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Town Council tours Vinton War Memorial renovation project



From left, Mayor Brad Grose, Vice Mayor Laurie Mullins, and Town Council members Sabrina McCarty and Keith Liles toured the renovations at the Vinton War Memorial. (Councilman Mike Stovall was unable to attend.) They are standing in front of the iconic fireplace, which will be preserved.



PHOTOS BY DEBBIE ADAMS

The ballrooms at the Vinton War Memorial are stripped down to the walls for renovations.

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Vinton Town Council and town leadership toured the Vinton War Memorial on Feb. 3 to receive a firsthand update on the renovations at the historic building. Hughes and Associates architect Shawn Emmons, Town Manager Pete Peters, and Vinton Capital Projects Director Jamie Hurt led the tour.

Work on the building is nearly 60 days in and the demolition

phase is almost complete. R.L. Price is the contractor.

The War Memorial closed for the renovation project in January 2025 with plans to reopen in March 2026. However, Peters says that as “the onion was peeled back” the town realized that more extensive upgrades and improvements would be necessary.

Initially, the project was meant to be mainly cosmetic in nature; now it includes replacing the roof, doors, windows, and mechanical

equipment, structural repairs, upgrading to LED lighting throughout, installing custom ceiling panels in the ballroom, updates to restroom facilities, modifications and improvements in the second floor office suite, new floor and wall coverings throughout, furniture, and fixture updates, and security enhancements.

What council members saw on the Feb. 3 tour was the building stripped down to the walls, flooring, wiring, and ductwork.

Most of the first floor of the War Memorial is taken up by two ballrooms—one large, one small with a divider between them. The smaller ballroom facing Washington Avenue is original to the building. The grand ballroom at the back of the structure was part of the renovation project in 2007.

The rooms have been basically gutted with plans for a new “everything.” Hurt says the result will be an elegant space. The floors are being replaced

with pre-engineered wood flooring with a larger plank than previously, and a harder, more durable finish. It will also be darker in tone—a walnut shade.

The difficult-to-maneuver room divider is being replaced. The beautiful fireplace will remain.

The focal point of the ballrooms will be a “spectacular” new ceiling—a secret to be unveiled at the opening.

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Vinton Town Council approves Strategic Plan, renews lease with Dogwood Restaurant

Vinton Town Council met on Feb. 3 and approved the Vinton Strategic Plan for the next five years, renewed a lease with the Dogwood Restaurant, and was briefed by Vinton First Aid Crew Chief Brandan Arthur on the activities of the crew in 2025.

Mayor Brad Grose, Vice Mayor Laurie Mullins, and council members Sabrina McCarty and Keith Liles were briefed by Town Manager Pete Peters on the specifics of the town’s Strategic Plan. The five-year plan has been months in development as the town partnered with consultants Mike Callahan from 3TP Ventures and Vlad Gavrilovic of New Paradigm Planning to align the near-term goals of the next five years with the Comprehensive Plan, adopted last July, which sketches out the town’s goals for the next 25 years.

The main components of the plan in the coming years are to update and modernize the Town Zoning Ordinance, strategically promote economic development, invest in critical public infrastructure, build walkable connections in and to downtown, and invest in quality housing for all phases of life—all while maintaining the services the town provides to its citizens.

Peters noted that both the Comprehensive Plan and the Strategic Plan are integral components in decision-making by town leaders and developing yearly town budgets. The plan is revisited annually to maintain focus on its priorities.

New Vinton First Aid Crew Chief

Brandan Arthur presented the annual report on actions of the organization in 2025 and their plans for 2026. Arthur has been a member of the VFAC for 13 years.

As of January 1, 2026, the VFAC has 56 active members with 17 new members joining in 2025. The crew has an impressive retention rate of three years. Last year members donated over 5,031 volunteer hours to the community, with a total of 1,431 emergency responses from Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 2025. The crew transported 692 citizens to hospitals or stand-alone emergency departments and a total of 27 unique community standbys.

The VFAC invested in the town and beyond, serving as a community resource as an ASHI Training Center providing education in CPR, Stop the Bleed, Basic First Aid, and more. The members engaged in community outreach, working with William Byrd High School for drunk driving education, and scouting groups, along with businesses and partners.

They can always be seen at community events, such as the Fourth of July, the Dogwood Festival, and Fall Festival.

They are an EMS and First Responder resource for Emergency Vehicle Operations, continuing education, and specialty education.

In 2026, the VFAC plans to continue EMS education inside and outside of the local organization, to focus on education

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Town Council voted to extend the town’s lease with the Dogwood Restaurant for the



Ethan Dailey, who usually plays hockey at the Lancerlot, made his own ice rink in his grandparents’ front yard on Clearview.

Vinton Public Works battles the elements to clear the streets

According to Vinton Town Manager Pete Peters, the town administration, Vinton Public Works, and the Vinton Police Dept. began meeting with state agencies—the Virginia Dept. of Emergency Management (VDEM), VDOT, and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)—and other regional governments, on Jan. 21 in advance of the predicted Jan. 24 severe weather event, and continued to meet daily throughout the event. Their discussions included the weather, power, warming shelters, and needed supplies or equipment.

Based on the anticipated total accumulations and timing, the Vinton Public

Works Department staffed two 12-hour shifts in advance of the storm, with one working 4 p.m. to 4 a.m. and the second crew working 4 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. This rotation persisted through Tuesday morning on Jan. 27. This included pre-loading salt spreaders and filling them with salt, attaching snowplows, and hooking up tire chains on Friday, Jan. 23.

The VPW Dept is equipped with four dump-trucks with spreaders and plows and three HD pickups with plows. The town also has a skid-steer, front-end loader and a number of snow blowers.

All Public Works staff were scheduled and staffed accordingly to one of the seven-man

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RCPS announces make-up days

Day #	School Day Missed	Make Up Day
1.	December 5, 2025	Bank Day
2	December 8, 2025	Bank Day
3	December 9, 2025	Bank Day
4	January 26, 2026	Bank Day
5	January 27, 2026	Bank Day
6	January 28, 2026	Bank Time
7	February 2, 2026	March 13
8		--not required--
9		Add time to school day, if needed
10+		

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Roanoke County Public Schools has announced the make-up days schedule resulting from inclement weather.

Banked time will be used to make up for missed days on Dec. 5, 8, and 9 and Jan. 26, 27, and 28.

The missed day on Feb. 2 will be made up on March 13.

If more days are missed, time may be added to the school day.

According to RCPS Community Relations Director Chuck Lionberger,

Feb. 9 will remain a Parent Conference Day, and schools will be closed. "This is an important part of our Opportunity Ready program, and we felt that we needed to keep Feb. 9 as a student conference day."

Parents and students are encouraged not to schedule trips, vacations, etc., on possible make-up days.

-Submitted by RCPS



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The new softball field at WBMS would be adjacent to Greg Barton Field (to its left on the map) in the area behind the school.

School Board approves budget for installation of new softball field at Byrd Middle School

The Roanoke County School Board approved the budget of \$250,000 for the installation of a new softball field at William Byrd Middle School at the board's meeting on Jan. 22.

