longer using? Bring it to the Take It or Leave It tent and look to see if someone else has left something that YOU might want.

Explore ways to be more sustainable! For more information, visit

<https://www.cleanvalley.org/rethinkreuserepairfair>.

Vendors wanted! If you upcycle, repair, or reuse materials, join us! Register here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/rethink-reuse-repair-fair-tickets-1261184900989?aff=oddttdcreator>.

The event is sponsored by the Virginia DEQ, Roanoke Stormwater, and the Roanoke Valley Resource Authority.

Submitted by Clean Valley Council

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RCPS

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Regional Spelling Bee Champion Rory Grant who attends WBMS was recognized on his way to the National Championship competition this week. Pictured (from left) are: front row, Joe LeGault, Tim Greenway, Rory Grant, Dr. Ken Nicely, Dr. Debora A. Bays Wilbon, Evan Noell, and Tracy Addison, seventh grade English Dept. chair at WBMS; and back row, Cheryl Facciani, Brent Hudson, Shelley Clemons, and David Linden.

the national level with 242 others beginning on May 27 in what she described as a “fierce competition.” She praised Rory for his humility, his poise, and his hard work.”

Student Advisory Council members who are graduating were recognized by Social Studies Supervisor Phillip Martin at the School Board meeting. Nathan Rogers and Meera Raichura represent the students at WBHS as advocates and liaisons to the School Board. Martin described the SAC members as “caring about not just their own success, but the success and well-being of other students.” Rogers will be attending Virginia Tech in the fall to major in architecture. Raichura will be attending UVA as an Echols Scholar to major in chemistry.

Kenny Word from RRMM Architects recognized School Supt. Dr. Ken Nicely as the Region 6 Superintendent of the Year and presented a \$1,000 scholarship to Nathan Rogers in honor of Dr. Nicely.

BCAT Principal Christian Kish introduced students who won awards at the state level in SkillsUSA competition. Sarah Nguyen from WBHS and her team won for their project “Crime Scene Investigations.”

RCPS Supervisor of Music and Performing Arts Rick Elliott presented choir awards to several members of the William Byrd choirs, which are directed by Matt Bartley.

All Virginia High School Chorus awards were given to: Alyssa Adams, Brooke Herschel, Alexis Short, and Conner Wheeler.

Christian Parker was recognized as a member of the



Christian Parker, a member of the WBHS Choir, was recognized as a member of the VMEA Senior Honor Choir—a very prestigious accomplishment.

VMEA Senior Honor Choir—a difficult group to get into, according to Elliott.

All Virginia Middle School Chorus members recognized were Gracie Chisom, Jayda Baldwin, Hanna Counts, and Marygann Jenkins.

Herman L. Horn Principal Julie Sandzimier and IT Resource teacher Tina Coffey were recognized for an article they co-wrote which was published in the Elementary STEM Council Journal entitled, “Bridging gaps: STEM strategies that work in Title I Schools.”

Herman L. Horn was also recognized for its performance in this year’s March Mathness competition. HLH earned third place as “Most Proficient School.”

Fuqua

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County, Fuqua became an instructor, teaching classes at the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, Md., and for the Virginia Department of Fire Programs. Chief Fuqua served on many fire service boards and committees and was the interim chief for a while in Botetourt County.

According to “A Reflection of 150 Years,” a history of Roanoke County Fire & Rescue, Tommy Fuqua began volunteering for the Vinton Volunteer Fire Dept. as a member of the William Byrd High School Class of 1962. In an interview, Fuqua

said that he would never forget that year. It held one of his scariest memories, which touched his heart and changed his life.

“We arrived at the scene, and I was shocked to find four of my good friends completely torn up,” Fuqua said. “A train had hit them. A girl died. A star football player’s arm was in pieces, but he and two others survived. I knew right then and there that fire and rescue was my calling.”

During an interview in 2014, Fuqua said that if he had it to do over again, he would choose the

same profession today. “I knew each and every day that what I did made a real difference in people’s lives. ‘Fire and rescue’ is a matter of life and death. I know that when I die, I am leaving Roanoke County a better and safer place than when I was born.”

He is survived by his wife Hazel, two children, three grandchildren, and many other family members and “firefighter family” members.

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Herman L. Horn Elementary IT Resource teacher Tina Coffey (left) and Principal Julie Sandzimier (center) were recognized for an article they published on STEM strategies.



WBHS student Nathan Rogers was presented a scholarship by Kenny Word of RRMM Architects. He will be attending Virginia Tech this fall. Pictured (from left) are Kenny Word, Nathan Rogers, Dr. Nicely, and Supervisor Tim Greenway.



