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# Susan Lewis Music Studio presents Spring Recital



High school seniors in the Class of 2025 who performed at the Susan Lewis Music Recital included (from left): Ella Paulos, Ellawyn Pagan, music teacher Susan Lewis, Lyla Young, and Kayleigh Taylor

#### **Debbie Adams**

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The annual Spring Recital presented by the students of the Susan Lewis Music Studio was held in the sanctuary at Thrasher Memorial United Methodist Church on June 8.

Lewis says she is "very pleased with the students' efforts and progress since the last recital" in December. Her recitals can always be more aptly described as "concerts" than recitals, because of the quality of the performances.

Approximately 40 musicians of all ages and ability levels performed vocal and/ or piano solos for an audience of family and friends. Lewis introduced her associate teacher, Katie Saunders, who taught six of the students on the program. She is wellknown in the community, as she is also the music teacher at Bonsack Elementary. Saunders was a student with Lewis "many

Four high school seniors were introduced by Lewis, many of whom have been taking lessons from her for years: Ellawyn Pagan, Kayleigh Taylor, Ella Paulos, and Lyla Young.

Ellawyn Pagan performed "Merry-Go-Round" from "Howl's Moving Castle" on



Student David Doss performs "America the Beautiful. '

piano and sang "I Dreamed a Dream" from "Les Miserables." She is a 2025 graduate of William Byrd High School and has been taking piano lessons with Lewis for five years. This year she added voice lessons as well and performed her first vocal solo at

Pagan is president of the Student Council

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## Mingle at the Market features Filthy Souls and Gasoline Alley

relatively new band

featuring some big names:

The 2025 Mingle at the Market concert series gets underway this week at the Vinton Farmers Market featuring two bands – Filthy Souls and Gasoline Alley. Food on the Go will be the food truck on site, along with Get Glazed Donuts and Blue Ridge Beverage. Filthy Souls

Mark Stegall, Adam Rutledge, and Jim Lewis, Jason Weeks, and Brett Fulghum. Gasoline Alley is an

old school five-piece rock band, formed initially, officially, in 1999, but two of the leads started playing together in 1976.

The band specializes in playing note-for-note covers of classic tunes by AC/DC, Led Zeppelin, Ted Nugent, Osbourne and

The Mingle concerts are sponsored by the Vinton Area Chamber of

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# Girl Scouts stencil storm drains in Vinton – look for the logperch

If you noticed some new markings on the streets of Vinton, that might be because a "small but mighty team" of Girl Scouts from Troop 478 spent their afternoon on Sunday, June 8, stenciling 23 storm drains along Clearview Drive, Hardy Road, and Vinyard Road.

According to Heidi Ketler, the Director of Communications Environmental Educator for the Clean Valley Council, "The stencils are designed to increase awareness that whatever the rain washes down storm drains - such as litter and chemicals goes into area waterways and impacts the health of

aquatic life." The group of girls, led by Jill Thompson has stenciled many storm drains in the Roanoke Valley over the years.

rain barrel.



Girl Scout parents (from left) Jill Thompson, Suzanne Dalton, and Michael Dalton assist in marking storm drains in Vinton, this one on Hardy Road.

"The stencils currently have a Roanoke logperch in the design to increase awareness of pollution going down storm drains and impacting aquatic life. The stencil complements design environmental conservation efforts of

the Kiwanis Club of Roanoke, which funded the creation of the 'Larry the Roanoke Logperch'

children's book. The stenciling team on June 8 was composed of Genevieve Dalton and Gabrielle Overstreet, members of Girl Scout

Troop 478, along with parents Suzanne and Michael Dalton, and Jill

Thompson. Clean Valley Council manages the stenciling in partnership with area municipalities. Vinton

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PHOTOS COURTESY OF HEIDI KETLER

Scouts Gabrielle Overstreet (left) and Genevieve Dalton mark a storm drain near the Lancerlot.

# Vinton citizens build DIY rain barrels to conserve water, reduce pollution



PHOTO BY DEBBIE ADAMS CVC leaders Heidi Ketler and Marc Lucht demonstrate adding hardware to a DIY

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Since 1978, the Clean Valley Council (CVC) has served its mission of "encouraging environmental stewardship and leading the way towards a sustainable tomorrow by educating and inspiring those around us." It teaches environmental educational outreach events.

programming within the school system and participates in community One of those outreach events happened at the Vinton Farmers' Market on June 10, when a group of citizens gathered for a

Rain Barrel Workshop,

assembling the barrels for

home use.

The CVC says, "Connecting a rain barrel to your gutter system is not only a way to conserve water, it is also a fantastic way to reduce the pollutants that enter local streams and to save money."

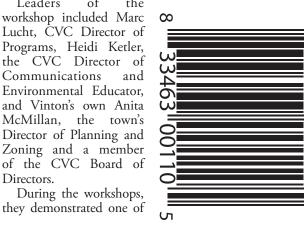
Leaders workshop included Marc Lucht, CVC Director of Programs, Heidi Ketler, the CVC Director of Communications and Environmental Educator, and Vinton's own Anita McMillan, the town's Director of Planning and Zoning and a member of the CVC Board of

During the workshops,

the ways to make a Do-It-Yourself (DIY) rain barrel and assisted participants in making their own.

The workshop was limited to 12 participants and the slots filled up early. All the materials and tools

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# Annual 'Four on the 4th' race to take place in Vinton

Boys & Girls Clubs of Southwest Virginia and the Town of Vinton are excited to partner for the 14th Annual Four on the 4th Race presented by Vinton Moose Lodge 1121. The Town of Vinton is looking forward to welcoming hundreds of racers to the Town on July

The event will start and finish at the Vinton War Memorial and kick off at 8 a.m. The race course features a downhill start, less than 150 feet of elevation gain, and a run through downtown Vinton, including the Vinton Farmer's Market, newly developed Vinyard Station, and one of the locations of the Boys & Girls Club at Vinton Baptist Church.

The annual fundraiser benefits Boys & Girls Clubs of SWVA (BGCSWVA), which currently serves students ages 5-18 at nine locations in all-day summer camps at little to no cost to families. BGCSWVA has locations in Montgomery County, Franklin County, Roanoke County,

and Roanoke City. This race raises over \$30,000 each year to support summer programs including field trips, academic support and mentoring, and summer meals for kids.

"As the CEO of Boys & Girls Clubs of SWVA, I am immensely grateful for the incredible support we receive during the Four on the 4th event." said Rebekah Meadows "It's heartwarming to see our community come together on America's birthday to race in support of local

Registration is open to all ages. The four-mile race will begin promptly at 8 a.m. followed by a Kids Fun Run which begins at 9 a.m. Registration is open now and will remain open until 7:30 a.m. on July 4. Learn more and register by visiting https://runsignup.com/Race/ VA/Vinton/Fouronthe4th.

-submitted by Town of Vinton

# William Byrd alumna earns Master's in Music Performance from James Madison University

Eva May Pierce of Vinton, and William Byrd High School graduate, recently achieved an important academic and artistic milestone. On May 15, she received her Master of Music Performance Degree from James Madison University, marking the culmination of years of dedication to her craft and education.

She graduated summa cum laude from Elon University with a degree in Music Performance before continuing her graduate studies at JMU. A gifted vocalist, Pierce was honored with the opportunity to sing the national anthem at her graduation ceremony – an honor reserved for top-performing students – and later performed the university's alma mater to close out the celebration.

In addition to her academic and musical achievements, Pierce received the Accessibility and Belonging Academic Award from JMU. The award recognized her work with the university's Department of SOGIE (Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity, and Expression), where she helped plan and organize events that promoted campus-wide

inclusion and connection.

"Working with the community through JMU's Accessibility and Belonging Department showed me how vital the work of inclusion is," Pierce said. "When everyone has a seat at the table, everyone benefits. I hope to continue integrating the arts and social justice in my career."

Looking ahead, Pierce plans to remain in Harrisonburg for the time being so she can continue studying with her voice teacher, Dr. Brigid Eversole, further developing her voice and preparing for future auditions and singing opportunities. With her growing experience in both performance and community engagement, she looks forward to a future filled with music, service, and continued personal growth.

Pierce expressed heartfelt thanks to her family, friends, and mentors for their ongoing support throughout her academic and personal journey.

Submitted by JMU



Eva Pierce has earned her Master's in Music Performance from JMU and also received the Accessibility and Belonging Academic Award.



PHOTO BY LAKEN MUSSELWHITE

New officers were installed at the Mount Pleasant Lions Club meeting in June. Pictured from left are President Anne Ferguson, Secretary Janet West, Lion Tamer Brenda Musselwhite, Treasurer Pat Musselwhite, and Tail Twister Kenny Price.

### District Governor speaks at Mount Pleasant Lions meeting

By Lion Mike Ferguson

At their June meeting, the Mount Pleasant Lions Club members were fortunate to have as their guest speaker District Governor Andre Peery. Governor Peery oversees Lions District 24-C, which stretches from Forest and Buchanan on the east to Bristol and Ionesville on the west, and from Martinsville on the south to Rich Creek on the West Virginia line.



PHOTO COURTESY OF MIKE FERGUSON **Lions Club District Governor Andre Peery** 

was the guest speaker at the Mount See **Lions**, page 4 Pleasant Lions Club meeting in June.

