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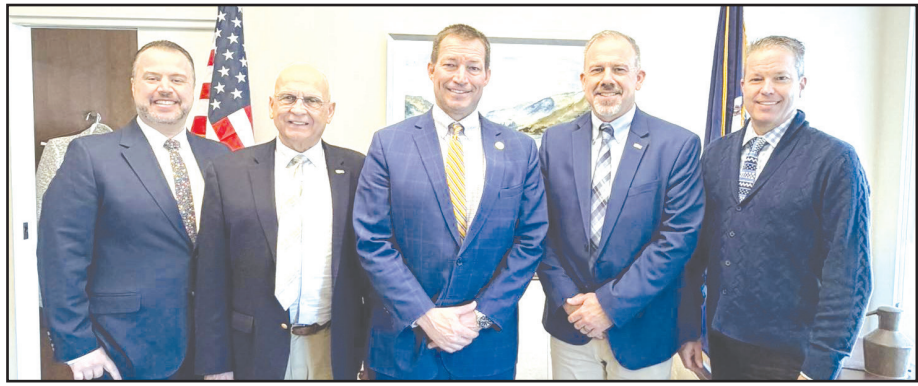
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Town of Vinton officials meeting with Virginia Delegate Will Davis were (from left) Deputy Town Manager Cody Sexton, Mayor Brad Grose, Del. Davis, Town Manager Pete Peters, and Councilman Keith Liles.



PHOTO COURTESY OF ROANOKE CO.
A Roanoke County delegation met with Del. Sam Rasoul. From left are Executive Asst. to the Roanoke County Administration Kaelyn Spickler, County Attorney Peter Lubeck, Board of Supervisors member Phil North, Del. Sam Rasoul, Board of Supervisors Chair Tammy Shepherd, Deputy Superintendent of Schools Dr. Jamie Soltis, Superintendent of School Dr. Ken Nicely, and Deputy County Administrator Doug Blount.

Local officials confer with legislators in Richmond on Local Government Day

Each year the Virginia Municipal League invites its members to the VML Local Government Day in Richmond at the mid-point of the General Assembly session. All cities, towns, and counties are able to come together and advocate on behalf of their communities. According to the VML, “Local leaders have always played a crucial role in explaining to state legislators how the actions they take at the General Assembly affect Virginia’s communities.”

Vinton Town Council members and town staff, the Roanoke County Board of Supervisors and county staff, and Roanoke County school administrators attended the 2026 session on Feb. 5.

Vinton leaders who attended were Mayor Brad Grose, Council members Mike Stovall and Keith Liles, Town Manager Pete Peters, and Deputy Town Manager Cody Sexton.

Roanoke County representatives included Board of Supervisors Chair Tammy Shepherd and board member Phil North, Deputy County Administrator Doug Blount, County Attorney Peter Lubeck, and Roanoke County Executive Asst. to Administration Kaelyn Spickler.

Roanoke County School Superintendent Dr. Ken Nicely and Asst. School Superintendent Dr. Jamie Soltis spoke on behalf of issues concerning the county school system.

Some of the legislators who local officials met with included Sen. David Suetterlein, Sen. Chris Head, Del. Sam Rasoul, Del. Will Davis, Del. Terry Austin, and Del. Lily Franklin.

“The trip’s heavy schedule included personal one-on-one visits with our elected representatives, Sen. Sam Rasoul, Del. Will Davis and a conversation with Del. Terry Austin,” said Mayor Grose.

“The group also attended a session of the House Committee on General Laws as well as the entire VML program which featured speeches by U.S. Sen. Mark Warner, the Secretary of Finance, the Secretary of Agriculture, and the Mayor of Richmond. The trip provided us with the opportunity to directly express our interest in bills being considered in this session of the legislature. A valuable aspect of the event was the opportunity to interact with other elected and appointed officials from throughout Virginia. We used this occasion to share experiences and gain valuable insight on situations that often occur in local government.

“The Town of Vinton’s reputation for having a highly qualified professional staff has earned us new respect among our peers. The entire trip was extremely beneficial, educational, and reassuring that we are doing an exceptional job for

our citizens in the Town of Vinton.”

Town Manager Pete Peters mentioned some specific items that were discussed with state legislators:

- Seeking clarification for skill games/queen machines in convenience stores. The machines are illegal per state code, although manufacturers have discovered loopholes in the operation that prevent prosecution. The town and other local governments are seeking state legislators to remove loopholes and provide clear enforcement guidance for local law enforcement and the commonwealth attorneys across the state.
- Opposing any changes to the funding formulas that would reduce the town’s share of pari-mutuel tax revenue generated from HHR.
- Opposing various state

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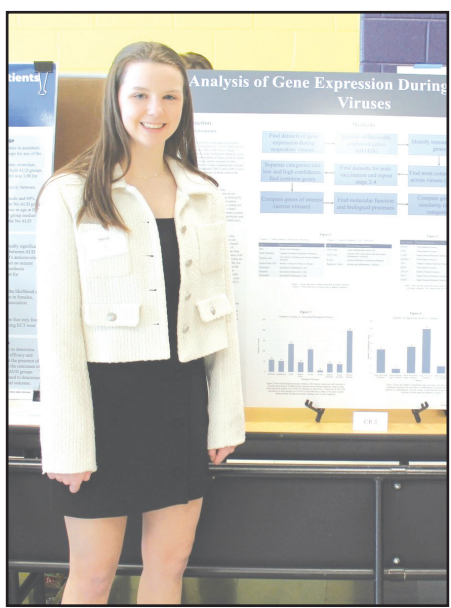
Byrd students showcase research at prestigious Project Forum

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Students at the Roanoke Valley Governor’s School for Science and Technology held their annual Project Forum on February 7—a supercharged version of a science fair showcasing the talents of students from across the region. The event was held on the campus of Patrick Henry High School in Roanoke where the Governor’s School is located.

The Governor’s School is a specialized public regional center for the advanced study of science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) for students in grades 9-12. Students come from eight local school districts (Bedford County, Botetourt County, Craig County, Floyd County, Franklin County, Roanoke City, Roanoke County, and Salem City) and attend RVGS for half of their school day.

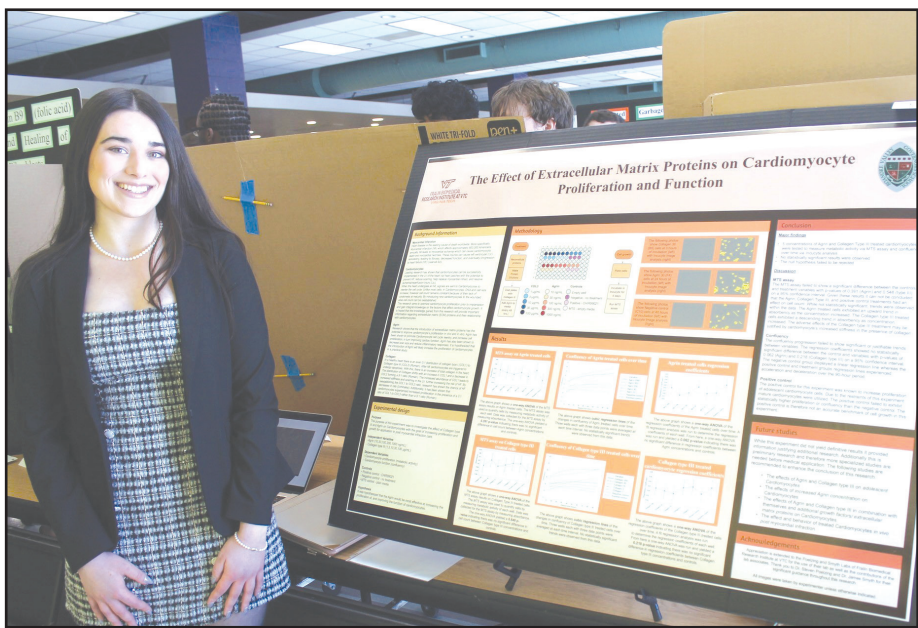
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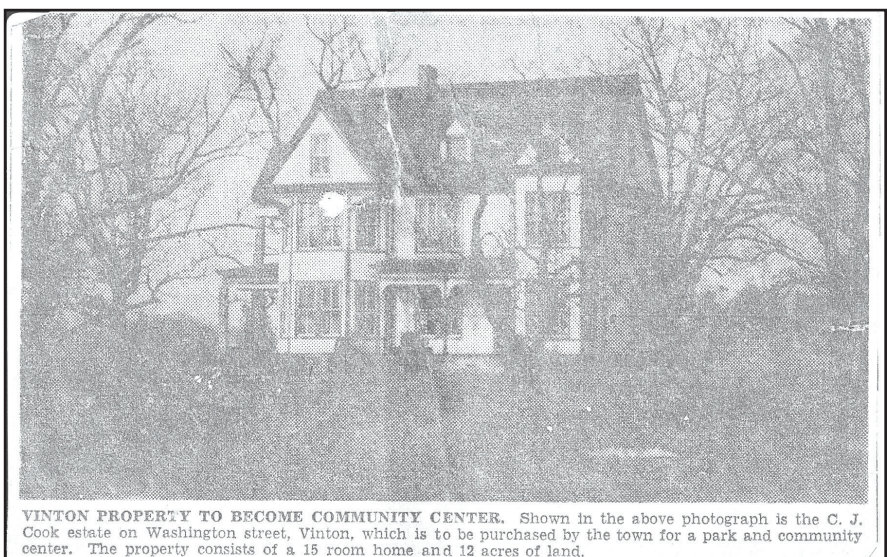