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DeShawn Austin (center) was recognized as the State Indoor Track Champion in the 55-meter hurdles. Also pictured: Coach Andrew Decoster (left) and WBHS Principal Travis Anderson (right).

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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.

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PEOPLE, PLACES AND THINGS



Business After Hours at Pollard 107 South

By Angie Chewning

I hope everyone had a great holiday weekend! Mine started with a great Business After Hours at Pollard 107 South. Thank you, Pollard, for all your hard work in making the event a great one. Thank you to everyone who came out. Watch the Chamber's calendars for more upcoming events. Thank you, Bobby (a/k/a Tap Daddy) and Shannon Dillard for the hospitality on Sunday for a great cookout. As always, the food was great, tunes were flowing, and the company was fun! Joining Greg and me there were Kendra and Lucas Barbour, Lee Lovern, Jessica Brammer, Chasity Barbour, and Bo Herndon. Others dropped by for a quick visit as well. It's cookout and fire pit time of the year, looking forward to many more.

Murph

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The Murph Challenge includes a mile run, followed by 100 pull-ups, 200 push-ups, and 300 air squats, followed by another one-mile run.

gunfire. This deliberate and heroic act deprived him of cover and made him a target for the enemy. While continuing to be fired upon, Murphy made contact with the SOF Quick Reaction Force at Bagram Air Base and requested assistance. He calmly provided his unit's location and the size of the enemy force while requesting immediate support for his team.

At one point, he was shot in the back causing him to drop the transmitter. Murphy picked it back up, completed the call and continued firing at the enemy who was closing in. Severely wounded, Lt. Murphy returned to his cover position with his men and continued the battle. Lt. Murphy fought on, allowing one member of his team (Marcus Luttrell) to escape. Ultimately, Murphy, Danny

Dietz and Matthew Axelson were killed during the mission. For his selfless actions, Lt. Michael Murphy was posthumously awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor on October 27, 2007. He was the first member of the United States Navy to receive the award since the Vietnam War. His other posthumous awards include the Silver Star Medal and the Purple Heart.

WBMS ‘Art in Our Community’ project continues

Laura Baldwin’s eighth grade art students at William Byrd Middle School have continued their “Our Art in Our Community” project by completing a large 5-foot by 4-foot portrait for the “Our Daily Bread” restaurant and bakery in downtown Vinton. The artwork is an acrylic painting that consists of a collage of the bakery’s menu

items such as muffins, Danishes, macarons, and more. Students first browsed the menu and picked out their favorite items. They practiced sketching in pencil, then practiced painting them, before moving to the large canvas. This project was also part of Baldwin’s unit on painting from

photo-observation and student collaboration. Her seventh and eighth grade students completed a similar collaborative project with the Vinton RND Coffee where their work is still on display.

Submitted by Laura Baldwin



PHOTO COURTESY OF LAURA BALDWIN

Artists who completed the Our Daily Bread project included (from left): front row, Kazerian Mack, Isaiah Ide, Bryce Moding, Nyankor Gon, Carlee Akers, and Blayne Salyers; back row, instructor Laura Baldwin and Lacey Russell. Not pictured: Sienna Burkus Landis, Kingsley Conner, and Adam Sink.



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Julianna Drumond (left) and Mandie Baker were two of the many representing Vinton in the Murph Challenge.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, the national anthem, and an inspirational message, the heats got underway at 8 a.m. with a one-mile run through local streets (with some runners wearing Army vests), followed by 100 pull-ups, 200 push-ups, and 300 air squats at BoomTown, followed by another one-mile run. Vinton Police Lt. Scott Hurt was on hand with the VPD

Mobile Unit to cook lunch for the participants and their families. Smooshed provided sweet treats. The BoomTown CrossFit gym and fitness center is located at 703 Tinker Avenue in Vinton near Cargill. Donations are accepted to benefit The Murph Foundation at <https://murphfoundation.com/>.

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FINDING STRENGTH IN GOD

Read 1 Samuel 27:1 through 31:13

David was greatly distressed because the men were talking of stoning him; each one was bitter in spirit because of his sons and daughters. But David found strength in the Lord his God (1 Samuel 30:6).

David and his men, just arrivinghome from battle, discovered that the enemy had kidnapped their families. His men were distraught, and they wanted someone to blame. David, their leader, was the obvious scapegoat, and they discussed taking revenge on him.

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Prayer for Today: Father, please help me turn to You for strength in all things.

Quicklook: 1 Samuel 30: 3–8,18–19

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Legals - City of Salem

Notice is hereby given

to all interested persons that the City of Salem Planning Commission, at its regular meeting on June 11, 2025, at 7:00 p.m., in Council Chambers, City Hall, 114 North 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 approval of the following requests relative to the CODE OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA:

Consider the request of R & S Investments LLC, property owners, for the issuance of a special exception permit to allow a retail sales, smoke shop for the property located at 132 Electric Road (Tax Map #80-2-1).