Todd Kageals, Director of Facilities and Operations for Roanoke County Schools, told the board that the cost would be \$250,000 or possibly lower. The area chosen for the field, adjacent to Greg Barton Field, is relatively flat and would not incur the grading costs that other locations might entail.

According to WBMS Principal Katie Hutchison, currently the middle school girls softball team plays either on the field located on campus or at Goode Park. For a number of years, the school has provided bus transportation to Goode Park for both practices and games to ensure student safety and accessibility.

On Nov. 17, 2025, the School Board approved funding for Architecture and Engineering (A&E) services for the potential softball field to be constructed

in the open field behind William Byrd Middle School. A survey has been conducted, and initial layout plans have been received. Full grading plans and construction documents are expected to be completed in the next two to three weeks. The initial layout documents have confirmed that a softball field constructed to the recommended NFHS dimensions will fit within the available space.

Staff recommended making the appropriation of \$250,000 from Minor Capital Special Projects to cover the cost of the project if the School Board wishes to proceed.

Board members Tim Greenway and Vice Chair Brent Hudson, along with Chair Shelley Clemons, voted in support of the appropriation of funds for the project. New member Ryan White abstained. David Linden voted against the appropriation until more time is spent reviewing the project.

-Vinton Messenger staff report

PEOPLE, PLACES AND THINGS

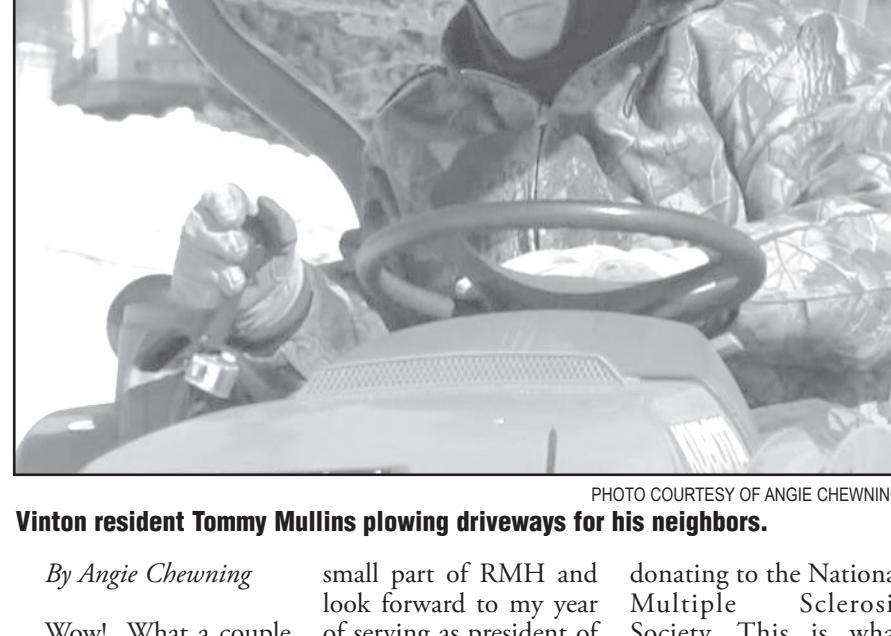


PHOTO COURTESY OF ANGIE CHEWNING

Vinton resident Tommy Mullins plowing driveways for his neighbors.

By Angie Chewning

Wow! What a couple of weeks! I hope everyone had some fun snow days. Me? I am not a big fan! But the weeks have been busy ones. I attended the Salem-Roanoke County Chamber's annual breakfast.

The Vinton Chamber installed our new 2026 officers and Board of Directors at our annual Casino Night. This event is so much fun, and our proceeds will be donated to Ronald McDonald House. And speaking of Ronald McDonald House— I volunteered and got to go out on the ice at the Dawgs game with one of the families that have stayed at RMH, for them to drop the puck. We also unveiled a sneak peek of the new logo to be rolling out in May. I so enjoy being a

small part of RMH and look forward to my year of serving as president of their Board of Directors for the 2026 year.

The WBHS Class of 1981 is working on plans for the reunion on May 2. Anyone that is a part of this class, please reach out to the Reunion Committee at WBHS.81class@gmail.com. They want to notify as many people as they can. Please help these folks out. I know firsthand what a commitment it is to serve on these committees and any help is appreciated.

I know I am not alone in sending a huge "Thank you" to Tommy Mullins. This angel in the Briarcliff subdivision area has scraped so many neighbors' driveways and areas around their houses. Any donations he received, Tommy is

donating to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. This is what living in a small, close town is like— neighbors helping neighbors. Thank you, Tommy! We love you!

Remember Kalley Sullivan? She was with the Dr. Phil show and then it closed and she had a trip abroad. She is back now in Los Angeles as an executive producer on the Jennifer Hudson show; however, the week of the Grammys she was Lady GaGa's personal escort.

Her proud parents are Kari and Chip Sullivan, along with sister Camryn, and brother Colby. She is a graduate of William Byrd High School and attended Burton. We are so proud of Kalley and what she's doing in L.A. Keep it up: we're here to cheer you on!

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Remembering Vinton

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Headlines from the February 1976 Vinton Messenger remind us of the dangers firefighters and rescue personnel face every day. That month, two Vinton firemen were treated for smoke inhalation fighting a fire that destroyed a home on Augusta Avenue.

Four children and their parents were displaced when a blanket falling against a heater in a bedroom caught on fire. The family dog was found seemingly lifeless under a bed but was revived with oxygen by the Mount Pleasant fire crew and rushed to the Vinton Veterinary Hospital. Thrasher Memorial United Methodist Church became the collection point for donations for the family.

Another Vinton fireman was burned that same

50 years ago in 1976

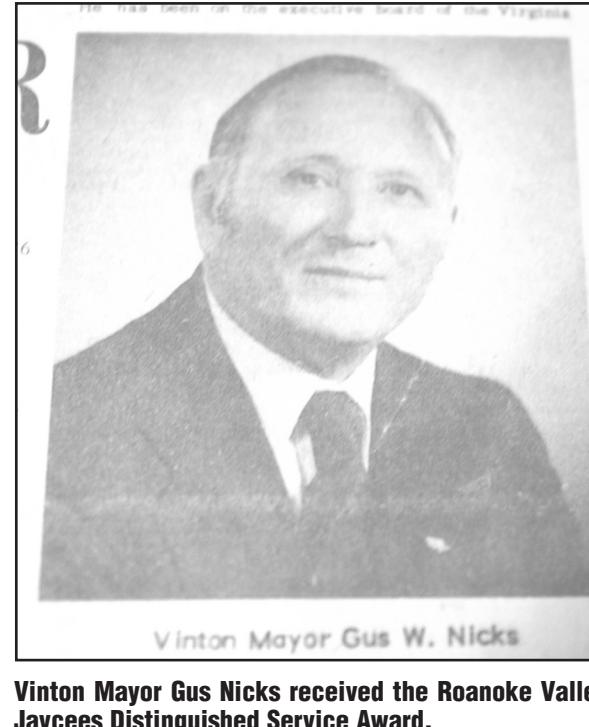
with the Vinton Historical Society

month fighting a fire in Goodview that started near the home's furnace

There was a burglary spree in Vinton that month, with numerous homes, businesses, and vehicles broken into. The screams of one of the victims when she saw a burglar bending over her car led to a police chase in the neighborhood. Citizens Band radios seemed to be what most robbers from vehicles involved. In one instance, a pistol was stolen; in another, fishing equipment was missing; tools were taken in a third.