Gavin Thornton



Gabrielle Romeo

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VINTON PROPERTY TO BECOME COMMUNITY CENTER. Shown in the above photograph is the C. J. Cook estate on Washington street, Vinton, which is to be purchased by the town for a park and community center. The property consists of a 15 room home and 12 acres of land.

In 1945 Vinton Town Council purchased “The Oaks” from the Cook family to build the Vinton War Memorial.

Vinton War Memorial — From its beginning in 1944

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Renovations are currently underway at the Vinton War Memorial with demolition almost complete within—down to the bare walls.

According to town records, the Vinton War Memorial had its beginnings back in 1944. In August of that year, a committee was appointed by Vinton Town Council to “plan a suitable War Memorial for the boys and girls of the

community who were serving our country in World War II.” Seven hundred Vinton men and women had served; nearly 30 had died.

The committee was made up of F.W. Dodenhoff, J.H. Thompson, A.C. Harris, T.M. Bush, R.W. Corbin, W.E. Cundiff, Fred Stiff, Maude Lancaster, G.W. Funk, and Ott Goode.

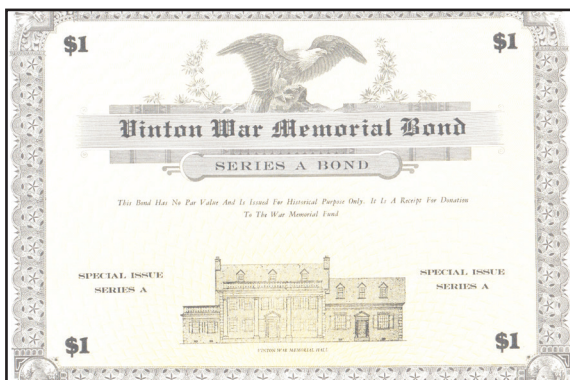
The committee submitted a resolution to Town Council, led by Mayor Joe Pedigo, in February 1945, requesting that the town purchase an 11.5-acre tract on Washington Avenue,

“The Oaks,” from the C.J. Cook heirs. Other former occupants of the home are said to have been Nicholas Vinyard and his wife Peggy, the Obenchain family, and the Giles Gunns.

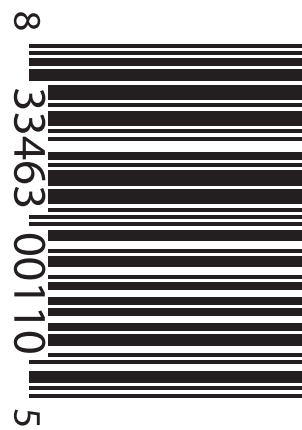
The committee pledged to raise \$10,000 for improvements to the property which would become a memorial. The following week, council voted unanimously to offer the heirs \$15,000 for the land; the offer was accepted.

Town Manager Guy Gearhart was anxious to get the memorial underway “before

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PHOTOS FROM THE VINTON HISTORY MUSEUM ARCHIVES
At one point during the construction, the town ran out of money and asked citizens to purchase bonds to help complete the project.



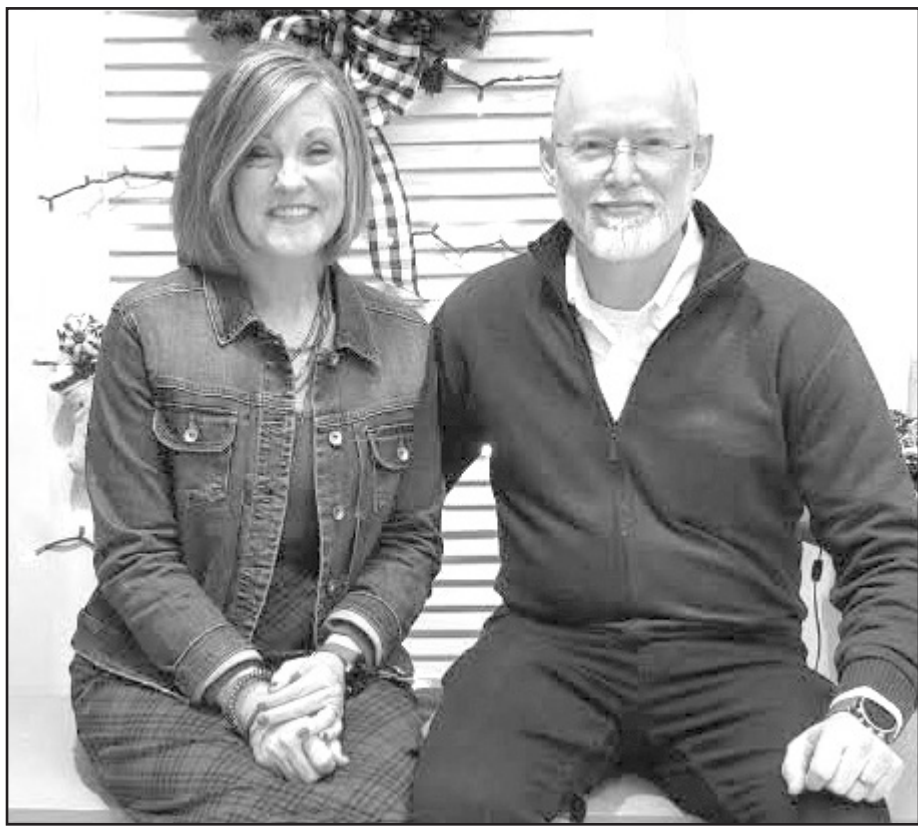


PHOTO COURTESY OF BLUE RIDGE BAPTIST

Lisa and Wayne Taylor will sing at Blue Ridge Baptist on Feb. 15.

Taylor to appear at Blue Ridge Baptist on Feb. 15

Wayne and Lisa Taylor of Blue Ridge will share their music ministry at Blue Ridge Baptist Church, located at 2410 Hardy Road in Vinton, on Feb. 15 at 11 a.m. The Taylors, married for 39 years, have been singing of God's faithfulness together for 40 years. They have led worship at various local churches

throughout the years, as well as shared their music ministry for special events around the Roanoke Valley and beyond. This is a free event. For more information, call 540-890-3221 or email brbcvinton@gmail.com.

-Submitted by Blue Ridge Baptist Church

Charles Hill Community Center sponsoring Happy Hearts Dance Feb. 14

The Charles R. Hill Community Center will host the Happy Hearts Dance with the 3DT band this Saturday, Feb. 14, from 7 to 10 p.m. 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 Center include Mexican Dominoes,

Beginning and Advanced Line Dancing, Hand and Foot Canasta, the Monday Music Jam and Tai Chi.