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.

THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA

BY: Christopher J. Dorsey
Executive Secretary

Legals - City of Salem

Order of Publication

Commonwealth of Virginia
VA Code §§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316, -317.20-104
Case No. CL25-626
VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF ROANOKE
COUNTY OF ROANOKE, VIRGINIA, Complainant, vs. MICHAEL P. GRIFFIN, et al, Respondents.

ORDER OF PUBLICATION TO: THE RESPONDENTS:

The object of this suit is to enforce the lien for taxes assessed by the County of Roanoke, Virginia against certain real property designated as Tax Map Parcel No. 080.00-07-09.00-0000.

An affidavit having been made and filed that diligence has been used without effect to ascertain the location of Michael P. Griffin and that there are or may be persons with an interest in the subject property, including heirs, devisees, and successors in title of Michael P. Griffin, who may be deceased. Whose names and addresses are unknown, it is hereby ORDERED that each of these parties appear on or before the June 30, 2025, and do whatever is necessary to protect their interests in said land.

It is further ORDERED, pursuant to Va Code Ann. §8.01-321, that this Order of Publication be published one week in the *Salem Times Register*, a newspaper of general circulation in the county of Roanoke, and that a copy be posted at the front door of the Courthouse in County of Roanoke, Virginia.

Entered this 16th day of May, 2025.

Honorable James R. Swanson.
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Counsel for Complainant

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, June 16, 2025, at 7:00 PM in the Council

Legals - Montgomery County

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. Conditional Use Permit request by Main Street Preservation LLC, Property Owner, and Joseph L. Simmons, Applicant, to allow residential use, specifically the construction of ten (10) townhomes, in the General Business District (B-3) on property located at 511 Roanoke Street, identified as Tax Parcel 528-((35))-1 (Parcel ID 031706), and consisting of approximately 1.008 acres. 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, with any questions or if you require reasonable accommodations.

Legals - City of Radford

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED ISSUANCE OF UP TO \$6,000,000 PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF CITY OF RADFORD GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF REFINANCING CURRENT DEBT AND FINANCING THE REIMBURSEMENT OF CERTAIN CAPITAL EXPENDITURES

Notice is hereby given that the Radford City Council will hold a public hearing in the City Council Chambers, located in the City Administration Building at 10 Robertson Street, Radford, Virginia, on June 17, 2025, during a meeting of the City Council at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be called on the agenda, concerning the proposed issuance by the City of its general obligation bonds (the "Bonds"). The maximum principal amount of the Bonds is estimated to be \$6,000,000 and the purposes of and proposed uses for which more than ten percent of the proceeds of the Bonds are expected to be used is to (1) refinance a portion of the City's outstanding debt issued for school purposes and (2) reimburse the City for prior capital expenditures for certain projects. Persons may appear and present their views at the public hearing. For disabled individuals who may require special auxiliary aids or services, reasonable accommodations will be made available by the City of Radford upon request at least five (5) days in advance of the public hearing. For such accommodation or additional information, please contact the City Manager's office at (540) 731-3603 or (800) 828-1120 (TTD – Virginia Relay Center).

Interim City Manager
City of Radford, Virginia

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE OF IMPROVED REAL ESTATE LOCATED AT: 912 SIXTH STREET, RADFORD, VA 24141 CITY OF RADFORD

Tax Map# 14-(5)-SEC 8-10
ACCOUNT NO: 02-001250
IN EXECUTION OF A DEED OF TRUST IN THE ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$46,000.00, DATED THE 4TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2015, RECORDED IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE CITY OF RADFORD, VIRGINIA, AS INSTRUMENT NO. 2015-1066. DEFAULT HAVING OCCURRED IN THE PAYMENT OF THE NOTE SECURED THEREBY, AND AT THE REQUEST OF THE HOLDER OF THE NOTE, THE UNDERSIGNED SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE, WILL OFFER FOR SALE AT PUBLIC AUCTION AT THE ENTRANCE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE CITY OF RADFORD, LOCATED AT: 619 SECOND STREET, RADFORD, VIRGINIA 24141, ON 20TH DAY OF JUNE, 2025 AT 10:00 A.M., THE REAL ESTATE WITH IMPROVEMENTS THEREON, LYING AND BEING SITUATE IN THE CITY OF RADFORD,

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Tax Map No. 14*(5) *Sec. 8-10
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The Terrier Scholars from WBMS who earned All A's at WBMS from sixth grade through the first semester of eighth grade.

