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## Miss Virginia competition marks 90 years and a notable increase in scholarships



Emmeline Soyars

Excitement is building as 59 exceptional young women from across the Commonwealth prepare to compete for about \$80,000 in scholarships and the coveted titles of Miss Virginia and Miss Virginia's Teen during the 90th anniversary celebration of the Miss Virginia competition. The event is taking place this week, June 26-28, at the Berglund Center for Performing Arts in Roanoke. The winners will advance to the Miss America and Miss America's Teen competition in Orlando, Florida in September.

Becoming Miss Virginia or Miss Virginia's Teen involves a process including talent, health and fitness, evening wear, an interview with judges involving the Community Service Initiative (CSI) each young woman has developed and an on-stage question to answer. Talent may be a classic performing arts talent or the "HER Story" option—a 90-second personal story shared on-stage.

Hosted by The Miss Virginia Opportunity, Inc., this historic milestone year features 33 Miss Virginia contestants (ages 18-28) and 26 Teen contestants (ages 13-17) and also marks a record-setting year for scholarships awarded.

The Miss Virginia winner receives a \$26,000 scholarship; semi-finalists each receive a \$1,000 scholarship. Miss Virginia's Teen wins \$5,000. Thanks to the generous support of sponsors and the Margaret R. Baker Charitable Foundation, Inc., every Miss contestant will receive a minimum \$400 cash scholarship paid directly to their educational institutions.

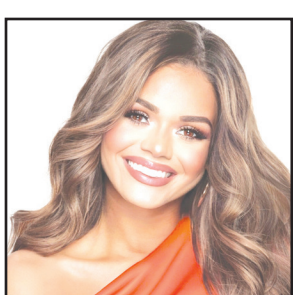
Several tuition scholarships are also available from Hollins University, Shenandoah University, the Edward Via College of



Makenzie Lucas



Abigale Jackson



Savanna Holland

Osteopathic Medicine, the Appalachian College of Pharmacy, Sherman College of Chiropractic and the University of Alabama.

The purpose of the Miss Virginia and Miss Virginia Teen competition is to provide unique opportunities for young women to win financial assistance in the nature of scholarship awards as a means of achieving their education goals and to create and maintain a system of competition which will enhance opportunities and produce role models representing positive American values and to encourage a spirit of volunteerism.

This year's winners will join a distinguished sisterhood of changemakers, advocates, and professionals, including four Miss America titleholders from Virginia: Kylene Barker McNeil (1979), Nicole Johnson (1999), Caressa Cameron Jackson (2010) and Camille Schrier (2020-2021). These remarkable women exemplify the life-changing potential of the Miss Virginia and Miss America scholarships.

Contestants arrived in Roanoke on Monday, June



Breanna Hess



Susanna Shedd



Madison Cruz



Adriana Myles

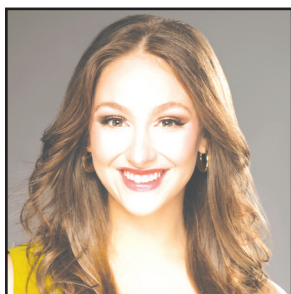
23 for a week of rehearsals and public appearances. Judging began with private interviews on Wednesday and Thursday, to be followed by three nights of onstage competitions:

- Preliminaries: Thursday, June 26 & Friday, June 27
- Finals Night: Saturday, June 28

This year's competition showcases diverse talents, including:

- 22 vocalists performing genres from Broadway to pop
- 16 dancers in styles from Latin ballroom to lyrical and clogging
- Unique acts including trumpet, partner stunts, HER Stories, and a live science experiment

Miss America 2025 Abbie Stockard, of Alabama, and Miss America CEO Robin Fleming will attend the



Kira Sledge



Kelsey Wilson



Karlee Angel



Brielle Phillippe



Madison Marchant

anniversary celebration and these specific events:

- Style Show & Luncheon: Abbie Stockard serves as keynote speaker for the sold-out Margaret R. Baker Charitable Foundation's Style Show at 12 p.m. on Friday, June 27 at the Shenandoah Club. Contestants will model red dresses to support the American Heart Association's "Go Red for Women" initiative, a national scholarship partner.
- Crown Luncheon:



Madison Whitbeck



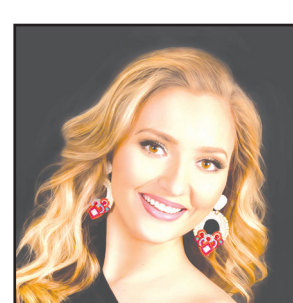
Sophia Motl



Raynah Young



Angel Fink



Alexia Williams

Robin Fleming, the CEO of the Miss America Opportunity, will deliver the keynote address at the Miss Virginia Crown Luncheon, 12 p.m. Saturday, June 28, at Hotel Roanoke. Tickets are still available at [www.missvirginia.org](http://www.missvirginia.org).

Miss Virginia competitors for 2025 include:

- Breanna Hess, Miss Appalachia Mountains, Community Service Initiative (CSI) The Power of Pulse, Talent Lyrical Dance



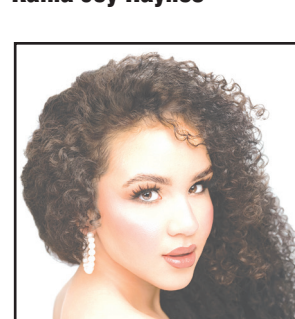
Nivitha Periyapatna



Irelin Ruppel



Raina Joy Haynes



Mary Bellakbira



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Marciana Castillo

• Kira Sledge, Miss Apple Blossom Festival, CSI Bites of Hope, Talent Musical Theatre Vocal

• Madison Whitbeck, Miss Arlington, CSI Arts for All, Talent Musical Theatre Vocal

• Nivitha Periyapatna, Miss Blue Ridge, CSI Own Your Health, Talent Kathak-Fusion Dance

• Abigale Jackson, Miss Cardinal, CSI Pathways to Wellness, Talent Classical

See Miss Virginia, page 9

## Vinton prepares to celebrate another spectacular Fourth of July

The Town of Vinton hosts many special events throughout the year that draw crowds from across the region, but the one that it might be best known for is its Fourth of July Celebration.

This year's event is scheduled from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Friday, July 4, at the Vinton War Memorial. It's free, as always; there is no admission charge.

A patriotic program begins at 6:30 p.m., followed by music and lights from DJ Flex until the fireworks show at 9:30.

Fireworks by Grucci are the highlight of the evening, but the children's activities are also high on the list. Good news — the crowd favorite foam cannon pit will be returning this year. And it's always fun watching



TOWN OF VINTON

# FOURTH OF JULY

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GET GLAZED

MUNSEY'S SMOKE SHACK  
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TINKER MOUNTAIN KETTLE CORN  
TINKER MOUNTAIN SHAVED ICE

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Educational beekeeper Vasilia McCrady (right) discussed all things bees at her Vinton Library presentation on June 23.

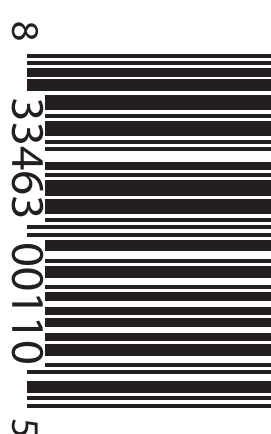
## Why you should love the incredible honey bee

**Debbie Adams**  
[dadams@ourvalley.org](mailto:dadams@ourvalley.org)

The Vinton Library continued its highly entertaining and informational Summer Reading Program on June 23 with "Beekeeping 101 with Heritage Apiary." Enthusiastic educational beekeeper Vasilia McCrady kept an audience ranging from preschoolers to seniors mesmerized

See Bee, page 8

See Fourth, page 8





# Mingle at the Market features the Eric Wayne Band and Karlee Raye

The Mingle at the Market concert series continues this week on Saturday, June 28, once again featuring two bands at the Vinton Farmers' Market.

Karlee Raye will kick off the evening opening for the Eric Wayne band who describe their show as "Country Groovin' songs about that Southern Soul Lifestyle."

Roanoke Roadside Grill will be the food truck on site, serving burgers, subs, and hot dogs, along with "mobile donut bakers" Get Glazed Donuts and Blue Ridge Beverage.

There will be a Kidz Zone sponsored by Vinton Moose Lodge 1121 with a bouncy house and yard games.

The Mingle concerts are sponsored by the Vinton Area Chamber of Commerce. Executive Director Angie Chewning and President Page Stovall were amazed by the great turnout for the first Mingle of the season on June 14.

The gates open at 6:30; the concert gets underway at 7. 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



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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.

The William Byrd High School Terriers football team and coaches are volunteers at each concert, setting up and tearing down. This week Defy Gravity will be volunteering for the 50/50 raffle and ticket sales; Bank of Botetourt will be working the beer garden.

- Vinton Messenger staff report

## Diaper Depot opens at Lynn Haven Baptist, Vacation Bible School starts July 7

### VBS 2025

**JULY 7-11**  
**6:30-8:30**

Children will learn how to be brave with God on their side!

