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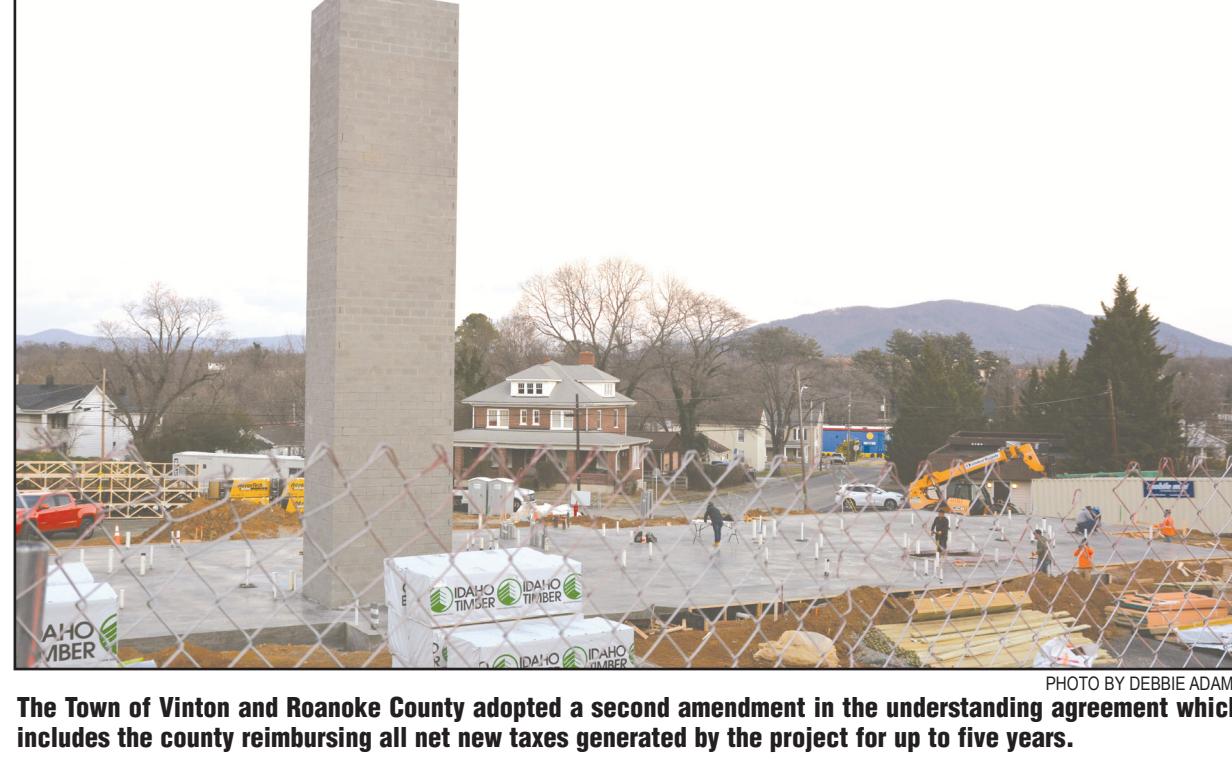
Town /Roanoke County cooperation on hotel project continues

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At their first meeting of the new year, members of Vinton Town Council (Mayor Brad Grose, Vice Mayor Laurie Mullins, Sabrina McCarty, Keith Liles, and Mike Stovall) took action on resolutions involving the Vinton/East Roanoke County Hotel Project and the appointments of several town employees.

The Town of Vinton and Roanoke County previously adopted Memoranda of Understanding and a First Amendment for the Vinton Hotel Project. The new resolution allows

Town Manager Pete Peters to execute a Second Amendment of the MOU which includes: a change in the name of the developer from McDevitt Company to KARA Roanoke, LLC; the seven hotel parcels have been combined and are listed as 525 South Pollard Street; Roanoke County will be reimbursing all net new taxes generated by the hotel project for up to five years (it was originally three years) with total payments not exceeding \$500,000 (it had been \$300,000). Payments by the county will commence during January of the year after the hotel receives



The Town of Vinton and Roanoke County adopted a second amendment in the understanding agreement which includes the county reimbursing all net new taxes generated by the project for up to five years.

occupancy.

Peters noted that the second amendment has already been approved by the Roanoke County Board of Supervisors at a recent meeting.

Council approved several appointments to boards, commissions, and committees. Allen Kasey was reappointed to the Board of Zoning Appeals for a term which

ends in February 2030. Mayor Brad Grose and the deputy town manager were reappointed to new four-year terms on the Western Virginia Regional Industrial

Facility Authority which will end in February 2030. With the resignation of Finance Director/Treasurer Andrew Keen

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The Town of Vinton Mountain View Road FDR Project won the statewide Engineer's Choice Award at the 2025 Mid-Atlantic Asphalt Expo.

Town of Vinton innovative project receives VDOT Engineer's Choice Award

At the 2025 Mid-Atlantic Asphalt Expo hosted by the Virginia Asphalt Association and Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT), the Mountain View Road Full-Depth Reclamation (FDR) Project in Vinton won the statewide Engineer's Choice Award.

The Engineer's Choice Award annually recognizes projects that demonstrate collaboration, effective communication, proactively identifying and solving challenges, and going above and beyond. This project was quite an accomplishment and required outside-of-the-box thinking and collaboration between VDOT Preliminary Engineering, VDOT Pavement Management, VDOT Construction, VDOT Materials, the Town of Vinton, and others, to rebuild the road within the available budget.

"This [award] is a great testament to

the collaborative spirit of this project!" said Deputy Town Manager Cody Sexton. "We know that we cannot do all our work on our own, so we look for ways to highlight our partnerships and celebrate every win we can for the public."

"This project was a road reconstruction project that had been planned for several years; however, the cost of the project exceeded the available funding and the Town of Vinton was unable to go to advertisement using conventional reconstruction means such as demolition of the existing pavement, regrading, placing new subbase stone and asphalt," said VDOT engineer Travis Higgs.

"Reconstruction estimates were approximately \$2 million. Full-Depth Reclamation was suggested as an

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The Mountain View Road FDR Project involved milling down the existing asphalt, recycling asphalt, soil, concrete, and gravel to create a new base layer, and adding more than two inches of asphalt on top.



PHOTOS/ COURTESY TOWN OF VINTON

A stretch of Mountain View Road near Mountain View Cemetery being rebuilt



Tiffany Stewart (left) and Kimberley Ramsey have been named as interims in the Vinton Finance Department/Treasurer's Office.

Town Manager Richard W. "Pete" Peters has announced two interim appointments in the town's Finance Department/Treasurer's Office following the departure of Andrew Keen, the previous Finance Director/Town Treasurer.

Effective immediately, Tiffany Stewart has been appointed Interim Finance Director to oversee the day-to-day functions of the department. Stewart currently serves as the Assistant Finance Director

after coming to the town in June 2021 from the private sector. She holds associate and bachelor's degrees in business administration from National College and a Master of Science degree in accounting from Liberty University. She also is a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) candidate and an active member of the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA).

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Ramsey has been

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New laws took effect in Virginia on Jan. 1

Several new laws took effect in Virginia on Jan. 1.

Virginia's minimum wage increased to \$12.77 per hour, up from \$12.41 in 2025, in accordance with state law that requires the minimum wage increase at the rate of inflation. Tipped employees must be paid \$2.13 an hour, but total earnings, including tips, must meet the minimum wage rate.

Unemployment benefits are also increasing. A new law increases individuals' weekly benefit amounts by \$52 for claims effective Jan. 1 or after. The exact amount people receive is calculated by the Virginia Employment Commission and takes into account factors such as past wage earnings, but the previous minimum

was \$60 a week and the previous maximum was \$378 a week.