Jenkins, Caroline Johnson, Cale Meador, Corinne Michalski, Genevieve Nault, Marley Poindexter, Maya Potter, Madelynn Ray, Colton Stiltner, and Caitlyn Young.

Highest Achievement Awards in Science were presented to Lola Barbour, Madison Brigdon, Cameron Crowe, Carston Dibenedetto, Claire Draper, Izaih Duncan, Julissa Garcia, Kayden Gibson, Tenley Hardifer, Marygann Jenkins, Caroline Johnson, Briggs Kotz, Ella McReynolds, Vanessa Mullen, Madilyn Overstreet, Justin Underwood, Caitlyn Young, and Carlie Zimmerman.

Social Studies Highest Achievement Award winners included Yousef Alrefai, Grant Bartley, Madison Brigdon, Alexander Dolan, Remington Duncan, Julissa Garcia, Tenley Hardifer, Marygann Jenkins, Ella McReynolds, Layna Miller, Caitlyn Young, and Rylan Young.

The President's Awards for Educational Excellence were presented to those students who maintained a 3.5 GPA from sixth grade through the first semester of their eighth grade year: Ace Adkins, Addison Bradford, Alaura Overstreet, Alexander Ashwell, Alexander Dolan, Alyssa Harless, Ashlynn Lovern, Ashlynn Doss, Avery Chitwood, Ayriana Huff, Brayden Furrown, Briggs Kotz, Brogan Jordan, Brooke Lomax, Bryce Moding, Caitlyn Young, Cale Meador, Calvin Chen, Carlie Zimmerman, Carolina Johnson, Carston Dibenedetto, Carter Gray, Chase Madonna, Claire Draper, Cohen Gill, Colten Carter,

Cooper Butrym, Cora Shell, Corinne Michalski, Dakoda Downs, David Pham, Drayven English, Eliana Colwell, Elizabeth Ball, Ella McReynolds, Elyshah Ball, Emily Robtison, Emma Boyd, Ethan Camper, Evan Scott, Gabriel Hindenlang, Gage Clark, Garrett Brunk, Genevieve Nault, Grady Morck, Grayson Davis, Iris Dudley, Isabella Wertz, Isabella Shropshire, Izaih Duncan, Jack Williams, Jackson Johnson, Jackson Henderson, Jacob Spradlin, Jaxon Glatt, Jaxon O'Neill, Jaxon Eline, Jayden Omiyo, Jayden Beasley, Jayden Ferris, Jeffery Gill, Joshua Hale, Joshua C. Williams, Joshua J. Williams, Josiah Wright, Julissa Garcia, Justin Underwood, Kaitlin Clark, Karla Brumback, Katelynn Howell, Katie Alamirano Diaz, Kayden Gibson, Kelly Dixon, Kendall Adams, Kennedy Shifflett, Kenzy Kendall, Khyler Wagoner, Kori Carter, Kyler Martin, Laykn Austin, Lallie Hannabass, Landon Hagy, London Dolan, Laylah Austin, Layna Miller, Lena Fairtrace, Lillian Duncan, Lixi Martinez Maldonado, Lola Barbour, Macie Fields, Madelyn Huffman, Madilyn Overstreet, Madison Brigdon, Madison Gordon, Mahkenna Ramsey, Makenzie LaPradd, Marley Poindexter, Marygann Jenkins, Mason Moses, Mason Labinski, Maxwell Reeves, Maya Potter, McKinley Edberg, Melissa Madonna, Mia Johnson, Michael Dixon, Miriam Moore, Natalie Onwi, Oliver Moore, Olivia Strassburg, Paylin Waldron, Payten

Childress, Philip Nguyen, Rafe Smith, Raylend Agee, Reid Divers, Robert Campbell, Rylan Bell, Rylan Lang, Ryleigh Fisher, Savannah Chassereau, Savannah Chattin, Serenity Cassell, Silas Marhsall Emma, Sofia Butler, Sophia Nester, Tabitha Allen, Talon Ray, Temperance Whorley, Tenley Hardifer, Tristan Blevins, Vanessa Mullen, Violeta Ramirez, Vishva Patel, Wesley Wilson, William Linkenhoker, William Muddiman, Zachary Ingram, Zachary Camden, and Zoe LaRose.

Ace Adkins and Mason Labinski were recognized as Student Advisory Council Representatives during the awards ceremony, along with WBMS Ambassadors Ace Adkins, Emma Boyd, Madison Brigdon, Reid Divers, Mike Dixon, McKinley Edberg, Josh Hale, Briggs Kotz, Ella McReynolds, Vanessa Mullen, Grady Morck, Bella Shropshire, and Jack Williams.

Science Fair winners in the WBMS Science Fair were: first place, Marygann Jenkins; second place, Reid Divers; and third place, Caroline Johnson.

