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William Byrd Middle and High School students win Roanoke County Science and Engineering Fair awards

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Roanoke County Public Schools (RCPS) held the annual Science and Engineering Fair on Feb. 21 at Hidden Valley High School with nearly 140 students entering individual or group projects.

According to RCPS, “The Roanoke County Science Fair brings together the best student projects from Roanoke County’s secondary schools and the Roanoke Valley Governor’s School.”

Ninety-three projects were entered in the fair in both middle and high school divisions in categories which included Biochemistry, Chemistry, Earth and Environmental Sciences, Energy: Sustainable Materials and Design, Engineering Technology, Environmental Engineering, Translational Medical Science, Materials Science, Physics, Plant Sciences, Microbiology, Animal Sciences, Biomedical and

Health Sciences, Behavioral and Social Science, Mathematics, Systems Software, Embedded Systems, and Robotics.

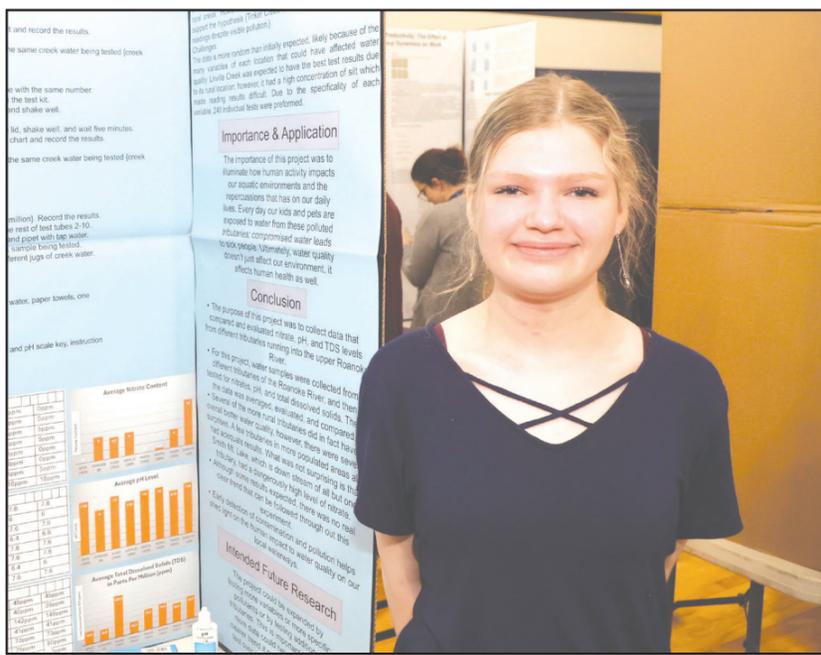
Several William Byrd Middle and High School students placed in the competition. High school students winning first, second, and third places will be advancing to the Western Virginia Regional Science Fair at Roanoke College on March 14. Middle school students in first and second place will also advance to the regional.

The WBMS award winners include:

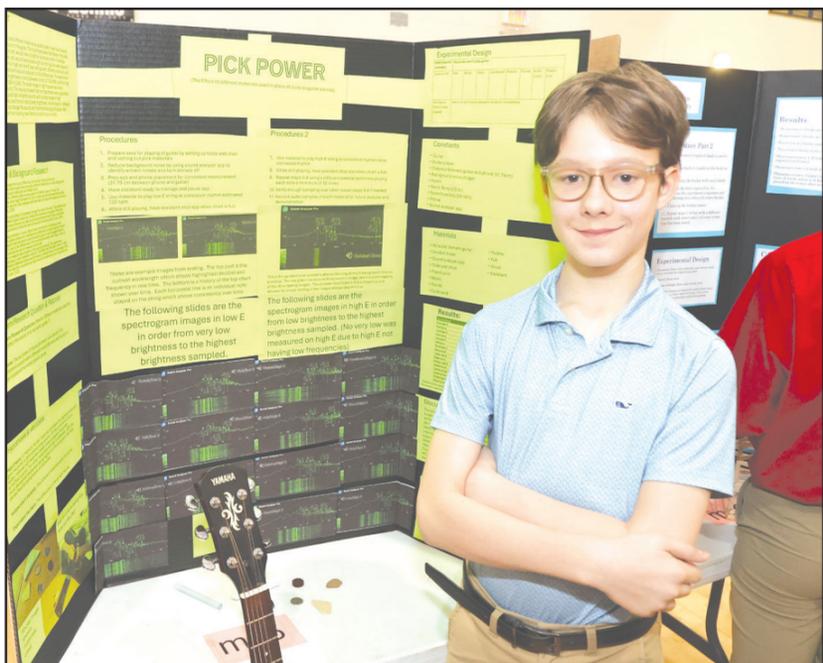
Cormac Brady, first place in Materials Science for his project “Pick Power: The Effect of Different Materials Used in Place of Picks on Guitar Sounds.” In his project, he researched “How do different materials used as picks affect the sound of an acoustic guitar?” The answer: Harder materials had a brighter sound than softer materials.

Chance Nguyen, first place in Physics for his project “Magnetism and

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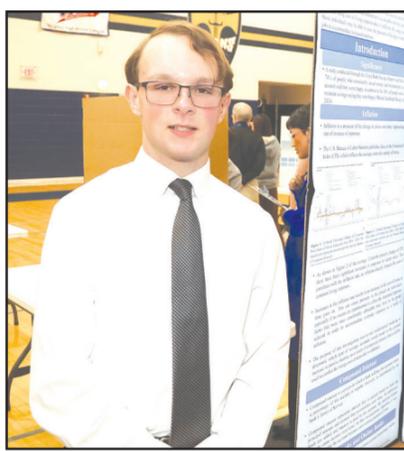
Marygann Jenkins (WBHS), first place, Earth and Environmental Sciences



Cormac Brady (WBMS), first place, Materials Science



Tenley Gusler (WBMS), second place, Materials Science



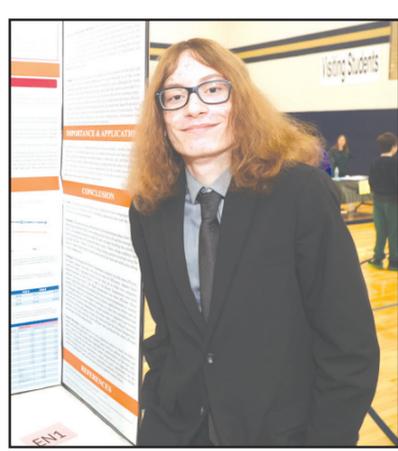
Christopher Boyd (WBHS), first place, Physics/Mathematics



Chance Nguyen (WBMS), first place, Physics



Norah Buck (WBHS), second place, Behavioral and Social Sciences



Aaron Start (WBHS), second place, Energy/Materials Science

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Masked Reader and school counselor Abby Moomaw reveals her identity during the “One School, One Book” closing assembly.