Another new law requires more stringent baby food testing. The Baby Food Protection Act requires manufacturers to test the levels of lead, arsenic, mercury and cadmium, heavy metals that can make their way into food products and can be toxic. The new law requires baby food manufacturers to disclose the testing results on their website and by QR code on certain product labels. The law also directs the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to study how levels of toxic heavy metals in baby food are being enforced, and whether any further action is necessary.

Virginia's HB 1828/ SB 1436 will require

health insurance companies to no longer charge patients extra for breast examinations like mammograms, MRIs and ultrasounds. Patients ordered to undergo those screenings will not have to pay out-of-pocket for them, no co-pays co-insurance, or deductible. Instead, insurance providers will have to cover those costs.

Another new law mandates that prostate cancer screenings such as blood tests and rectal exams will be covered by insurance carriers as well in the new year. This law requires exams to be up-to-date and reflect American Cancer Society guidelines and findings.

Hospitals with emergency rooms will now be required to test for fentanyl during drug

screenings.

The Virginia Telephone Privacy Protection Act restricts text message solicitations meaning you can now respond to advertising texts with "UNSUBSCRIBE" or "STOP" — and they must in fact stop texting you for at least 10 years.

Social media companies will be required to make their best efforts to determine if users are younger than 16 years old and limit their platform time to one hour per day. Parents will have the ability to raise or lower that limit. The law was passed unanimously by the General Assembly in 2025 and was signed by Gov. Glenn Youngkin. Big Tech companies like Google and YouTube are suing over the legislation, arguing it is

an infringement on First Amendment rights.

The law states "commercially reasonable methods, such as a neutral age screen mechanism," like a drop-down menu requesting date of birth, will be used to determine if the user is younger than 16.

Beginning Jan. 1, anyone convicted of a criminal or traffic offense required to pay a fine,

restitution, forfeiture, penalty, or assessed any other court costs may request an itemized bill that is required to be given to them. The clerk must also provide an updated statement of the outstanding balances or payment history upon written or electronic request of the defendant.

Another batch of new laws will be taking effect on July 1, 2026.

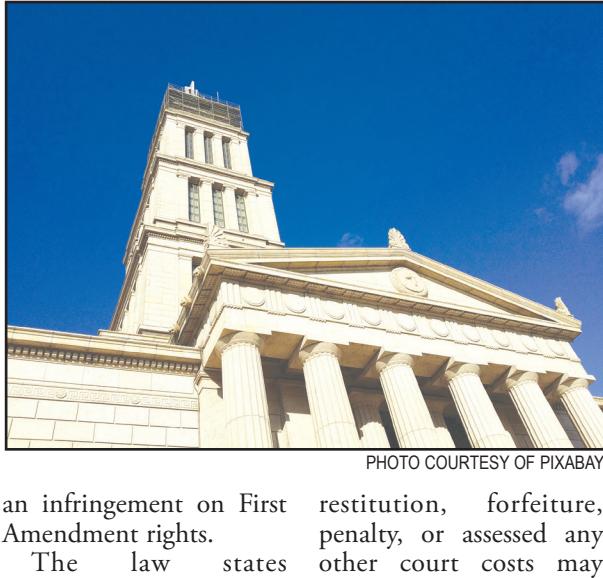


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Charles Hill Community Center sponsoring Happy Hearts Dance on Jan. 10

The Charles R. Hill Community Center will be hosting the Happy Hearts Dance this Saturday, Jan. 10, from 7 to 10 p.m. Happy Hearts Dance is a social dance focused on music, movement, and connection.

All are welcome. Admission is \$10. Concessions will be available for purchase. The Charles Hill Community Center is located on the Vinton War Memorial campus on Washington Avenue in Vinton.

Other programs available at the Community Center include

- Mexican Dominoes from 9:45 to 1:45 on Mondays
- Music Jam from 2-5:30 on

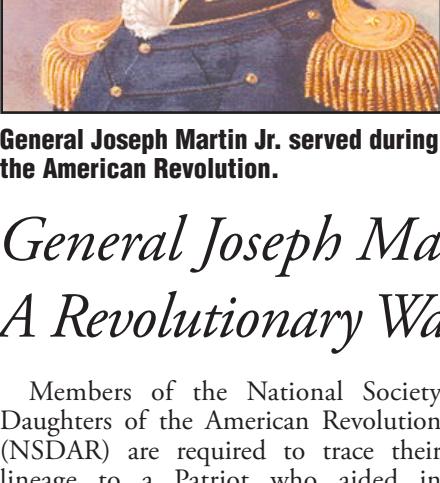
Mondays

- Advanced Beginning Line Dancing on Tuesdays from 10-11
- Beginning Line Dancing from 11:30 to 12:30 on Tuesdays
- Canasta from 1 to 5 on Tuesdays
- Advanced Line Dancing from 5:30-7 on Tuesdays
- Tai Chi from 9-10 on Thursdays
- Canasta from 10 to 2 on Thursdays.

Call 540-682-9401 or email vintoncommunityprograms@vintonva.gov for more information.

-Submitted by Town of Vinton

DAR: Patriot Ancestors



General Joseph Martin Jr. served during the American Revolution.



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Martinsville was named for General Martin.

General Joseph Martin, Jr.: A Revolutionary War hero and diplomat

Members of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR) are required to trace their lineage to a Patriot who aided in achieving American independence in the American Revolution.

Shannon Walker Campbell, a member of the local Roanoke Valley Chapter of the NSDAR, is a descendant of General Joseph Martin, Jr., a Revolutionary War hero and diplomat.

Joseph Martin, Jr. was born on Sept. 18, 1740, in Caroline County, Va. He was the son of Captain Joseph Martin, Sr., a planter, and Susannah Chiles, a descendant of Colonel John Page.

Raised in a Virginia gentry family, Martin's early life was marked by a blend of privilege and responsibility. His military career began in earnest during the American Revolutionary War. He served as a brigadier general in the Virginia militia, where his leadership and strategic insights were instrumental in several key battles. One of his most significant contributions was his role in frontier diplomacy with the Cherokee people. Martin's efforts helped avert potential Cherokee attacks on American settlers, which was crucial in securing victories at the Battles of Kings Mountain and Cowpens.

These victories were pivotal in turning the tide of the Revolutionary War in favor of the American forces. Martin's ability to maintain neutrality among the Cherokee and prevent them from siding with the British was a testament to his diplomatic skills and deep understanding of frontier dynamics.

Beyond his military exploits, Martin was a key figure in the complex relations between American settlers and Native American tribes. Appointed as Virginia's agent to the Cherokee Nation by Governor Patrick Henry in 1777, Martin played a crucial role in negotiating peace treaties and maintaining stability on the frontier. His work as an Indian agent and

his efforts in frontier diplomacy were vital in ensuring the safety and expansion of American settlements.

Martin was also a notable pioneer and explorer. He established Martin's Station, a frontier outpost in present-day Lee County, Virginia, which served as a critical hub for settlers moving westward. His explorations and surveys of the Kentucky, North Carolina, Tennessee, and Virginia borders helped shape the early American frontier.

In addition to his military and diplomatic achievements, Martin held various political positions. He served in the legislatures of Virginia, Georgia, and North Carolina, contributing to the governance and development of these states. Martin was also a close friend and ally of prominent figures such as Governor Patrick Henry and General Thomas Sumter.

Martin's legacy extends beyond his lifetime. The city of Martinsville, Va., was named in his honor, reflecting the lasting impact of his contributions to the region. His efforts in frontier diplomacy, military leadership, and political service have cemented his place as a significant figure in American history.

Martin's life was marked by a series of remarkable achievements that spanned military, diplomatic, and political realms. His contributions to the American Revolutionary War, his pioneering spirit, and his efforts in maintaining peace on the frontier have left an indelible mark on American history. As a soldier, diplomat, and leader, his legacy continues to inspire and remind us of the complexities and challenges of the early American frontier.

Community members interested in learning more about the DAR's mission and volunteer activities are encouraged to connect with the Roanoke Valley Chapter at <https://rvncnsdar.wixsite.com/rvncnsdar> or email rvcnsdar@gmail.com.