Marygann Jenkins won second place in the Roanoke County Science Fair. She also won the prestigious Office of Naval Research Science & Technology Award in regional competition.

WBMS Band Awards included:

- Most Improved: Dakoda Downs
- Most Outstanding: Avery Chitwood
- Directors Award: Julissa Garcia
- All District Band: Drayven English, Elizabeth Ball, Julissa Garcia, Paylin Waldron, Josh Williams, and Mason



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Ace Adkins and Kaitlin Clark were voted "Best All Around" by their peers.

Moses

- All County Band: Mariam Moore, Jayden Ferris, Avery Chitwood, Nathan Rowberg, Dakoda Downs, Olivia Strassburg, Julissa Garcia, Lixi Maldonado, Mason Moses, Paylin Waldron, Katelynn Howell, Jaxon Eline, Elizabeth Ball, Cale Meador, Ace Adkins, Brooke Lomax, Tabitha Allen, Cameron Crowe, Sophia Nester, Nyah Rutherford, Grayson Bell, and Grant Muddiman.

Choir Awards included:

- All Virginia Choir: Marygann Jenkins
- All District Choir: Marygann Jenkins, Claire Draper and Ely Ball
- Section Awards: Oliver Moore and Laykn Austin
- Choir MVP: Claire Draper
- Spirit of Choir: Ayriana Huff and Rylan Lang

Students who participated in the Fall Art Show at Central Office were introduced: Cora Shell, Tylianne Nunley, Baze Wright, Rylan Long, Maurkese Burnette, Bryce Moding, Kamryn Oxendine, and Justin Underwood

Students with artwork on display at Our Daily Bread include Carlee Akers, Sienna Burkus Landis, Kingsley Conner, Nyankor Gon, Isaiah Ide, Kazerian Mack, Bryce Moding, Lacey Russell, Blayne Salyers, and Adam Sink.

Participants in the Summer Art Show recognized include Lacey Russell, Rylan Lang, ZyQuan Austin, Sofia Butler, Elijah Dooley, Kayden Gibson, Oscar Hernandez, and Zumira Howard.

Carson DiBenetto was honored by the PE Dept. for breaking his own record for the one-mile run. He challenged and pushed himself to accomplish something special and ran a sub-five-minute mile this year.

Ella McReynolds was recognized for being admitted to the Roanoke Valley Governor's School Program beginning next fall as a freshman.

Several students were also admitted to the Burton Center for Arts & Technology as freshmen:

- M a s s Communications: Grant Bartley, Cameron Crowe, Claire Draper, Nyah Rutherford, and Bella Shropshire.
- Visual Arts: Avery Chitwood, Katelynn Howell, Alaura Overstreet, and Madelynn

Ray.

- Engineering: Ace Adkins
- Other Burton Programs: Colten Carter, Kori Carter, Serenity Cassell, Savannah Chassereau, Jaxon Eline, Jayde Ferris, Jack Henderson, Ayriana Huff, Nathen Hurley, Keileb Jimenez Garcia, DJ Kelly, Kingston Lees, Cale Meador, Kamryn Oxendine, Vishva Patel, Landon Rodgers, Lacey Russell, Liam Shaw, Cora Shell, Corryn Speed, Ethan Thiel, Paylin Waldron, Bella Wertz, Holden White, Temperance Whorley, Joshua C. Williams, and Gavin Wintz.

Students on the A Honor Roll for the first three quarters of their eighth grade year were recognized: Ace Adkins, Tabitha Allen, Alexander Ashwell, Lola Barbour, Grant Bartley, Addison Bradford, Madison Brigdon, Garrett Brunk, Payten Childress, Avery Chitwood, Carston DiBenedetto, Reid Divers, Claire Draper, McKinley Edberg, Julissa Garcia, Kayden Gibson, Jaxon Glatt, Landon Hagy, Alyssa Harless, Marygann Jenkins, Caroline Johnson, Briggs Kotz, Brooke Lomax, Ashlynn Lovern, Melissa Madonna, Lixi Martinez Maldonado, Sophia Nester, Ella McReyolds, Corinne Michalski, Layna Miller, David Pham, Madelynn Ray, Maxwell Reeves, Isabella Shropshire, Khyler Wagoner, Jack Williams, and Carlie Zimmerman.