### PEOPLE, PLACES AND THINGS



PHOTO COURTESY OF ANGIE CHEWNING Those attending the bridal shower included (from left): front row, Destiny Booze, Jordan Dalton Blake w/baby, and Amanda Dalton; middle, Kimberley Hunter, Hailey Ramsey, Anya Hunter Lucas, Patsy Stovall, Angie Chewning, and Kimberly Barker; back row, Nancy Mastry, Emily Cummings, Jocelyn Hunter, Julie Drew, Carloyn Mills, and Heather Balsley.

By Angie Chewning

On Saturday, May 31st, a Pampered Chef bridal shower was thrown for Kimberley Hunter at the home of Amanda and Neil Dalton. Hosts for the event were Heather Balsley and Amanda Dalton.

The theme of Margaritas and Moo Moos was as expected - a fun-filled blast. Ladies attending wore wild, colorful apparel and enjoyed delicious food and drinks while celebrating the bride-to-be. Heather Gabris highlighted some of the Pampered Chef tools and the participants enjoyed Sangria provided by cohost Heather Balsley;

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# Goodson passes away after courageous battle with cancer

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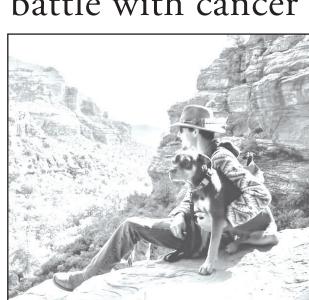
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Chas Goodson, just 27 years old, passed away on June 4, after his almost seven-year battle with cancer. He was diagnosed on his 21st birthday, two years before he married the love of his life, Lexi. They met at the last Roanoke Valley Horse Show in 2014 when they were just 16 years old and married in 2021 at Explore Park. Once they were married, their honeymoon was delayed by a long stay in a

hospital in Indiana. Eventually Chas and Lexi grew tired of cancer "living their lives" and opted to "take back control." They decided to live in the moment, one day at a time - to live joyfully, as normally as possible, and not dwell on

life to the fullest.

the negatives. The years since have been spent not focused on treatments, although there were many, but on living



The couple, along with their dog, Roscoe, have traveled the country in the years since. They documented one trip in The Vinton Messenger back in 2023. Lexi says Chas never complained, always remained positive, and was truly a testament to resilience, courage, and

always keeping his sense

of humor. At one point, Chas hiked six miles with half of his lung removed. have been They

grateful for each day. They changed the lives of many of the people they met along their journey. The Messenger extends condolences to the family. -Vinton Messenger staff

report

## William Byrd Middle announces Honor Rolls for fourth nine weeks

William Byrd Middle School has announced their A and A-B Honor Rolls for the fourth nine weeks of the 2024-2025 school year.

#### A HONOR ROLL

Sixth Grade: Baylee Angle, Tabitha Apple, Lylah Arnold Parker, Jayda Baldwin, Beatrix Barr, Lily Barrett, Tucker Baumgart, Delaney Blewett, Kensington Brown, Harper Cain, Mia Caldwell, Gracelynn Carlson, Emmaleigh Crawford, Sophia Deemer, Kathryn Dodson, Teagan Doss, Derrick Edwards, Anne Ely, Elizabeth Fraley, Riley Fuller, Evan Fuqua, Julia Gardner, Advitiya Gupta, Aryaman Gupta, Amaya Hall, Aria Hardifer, Mia Hayslett, Alexander Hebert, Riggins Hill, Austin Hoose, Hayden Janney, Colton Jenkins, Andrew Johnson, Britny Khouri, Carson Kirby, Liam Krista, Cohen Leonard, Lucy Lineburg, Kaydence Lorek, Collins Lott, Addyson Lutz, Taelyn Martin, Ian McCallister, Hayden McClure, Brooklyn McGuinn, Jace Meador, Marina Mihelcic, Landry Miller, Henery Nolan, Luke Pagans, Soha Patel, Andrew Pitcock, Emmalynn Redden, Grace Richardson, Nicholis Robtison, Kalee Royall, Brooklynn Siler, Cael Sink, Alden Snead, Addilynne Thiel, Laila Thornton, Grayson Underwood, Avery Waddell, Aubrey Walters, Jackson Warf, Jacoby Weddle, Jaxen White, Sadie Whitenack, Willow Wiggins, Joanna Wood, and Graham Wooge

Seventh Grade: Victor Alatorre-Lopez, Skylar Alderman, Brenner Alterio, Paige Aremia, Evan Bays, Lydon Beavers, Grayson Bell, Maggie Benson, Cohen Berry, Hayden Biggs, Dorothy Booher, Piper Bouvier, Landon Brammer, Peyton Burks, Christina Chaney, Jack Clark, Liam Collins, Isabella Cooke, Pedro Cruz-Quiroz, Kayleigh Davis, Kolbie Davis, Chaz Jordan Dunlap, Nicole Eggleston, Ahmad Faqiri, Sophie Fielder, Brett Gardner, Cadence Gearhart, Rory Grant, Marie Buyer, Charlotte Harper, Ethan Hastings, Madison Haupt, Shelby Hensley, Corbin Holloway, Sophia Jones, Jayden Lin, Kathryn Linkenhoker, Bryden Lish, Cally Lutz, Ember Lyles, Ashlyn Mason, Annabelle McIntyre, Jacob Morris, Olivia Morrison, Chance Nguyen, Maddox Overstreet, Cynthia Pena-Rendon, Jackson Price, Georgia Ralph, Liam Roberts, Annabelle Robtison, Jasmin-Rodriguez Muniz, Kristian Sattah, Owen Seth, Collyns Terrell, Jordin Terry Cabbler, Emily Thomas, Aaliyah Vorst, Tyler Williamson, Danielle Woodcock, and Matthew Yang

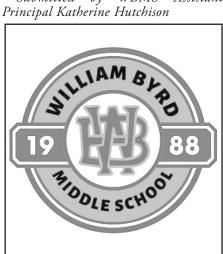
Eighth Grade: Kendall Adams, Ace Adkins, Tabitha Allen, Alexander Ashwell, Lola Barbour, Grant Bartley, Addison Bradford, Karla Brumback, Savannah Chattin, Calvin Chen, Payten Childress, Avery Chitwood, Cameron Crowe, Carston Dibenedetto, Reid Divers, Michael Dixon, Claire Draper, McKinley Edberg, Drayven English, Jayden Ferris, Julissa Garcia, Kayden Gibson, Jaxon Glatt, Landon Hagy, Alyssa Harless, Marygann Jenkins, Caroline Johnson, Briggs Kotz, Brooke Lomax, Ashlynn Lovern, Chase Madonna, Melissa Madonna, Kyler Martin, Lixi Martinez Maldonaldo, Ella McReynolds, Corinne Michalski, Layna Miller, Vanessa Mullen, Sophia Nester, Madilyn Overstreet, David Pham, Madelynn Ray, Maxwell Reeves, Isabella Shropshire, Khyler Wagoner, Isabella Wertz, Jack Williams, Joshua C. Williams, and Carlie Zimmerman

A-B HONOR ROLL Sixth Grade: Micah Addo, Noah Alderman, Khalid Alrefai, Xander Altice, Jerry Angel, Thomas Apple, Brenton Bailey, Hailey Bautista, Spencer Boyd, Ellason Bradford, Cormac Brady, Landry Cain, Keaton Cale, Payton Campbell, Lindsay Camper, Bailee Carlisle, Andrick Chevez-Murillo, Elizabeth Chisom, Eli Copening, Dalton Damiano, Arizona Davis, Emma Dooley, Dalton Dumford, Jaylynn Edwards, Madison Eubank, Charlotte Faddis, Christopher Fleming, Oliver Fralin, Rory Gaskins, Alaina Gibson, Owen Gibson, Carrington Gill, Avery Ginter, McKenna Gordon, Nathaniel Gray, Gabriel Griego, Irvin Guardado-Villas, Micah Hamlar, Zoey Hicks, Rylee Hill, Angus Hindenlang, Asher Hippisley, Willow Huffman, Vivian Hunter, Emma Janney, Tyler Jennelle, Elmer Lainez Andino, Jalissa Lewis, Natalie Lyles, Sincere Mann, Connor Manning, Isaac Mason, Jace McCoy, Charlotte Mikesell, Pandora Nakhle, Landon Nichols, Bentley Oliver, Brayson Osborne, Evan Osborne, Ryder Overstreet, Bentlee Palmer, Haley Parker, Josue Ramos Lopez, Lucas Rewis, Hunter Robinson, Jeremih Saunders, Kennedy Savignac, Abigail Schaefer, Tyler Shepherd, Audrey Siler, Archer Smith, Jaxon Smith, Avone Stanley, Dane Thomas, Makavla Thomas, Jacob Tingler, Jude Trent, Ethan Umberger, Brookeland VanName, Elizabeth Webber, Jace Weddle, Gabryle Weden, Lakyn Wendell, Kieran Wilhelm, Morriah Williams, Marail Wilson, Angelia Witcher, Grayson Woodford, and Anthony Yates Seventh Grade: Ashnoor Ashnoor,