The break-ins at businesses were suspected to have been committed by juveniles who generally broke windows to gain entrance and then took virtually nothing. A pair of scissors was stolen from a dry cleaner; \$3.90 was taken from Mick or Mack. The break-ins were discovered by Vinton patrolmen

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Vinton Mayor Gus Nicks

Vinton Mayor Gus Nicks received the Roanoke Valley Jaycees Distinguished Service Award.



Vinton firefighters were busy fighting home fires in February 1976, this one in Goodview.



PHOTOS FROM VINTON MESSENGER ARCHIVES

Fourth graders at East Vinton Elementary re-enacted the Constitutional Convention during the Bicentennial.

VINTON WORSHIP DIRECTORY

WORDS OF RELIEF

Read Job 15:1 through 22:30

Justin sat in Caleb's apartment, hoping his big brother could provide some words of encouragement. An official letter from his college had arrived, announcing that Justin was on academic probation. Justin never realized those two words would cause his parents so much pain, anger, and disappointment.

Caleb was frustrated. He knew the sacrifices his parents made so that Justin could attend college. College loans, scholarships, and money did not come easy. His parents worked hard at obtaining all the financial aid they could gather. His dad picked up extra shifts at work to cover the cost of books. Now, to hear that Justin "blew it" was more than Caleb could bear. He wanted to explode, but the Holy Spirit urged him to listen. After several moments, Caleb sat down beside Justin and placed his arm around him. Caleb whispered, "Mind if I pray for you?"

Justin grinned, "Thanks, man. I sure could use it!"

But my mouth would encourage you; comfort from my lips would bring you relief (Job 16:5).

Do your words bring comfort or condemnation?

Challenge for Today: Provide comfort and encouragement to someone close to you.

Quicklook: Job 16:4-6

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and discussion, or other topics and techniques to help Raise Your Spiritual IQ. The Roanoke ECK Center is located at 1420 3rd. St. SW, Roanoke, VA 24016.

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Updates from State Senator David Suetterlein

The Virginia General Assembly convened on Jan. 14. In keeping with long-standing tradition, Governor Glenn Youngkin delivered his 2026 State of the Commonwealth address to a joint session of the Virginia Senate and House of Delegates on opening day. The governor highlighted bipartisan education and economic development accomplishments and made an emphatic warning against tax increases. His message that Virginia does not need taxes is factually backed up by revenue reports showing the Commonwealth already running \$1.2 billion, or 8.6%, ahead of original projections just six months into the current fiscal year.

On Saturday, Jan. 17, the General Assembly met in an outdoor joint session on the steps of the Capitol for Governor

Abigail Spanberger's inauguration as the Virginia's 75th executive. My wife, Ashley, and I joined a large crowd, including every living Virginia governor, to witness this historic event alongside citizens from across the Commonwealth.

I appreciate Governor Youngkin for his successful work to lower taxes, his independence from Virginia's electric monopolies, and his commonsense approach to moving beyond COVID mandates. I am most grateful for his successes in ensuring fewer Virginians are victims of crime and dangerous drugs, his innovative emergency management that saved lives, and his long-term business site development that will benefit Virginians for decades to come.

While my voting record was far from a mirror image of the governor's

actions, I am incredibly appreciative of his significant contributions to our Commonwealth. I now look forward to working with Governor Spanberger to achieve consensus to advance our Commonwealth wherever possible, while remaining ready to work as a principled check whenever necessary.

Most 2026 Regular Session legislation was required to be filed by 10 a.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 14. My current bills include: Extending Tax Relief for Working Virginians, Eliminating the Local Grocery Tax & Backfilling Localities, Expanding Students' Workplace Learning Opportunities, CreatingMotorcycleDriverImprovement Program, Extending Alternative Through Year Growth Assessments, Updating Virginia's Abandoned Vehicle Statute,

Internet Privacy Protections for Children, Requiring Elections to Fill Elected Officials Vacancies, Career and Technical Education Teacher Licensure Expansion, REALTOR License Plate Revenue to Disaster Relief Fund, Expanding Early Intervention for Children With Disabilities to Age, Relief of Custody Reform, Uniform Voting Hours Across Virginia, Emergency Custody Order Transportation Home, Prosecutor Input for Parole Board Review, Clarifying Texting While Driving, APCo Electric Rate Review Reform, and Western Virginia Education Consortium.

-Submitted by Sen. David Suetterlein

VINTON HISTORY

Oil Lamps

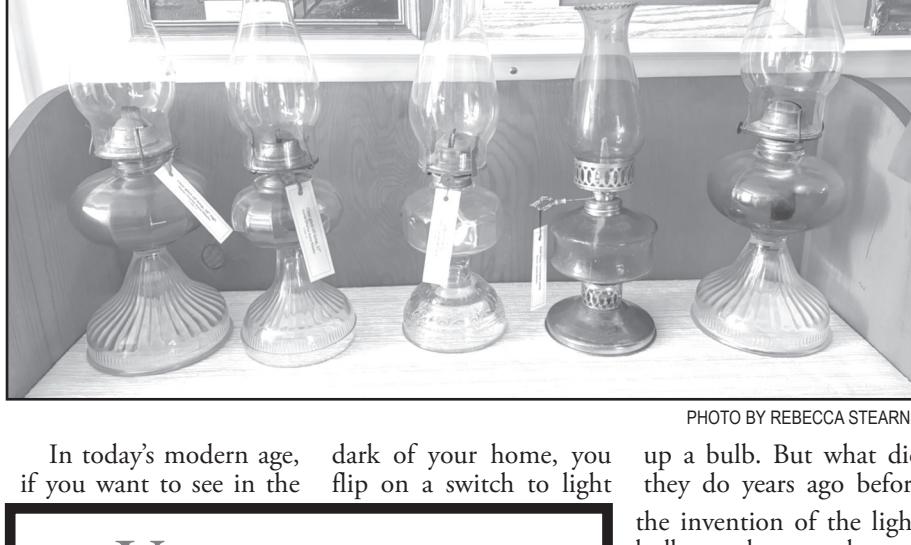


PHOTO BY REBECCA STEARNS

In today's modern age, dark of your home, you if you want to see in the flip on a switch to light

up a bulb. But what did they do years ago before the invention of the light bulb – a lamp and some oil.

Electric lighting did not catch up to rural areas such as Vinton until the late 1800s, so oil lamps, more specifically kerosene glass lamps, were the most used forms of lighting. Even with the introduction of electric lighting, people would hold onto glass lamps in cases of emergency.