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

The Charles Hill Community Center will be closed Feb. 25, 26, and 27 for maintenance.

-Submitted by Town of Vinton

High Street Baptist plans Black History celebration

The Black History Program Committee of High Street Baptist Church invites the community to a Black History event on March 8 at 12:30 p.m. in the anchor. The church is located at 2302 Florida Avenue, NW, Roanoke.

The theme for this event is "Showcasing Our Youth" with William E.

Freeman IV of Rosedale, Md., as the guest speaker, along with the Warren Dance Academy of Vinton. There will be other guest participants as well. Through spirited praise, powerful words and vibrant expressions of culture, the program will celebrate Black History and is intended to inspire future generations.

Tickets for this event and meal are \$17 for adults and \$10 for children up to 10 years old. For more information, contact the church office at 540-563-0123. Tickets may be purchased at the door.

- Submitted by the Rev. Serenus T. Churn, Jr.

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Lest We forget . . .

Twenty-two Vinton men gave their lives for our Country in World War II. To commemorate their Supreme Sacrifice, we have begun a Memorial . . . a beautiful and useful Community Building, with Library, Club Rooms, Banquet Hall and other facilities for the use of Vinton citizens. To complete this Memorial, the sum of \$25,000 is needed.

A fundraising campaign in 1947 helped the town finish the War Memorial project.

someone starts a similar project in the county in which, as usual, Vinton would be asked for a sizeable contribution, and the location would be in Salem instead of where we want it."

The original plan was to remodel the old Cook home into a community center but was soon abandoned in favor of razing the original building and erecting a new fireproof structure..

Council instructed the War Memorial Committee to work with Town Manager Gearhart to secure a landscape artist and architect to draw up plans for the grounds and building.

The War Memorial building was to contain a public library, facilities for public meetings, a kitchen for dinner meetings, a separate room for use by veterans' organizations, a club room for ladies, and a basement section for the Boy Scouts.

A committee from the Lions Club of Vinton requested that the club be authorized to construct a swimming pool in the park. At that time, the club had funds of \$1,622.73 for the pool project. Council agreed.

In June 1945, Dodenhoff, chairman of the War Memorial Committee, reported that Paul Wood had been



Members of the War Memorial Committee marked fundraising progress with a "thermometer" mounted on a downtown bank.



PHOTOS FROM THE VINTON HISTORY MUSEUM ARCHIVES

The Vinton War Memorial opened officially in August 1948.

secured to draw up plans for the proposed remodeling of the building in the park.

In September 1945, a Vinton Victory Rally was held at the park, recognizing veterans who made the supreme sacrifice in World War II, along with recognition of Gold Star Mothers and War Mothers. The service also launched a drive to raise \$10,000 for the park.

A contract was signed in October 1945 with Wood.

Eight William Byrd High School Homecoming Princesses raised funds for the project that year by collecting coins, including Margaret Wood who became Homecoming Queen by raising the most money.

The following March (1946) construction began on the swimming pool using funds from the Lions Club and the town, when needed. The cornerstone for the memorial building was laid in 1946 by the Order of Masons.

Another year passed and the town attorney informed council that funds had run out and to finish the War Memorial building; it would be necessary to hold a bond referendum to raise by public subscription the necessary funds to complete the building. The bond issue was approved by citizens.

A "Let's Finish the Job!" campaign was held in June 1947 to raise \$25,000. Vinton War Memorial Series A Bonds were sold for \$1 to pay for some of the

costs. The final cost of the building and pool was estimated at \$92,814; the cost of the park was \$15,000.

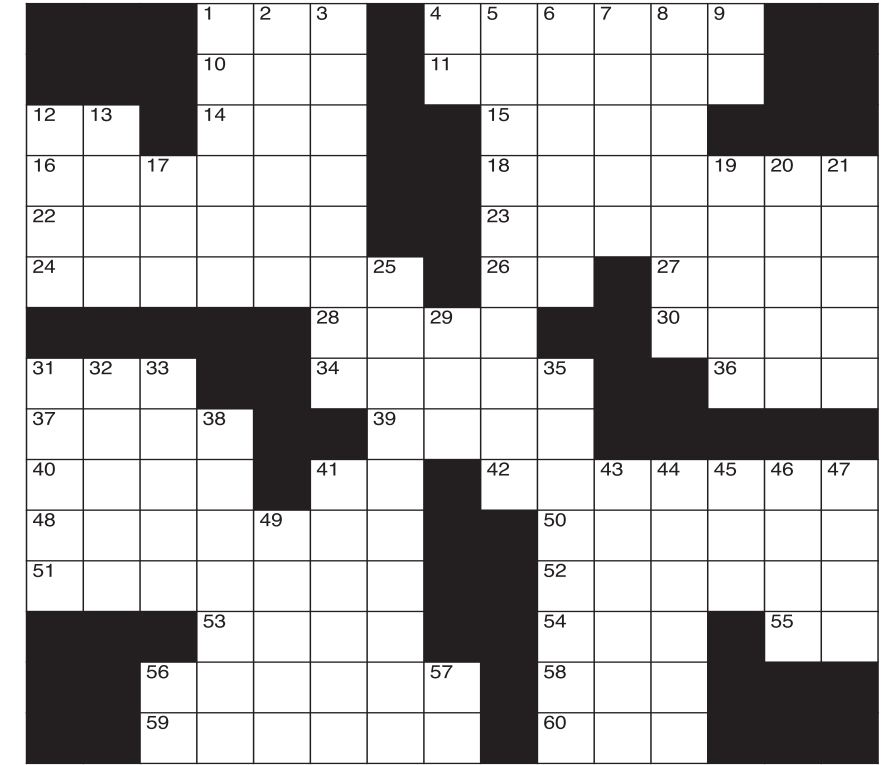
Cards were distributed throughout the town which said, "Lest We Forget—Twenty-two Vinton men gave their lives for our country in World War II. To commemorate their Supreme Sacrifice we have begun a Memorial—a beautiful and useful community building, with library, club rooms, banquet hall, and other facilities for the use of Vinton citizens. To complete this Memorial the sum of \$25,000 is needed. Shall we leave it unfinished? Surely these, our own citizens, who have died for American freedom deserve to be remembered with the honor they so richly deserve. Your contribution is needed. Do YOUR Part. Let's Finish the Job."

A "thermometer" was mounted on Mountain Trust Bank to track the progress of drive.

Contractor Paul Wood was paid for the work he had done and the materials he had used once his plans were received. Contractor H.L. Wright was hired to complete the War Memorial building at an estimated cost of \$22,431, leaving the library room unfinished.

In May 1948, a landscape architect was hired to draw up plans for the grounds of the Memorial Park. On August 20, 1948, the building formally opened with a simple memorial service including a roll call for those who had given their lives.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



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| CLUES ACROSS | philosopher | CLUES DOWN | 31. Mollusks |
| 1. Revolutions per minute | 36. Sharp, shrill bark | 1. Flower cluster | 32. German municipality |
| 4. Hymns | 37. Albanian monetary units | 2. A form | 33. Body part |
| 10. Brew | 39. Launched Apollo | 3. Inner organ regions | 35. City of Angels |
| 11. Did not acknowledge | 40. One who graduated | 4. Local law enforcement | 38. Suffocate |
| 12. Atomic #77 | 41. Exist | 5. A citizen of Senegal | 41. Pleasing to the eye |
| 14. Partly digested food | 42. Passed by | 6. Positively charged electrodes | 43. Poplar trees (Spanish) |
| 15. Not one | 48. Very unpleasant smell | 7. Connects granules | 44. Ship officer |
| 16. Lesotho capital | 50. Graduates | 8. Business practice | 45. Individual investment account (abbr.) |
| 18. Copyreading | 51. Seedless raisin | 9. The Mount Rushmore State | 46. Prefix meaning within |
| 22. Living organism that feeds on organic matter | 52. Self-protection | 12. Leader | 47. Ceased to live |
| 23. One's biological father | 53. Clue | 13. Hindu queen | 49. Day by day |
| 24. An aggregate of molecules | 54. Life-savers | 17. Proofreading mark | 56. Not color |
| 26. Equally | 55. Ingest too much | 19. European country | 57. Condition of withdrawal (abbr.) |
| 27. Khoikhoi people | 56. Misrepresented | 20. Greek mythological nymph | |
| 28. Jump in figure skating | 58. Small Eurasian deer | 21. Grandfather | |
| 30. Lantern | 59. Most mocking | 25. Clears | |
| 31. TV network | 60. Soviet Socialist Republic | 29. Amount of time | |
| 34. Georges __, French | | | |



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. The alarm sounds. General Quarters is called. This is not a drill. The captain has issued final orders, and every crew member— every single one— has a role in the closing phase of the mission.