"Here is what I am commanding you to do. Be strong and brave. Do not be afraid. Do not lose hope. I am the Lord your God. I will be with you everywhere you go." *Joshua 1:9*

Lynn Haven Baptist Church  
1501 E Washington Ave  
Vinton, VA

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**\*\*Limit one pack each per visit and must have ID**

GRAPHICS COURTESY OF LYNN HAVEN BAPTIST CHURCH

Lynn Haven Baptist Church in Vinton has opened the "Diaper Depot," a new community service project. Free diapers and wipe packs (limit one wipe pack per visit with ID) are being distributed from the church office on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. Simply stop by the church office and speak to staff.

Lynn Haven Baptist is located at 1501 East Washington Avenue in Vinton. Their mission is "Live for Christ; Love One Another; Lead by Example."

The church also invites the community to join them for Vacation Bible School beginning Monday, July 7 and extending through Friday, July 11, from 6:30 to 8:30 each evening.

This year's theme is "The Castle of Courage; Be Strong and Courageous," based on the scripture found in Joshua 1:9.

"Here is what I am commanding you to do. Be strong and brave. Do not be afraid. Do not lose hope.

I am the Lord your God. I will be with you everywhere you go."

Register for VBS online on their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/LynnHavenBaptist/> or scan the flyer, or call the church office for information on VBS or the Diaper Depot at 540-342-6102.

- Vinton Messenger staff report

## Open Skate – Taylor’s Version – coming up at Lancerlot

The Lancerlot Sports Complex is hosting the ultimate Taylor Swift party experience at the ice rink next weekend. On Sunday, July 6, it will be playing all the best hits from Taylor from noon to 3 p.m. Other activities include a selfie station photo Bbooth, paint your own Taylor Swift canvas with Sad Wilson Art, make a friendship bracelet hosted by Clay & Magnolia, Taylor-inspired sugar cookies by Abbey Road Cookie Co., and Swiftie merchandise from EmmyTu's Boutique.

Virginia's Blue Ridge Figure Skating Club members Kenzie LaVenture and Paige Sykes will be performing Taylor-themed exhibition pieces during the

**OPEN SKATE: TAYLOR'S VERSION**

*Sun July 6<sup>th</sup>*

**ICE RINK 12:00 - 3:00**

FEATURING MUSIC BY: *Taylor Swift*

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FRIENDSHIP BRACELETS

**LANCERLOT SPORTS COMPLEX**

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## Vinton Town Council July 1 meeting cancelled

As there are no essential items to come before council, the regularly scheduled meeting of the Vinton Town Council on Tuesday, July 1, has been cancelled. The next regular meeting will be on Tuesday, July 15.

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## OBITUARY

### Hurst, G. Linden “Lynn”

December 6, 1959 – June 13, 2025

Gerald Linden “Lynn” Hurst, 65, of Roanoke, passed away unexpectedly on Friday, June 13, 2025.

Lynn was born on December 6, 1959, in Alexandria, Va., but lived most of his life in Roanoke. He spent many years working in advertising at local newspapers, including The Roanoke Times, the Bedford Bulletin, The Vinton Messenger, and, most recently, The Fincastle Herald and Salem Times Register as General and Advertising Manager.

He loved riding his motorcycle in the mountains, fishing on Smith Mountain Lake in his boat, the taste of an ice-cold Coors Light, and, above all, his family.

He was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, Linden and Ruth Hurst of Pearisburg, Va.; his maternal grandparents, Edd Thomas and Viola Virginia Fuller of Speedway, W.Va.; his beloved mother, Patsy Hurst Neely of Roanoke; and his special companion, Beanie.

He is survived by his wife, Faye Hurst of Roanoke; daughter, Allison Hurst (Giulio) of Chicago, Ill.; Wayne Hurst (Peggy) of Haymarket, Va.; brothers, Tim Hurst of Roanoke, Christopher Hurst (Jennifer) of Haymarket, Va., and Thomas Hurst of Mt. Pleasant, S.C.; his close friend, David Marshall of Lignum, Va.; and many dear cousins.

A visitation was held from 2 to 4 p.m. on Thursday, June 19, 2025, and the funeral took place at 10 a.m. on Friday, June 20, 2025, both at Oakey's Vinton Chapel. Burial followed in Old Dominion Memorial Gardens on Cloverdale Road. Condolences may be shared with his family at [www.Oakeys.com](http://www.Oakeys.com).

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## CORRECTION:

Seventh grader Marie Guyer earned a place on the All A Honor Roll at William Byrd Middle School for the fourth nine weeks. Her name was mistakenly printed as Marie Buyer in the June 12 Vinton Messenger.



Beyond Books

By Vinton Library Assistant Molly Meador

There’s one more month left of Summer Reading with the Roanoke County Public Library.

Thanks to all who have signed up for our reading challenge and participated in our summer programs so far. We’re not done yet; read on to see what other fun things we’ve got planned in July.

Summer Reading continues through August 2, and we’ll be continuing our tradition of closing out the summer with a bang – a visit from Kona Ice on Thursday, July 31 from 2-4 p.m. They’ll be in our parking lot with a sweet treat for everyone while supplies last.

Come to our Ceramic Painting for Adults\* program on Wednesday, July 2 from 2:30-4:30 p.m. and learn all about “bisque & pottery,” from what glazes are made of to the chemistry involved in the firing process while having fun painting your own bisque plate. Pottery and glazes are provided by Glazed Bisque-It. You will be notified when your art is ready for pick up.

Creations and Temptations\* will be on Saturday, July 19 from 3-4 p.m. This month we’re celebrating picnics. Paint your own little watermelons and ants to go in a cute travel-sized Tic-Tac-Toe set.

July’s Game Night\* will be on Monday, July 14 from 5:30-7:30 p.m.; come to compete against others in a race to see who can finish a jigsaw puzzle the fastest.

Is the never-ending TBR book list in your head getting out of hand? Having trouble remembering whether or not you’ve read a book before? Come learn about some popular Online Book Logging\* services you can use to keep track of it all on Monday, July 7 from 3-4 p.m.

Once you’ve got that all organized and you want to read some e-books or listen to audiobooks from your list on your Android device or computer, come and learn about using Libby for Android\* on Thursday, July 17 from 2:30-3:30 p.m.

Don’t forget 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:

- July 4- Library Closed for Holiday
- July 11- Read and Recommend Book Club
- July 18- East and West (Constantinople and Rome)
- July 25- Music Bingo

For July, the Vinton Book Club\* will have a “read and recommend” style meeting to chat about what books they’ve been loving lately on Thursday, July 3 from 3-4 p.m. The As the Page Turns Book Club \* will discuss “After Anne” by Anna Quindlen on Wednesday, July 9 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.

- DMV Connect will be here Thursday, July 3, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. (closed from 12:30-1:30 for lunch)
- The Vinton Writers Group\* meets on Thursday, July 24 from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Teens can come Create with Clay\* on Tuesday, July 1 from 5:30-7 p.m. We’ll sculpt and shape a clay slab into a trinket tray for your most prized possessions. Artists of all skill levels welcome and all supplies are provided.

Keep your artistic juices flowing by making some Blackout Poetry\* on Monday, July 21, from 5-6 p.m. Experiment with erasure poetry and work your creative writing muscles by crafting blackout poems on pages from old books, magazines, newspapers, and more.

We’ll have a Making Friends Book Club\* on Friday, July 11 from 3-4 p.m. Kids will discuss the graphic novel “Making Friends” by Kristen Gudsnuik, and enjoy activities and crafts based on the book (ideal for ages 8-11).

On Friday, July 25, from 1:30-2:30 p.m., local children’s museum Kids Square\* will be here to present some STEM-related activities for your little ones.

On Monday, July 21 from 2-3 p.m. we’ll have a special performance by the Mill Mountain Theatre\*. Experience the magic of “The Rainbow Fish,” a vibrant adaptation of Marcus Pfister’s beloved story. This heartwarming musical brings dazzling underwater characters and the tale of friendship and sharing to life for young audiences.

Art Aficionado\* will meet this month on Wednesday, July 23, from 4-5 p.m. to learn about the artist Giuseppe Arcimboldo and make their own art project using him as inspiration (ideal for ages 6-11).

On Monday, July 28 from 2-3 p.m. we’ll have Ceramic Painting for Kids\* with Glazed Bisque-It, where kids aged 6-11 can also learn about the process and paint their own bisque figurine.

Our summer storytime session continues this month through July 23. 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, July 3, from 3-4 and Tuesday, July 8 from 5-6 p.m.
- Caturday\* is on Saturday, July 12 with 15-minute slots between 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](http://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 the calendar on the website to register. \*



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## New Sheetz opening in Roanoke

Sheetz, a major Mid-Atlantic restaurant and convenience chain, will officially open its new store located at 1783 Blue Ridge Boulevard, Roanoke, on Thursday, June 26.