Avery Ashwell, Tamana Azami, Mariah Black, Reece Brady, Josiah Buck, Noah Burwell, Angel Cabrera Cruz, Kenlee Campbell, Kyleigh Catlin, Kimberly Chittum, Tyler Cobb, Mackenzie Cole, Tania Cortes Martinez, Hanna Counts, Cooper Crutchman, Abigail Davis, Brantley Dodd, Addilyn Dudley, Brooklyn Duncan, Lasen Elkins, Adalynn Eubank, Grayson Ferguson, Kelsie Fields, Pierce Franks, Brinkley Gonzales, Benjamin Gurley, Brayden Hawse, Abbey Hedrick, Raegan Henritze, Chloe Hodges, Jameson Horst, Matthew Hoyle, Camden Ingram, Colton James, Serenity Jones, Korrina Kish, Peyson Lamonde, Levi Lawhorn, Brennan Leary, Rylan Lewey, Jayden Lowe, Cole Mayhew, Rayne McGeorge, Thomas McKinney, Ćaiden Meyer, Jacinna Mitchell, Maci Morrison, Trevor Munn, Dominick Olson, Blake Osborne, Bryce Patrick, Greylin Peters, Lauren Phillips, Jackson Poindexter, June Prichard, Alexander Pyle, Ava Rader, Alaina Robertson, Blake Rosser, Owen Rupe, Majd Sati, AraBella Saunders, Brooklynn Scott, Savannah Shepherd, Liam Sheridan, Allie Smart, Jordan Stanley, Ariana Stone, Garren Sutphin, Liam Thepsimuong, Ariel Thomas, Rose Tial, Jaqwaylin Toler, Charlie Tyree, Peyton Underwood, SoLynn Walter, Caleb Webster, William Weden, Jaylynn Williams, Hayden Wrenn, and Mia Zuniga Dominguez

Eighth Grade: Laylah Austin, Elizabeth Ball, Elyshah Ball, Ryan Bell, Tristan Blevins, Emma Boyd, Garrett Brunk, Cooper Butrym, Zachary Camden, Colten Carter, Kori Carter, Serenity Cassell, Savannah Chassereau, Chase Clark, Kaitlin Clark, Eliana Colwell, Kelly Dixon, Alexander Dolan, Landon Dolan, Ashlynn Doss, Dakoda Downs, Iris Dudley, Izaih Duncan, Lillian Duncan, Lena Fairtrace, Macie Fields, Ryleigh Fisher, Cohen Gill, Jeffrey Gill, Madison Gordon, Carter Gray, Lallie Hannabass, Tenley Hardifer, Jackson Henderson, Gabriel Hindenlang, Katelynn Howell, Ayriana Huff, Madelyn Huffman, Zachary Ingram, Jackson Johnson, Mia Johnson, Brogan Jordan, Kenzy Kendall, Mason Labinski, Rylan Lang, Makenzie LaPradd, Zoe LaRose William Linkenhoker, Silas Marshall Emma, Oliver Moore, Grady Morck, Mason Moses, William Muddiman, Philip Nguyen, Jackson O'Neill, Jayden Omiyo, Natalie Onwi, Kamryn Oxendine, Vishva Patel, Marley Poindexter, Maya Potter, Violeta Ramirez, Mahkenna Ramsey, Emily Robtison, Cora Shell, Kennedi Shifflett, Jacob Spradlin, Paylin Waldron, Holden White, Temperance Whorley, Joshua J. Williams, and Wesley Wilson

Submitted by WBMS Assistant



GRAPHIC COURTESY OF WBMS

# ON HISTORY: Folding Cameras

By WBHS sophomore student volunteer Levi Whitcomb

The folding cartridge camera was used primarily in the late 1920s and '30s and was made by many brands. The model pictured is Kodak's No.2 design, where the camera could be opened from the back to receive film and collapsed when not in use.

The cameras were often referred to as "pocket cameras" for their compact size and stance as some of the smallest photo cameras of the period. Many models used 120-roll film and 616-roll film, of which 616-film has ceased production and 120roll film remains in limited use. The 616-film was 70mm as opposed to 35mm, which is most common today. The introduction of higher resolution cameras and better enhancers for photography rendered the 70mm format obsolete.

The introduction of the folding camera replaced the original box camera because of its portability; and made way for cameras to continue getting smaller, more portable, and easier to use.

The pictured camera and many others like it can be found at the Vinton History Museum, 210 East Jackson Avenue in Downtown Vinton – open Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and every first Saturday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. "Preserving the Past for the Future."



**Kodak Folding Cameras** 



PHOTOS BY LEVI WHITCOMB

# **K**ECIPE OF THE WEEK

### **Perfect Sweet Tea**

Here's my mom's basic sweet tea recipe with four simple ingredients: water, individual tea bags, sugar, and baking soda. Almost as easy as buying a jug from the

Bring 1 quart of water to a boil. Remove from heat.

Add 8 individual tea bags and steep 8-10 minutes with pan covered. Remove the

Add 1 cup of sugar and stir, stir, stir.

Add 1 quart of cold water and stir, stir, stir.

Stir in 1/8 tsp. of baking soda – it makes the tea clear and less bitter.



PHOTO BY DEBBIE ADAMS

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1. Formed by burning tobacco

4. Luxury automaker 7. Religious residences 12. Crusaders

14. Puzzled 15. In a curt way 18. Selling tool

19. Solid material 20. Gold

31. Waste matter

33. Apply lightly

34. Type of squad 35. Secret political faction

21. Thick piece of something 56. Spanish noble 24. Pouch

27. "Wonder Years" actor Fred 30. Strong and healthy

public convenience 63. Womanized

53. Pacify 61. Lodging supplied for

41. Early Syrian kingdom

44. Loud, confused noise 7. Mama

42. Neutralizes alkalis

48. Yemen's largest city

52. Measures distance

47. Sweet potato

49. Farm state

50. Bird's beak

CLUES DOWN

1. Used in perfumery

2. Arabic man's name

22. Shad 64. Not divisible by two 23. A way to make dark 65. Monetary unit

10. Prefix meaning within 11. Midway between south and southeast 12. Cause to be embarrassed 13. Pandemonium 16. Fall behind 17. Cantonese

24. Specialized systems

5. Falsely assess

8. Rocker

9. Toward

consultant

25. Wings

26. Taxi driver

the whistle"

29. Large Philippine plant 32. Celebration 36. Fugitives are on this 38. Chinese tree 40. Not sour

43. "Bourne" actor Matt 44. Former OSS 45. Runners run this

46. Offered again 51. Sanctuary 54. Food suitable for babies

55. Caused by a reflection of sound 56. Mortar trough 57. Days in mid-month

58. Exhibit the courage to do 59. Disk of the sun in Egyptian mythology 60. Protects from weather

62. Manganese



# From the Pulpit

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

Our sermon series for June at Lynn Haven Baptist Church is "Let It Rain – Unlocking God's Blessings

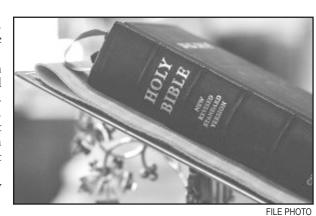
Where do the "good things" (or blessings) in life come from? The Bible tells us that "Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights..." Everything good in your life - your breath, your

home, your family, your talents – is a gift from God. But how often do we pause to say "Thank You"? In a world that always wants more, gratitude

reminds us that we already have so much. Gratitude opens our eyes. When we take time to thank God for our blessings, we become more aware of His presence. Instead of focusing on what we lack, we start to see His faithfulness in every detail.

God's gifts aren't just physical. He gives peace in the middle of storms. He gives grace when we fall short. He gives us Jesus – the greatest gift of all. Today, take a few minutes to reflect on your blessings. Name them. Write them down. Speak them out loud. And as you do, let your heart be filled with joy. Grateful people are content people. And content people are blessed people.

Remember, try to be more like Christ tomorrow than you were today!





Folksinger/storyteller Jon Sundell entertained families at the Vinton Library on June 9, playing several instruments including the banjo.

### Summer Fun has begun at the Vinton Library tales, explained the origins of folk

The Summer Reading Program has kicked off at the Vinton Public Library - in fact, in all Roanoke County libraries. The staff always plans a variety of programs each summer to encourage children and families to explore the library and its programs.

One of the first performances of summer 2025 was by folksinger, storyteller, square-dance caller, and former children's librarian Jon Sundell on June 9. He told some stories in times long past, and how they have been passed down orally, changing along the way and subject to exaggeration. In his hour-long session, he

demonstrated several instruments the guitar, 5-string banjo, autoharp, mountain dulcimer, and some everyday spoons, along with creating balloon animals.

Sundell talked about the "selfsufficiency" of our ancestors who built their own homes, grew and raised their own food - long before Kroger and Walmart - and made their own entertainment.

He spoke of the origins of his instruments; for example, the banjo started out in Africa, the maracas in South America, the guitar in Europe. He led a singalong of a song he taught the children, "Oh, Groundhog!" and led them in

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# Chewning



Congratulations to the Vinton Pirates on becoming champions. Pictured are Carson Bolton, Casen Breeden, Niko Briscoe, Tatum Elkins, Beckham Hagwood, John Hodges, Brody Holdren, Colton Holdren, Jackson Huffman, Alexander Minnix, Nathan

Schmidt, Jude Warf with head coach Tyler Holdren and assistants Amanda USPS 660-020 Pietrzyk and Jason Warf.