-Submitted by Shannon Walker Campbell

Roanoke County Planning holding informational meeting on I-81 widening, seeks volunteers for projects

Roanoke County Planning will be hosting informational meetings and recruiting volunteers for several projects in January.

The Virginia Department of Transportation, in conjunction with design-build contractor Branch Civil, Inc., will hold a "Pardon Our Dust" public information meeting on Jan. 22 at Lord Botetourt

High School to discuss construction impacts and traffic management for upcoming roadwork on Interstate 81 in Roanoke and Botetourt Counties. The meeting is open from 5 to 7 p.m. with presentations at 5:15 and 6:15 p.m. Interstate 81 will be widened to 11 lanes in each direction between Exits 143 and 150. The

project also includes replacing bridges over eight crossings on I-81 and installing more than 1.5 miles of sound barrier along the northbound lanes. Two ramps at Exit 150 will be realigned and one will be removed. The improvements are intended to reduce crashes, lessen

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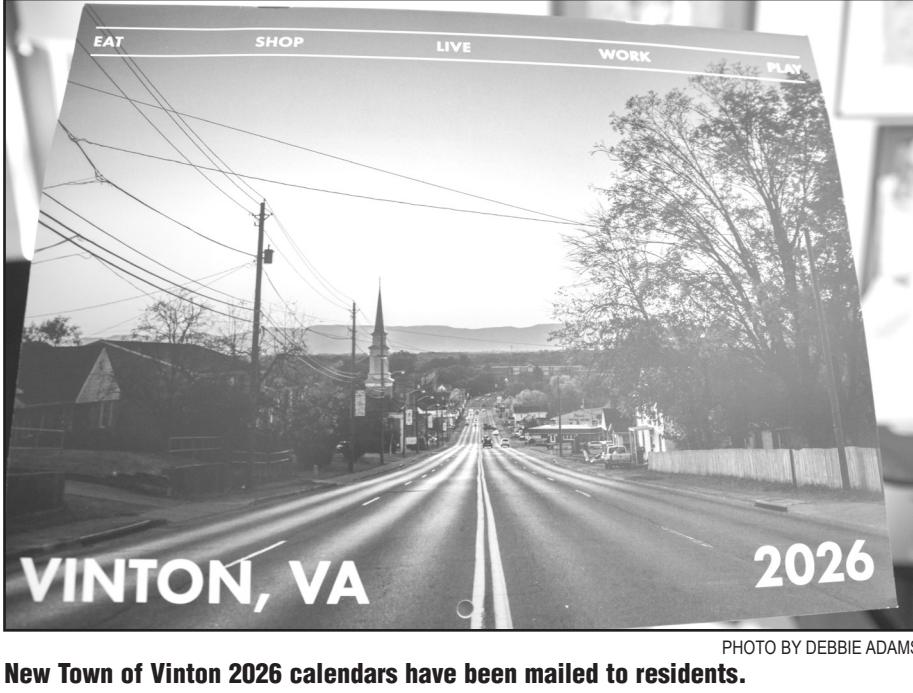
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New Town of Vinton 2026 calendars have been mailed to residents.

By Bootie Cheuning

Happy New Year!! Does everyone have their resolutions ready? As we welcome the New Year, I want to take a moment to wish our community a happy, healthy, and prosperous year ahead. I am continually inspired by the support, dedication, and pride shown by our local businesses and residents. Thank you for all you do to make

our community such a wonderful place to live, work, and grow. I look forward to another year of connection, collaboration, and continued success together. Wishing you a joyful New Year filled with new opportunities and exciting possibilities.

Town calendars are out and available at the Town Finance office, The Vinton Chamber office and the Vinton Library. Pick yours up and stay "IN."

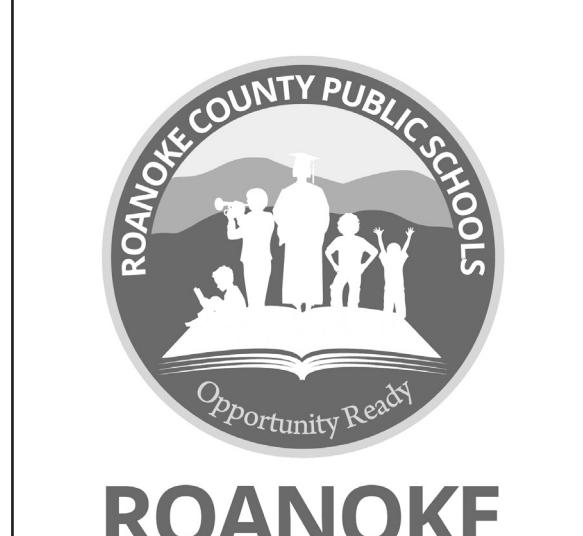
Submit your community news and photos to vintonmessenger@ourvalley.org.

Roanoke County Schools accepting preschool applications for 2026-2027 school year

Roanoke County Public Schools promote a developmentally appropriate learning environment to foster individual skills and understanding that will enable children to make sense of the world and to succeed. They create an environment that invites children to observe, be active, and to make choices and experiment.

The Roanoke County Virginia Preschool Initiative (VPI) Program is a grant-funded program that provides high-quality preschool education for 3- and 4-year-old children residing in Roanoke County who have been identified as at risk and are not served by Head Start programs.

Through a strong focus on effective interactions and intentional instruction, VPI programs help ensure that all Virginia children enter school fully prepared for



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success. If you are concerned regarding your child's development and wish to have a child study, please contact RCPS to make a referral.

If your child will be age 3 or 4 by Sept. 30, 2026, your child may be eligible to attend an RCPS preschool program. Visit <https://www.rcps.us/departments/preschool> for more information.

-Submitted by RCPS

BAPTIST (SOUTHERN)

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

BAPTIST (COOPERATIVE)

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

CHURCH OF CHRIST**DALE RIDGE CHURCH OF CHRIST**

- Will you "come back to the Bible", learn more and follow Him? If you live locally in this beautiful Roanoke Valley or Botetourt County area, there is a Church, you will know it's the ONE when you see the name on the end of the building that reads Church of Christ. 7165 Cloverdale Rd., NW, Roanoke, VA 24019. We offer a free 3 lesson, OPEN Bible course entitled "Back to the Bible." Only available in home or where our Church meets: Sign up now on our website, daleridgechurchofchrist.net or email us at comeback2thebible@gmail.com and request to be scheduled for lesson #1 of 3 entitled "who has the Authority In Religion today". You will be contacted promptly. All studies are conducted by 2 individuals, never alone. May God Bless you in choosing this "open book Bible study.

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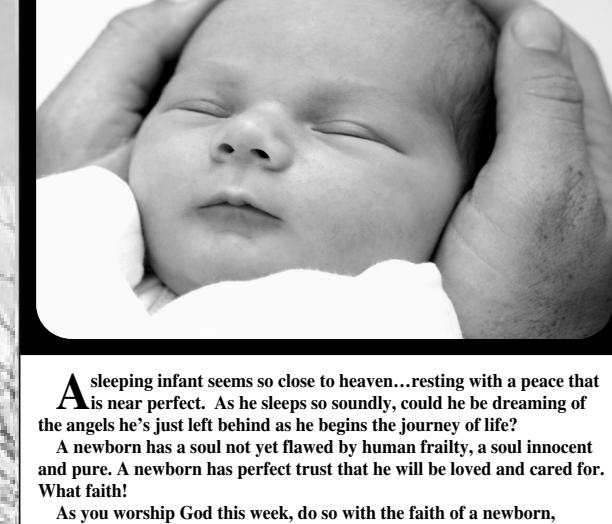
Feather Road, Vinton. Terry Hodge, Minister, 540-890-1170. Sunday Bible Study 9:45 a.m., Sunday Morning Service 10:45 a.m., Wednesday Bible Study 10 a.m.