Mount Pleasant Elementary wraps up ‘One School, One Book’ reading program

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Mount Pleasant Elementary School wrapped up the annual “One School, One Book” reading program with a closing assembly on Feb. 20. The program began in 2021 with the purpose of promoting

literacy from the school to the home. It reinforces reading instruction, increases parental involvement, bridges the home-school connection, and builds a community of readers.

Each student receives a copy of the

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Town of Vinton officially renames Bypass Road to Dogwood Boulevard

The Town of Vinton has announced that Bypass Road has been officially renamed Dogwood Boulevard. The change was approved by formal resolution of the Town Council on September 2, 2025, and reflects Vinton’s long-standing identity as the Dogwood Capital of Virginia and home of the annual Dogwood Festival, a cherished tradition for more than 70 years.

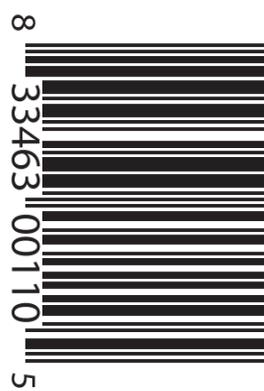
The renaming follows thoughtful discussion among town staff, stakeholders, and landowners, developers, and regional

planners during the comprehensive planning process. Feedback consistently emphasized the importance of a more distinctive and meaningful name for the corridor. The former “Bypass Road” designation lacked historical significance, did not capture the character of the community, and missed an opportunity to support the corridor’s redevelopment potential.

“The dogwood tree and flower are synonymous with the Town of Vinton, and it is very fitting the town now officially has a

street of that name,” said Mayor Brad Grose. “This corridor will serve as a key redevelopment and growth area for the town

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The Vinton Woman's Club redecorated the library at the Vinton War Memorial in 1965.



New drapes for the Vinton War Memorial ballroom in 1965

Vinton War Memorial – An earlier renovation project in 1964-65

Renovations are currently underway at the Vinton War Memorial which first opened in 1948 to honor those serving our country in World War II. The building has been renovated several times throughout the years.

In 1964-65, the Vinton Woman's Club decided to adopt the Vinton War Memorial for a community improvement project.

They were rather harsh in their assessment of the need for some upgrades, suggesting that the town had been rather negligent in its upkeep of the facility. They went so far as to describe the

outside appearance being one of "shabbiness and neglect."

Club members felt "it needed our attention" and volunteered to do some redecorating inside and out with new drapes at all the windows and new paint on all the interior walls. The town agreed to paint the exterior of the building in March 1965. Eight civic and business organizations in the town donated \$770 (including \$350 from the Woman's Club) to paint the inside and purchase the draperies.

The second phase—the redecoration of the ballroom

and foyer with draperies and painting of walls and ceiling was completed in April 1965. The walls were painted a soft green with antique satin drapes.

The Woman's Club was also concerned about what they deemed the "third rate part-time" library space in the War Memorial. The library was being used by the Recreation Department and as a town meeting room, rather than the full-time library it was intended to be. The County Library Board declined to put "proper books and equipment here under these conditions."

The library was described as having "old books in no order on dirty shelves, some nine feet high with no ladders to reach them."

Club members removed books from the library shelves so that painting could be completed, repaired plaster, varnished the shelves, and installed new drapes.

At the intervention of the Woman's Club, the Library Board and Town Council were in the process of revitalizing, staffing, and equipping the library room into a full-time library "with proper books for the children and adults of the community."

Council eventually agreed to staff the library during the

afternoon and evening hours, supply equipment such as ladders, and install doors with locks to prevent use by the Recreation Department.

The Junior Chamber of Commerce extended the project by offering to repair floors, decorate the library, and complete other small tasks. The Vinton Weaving Mill, Vinton Lions Club, Lindenwood Home Demonstration Club, and Vinton Home Demonstration Club assisted with donations for drapery material, as well.

Improvements also included resurfacing the driveway with asphalt.

WBHS Terriers of the Month named for January



PHOTOS COURTESY OF WBHS

From left are ALCOVA Branch Manager Matt Crizer, along with January Student Terriers of the Month Titus Beatty, Caroline Johnson, John Sulpizi, Cannin Lutz, Luke Helton, Jamez Toler, Tate Kotz, and Briggs Kotz. Not pictured are Keegan Harold, Justyn Rozenboom, Lily Carrell, and Faculty Terrier Andrew DeCoster.

William Byrd High School students and staff have selected the Terriers of the Month for January. The students are Titus Beatty, Caroline Johnson, John Sulpizi, Cannin Lutz, Luke Helton, Jamez Toler, Tate Kotz, Briggs Kotz, Keegan Harold, Justyn Rozenboom, and Lily Carrell.

Faculty Terrier of the Month for January is Andrew DeCoster.

All WBHS students and staff may nominate individuals who they

believe exhibit the "Terrier Way" (being safe, respectful, responsible, and embodying the best of WBHS). Teachers and staff nominate students for the honor; students nominate faculty and staff members. All receive postcards from the person who nominated them explaining why they were honored.

Two years ago, ALCOVA Mortgage

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Beyond Books

By Vinton Library Assistant Molly Meador

You may have noticed we've been shaking things up at the library recently, including our new and improved online catalog. If you have questions about navigating the updated website or just want to know more about what's been added or changed, come and learn about "Using the New Online Catalog" on Thursday, March 19, from 6-7 p.m.

The Vinton Library will have its first session of the Adult All Abilities Club* on Friday, March 13, from 10:30-11:30 a.m. This club is designed for adults 18 years or older of all abilities and developmental disabilities, with each month featuring a different activity. Caregivers are encouraged to attend and participate. This month we'll have a collaborative mosaic art project. Alternate activities are also provided based on needs. (For group registrations of three or more, please call us at 540-857-5043.)