The grand opening festivities will begin outside the store at 9 a.m. with multiple prizes awarded, including a grand prize giveaway of free Sheetz for a Year. The store’s official ribbon-cutting ceremony is set for 10:45 a.m. This new location, which opens to the public at 9 a.m., will also welcome customers by offering free self-serve coffee and soda for the entire grand opening day.

Led by a mission to take care of people, Sheetz is committed to the communities it serves. In honor of this grand opening, Sheetz will donate \$2,500 to Feeding Southwest Virginia, an organization that provides food for neighbors across 26 counties and nine cities in the Southwest Virginia region. Customers attending the grand opening are encouraged to donate a non-perishable food item to the nonprofit. Those who donate will receive a Sheetz branded thermal bag, limit one per customer while supplies last from 9-11 a.m.

Sheetz will also make a donation of \$2,500 to the Special Olympics of Virginia.

A proud supporter of the Special Olympics for over 30 years, Sheetz extends its support to the organization through product donations and event volunteers.

Ranking second in the latest Best Workplaces in Retail list by Fortune, this location will employ approximately 30 individuals. In April, Sheetz was also named to Fortune’s 100 Best Companies to Work For®, marking the 10th straight year Sheetz has been named to this prestigious workplace list. Sheetz was the only convenience chain included on this year’s list.

Named a Best Regional Fast Food Chain by USA TODAY’s 10 Best Readers’ Choice travel awards, Sheetz will offer its award-winning Made-to-Order (MTO) menu at this location where customers can order any of Sheetz’s customized specialty drinks or food items around the clock, including breakfast all day, subs, sandwiches, pizza, chicken, salads, cold brew, milkshakes, smoothies and more.

Sheetz operates 770+ store locations across Pennsylvania, North Carolina, Michigan, Virginia, West Virginia, Ohio and Maryland, with all locations open 24/7, 365 days a year.

- Vinton Messenger staff report

## PEOPLE, PLACES AND THINGS

By Angie Chewning

Congratulations to our Vinton teams!



**Champions 10U Vinton Marlins:** Max Amos, Colton Artrip, Lennox Braxton, Maverick Braxton, Carter Breedon, Malaki Dunbar, John Landry Gray, Cason Grubb, Micah Palmer, Charles Phillips, Gunner Shepherd, Ryan Taylor, Ryan Tickle, Landon Wilson; Coaches: Austin Radford, Robert Shepherd, Jeremy Phillips



**Runners-up 10U Vinton Orioles:** Larry Aremia, Wyatt Duncan, Emmett Erickson, Silas Geroe, Mayson Hazlewood, Wyatt Hommel, Cannon Jones, Michael McGann, Levrett Miller, Myles Price, Grant Savignac, Logan Smith, Lucas Wendell; Coaches: Lincoln Miller, Nick Jones, Cory Wendell, Eric Erickson



**Champions 12U Vinton Brewers:** Noah Alderman, Triston Conley, Dalton Damiano, Kyle Martin, Sylar Nute, Espen Parton, Trey Simpson, Jaxon Smith, Jude Trent, Jace Weddle, Jacoby Weddle, Graham Wooge, Austin Wright; Coaches: Jake Nute, Jacob Weddle, Adam Wright, Grey Smith, Matt Trent, Mike Damiano



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**Runner up 12u Vinton White Sox:** Angel Alatorre, Nicholas Alatorre, Peyton Brooks, Landon Clinebell, Owen Gibson, Carrington Gill, Croix Gill, Ja’Lyn Harrison, Nathaniel Hayslett, Hunter Henritze, Ethan Holland, Hayden McClure; Coaches: Chris Holland, Ben Gibson, Derick McClure, Jeffery Clinebell, David Gill

## CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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- Jailhouse
- Expresses surprise
- Trigraph
- A small stream
- Dissimilar
- Promote
- Gives a boost
- Lawmaker
- Orthodox Jews
- Actor Harris
- Wild cherry
- Participate in democracy
- Opposite of begins
- A Brit's mother
- Set of moral principles

### CLUES DOWN

- St. Francis of \_\_\_
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### CLUES DOWN

- What drives you
- N. Vietnamese ethnic group
- Gold coin used in British India
- Have deep affection for
- Ponds
- Breaks between words
- Hairstyle
- Print errors
- Family of iron alloys
- Sidelined in bed
- Many couples say it
- Brazilian hoopster
- Allman Brothers late frontman
- German city
- One hundred grams (abbr.)
- One billionth of a second (abbr.)





# Remembering Vinton

## Fifty years ago in June 1975

with the Vinton Historical Society

Debbie Adams  
dadams@ourvalley.org

June 1975 was an eventful month for Vinton, especially the graduates of William Byrd High School. Graduation ceremonies for the Class of 1975 were held on June 10 at the Roanoke Civic Center for the approximately 275 students finishing their high school careers. The three valedictorians with the highest averages, Janet Conner, Carolyn Gross, and Jan Jones, and the one salutatorian, Linda Marks, led the procession.

WBHS had been the site days before of tornado-like winds and torrential rains causing some \$20,000 in damage. There was also an estimated \$5,000 in damages to Vinton streets, storm drains, and sewers.

Principal Bob Patterson noted that one corner of the high school's roof was lifted, slammed into an interior corner and then the winds passed to a single tree on Route 24. A garbage can was sucked up at the rear of the school and then deposited 700 yards away on the highway. Exterior bricks were displaced. At least 12 classrooms suffered damage from the water following the winds on Saturday, but classes were held as normal on Monday. Several traffic accidents were caused by the tornadic winds and downpour. Junior and Senior Rescue Squad members along with the Vinton Fire Department and 80 volunteers responded to remove debris.

Earlier that week, seniors had been presented with scholarships and awards at the annual banquet. The most prestigious awards – Best All-Around Girl and Best All-Around Boy – went to Donna Montgomery and Randy Whitmer.

The faculty and staff at WBHS held a luncheon in honor of Patterson completing his 10th year as principal of William Byrd.

Hildrey Pollard, who had served the Vinton District on the School Board for 10 years, announced that he would not accept re-appointment. There is a time in life, “when you feel like you have given all you can give.” Edwin Heptinstall was named to replace him.

Also in June 2025, Roanoke County began preserving records and documents on microfilm.

The Vinton Library Summer Reading program kicked off on June 10; staff planned several special events during June, July, and August – a pet show, Bat Cave, snake show, magician, “Big Foot Returns,” a Fun House, a puppet show, a horse show, and a bike rodeo.

Four teachers from Roland E. Cook Elementary were named as “Outstanding Elementary Teachers of America”: Sally Glenn Tyler, Betty Dollman Hall, Donna Milam Hard, and Judith Collier.

The Band Boosters were sponsoring a “William Byrd



A possible tornado damaged William Byrd High School in June 1975. This photo shows classroom water damage.



Roof damage at the high school from the tornado-like winds in June 1975. PHOTOS COURTESY OF VINTON HISTORY MUSEUM

Band Day” at Lakeside Amusement Park in June to raise money for the marching band.

School news in June 1975 also included the combined carpentry classes at the Roanoke County Pre-vocational School in Vinton building a construction shed at St. Timothy's Lutheran Church as a class project.

Vinton's continuing traffic headache – the intersection of Washington Avenue and Pollard Street – was the subject of a conference with VDOT, Vinton town officials, and Salem Highway District officials. The meeting was requested by Vinton.

Council was seeking a way to speed the flow of traffic through the intersection, hindered at times by westbound turn lanes off Washington onto Pollard. Businessmen were concerned that making changes to the intersection would have a negative impact on their businesses.

A private consultant recommended against installing a leading green light because of the “current condition of traffic signals.”

One suggestion was that the town set up a “no left turn” indicator for westbound Washington motorists,

but businessmen on Pollard said that change would create such an inconvenience for motorists trying to reach their businesses that they might start shopping elsewhere.

Several alternatives were discussed:

- Creating two eastbound lanes on Washington coming off the bridge into the Pollard intersection. The right hand turn would be for right turns only.
- Installing a traffic sign under the traffic signal telling motorists in the right-hand lane they could turn right on red if the way is clear.
- Stationing a traffic officer a block or two east of the Pollard Street intersection on Washington.
- Consider the delayed green light again.
- Consider the possibility of forbidding left turns onto Pollard from just 3 to 5 p.m.

Carl Mann, manager of Lotz Funeral Home, was named “Vinton Father of the Year” by the Vinton Chamber of Commerce.

His son, Carl Jr., wrote a letter of nomination which

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## Open Skate

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skating session. Those who are interested in becoming involved in figure skating can stop by the club's table for more information and chat with the Lancerlot's Figure Skating Director Meghan

Noga. The Theatre on Ice program will be performing at The Lot in August.

Since this is open skate, you do not need to be a Lancerlot member to participate. Dress

warmly. There is a minimal charge for skating and skate rental.