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. The program may be a Light and Sound Service, a Spiritual video and discussion, or other topics and techniques to help Raise Your

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A sleeping infant seems so close to heaven...resting with a peace that is near perfect. As he sleeps so soundly, could he be dreaming of the angels he's just left behind as he begins the journey of life?

A newborn has a soul not yet flawed by human frailty, a soul innocent and pure. A newborn has perfect trust that he will be loved and cared for. What faith!

As you worship God this week, do so with the faith of a newborn, perfect and pure. "O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! ...From the lips of children and infants you have ordained praise" (Psalm 8:1-2). You can trust that your father in Heaven will love and care for you!

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

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 - 2360 Hardy Road, Vinton (corner of Hardy Road and Feather Road), 540-982-3694, www.evangel4sq.com, Pastor Tim Wright. Contemporary Worship Service Sunday, 10AM. Bible Study Wednesday 11AM-12PM. "Building People to Change Our World"

LUTHERAN
ST. TIMOTHY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH, "The

Church Under The Cross", 1201 Hardy Rd, Vinton VA 24179, Pastor, Rev. Dr. James B. Davis (540) 342-1715, Worship 11:00am, sttimothy1201@verizon.net

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

PRESBYTERIAN
CAMPBELL MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH,

1130 Hardy Rd, Vinton, VA, 540-343-1842; cmpe2verizon.net Sunday school 9:45am, Worship 11:00am; Communion 1st Sunday

2nd Sunday Session; Monday Noon Bible Study; Tuesdays & Thursdays Stretch Class 9:00am; 1st Tuesdays Deacons; Wednesday Choir 7:00pm; Monday Girl Scouts 7:00pm; 3rd Saturday Men's Breakfast 8:00am.

Rev. Jonathan Moelker, pastor

UNITED METHODIST
THREE OAKS FELLOWSHIP UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - 1026 Gravel Hill Road, Vinton, Va. 540-512-8070.

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Rob Colwell. Sunday School - 9:45 a.m., Worship 11 a.m.

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

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Award

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option by VDOT as a cost-effective way to reconstruct the roadway and stay within the available budget.

"Boxley/Superior and Slurry Pavers were able to perform a 2-inch mill, 11-inch FDR, and placement of 2" SM-9.5D BMD asphalt.

"The existing road was in an urban setting with numerous entrances and cross streets, shallow utilities and culverts, manholes, curb and gutter, severely deteriorated asphalt, and construction under traffic requirements. The existing conditions placed an emphasis on good collaboration and effective communication between VDOT, Superior, Slurry Pavers, the Town of Vinton, and the traveling public. Despite all of the challenges, the contractor team was able to complete the project for approximately \$700K."

According to the Town of Vinton, "After more than three years of study, planning, and grant work, the town signed a contract in October 2023 to completely rebuild Mountain View Road from Washington Avenue to the town limits (near Shalon Circle). The project was a cost-sharing partnership with the town (which owns all of its own roads) and VDOT, to split the cost 50/50, with VDOT administering the project as part of their annual road improvement work. (The Town of Vinton is part of VDOT's Salem District Office.)

"The unique aspect of this particular project is the failure of the subgrade

of the existing road due to it being underbuilt when it was a farm access road. For this reason, VDOT has chosen a different approach in road construction for our part of the state, called Full Depth Reclamation (FDR).

"This process mills down 8-10" of material and recycles the asphalt, gravel and soil with concrete to create a new base layer, then adds 2+ inches of finished asphalt on top. In the future, the town will only have to mill and repave the top two inches, as part of their annual paving maintenance every 8-12 years.

"This project has always been more than simply a repaving project," said Sexton. "While the asphalt on top certainly has issues, we have been more concerned about what is underneath Mountain View Road. The FDR project allowed us to essentially rebuild and restabilize the road's substructure in a uniform manner, allowing the pavement to stay intact longer."

The project began in June 2024, just after the Roanoke County Schools released for the summer, to have minimal impact on nearby Herman L. Horn Elementary School. The project required various detours and flaggers for residents within the immediate area.

View the "before" street view map of Mountain View Road at <https://maps.app.goo.gl/cXd1e2xKES2QKUkX8>.

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AARP Fraud Alert: Fake Jobs, Real Losses

If your New Year's resolutions include finding a new job, work-from-home opportunities may sound appealing. While many remote positions are legitimate, some aren't what they appear to be. Criminals often pose as legitimate employers on job boards, social media, or send unsolicited texts, promising easy money, flexible hours, and a quick hiring process.

What they're really after is personal information or your money by asking to pay upfront for "training," purchase expensive equipment, or provide sensitive details—such as your Social Security number—as part of the application.

Be cautious of sudden, unusually

high-paying opportunities that require little to no experience. Avoid sharing personal data until you're certain the job offer is legitimate and take time to research the company by searching for its name along with the words scam, complaint, or fraud. If you see concerns from other job seekers, consider it a clear red flag.

Report scams to local law enforcement. For help from AARP, call 1-877-908-3360 or visit the AARP Fraud Watch Network at www.aarp.org/fraudwatchnetwork.

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appointed Interim Town Treasurer to oversee the collection, safeguarding, and disbursement of town funds.

Ramsey currently serves as the Deputy Town Treasurer after coming to the town in October 2021 from the private sector. She has completed the Master Governmental Deputy Treasurer (MGDT) certification classes from the Treasurers'

Association of Virginia (TAV) and is an active member of the TAV.

"We are blessed to have two sets of steady hands at the wheel as our Finance Department navigates this time of transition," said Peters. "Tiffany and Kimberley are consummate professionals who are unwavering in their dedication to the town's finances."

In the coming weeks, town administration will continue to evaluate the ongoing staffing needs of the Finance Department/Treasurer's Office and will post any job advertisements based on that evaluation. The department will continue to report to the Deputy Town Manager.

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to accept a position as town manager in his hometown of Marion, Pete Peters was appointed to finish Keen's term on the Greater Roanoke Transit Company Board which ends on June 30, 2026.

The Town of Vinton Charter provides for the appointment of deputies to each of the appointive officers by Town Council.

Adam E. "Cody" Sexton was named as Deputy Town Manager; Kimberley A. Ramsey as Deputy Town Treasurer; Julie S. Tucei as Deputy Town Clerk;

Michael W. S. Lockaby as Deputy Town Attorney, and Timothy J. Lawless as Deputy Chief of Police.

According to the resolution, the appointed deputy officers may fully serve in the capacity of his or her respective appointive officer, in the absence, disability, or vacancy of the appointive officers. All appointments were effective January 1, 2026.

Council also passed a resolution authorizing Town Manager Pete Peters, Deputy Town Manager Cody Sexton, Deputy Town Treasurer Kimberly Ramsey, and Town Clerk Megan Lawless to countersign checks.

This is consistent with past policy.

In the Town Manager's Update, Peters recognized Tiffany Stewart and Kimberley Ramsey. Stewart will be serving as Vinton's Interim Finance Director; Ramsey will be serving as Interim Town Treasurer.

He noted that town employees Mandy Adkins

and Nathan McClung had been recognized in the Roanoker Magazine's "40 Under 40" issue.

He commended Deputy Police Chief Lawless for applying for and receiving a \$90,000 grant which will be used for a 3D imaging camera for the VPD to assist with investigations. Lawless said that "it's expensive equipment, but much needed."

Peters also recognized the Planning and Zoning Dept. for receiving an \$80,000 grant for traffic audit and design for Hardy Road. This is a follow-up to "Safe Streets for All."

Peters also announced the statewide VDOT Award received for the Mountain View Road paving project.

Council members Mike Stovall and Sabrina McCarty announced that they will be running for re-election to their seats in the November 2026 election. Stovall was first elected to council in 2018; McCarty, in 2014.

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delays and enhance crash response times.

This segment of I-81 experiences frequent congestion and major delays related to significant crashes and incidents with 662 crashes occurring between 2015 and 2019. Traffic volumes range between 35,000 and 39,000 vehicles per day with 22-23 percent heavy trucks.