Do you know what the most commonly consumed hot beverage in the world is? Come to our "Here's the Tea" program on Saturday, March 14, from 3-4 p.m. and we'll spill all the tea about...well, tea! Learn the history and take a taste test to see what your favorite kind is. Warning: contents may be hot!

Come to our next Creations and Temptations* on Saturday, March 28 from 3-4 p.m. to create your own personalized photo magnet. After you register online, you can email three photos (of good clarity) to us to resize and print for you to put inside of a colorful bottlecap magnet.

This month the Vinton Book Club* will discuss "Hang the

Moon" by Jeanette Walls on Thursday, March 5, from 3-4 p.m. The As the Page Turns Book Club* will discuss "By Any Other Name" by Jodi Picoult on Wednesday, March 11, from 2-3 p.m.

Be sure to check out our awesome ongoing adult programs:

- Open Bridge meets every Tuesday from 1-4 p.m.
- DMV Connect will be here Tuesday, March 3, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. (closing from 12:30-1:30 p.m. for lunch)
- The Roanoke Valley Dulcimers meet Saturday, March 21, from 10:15 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
- The Vinton Writers Group* meets on Thursday, March 26, from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Have exams and projects due soon? Visit the library to get reference help from a librarian, fuel your brain with a snack, work on group projects, and study in a community environment during our teen Open Study Hour on Thursday, March 12, from 5-6 p.m.

Enjoy a relaxed afternoon of creativity at our next Teen Art* program on Saturday, March 21, from 3-4 p.m. Grab a brush, dip into vibrant acrylics, and bring your canvas to life. Whether you're a seasoned painter or just in it for the fun, this is your chance to create your very own masterpiece. All supplies provided.

Who would win: a polar bear or a grey wolf? Participate in the Ultimate Animal Rumble* (ages 8-11) on Saturday, March 7, from 3-4 p.m. to learn about the biggest, fastest, and strongest animals in the world! Complete STEAM activities and challenges to prove that your creature has what it takes to win the tournament! Based off

of the popular "Who Would Win" book series.

Discovery Time* (ages 2-5) is on Thursday, March 12, from 11 a.m.-12 p.m. This month, engage in color fun with paint mixing and sorting activities. Junior Makers* (ages 5-10) will be on Wednesday, March 18, from 4-5 p.m. This month, we'll explore space by learning how craters are made by asteroids and creating circuit constellations!

Art Aficionados* (ages 6-11) will meet on Wednesday, March 25, from 4-5 p.m. to learn all about Kehinde Wiley and make an art project using the artist as inspiration.

Our current transportation-themed story-time session continues through the end of March. You can bring your little ones to Toddler Storytime* (ages 18-36 months) either on Tuesdays from 11:30 a.m.-12 p.m. or on Wednesdays from 10:30-11 a.m. or come to Preschool Storytime* (ages 3-5) on Wednesdays from 11:30 a.m.-12 p.m.

Don't forget about our ongoing and recurring youth programs:

- Teen Volunteer Group will meet on Thursday, March 5, and Tuesday, March 17, from 5-6 p.m., and Saturday, March 28, from 11 a.m.-12 p.m.
- Teen Writers Group* meets Tuesday, March 3, AND March 31 from 5:30-6:30 p.m.
- The Sort of Silent Teen Book Club* is on Monday, March 16 from 5-6 p.m.

As always, be sure to register for and check out all the programs RCPL has to offer across the county, online at www.rocolibrary.org.

*All programs denoted with an asterisk require prior registration to reserve a spot. Call or visit the library or check out the events on the website to register.

PEGGY HAAS HOWELL
Playing organ works of Johann Sebastian Bach, Georg Böhm, Felix Mendelssohn and the "Salem Sonata" by Dan Locklair

**Friday, February 27, 2026
 at 7:00 PM**

**St. Paul's Episcopal Church
 42 E. Main Street
 Salem, Virginia 24153**

PEOPLE, PLACES AND THINGS



PHOTO COURTESY OF ANGIE CHEWNING

From left, Teresa Chewning, Hallie Chewning, and Hannah Chewning

By Angie Chewning

Had the best time celebrating the beautiful bride-to-be, Hallie Chewning of Vinton, this past Saturday with a beautiful “book-themed” bridal shower at Jordantown Wesleyan Church.

Close friends and family gathered to in honor of Hallie’s “Next Chapter” with great food, games, gifts, and fun— as she’ll be marrying Donovan Rowland of Bedford on Saturday,

March 21.

Hallie is the daughter of Tim and Teresa Chewning, sister of Hannah, and granddaughter of Alvin Chewning.

Don’t forget to mark your calendars for the Senior Services Expo March 24 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at William Byrd Middle School with over 80 vendors, demos, food trucks, etc.

If you are interested in being a vendor, register on the Chamber’s website, www.vintonchamber.com.

Dinner, silent auction at Bonsack UMC

Bonsack United Methodist Church is having its annual Dinner and Auction for Missions on Saturday, March 7, at 4493 Bonsack Road in Roanoke. The evening begins with dinner in the

gym at 5 p.m., followed by a silent auction at 6 p.m. to bid on a huge variety of items, including many gift cards. Proceeds from the auction will support vital mission work and neighbors in need in the

community. For more information, see the church’s Facebook page at bonsackmethodist.

- Submitted by Bonsack UMC

DAR Our Patriot Ancestors

DAR Patriot James Cuddy



PHOTO COURTESY OF TAMMY SHANK

Valerie Via is shown at the Revolutionary War Monument in Sinking Spring Cemetery, Washington County, Abington, listing James Cuddy’s name.

By Tammy Shank

My connection to those who fought for our freedom in the Revolutionary War became more personal a few years back when my sister, Valerie Via, started researching our ancestry. She enlisted the help of the Roanoke Chapter of the National Society of Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR) in her research to discover more about our ancestral connection to the Revolutionary War. There, hidden in the pages waiting to be discovered, was my ancestor and his incredible story.

James Cuddy came to America with his brother John in 1774. It wasn’t long before both volunteered to serve in the Revolutionary Army. My ancestor served on the front lines for one year before being reassigned to munitions maker,

eventually serving in Pennsylvania, Virginia, and South Carolina. After the war, he settled in Southwest Virginia in Washington County and started a family, which six generations later led to me.