In the church, that moment is now. We are not drifting toward a peaceful harbor; we are charging straight into the fight, knowing the gates of hell cannot withstand the advancing

kingdom of God. Jesus’ last words before ascending were not suggestions—they were urgent marching orders: “Go and make disciples of all nations... teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you” (Matthew 28:19–20, NIV). And Acts 1:8 adds the scope: “You will be my witnesses... to the ends of the earth.”

This is forward momentum, rescue operations, prisoner liberation. Every prayer, every gospel conversation, every act of mercy is a torpedo launched against darkness.

No one sits this out. The nursery worker freeing a parent to worship, the greeter making a visitor feel seen, the small-group leader discipling a new believer— they are all essential to the advance. When one part hesitates, the whole ship slows.

But when every hand mans their station, the mission surges. Revelation 22:12 promises the Commander’s return: “Look, I am coming soon! My reward is with me.” He’s not coming to applaud spectators; He’s coming to commend faithful warriors who didn’t quit, didn’t go AWOL, and pressed on until the end.

RECIPE OF THE WEEK

by Debbie Adams **Simple Jambalaya**

Mardi Gras is coming up next week. Here is a simple Jambalaya recipe.

Simple Jambalaya (for those allergic to seafood)

1 lb. smoked sausage (or kielbasa) cut into ½ inch slices
 1 lb. ground beef
 1 green pepper, chopped
 1/2 cup green onion, chopped
 5 garlic cloves, minced
 28 oz. tomatoes
 1/2tsp. salt
 1/4 tsp. pepper
 Optional: crushed red pepper flakes, or Old Bay seasoning
 1 cup rice, uncooked
 1 and 1/2 cups water
 Cook sausage in Dutch oven until browned. Remove from skillet and discard drippings. Combine ground beef, green pepper, onion, and garlic; cook until beef is browned. Add tomatoes, salt, pepper, cooked sausage, and optional ingredients. Cover and simmer 20 minutes. Add rice and water to mixture. Cover and cook 25 minutes more or until rice is tender.



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Project Forum

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During an “Intercession” of about three weeks in January, Governor’s School students focus full-time on a research project which they then present for judging at Project Forum. Their work is done at the school but may also involve community resources off-campus.

Four students from William Byrd High School who attend the Governor’s School participated in this year’s Forum event: senior Gabrielle Romeo, juniors Heidi Wienke and Gavin Thornton, and freshman Ella McReynolds.

Projects are categorized into several divisions, including animal and plant sciences, behavioral and social sciences, biomedical and health sciences, cellular and molecular biology, chemistry and materials

science, computational biology, earth and environmental sciences, engineering technology, environmental engineering, microbiology, and systems software.

Heidi Wienke and Priya Patel, her project partner from Glenvar High School, placed second in the Computational Biology category with their project, “Analysis of Gene Expression During Respiratory Viruses.”

Gabrielle Romeo researched and tested “The Effect of Extracellular Matrix Proteins on Cardiomyocyte Proliferation and Function” in the Cellular and Molecular Biology category.

Gavin Thornton investigated “Predicting Election Results with Machine Learning” in the Systems Software category.

Ella McReynolds from Byrd and her project partner, Mahima Sethumadhavan from Cave Spring, answered the question, “What is the Effect of Gentamicin and Garlic on the Growth of Pseudomonas fluorescens” in the Microbiology category.

The Governor’s School describes itself as “a regional school for motivated students who want to learn all they can about science, mathematics, and technology.” Candidates for Governor’s School admission are typically “eager to learn, do well in math and science, push themselves to be successful, attack problems in creative ways, and enjoy lab work. Experimental research is a way of life at RVGS.”

According to the RVGS, “Our schedule is uniquely arranged to allow extended opportunities for lab work. Other differences include

the pace (it’s faster), group work (it’s common), class size (smaller), relationships with faculty members (they really know you), peers (everybody is motivated and here to learn), the equipment (extensive use of scientific equipment and computers), and a relaxed atmosphere.”

Admission is competitive; students generally have between a 3.5 and 4.0 GPA when they apply. Parents do not pay a fee for their students to attend; costs are covered by the participating school districts and the Virginia Department of Education.

The regional program allows participating school systems to concentrate resources in one location which all the school districts can take advantage of without the high costs of equipment and programs for individual districts.

RVGS was established in 1985 as one of the original five Academic Year Governor’s Schools (AYGS) in Virginia. As an AYGS program, RVGS receives funding from the participating school divisions and the state.

The facility provides a home for collaborative learning by students and teachers. The science labs contain state-of-the-art equipment for use in science classes and student research projects. Specialty labs for biotechnology, environmental science, chemistry research, nanotechnology, and engineering fabrication are available for student and teacher use. The engineering lab contains a stress/strain testing apparatus, milling machine, 3-D printers, laser engraving/cutter apparatus, and a range of manufacturing



PHOTO COURTESY OF RVGS

Ella McReynolds

equipment for constructing engineering projects. Mathematics classrooms provide space for innovative teaching through technologies such as computer-interfaced data collection equipment, smart panels, and software such as Python.

For more information on the Governor’s School, visit the website at <https://www.rvgs.k12.va.us/> or the Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/RVGS LabRats/>.

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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: AWA-NA 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
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CHURCH OF CHRIST VINTON - 2107 Feather Road, Vinton. Terry Hodge, Minister, 540-890-1170. Sunday Bible Study 9:45 a.m., Sunday Morning Service 10:45 a.m., Wednesday Bible Study 10 a.m.

ECKANKAR
Eckankar, The Path of Spiritual Freedom, is a simple teaching that focuses on the Light and Sound of God to help people find more love in their life. We offer a Spiritual Event on the 2nd. Sunday of each month. The program may be a Light and Sound Service, a Spiritual video

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PLACE OF REFUGE
 Read Numbers 32:1 through 36:13

Select some towns to be your cities of refuge, to which a person who has killed someone accidentally may flee. They will be places of refuge from the avenger, so that a person accused of murder may not die before he stands trial before the assembly. (Numbers 35:11,12).

God commanded that if anyone died because of violence, and murder was assumed, the murder suspect was not automatically to be considered guilty. Instead, he was allowed to flee to a city of refuge (one of six to be chosen in the Promised Land) that would assure the accused would be treated justly and justice would be done. In this way God provided justice in a culture where protecting the innocent was not a typical response.

When we hear accusations of guilt against others, our first response should be to provide them with a place of refuge in our hearts. That is, we should not rush to judgment, assume their guilt, and be careless in our speech about them. We should treat them fairly, as God intended.

Prayer for Today: Ask the Lord to make your heart and mouth a place of refuge rather than a fount of accusation for others.

Quicklook: Numbers 35:6-15

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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. 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; cmcp2verizon.net Sunday school 9:45am, Worship 11:00am; Communion 1st Su.ndays; 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.

VINTON HISTORY: Christening Dresses



PHOTO BY REBECCA STEARNS

When you walk into the Children's Room at the Vinton History Museum, the first sight is the wall of hanging christening dresses. These dresses from the early- to mid-20th century tell of a fascinating and continuing tradition.

The big white and lacy dresses first began in the Victorian era, where the gowns were modeled after Victorian women's dresses. These styles of dresses were long and fully cascading past the baby's legs. While some continue this tradition, by the 20th century this style had phased out. However, the

Victorian style dresses with laces and frills can still be seen in the exhibit.