This widening project is part of the Interstate 81 Corridor Improvement Program which aims to improve safety, increase reliability and foster economic growth.

The county is seeking volunteers for its Stream Monitoring Program. Do you have a passion for the

outdoors? Do you love clean streams? Do you like to get your feet wet and your hands dirty? If you answered "Yes" to any of these questions, volunteer to participate in Roanoke County's new Citizens Stream Monitoring Program. You will learn to collect meaningful water quality information to help identify water pollution problems.

The county will share information collected by volunteers with the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality to assist this agency in filling in data gaps where current stream monitoring efforts have not yet been initiated or where sampling data is limited. To learn more and to sign up, visit <https://www.roanokecountyva.gov/356/Volunteer-Opportunities> and scroll to the Stream Monitoring section.

Roanoke County is also looking for volunteers to assist with its Storm

Drain Stenciling Program. Stenciling storm drain inlets is an easy way to provide a visual reminder that stormwater goes, untreated, to nearby waterways. It is a direct and cost-effective project to remind people not to dump anything into the drainage system. Volunteer storm drain stenciling projects offer an educational pollution prevention activity with a lasting effect.

Storm drain stenciling is a practical, positive, easy first step toward public education, investment, and support.

Stenciled storm drains will raise citizen awareness and educate the public about stormwater runoff and nonpoint source pollution. Volunteer today by filling out the volunteer form at <https://www.roanokecountyva.gov/356/Volunteer-Opportunities>.

Roanoke County and the Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission have partnered using grant funds from the Virginia Environmental Endowment to provide a "no-cost septic tank pump-out program" to qualified Roanoke County residents. This program aims to reduce the environmental impacts and property damage caused by failed septic systems.

Households with an annual income level at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Line are eligible to apply for the program. Watch an informational video at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SeuqC_KevTU and complete the form at <https://www.roanokecountyva.gov/FormCenter/Stormwater-Management-11/Septic-Pump-Out-Program-Application-139> to apply.

For any questions, contact Terra Famuliner with RVARC at tfamuliner@rvarc.org or (540) 343-4417.

OBITUARY

Arrington, Alberta Elkins

September 17, 1944 – December 24, 2025

Alberta "Bertie" Elkins Arrington, 81, of Moneta, passed away Wednesday, December 24, 2025.

Bertie was born on September 17, 1944, in Pulaski to the late Douglas Silvers Elkins and Edith Irene Phillips Elkins. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her brother, Charles Douglas Elkins.

Bertie graduated from Pulaski High School, Class of 1962. She then graduated from Lewis-Gale Hospital School of Nursing in 1965. Bertie worked as a registered nurse for 36 years. She married Clarence Gibbs "Sonny" Arrington Jr. in 1965.

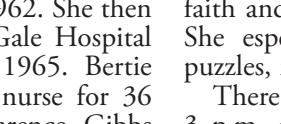
She is survived by her devoted husband of 60 years, Sonny Arrington; daughters, Tracy Suzette Arrington Blanchard (Mark) and Tiffany Sunette Arrington (Christian Shaltis); and her cherished granddaughters, Caitlyn Elizabeth Murray, Kyla Murray, and

and Hannah Grace Violet Shaltis. She is also survived by her sister, Patricia Irene Elkins Viers.

Bertie leaves behind her loving in-laws, including Donna Gilbert (Wayne) of Myrtle Beach, S.C., Kathy Toler of Columbus, S.C., and Jan Arrington (Wanda) of Goodview, as well as numerous nieces and nephews who will miss her dearly.

A devoted member of Belmont Christian Church, she enjoyed her family, friends and her faith and the simple pleasures of life. She especially enjoyed working on puzzles, reading, and shopping.

There was a visitation from 1 to 3 p.m. and 5 to 7 p.m. on Friday, January 2, 2026, at Oakey's Vinton Chapel. A funeral service was held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, January 3, 2026, at Belmont Christian Church. Burial followed in Mountain View Cemetery in Vinton. Condolences may be shared with her family by visiting www.Oakeys.com.





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**Legals -
City of Salem****Notice is hereby
given to all
interested persons
that the City of
Salem Planning
Commission,**at its regular meeting on
January 14, 2026, at 6:30
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 OFTHE CITY OF SALEM,
VIRGINIA:1. Consider the request of
McDonald's Corporation,
property owner, to
rezone the property located
at 101 Electric Road (Tax
Map # 80 - 4 - 1)from HBD Highway
Business District with
condition to HBD Highway

Business 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**Legals -
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will be retained at the sale
and applied to the sale
price. If held by the trustee,
all other bid deposits will be
returned to the unsuccessful
bidders. Settlement is to be
made within 15 days. The
successful bidder will be
responsible for obtaining
possession of the property,
and for all costs and fees
related to recording the
Trustee's Deed, including
the grantors tax. The
successful bidder will be
required to execute a
Memorandum of Trustee's
Sale, available for review
upon request before the
sale, outlining additional
terms of sale and
settlement. A Trustee's
Deed will be prepared by
Trustee's attorney at high
bidder's expense. This is a
communication from a debt
collector. Vytta Solutions -
Virginia, LLC,
283 Constitution Drive,
Suite 102, Office B,
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File No. 25-37622,
Tel: 888-313-1969**Legals -
City of Radford****TRUSTEE'S SALE
OF 2507 THIRD
STREET,
RADFORD, VA
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Deed of Trust dated May 1,
2003, in the original
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for Radford City, Virginia, in
Book 236 at Page 710 as
Instrument No. 0300609.
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Trustee will offer for sale at
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the Circuit Court building for
the City of Radford, 619
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VA, or any such temporary
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Judges of the Circuit Court,
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WEST WARD OF THE
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VIRGINIA, AND AS MORE
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DESCRIBED AS
FOLLOWS: ALL OF LOTS
NUMBER TWO (2), FOUR
(4), FIVE (5), AND SIX (6),
SECTION EIGHTEEN (18),PLAN A, MAP OF THE
RADFORD WEST END
LAND COMPANY, WHICH
ORIGINAL MAP IS OF
RECORD IN THE CLERK'S
OFFICE OF THE CIRCUIT
COURT OF THE COUNTY
OF MONTGOMERY,
VIRGINIA IN DEED BOOK
32, PAGE 460 AND OF
RECORD IN THE CIRCUIT
COURT CLERK'S OFFICE
OF THE CITY OF
RADFORD, VIRGINIA, IN
DEED BOOK 42, PAGE 18.TERMS OF SALE: ALL
CASH. A bidder's deposit of
ten percent (10%) of the
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subject Deed of Trust,
whichever is lower, in the
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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
the Trustee. Time is of the
essence. If the sale is set
aside for any reason, the
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may, if provided by the
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City of Radford**the contract of sale
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court for Equity Trustees,
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Montgomery County****ABC NOTICE**TINGJIE BLACKSBURG
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legal notices. Objections
should be registered at
www.abc.virginia.gov or
800-552-3200.**NOTICE IS
HEREBY GIVEN, By
the Board of
Supervisors of the****County of
Montgomery,
Virginia**that the Board hereby
schedules a public hearing
on Monday, January 26,
2026 at 7:15 p.m., in the
Board Chambers,
Montgomery County
Government Center, 755
Roanoke Street,
Christiansburg, Virginia for
the purpose of receiving
citizens' comments on the

following:

**Fiscal Year 2026-2027
County Budget**The purpose of this public
hearing is to gather citizen
comments on the upcoming
2026-2027 fiscal year
budget.**BY ORDER OF THE
BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS**Angela M. Hill
County Administrator**NOTICE IS
HEREBY GIVEN, By
the Board of
Supervisors of the****County of
Montgomery,
Virginia**hereby schedules a public
hearing on January 26,
2026 at 7:15 p.m. or as
soon thereafter in the Board
Room in the Montgomery
County Government Center
located at 755 RoanokeStreet, Christiansburg,
Virginia 24073, in order to
hear citizens comments on
a proposed ordinance
entitled "AN ORDINANCE**ESTABLISHING THE
BIENNIAL ASSESSMENT
AND EQUALIZATION OF
PROPERTY VALUES OF**ALL REAL ESTATE IN THE
COUNTY OF**MONTGOMERY FOR THE
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JANUARY 1, 2030".