His brother John’s story was very different. John Cuddy died in the Battle of Kings Mountain in North Carolina – a battle won by the Patriots, with many historians considering the battle a turning point in the war because it boosted morale and reduced Loyalist support.

One of the last writings we have regarding our Patriot James Cuddy was from his daughter, Jane. She gave a statement in court in Washington County, Va., in support of her widowed

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

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

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

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

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WORSHIP DIRECTORY

WHAT WE NEED
 Read Judges 17:1 through 21:25

Cities are racked by chaos. Innocents are cruelly victimized. People of all stripes—leaders and followers alike—lie and steal, thinking nothing of it. Rage, destruction, and brutality are the stuff of daily headlines. When did things get so bad?

This world is no stranger to dark times, including the period of the Israelite judges. Today’s reading is full of horrific violence and inhumanity. After the miracles that brought the Israelites into the Promised Land, how did everything fall apart? Was it because they had no ruler to keep them in line? After all, it was repeatedly emphasized that “Israel had no king.” But there’s more to it than that.

In those days Israel had no king; everyone did as he saw fit (Judges 21:25).

Our world is what it is because fit. God’s every action demonstrates that He desires peace, compassion, and community—things sorely missing from this world. Until we have the mind of Christ, politics will never offer hope. Our world doesn’t need a king. It needs God.

Prayer Suggestion: Father, remake my will from the inside out, so that I will desire what You desire.

Quicklook: Judges 21:15-25

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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.

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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.

School Board announces new assistant superintendents

The Roanoke County School Board has announced that Dr. Hayley Poland, current assistant superintendent in Roanoke City Public Schools, will return to Roanoke County Public Schools as the new assistant superintendent of student services, beginning July 1.

Poland first joined Roanoke County Public Schools (RCPS) in 2010 as a school counselor and later was named the coordinator of school counseling services. In 2014, she moved to Roanoke City Public Schools as the director of school counseling, ultimately becoming an assistant superintendent. The board also announced that current Northside High School Principal Jill Green will become the new

assistant superintendent for administration and human resources, beginning July 1.

Green first joined RCPS in 1998 as the assistant principal at Northside Middle School. In 2001, she became the principal at Glenvar Middle School. She joined Botetourt County Public Schools in 2005 where she was an instructional supervisor and director of human resources, before returning to RCPS as the principal at Northside High School in 2020.

"I'm thrilled that Hayley is returning to Roanoke County Public Schools and that Jill is coming to central office," said Dr. Jamie Soltis, who will serve as the new superintendent of Roanoke County



Dr. Hayley Poland

Public Schools starting in July.

"Hayley and Jill are experienced educators,

and I'm gratified they will bring a wealth of knowledge and expertise to their



Jill Green

PHOTOS COURTESY OF RCPS

respective positions as we continue our mission to prepare students to be Opportunity Ready,"

Soltis said.

-Submitted by RCPS

From the Pulpit

"Judging others"

By Pastor Bryan Crouch

Judging others often begins quietly, long before words are spoken. It starts in thoughts, assumptions, and comparisons we make without realizing it. We measure someone else's weakness against our strength, their failure against our success, and conclude—sometimes subconsciously—that we would never make the same mistake. Yet history, and honest self-reflection,

suggest otherwise. Scripture repeatedly reminds us that judgment reveals more about the judge than the one being judged. The Apostle Paul asked a piercing question: "You, then, why do you judge your brother or sister?" (Romans 14:10, NIV). His point was not that accountability is wrong, but that final judgment belongs to God alone. When we forget this, we

elevate ourselves to a position we were never meant to hold.

Judgment also has a way of blinding

us to our own need for grace. Jesus

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Terriers

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in Vinton and its branch manager Matt Crizer (a WBHS

graduate) reached out to Byrd, looking for a way "to honor students and teachers who are doing great things in and out of the classroom." They made the decision to expand upon the Terrier of the Month program, which already existed, adding T-shirts for the students chosen, the postcards, and media recognition.

The T-shirts are designed each year through a competition in the graphic design classes of art instructor Alicia Spangler. The program is facilitated by Assistant Principal Kevin Richardson and Life Counselor Lauren Pomeroy.

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mother receiving veterans' benefits since the family couldn't produce James' discharge papers.

Her testimony stated how she remembered as a child finding some papers and proceeded to start tearing them up. She was fascinated by how one of the pages was thicker than the others and harder to tear. Her father provided "severe correction" once he realized what she

was doing— as it was his Revolutionary Army discharge paper she destroyed. This reminded me of how I destroyed a collectable old record as a child because I was fascinated with how much more weight it had than the records my sister owned and was curious if I dropped it, would it break. So, history repeated itself as I also received "correction" for

my misplaced curiosity. If you have a love for history and want to experience it on a more personal level, I encourage you to research your ancestry and find organizations such as NSDAR who can help you on your journey. To learn more about the Roanoke Valley Chapter NSDAR, contact Cindy Higgins at cghiggins@comcast.net.

OBITUARY

McCormack, Dannie Richard

January 13, 1945 – February 4, 2026

While Dannie was deeply committed to the success of Security

Dannie Richard McCormack, 81, of Vinton, passed away on Wednesday, February 4, 2026, at Carilion Roanoke Memorial Hospital with his family by his side.

Dannie was preceded in death by his parents, Waller J. McCormack and Nellie M. Keyes; his brothers, William "Bill" McCormack and George Jay McCormack; and his father-in-law, Karl Stallard.

He is survived by his former wife of 34 years, Sheryl McCormack; his children, Dawn McCormack (John Guise), Leslie Puckett (David), Brandon McCormack, Derek Brown, and Daniel Brown and his girlfriend, Alaina Cain; grandchildren, Mason and Austin Puckett; sister, Darlene Merritt (Gary); brother, Warren McCormack (Barbara); mother-in-law, Jenny Stallard; special sister-in-law, Tonda Fugate (Ronnie); and many nieces, nephews, extended family members, and friends. He will be terribly missed by his fur-babies, Percy and Paulie.