Students on the A/B Honor Roll for the first three quarters of their eighth grade year include: Alaura Overstreet, Brogan Jordan, Calvin Chen, Cameron Crowe, Chase Madonna, Cohen Gill, Cooper Butrym, Dakoda Downs, Drayven English, Emily Robtison, Gabriel Hindenlang, Genevieve Nault, Jackson Johnson, Jayden Ferris, Jeffrey Gill, Joshua C. Williams, Joshua J. Williams, Kaitlin Clark, Karla Brumback, Katelynn Howell, Kendall Adams, Kenzy Kendall, Kyler Martin, Lallie Hannabass, Madilyn Overstreet, Madison Gordon, Mahkenna Ramsey, Makenzie LaPradd, Marley Poindexter, Mason Labinski, Maya Potter, Michael Dixon, Oliver Moore, Paylin Waldron, Rylan Long, Serenity Cassell, Silas Marshall Emma, Tristan Blevins,

Vanessa Mullen, Violeta Ramirez, Wesley Wilson, William Muddiman, and Zachary Camden.

The assembly wrapped up with some fun Senior Superlatives awarded by a vote of their peers:

- Kaitlin Clark and Ace Adkins were named as "Best All Around" by their classmates.
- Best Hair: Grady Morck and Vanessa Mullen
- Best Smile: Adam Sink and Rylan Long
- Funniest: Will Churchill and Savannah Chassereau
- Most Musical—band: Drayven English and Julissa Garcia
- Most Musical—choir: Elyjah Ball and Claire Draper
- Most Artistic: Jayden Ferris and Avery Chitwood
- Most Likely to Become President: David Pham and Ella McReynolds
- Most Addicted to Starbucks: Kenzy Kendall and Ryan Bell
- Most Likely to Become a Tik Tok Star: Jaxon Glatt and Laykn Austin
- Most Likely to Become Instagram Famous: Nami Shively and Cameron Nelms
- E v e r y o n e ' s Friend: Reid Divers and Payten Childress
- Most Likely to Become a Teacher: Grant Bartley and Elizabeth Ball
- Most Likely to be Found Reading: Zach Ingram and Madilyn Overstreet
- Most Likely to Become an Olympian: Natalie Onwi and Carston Dibenedetto
- Most likely to Cheer you Up: Brogan Jordan and Ryleigh Fisher
- Most School Spirited: Emma Boyd and Mason Labinski
- Most Athletic: Zach Taylor and Carlie Zimmerman
- Best Duo Friendship Male: Briggs Kotz and Josh Hale
- Best Due Friendship Female: Kelly Dixon and Kennedy Shifflett

WBMS Principal Evan Noell told the eighth graders that he was extremely proud of them all and all they have accomplished. He commented that he hopes to be handing them their high school diplomas in 2029, as he will be moving to the high school with them, serving as principal of WBHS.

Administrative Assistant in Counseling Gloria Harris facilitated the ceremony. Assistant Principal Abby Barnes and Counseling Coordinator Lubeth Johnson announced the awards.

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Left to right, William Byrd's Kevin Green moves in for a shot against Blacksburg in last week's Region D lacrosse game, Justyn Rozenboom fires a shot and Ben Waid looks for an opening against the Bruin defense.

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Byrd lacrosse teams fall in region but both have winning seasons

The William Byrd girls and boys lacrosse teams both lost close games in the opening round of Region D play last week, but both also ended the season with winning records.

The girls played at E.C. Glass and dropped a 14-11 decision to the Hilltoppers in Lynchburg. Byrd took an early lead and the game was close throughout before the home team pulled away late in the fourth quarter.

"We had a couple of tough whistles that led to Glass taking the lead and they successfully stalled until time ran out," said Byrd coach Dan Eberhardt. "It was the best played game against Glass in four seasons."

Annika Hylton scored five goals for the Terriers while Samantha Martin added four. Barb Hernandez kept the game close with 15 saves in the crease.

The girls finished the season with a 9-5 record, their first winning record in four years.

"The team worked very hard this season and played extremely well against some very good programs, including our big win over Salem," said Eberhardt. "The team was small this season and everyone contributed, from the sidelines to the field, which is why we had a successful season."

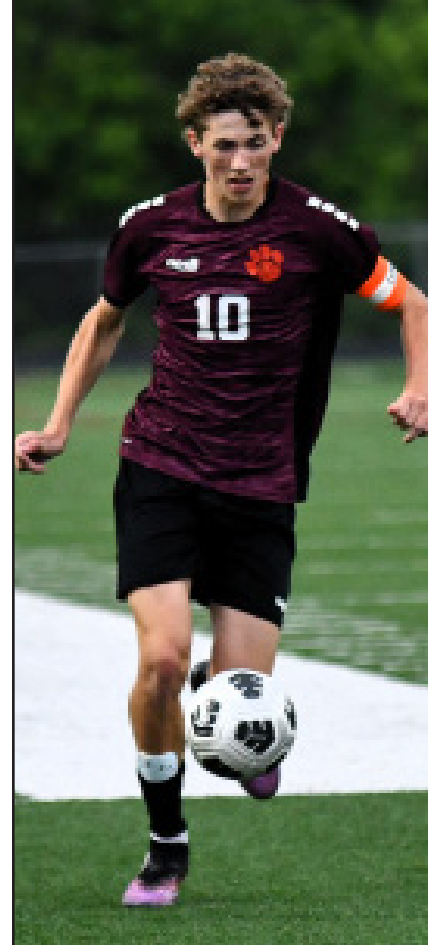
The Terriers will graduate six seniors, Macie Hall, Kendall Lucas, Kaylee Makuch, Hylton, Martin and Hernandez.