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The Vinton Cubs: Amon Erickson, Evelyn Erickson, Sawyer Henry, Dash Jones, Andrew Kroner, Gabriel Madonna, Maximus Perdomo, Maddox Spradlin, Westin Trent, Anthony Volker, Chance West with Head Coach Nick Jones, and Assistants Robert Erickson, Mark Kroner, Matthew Madonna, Adner Perdomo, Shane Spradlin, **Matt Trent, and Michael Volker.** 

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smoked pork sliders, a variety of fruits and veggies and, of course, margaritas. While the party wasn't a traditional shower, a round of "Name that Cake" ended the event while participants took turns getting with Heather to place their orders from the bride's registry. A signed apron by all participants was gifted at the end of the event to the bride and all agreed it was a really great time!

Kimberley Hunter is an employee of the Town

of Vinton and is well known in the community for her work in the finance office. She will be marrying Jeff Ramsey at the end of June at the Vinton Moose Lodge. We're all excited for the union and wish the couple nothing but happiness for their future together.

Congratulations to the Vinton Pirates on becoming champions and to the Vinton Cubs as runners-up. Both teams played hard and had a great time!

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There are 50 Lions clubs in the District and about 5,000 Lions in the entire State of Virginia.

Peery is a Vietnam-era Air Force veteran and a member of the Roanoke Valley Breakfast Lions

During the meeting, he officially inducted a new member of the Mount Pleasant Club, Tim Beard. Lion Beard lives in the neighborhood and is a retired Roanoke County zoning official. He has already been active in club projects by delivering Bombas socks to several elementary

schools in the area and has agreed to be the new broom sales chairman. If you need a quality broom, made by folks in a workshop for the visually challenged, contact any Mount Pleasant Lion.

District Governor Peery showed and commented on a series of film clips from the International Lions Organization about the maladies the Lions worldwide seek solutions for - blindness, childhood cancer, diabetes and the environment. He also conducted a short orientation for the new member, which served

as a refresher course for the wellestablished other members of the

After a meal provided by club members and the singing of the unofficial anthem of the Lions of Virginia, "Just a Bowl of Butterbeans," all that remained was the installation of the club officers for the 2025-2026 Lions year. Installed were Anne Ferguson, president; Janet West, secretary; Pat Musselwhite, treasurer; Kenny Price, tail twister: and Brenda Musselwhite, Lion tamer.

# 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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### Barrels from page 1

needed to create the rain barrels were provided free of charge by the CVC, local industries, and municipalities. For this workshop, those materials included 55-gallon drums, metal faucets and other hardware, caulking, and netting; the tools needed were mainly drills.

Each individual or family participating in the workshop received their own drum, thanks to Coca-Cola. Lucht noted that it is more economical for Coke to discard the barrels, which had contained sugar water, than to rinse and disinfect them. So, the company elected to give them a second life and donate them to an environmental organization; in this case, the CVC.

The Town of Vinton donated the faucets. CVC brought along the drills and a few other tools.

Lucht said that he built his own rain barrel some three

years ago and "it still works." It has reduced his summer water consumption in his garden and subsequently reduced his water bill by \$90. Only during a very dry spell last summer was he forced to use his garden hose in addition to the rain barrel. He has found rain barrels to be convenient and environmentally beneficial, with a small financial incentive as well.

Lucht also shared that he is "not a tool guy"; he likes to do things simply and inexpensively, even building rain barrels. Fifty-five-gallon drums are not cheap if you have to purchase one. The donations from Coke make this workshop feasible for the average citizen.

The drums are durable and translucent. One concern is the growth of algae because of that translucence, but with a simple remedy – some vinegar and water agitated in the drum at the beginning of the gardening season and the algae is gone. He also addressed the issue of mosquitoes who are attracted to standing water. The addition of fine netting on the openings atop the barrels seems to solve that problem.

This brought up a discussion on microplastics in the mosquito population. Mosquito larvae living in ponds eat tiny shards of plastic which remain in their bodies and move higher up the food chain when they are eaten by bats, birds, and larger insects, and eventually aquatic

Lucht shared some photographs of a variety of rain barrel designs workshop attendees could choose from depending upon how they want to hook up their barrels and hoses at home, and then instructed the rain barrel builders to pick the 55-gallon drum of their choice and get to work.

It was an eager group, and apparently no strangers to using drills and to caulking. Lucht brought along a special "forstner" drill bit which made the drilling easier. Holes in the lid where the water enters were covered with netting to keep the pesky bugs out. Rainwater diverters were installed to handle overflow when the barrel fills up.

The process went pretty quickly, and it wasn't long before the rain barrels were loaded in vehicles and headed

Ketler and McMillan assisted with the workshop. Ketler is a familiar face at the schools in Vinton, most notably introducing William Byrd ecology students to



This rain barrel was a family project.



PHOTOS BY DEBBIE ADAMS

First step in the Rain Barrel Workshop—choosing your 55-gallon drum.

analyzing the health of a stream - namely Wolf Creek. In a hands-on unit, students do an actual headcount on the creatures who live there and determine which ones indicate a polluted stream. CVC programs center on recycling, litter prevention,

stormwater protection, and stewardship of natural resources. The council also provides supplies for community clean-ups as well as hosting and participating in various events throughout the year. The CVC is committed to helping the community

retain the beauty of the natural world. It serves the cities of Roanoke and Salem, Roanoke and Botetourt Counties, and the Town of Vinton and foster collaboration between municipal agencies on issues ranging from stormwater pollution, renewable energy, and recycling challenges to protect shared natural resources. It wants to build a more sustainable Virginia one region at a time.

Lucht and Ketler have interesting backgrounds themselves.

According to his bio, Lucht worked as a professor and administrator for 18 years. Before joining the CVC, he co-directed North Cross School's first campus in China and led the development of additional high school campuses in Asia. With a Ph.D. from Emory University, he has published widely on environmental philosophy, animal rights, and intercultural dialogue, and is strongly committed to the idea that it is incumbent upon humanity to find more responsible ways of acknowledging and living together with the creatures that share the planet."



#### PHOTO COURTESY OF CVC A DIY rain barrel from a past CVC workshop, installed.

He organizes events like the Earth Summit, the Green Film Festival, the Star City Sustainability Series, teaches workshops (like making rain barrels), and partners with Ketler to deliver educational programs to students.

Ketler is a veteran marketing-communications professional, writer, and editor. She has been a teacher in general education and autism classrooms and has earned her Virginia Master Naturalist certification.

She served as chair of the Roanoke Valley Chapter of Friends of the Blue Ridge Parkway where the chapter grew an active volunteer force and expanded its ability to support the National Park Service-Blue Ridge Parkway and conducted work crew and community outreach events. In 2015, she was voted Virginia's Cox Conserves Hero, winning \$10,000 to support the Park Service mission. She also raises Monarch butterflies.

Coming up on June 21, CVC will be hosting a free "Rethink, Reuse, Repair Fair" at Wasena Park from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., with over 30 vendors to help the community learn more about recycling. Vendors will assist visitors in repairing materials onsite or provide the 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. Plus, there will be a Kids Tent.

For more information on the fair and the CVC and its many programs and opportunities, visit https:// www.cleanvalley.org/ and https://www.cleanvalley.org/ rethinkreuserepairfair.

#### **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 (yearround): 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

### **ALMIGHTY GOD**

Read Genesis 40:1 thru 41:57

Joseph spent two years in a dungeon after interpreting the dreams of Pharaoh's cupbearer. Joseph had asked this man to mention him to the king upon being reinstated, but, as each day dragged on, no communication came from the Pharaoh.

When Pharaoh had a dream and told it to all his wise men, no one could interpret it. The cupbearer finally remembered Joseph and told Pharaoh abouthim.

So Pharaoh sent for Joseph, and he was quickly brought from the dungeon. When he had shaved and changed his clothes, he came before Pharaoh (Genesis 41:14).

Joseph was going to be taken into the presence of the nation's highest ruler. His first order of business was to make himself presentable. His prison clothing and his haggard appearance were hardly appropriate to stand before royalty. Joseph prepared to see the king, honoring the authority and majesty of Pharaoh.

We have the privilege of an audience at any time with our King, Jesus Christ. May we never forget His majesty or approach Him with less than honor and adoration.

Thought for Today: Consider the majesty of God.

Quicklook: Genesis 41:1-14

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

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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 NAZA-RENE, 728 Highland Ave., SE, Ro-

anoke, 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; cmpc2verizon. 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. Jonathan Moelker, pastor

**UNITED METHODIST** THREE **FELLOW-**OAKS 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

WESLEYAN VINTON WESLEYAN CHURCH - 246 Jefferson Ave., 540-345-3385; Sunday Service 10:30 AM.