- Submitted by Jes Curtin

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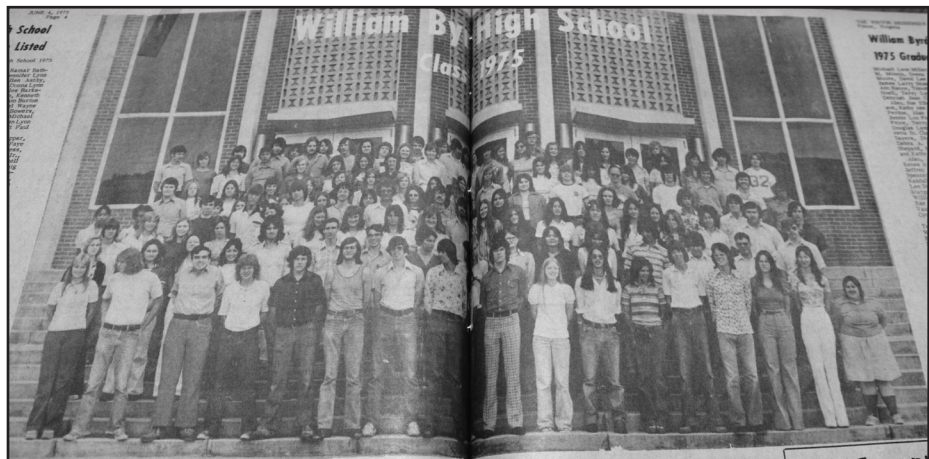
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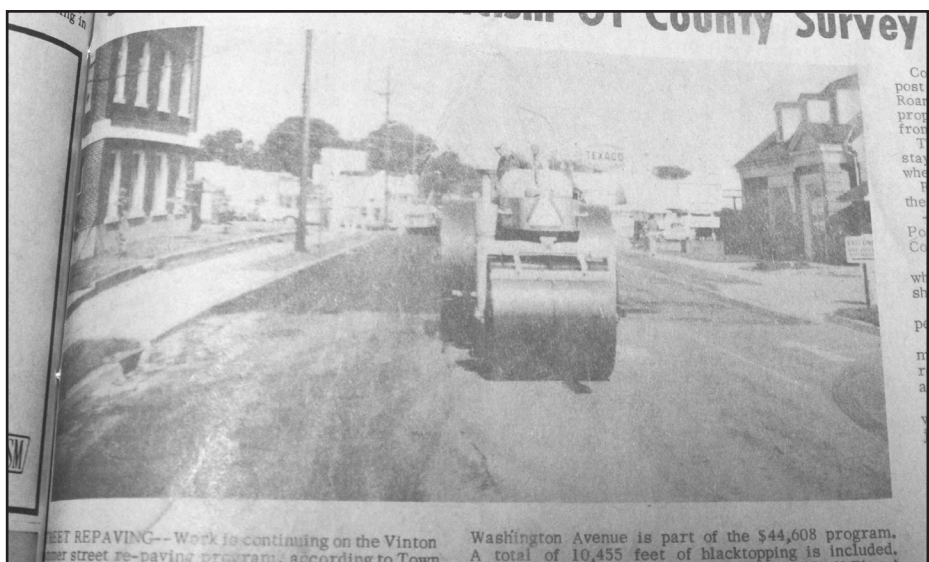
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The William Byrd Class of 1975



Carl Mann named Father of the Year by the Vinton Chamber in 1975.



Washington Avenue paved as part of the 1975 paving program.

said, in part, “My dad works long hours, 7 days a week. Even though he is gone a lot and is always very busy, he always finds time for my little sister and I. Sometimes he has to work at night, but he always comes home to eat dinner and to hear what we did during the day. Anytime Dad is off from work, he spends all this time with us. My dad lets me bring my friends to our house anytime. He likes all of my friends (my dad likes all kids). If he hears of a kid whose parents have split up, or has died, he really worries about it a lot. My dad goes to church when he can. Dad belongs to several clubs, but his favorite is the Lions Club. Dad can remove eyes. He will go to do his work anytime the phone rings. He says that maybe the eye he removes may help someone else to see. My dad helps me on my paper route on Sunday morning or any other time I ask him. We always talk a lot. One thing he says real often is that it isn’t money or power that makes a man, but character. I know my dad is of good character and he tries his best to make me understand how important good character is. Well, my dad is one heck of a good guy, and I would really like for him to be named Father of the Year.”

Vinton Mayor Gus Nicks was selected as “Roanoke Valley Father of the Year for Civic Affairs.”

Nicks was also in the news for encouraging the Roanoke County Board

of Supervisors to build the new Roanoke County Courthouse, administration center, and jail in Vinton and to “stop investing their money in Salem,” which was no longer part of the county after an annexation trial. He also advocated making Vinton the county seat. Discussion was underway among council members about building a new post office.

Thirty-two contestants from different states were vying for the National Little Miss title at WBHS on June 25.

Vinton announced the paving program plans for the year. The cost would be \$44,608 for 10,450 linear feet of blacktop, including Washington Avenue.

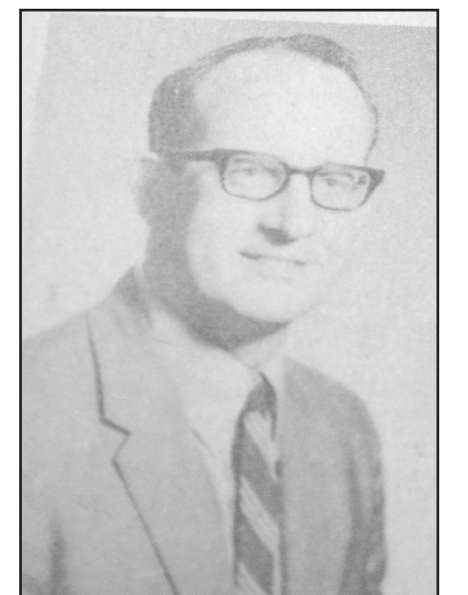
The Vinton budget for the upcoming fiscal year was set at \$1.4+ million as wage projections had not yet been accepted by council.

Police were investigating the theft of seven watches from G.C. Murphy at Lake Drive Plaza. They were valued at \$167.72.

Two men were seriously burned in an electrical flash fire involving electrical equipment at the Vinton Weaving Mill.

Thrasher Memorial United Methodist Church was installing a new pipe organ (the only pipe organ in the area) to replace the one installed in 1927.

And General Assembly 6th District representative Caldwell Butler urged the House Judiciary Committee to restore the full rights of citizenship to Civil War General Robert E. Lee.



Bob Patterson honored by his faculty for 10 years as the principal at WBHS.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF VINTON HISTORY MUSEUM  
Hildrey Pollard retired from his position representing Vinton on the School Board.

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

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

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Avoid the Mistakes

Read Judges 7:1 through 8:35

Does the following scenario point to any common details in people’s lives?

Do people often pray hard and study Scripture in order to seek God’s provision when struggling financially? Do these same people attend church weekly and ask other believers to pray for their needs. As their accounts increase to a comfortable amount, do they begin getting an early start on their workdays to put in more hours at the office. Do they cut back on prayer and Bible study.

Gideon made the gold into an ephod, which he placed in Ophrah, his town. All Israel prostituted themselves by worshiping it there, and it became a snare to Gideon and his family (Judges 8:27).

Gideon, as a young and inexperienced warrior, was called by God to engage a vast invading army. Gideon’s life had been tough, and his circumstances forced him to draw close to God. But, with the enemy’s defeat and the rich spoils of the battle, Gideon misused his blessing.

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Quicklook: Judges 8:22–27

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**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, Pas-

tor, Rev. Dr. James B. Davis (540) 342- 1715, Worship 11:00am, sttimothy1201@verizon.net.

**NAZARENE**  
**FIRST CHURCH OF NAZARENE**, 728 Highland Ave., SE, Roanoke, Virginia. 342-4003. Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 a.m., Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Wednesday Night Bible Study 7 p.m.

**PRESBYTERIAN**  
**CAMPBELL MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**, 1130 Hardy Rd, Vinton, VA, 540-343-1842; cmpe2verizon.net Sunday school 9:45am, Worship 11:00am; Communion 1st Su.ndays; 2nd Sunday Session; Monday Noon Bible Study; Tues-

days & Thursdays Stretch Class 9:00am; 1st Tuesdays Deacons; Wednesday Choir 7:00pm; Monday Girl Scouts 7:00pm; 3rd Saturday Men’s Breakfast 8:00am. Rev. Jonathan Moelker, pastor

**UNITED METHODIST**  
**THREE OAKS FELLOWSHIP UNITED METHODIST CHURCH** - 1026 Gravel Hill Road, Vinton, Va. 540-512-8070. Pastor: Rev. Dr. Rob Colwell. Sunday School - 9:45 a.m., Worship 11 a.m.