Come see the display of these adorable dresses in the Vinton History Museum at 210 East Jackson Avenue every Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and first Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. where volunteers "preserve the past for the future."

Submitted by Rebecca Stearns, Vinton History Museum intern from Hollins University

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legislation that seeks to remove or cap the ability of a city, town, or county government to generate local revenue. Various bills have been introduced that would have a detrimental effect on the town should they become law, such as a cap and reduction on meals tax and a reduction of the local share of state sales tax.

- Opposing various legislation that would remove or limit the ability of local governments to make their own local ordinances on land use. In an effort to increase affordable housing, various bills have been introduced allowing manufactured and other alternative homes as a by-right-use and removing the town's ability to limit zoning restrictions on where they could be located.

- Opposing various legislation that removes or limits qualified immunity for public safety officers in civil lawsuits.

"We were pleased to be able to join members of

the Board of Supervisors and Roanoke County staff to meet with some of the legislators who represent Roanoke County," said Dr. Ken Nicely. "We are stronger and more effective when we work together in unity to advocate for the needs of our citizens, families, and children.

"Our group met specifically with Del. Rasoul, Del. Franklin, and Sen. Suetterlein in their individual offices to ask for their help with a couple key areas of concern that affect schools.

"One immediate issue is the rising cost to both the school system as well as the county, related to private educational placements using Comprehensive Services Act (CSA) funds. Del. Rasoul assisted us in introducing a proposal to give us the flexibility to use CSA funds for intensive programs operated internally by the school district, and we have asked for the support of the other legislators.

"Another area of

potential concern is related to a General Assembly bill that would force every local government and school district in Virginia to engage in collective bargaining. Our position is that the decision to engage in collective bargaining should be left to each locality, based on their needs of their citizens and families."

County Attorney Peter Lubeck summed up the priorities discussed in meetings with both delegates and senators.

"In 1993, a Virginia law (now entitled The Children's Services Act for At-Risk Youth and Families ("CSA")) provided for the pooling of several specific funding streams to purchase services for high-risk youth. These funds are returned to the localities with a required state/local match and are managed by local interagency teams. The act aims to provide high-quality, child-centered, family-focused, cost-effective, community-based services to high-risk youth and their families.

"The funding streams included in the pool include the Departments of Social Services, Juvenile Justice, Education, and Mental Health, Mental Retardation, and Substance Abuse Services. "The children the education funds and foster care funds would have served are considered 'mandated' for assistance; if there is a need, the FAPT and CMPT must approve appropriate services to address the need. This is because the Act states that the state and localities must expend 'sums sufficient to address



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Roanoke County officials met with Sen. David Suetterlein. Pictured left to right are Dr. Ken Nicely, Dr. Jamie Soltis, Deputy County Administrator Doug Blount, Sen. Suetterlein, Board of Supervisors Chair Tammy Shepherd, and Executive Assistant to County Administration Kaelyn Spickler.

such needs."

"Who manages the money? At the local level, the funds are managed by two different teams: a Community Policy and Management Team (CPMT), and a Family Assessment and Planning Team (FAPT).

"Typically, when it is proposed that a child or family is in need of services, a DSS case worker, school staff member, etc., will bring the proposal before the FAPT. The FAPT then makes a recommendation to the CPMT. The CPMT will then approve the funding. Children who cannot receive educational services in public school classrooms are often placed in 'private day' special education schools.

"The issues the county sees include the state's cap on reimbursing increases for private day services and the escalating costs of private day services.

"In the 2025 Appropriations Act, the General Assembly capped state reimbursement to localities for private day special education services by stipulating that state reimbursement would not increase more than 5% over the rates for such services for the previous year. Because of the Act's 'sum sufficiency' language, this cap on state reimbursement then shifts the burden to localities to cover such increases in private day rates. For the upcoming fiscal year 2026, the proposed budget includes a further reduction— it tightens the cap to 2.5%.

"These services are expensive, and the cost of providing such services continues to rise at an alarming rate. Localities, especially in areas such as Roanoke County, are entirely at the mercy of the private day providers who, because there is more demand than supply, have the power to essentially set their rates (if we don't accept the rates, they will simply accept students from other localities who are willing to pay the rates).

"The county's request is to eliminate the state's cap on private day reimbursement. Allow Roanoke County Public Schools

to participate in a pilot program which would allow them to use CSA funds to provide services typically provided in a private-day setting within a public-school setting (internal private-day).

"Roanoke County believes this action will better serve the children in need (by ensuring that they receive instruction from qualified and responsible instructors and by allowing them to receive educational services in a less-restrictive setting), and enable localities to control the skyrocketing costs of private-day services."

Del. Sam Rasoul has introduced a budget amendment which directs the Office of Children's Services (OCS) and the Department of Education (DOE) to implement a limited pilot program, allowing select school divisions, including Roanoke County Public Schools, the flexibility to use CSA funds to support the operational costs of internal public day programs for eligible students.

Other issues of concern for Roanoke County include:

- Adjusting Statutory Notices of Effective Tax Rate Increases to Account for Inflation
- Allocating \$40 million for Roanoke-Blacksburg Regional Airport terminal enhancements and \$7 million for a runway extension feasibility study. Increase funding to the Commonwealth Aviation Fund to support improvements at all Virginia commercial service airports.
- Opposing mandated collective bargaining for local public employees.
- Using available funds to continue the operation and expansion of Catawba Hospital.
- Using available state and federal funding to improve broadband access and affordability to promote the statewide coverage goal.

The consensus was that Local Government Day had been productive.

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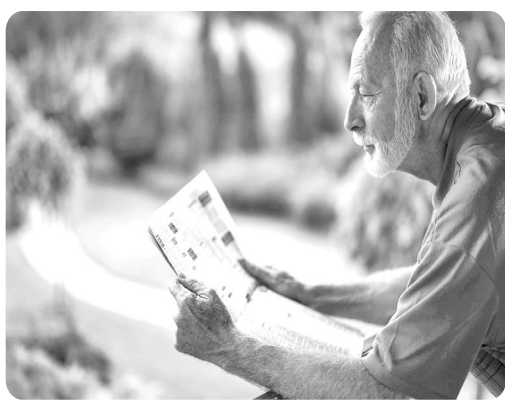
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OBITUARY

Wood, Karen Chewing

Karen Chewing Wood of Vinton passed away on Saturday, February 7, 2026, following a recent diagnosis of pancreatic cancer.

Karen was preceded in death by her beloved husband of 45 years, Tommy Wood; her mother, Jean Chewing; father-in-law, Robert Wood, and mother-in-law, Margaret Wood.

In addition to her father, she is survived by her son, Allen Wood (Alisha); daughter, Ashley Williams (Kellen); her five grandchildren who were the loves of her life, Ethan Wood, Carson Wood, Gage Wilkinson, Nora Williams, and Kannon Williams; and brother, Billy Chewing (Donna). Karen had many dear family members and friends who will cherish her memory forever.

Born and raised in Roanoke, Karen was the daughter of Bill Chewing and the late Jean Chewing. She later married her high school sweetheart, Tommy, and together they were the proud owners of Wood's Service Centers, Inc. where she met many friends, both customers and employees, that she considered family. Their company will celebrate 70 years in business next year.

Karen lit up every room she entered. Her smile was contagious and her

biggest gift was making everyone feel loved. Karen loved visiting the beach with her family, visiting the mountains, shopping, and most of all, spending time with her family and friends. Nothing mattered more to her than her grandchildren. She never missed a game, play, concert, or opportunity to be with them, even on her hardest days. She was always their biggest fan.

To honor Karen's life, there will be a visitation on Thursday, February 12, from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at Oakey's Vinton Chapel. A service in her honor will be held on Friday, February 13, 2026, at 2 p.m. at Vinton Baptist Church with the Rev. Dr. Travis Russell officiating.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to one of Karen's favorite charities: The St. Baldrick's Foundation for Children's Cancer Research (www.stbaldricks.org) or the Franklin County Humane Society (www.plannedpethoodrockymount.com/).