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#### **COUNTY, VIRGINIA** REQUEST FOR QUOTE RFQ 25-031 **LEACHATE**

#### **COLLECTION LINE JETTING Botetourt County requests** quotes for jetting the leachate collection lines at the Botetourt County

Landfill. For a copy of this RFQ, please email the purchasing department at purchasing @botetourtva.gov. **Botetourt County reserves** the right to accept or reject any or all proposals, waive any informalities or irregularities, and accept a proposal deemed to be in its

best interest. EOE Stephanie Sparks, VCA Buyer

#### TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 167 BOYD ST, **BUCHANAN, VA** 24066.

In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated August 24, 2021, in the original principal amount of \$174,242.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Botetourt County Virginia as Instrument No. 210004501. The undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the front of the Circuit Court building for Botetourt County, Main Street, Fincastle, VA 24090 or any such temporary alternative Circuit Court location designated by the Judges of the Circuit Court, on July 8, 2025, at 11:45 AM, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows: ALL OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY, LYING AND BEING IN THE TOWN OF BUCHANAN, BOTETOURT COUNTY, VIRGINIA, TO WIT: BEGINNING ATAPOINT ON THE NORTHWEST SIDE OF **BOYD STREET AND 3RD** ALLEY (1); THENCE N. 53 DEG. 00° W. 104.13 FT. TO THE RIGHT-OF-WAY OF THE NORFOLK AND WESTERN RAILWAY (2); THENCE WITH THE SAME N. 37 DEG. 07` E. 56.78 FT. (3); THENCE S. 53 DEG. 00' E. 104.01 FT. TO BOYD STREET (4) THENCE S. 37 DEG. 00 56.78 FT. TO THE BEGINNING, AS SHOWN SURVEY MADE BY DAVID DICK, CLS, DATED NOVEMBER 17, 1975, AND RECORDED IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE OF THE

CIRCUIT COURTEOR

**BOTETOURT COUNTY** 

OF SALE: ALL CASH. A

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Trustee: Equity Trustees,

LLC, 8100 Three Chopt

Richmond, VA 23229.

BWW Law Group, LLC,

Executive Blvd, Suite 101,

Rockville, MD 20852, 301-

For more information

attorneys for Equity

961-6555, website:

VA-369687-1.

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**BOTETOURT** 

#### TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 505 RIDGE ROAD. TROUTVILLE, VA 24175. In execution of a certain

Legals -

**Botetourt County** 

Deed of Trust dated June 13, 2012, in the original principal amount of \$76.530.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Botetourt County, Virginia as Instrument No. 120002544. The undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the front of the Circuit Court building for Botetourt County, Main Street, Fincastle, VA 24090, or any such temporary alternative Circuit Court location designated by the Judges of the Circuit Court, on July 8, 2025, at 11:45

AM, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as

follows BEGINNING AT A POINT, A FOUND IRON ROD ON THE WEST SIDE OF RIDGE ROAD (VIRGINIA SECONDARY ROUTE 803) AND CORNER TO PROPERTY OWNED BY BARBARA T. PALMER: THENCE LEAVING RIDGE ROAD AND WITH THE PALMER LINE, S. 46 DEG. 14 MINUTES 23 SECONDS W. 169.04 FEET TO A POINT, A FOUND IRON ROD CORNER TO PROPERTY OWNED BY JAMES A. AND JOYCE M.

BRYANT; THENCE LEAVING PALMER AND WITH THE BRYANT LINE, N. 10 DEG. 29 MINUTES 08 SECONDS W. 191.78 FEET TO A POINT, A FOUND SPIKE ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF RIDGE ROAD (VIRGINIA SECONDARY ROUTE

803); THENCE LEAVING

BRYANT AND WITH THE SOUTH SIDE OF RIDGE ROAD, N. 79 DEG. 23 MINUTES 20 SECONDS E 80.79 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE CONTINUING WITH SAME, AND WITH A CURVE TO THE RIGHT THE RADIUS OF WHICH IS 46.60 FEET AND THE CHORD BEARING AND DISTANCE OF WHICH IS S. 63 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 50 SECONDS E 56.87 FEET TO A POINT. AN ARC DISTANCE OF 61.16 FEET TO A POINT;

THENCE STILL CONTINUING WITH SAME, S. 25 DEG. 25 MINUTES 00 SECONDS E. 72.04 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 0.4521 ACRE, AND AS MORE PARTICULARLY SHOWN ON A PLAT OF SURVEY DATED DECEMBER 8, 1992 PREPARED BY ROBERT G. CANTLEY, L.S., A

COPY OF WHICH IS OF RECORD IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR COUNTY OF BOTETOURT, VIRGINIA IN DEED BOOK 560, PAGE 602. TERMS OF SALE: ALL

CASH. A bidder's deposit of ten percent (10%) of the (10%) of the original principal balance of the

subject Deed of Trust, whichever is lower, in the form of cash or certified funds payable to the Substitute Trustee must be present at the time of the sale. The balance of the purchase price will be due

within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Purchaser's deposit may be forfeited to Trustee. Time is of the essence. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall

be entitled to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser may, if provided by the terms of the Trustee's Memorandum of Foreclosure Sale, be entitled to a \$50 cancellation fee from the

have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. A form copy of the Trustee's memorandum of foreclosure sale and contract to

Substitute Trustee, but shall

purchase real property is available for viewing at www.bwwsales.com Additional terms, if any, to be announced at the sale

and the Purchaser may be given the option to execute the contract of sale electronically. This is a communication from a debt collector and any

information obtained will be used for that purpose. The sale is subject to seller confirmation. Substitute Trustee: Equity

Trustees, LLC, 8100 Three Chopt Road, Suite 240, Richmond, VA 23229. For more information contact: BWW Law Group, LLC, attorneys for Equity

#### Legals -**Botetourt County**

Trustees, LLC, 6003 Executive Blvd. Suite 101. Rockville, MD 20852, 301-961-6555, website: VA-374018-1.

Legals -Montgomery County

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heights of 28 feet and 31.5

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with an overall building height of 38 feet at the approx. vicinity of 407 Roanoke Street. Christiansburg, Montgomery County, VA 24073. Public comments regarding potential effects from this site on historic properties may be submitted within 30 days from the date of this publication to: Trileaf Corp,

McKayla Grasham, m.grasham@trileaf.com 303 International Circle, Suite 150, Hunt Valley, MD 21030, 410-853-7128.

#### **NOTICE IS** HEREBY GIVEN, By the Board of Supervisors of the County of

Montgomery, Virginia that the Board of Supervisors hereby gives notice for the

consideration at their June 23, 2025, meeting at 7:15 p.m. or as soon thereafter, at the Montgomery County Government Center. 755 Roanoke Street, Christiansburg, Virginia, an Ordinance to amend Chapter 2, Entitled Administration in the Code of the County of Montgomery, Virginia, by adding Section 2-18, Authorizing the County Administrator to Establish Monetary Performance

Appropriated by the Board of Supervisors BY ORDER OF THE **BOARD OF** SUPERVISORS Angela M. Hill

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#### Order of **Publication**

Countv Administrator

Commonwealth of Virginia VA CODE § 8.01-316 Case No. JJ020233-10-00,

Case No. JJ020233-11-00 MONTGOMERY COUNTY JUVENILE AND DOMESTIC RELATIONS

DISTRICT COURT, 55 EAST MAIN STREET, SUITE 1, CHRISTIANSBURG, VA

24073 Montgomery County DSS

Amanda Dawn Linkous and Gary James Robertson, III

The object of this suit is to: Terminate the parental rights of Amanda Dawn Linkous and Gary James Robertson, III, to the minor child Kaiden James Linkous pursuant to Section 16.1-283 of the Code of Virginia; specifically, that said parents have failed to maintain continuing contact and plan for the child's future and have failed without good cause to remedy the circumstances that led to the child's

It is ORDERED that Amanda Dawn Linkous AND Gary James Robertson, III appear at the above-named court and protect his or her interests on or before August 5, 2025. Entered May 19, 2025

placement in foster care.

Amie Blankenship, clerk Order of

#### Publication Commonwealth of Virginia VA CODE § 8.01-316,

Case No. JJ020484-09-00 Case No. JJ020484-10-00 MONTGOMERY COUNTY JUVENILE AND DOMESTIC RELATIONS DISTRICT COURT.