Dannie was born on January 13, 1945, to Waller "Mac" and Nellie Weeks McCormack. As a young man, he developed a strong work ethic. He often reflected on his early jobs, including delivering newspapers, working at both Merita and Rainbow bakeries, the Singer Sewing Machine Company, and serving as a Roanoke City firefighter. These experiences shaped his determination to one day own his own business.

In the early 1970s, he launched his dream with one truck and a fellow firefighter during his off days from the fire department, offering local pick-up and delivery services. No job was too small as long as he could keep the wheels turning. In March 1974, the company known today as Security Transport and Delivery Service was formed. He was passionate and immensely proud of his business. For more than 50 years, Security Transport & Delivery Service has withstood the test of time by providing quality service and continues to thrive today under family leadership.



Transport, he never lost sight of the importance of family. He was incredibly proud of his children, grandchildren, nieces, and nephews. Some of his happiest moments were spent at family gatherings at his home and, later in life, at his son's home on Sundays watching NASCAR races or golf tournaments – simple times that meant the most to him.

Everyone who knew Dannie understood his second great passion, golf. He was an avid golfer with a strong competitive spirit. What he loved most about the game, however, was not just the competition but the people he shared it with – playing alongside his brothers, friends, and family. He especially loved watching and playing with his boys; those were special times that created cherished memories.

Dannie also loved traveling, but his favorite destination was always Key West, Florida, which he visited an incredible 24 times. Each trip brought new adventures. Dannie and Sheryl shared many wonderful times there with dear friends and family members who meant so much to them.

Many thanks to his close friend, Terrell Smith, for everything you have done for Dannie over the years. He so appreciated your special friendship and loved you like family.

During the final stages of his life, the Harmony Assisted Living family provided loving support and care. A special thank you to the staff and to his very special friend, Sarah McGuire, for their kindness and compassion. A very special thank you also to Dr. Nina Sweeney for her dedicated care over the years.

A celebration of Dannie's life was held on Saturday, February 21, 2026, at Vinton Baptist Church. Visitation was held from 12 to 2 p.m. with the service beginning at 2 p.m. Memorial donations may be made in his honor to the American Kidney Fund. Arrangements were entrusted to Oakey's Vinton Chapel, 540-982-2221. Condolences may be shared with his family at www.Oakeys.com.

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 34. Execute or perform
 35. Central or Yellowstone
 36. Municipality in Norway
 39. Bay of NW Rep. of Ireland
 40. Skin designs
 42. Son of Jephunneh
 43. Baseball's Ruth
 44. Clare Booth __, Am. writer
 46. Black tropical American cuckoo
 47. Filled with fear or apprehension
 49. 6th Jewish month
 50. Wide metal vessel used in cooking

51. Make by pouring into a cast
 52. Colombian city
 53. Heat unit
 54. Carpenter, red and army
 55. Adam and Eve's garden

CLUES DOWN

 1. Big man on campus
 2. Made public by radio or television
 3. Labelled
 4. Inform positively
 5. Drinks habitually
 6. Supplemented with difficulty
 7. SW Scottish river & port
 8. American poet 1874-1963
 9. Pads
 10. Ingestion or intake
 11. Tie up a bird before cooking
 13. Bulrushes of the genus Scirpus
 16. Turned rod on a spinning wheel
 21. Having or covered with leaves

23. The 44th U.S. President
 28. Midway between S and SE
 29. Tuberculosis (abbr.)
 30. Inspected accounting procedures
 31. A twilled woolen fabric
 32. Potato state
 33. The work of a sailor
 35. Involving 2 dimensions
 36. Fanatical or overzealous
 37. Consolation
 38. Wild sheep of northern Africa
 39. Erect leafless flower-bearing stalk
 40. Afrikaans
 41. Weighing device
 43. Very dry champagne
 45. Emerald Isle
 48. A resident of Benin

Backpack Run March 21 at Green Hill Park

The Backpack Run, presented by the Roanoke County Public Schools Education Foundation, is back for the 13th year. This year, the 5K event has been renamed the Marion Childress 5K in honor of Marion Childress, founder of the C&C Running Team and an ambassador for running in the Roanoke Valley.

“Marion has been an instrumental partner and helped us start the Backpack Run back in 2013,” said Chuck Lionberger, race director for the Backpack Run. “Over the years, he has supported this race and promoted running in the Roanoke Valley. We are proud to host a race in his name,” Lionberger said.

The Backpack Run offers both in-person and virtual races for the Marion Childress 5K and Backpack Run 10K. Both in-person races will take place on March 21 at Green Hill Park starting at 9 a.m.

Runners are invited to accept the Backpack Challenge. Participate in both race events (5K and 10K) to earn both individual finisher medals and a third exclusive custom Backpack Challenge medal/item. Challenge runners may participate in both events in-person or virtually.

Registration fees for the 5K are \$20-\$35. Fees for the 10K are \$35-\$55. The Backpack Challenge (5K and 10K) is



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\$50-\$75. Prices vary depending on age (student or adult) and team participation. Register at www.rcps.us/backpackrun.

Proceeds go to support the Roanoke County Public Schools Education Foundation, a 501©3 non-profit organization that, since 1991, has

provided more than \$1.6 million in support including grants for teachers and scholarships for students in Roanoke County.

-Submitted by RCPS Education Foundation

RECIPE OF THE WEEK



PHOTO BY DEBBIE ADAMS

Jumbo Raisin Oatmeal Cookies

By Debbie Adams

Try using jumbo raisins in this raisin oatmeal cookie recipe.

Ingredients:

- 1 cup margarine or butter, softened
- 1 cup firmly packed brown sugar
- 1/2 cup granulated sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 1 and 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 tsp. baking soda
- 1/4 to 1/2 tsp. cinnamon
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 3 cups uncooked oats (quick or old-fashioned)
- 1 cup jumbo raisins
- 1 cup chopped nuts (optional)

Heat oven to 350°. Beat together margarine and sugars. Mix in eggs and vanilla. Add flour, baking soda, cinnamon, salt (sifted together). Stir in raisins, oats, and nuts.

Drop dough by tablespoonfuls on ungreased cookie sheet. Bake 10-12 minutes until golden brown. Cool a minute on the cookie sheet. Remove to wire rack and cool. Store in tightly covered container. Yields about 4 dozen cookies.

Pulpit

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illustrated this vividly when He said, “Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother’s eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye?” (Matthew 7:3, NIV). The image

is uncomfortable because it is true.