"I'm looking forward to next season," said Eberhart. "We have a large pool of freshman players with a lot of potential. Next year seniors bring a wealth of experience and talent. The offense will be led by midfielder Katelynn Franks and attackers Ava Sexton and Tatianna Kubic. The defense will be directed by sophomore goalie Anna Perkosi and defensive specialists Evan Bass and Vicky Smith.

The boys opened the Region D tournament at Blacksburg last Friday and dropped a heartbreaker, 7-6. It was the third game against the Bruins this year and the Terriers lost all three by close scores, 8-5 at home and 8-7 and 7-6 in Blacksburg.

The Terriers finished the season at 8-7 under first year coach Kaden West. It was another step up for the Terriers, who finished 7-7 last year after winning five games in 2023 and three in '22.

This year's seniors include Dawson Brinkley, Daniel Butterworth, Curtis Roberts, Jonathan Rosser, Johnathan Rozenboom and Camden West.



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Senior Ian Sigmon (left) and freshman Bella Barrette were among five Terrier soccer players selected to their respective All-Blue Ridge District first teams this week.



The popular "Zooperstars" entertained baseball fans between innings of the Salem Red Sox game with the Delmarva Shorebirds on Saturday night. Above, left to right, Deion Salamanders, Harry Canary and Nomar Garaparrot surround the umpire.

PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN



PHOTO BY JOHN WACHER

Barb Hernandez kept the Terriers in many games this season with her play in goal.

Boys soccer at Tunstall Friday

The William Byrd boys' soccer team will open Region 3D play with a Friday night game at Tunstall. Kickoff is 5:30 pm at Dry Fork.

The Terriers come into the tournament with a 10-6-1 record, not having played since May 19. Tunstall has a 12-5 record and common opponents include Bassett and Magna Vista. Byrd played both one time each and won both while Tunstall split with Bassett and lost to Magna Vista three times.

The All-Blue Ridge District team was announced last week and Byrd had five players recognized. Three seniors made the first team, forward Sergio Leon and defenders Ian Sigmon and Daniel Britts. Two juniors made the second team, midfielder Shaun Gower and forward Carter Leonard.

Girls soccer hosts Carroll tonight

The William Byrd girls will open Region 3D soccer tournament play tonight with a home game on Highfill Field. The Terriers will host Carroll County at 6 pm.

Strength of schedule seems to favor the Terriers. The Cavaliers, a member of the Three Rivers District, come to Vinton at 10-5-1 but Carroll County has played just two schools above Class 2, Class 3 Pulaski County and Alleghany. Meanwhile, Byrd has played no opponent lower than Class 3 and several Class 4 and 5 schools. The Terriers are

7-7-3 on the season.

Tonight's winner advances to a Friday game at Staunton River. That will kick off at 6 pm.

Also, the All-Blue Ridge District team was announced this week. The Terriers had two girls selected to the first team, senior defender Karizma Wofford and freshman midfielder Bella Barrette. Second team Terriers include junior midfielder Logan Andrews and two more freshmen made the second team, forward Kendall Ranson and midfielder Maddie Barrette.

Byrd tennis teams fall in region matches

The William Byrd tennis teams played in Region 3D tournaments on Monday and lost. Both teams lost to Abingdon at Emory & Henry University with the boys falling 5-1 and the girls losing 5-0.

"Even though our record is not that impressive the way the girls responded this year, after losing the top four positions to graduation last year, is remarkable," said Byrd girls' coach Randy Bush. "Positions three through six this year were exhibition players last year and have really gained valuable experience in their play. Coach Nancy Trent is a huge reason in their positive development and, along with the players, I appreciate her for her knowledge and dedication. Summer plans are in the works to continue to build this team."

The girls finished with a record of 6-11. They had nine juniors and two sophomores on the roster with no seniors.

The boys finished 7-7. Seniors included Kassius Ayres, Hunter Butterworth and Luke Hemming. The boys had five juniors, three sophomores and three freshmen.



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Byrd baseball will host Pulaski to open region

The William Byrd baseball team will open Region 3D play tonight with a home game against Pulaski. First pitch at Walthall Park is scheduled for 6 pm.