The impact she left on this world lives in all who knew her. The family would like to thank Kiersten Gordan and the team with Good Samaritan Hospice for the support they provided, and we would also like to thank everyone who reached out with support and prayed for her comfort during this time.





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ESTATE OF CHARLES PATRICK KANE

It appearing that a report of the account of Diana Tuck, Administrator of the Estate of Charles Patrick Kane, deceased, and the debts and demands against his estate has been filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of the County of Botetourt, and that six (6) months have elapsed since the qualification of the Administrator on March 20, 2024.

On the motion of the Administrator, it is hereby ORDERED that the creditors of, and all others interested, in the Estate of Charles Patrick Kane do show cause, if they can, on the 4th day of March, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. before this Court at its courtroom in Fincastle, Virginia, against the payment and delivery of the Estate of Charles Patrick Kane, deceased, to the distributees under the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia with out requiring refunding bonds, subject only to the retention by the Administrator of sufficient funds to satisfy the remaining costs of administration.

Entered this 3rd day of February, 2026.
Tommy L. Moore, Clerk

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proposes to build a 199-foot self-support communications tower at the approx. vicinity of 40 Eastpark Drive, Roanoke, Botetourt Court, VA 24019 [Lat: 37-20-34.49, Long: -79-52-36.47]. Public comments regarding potential effects from this site on historic properties may be submitted within 30 days from the date of this publication to: Trileaf Corp, Mitra Rahimi, m.rahimi@trileaf.com, 7700 West Highway 71, Suite 200, Austin, Texas 78735, 512-519-9388.

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 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 TRACT 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,

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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. TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder's deposit of ten percent (10%) of the sale price or ten percent (10%) of the original principal balance of the subject Deed of Trust, whichever is lower, in the form of cash or certified funds payable to the Substitute Trustee must be present at the time of the sale. The balance of the purchase price will be due within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Purchaser's deposit may be forfeited to Trustee. Time is of the essence. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser may, if provided by the terms of the Trustee's Memorandum of Foreclosure Sale, be entitled to a \$50 cancellation fee from the Substitute Trustee, but shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee, 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.bwvsales.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.bwvsales.com, VA-380025-1.

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 March 19, 2026, at 10:30 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 ALL THE APPURTENANCES THEREUNTO BELONGING LYING AND BEING THE COUNTY OF BOTETOURT, STATE OF VIRGINIA, AND MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, TO WIT: BEING LOT 17, BLOCK 5, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OF RAINBOW FOREST, PROPERTY OF, BOTETOURT DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, BOTETOURT COUNTY, VIRGINIA, MADE BY C.B. MALCOLM AND SON, S.C.E.'S, DATED AUGUST 15, 1960 OF RECORD IN TILE CLERK'S OFFICE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BOTETOURT COUNTY, VIRGINIA, IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGE 102. TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder's deposit of ten percent (10%) of the sale price or ten percent (10%) of the original principal balance of the subject Deed of Trust, whichever is lower, in the form of cash or certified funds payable to the Substitute Trustee must be present at the time of the sale. The balance of the purchase price will be due within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Purchaser's deposit may be forfeited to Trustee. Time is of the essence. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser may, if provided by the terms of the Trustee's Memorandum of Foreclosure Sale, be entitled to a \$50

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cancellation fee from the Substitute Trustee, but shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee, 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.bwvsales.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.bwvsales.com, VA-372477-1.

Legals - City of Salem

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to all interested persons that the Council of the City of Salem, at its regular meeting on February 23, 2026, at 6:30 p.m., in Council Chambers of the City Hall, 114 North Broad Street, in the City of Salem, Virginia, will hold a public hearing to consider the conveyance of an approximate +/- 0.134 acre tract located in Salem, Virginia, being Tax Map # 122-8-6. Questions concerning the proposed conveyance may be addressed to the office of the City Manager, City Hall, 114 North Broad Street, Salem, Virginia, at 540-375-3016. At said hearing, parties in interest and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard relative to the said request. THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA H. Robert Light Clerk of Salem City Council

NOTICE OF BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETING TO: CITY OF SALEM REAL ESTATE OWNERS

The Board of Equalization for Real Estate Assessments in the City of Salem will meet on Tuesday, April 28, 2026, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers Conference Room at City Hall located at 114 N. Broad Street, Salem, Virginia. The Board will continue its meeting from time to time thereafter, by adjournments, at and for such time or times, at the same place or such other place or places, as may be designated and deemed necessary by the Board to accomplish and complete its task of equalization of real estate assessments and to perform the duties imposed by law upon the Board. Said meeting will be adjourned on April 28, 2026, unless the powers of the Board are extended by order of the Circuit Court for the City of Salem. The purpose of the Board meeting is to equalize property assessments in the City and to hear and give consideration to all complaints of any inequalities in such assessment so that the burden of real estate taxation shall rest equally upon all owners. At its meeting, the Board will hear and decide all inequality protest complaints, whether made by property owners, the City, or any taxpayer, on appeal to this Board by property owners. The Board may equalize any assessment by raising or lowering assessments fixed by the Assessor, in proper cases, in order to make assessments uniform in the City as far as practicable. If you wish to discuss the assessment with the Board, call (540) 375-3058 for an appointment by February 20, 2026. Upon request, the Assessor will provide copies of assessment records pertaining to the determination of fair market value. Information pertaining to the Assessor's valuations, along with forms for appeal to the Board of Equalization, may be obtained from the Assessor's office by calling (540) 375-3058, or online at www.salemvva.gov. BOARD OF EQUALIZATION OF REAL

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ESTATE ASSESSMENTS FOR THE CITY OF SALEM Kathy Fitzgerald Corey Fobare Wendel Ingram Jr. David Prosser Janie Whitlow

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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 NICHOLE MORAN,

The object of this suit is to: OBTAIN A DIVORCE It is ORDERED that AMBER NICHOLE 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

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.

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, extend the time to receive bids or withdraw the 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

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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, February 23, 2026 at 7:15 pm or as soon thereafter, at the Montgomery County Government Center, 755 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 from Squires Student Center located at 290 College Avenue, Blacksburg, Virginia, to Johnston Student Center located at 920 W. Campus Drive, Blacksburg, Virginia, for the June 16, 2026 Primary Election Only.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Angela M. Hill County Administrator

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 4366 BRADSHAW RD, ELLISTON, VA 24087.

In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated May 19, 2016, in the original principal amount of \$127,645.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Montgomery County, Virginia as Instrument No. 160003643. The undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the front of the Circuit Court building for the City of Radford, 619 Second St., W., Radford, VA, or any such temporary alternative Circuit Court location designated by the Judges of the Circuit Court, on April 16, 2026, at 1:00 PM, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows: PARCEL 1: A PARCEL OF LAND CONTAINING 1.063 ACRES AS SHOWN ON A PLAT ENTITLED "PLAT FOR DAVID E. VANDER VLIET OF AN UN-NUMBERED 1.063 AC. LOT NEAR ROUTE 622 MT. TABOR MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VIRGINIA" PREPARED BY NEAL H. WIRT, L. S., DATED 5 NOVEMBER 1992, DESIGNATED AS PLAT NO. 92-688, WHICH PLAT IS OF RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VIRGINIA, IN DEED BOOK 766, PAGE 561. PARCEL 2: A PARCEL OF LAND CONTAINING 5.153 ACRES AS SHOWN ON A PLAT ENTITLED, "SURVEY FOR DAVID E. & ALTHEA L. VAN DER VLIET OF A 5.153 ACRE PARCEL SITUATE IN THE MT. TABOR MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VIRGINIA", PREPARED BY JACK G. BESS, C.L.S., DATED JULY 24, 1995, DESIGNATED AS N.B. W-9 0-95648, A COPY OF WHICH PLAT IS RECORDED IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF MONATGOMERY, VIRGINIA, IN DEED BOOK 886, PAGE 759. TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder's deposit of ten percent (10%) of the sale price or ten percent (10%) of the original principal balance of the subject Deed of Trust, whichever is lower, in the form of cash or certified funds payable to the Substitute Trustee must be present at the time of the sale. The balance of the purchase price will be due within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Purchaser's deposit may be forfeited to Trustee. Time is of the essence. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser may, if provided by the terms of the Trustee's Memorandum of Foreclosure Sale, be entitled to a \$50 cancellation fee from the Substitute Trustee, but shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee, 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.aldridgepette.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

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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.aldridgepette.com, VA-372257-1.