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Auction date June 26th 2025, at 10:00 A.M.  
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Legals - Botetourt County

**Order of Publication**  
Case No. **CL16-916-01**  
VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF BOTETOURT  
*In re: Abigail Rose Bryant* (DOB: 02/19/2015)  
**ORDER FOR PUBLICATION**  
This Day came Christopher M. Di Risio, counsel for the Intervenor, Andrew Vandegrift and James Tracy, and filed a Motion for Order of Publication, and a hearing shall be held in this Court, 205 North Roanoke Street, Fincastle, Virginia 24090 on October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 1:00 PM, or as soon thereafter as they may be heard.  
NOW, THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY ADJUDGED, ORDERED, AND DECREED, that Phillip Eric Bryant appear at the hearing and be heard as to why the Motion to Intervene,

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Motion for Appointment of Guardian ad Litem, or Motion to Amend Custody of the minor child, should not be granted. Failure to appear shall waive any objection to the heretofore mentioned Motions. THE CLERK OF COURT IS DIRECTED to send a certified copy of this Order to the Fincastle Herald, to P.O. Box 127, Fincastle, Virginia 24090 to be published once per week for four consecutive weeks, to be posted at the front door of the Courthouse, and a copy mailed to counsel, and the parties to the matter at their respective address of record.  
This cause is continued on the docket of this Court. Entered this 17<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2025.  
Honorable Joel R. Branscom, Judge  
  
I ASK FOR THIS:  
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Roanoke, Virginia 24015  
[chris@jamessteelelaw.com](mailto:chris@jamessteelelaw.com)  
Tel. (540) 339-7775  
Fax: (540)492-4244  
*Counsel for Intervenor*

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 1572 Little Catawba Creek, Troutville, VA 24175

In execution of a Deed of Trust in the original principal amount of \$146,818.00 dated May 25, 2021 recorded among the land records of the Circuit Court for Botetourt County on May 26, 2021 as Instrument Number: 210002890, the undersigned appointed Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction, at the Main entrance of the courthouse for the Circuit Court of Botetourt County, 1 W Main St, Fincastle, VA 24090 on July 28, 2025 at 3:30 PM the property described in said deed of trust, located at the above address and briefly described as: Being Lot No. 3, according to the Map of Duffield Estates, made by Charles R. McMurray, C.L.S., dated September 10, 1980, and recorded in Plat Book 10, Page 75.

Tax/Parcel ID#: 85A(1)3  
Tax ID: 25649.  
TERMS OF SALE: A bidder's deposit of \$10,000.00 or 10% of the sale price, whichever is lower, will be required in the form of a certified or cashier's check. Cash will not be accepted as a deposit. Settlement within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Trustee may forfeit deposit. Additional terms to be announced at sale. This is a communication from a debt collector. This notice is an attempt to collect on a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. (Trustee # 25-005509)  
Substitute Trustee: ALG Trustee, LLC C/O Orland Law Group PLLC PO Box 2548, Leesburg, VA 20177 (703) 777-7101 website: [www.Orland.com](http://www.Orland.com)  
The Vendor auction.com will be used in conjunction with this sale. Potential Bidders: For sale information, please visit [www.Auction.com](http://www.Auction.com) or call (800) 280-2832.

Legals - Craig County

**VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CRAIG COUNTY**  
JOHN N. SPICER, TRUSTEE, *Plaintiff*  
v.  
BRIAN VAVALA and CHELSEA RICK and JOSEPH S. HILL, AUDREY E. HILL, *Defendants.*  
**Case No. CL 25-112**  
**ORDER OF PUBLICATION**  
The object of this suit is to finalize accounting for Foreclosure Sale Property known as 2288 Northside Road, Newport, Virginia, in Craig County, Virginia, also referred to as Lot Number Three (3), containing 29.204 acres and designated as Tax Map Number 115-A 17C, cannot conveniently be made as Defendant, Brian Vavala, has not been seen nor heard from, and whose whereabouts are unknown to all of the parties hereto, and that the best interests of all interested parties would be promoted by the surplus of funds due to Defendant,

Legals - Craig County

Brian Vavala, be deposited with the Circuit Court of Craig County, Virginia and move forward with the Final Accounting of Foreclose Sale.  
An affidavit having been made and signed that Brian Vavala, is an individual whose last known address and whereabouts are unknown, it is hereby **ORDERED**, that the said party appear on or before July 21, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. and do whatever is necessary to protect his interest for his surplus funds.  
It is further **ORDERED** that this Order of Publication be published once a week for four (4) consecutive weeks in *The New Castle Record*, a newspaper of general circulation in the County of Craig.  
ENTERED THIS 5th DAY OF June, 2025  
Judge  
I ask for this:  
John N. Spicer (VSB # 68845)  
SPICER, OLIN & ASSOCIATES, P.C.  
504 South Main Street  
Blacksburg, VA 24060  
Phone: (540) 552-0007  
Fax: (540) 951-5139  
E-mail: [j.spicer@spicerlawfirm.com](mailto:j.spicer@spicerlawfirm.com)  
*Plaintiff*

Legals - City of Salem

**Order of Publication**  
Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code§§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316-317, 20-104  
**Case No. CL25-750**  
VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF ROANOKE  
COUNTY OF ROANOKE, VIRGINIA, Complainant, vs. LAURA S. MARTIN, *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. 055.04-02-12.00-0000.  
An affidavit having been made and filed that diligence has been used without effect to ascertain the location of Laura S. Martin and that there are or may be persons with an interest in the subject property, including heirs, devisees, and successors in title of Laura S. Martin, 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 two successive weeks 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 11<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2025.  
Honorable James R. Swanson, Judge  
I ASK FOR THIS:  
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Fax (540)772-0126  
Email [mkidd@opnlaw.com](mailto:mkidd@opnlaw.com)  
*Counsel for Complainant*

**Order of Publication**  
**Commonwealth of Virginia**  
VA Code§§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316-317, 20-104  
Case No. CL25000749  
VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF ROANOKE  
COUNTY OF ROANOKE, VIRGINIA, Complainant, vs. W. PHILLIP OBENSHAIN, *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. 038.16-01-08.0000.  
An affidavit having been made and filed that diligence has been used without effect to ascertain the location of W. Phillip Obenshain and that there are or may be persons with an interest in the subject property, including heirs, devisees, and successors in title of W. Phillip Obenshain,

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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 two successive weeks 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 11th day of June, 2025.  
Honorable James R. Swanson, Judge  
I ASK FOR THIS:  
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Fax (540)772-0126  
Email [mkidd@opnlaw.com](mailto:mkidd@opnlaw.com)  
Counsel for Complainant

Legals - Montgomery County

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE TOWN OF CHRISTIANSBURG TOWN COUNCIL

The Town of Christiansburg Town Council will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, July 8, 2025, at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers of the Christiansburg Town Hall, 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, Virginia 24073. The purpose of the public hearing is to receive public comments concerning:  
A. Conditional Use Permit request by 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 of 1.008 acres. The property is designated as Business/Commercial on the Future Land Use Map of the 2013 Christiansburg Comprehensive Plan. A copy of the applications, the Town's Zoning Map, Zoning Ordinance, and Future Land Use Map may be viewed in the Planning Department Office, 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, VA 24073 during normal office hours of 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.  
Contact Retta Jackson, Planning Director, at (540) 382-6128, ext. 1120 or by email at [rjackson@christiansburg.org](mailto:rjackson@christiansburg.org) g, with any questions or if you require reasonable accommodations.

**Order of Publication**  
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 v.  
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 placement in foster care.

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  
Amie Blankenship, clerk

Legals - Montgomery County

**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 v.  
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 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 without good cause to remedy the circumstances that led to the child's placement in foster care.

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  
Amie Blankenship, clerk

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 PARTICULARLY 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 Graysontown Road, Radford, VA 24141  
SALE WILL BE MADE SUBJECT TO ALL EXISTING EASEMENTS AND RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS AS THE SAME MAY LAWFULLY AFFECT THE REAL ESTATE.  
TERMS OF SALE: CERTIFIED FUNDS OR 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

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DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.  
PLACE OF SALE: FRONT OF THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY COURTHOUSE, LOCATED AT 55 EAST MAIN STREET, CHRISTIANSBURG, VA. DATE OF SALE: JUNE 30, 2025  
TIME OF SALE:10:00 AM  
  
By: Daniel D. Hamrick, Agent  
FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:  
Daniel D. Hamrick, Agent for Daniel D. Hamrick, P.C., Trustee  
104 South Franklin Street  
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TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 390 RAGAN DRIVE, CHRISTIANSBURG, VA 24073.