There are many such glass lamps of various designs on display at the Vinton History Museum. Visit the museum and see these lamps and more at the Vinton History Museum at 210 East Jackson Avenue every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Vinton History Museum: 'Preserving the Past for the Future.'

-Submitted by Hollins intern Rebecca Stearns

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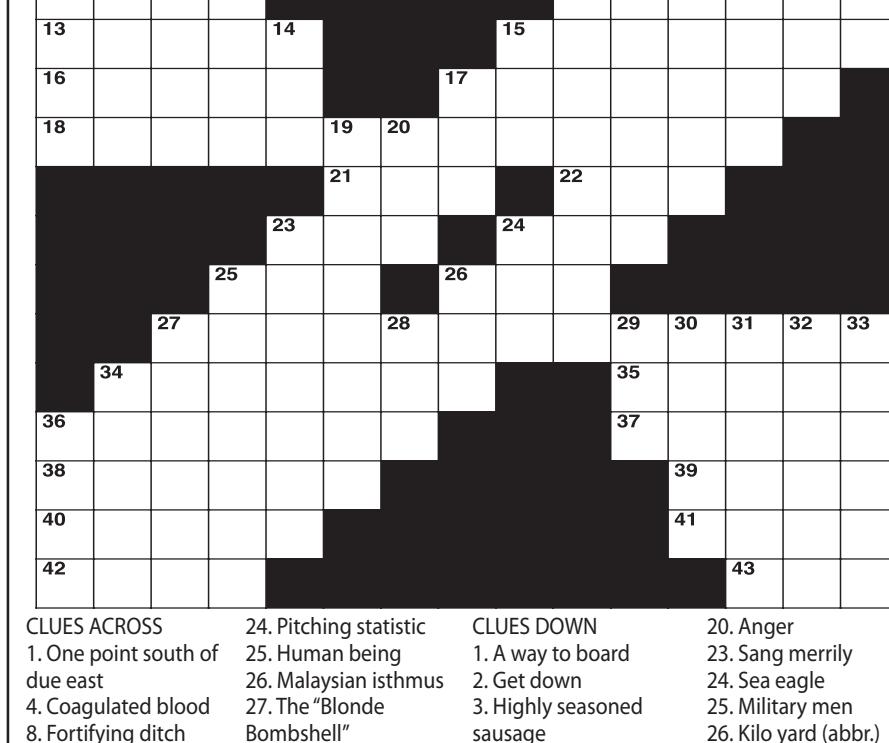
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- Fortifying ditch
- Devotee of Hinduism
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- Covered with hoarfrost
- Opening
- Legendary Rolling Stone
- Computer storing system
- Signal

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- Human being
- Malaysian isthmus
- "The Blonde Bombshell"
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- Blemished
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- disco legends
- Bee
- Midway between south and southeast
- A way to board
- Get down
- Highly seasoned sausage
- First day of month
- Eurasian shrubs
- The organ that bears the ovules of a flower
- Small lake
- Belief
- Sunrooms
- Metric weight unit
- Vasopressin
- Bravo! Bravo!
- One-time family room staple
- Got back together
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- Protects from weather
- Type of medicine
- City along the Rhine
- Animal disease
- Martini ingredients
- Get away
- Lack of disunity
- One-time European officer

From the Pulpit

By Pastor Bryan Crouch

Battleship Series

There is a stark difference between a cruise ship mentality and a battleship mentality that goes on within the church. No battleship wins with a lone captain shouting orders from the bridge while the crew stands idle. Victory demands structure: clear chains of command, specialized teams, and every sailor knowing their role. The church operates the same way.

God never intended one person—or even a handful of leaders—to carry the mission alone. He designed His body to function as a coordinated force, with strong, efficient committees/ministry teams multiplying leadership, so the whole ship stays battle-ready.

Exodus 18 shows this principle in action. Moses was overwhelmed judging every dispute from dawn to dusk. His father-in-law, Jethro, saw the strain and gave wise counsel:

"Select capable men... who fear God, trustworthy men... and appoint them as officials over thousands, hundreds, fifties and tens" (vv. 21–22). The result? Moses could focus on the big-picture direction, the people were served promptly, and the entire camp moved forward without collapse. "You will be able to stand the strain," Jethro promised, "and all these people will go home satisfied" (v. 23).

In a church, committees/ministry teams aren't bureaucracy—they're battle stations. Finance keeps resources flowing like ammo resupply. Outreach launches rescue missions. Mercy teams bind up the wounded. Property maintains the hull, so we don't take on water. When godly, capable people serve together under elder oversight, the load is shared, decisions gain wisdom, and the mission accelerates.

Sign up for Rain Barrel Making Workshop in Vinton

Clean Valley Council is once again offering a Rain Barrel Making Workshop in Vinton. It's not until April 9, but slots fill up quickly so it's best to register now.

Rain barrels can reduce water bills, catch rainwater for gardens, and minimize stormwater run-off.

The workshop will take place again at the Vinton Farmer's Market (204 West Lee Avenue) from 5:30-7 p.m. Register at www.cleanvalley.org/get-involved. Materials, tools, and guidance are provided.

-Submitted by Clean Valley Council

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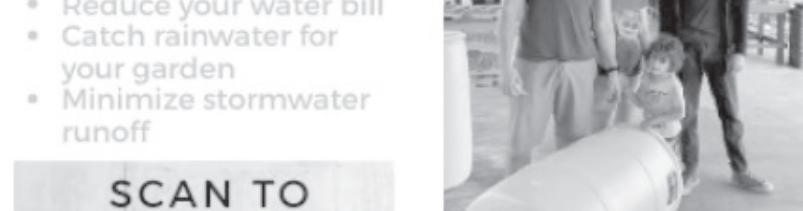


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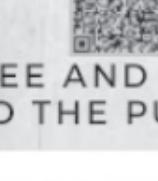
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Legals - Botetourt County

Trustee's Sale
187 SPRING
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(Parcel ID: 11123)

Default having been made in the terms of a certain Deed of Trust dated 1/5/2024, in the original principal amount of \$264,926.00 and recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the Botetourt County, Virginia on 1/8/2024, as Instrument No. 2400000421, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will sell at public auction on 3/4/2026 at 2:00 PM, Front of building of the Circuit Court Building For Botetourt County, 1 West Main Street, Fincastle, Virginia 24090, the property designated as 187 SPRING HOLLOW RD, TROUTVILLE, VA 24175.

Located in the County of Botetourt, Commonwealth of Virginia: Lot 15, Block 2, according to Map No. 2 Subdivision, Portion of Property of S. E. Wilkinson and G. W. Wills, made by C. B. Malcolm & Son, S.C.E., dated November 21, 1951, recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Botetourt County, Virginia, in Plat Book 3, page 184, and being further described as follows: BEGINNING at the intersection of Lot 14 and Lot 15 at an iron pipe in the edge of Spring Hollow Road; thence along the property line of Lots 14 and 15, N. 30° 22' W. 203.14 feet to an iron stake in the property line of Lots 2 and 3; thence N. 58° 44' E. 100.01 feet to an iron stake in the property line of Lots 15 and 16; thence S. 30° 22' E. 204.71 feet along the property line of Lots 15 and 16 to an iron stake in Spring Hollow Road; thence S. 59° 38' W. 100 feet along Spring Hollow Road to the point of Beginning; and BEING the same property conveyed to the Grantor herein by Deed dated January 4, 2024, recorded contemporaneously with this Deed of Trust.