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In the left photo is the boys' Region 3D runnerup swim team. Left to right in the front row: are Kyler Martin, Keith Schult, Brody Parrish, Ace Adkins, Sydney Nichols and Owen Humphrey. In the back row, left to right, are Graham Payne, Chase Madonna, Ben Gardner, KoLee Walter and Ben Hoyos. In the right photo are the Terriers who advanced to the state meet. Front row, left to right, are Kayleigh Barber, Hadyn Terrell, Brody Parrish, Kyler Martin, Sydney Nichols and Ben Hoyos. In the back row, left to right, are Gabby Romeo, Lindsay Murtaugh, Keith Schult, Chase Madonna and Ben Gardner.

PHOTOS COURTESY WM BYRD SWIMMING

Byrd boys are 2nd, girls 4th in Region 3D swim meet

The William Byrd swim team had a big day when the Region 3D meet was held at the Christiansburg Aquatic Center Monday. The boys finished second among 11 teams and the girls were fourth among 10 as the Christiansburg boys and Hidden Valley girls won team titles.

"We had an incredible night at the Christiansburg Aquatic Center," said Byrd coach Krista Martin. "It was exciting to watch these great races, swimmers racing the clock for a PR or fighting for their sport to advance to state. Energy was up in that aquatic center for sure. We have seven seniors rapping up their high school swimming careers. I think everyone pushed it just a little bit more for them."

Byrd had 11 swimmers qualify for the state meet at the Swim RVA pool in Richmond on Thursday, February 19. Terriers who qualified for the state include Ben Gardner, Chase Madonna, Kyler Martin, Sydney Nichols, Brody Parrish, Keith Schult, and Ben Hoyos for the boys and Kayleigh Barber, Lindsay Murtaugh, Gabby Romeo and Hadyn Terrell from the girls' team.

Byrd won three region championships. Murtaugh was Region 3D champion in the girls' 200 free and the 500 free and Hoyos was Region 3D champion in the boys' 100 backstroke.

Second place finishers for the boys included the boys' 200 Medley Relay team of Martin, Parrish, Gardner and Madonna and the girls' 200 Medley and 200 Free Relay teams, both featuring Barber, Terrell, Murtaugh and Romeo. The boys' 400 Free team of Marti, Schult, Parrish and Madonna took third and the 400 Free team of Nichols, Ace Adkins, Schult and Gardner was fourth.

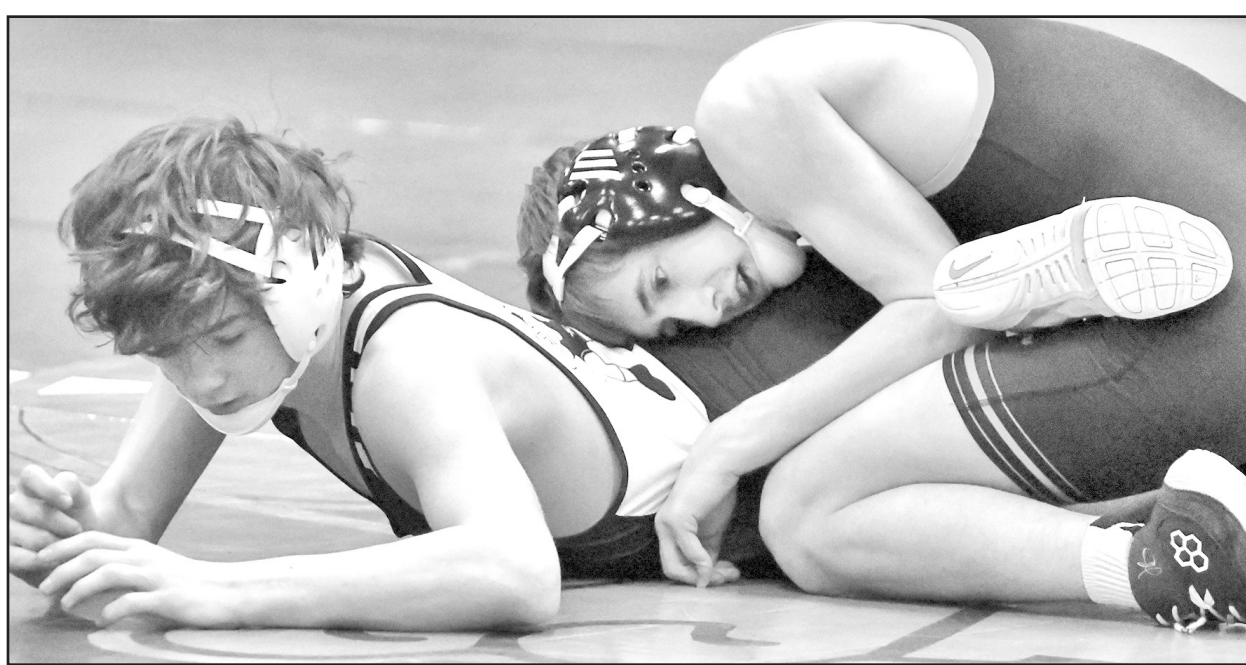
Individually, for the boys, Martin was second in the 500 Free and fourth in the 100 Free while Parrish was third in the 100 Breast and fourth in the 200 IM. Madonna was fourth in the 200 Free, Gardner was fourth in the 500 Free, Schult was fifth in the 200 Free and Nichols was fifth in the 100 Fly.

For the girls, Terrell was second in the 100 Breast and third in the 200 IM. Barber swam to a fifth place finish in the 100 Free.



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Lindsay Murtaugh won the Region 3D 200 yard freestyle in a time of 1:54.61 on Monday night.



Big Orange takes fourth in Region 3D

Staunton River High School was the site for the Region 3D wrestling tournament last weekend and William Byrd had a good day. The Big Orange finished fourth as a team and qualified six wrestlers for the state Class 3 tournament at the Salem Civic Center.

Cave Spring won the team title with 218.5 points and three Blue Ridge District teams followed, host Staunton River with 190.5, Northside with 168 and Byrd just a point behind the Vikings at 167.

The Terriers had two region champions, Lane Brunk at 113 and Darin Witcher at 132. Brunk defeated Cam Moore of Staunton River in the championship match, 12-5, to improve to 24-5 on the season.

At 132 Witcher improved to 25-1 on the season with his fourth straight region championship. Darin defeated Cael Short of Staunton River in an exciting championship match, 14-12. Witcher will head to Salem looking for his third straight championship on February 19.

Two Byrd sophomores made the championship match and finished second, Davion Wade at 138 and Myles Preston at 157. Jesse Underwood, at 165, and Brandon Hurley, at 175, both finished fourth to qualify for the state tournament while Zane Taylor just missed with a fifth place at 150. Jayden Omiyo was sixth at 215.

The state tournament will be February 19-21.

"We now have two weeks to prepare for the state tournament," said coach Thomas Kessler. "This is the first year that our region has decided to wrestle the event two weeks prior to the state tournament."



Region 3D Champs

Above, Byrd's Lane Brunk (right in photo) wrestles Cam Moore of Staunton River in the Region 3D 113 pound championship match. Left, Darin Witcher has a leg hold on Cael Short in his 132 pound championship match win.

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Terriers compete at RC indoor meet

The William Byrd indoor track team ran in the 600 Invite meet hosted by East Coast Elite at Roanoke College last weekend. The Terriers had some strong performances as they gear up for the big high school post-season meets.