In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated December 18, 2002, in the original principal amount of \$51,000.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Montgomery County, Virginia as Instrument No. 2002018287. The undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the front of the Circuit Court building for Montgomery County, 55 East Main Street, Christiansburg, Virginia, or any such temporary alternative Circuit Court location designated by the Judges of the Circuit Court, on July 23, 2025, at 12:45 PM, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows: ALL THAT CERTAIN LOT OR PARCEL OF LAND, WITH IMPROVEMENTS THEREON AND APPURTENANCES THEREUNTO, LYING AND BEING SITUATED IN THE TOWN OF CHRISTIANSBURG, RINER MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VIRGINIA AND FURTHER DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: ALL OF LOT THIRTY-NINE (39), AS SHOWN ON THE MAP OF RAGAN HEIGHTS PREPARED BY HARRY A. WALL, S.C.E., DATED APRIL 30, 1955, AND RECORDED IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VIRGINIA IN DEED BOOK 193, PAGE 35. TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder's deposit of ten percent (10%) of the sale price or ten percent (10%) of the original principal balance of the subject Deed of Trust, whichever is lower, in the form of cash or certified funds payable to the Substitute Trustee must be present at the time of the sale. The balance of the purchase price will be due within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Purchaser's deposit may be forfeited to Trustee. Time is of the essence. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser may, if provided by the terms of the Trustee's Memorandum of Foreclosure Sale, be entitled to a \$50 cancellation fee from the Substitute Trustee, but shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. A form copy of the Trustee's memorandum of foreclosure sale and contract to purchase real property is available for viewing at [www.bwwsales.com](http://www.bwwsales.com). Additional terms, if any, to be announced at the sale and the Purchaser may be given the option to execute the contract of sale electronically. This is a communication from a debt collector and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. The sale is subject to seller confirmation. Substitute Trustee: Equity Trustees, LLC, 8100 Three Chopt Road, Suite 240, Richmond, VA 23229. For more information contact: BWW Law Group, LLC, attorneys for Equity Trustees, LLC, 6003 Executive Blvd, Suite 101, Rockville, MD 20852, 301-961-6555, website: [www.bwwsales.com](http://www.bwwsales.com). VA-376668-1.

Legals - City of Radford

**Public Notice is hereby given that pursuant to VA State Code 15.2-1719 Radford City Police Department** is advertising a list of found and unclaimed property which is currently being stored in our evidence room. If you have lost property and it matches the descriptions below, please call (540)731-3624 to identify and claim your property.  
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Legals - City of Salem

Salem VA Planning Commission

Notice is hereby given to all interested persons that the City of Salem Planning Commission, at its regular meeting on July 16, 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:

1. Consider the request of J Cline Properties LLC, property owner, to rezone the property located at 106-110 Butt Hollow Road (Tax Map #174-1-7) from BCD Business Commerce District to LM Light Manufacturing District with proffered conditions and to request the issuance of a Special Exception Permit to allow athletic instruction services.
2. Consider the request of McJohn Investments LLC, property owner, for the issuance of a Special Exception Permit to allow a telecommunications tower on the property located at 319 Rowan Street (Tax Map #232-1-1).
3. Consider the request of Brad Graham Real Estate LLC, contract purchaser, to rezone the property located at 638 Dalewood Avenue (Tax Map #33-2-3) from AG Agricultural District to RSF Residential Single-Family District and to request the issuance of a Special Exception Permit for 638, 672 and 696 Dalewood Avenue (Tax Map #s 33-2-3, 33-2-2 and 33-2-1) to allow their inclusion in the Cluster Housing Overlay.
4. Consider the request of ABoone Real Estate Inc., contract purchaser, to rezone the property located at 1002 Newman Drive (Tax Map #58-1-1) from LM Light Manufacturing District with proffered conditions to RMF Residential Multi-Family District.

Copies of the proposed plans, ordinances or amendments may be examined in the Office of Community Development, 21 South Bruffey Street, Salem, Virginia. At said hearing, parties in interest and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard relative to the said requests. THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA BY: Christopher J. Dorsey Executive Secretary

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**Legals -  
City of Salem**

**NOTICE OF  
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Notice is hereby given to all interested persons that the Council of the City of Salem, at its regular meeting on Monday, July 14, 2025, at 6:30 p.m., in Council Chambers, City Hall, 114. N. Broad Street, in the City of Salem, Virginia, will hold a public hearing, pursuant to Sections 15.2-2204 and 15.2-2285 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, to consider the following requests relative to the CODE OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA: 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 COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA BY:  
H. Robert Light  
Clerk of Council

**Legals -  
Craig County**

**VIRGINIA:  
IN THE CIRCUIT  
COURT OF CRAIG  
COUNTY**

**IN RE: ESTATE OF  
DALLAS LEE  
FISHER, JR.,  
DECEASED  
NOTICE**

Having been requested to do so by Lindsey A. Coley, Esq. on behalf of the administrator of the estate of Dallas Lee Fisher, Jr., Deceased, and in accordance with Section 64.2-550 of the

**Legals -  
Craig County**

1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, all creditors of Dallas Lee Fisher, Jr., and all persons in any way interested in his estate are hereby notified that I have fixed the 23rd day of July, 2025 at 10 o'clock a.m., at my office at 13 South Roanoke Street, Fincastle, Virginia as the time and place for determining an account of the debts and demands against said Dallas Lee Fisher, Jr., or his estate, the priorities among them, and the names of the persons to whom they are due.

All creditors of Dallas Lee Fisher, Jr., deceased, and persons interested in his estate should appear at the time and place named, or any other time or place to which the proceedings may be adjourned, and protect their interest.

Given under my hand this the 16th day of June, 2025.

Malcolm McL. Doubles  
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Montgomery County**

**Order of  
Publication**

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1, 8.01-316, -317, 20-104**  
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**ADDRESS OF COURT**  
**Commonwealth of  
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DAVID PRINE v.  
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# RECIPES OF THE WEEK

# Chocolate Pound Cake



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Here’s our family recipe for Chocolate Pound Cake. Delicious.

### Ingredients:

- 2 sticks margarine or butter
- 1/2 cup shortening
- 3 cups sugar
- 5 eggs
- 3 cups plain flour
- 1 cup milk
- 1/2 tsp. baking powder
- 1/4 tsp. salt
- 1-2 tsp. vanilla
- 6 Tbsp. Cocoa

Preheat oven to 325°. Grease and flour tube pan. Sift together dry ingredients. Cream sugar and shortenings. Add eggs one at a time, mixing well after each addition. Alternately add milk and dry ingredients. Pour into tube pan. Bake for one hour and 15 minutes. Let cool for 10 minutes. Invert cake onto serving plate and remove from pan. Let cool completely.

## Bees

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with her presentation on the incredible honeybee.

She raises honeybees herself in Blue Ridge, but she also spends a great deal of her time on outreach programs. She is currently visiting all of the Roanoke County Libraries with her program on the benefits of honeybees. She visits classrooms during the school year and is working toward obtaining her state certification as a Master Beekeeper.

She brought along an observational beehive, some honey, and the tools needed to be a successful beekeeper. The purpose of the beehive was to let the audience explore how bees work, socialize, and eat. She talked about their life processes, the role of queen, worker, and drone honeybees, and how bees work together as a team.

She focused on how to make the honeybees in her hives happy, challenges bees face (pests and pesticides, especially), the critical role that they play in the lives of human beings, and why we should do everything we can to “save the bees.”

She said there is no reason to fear bees. She has three children and only one of them has ever been stung, and that’s because she inadvertently sat on the bee.

McCrady has been a beekeeper for over five years; her husband bought her first hives for a Valentine’s Day gift. She started with two hives and now has 24.

She says her uncle in Greece first piqued her interest in bees. Apparently, bees get more respect in Greece than in the United States with their role as nature’s pollinators revered. Bees are the only insect that we harvest which produces food. She described bees as “the most influential insect in history.”

Bees were memorialized in cave paintings several thousand years ago. Bee fossils have been found from millions of years ago. Bees were brought to North America on the Mayflower. Unfortunately, when the Pilgrims first arrived, they brought apple trees on the boats, but no bees, so the trees could not be pollinated. They learned their lesson

and returned on the next trip with bees.

McCrady talked about drone, queen, and worker bees. The drones have brief lives; their only job is to mate with the queen.

The queen bee (there’s just one) spends her time looking for empty cells in the hive where she can lay her eggs (about 2,000 a day), her main occupation. She leaves the hive just one time in her life – to mate. She is usually marked with a dot by the beekeeper to differentiate her from the other female bees and to keep track of her age. There is a specific color scheme beekeepers maintain for the markings, this year they are marked with blue dots. If the queen bee is not producing adequately, the worker bees may decide to replace her.

The worker bees do virtually all of the work inside the hive from cleaning the cells, to tending the baby bee nursery, to building the honeycomb that protects bees from wildlife such as bears, opossums, and raccoons. Workers make up approximately 97% of the bees in the hive.

Drones usually live about eight weeks, workers 20-190 days, and the queen 2-5 years.

McCrady dispelled one myth about bears and bees. Bears do not invade hives mainly for the honey; they happen to love bee larvae.

Honeybees collect pollen as a source of protein, which they need especially during the winter months. They scrape the pollen from flowers and carry it back to the hive in pockets on their back legs and drop it off. They also collect nectar, a sticky liquid used in making honey.