Self-awareness must come before criticism. A community shaped by grace does not pretend sin doesn’t exist. Instead, it acknowledges that everyone

is in process. Growth happens best where honesty is met with patience and correction is rooted in love. When humility replaces judgment, conversations change, trust deepens,

and healing becomes possible— not just for the wounded, but for everyone involved.

Again, try to be more like Christ tomorrow than you were today.

Rename

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over the next decade, and this direction was solidified with the recent adoption of the Vinton 20250 Comprehensive Plan.

“Renaming the roadway to Dogwood Boulevard provides enhanced brand identity and better reflects the town’s goal of being a ‘go-to’ town rather than a ‘pass-through’ town.”

Although the resolution was

approved in September of last year, council requested staff delay the implementation for approximately six months to allow current business owners along the corridor additional time to update their business activities to reflect the road renaming.

Key Details of the Change:

- New Road Signs:

Installation of new “Dogwood Blvd” signage has already been put in place.

- Effective Date: The name change is officially effective February 27, 2026.

- Address Updates: The town has been working closely with emergency services, Geographical Information System (GIS) and the United

States Postal Service (USPS) to ensure a seamless transition for mail and navigation.

- Walkability and Multimodal: The town plans to install new sidewalks along the corridor, and the area is already serviced by Valley Metro Transit System.

The Town of Vinton expresses its gratitude to the

community for their input during this process. For more information regarding the resolution or upcoming infrastructure projects, visit the Town of Vinton website (<https://vintonva.gov>).

-Submitted by Town of Vinton

Reading

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Masked Reader and Librarian Lynez Humphries

same book that is read both at school and at home as a family.

This year’s chosen book, read by the Mount Pleasant students and their families, and the teachers and staff at MPE, was “Because of the Rabbit” by author Cynthia Lord.

According to reading specialist Kristen Seth, the story is about “change, courage, friendship, and finding your place.”

The main character is Emma, whose summer takes an unexpected turn when she accompanies her game warden father on a routine call to rescue a wild rabbit from a picket fence and instead convinces him to bring home the orphaned pet bunny they find.

The author says, “As she transitions

to public school after years of homeschooling, Emma longs to make a best friend. However, her plans unravel when she is paired with Jack, a quirky classmate who struggles to focus and has a deep fascination with animals. Jack doesn’t fit in, and Emma’s worried he’ll make her stand out. As Emma grapples with her worries about fitting in, she and Jack form an unlikely bond over her rescued rabbit. She must confront the challenge of embracing their friendship while still seeking the connection she hopes to find.”

This year’s program was a little different than in past years, including Masked Readers who brought the story to life. Different staff members dressed up in costumes which concealed their



PHOTOS BY DEBBIE ADAMS

All students at Mount Pleasant Elementary received a free book and an inspiration stone at the end of the “One School, One Book” reading program.

faces and read a chapter from the book to the student body each day. Characters included Darth Vader, a rabbit, a dog, a hippo, a LEGO, a duck, a snowman, pink and blue sharks, and more.

Students kept a log of who they thought each masked reader was; they were then revealed at the wrap up program in the gym.

After the assembly, all students received a free book from the same author as well as a special “inspiration stone” that students had painted during library class.

The inspiration stones were an element of the “Because of the Rabbit” story. The small stones carried big meaning for Emma and the other characters. They were reminders of kindness, courage,

hope, and friendship. They showed that even something small could make a big difference.

Each child chose a rock painted by another student. Librarian Lynez Humphries asked students to use the stones as reminders “that you belong here; you are brave when things feel new or hard; kindness can change someone’s day; even small actions like a smile, a kind word, or including someone new, can have a big impact. Just like in the story, you have the power to help someone feel welcome and to be someone’s inspiration.”

She asked them to keep their stone somewhere special and whenever they saw it, “to remember the story they all shared, the community they built, and the difference you can make every day.”



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Legals - City of Salem

ABC NOTICE
J&D CULINARY GROUP LLC., trading as J'S DELI, 7 BROAD STREET, 3 WEST MAIN STREET, SALEM, VA 24153

The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) AUTHORITY for a Retail Restaurant or Caterer Application – Restaurant, Wine, Beer, Mixed Beverages, Consumes On and Off Premises license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages.

Jason Maxwell, Owner.

NOTE: Objections to the issuance of this license must be submitted to ABC no later than 30 days from the publishing date of the first of two required newspaper legal notices. Objections should be registered at www.abc.virginia.gov or 800-552-3200.

Notice is hereby given to all interested persons that the City of Salem Planning Commission,

at its regular meeting on March 11, 2026, at 6:30 p.m., in Council Chambers, City Hall, 114 North Broad Street, in the City of Salem, Virginia, will hold a public hearing, pursuant to Sections 15.2-2204 and 15.2-2285 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, to consider approval of the following requests relative to the CODE OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA:

1. Consider the request of WILLIAMHART LLC, property owner, for a special exception permit to allow a two-family dwelling on the property located at 740 North Mill Road (Tax Map #48 – 2 – 7).

Copies of the proposed plans, ordinances or amendments may be examined in the Office of Community Development, 21 South Bruffey Street, Salem, Virginia.

At said hearing, parties in interest and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard relative to the said requests.

THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA

BY: Christopher J. Dorsey Executive Secretary

Legals - Botetourt County

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 182 SUNSET AVENUE, TROUTVILLE, VA 24175

In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated May 31, 2022, in the original principal amount of \$227,272.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Botetourt County, Virginia as Instrument No. 22002086. 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, PIECE, OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN THE COUNTY OF BOTETOURT, VIRGINIA AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT CORNER NO. 1, BEING A FENCE CORNER POST AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE GALEN R. LAYMAN BARNYARD LOT; THENCE WITH THE BOUNDARY LINES OF THE REMAINING PROPERTY OF SAID GALEN R. LAYMAN AND FOLLOWING THE EXISTING FENCE LINE, S. 85° 19' W. 122.36 FT. TO A FENCE CORNER POST AT CORNER NO. 2; THENCE N. 4° 30' E. 36 FT. TO A STEEL PIN AT CORNER NO. 3; THENCE N. 77° 04' W. 164 FEET TO A FENCE CORNER POST AT CORNER NO. 4; THENCE LEAVING SAID LAYMAN PROPERTY AND WITH THE EASTERLY BOUNDARY LINE OF THE