55 EAST MAIN STREET. SUITE 1, CHRISTIANSBURG, VA 24073 Montgomery County DSS

Amanda Dawn Linkous and Gary James Robertson, III

The object of this suit is to:

#### Legals -Montgomery County

Terminate the parental rights of Amanda Dawn Linkous and Gary James Robertson, III, to the minor child Renesmee Marie Robertson pursuant to Section 16.1-283 of the Code of Virginia; specifically, that said parents have failed to maintain continuing contact and plan for the child's future and have failed

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protect his or her interests

#### **Notice of Public** Hearing Town of **Blacksburg Planning** Commission Tuesday, July 1, 2025

Notice is hereby given that the Planning Commission of the Town of Blacksburg will conduct the following public hearings on Tuesday, July 1, 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:

CUP-25-1-Graham Outdoor Recreation Camp Conditional Use Permit request at 2190 Merrimac Road (Tax Map No. 313-A 2, Parcel ID # 027067). Conditional Use Permit request in the Rural Residential 1, RR-1 zoning district to permit a camp with short-term overnight stays at the historic

Linkous-Kipps House at 2190 Merrimac Road. The existing house is proposed as the main lodge. Outbuildings, pastures, and open space will be used for outdoor gatherings, events and recreation and educational purposes. The applicant/owner proposes a maximum of 50 visitors at

per week with occasional overnight lodgings of up to 10 people maximum. The Town of Blacksburg Comprehensive Future and Use designation is

the property up to 2-3 times

Low Density Residential. RZN-25-4-Yellow Sulphur Apartments PRD rezoning request at 3503 Holiday Lane (Tax Map No. 347-A 18, 377-A 2 & 377-A 40, Parcel ID # 000745) Rezoning request from General Commercial, GC to Planned Residential. PR to construct a multi-family residential community of four (4) four-story apartment buildings and a two-story community building with a leasing office, fitness rooms, business center and outdoor patio. The total size of the development is

6.779 acres. Each residential building will include an equal mix of onebedroom and two-bedroom units for a total of 64 units per building for a total of 256 units (384 bedrooms). A total of 332 parking spaces is proposed, which

is 0.86 spaces per bedroom. This is lower than the required Town of Blacksburg parking ratio of 1.1 spaces per bedroom. The applicant has requested to modify Section

4261(a)(3) of the Use and Design Standards to not require a street-oriented entrance along Yellow Sulphur Road. The Future Land Use designation in the Comprehensive Plan is Commercial

**Zoning Ordinance** Amendment (ZOA) #60/ORD #2001-An amendment to amend the text of the Town's Zoning Ordinance to create a new **Downtown Northwest** zoning district for the area bounded by North Main Street, Turner Street, and Prices Fork Road. In 2019, the Town adopted the Downtown Strategic Plan which identified six sub districts for Downtown including the Downtown Northwest district bounded

by North Main St., Prices Fork Rd., and Turner St. The proposed amendment will create a new floating zoning district applicable to the Downtown Northwest area. Creation of the new district does not change existing zoning and property owners would need to

rezone to the new district

through a public hearing

#### Legals -Montgomery County

process. The district includes an applicability criteria permitted use table definitions specific to the new district, building dimensional standards, building design standards, site development standards and signage provisions. The district incorporates many new form-based zoning regulations, which have more specificity in building and site design requirements than typically found in traditional zoning districts.

Persons affected by or interested in the conditional use permit, rezoning and zoning ordinance amendment 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. **NOTICE OF** TRUSTEE'S SALE OF IMPROVED **REAL ESTATE LOCATED AT: 5396 GRAYSONTOWN** 

ROAD, RADFORD, VA 24141 **COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY** 

Tax Map# 125-A-29

Parcel ID: 004043 IN EXECUTION OF A DEED OF TRUST IN THE ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$79,500.00, DATED THE 24TH DAY OF MARCH, 2010. RECORDED IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VIRGINIA, AS INSTRUMENT NO. 2010002193. 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 COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY, LOCATED AT: 55 EAST MAIN STREET CHRISTIANSBURG, VA 24073, ON 30TH DAY OF JUNE, 2025 AT 10:00 A.M. THE REAL ESTATE WITH

**IMPROVEMENTS** THEREON, LYING AND BEING SITUATE IN THE RINER MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT OF THE COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY, STATE OF VIRGINIA AND MORE PARTICULARI Y **DESCRIBED AS** FOLLOWS: All of Lot 2, as shown on the map entitled, "Plat Showing Relocation/Vacation of Lot Lines for Carl N. McNeil, prepared by Highland Surveys, dated 7 October 2002, Plan No. P-7687, a copy of which map is of record in the Office of the

Clerk of the Circuit Court of Montgomery County, Virginia, in Plat Book 23, Page 361, and to which map reference is made for a more particular description of the property. Tax Map Number: 125-A-29 Parcel: 004043 Address: 5396

SUBJECT TO ALL **EXISTING EASEMENTS** AND RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS AS THE SAME MAY LAWFULLY AFFECT THE REAL ESTATE. TERMS OF SALE: CERTIFIED FUNDS OR

Graysontown Road,

Radford, VA 24141

SALE WILL BE MADE

CASHIER'S CHECK. A BIDDER'S DEPOSIT OF TEN PERCENT (10%) OF THE SALES PRICE, WITH FULL SETTLEMENT TO BE MADE WITHIN FIFTEEN (15) DAYS FROM DATE OF SALE.

ADDITIONAL TERMS MAY BE ANNOUNCED AT THE TIME OF SALE THIS NOTICE IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED

WILL BE USED FOR THAT

PLACE OF SALE: FRONT

**PURPOSE** 

### Legals -Montgomery County

OF THE MONTCOMERY COUNTY COURTHOUSE, LOCATED AT 55 EAST MAIN STREET CHRISTIANSBURG, VA DATE OF SALE: JUNE 30, 2025 TIME OF SALE:10:00 AM

Daniel D. Hamrick, Agent Daniel D. Hamrick, P.C., Trustee 104 South Franklin Street Christiansburg, VA 24073

By: Daniel D. Hamrick,

FOR INFORMATION

Agent

CONTACT:

(540) 382-0131 Legals -City of Radford

#### NOTICE OF **PUBLIC HEARING** City of Radford **Appropriation** Ordinance for a **School Board**

**Budget** 

Amendment

Radford City Council will hold a public hearing on June 17, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers located at 10 Robertson Street for the purpose of receiving public comments on the City's proposed budget amendment of \$4,685,805 to the School Board Budget for F.Y. 2025.

BY ORDER OF THE RADFORD CITY COUNCIL NOTICE

#### JUDICIAL SALE OF **REAL ESTATE** On July 11, 2025

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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

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OF RADFORD CITY COURTHOUSE, 619 SECOND STREET, RADFORD, VIRGINIA DATE OF SALE: JUNE 20, 2025 TIME OF SALE: 10:00 AM Daniel D. Hamrick, PC, Trustee

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Legals -City of Salem

Order of **Publication** 

Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code§§ 1-211.1; 8.01-Case No.CL25-714

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF ROANOKE COUNTY OF ROANOKE, VIRGINIA, Complainant, vs. CARL D. SIMMONS, et al. Respondents.

**ORDER OF PUBLICATION** 

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. 105.00-03-01.00-0000.

An affidavit having been made and filed that diligence has been used without effect to ascertain the location of Carl. D. Simmons and that there are or may be persons with an interest in the subject property, including heirs, devisees, and successors in title of Carl. D. Simmons, who may be deceased, whose names and

addresses are unknown, it is hereby ORDERED that each of the parties appear on or before July 30, 2025. and do whatever is necessary to protect their interest in said land. It is further ORDERED, pursuant to VA. Code Ann

§8.01-321, that this Order of Publication be published once a week for one week in the Salem Times Register, a newspaper of general circulation I the County of Roanoke, and that a copy be posted at the front door of the Courthouse in County of Roanoke,

Virginia.

Entered this 5th day of June, 2025. Honorable James R. Swanson, Judge I ASK FOR THIS: Mark Kidd, Esquire VSB#24149 **OPN Law** 3140 Chaparral Drive Suite 200-C Roanoke VA 24018 Phone: (540) 725-4700 Fax (540)772-0126

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#### Legals -City of Salem

VA Code§§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316-317,20-104 Case No.CL25-710 VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF ROANOKE COUNTY OF ROANOKE. VIRGINIA, Complainant, vs LESLIE MUTERSPAUGH,

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. 016.01-03-09.00-0000. An affidavit having been made and filed that diligence has been used without effect to ascertain the location of Katlyn Muterspaugh and that there are or may be persons with an interest in the subject property, including heirs, devisees, and successors in title of Katlyn Muterspaugh, who may be deceased,

whose names and addresses are unknown, it is hereby ORDERED that each of the parties appear on or before July 14, 2025, and do whatever is necessary to protect their interest in said land. It is further ORDERED.

pursuant to VA. Code Ann §8.01-321, that this Order of Publication be published once a week for one week in the Salem Times Register, a newspaper of general circulation I the County of Roanoke, and

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#### STATEWIDE **ADS**

COUNTY OF ROANOKE, VIRGINIA, Complainant, vs. LESLIE MUTERSPAUGH, et al, Respondents.

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

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

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# Library from page 4

creating lyrics of their own. He talked about quilts and recycling. He even led a clogging dance session.

He shared some personal stories from his own family's life – involving his Russian Jewish grandparents and his Columbian wife. According to his narrative and his website, his life

has been packed with adventure. In the late 1960s, he spent a year abroad studying in France, as well as traveling, performing and recording throughout Europe. During college he minored in Asian Studies. Afterwards, he lived and traveled for a year in Japan, learning Japanese and absorbing the country's traditions. In the 1970s, he collected songs and tales from

older Appalachian singers and storytellers, organized community festivals where they could perform, and personally shared their music and tales with young people in rural mountain schools and community centers. Several years later, he returned with his own folklore students on two three-week field trips to meet these tradition bearers and document them in the book: "Stay With Us: Visiting With Old Time Singers and Storytellers in the Southern Mountains." In the 1980s and 1990s, Jon made many visits to

Latin American communities, gaining a firsthand knowledge of the people's hardships and strengths. Back home in the U.S., he assisted them by raising money and building understanding and solidarity among U.S. residents. He expanded his performance repertoire to include Latin American songs advocating peace and justice. In 2006, Jon married and began building a family

with Colombian native, Vivian Dominguez, and her daughter, Ana Maria.