TERMS: CASH. A deposit of \$26,492.60 or 10% of the sale price, whichever is lower, will be required of the successful bidder at time of sale. Prior to the sale, interested bidders will be required to register with and must present a bid deposit which may be held during the sale by the trustee. The bid deposit must be certified funds and/or cash, but no more than \$9,900.00 of cash will be accepted. The successful bidder's deposit will be retained at the sale and applied to the sale price. If held by the trustee, all other bid deposits will be returned to the unsuccessful bidders. Settlement is to be made within 15 days. The successful bidder will be responsible for obtaining possession of the property, and for all costs and fees related to recording the Trustee's Deed, including the grantors tax. The successful bidder will be required to execute a Memorandum of Trustee's Sale, available for review upon request before the sale, outlining additional terms of sale and settlement. A Trustee's Deed will be prepared by Trustee's attorney at high bidder's expense. This is a communication from a debt collector: Vylla Solutions - Virginia, LLC, 283 Constitution Drive, Suite 102, Office B, Virginia Beach, VA 23462, File No. 25-37622, Tel: 888-313-1969

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In execution of the Deed of Trust dated November 30, 2017, in the original principal amount of \$148,265.00, recorded as Inst. 170004619, assigned as Inst. 200000435, in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court for the County of Botetourt, Virginia, default having occurred in the payment of the indebtedness thereby secured and at the request of the holder of the note, the undersigned, as Substitute Trustees, either of whom may act, will sell at public auction at the front entrance of the Circuit Court for the County of Botetourt on February 24, 2026, at 1:00 p.m., the property located at the above address and described as Lot 5, Block 7, Section 5, Blue Ridge Heights, County of Botetourt. **TERMS: CASH.** PROPERTY SOLD AS IS **WARRANTY OF TITLE.** A 10% deposit of the successful bid

Legals - Botetourt County

amount (whichever is lower) will be required immediately of the successful bidder, in cashier's check or certified funds only payable to or signed over to "DOLANREID PLLC, TRUSTEE", no person checks accepted. Balance due within 15 days from date of sale VIA BANKWIRE ONLY. Sale is subject to post sale confirmation and audit of the status of the loan including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower filed for and obtained bankruptcy protection, entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, or if trustee is unable to complete the sale, or if it is set aside or not fully completed for any reason except purchaser's default, the sale shall be null and void, and the purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. Upon purchaser's default, the deposit shall be forfeited and the property resold at the risk and costs of the defaulting purchaser. Sale is subject to all prior liens, easements, restrictions, covenants, reservations and conditions, if any, of record, as well as inchoate liens and any other matters which would be disclosed by an accurate survey or inspection of the premises. Real estate taxes will be adjusted to the date of sale. All costs of conveyance, deed, examination of title, recording charges, grantor's tax and possession will be at the expense of the purchaser. All risks of casualty immediately pass to the successful bidder. Time is of the essence. Winning bidder must sign a memorandum of sale immediately upon completion of sale. Additional terms may be announced at the time of sale. Trustee's affidavit and a copy of the notice of sale available at the foreclosure sale. The opening bid is not announced until the sale. Current sale status available at dolanreid.com/foreclosure-sales.

THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. For Information Contact: DolanReid PLLC and G. Benny Moore, Substitute Trustee(s) 12610 Patrick Henry Dr, Ste. D, Newport News, VA 23602; (757) 320-0255, ext. 220 or ext. 260

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 1449 LAKERIDGE CIRCLE, TROUTVILLE, VA 24175.

In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated January 4, 2006, in the original principal amount of \$175,000.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Botetourt County, Virginia as Instrument No. 060000421. The undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the front of the Circuit Court building for Botetourt County, Main Street, Fincastle, VA 24090, or any such temporary alternative Circuit Court location designated by the Judges of the Circuit Court, on April 3, 2026, at 10:45 AM, 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 EASEMENTS AND APPURTENANCES THEREUNTO APPERTAINING, LYING AND BEING IN BOTETOURT COUNTY, VIRGINIA, AND MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, TO-WIT: PARCEL 1: BEING LOT 4, BLOCK 24, ACCORDING TO MAP NO. 3 OF BLOCKS 11-24, RAINBOW FOREST, PROPERTY OF BOTETOURT DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, BOTETOURT COUNTY, VIRGINIA, MADE BY C. B. MALCOLM & SON, SCE, DATED JUNE 29, 1962, CONSISTING OF SHEETS 1 THROUGH 5

RECORDED IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF BOTETOURT, VIRGINIA, IN PLAT BOOK 4, AT PAGE 143. PARCEL 2: LOT NO. 5, BLOCK 24, ACCORDING TO MAP NO. 3 OF BLOCKS 11-24, RAINBOW FOREST, PROPERTY OF BOTETOURT DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, BOTETOURT COUNTY, VIRGINIA, MADE BY C. B. MALCOLM & SON, SCE'S, DATED JUNE 29, 1962, CONSISTING OF SHEETS 1 THROUGH 5.

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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. 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. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Virginia Pre-Sale Department of counsel for Equity Trustees, LLC at 301-961-6555, website: www.bwwsales.com. VA-372477-1.

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 1302 LAYMANTOWN ROAD, TROUTVILLE, VA 24175.

In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated January 26, 2022, in the original principal amount of \$303,750.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Botetourt County, Virginia as Instrument No. 220000407. The undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the front of the Circuit Court building for Botetourt County, Main Street, Fincastle, VA 24090, or any such temporary alternative Circuit Court location designated by the Judges of the Circuit Court, on April 15, 2026.

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 11505 Countyline Road, Bent Mountain, VA 24059 Tax Map No. 117.00-01-91.01-0000

In execution of a Deed of Trust dated February 7, 2011, recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court for the County of Roanoke, Virginia, as Instrument No. 201101629, the Trustee will offer the above-described property for sale to the highest bidder at public auction on February 18, 2026 at 9:00am, at the Roanoke County Circuit Court, 305 East Main Street, Salem, VA 24153.

That certain lot or parcel of land with all appurtenances thereto, being a parcel of land containing 0.655 acres more or less lying and being in the west side of Virginia Secondary Route No. 644, fully shown on a map attached to and made a part of the certain deed recorded in Deed Book 1217 at page 926 of the records of the Circuit Court Clerk of Roanoke County, prepared by Buford Lumsden & Associates, Engineers & Surveyors, dated February 20, 1985, the description being incorporated herein by reference.

Date of Sale: February 18, 2026 at 9:00am at 305 East Main Street, Salem, VA 24153.

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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. 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. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Virginia Pre-Sale Department of counsel for Equity Trustees, LLC at 301-961-6555, website: www.bwwsales.com. VA-380025-1.