Legals - Botetourt County

PROPERTY OF HADEN S. CRONK AND FOLLOWING THE EXISTING FENCED LINE, S. 30° 47' W. 169 FT. TO AN OLD IRON PIPE AT CORNER NO. 5 ON THE NORTH SIDE OF OLD FINCASTLE ROAD, BEING SECONDARY ROAD ROUTE 651; THENCE WITH THE NORTHERLY SIDE OF SAID ROAD, BEING 30 FT. WIDE, S. 58° 36' E. 151.22 FT. TO CORNER NO. 6; THENCE S. 88° 50' E. 129.59 FT. TO CORNER NO. 7; THENCE LEAVING SAID ROAD AND PASSING THROUGH THE CENTER OF A FENCE POST AT 2.88 FT. AND THENCE FOLLOWING THE EXISTING BOUNDARY LINE FENCE AND WITH THE WESTERLY BOUNDARY LINE OF THE REMAINING PROPERTY OF GALEN R. LAYMAN, N. 34° 25' E. 198.87 FT. TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING, AND CONTAINING 1.386 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, BEING AS SHOWN ON RECENT SURVEY BY T. P. PARKER & SON, ENGINEERS AND SURVEYORS, LTD., DATED SEPTEMBER 19, 1983, RECORDED IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF BOTETOURT, VIRGINIA IN DEED BOOK 288, PAGE 54, REFERENCE TO WHICH IS HERE AND NOW MADE FOR THE LOCATION OF IMPROVEMENTS ON SAID PROPERTY AND SLIGHT FENCE ENCROACHMENT ALONG THE EASTERLY LINE THEREOF. TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder's deposit of ten percent (10%) of the sale price or ten percent (10%) of the original principal balance of the subject Deed of Trust, whichever is lower, in the form of cash or certified funds payable to the Substitute Trustee must be present at the time of the sale. The balance of the purchase price will be due within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Purchaser's deposit may be forfeited to Trustee. Time is of the essence. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser may, if provided by the terms of the Trustee's Memorandum of Foreclosure Sale, be entitled to a \$50 cancellation fee from the Substitute Trustee, but shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. A form copy of the Trustee's memorandum of foreclosure sale and contract to purchase real property is available for viewing at www.bwwsales.com. 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-381507-1.

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, March 9, 2026 at 7:15 p.m. 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 McComas Hall located at 895 Washington St. SW, Blacksburg, Virginia, for the April 21, 2026 Special Election Only. BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Angela M. Hill County Administrator

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD AND PUBLIC HEARINGS: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) & HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP (HOME) ANNUAL ACTION PLAN

The Town of Blacksburg and the New River Valley HOME Consortium (NRVHC) invite public Comments to inform the development of the 2026-27 Annual Action Plan for Blacksburg's CDBG Program & NRVHC's HOME Program. The Annual Action Plan describes how the Town and NRVHC plan to use funding from the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) to support low-income affordable housing and community development programs from July 1, 2026 Through June 30, 2027.

Legals - Montgomery County

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

The Town of Christiansburg Town Council will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, March 10, 2026, at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers of the Christiansburg Town Hall, 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, Virginia 24073. The purpose of the public hearing is to receive public comments concerning:

A. Rezoning request by LZM-BAM, LLC, Applicant and Property Owner, for an amendment to proffers on property located at 2886 Roanoke Street, identified as Tax Parcel 501 - ((1)) - 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 Map of the 2013 Christiansburg Comprehensive Plan.

Legals - Montgomery County

B. Conditional Use Permit request by Rockstep Christiansburg LLC, Property Owner, to allow operation of a Carnival from March 26, 2026 through April 5, 2026 on the property located at 782 New River Road NW, Tax Parcel 435 - ((A)) - 41, Parcel ID 007741, zoned General Business District B-3. The property is designated as Business/Commercial on the Future Land Use Map of the 2013 Christiansburg Comprehensive Plan.

A copy of the applications, the Town's Zoning Map, Zoning Ordinance, and Future Land Use Map may be viewed in the Planning Department Office, 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, VA 24073 during normal office hours of 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Contact the Planning Department, by phone at (540) 382-6128, Ext. 1902 or by email at planning@christiansburg.org, with any questions or if you require reasonable accommodations.

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Legals - Montgomery County

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Legals - Montgomery County

Questions and requests for accessibility assistance or special arrangements may contact Jill Maher at 540-443-1615.

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE TOWN OF CHRISTIANSBURG PLANNING COMMISSION

The Town of Christiansburg Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, March 16, 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 Madison Apartment Homes LLC and Madison Apartment Homes II LLC, Property Owner and Applicant, for an amendment to proffers on Tax Parcel 434 - ((A)) - 8A (Parcel ID 110779) and 434 - ((A)) - 8B (Parcel ID 310087), consisting of approximately 7.950 acres, located at the intersection of Peppers Ferry Road, New Village Drive, and Bozeman Trail. The property is zoned Multi-Family Residential (R-3) with proffers, and the request is to amend the proffers accepted with the 2020 rezoning action. The property is designated as Residential on the Future Land Use Map of the 2013 Christiansburg Comprehensive Plan. Town Hall will be open and available to receive public comment in-person at the time of this Public Hearing. A copy of the application, the Town's Zoning Map, Zoning Ordinance, and Future Land Use Map may be viewed in the Planning Department Office, 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, VA 24073, during normal office hours of 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Contact the Planning Department, by phone at (540) 382-6128, Ext. 1902 or by email at planning@christiansburg.org, with any questions or if you require reasonable accommodations.