And this week he shared his adventures to a group of eager listeners in Vinton.

Kennah Hebert, senior library assistant in Vinton, facilitated the event and introduced Sundell, as well as the wealth of summer programs the local library is

To learn more about the multi-talented Jon Sundell, visit his website at https://songsandtales.com/. To check out the Vinton Library calendar of summer events, visit https://www.roanokecountyva.gov/3110/ Library.

-Vinton Messenger staff report

### Stencil

from page 1

Planning & Zoning Director Anita McMillan, also a Clean Valley Council board member, had requested that stencils be sprayed in the area of Vinyard and Clearview.

"Since the 2024 publication of 'Larry the Roanoke Logperch,' written by Dr. Melissa B. Rooney, Ph.D., in

collaboration with the Kiwanis Club of Roanoke, Larry has been part of the Clean Valley Council storm drain stencil design," Ketler noted.

"The Roanoke logperch is an endangered species that lives in only four rivers on Earth, including the Roanoke River." The stenciled message reads,

"Pick up litter. Save Larry the Logperch."

-Submitted by Heidi Ketler

## Mingle from page 1

Commerce. According to Executive Director Angie Chewning and President Page Stovall, the attendance at the Mingles concerts has been nothing short of

amazing in the past two summers.

The gates open at 6:30; the concert gets underway

Admission is \$7. Mingles are always family friendly events so kids 12 and under are free. Bring your ID and your own seating. Clear bags are required.

Sponsors currently include Renewal by Andersen of Roanoke, Carilion Clinic, HomeTrust Bank, Dirk Padgett, PLC, Neely's Accounting, Rosie's, Vinton War Memorial, PFG, Roanoke County, MemberOne, ALCOVA Mortgage, Lamar, Shepherd Realty Group, RVTV, Town of Vinton, Winters Storage, Star City Pest Control, Roanoke County Schools, SERVPRO, Vinton McDonald's, Vertex Signs, McCarthy Tire Service, William Byrd Middle School, Oakey's, Blue

Ridge Beverage, The Vinton Messenger, Magnets USA, Fox Radio 910, and the Vinton Moose.

Organizations or individuals interested in volunteering at the Mingle events or in helping to sponsor the series should contact the Chamber office at 540-343-1364.

- Vinton Messenger staff report

### Recital from page 1



The Susan Lewis Music Studio students presented their annual Spring Recital on June 8.

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(vocal)—"In Christ Alone"

and (piano)—"Edelweiss"

from "The Sound of Music'

(piano)—"Living Hope"

Joelle

(piano)—"The Old Rugged

Cross" and (vocal) "The

Commission," accompanied

by her brother-in-law, Jacob

Abigail

Iosue

Approaching Night" and (vocal) "Don't Stop

(piano)—"Mariage

(piano)—"Hit the Road,

D'amour" (adult student)

Cary

Lilla

Kelly

Lucy

(piano)—"Claire de Lune"

Angela

(vocal)—"Fighting for Me"

and (piano) "Summer Jam" from "The Piano Guys"

(piano)—"The Call of

(vocal)—"O Magnify the

Students who prepared

for the recital but were

included Henry Saben

(senior), Miles Cole-Rueff,

Dr. Mark Schueler (adult

student), Hazel Cole-

Rueff, Elizabeth Becker

(adult student), Steve Miller (adult student),

Ryleigh Woolwine, and

Stanley Chen.

to

Katie Saunders

Ktulu" (college student)

Lord" (associate teacher)

(adult student)

• Allie

(vocal)—"Surface Pressure" "Encanto"

Deborah Dreyer

-"Never Enough" "The Greatest

Believin" from Journey

(piano)—"River Flows in

Laftoon, on piano

(piano) —

You"

Jack"

(piano)-

Showman"

from

from

student)

at Byrd, a member of the Leo Club, Beta Club, Habitat for Humanity, and a Teen Ambassador at Tudor House, working raise awareness around mental health and suicide prevention. She is also a member of the International Club and earned the Seal of Literacy in Spanish. She is the pianist for the William Byrd Jazz Band. Pagan has completed over 250 hours of community service over her high school career. She plans to attend the University of Virginia and major in Political Philosophy, Policy, and

Economics in the fall.

Kayleigh Taylor is also a 2025 graduate of William Byrd. She has been a piano student with Lewis for four years, a member of Byrd's Marching Band for three years, and is the first ever Front Ensemble Captain for the Marching Terriers. She won second place in instrumentals in the Bland Music Foundation Scholarship in 2024. She plans to attend college to major in nursing. Taylor performed "Dreamland" and "Take Five" on the piano in this recital. She says she plans to continue piano because it has helped her "grow

so much as a person." Ella Paulos "Wishing You Were Somehow Here Again" from "Phantom of the Opera." She is a graduate of Patrick Henry High School. She is a new student with Lewis this year and performed her first vocal solo at the recital. She began voice lessons to help live out her dream of becoming an actor. She is a member of the swim team at PH, and figure skates as a personal sport. She is a member of the Grandin Theatre Film Lab where

wrote, directed, she acted in, and produced a short film script. Her future plans are to attend Virginia Western Community and then transfer to the recently performed the prestigious Savannah national anthem at a Salem College of Art and Red Sox game, doing a Design (SCAD), looking "wonderful job," Lewis for opportunities to grow her portfolio.

Lyla Young sang "The Simple Joys of Maidenhood" from "Camelot" and "Always Remember Us This Way" from "A Star is Born." She has been a voice student with Lewis for two years. She is a graduate of Staunton River High School, where she was a varsity cheerleader, a member of Student Council, Co-President of the Choir Council, a member of All-District Choir, and performed the role of "Ms. Honey" in the "Matilda Jr. Musical." She placed in the Top 3 in the local Bland Foundation Music Scholarship Competition in 2024 and 2025. She is a member Lighthouse the Bible Worship Team. Young plans to attend Longwood University for music education with plans to become a choir director.

Henry Saben, also a senior, prepared to perform at the recital, but was unable to attend. He has been a student with Lewis for five years. He has been homeschooled, played baseball with various teams, and enjoys reading and video games. He plans to pursue a degree in Digital Music **CROSSWORD ANSWERS** 

and Journalism at Liberty University in the fall. The program opened

with voice student Keegan Thacker singing the "Star College Spangled Banner." said. Keegan also performed "Golden Hour" on the piano at the recital.

> Other performers included:

David Doss (piano)—"America Beautiful"

Holden Magill (piano)—"The Grandfather Clock"

Phillip Sealey (vocal)—"Try Everything" from "Zootopia"

Ingrid (piano)—"Šcooby Doo Where Are You?" (student of Katie Saunders)

Vivian

(piano)—"I Just Can't Wait to be King" from "The Lion King"

Hannah Chandler (piano)—"Enchanted Mermaid" Chloe Rider

(vocal)—"Still Waters, Psalm 23" (student of Katie Saunders) Millie Erickson

(piano)—"Ocean Waves" (student of Katie Saunders) Carson

(piano)—"Ode to Joy" (student of Katie Saunders) Lily

(vocal)—"Tomorrow from "Annie" and (piano) "Harmony of Angels" (Op. 100 No. 21) Jackson Doss

(piano)—"The Imperial March" Patience McGuire

(piano)—"Ode to Joy" (from Beethoven's 9th Symphony) (student of Katie Saunders) Faith Dooley

(piano)—"A Spoonful of Sugar" from "Mary Poppins"

Emory Mullins (piano)—"Gravity Falls Theme Song"

Deon Staunton (piano)—"Believe" from The Polar Express"

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Left, Byrd's Karizma Wofford(#7) beats a Cave Spring girl to the ball in Region 3D championship game action at Cave Spring High last week. Right, Byrd's Emily Glass(#16) pushes the ball down the pitch for the Terriers. PHOTOS BY REGINA DEVINNEY

### Warriors down Byrd in Class 3 state soccer tournament The William Byrd girls soccer team saw their sea-

son come to an end with a loss to Western Albemarle in the Virginia High School League Class 3 quarterfinals Tuesday. The girls dropped a 4-0 decision to the Region 3C champion Warriors in Crozet.

Byrd came into the state tournament as the Region 3D runnerup after falling to undefeated Cave Spring in the region championship game last Friday. That was played on the Cave Spring field high atop the hill on the high school grounds and the host Knights

had their hands full with the pesky Terriers in the first half, as Byrd trailed just 1-0 at intermission. However, the Knights scored two quick second half goals and went on to a 5-0 win to capture the region

Tuesday at Western Albemarle the Warriors took the lead midway through the first half, then put two more on the board before intermission. They scored once more in the second half and kept the Terriers off the scoreboard for a 4-0 win.

Byrd finished the season with a 10-9-4 record. The Terriers were the seventh seed in the region but won three games in that tournament to earn a spot in the state. Byrd graduated five seniors, Emily Glass, Raelyn Lancaster, Ryan Markham, Taelor McPherson and Karizma Wofford.

We had a great run at the end of the season and are really proud of how well our young team played, allowing us to have an appearance in the state tournament," said Byrd coach Molly Cox.