Legals - City of Salem

Order of Publication
Commonwealth of Virginia
VA Code §§ 1-211.1; 8.01-
316-317.20-104
Case No. CL25000427-00
CITY OF SALEM
2 EAST CALHOUN ST
SALEM VA 24153
MICHAEL EUGENE
MORAN
v.
AMBER NICOLE MORAN.

The object of this suit is to: OBTAIN A DIVORCE

It is ORDERED that

AMBER NICOLE MORAN appear at the above-named

court and protect his/her

interests on or before

April 15, 2026

Entered January 9, 2026

Stacy L. Owen

Deputy Clerk

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Date of Sale: February 18, 2026 at 9:00am at 305 East Main Street, Salem, VA 24153.

TERMS: CASH; a deposit in the form of certified funds in the amount of \$10,000 or 10% of the sale price, whichever is lower.

Settlement within thirty (30) days of date of sale. Time is of the essence.

OPTIONS:

1. All costs of conveyance, examination of title, recording charges, etc. will be at cost of purchaser with the exception of the grantor's tax. Neither the Trustee nor any other party guarantees or covenants to deliver or in any way to obtain possession of the premises for any third-party purchaser.

2. The Trustee reserves the right to reject all bids.

bids or withdraw the

Legals - City of Salem

property from sale at any time. In addition, should the Trustee be unable, for any reason, in its sole discretion, to convey title, the successful bidder's sole remedy in law or equity shall be the return of his deposit. Upon refund of the deposit, the sale shall be void and of no effect.

Additional terms may be announced at the time of the sale. The Trustee will convey the above-described property to the purchaser(s) by Special Warranty deed at settlement and makes no additional representations or warranties of any kind regarding the title to said property.

John K. Prillaman, Esq.
 Trustee

For Information Contact:
 John K. Prillaman, Esq.
 OPN Law, PLC
 3140 Chaparral Drive,
 #200-C
 Roanoke, Virginia 24018
 (540) 725-8194

Legals - Montgomery County

ABC NOTICE

TANGLED WISDOM LLC, trading as TANGLED WISDOM, 4287 & 4289 North Fork Road, Elliston, Montgomery Co. VA 24087.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

By the Board of Supervisors of the County of Montgomery, Virginia that the Board of Supervisors hereby schedules a public hearing for Monday,

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Roanoke Street,

Christiansburg, Virginia, in order to receive citizen

comments on the proposed

ordinances temporarily changing the A-3, E-3 and F-3 Precinct Polling Place

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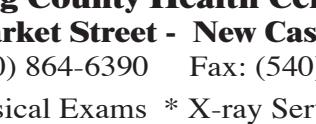
County Administrator

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, February 17, 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 LZ-BAM, LLC, Applicant and Property Owner, for an amendment to proffers on property located at 2886 Roanoke Street, identified as Tax Parcel 501 - (11) - 24A (Parcel ID 011123), consisting of approximately 0.968 acres. The property is zoned General Business District (B-3) with proffers, and the request is to amend the proffers accepted with the 2001 rezoning action. The property is designated as Business/Commercial on the Future Land Use

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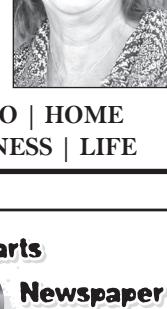
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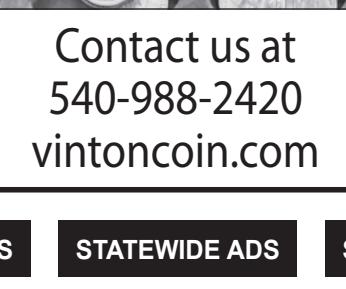
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"Little Orange"

Coach Justin Havens talks to the future of William Byrd wrestling at the Junior Big Orange practice in Vinton.



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S-R Baseball Hall of Fame Class of 2026

The Salem-Roanoke Baseball Hall of Fame Class of '26 includes, left to right, Wes McMillian, Drew Bailey, Donald Minnick and Allen Lawrence. Former big league outfielder Jackie Bradley, Jr. was also inducted, and was the scheduled keynote speaker, but he could not make Sunday night's ceremony at the Salem Civic Center.

History

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making routine door checks.

Police arrested a Vinton resident and charged him with manufacturing marijuana after several days of surveillance. A teenager at the intermediate school was charged with possession of marijuana on school property.

Three bicycles chained to a fence were taken—twice in one month from the same family.

"Rough housing teenagers" were suspected of stealing the wallet of a High's Ice Cream employee, who became distracted when preparing their milkshakes.

In February 1976, grading got underway for a new \$1 million bowling center to be built behind Lake Drive Plaza, which was designed with 24 lanes. Several residents were concerned that the bowling alley might obstruct the view from Clearview Drive. The promoters were assured that the building would not be elevated higher than the roadway. Trees were also promised to "trap noise." Other citizens, including Mayor Gus Nicks, were concerned about the noise factor for the nearby nursing home. The nursing home sent a letter saying it had no objections to the project.

Vinton officials were surveying Vintonites to determine how many were making use of Valley Metro buses before agreeing to pay Vinton's \$32,556 share of the Roanoke bus system's operational fees. In 1976, there were two Valley Metro bus routes in Vinton. Mayor Gus Nicks and Town Manager Ron Miller noted that many of the buses going through Vinton had no passengers or only one or two onboard. They did not want to end the service; they just thought

Valley Metro could do a better job of promoting the service to increase ridership. They were also afraid that the rate was going to double that year, requiring a tax increase to fund. The issue ended when Valley Metro cut off service to Vinton entirely, along with Salem, Roanoke County, Botetourt County and parts of Roanoke City.

The Roanoke Jaycees introduced ecology (recycling) centers to the Roanoke area with a pilot project to collect newspapers, cardboard, magazines, and metal. The three local governments would pay the cost of metal containers to collect recyclables, in partnership with Cycle Systems, Inc. The recycling containers in Vinton were placed at Mick or Mack and Parkside Plaza.

Four hundred students at Hardy Road, Roland E. Cook, and East Vinton Elementary schools, along with William Byrd Intermediate and High schools, participated in Bicentennial Essay Contest. The topic was "This is America to Me." Eighth grader Ramona Ball won first place among secondary school students and a \$25 U.S. Savings Bond. Jennifer Ratcliff won first place among the intermediate school students.

There were many Bicentennial events planned for the year. Roanoke County schools were even offering patriotic menus, including Chicken Mt. Vernon, Martha's Mashed Potatoes, Salad Monticello, Lincoln Log with butter, Dolly's Fruit Pudding, and Madison's Milk on Feb. 12. Stewartsville Elementary students were busy making a Bicentennial quilt. Fourth graders at East Vinton re-enacted the Constitutional Convention as part of a "Happy Birthday, USA!"

celebration.

Vinton Mayor Nicks was surprised with the Roanoke Valley Jaycees Distinguished Service Award at a banquet held at the Patrick Henry Hotel. The nomination stated that Nicks "was a legend in his own time." The award was a complete surprise to Nicks who thought he was having a quiet dinner out with his wife and Town Manager Ron Miller and his wife.