**BY ORDER OF THE
BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS**Angela M. Hill
County Administrator**NOTICE OF
PUBLIC HEARING**

Notice is hereby given that

on January 20, 2026, at
6:00 p.m. in the Council
Chambers ofthe Vinton Municipal
Building, located at 311
South Pollard Street,Vinton, Virginia, a public
hearing will be held before
Town Council to receive

comments on the following:

1. Update of the Town of
Vinton's Solid WasteManagement Plan pursuant
to Chapter14, Code of Virginia,
particularly § 10.1-1411which requires the
preparation of local
or regional solid waste
management plans.Additional information on
this public hearing is
available in the Town
Manager's Office,located in the Vinton
Municipal Building, (540)983-0607. Interested
persons may be heard
at the above public hearing.Given under my hand this
29th day of December
2025.Megan Lawless, Town Clerk
NOTICE OF INTENT TO
COMPLY WITH THE**AMERICANS WITH
DISABILITIES ACT.**Reasonable efforts will be
made to provide assistance
or special arrangements to
qualified individuals with
disabilities in order to
participate in or attend

Town Council meetings.

Please call (540) 983-0607
at least 48 hours prior to the
meeting date so that proper
arrangements may be made.**Legals -
Montgomery County****LEGAL NOTICE OF
PUBLIC HEARING
OF THE TOWN OF
CHRISTIANSBURG
PLANNING
COMMISSION**The Town of Christiansburg
Planning Commission will
hold a Public Hearing on
Tuesday, January 20, 2026,
at 7:00 PM in the Council
Chambers of the
Christiansburg Town Hall,
100 E. Main Street,
Christiansburg, Virginia

24073, pursuant to Sections

15.2-2204 and 15.2-2285 of

the Code of Virginia, as
amended. The purpose of

the public hearing is to

receive public comments
concerning:

A rezoning request by

Roger Woody, Registered
Agent for RWJW Properties,
LLC, Applicant and Property

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557-((A))-20; (Parcel ID

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The applicant has proffered

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for this request. Current

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of an existing vegetated

area, and phasing. The

property is designated as

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Land Use Map of the 2013

Christiansburg

Comprehensive Plan.

Town Hall will be open and

available to receive public

comment in-person at the

time of this Public Hearing.

A copy of the application,

the Town's Zoning Map,

Zoning Ordinance, and

Future Land Use Map may

be viewed in the Planning

Department Office, 100 E.

Main Street,

Christiansburg, VA 24073,

during normal office hours

of 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

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Contact the Planning

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g, with any questions or if

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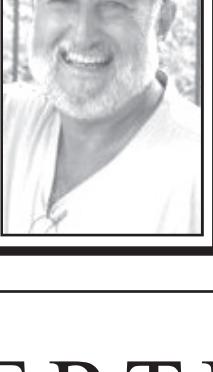
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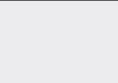
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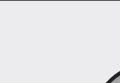
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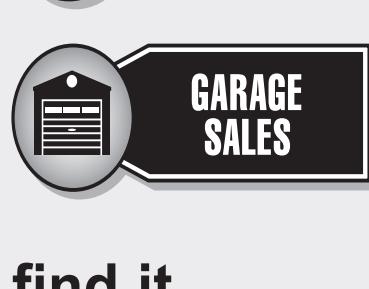
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They were there when men's fast-pitch softball was king

Former players from the days when men's fast-pitch was king gathered at the Salem Civic Center on December 29th to reminisce about their days on the local diamonds and the national stage. It was a gathering for players who played on fast-pitch softball teams with Tom Williams, a member of the Salem-Roanoke Baseball Hall of Fame. Teams Tom played on include Holiday Inns, Rudy Cox Realtors, and Oak Hall Caps. Tom was a manager on the 1984 team that advanced to the National Tournament in St. Joe's, Missouri. Gathering for a group picture at the Civic Center are, front row left to right; Gary Walhall, Charlie Hammersley, Joe Davis, Tom Williams, Sam Croft, Howie Burgess, Mack McClung, Ric Atkins and Steve Martin. Standing, left to right, are Mac McMillan, T.G. Williams, Steve Hyer, Billy Call, Roy Lower, Rick Crofts, Mike East, Craig Williams, Denton Willard, Buster McCallum, Bill Rutledge, John Finnerty, Charlie Daniel, Danny Feathers, Randy Lower, Scott Atkins, Ron Reynolds, Wes McMillian and Lyn Thomas.

Terriers look make move in BRD

The William Byrd basketball team will be looking for a Blue Ridge win Friday when the Terriers take the short trip to Roanoke to play William Fleming. The game is the second of a doubleheader with the girls as the Byrd gym is being used for the Big Orange wrestling tournament this weekend.

The Terriers have played just one district game so far, a loss at Northside on Tuesday. The Vikings aren't as strong as they usually are but they were able to pull out a 58-44 win over the Terriers with their signature hounding defense.

"Tough game for us," said Byrd coach Brad Greenway. "Northside's athleticism and pressure is always difficult to handle. We handled their initial pressure okay, but we struggled to get comfortable in our half-court offense."

The Vikings go 10 deep and coach Billy Pope does a good job of running them in and out to keep a fresh team on the court.

"It was just a grind, so credit to them for bringing that pressure and that's not just their first group," said Greenway. "They're able to go about 10 deep with that pressure and over the course of a game that presents a challenge by itself. We had some guys handle that pressure okay, but we just aren't far enough along in our development to be able to attack them and get them on their heels. They dictated our tempo start to finish."

Northside took an early 16-10 lead and won every quarter. Jesus Leon led the Terriers with 11 points and David Foster had 10, all in the first half. Moises Leon had seven points and Cason Nichols had six.

With the loss Byrd fell to 1-7 on the season. The Terriers picked up their first win at home last Saturday with a 70-37 non-district victory over Bassett. Byrd jumped all over the Bengals, racing to a 26-5 lead after the first quarter as Moises Leon scored 14 points in the period.

"We got out to a hot start and were able to maintain and build on it," said Greenway. "Really happy for our guys to see some success in this game. Got all of our guys in the game

and they all scored. Some nights all the buttons work and this was one of those nights, our guys handled everything Bassett tried and when it was time to push the gas pedal they exceeded."

Moises finished with a game-high 16 points to go with five assists, five rebounds, three steals and a block. Reid Divers had 13, Foster had nine and Jesus Leon had eight points. Jade Holmes had seven boards and six assists and ignited the crowd with his first high school dunk.

"As a team, we actually did not shoot very well but individually we had some guys break out a little bit, which was great to see," said Greenway. "Aiden Wright saw a couple go in and Moises had one of his best games overall in a Byrd uniform, which was awesome to see."

Byrd also played a non-district game at Salem over the break, falling 69-31 to a strong Salem team on December 30th. The Terriers hung tough in the early going but were outscored 47-18 in the second half.

"Obviously, we were outmatched," said Greenway. "Salem played a strong game, hit 12 threes on really efficient shooting, got to the paint often and got to the free-throw line. They did a lot of things well."

The Terriers hope to be competitive now that the Blue Ridge District season is here. Through Tuesday Fleming is the only team in the BRD with a winning overall record and they're just one over .500 at 6-5.