Bees also need water for survival, vitamins, and minerals, which they collect from pools, ponds, puddles, and other places. McCrady said that it is helpful to bees to keep water out for them – just remember to add a little salt to keep it sanitary. If a honeybee lands on and licks you, it may be because they smell you or detect the salt on your skin.

McCrady only harvests honey once a year and sells honey seasonally – she

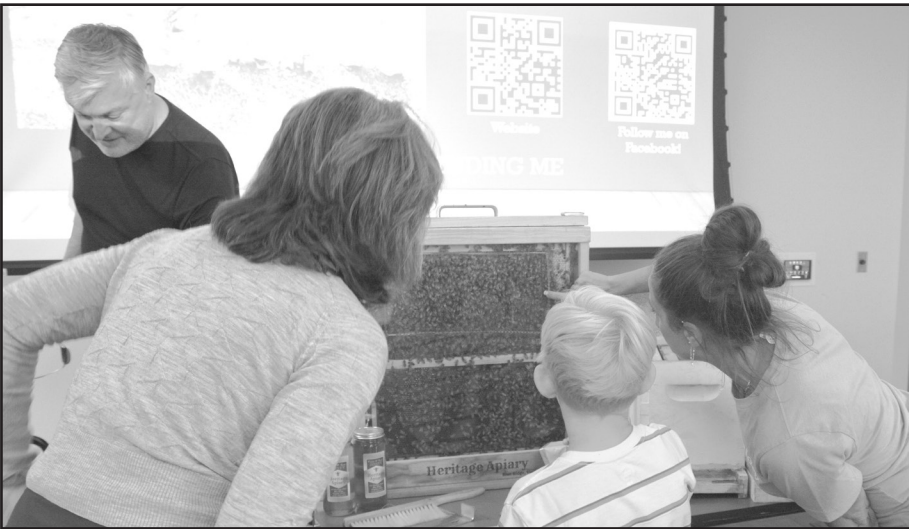


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**Vasilia McCrady (right) helps a child locate the queen bee in the hive.**

leaves the other honey as nutrition for the bees. She said that not only is honey delicious, it is also healthy. Honey is used in hospital ICUs as a natural antibiotic to treat wounds.

Another fascinating tidbit of information she shared is that sick bees can be treated by veterinarians. Oh, and bees, unlike humans, love the pesky kudzu plant.

McGrady said that good beekeepers are conservative in harvesting and leave plenty of honey in the hive for the bees to eat during winter months to survive.

Cold and/or rainy weather is challenging for bees, as are several insect pests.

McCrady shared a dark story about bees. One way the bees are victorious over some of the pests (like wasps and hornets) who attack them is to “cook their brains” by surrounding them in a process called “balling” which causes them to overheat. The bees form a tight cluster around the intruder to the hive to immobilize and neutralize it. They create a literal ball of bee bodies around the invader. Then they all start to vibrate their flight muscles, generating heat through the rapid movement. The heat at the center of the ball begins to rise, and the unfortunate victim will slowly expire. It’s unclear if the suffocation, stinging or slow cooking finishes the job, but the combination seems to be a highly effective defense strategy.

McCrady encouraged those in attendance to think twice before using pesticides around bees which might kill

the entire hive.

She talked about the structure of beehives which can be purchased. She cautioned that a beehive full of honey can weigh up to 90 pounds. and is heavy to lift.

For those interested in raising bees, she suggested putting the hives in places with lots of sunlight, an entrance toward the southeast, with a wind barrier, good food and water sources, dry ground underneath, avoiding areas of high foot traffic, and with space between hives.

She also pointed out that raising bees is not cheap and that not many turn a profit from selling honey. Starting up two hives can cost over \$700 without the bees – and you do need two hives to begin.

She mentioned that there are beekeeper organizations in the area, such as the Blue Ridge Beekeepers, the Roanoke Beekeepers, and the Botetourt Beekeepers. Classes are offered.

The Southwest Virginia Bee Festival is coming up in Elmwood Park in Roanoke on August 23 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. McCrady will be participating. Events will include pollination education, honey tastings, mead tastings, raffles, live music, community outreach from beekeepers, libraries, gardeners, naturalists, the Clean Valley Council, and others, along with food and craft vendors and a Kids Zone.

For more information on Heritage Apiary, visit McCrady’s Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/HeritageApiary>.

## Fourth

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the children roll down the hill on the front lawn of the Vinton War Memorial.

Food and refreshments will be available for purchase from Copper Dog, Deb’s Lemonade, DG Ice, Duck Donuts, Get Glazed, Hangrcy, Munsey’s Smoke Shack, Social Bites, Tinker Mountain Kettle Corn, and Tinker Mountain Shaved Ice.

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## Wm. Byrd girls on Class 3 all-state soccer team

Three William Byrd girls, including two freshmen, have been named to the Virginia High School League Class 3 All-State team in soccer. Left, freshman Bella Barrette was named to the second team as a midfielder while fellow freshman Kendall Ranson, below right, is a second team all-state forward. Karizma Wofford, below left, was honored with a second team all-state selection on defense.

PHOTOS BY JIM DEVINNEY & SUZANNE WITCHER



## Terriers on All-Region lacrosse

The Region 4D lacrosse teams for boys and girls were recently announced and William Byrd was represented on both. Justyn Rozenboom(left) was a first team selection on the all-region boys team while Katelynn Franks(right) was named to the first team for the girls. Byrd also had two second team selections on the girls' all-region team, Samantha Martin and Annika Hylton.

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### HICKORY CRAWDADS VS SALEM RED SOX

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<b>JUNE 27th</b>	<b>6:35 PM</b>
<i>Fourth of July celebration</i>	
<b>JUNE 28th</b>	<b>6:35 PM</b>
<i>African American Heritage Night</i>	
<b>JUNE 29th</b>	<b>1:05 PM</b>

# Miss Virginia

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Stephanie Guck



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Amanda Wood



Gabriella Mercedes



Bethany Mardian

Vocal

- Susanna Shedd, Miss Central Virginia, CSI Project HOPE, Talent Classical Cello
- Kelsey Wilson, Miss Chesapeake, CSI Before It's Too Late, Talent Musical Theatre Vocal
- Sophia Motl, Miss Chesterfield, CSI Civics Simplified, Talent Musical Theatre Vocal
- Irelin Ruppel, Miss Coastal Virginia, CSI Near and Far, Talent Bluegrass Banjo
- Savanna Holland, Miss Commonwealth, CSI Right Med, Right Bed, Talent Jazz Dance
- Madison Cruz, Miss Fauquier, CSI Speak Up, Stand Strong, Talent Classical Piano
- Karlee Angel, Miss Franklin County, CSI Pets Are Worth Saving, Talent Fashion Design
- Raynah Young, Miss Fredericksburg, CSI Together in Pink, Talent Pop Vocal
- Raina Joy Haynes, Miss Greater Richmond, CSI InHERited, Talent Musical Theatre Vocal
- Adriana Myles, Miss Hampton Roads, CSI Serving the Underserved, Talent Tap Dance
- Brielle Phillippe, Miss Hanover County, CSI InspireHERScience, Talent Science Experiment
- Angel Fink, Miss Lake Anna, CSI Aid for Our Heroes, Talent HER Story
- Mary Bellakbira, Miss Lonesome Pine, CSI BRIDGE the Gap, Talent Spoken Word
- Madison Marchant, Miss Loudoun County, CSI InvisABILITY, Talent Clogging
- Alexia Williams, Miss Louisa County, CSI S.T.A.R., Talent Pop Vocal
- Marciana Castillo, Miss Lynchburg, CSI Vital Pathways to Healthcare, Talent Pop Piano/Vocal
- Stephanie Guck, Miss Martinsville-Henry County, CSI The Cupid Project, Talent Original Vocal
- Max Pabilonia, Miss Northern Virginia, CSI 988:3 Numbers that Save Lives, Talent Monologue
- Kishanti Barmoh, Miss Piedmont Region, CSI Mindful Connections, Talent Pop Vocal
- Amanda Wood, Miss Portsmouth Seawall, CSI Blessings Bags, Talent Tap Dance
- Gabriella Mercedes, Miss Powell Valley, CSI The Fourth Pillar Project, Talent HER Story
- Emmeline Soyars, Miss Roanoke Valley, CSI Girls Like Me (focusing on autism awareness and teaching kids the importance of kindness, no matter our differences), Talent Musical Theatre Vocal
- Bethany Mardian, Miss Southside Virginia, CSI Law Made Easy, Talent Ballet
- Isabella Boardwine, Miss Southwest Virginia, CSI When I Wake, Talent Partner Stunt Routine
- Kenzie Kline, Miss Spotsylvania, CSI Label It—Nutrition Literacy, Talent Original Monologue
- Madison Ramsingh, Miss Tidewater Peninsula, CSI Color me B.R.A.V.E and Confident, Talent Baton
- Courtney Forman, Miss Tysons, CSI Courtney's Book Dive, Talent Musical Theatre Vocal