Three Vinton residents announced they would be running for seats on Town Council in the May 1976 election: Bobby Altice, Rufus Hall, and Charles Hill.

Several residents showed up at Town Council to protest the granting of a beer license to the Sunshine Market on Dale Avenue. Some suggested that the action would be "detrimental to the neighborhood and the three churches nearby. Vinton Police Chief Clarence Irby hoped that the permit would be denied, but it was approved by the hearing officer in Salem and forwarded on to the Alcohol Control Board in Richmond.

Town Council turned down Valley Cablevision's request for an increase in rates before it was even in business in Vinton.

The phone company was also asking for a rate increase—from \$10.25/month to \$14.25.

The Roanoke County School Board budget discussion in 1976 included the proposed purchase of 29 new school buses. The school supply budget was declared "inadequate" as some schools had to resort to candy sales to help pay for essentials. The school budget in 1976 was \$22,849,499.

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on snow removal.

This is due to the trash and recycling trucks not being able to access the streets due to the forecasted snow/ice accumulation totals and/or they need the Certified Driver License (CDL) drivers, to operate the larger equipment for the snow removal. Not all VPW employees can drive the larger vehicles due to the weight and length requirements that a CDL operator's license requires.

Public Works priority during an event is to concentrate snow removal and salt treatments on primary roads, such as Virginia Avenue, Hardy Road, ByPass/Dogwood, Washington Avenue and Pollard Street, followed by secondary roads, such as Mountain View, 3rd Street,

Cleveland, Riddle, Clearview, etc., and steeper roads that are problematic for emergency vehicles.

Once the primary and secondary roads are clear or at least mostly passable or the snow has slowed its pace, the crews move to the neighborhood roads, alleys, and on to parking areas.

During large events, snowfall hourly rates can determine how quickly the second and third level tier roads can be reached. In the case of the Jan. 24 event, extreme cold temperatures and high volumes of snow resulted in crews focusing almost exclusively on primary and secondary roads.

Unfortunately, by the time crews reached some of town neighborhoods,

the extreme cold temperatures and compacted snow resulted in some roads freezing completely. And to make matters worse, once temperatures drop below 15 degrees, salt treatments become ineffective. The town is not equipped with the equipment necessary to pre-treat roads with salt brine, as larger cities and VDOT does, as the equipment purchases are not feasible with a small town of Vinton's size and the limited snowfalls that are typically seen.

Trash collection was resumed on hard surface streets on Jan. 27 with a double truck run and alleys later in the week. By Jan. 27, primary snow crews turned their attention to downtown, in order to open roads and sidewalks for local restaurants

and downtown merchants with the skid-steer, front-end loader and bulk truck, and on Wednesday and as temps began to slightly warm, crews resumed working in the neighborhoods with salt spreading and skid-steer removal.

The Jan. 29 event was much of the same, with two seven-man crews resuming 12-hour shifts on Friday, Jan. 27 at 4 p.m., and the second shift at 4 a.m. throughout the day on Saturday.

The crews were back on Feb. 2 working in downtown on Pollard Street and any remaining trouble spots within the neighborhoods. Trash routes remain on schedule, although volumes are larger than normal, as many residents weren't able to put out carts last week.

Council

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in the community and with partners by focusing on Hands Only CPR and Stop the Bleed awareness, and to "be a leader in strengthening providers and the future of healthcare.

The organization is always looking for volunteers and offering classes. Email volunteer@vintonems.com, or visit the website or Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/vintonems/>.

Town Council held a public hearing concerning continuing to grant a lease to the Dogwood Restaurant for its outdoor seating area at 110 East Lee Avenue and then approved the lease for multiple years.

Mayor Grose said that the lease is "good for the town and good for the restaurant."

Resident Chris Hepinstall addressed council about some traffic concerns in his residential neighborhood where tractor-trailers are cutting through the area (4th and 5th Street and Cedar Avenue) on their way to Cargill. Because of the size of the trucks, damage has occurred to private and town properties. He asked that council take action to possibly enhance the truck route signs or speak with Cargill.

In the discussion that followed, council members

recalled similar problems in the past in other areas of town where the GPS system was sending drivers into residential neighborhoods.

The town manager said that he would contact and work with those involved to resolve the issue.

In closing, council members and the mayor profusely thanked Vinton Public Works and the Vinton Police Dept., along with other members of town staff, for their efforts during the challenging weather conditions of the past two weeks.

Town offices will be closed on Feb. 16 for President's Day. The next council meeting is set for Feb. 17.

War Memorial

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The office suite is being reconfigured on the second floor.

There will be some changes to the sound system in the ballroom area; some tweaks to improve sound projection.

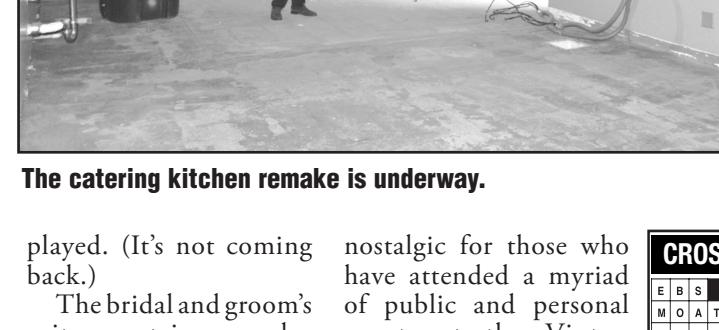
The front portico and side pergola will see changes; the pergola will be getting the covering it does not now have, making it more useable in good weather months.

Extensive improvements are also being made within the catering kitchen. Appliances will be moved to be more accessible. Flooring is being replaced to make the movement of carts easier.

The "library" room has been stripped of its

ivy wall covering and will also be renovated. Sometimes it is used for meetings; sometimes as an extension, used to serve meals for ballroom events.

The tour included a visit to the original balcony on the second floor, from which brides threw their bouquets in the past and bands



The catering kitchen remake is underway.

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played. (It's not coming back.)

The bridal and groom's suites upstairs are also part of the renovations, again stripped down to the walls for now. There is flooring original to the building in that area. A new office configuration in that area as well.

The tour was

nostalgic for those who have attended a myriad of public and personal events at the Vinton War Memorial, but also exciting, imagining what is to come for the much-used and much-loved space.

The total cost of the project will be approximately \$4 million.