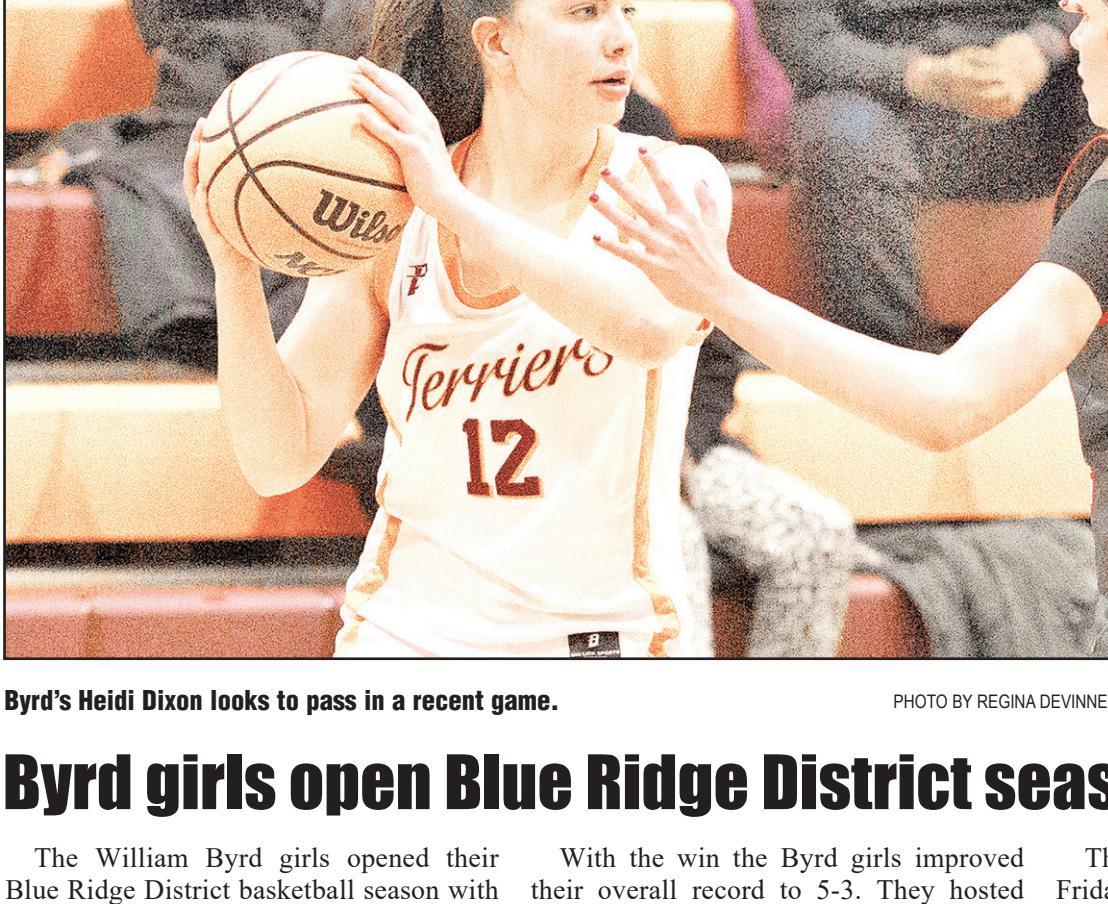
"We've got to figure out how to score and manufacture more points," said Greenway. "I appreciate our guys competing and battling, they keep showing up. It's up to me as their coach to put them in a better position to succeed. I will work harder trying to figure out ways to do that. We will create some positive momentum soon."

Next week Byrd will be at undefeated Hidden Valley for a non-district game on Monday, followed by a home game BRD game with Lord Botetourt on Tuesday.



PHOTOS BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Above, Jaden Holmes wraps a pass around two Salem defenders in a game last week. Below, David Foster drives to the hoop.



Byrd's Heidi Dixon looks to pass in a recent game.

PHOTO BY REGINA DEVINNEY

Byrd girls open Blue Ridge District season with win over Northside

The William Byrd girls opened their Blue Ridge District basketball season with a big win over Northside Tuesday. The Terriers doubled up the Vikings, 60-30, for the win in Vinton.

"Great team game with excellent defense along with very well rounded scoring," said a pleased Byrd coach Ben Munsey.

Mia Martin led the Terriers with 16

points. Maggie Zimmerman and Heidi Dixon were also in double figures with 12

and 11.

With the win the Byrd girls improved their overall record to 5-3. They hosted Bassett in a non-district game last Saturday and lost a heart-breaker in double-overtime, 62-52.

"The girls played an incredibly hard-fought game against a solid Bassett team," said Munsey. "Proud of the effort of these girls."

Martin had 23 to lead Byrd and Zimmerman had a double-double with 14

points and 11 rebounds.

The Terriers will be back on the court Friday for a Blue Ridge District game with William Fleming. It will be a 5:30 pm start and the first game of a doubleheader with the boys. Fleming is 7-4 thus far and 1-0 in the district after opening BRD play with a 67-39 win over Staunton River Tuesday.

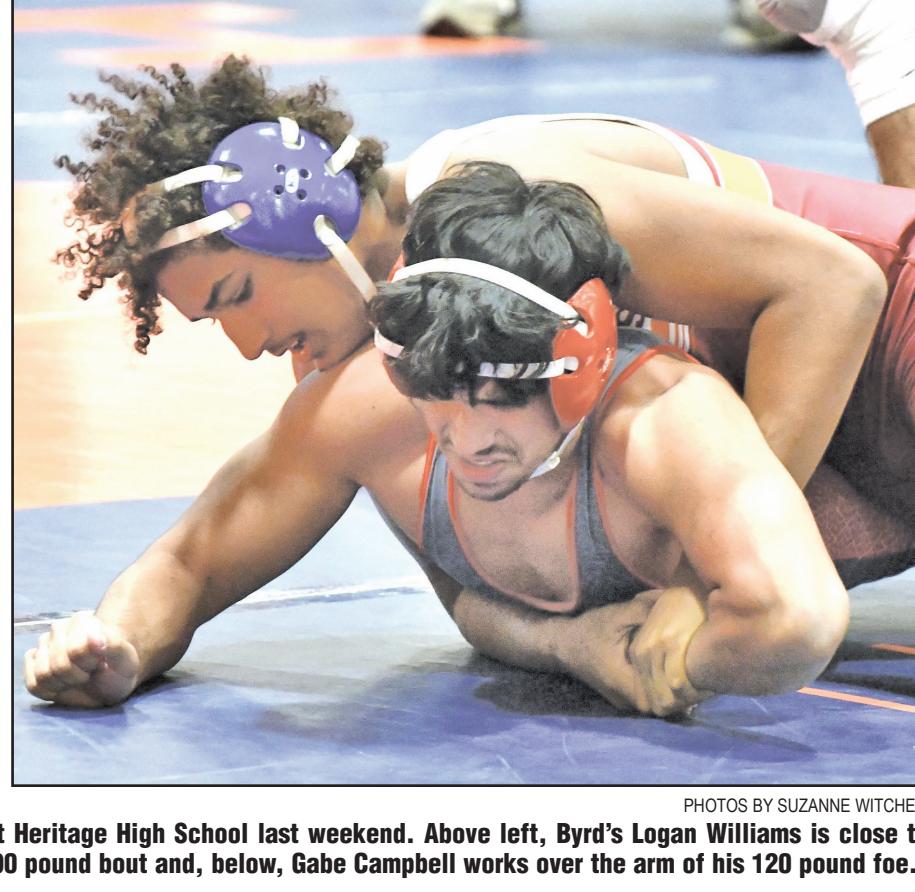
Next week William Byrd has a non-district game with Hidden Valley at home on Monday and a Blue Ridge District game with Lord Botetourt in Daleville Wednesday.

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PHOTOS BY SUZANNE WITCHER

The William Byrd wrestlers competed in the Takedown the New Year tournament at Heritage High School last weekend. Above left, Byrd's Logan Williams is close to pinning him man at 126. Above right, Jayden Omiyo is on top and in control in his 190 pound bout and, below, Gabe Campbell works over the arm of his 120 pound foe.