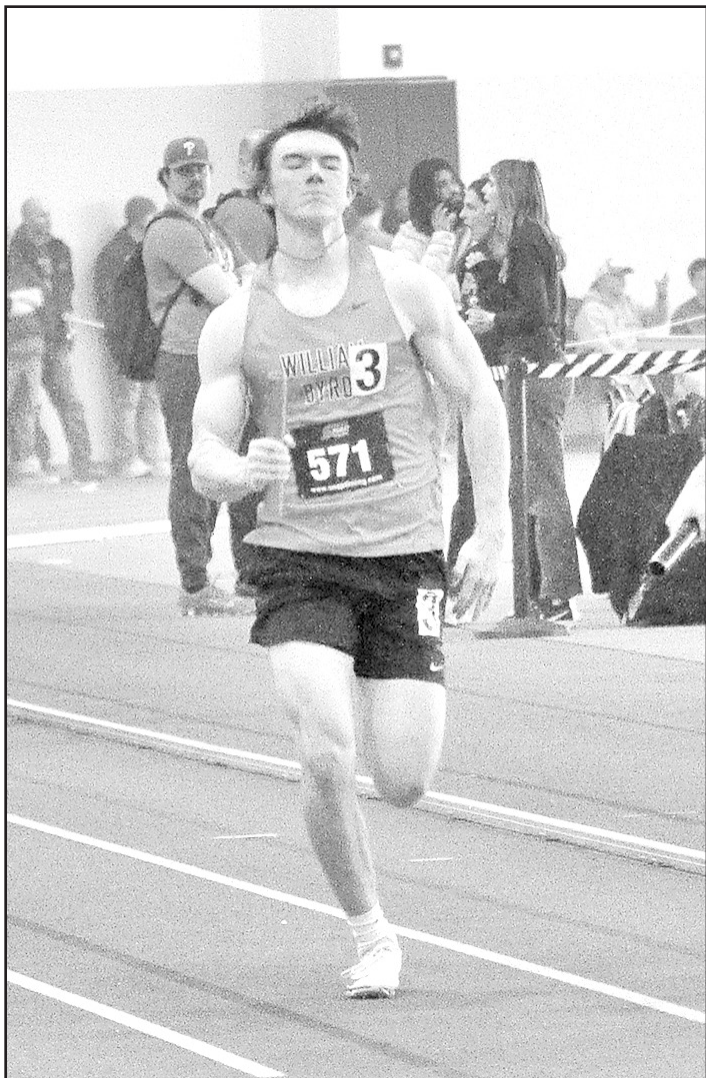
For the boys, James Smith finished second in the 55m dash with a time of 6.52, which was a personal record time. Giovanni Pandolfini was fourth in the 500m dash with a time of 1:11.52.

In the relay events the boys' 4x200m team of Jamez Toler, Smith, Mitchell Sigafos and Jules Hippeau-Coltat finished sixth with a time of 1:37.79. The 4x400m relay of Pandolfini, Smith, Collin Mills and Jack Petersen took second with a time of 3:43.10 and the 4x800m relay of Camden Ward, Pandolfini, Colton Sotherden and Petersen finished fourth in 9:01.90.

For the girls, Michal Hamlar finished 11th in the 300m dash with a time of 45.10 and Jadyn St. Clair finished seventh in the 500m dash with a time of 1:28.31.

In the jumps Lily Perez took fourth in the high jump with a height of 5'1 and third in both the long jump and triple jump.

Byrd's next meet will be the Virginia High School League 3D indoor championship meet at Roanoke College on February 21.



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Left, Byrd's Mitchell Sigafos comes down the home stretch in Saturday's meet at RC. Right, Kelli Emery runs for Byrd.

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Terriers heat up with spot in region tournament on the line

4 home games to end regular season are key

The William Byrd boys' basketball team has a week to climb into the top eight in the region and qualify for the Region 3D tournament. The Blue Ridge District does not have a post-season tournament, so if the Terriers want to extend their season they'll have to do so in the next week.

Byrd currently sits in the 10th spot in the region with a 5-14 overall record, prior to Wednesday's game with William Fleming. The eight through 10 spots are close and Byrd can qualify with a good week. After Wednesday's game with Fleming the Byrdmen finish with three home games, hosting Staunton River Friday, Christiansburg next Tuesday and Northside a week from tonight.

"We're currently sitting at 10 within close range of eight and nine according to what I've seen," said Byrd coach Brad Greenway after Tuesday's win over Staunton River. "We have Fleming, Staunton River, Christiansburg and Northside left. Two wins out of that group gives us a chance, depending on how the points shake out. Three would most likely get us in."

The Terriers have been playing their best ball of the season in the past couple weeks. Last Thursday at home they gave a strong Cave Spring team all they could handle before dropping a close one, 55-47.

"Proud of how we competed in this game," said Greenway. "We were focused and competitive start to finish."

Byrd came out and smacked the Knights in the mouth, leading 17-7 after the first quarter. Cave Spring cut the lead to 22-21 by the half and took a one point lead after three quarters, 35-34. Cave Spring started pulling away in the fourth quarter but Byrd battled back and had some chances in the last couple minutes but couldn't get the big buckets to pull even.

"We had several good looks at threes in those last few minutes, just couldn't get them to fall," said Greenway. "We had some guys laying it all on the line for us and just that level of effort and care was awesome to see."

Luke Helton led a balanced Byrd attack with 12 points. David Foster and Reid Divers and Jesus Leon had six points each. Shawn Turner came up big for Cave Spring with 25, including a dozen in the fourth quarter.

Friday's home game with Franklin County was postponed by cold weather until Saturday afternoon, giving Byrd a day off between games. The

Terriers came out rested and eager and pulled out a huge win in a game that went three overtimes, 68-65.

"Loved the way we competed in this game the whole way," said Greenway. "It was pretty chippy out there...some stuff going on after the whistle and I thought our guys walked that line of matching the energy and competitiveness without crossing any lines. Proud of them for that and seeing it through to the end."

Foster led the Terriers with 23 points, including seven in overtime, and finished with five three point baskets. Helton had 11 points and Jesus Leon had 10.

On Tuesday the Terriers made it

two in a row with a 45-37 win over Staunton River in Moneta. Byrd led by just two points, 25-23, after three quarters but nearly doubled their total with 21 points in the fourth quarter to win going away. Jesus Leon had 21 points, with 11 coming in the big fourth quarter.

"Jesus gave us 21 points in the paint which was much needed against their zone," said Greenway. "They pressed the perimeter and did a good job of taking away those outside shots. This was a game we had to have production from the paint and he gave it to us down the stretch."

With the win Byrd improved to 3-4 in Blue Ridge District games.



Left, William Byrd's David Foster shoots a three in last week's game with Cave Spring. Right, Byrd fans anticipate the splash as Moises Leon shoots a corner three.



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Left, Byrd's Elena Mullen handles the ball, and right Reece Magill lines up a shot for the Terriers.

Wm. Byrd girls play 7 basketball games in 10 day home stretch

Last 5 on the road

The William Byrd girls play seven basketball games in 10 days as hope to finish strong and head into the post-season on a high.

The Terriers opened the stretch on Tuesday with a loss to Staunton River, and on Wednesday they were scheduled to host William Fleming but results were too late for publication. The varsity is off tonight but have a game at Staunton River Friday and at Franklin County Saturday afternoon. Next week they have three games in three days to wrap up the regular season, at Christiansburg Tuesday, at Bassett Wednesday and at Northside a week from tonight. That will be five straight road games.

"It will be a week on the bus," said Byrd coach Ben Munsey.

Of course, the two weeks of brutally cold weather following a winter storm had a lot to do with that. The girls will get a break after the regular season as the Blue Ridge District does not have a season tournament. The top eight teams in the region make the Region 3D tournament that starts on February 24, and Byrd should be included. The Terriers are 9-8 prior to Wednesday's game with Fleming.

On Tuesday at home the girls hung tough but dropped a 43-29 game to Staunton River. The Eagles have a strong team and the win lifted them to 17-3 on the season.

"Great game tonight but just couldn't pull it out," said Munsey.

Mia Martin led the Terriers with 10 points and Heidi Dixon had eight.