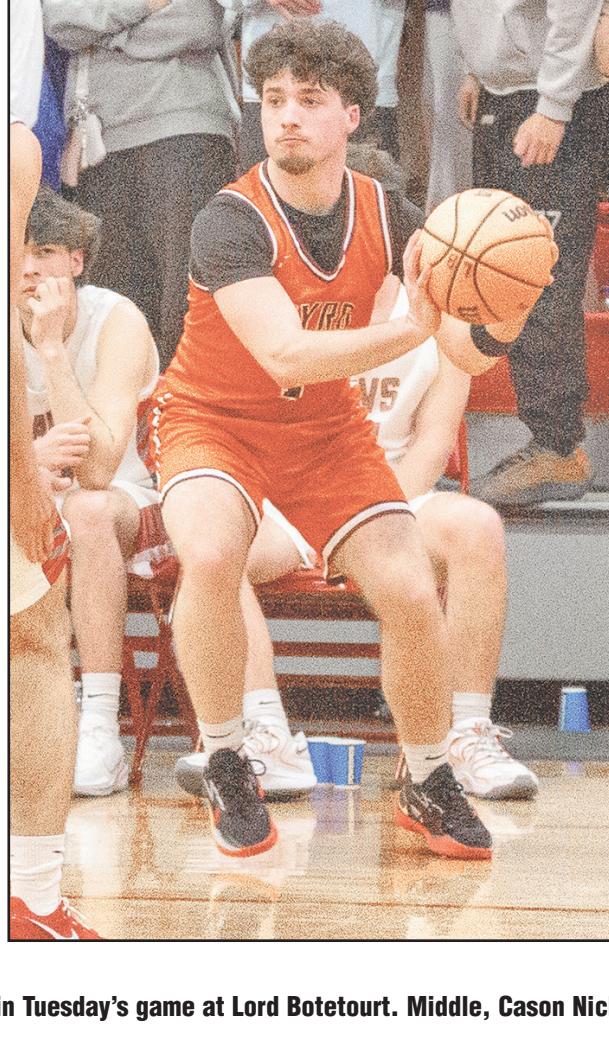
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Left, Byrd's Jaden Holmes(#22) goes high for a rebound in Tuesday's game at Lord Botetourt. Middle, Cason Nichols looks to pass and, right, Luke Helton makes a move.

Byrd hoopsters, swimmers return to action after long delay

Winter storm keeps Terrier athletes out of action for 10 days, lots of events coming up if weather permits

William Byrd High School sports were back on the court and in the pool Tuesday as area temperatures climbed slightly above the freezing mark. No Terrier events were held for 10 straight days due to the winter storm on January 21 and frigid temperatures that followed.

On Tuesday both Byrd basketball teams returned to action as well as the Terrier swim team. The wrestlers are scheduled to compete in the Region 3D tournament at Staunton River High this weekend after missing out on the 30 team Highlander Invitational, which

was cancelled last weekend. The indoor track team missed out on a trip to Heritage last Saturday and the Terriers are scheduled to be back on the oval this Saturday at Roanoke College.

Both basketball teams returned to action with games against Lord Botetourt Tuesday. The boys were at LB and dropped a 58-39 decision and the girls played in Vinton and lost, 58-34.

The boys led 28-26 at the half, outscoring LB 22-15 in the second quarter. However, the wheels fell off after intermission as the Cavs won

the third quarter, 18-7, and held the Terriers to just four points in the fourth quarter. Byrd made just three of their last 20 field goal attempts, including a one-for-12 showing down the stretch. Byrd finished two-for-20 on threes for the game.

"We came out and had a solid first half," said Byrd coach Brad Greenway. "Ball movement was solid and we're making some shots, able to get stops on defense. I don't know what changed, but in the second half we came out and just lost it. We missed several close looks at the basket and some open

looks from outside. We just couldn't put it together after halftime for whatever reason."

Jesus Leon led Byrd with 10 points, all in the first half. Moises Leon and Jaden Holmes had eight each and David Foster had seven points as Byrd fell to 3-13 overall and 1-4 in the Blue Ridge District. The Terriers next two games are at home, Thursday against Cave Spring and Friday against Franklin County.

The girls lost at home to Lord Botetourt Tuesday despite 11 points from Maggie Zimmerman and 10 from Mia Martin. The loss dropped the girls to 9-7 overall and 1-4 in the BRD. The girls were scheduled to play at Bassett Wednesday and they go to Franklin County on Friday.

The swim team made up a previously postponed meet with Patrick Henry and William Fleming at the Kirk Y in Roanoke on Tuesday. First place finishes for the boys included Brody Parrish in the 200 free and 100 breast, Ben Gardner in the 200 IM and 100 fly, Kyler Martin in the 100 back and Keith Shult in the 500 free. Also taking first was the 200 medley relay team of Martin, Parrish, Gardner and Chase Madonna.

For the girls, Lindsay Murtaugh won the 200 free and 100 fly, Hadyn Terrell touched first in the 200 IM and 100 breast and the 200 free relay team of Kayleigh Barber, Terrell, Gabby Romeo and Murtaugh came in first.

"It was so good to be back in the pool," said coach Krista Martin. "I could tell the swimmers were all happy to see one another and get back to it."

The Blue Ridge District meet is scheduled for tonight, Thursday, and the Region 3D meet will be next Monday, February 9, at the Christiansburg Aquatic Center.



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Left, Maggie Zimmerman goes to the basket in Tuesday's game against Lord Botetourt. Right, Syke Williams looks to score.

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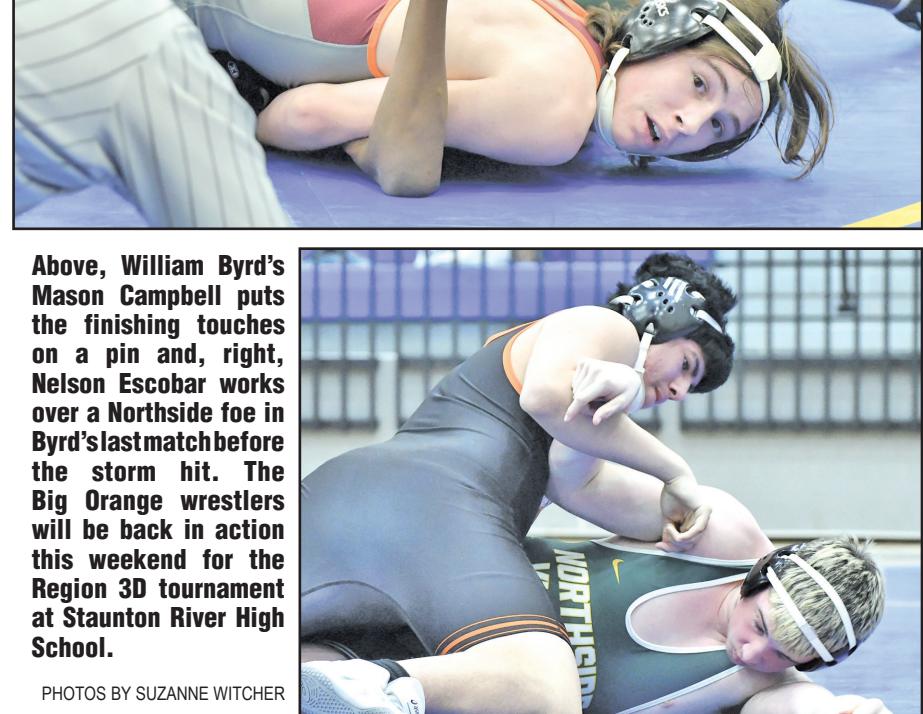
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Above, William Byrd's Mason Campbell puts the finishing touches on a pin and, right, Nelson Escobar works over a Northside foe in Byrd's last match before the storm hit. The Big Orange wrestlers will be back in action this weekend for the Region 3D tournament at Staunton River High School.

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