Isabella Boardwine



Kenzie Kline

- Trysten Jackson, Miss Virginia Beach, CSI It's Heavy: Eating Disorder Awareness, Talent Latin Ballroom Dance

2025 Miss Virginia's Teen Titleholders include:

- Olivia Burks, Miss Appalachia Mountains' Teen, CSI Pawsibilities with Liv, Talent Jazz Dance
- Olivia Pacheco, Miss Apple Blossom Festival's Teen, CSI Heart Health Awareness, Talent Ballet En Pointe
- Caden Spruill-Davis, Miss Arlington's Teen, CSI Feed to Fuel, Talent Jazz Dance
- Airabella Entsminger, Miss Central Virginia's Teen, CSI Veteran Group Therapy, Talent Musical Theatre Vocal
- Skylynn Proffitt, Miss Coastal Virginia's Teen, CSI The P.O.P. Effect!, Talent Tap Dance
- Aryana Guest, Miss Commonwealth's Teen, CSI Tiny But Mighty, Talent Lyrical Dance
- Corrine Church, Miss Fauquier's Teen, CSI Hunger Hurts, Talent HER Story
- Caedyn Riddle, Miss Franklin County's Teen, CSI Stronger Than Silence, Talent Musical Theater Vocal
- Juliet Lee, Miss Fredericksburg's Teen, CSI KISS—Kids Inspiring Service in Society, Talent Musical Theatre Vocal
- Samantha Scott, Miss Greater Richmond's Teen, CSI Wrapping Our Communities in Care, Talent Pop Vocal
- Sofia Austria, Miss Hampton-Newport News' Teen, CSI C.A.R.E., Talent Filipino Folk Dance
- Leslie Kaiser, Miss Lake Anna's Teen, CSI Be AWARD, Talent Musical Theatre Dance
- Emma Sykes-Hunt, Miss Lonesome Pine's Teen, CSI Empowerment with Emma, Talent HER Story
- Lauren Rodgers, Miss Loudoun County's Teen, CSI KOALA—Kids Overcoming Adversity with Love and Action, Talent Comedic Dialogue
- Alyssa Julian, Miss Louisa County's Teen, CSI Kids on Call—Bringing Hope into Hospitals, Talent Musical Theatre Dance
- Mary Ashten VanFossen, Miss Lynchburg's Teen, CSI Now What? Go Red for Women, Talent Musical Theatre Vocal
- Lexie Hovey, Miss Magic City's Teen, CSI Turning Type One into Type None, Talent HER



Madison Ramsingh



Courtney Forman



Trysten Jackson



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Story

- Catie Cowsill, Miss Martinsville-Henry County's Teen, CSI Care with Catie: Childhood Mental Health Awareness, Talent Spiritual Vocal
- Julia Allen, Miss Northern Virginia's Teen, CSI Color the World with Kindness, Talent Musical Theatre Vocal
- Kiara Jackson, Miss Portsmouth Seawall's Teen, CSI Food for Futures, Talent Lyrical Dance
- Caleigh Barnett, Miss Powell Valley's Teen, CSI Rhythm and Relief: Food Insecurity Awareness, Talent Folk Rock Vocal
- Makenzie Lucas, Miss Roanoke Valley's Teen, CSI Educate One, Empower Many: Human Trafficking Awareness, Talent Musical Theatre Vocal
- Cadence Thornberry, Miss Southside Virginia's Teen, CSI Positive Reflections: Mental Health Awareness for Youth, Talent Ventriloquism
- Kasey Ball, Miss Southwest Virginia's Teen, CSI G.I.F.T.—Gifting information for Trauma, Talent Patriotic Trumpet
- Caty Jewell, Miss Spotsylvania's Teen, CSI Equitable Preschool Education Opportunities, Talent Jazz Dance
- Ella Simpson, Miss Tysons' Teen, CSI A.C.T.—Acknowledge, Communicate, Try—Adolescent Mental Health Awareness, Talent Operatic Vocal

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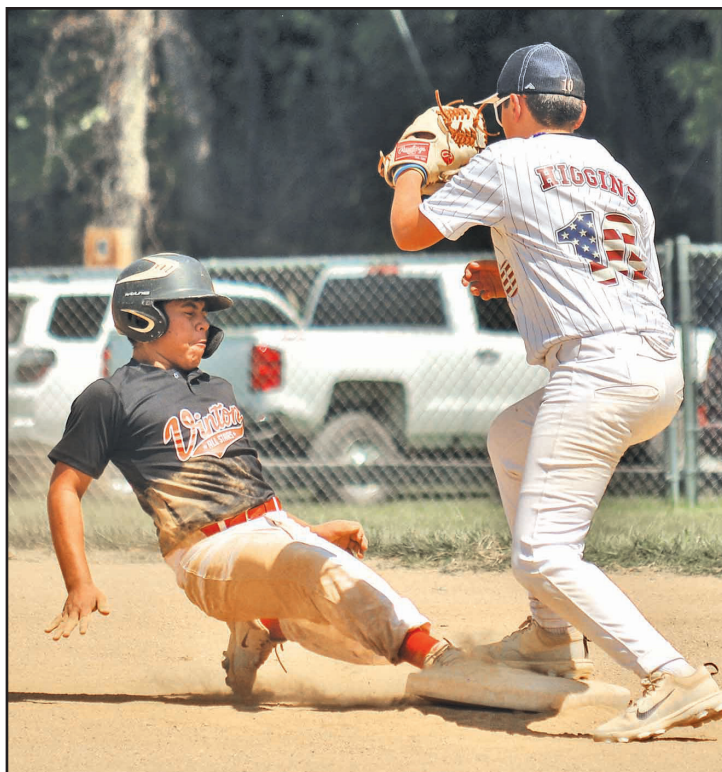
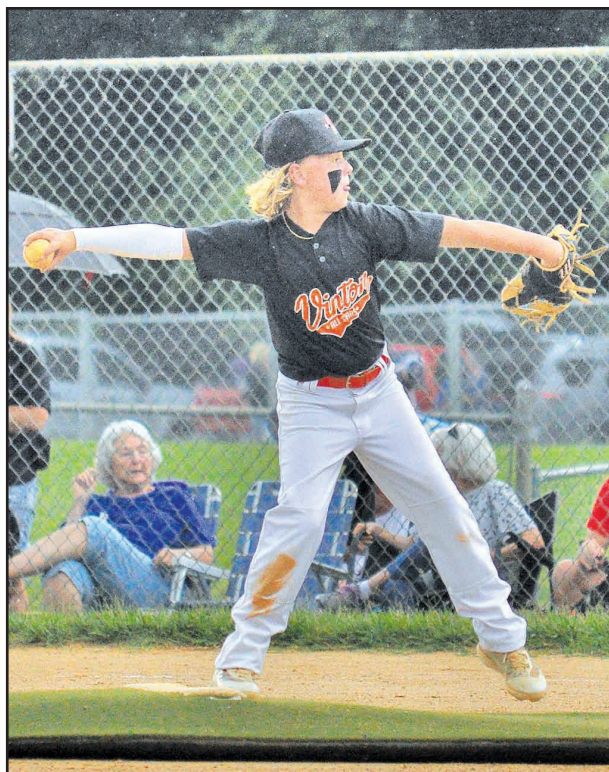
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## Vinton teams are runnersup in RAYBA baseball tourneys

The Vinton 10u and 12u all-star baseball teams both won the winners' bracket but couldn't close the deal as Green Hill Park hosted Roanoke Area Youth Baseball Association(RAYBA) tournaments last week.

In the 10u tournament Vinton opened with a 15-2 win over North Roanoke, then beat Glenvar on Thursday and Salem, 14-6, on Friday to head into the weekend needing one more win. Salem won a noon losers' bracket final over Glenvar on Saturday, then defeated Vinton at 4 pm, 11-4, to force an "if game" for all the marbles on Sunday. Salem prevailed in that one, 9-5, to take the championship and Vinton was second in the five-team tournament.

In the 12u tournament the Vinton boys got off to a hot start as well. They opened with a 7-0 shutout of Franklin County, beat Botetourt 9-3 in the second game and downed North Roanoke, 11-6, on Friday in the winners' bracket final.

Meanwhile Glenvar, after losing their first game to North Roanoke, won three in a row in the losers' bracket to earn a shot at Vinton on Saturday. Glenvar won that game, 13-8, to force an "if game" on Sunday for the championship. Vinton went ahead early on a hot Sunday 2 pm game but Glenvar rallied for an 11-9 win to take first place with Vinton finishing second in a six-team field.

There was also a 15u tournament with just three teams participating, and Franklin County won that on Sunday, defeating North Roanoke in the final.

## Byrd youth baseball camp

Terrier Field at Walthall Park was the site of a baseball camp for kids this month as area coaches taught fundamentals and the kids had a lot of fun. Right, the group poses for a group picture in right field. Below left, Dash Jones gets ready to take some batting practice. Below right middle, Kevin Witcher instructs a group in a drill. Right bottom, a camper enjoys the always popular sliding drill.



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