William Byrd will host annual Big Orange Classic this week

The highlight of the William Byrd wrestling season will be this weekend when the Terriers host the annual Big Orange Classic wrestling tournament. The tournament will begin Friday at 5 pm and resume Saturday morning at 10 am with finals set for early Saturday evening.

The Big Orange is the longest continuously running wrestling tournament in the Roanoke Valley. It has been held over the holiday break in recent years but this season it was moved to the second weekend in January.

"The dates and times have been moved around over the last few years," said Byrd coach Thomas Kessler. "It was moved to Christmas break but the weekends during that break don't always align for the tournament to be on the same weekend."

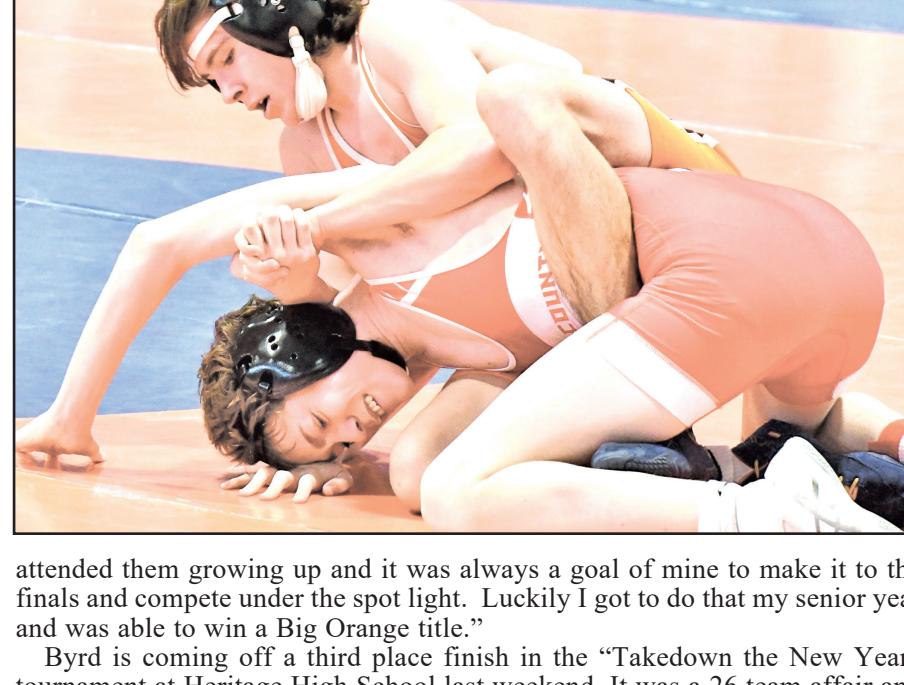
This year's tournament will include 24 teams, with most of the local schools participating. The lineup includes Bassett, Blacksburg, Brookville, Charlottesville, Christiansburg, Floyd County, Franklin County, Giles, Glenvar, Heritage, Hidden Valley, Liberty, LCA, Lord Botetourt, Martinsville, Northside, Parry McCluer, Riverheads, Roanoke Catholic, Rustburg, Salem, Western Albemarle, William Fleming and the host Terriers.

This is a big deal for the Byrd crowd. Many former Terriers attend the tournament.

"This is always a fun event for our kids and for wrestlers of the past," said Kessler. "It's almost like a homecoming for wrestling because a lot of past wrestlers will show back up to watch the Big Orange. It's an exciting time for our kids because they know wrestlers from the past will be here watching them compete. It's always a goal for our kids to perform well in front of the home crowd."

Kessler should know, as he wrestled for Byrd as a high school student.

"I was always super excited to wrestle in the Big Orange," he said. "I had



attended them growing up and it was always a goal of mine to make it to the finals and compete under the spot light. Luckily I got to do that my senior year and was able to win a Big Orange title."

Byrd is coming off a third place finish in the "Takedown the New Year" tournament at Heritage High School last weekend. It was a 26 team affair and two Terriers won first place medals, Darin Witcher at 132 and Lane Brunk at 113. Davion Wade wrestled back to take a third and Zane Taylor was fifth.

Next Wednesday, January 14, the Terriers will host a dual event at the high school and on the 16th and 17th they'll wrestle in the Big Blue in Christiansburg.

Byrd grad Shoemaker is Academic All-District

The Roanoke College football team had six players honored this week with the release of the 2025 College Sports Communicators (CSC) Academic All-District Team, including William Byrd graduate Lane Shoemaker. The Maroons honored were: Charlie Davis, Nathan Johnson, Silas Fitzgerald, Ethan Cyr, Arlie VanDyke and Shoemaker.

Shoemaker, a sophomore health and exercise science major, is a defensive back for the Maroons. Davis, a linebacker, is a sophomore education major from Radford, VA. Johnson, a Glenvar High graduate,

majors in health and exercise science and is a sophomore offensive lineman. Fitzgerald, a senior elementary education major, is an offensive lineman from Hidden Valley High in Roanoke County. Cyr, a sophomore business administration major, is a kicker from Stuarts Draft and VanDyke, a sophomore long snapper from Stanardsville, VA, is a health and exercise science major.

The 2025 Academic All-District® Football Teams, selected by College Sports Communicators, recognize the nation's top student-athletes for

their combined performances on the field and in the classroom. The CSC Academic All-America® program separately recognizes honorees in four divisions — NCAA Division I, NCAA Division II, NCAA Division III and NAIA.

Dawgs Bremner gets 200th win

The Rail Yard Dawgs grinded their way to a massive road victory last Friday night, as Roanoke prevailed with a 4-2 road win over the first-place Pensacola Ice Flyers at the Pensacola Bay Center.

With the win

Roanoke head coach Dan Bremner became just the eighth coach in SPHL history to record 200 wins.

Noah Finstrom and Travis Broughman each had one goal and one assist, Chris Mott and Matt O'Dea added goals, Joe Widmar had two assists, while rookie Gabe Rosek stopped 33-of-35 shots in his SPHL debut for the Dawgs in

notching his first career win in the league.

Season ticket packages and group tickets are on sale by contacting the Rail Yard

Dawgs' front office. Single game tickets for the season are on sale now online and at Berglund Center box office.

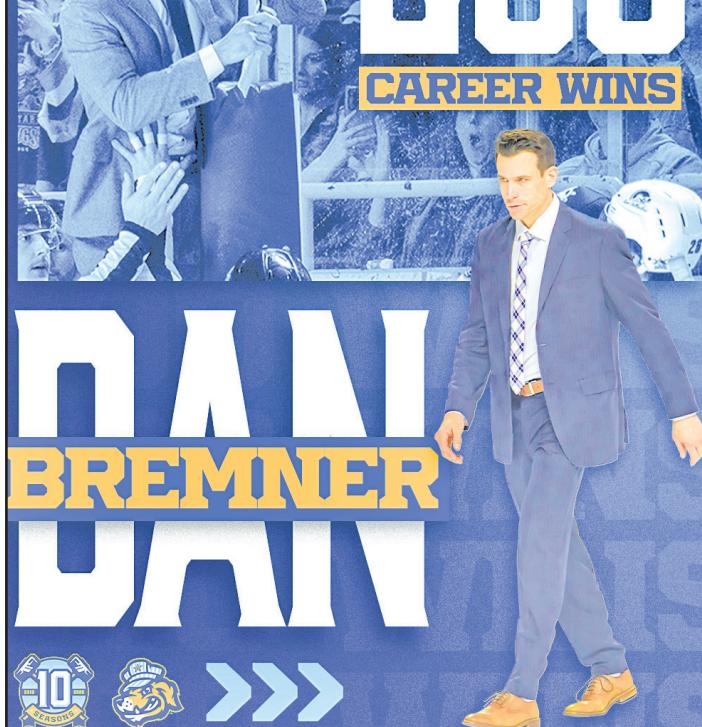


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