Kevin Niday had a winning season in his first year as William Byrd soccer coach.

# Boys soccer finishes 11-7-1

The William Byrd boys saw their soccer season end one win short of a trip to the Class 3 state tournament. Byrd lost to Magna Vista, 3-0, in the Region 3D semifinal at the Smith River Complex in Martinsville.

With the loss the Terriers finished the season with an 11-7-1 record. Magna

Vista advanced to the state tournament where they lost to Western Albemarle in the quarterfinal round, 4-0. The Terriers graduated eight seniors. Leaving their mark were Marios Arias,

Christian Barrette, Daniel Britts, Steven Hornady, Sergio Leon, Noah Lowe, Aldahir Martinez Garcia, and Ian Sigmon.

"We will be losing some extremely talented players, but we are gaining some as well," said first year head coach Kevin Niday. "The season went well with some ups and downs along the way which are to be expected. We didn't go as far as we had hoped to go but it was still a really good season.

"As far as next year goes, we'll just have to wait and see. My first year was fun but also tough as I had a lot to learn about the behind the scenes responsibilities that are not coaching.'

# RAYSA finals are tonight, RAYBA baseball next week

The Roanoke Area Youth Softball Association(RAYSA) tournaments are being held this week with Roanoke Area Youth Baseball Association(RAYBA) tournaments scheduled to open next week. Vinton all-star teams are represented in both.

The RAYSA tournaments are 10U, 13U and 17U teams and are being held at the James I. Moyer Complex in Salem. All three tournaments were being played at the James I. Moyer Complex in Salem through Wednesday with championship games at Darrell Shell Park in Roanoke County tonight. All three tournaments are double elimination.

In baseball RAYBA tournaments for 10U and 12U all-star teams are next week at Green Hill Park in west Roanoke County. Vinton's 12U all-stars open Monday at 6 pm against Franklin County. The 10U team will open next Tuesday at 6 pm against North Roanoke.

Both baseball tournaments are double elimination with championship games on Saturday, June 21, with "if games"







PHOTOS BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Left to right; Hailynn Henderson pitches for the Vinton 10U all-stars at the Moyer Complex Sunday; Rylee Lutz makes a catch and, above, Arabella Ferguson fields a ground ball at first base.



Byrd's Thalia Green steams around the corner on the third leg of the state 4x100 relay race at Liberty University Saturday.

PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

### WILLIAM BYRD TRACK

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4:08.52. The 4x100 team of Matthews, Perez, Thalia Green and Hamlar was 17th and the 4x800 team of Jadyn St. Clair, Emma Theirry, Lucy Whitenack and Jenna Petersen was 19th.

In the throwing events, Skye Williams was 14th in the discus and 16th in the shot put. Kaelyn Wheeler also competed in the discus.

This wraps up the spring track season. There were 39 girls' teams that scored at least one point in the meet and 41 boys' teams out of over 50 teams competing in the VHSL Class 3 division.

"Coach (Andrew) DeCoster and I and the whole coaching staff would like to thank the William Byrd High School administration and staff for all of the continued support while also thanking the parents and community for the unwavering support and things that they do for the track team during the indoor and outdoor track and field season," said Pannell.



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# Austin's three wins gives Byrd 8th place in state track meet

The Virginia High School League Virginia history." state Class 3 and 4 track meets were held at Liberty University in Lynchburg last week and William Byrd senior DeShawn Austin put on quite a show. Austin won three events to lead the Byrd boys to a tie for eighth place in the Class 3 meet.

Fauquier High School won the Class 3 boys' state championship with 63 points. The Terriers tied for eighth as a team with 30 points, all won by Austin. DeShawn won the 110 high hurdles in 14.59 after running 14.41 in the preliminaries. He won the 300 hurdles in 36.74 and he also won the long jump with a leap of 23' 2.5".

"DeShawn dominated the weekend," said Byrd coach James Pannell. "He won the long jump by a whole foot over the competition and his 300 hurdles time is one of the fastest times in the last 20 years and number eight time in

Landon Martin and Michael Goins also competed in the 110 hurdles and finished 16th and 17th. Greg Stiltner competed in the discus and James Smith ran in the 100 meter dash. Byrd's 4x800 relay team of Colin Mills, Gio Pandolfini, Jack Petersen and Colton Sotherden was 14th.

In the girls' meet Heritage High of Lynchburg won the state with 99 points and Byrd was 15th with 16 points. Grace Onwi had Byrd's best finish with a third in the 400 with a time of 58.11. Grace was also seventh in the 200 meter

Lily Perez took fifth in the long jump, clearing 17'7.5". Lilly was 12th in both the triple jump and the 100 hurdles.

The girls 4x400 meter relay team of Emma Matthews, Perez, Michal Hamlar and Onwi finished fifth with a time of

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Above, Byrd's DeShawn Austin is on his way to a state championship run in the 110 meter hurdles at Liberty University Saturday. It was one of three state championship medals DeShawn won at the meet. Below, Byrd's Lily Perez competes in the state long jump.

# **DeShawn Austin is a "Hidden Gem"**

by Nolan Jez of Milestat.com

William Byrd's DeShawn Austin was a hidden gem until this weekend where he showed out at the Class 3 State Meet. We don't know if any college has signed him yet but someone is going to get lucky with this one.

Ahead of the state meet Austin was a consistent runner and competitor. He had tallied up two state titles in the 55m Hurdles, which is impressive in its own right, but nothing compared to what he's done this season and did at states.

This weekend DeShawn won the long jump, won the 110mH, and then went



into beast mode in the 300mH. In that race he blazed a 36.74 to shatter the previous state meet record by a full second. His time was so fast we were getting texts about it at the Class 6

To put that time in perspective, it is the second fastest time of the last decade and 8th alltime in the state's history.

It is also just .01 seconds slower than Grant Holloway's best time in high school.

Though we like to hyperbolize athletes' meteoric rise as just that, the truth is DeShawn has been putting in the work and

building up to this moment for years.

You can consider him a hidden gem but that gem was made like all gems are, by pressure over years and years. He is the example coaches would point to for what you can become when you buy in, square up, and leave it all out on the

Austin can now officially be considered one of the 10 best 300m hurdlers in Virginia state history.



# Taylor contemplates future of William Byrd baseball

The William Byrd baseball season ended with a loss to Abingdon in the Region 3D tournament. Byrd finished with an 11-12 record while Abingdon is 23-3 and playing in the state Class 3 tournament this weekend. Byrd coach Jason Taylor, who also serves as athletic director, sat down after the season and reflected on his time with the team and the future of William Byrd baseball in regards to a change in policy by the Roanoke County School Board. The following is what Taylor had to say.

There is a lot of talent coming back. I would love to coach but the Roanoke County School Board will not allow me to do both. The AD position pays the

I have no idea when the search will begin. You never know, I may give up the AD position in December and stick around. I will be discussing my options with the new principal(Evan Noell). He is a baseball guy (Glenvar grad, Coastal Baseball) and he was an assistant for me at Hidden Valley and an assistant at Roanoke College. He knows me as a

coach. We will have a lengthy discussion soon.

I will miss the seniors. They played through some tough outside adversity the past two years. They are leaving here with success. I am proud of them.

I had a 5-year plan for coaching, as I do for life, when I took over. One was to return the William Byrd baseball program to what everyone had grown to expect. Margo and I live in this community because of the long-time tradition of Byrd Baseball.

I talked to several ex-coaches and players when I took over to get their perspective. Some people thought that I was trying to change things. I was only trying to get it back to the standards that was once William Byrd baseball. To do that everyone has to be on board; players, parents, community to include rec. and middle school. The middle school has had six head coaches in 10 years and five have been baseball dads. The program starts there.

Coach Tingler has done a wonderful job the past couple of years and others have too, but still there is no continuity. I think the players need to be playing at a high level to compete in the Blue Ridge District and region 3D. That must be early with better competition and skill development. There is a William Byrd baseball camp coming up in June.

This was my fourth year of the plan. There are still a bunch of obstacles for next year as well. Be it me or another coach they still need to plan for the future, not one year. I hope the parents and younger players saw how Auburn and Abingdon carried their prolonged success. Their behavior before, during, and after games (win or lose) by all is just amazing. That is the only way to get the culture back here at William Byrd baseball. Players need to be all in for Byrd baseball, not their travel or other distractions. As Dustin Boothe once said, "Play for the B."

We should have players wearing Byrd gear, carrying Bryd gear, or Byrd colors to the field. Inside of that fence, it should only be Maroon and Orange and Byrd baseball displayed. That starts with discipline and expectations. I did not always do a great job with that all the time due to other reasons. The families need to do it together and get to know each other earlier in life, not senior and junior years. It must be a family and community. Baseball and the other sports need to do a better job of this to have continued success, not just short-term success.

I enjoyed it. I love to coach baseball. I will be on a field somewhere next spring. I would love it to be at William Byrd.

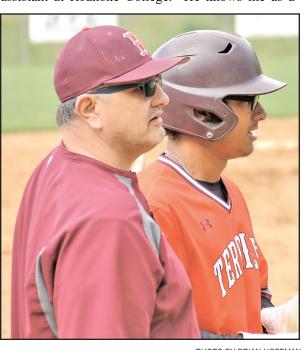


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