The Cougars are members of the tough River Ridge District and they come in with an 11-9 overall record. The two did not play during the regular season.

“Pulaski is the defending region champs,” said Byrd coach Jason Taylor. “They have some great players and are very gritty. We scrimmaged them, but you can’t get much from that early on.”

As far as common opponents, the Cougars beat Northside, split with Lord Botetourt and Cave Spring and lost to Hidden Valley twice. From that perspective tonight should be a toss-up game.

Byrd finished the regular season with a 10-11 record after completing a suspended game with Franklin County last week. The Terriers took an 8-7 win in Vinton last Thursday.

Byrd led this game 1-0 when it was suspended in the first inning on May 8. It was rained out again a week later and rescheduled for May 22nd, making it the last game of the regular season.

When the game resumed the Eagles scored five runs in the second inning on a controversial grand slam. Byrd coaches were sure the ball was well foul when it went over the fence, but after much deliberation the call stood and the Eagles led 5-1 after an inning and a half.

Byrd rallied with four runs in the bottom of the second to tie the game. All four came off Lawson Pasley, the Blue Ridge District Player of the Year, and the game remained tied until Byrd plated two in the fifth and one in the sixth for an 8-5 lead. The single run in the sixth proved beneficial when Pasley drilled a two-run homer in the top of the seventh, but Byrd pitcher Connor Jones got out of the inning without further damage and the Terriers had an 8-7 win and a sweep of the season series with the Eagles.

Jones pitched a complete game to get the win. He struck out six and allowed six earned runs.

“He has been a workhorse this spring,” said Taylor. “Put an asterisk beside the earned runs. A questionable grand slam put Franklin County up 5-1 and my opinion and the call are 100 percent different. But it did not faze our players. They are in a good mindset right now.”

Jake Courtemanche had four hits, scored twice and drove in two. Cannin Lutz had three hits and two RBIs and Tyler Harris and Hayden Eads had two hits each.

The All-Blue Ridge District team was also



PHOTO BY SUZANNE WITCHER

Above, Byrd seniors pose with blowups of their youth pictures prior to last week’s Senior Night game with Staunton River. Left to right are Jerrett Shepherd, Conner Amos, Landon Haithcock, Kam McKee, Hunter Obenchain, Hayden Eads and Brogen Dent. Below left, Cannin Lutz is hit by a pitch to start a rally against Franklin County last week and, below right, shortstop Jake Courtemanche goes deep in the hole to throw out an Eagle at first.



PHOTOS BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

announced last week and Byrd had two first team selections, senior Kam McKee and junior Lutz. Second teamers include seniors Jerrett Shepherd, Brogan Dent and Eads and juniors Kyland Spence, JW Vaughan, Jones and Courtemanche.

“I hope we can have a great week of practice, even with the rain, graduation and other distractions,” said Taylor.

Tonight’s winner will advance to a 6 pm game at Abingdon on Friday night.

Softball team opens 3D at home with HV

Greg Barton Field in Vinton will be the site when the William Byrd girls open the Region 3D softball tournament tonight. Byrd will take on Hidden Valley at 6 pm.

These two teams are no strangers, having played twice during the regular season. The Terriers swept the season series with a 9-5 win on April 1st at Hidden Valley and a 13-7 win in Vinton two weeks later.

Hidden Valley finished the regular season at 8-11 and Byrd is 10-11 after defeating Pulaski County to end their regular season last Thursday. The Terriers won a 1-0 pitchers’ duel on the Barton Field diamond.

Addison Clark was lights out for the Terriers in the pitching circle. Addison pitched a complete game five-hitter, striking out five and walking one.

Hadyn Grubb knocked in the only run of the game. Carson Wood and Ryleigh Grubb had two hits each for the Terriers in the win.

Byrd also accepted a forfeit from Northside last Friday, ending the season with a 5-5 Blue Ridge District record. That win was the 200th for coach Barton less than a week after the field was named in his honor on May 17.

The All-Blue Ridge District team was announced this week and Byrd had four girls on the first team, all underclassmen. Juniors Clark and Olivia Bustamante are on the first team along with sophomore Sydney Tuck and freshman Hadyn Grubb. Second teamers include senior Mary Wray, juniors Mallory Peroulas and Ryleigh Grubb and sophomore Heidi Dixon.

Tonight’s winner will advance to a game at Staunton River Friday.



Above, the rain stopped and a rainbow formed a colorful arc over Greg Barton Field when the Terriers played host to Pulaski County in softball last week. The girls found their pot of gold at the end of the rainbow with a 1-0 win. Below left, Mallory Peroulas lays down a bunt for the Terriers and, below right, Carson Wood runs down a fly ball in right.

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