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

945 Brooklyn Ave., Christiansburg, Virginia 24073 Tax Map No. 080-9 32 / Parcel ID No. 150446

COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY, VIRGINIA

In execution of a credit line deed of trust dated June 30, 2022 (the "Deed of Trust"), recorded in the Office of the Circuit Court of Montgomery County, Virginia, as Instrument No. 022005240, the undersigned substitute Trustees, any or all of whom may act, will offer for sale at or near 945 Brooklyn Ave., Christiansburg, Virginia 24073, on March 6, 2026, at 12 o'clock p.m., property located at or near 945 Brooklyn Ave., Christiansburg, Virginia 24073, which property is more particularly described as follows:

All that certain lot or parcel of land situate, lying and being in the Shawsville Magisterial District of Montgomery County, Virginia, and more particularly described as follows: Being all of Lot Number Thirty-Two (32), The Preserve At Walnut Creek, Phase IV, as shown and described on a plat of survey entitled, "PLAT OF MAJOR SUBDIVISION OF LOTS 1-13, 29-35 & ESMT. DEDICATION TO THE PRESERVE AT WALNUT CREEK," prepared by Gay and Neel, Inc., a copy of which is of record in the Circuit Court Clerk's Office of Montgomery County, Virginia at Instrument Number 2008011650 (the "PLAT"). This sale is subject to all liens, easements, restrictions, conditions, and reservations of record affecting the title to the property hereinabove described, to the extent any of them have priority over the lien of the Deed of Trust.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS:
1.Registration: Bids will only be accepted from registered bidders. Your driver's license and a cashier's check or cash in the amount of 10% of the bidder's projected high bid

Legals - Montgomery County

will be required to register. 2.Deposit: The successful bidders will be required to sign a Memorandum of Sale immediately following the falling of the hammer, and a cashier's check or cash in the amount of 10% of the contract sale price, as described below, will be delivered to the Substitute Trustee. The deposits will be applied to the purchase price at closing. The deposit is non-refundable unless Seller is unable to convey marketable title. Closings are to take place within 30 days of sale. Time is of the essence. 3.Deed: The property will be conveyed by Special Warranty Deed. 4. Announcement: Announcements made on the day of sale, take precedence over all prior communications, both verbal and written, concerning the sale or the property. 5.Buyer's Premium: There will be a 5% Buyer's Premium in effect on the day of sale. The Buyer's Premium is added to the high bid amount, to determine the contract sale price. 6."As-Is, "Where-Is": The property is being sold "AS-IS", "WHERE-IS". Potential Buyers must perform such independent investigations with respect to the property as they deem necessary to verify information provided by the Auction Company or the Seller. 7. Advertisements: All information provided by Auction Company and the Seller is deemed reliable but is not warranted. The information contained in the advertisement brochure and any advertisements by Auction Company are subject to verification by all parties relying on it. No liability for its accuracy, error or omission is assumed by the Auction Company or the Seller. 8.Representations: Auction Company and its representatives represent the foreclosing party. 9.Bid Increments: Auctioneer reserves the right to set bid increments. 10.Lines on Photographs: The lines drawn on the marketing materials are not exact. Refer to the survey for the actual property lines. Bryson J. Hunter, Peter M. Pearl, and Timothy J. Lovett, Substitute Trustees

For Information Contact: Timothy J. Lovett, Esquire tlovett@spilmanlaw.com Spilman Thomas & Battle, PLLC, P.O. Box 90 Roanoke, Virginia 24002 540-512-1800 Telephone

Legals - Town of Vinton

ABC NOTICE
VINTON CAFÉ LLC, trading as VINTON CAFÉ KITCHEN & BAKERY, 126 E. Lee Ave, Vinton, Roanoke County, Va 24179-2518.

The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) AUTHORITY for a Restaurant -Beer, Wine Consumed On and Off Premises license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages.

Keriann Campbell OWNER

NOTE: Objections to the issuance of this license must be submitted to ABC no later than 30 days from the publishing date of the first of two required newspaper legal notices. Objections should be registered at www.abc.virginia.gov or 800-552-3200.



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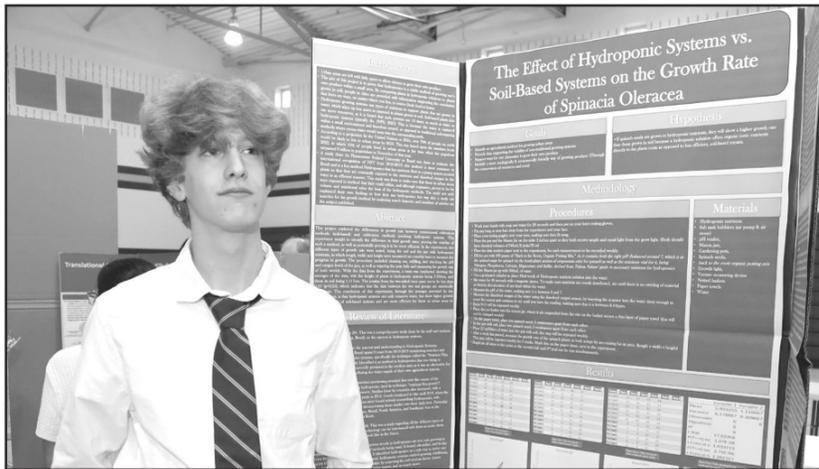
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Noah Wheeler and Kyleigh Ginger (WBHS), second place, Chemistry/Microbiology



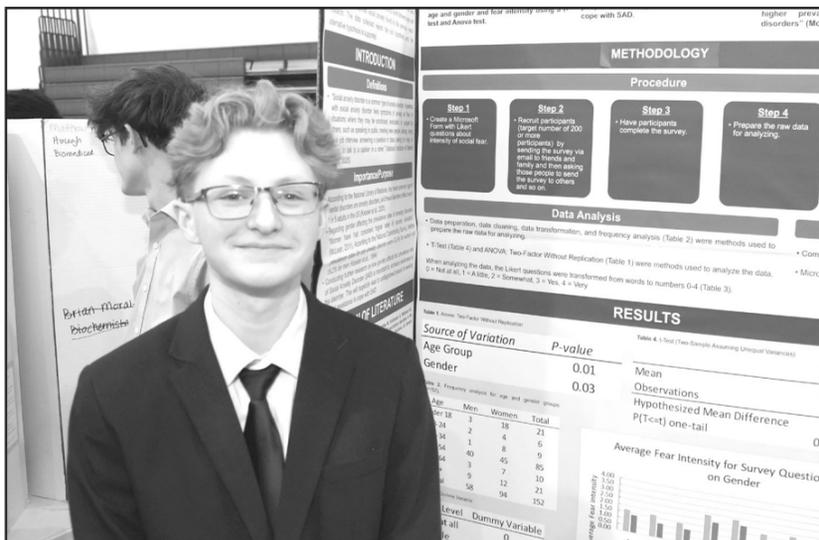
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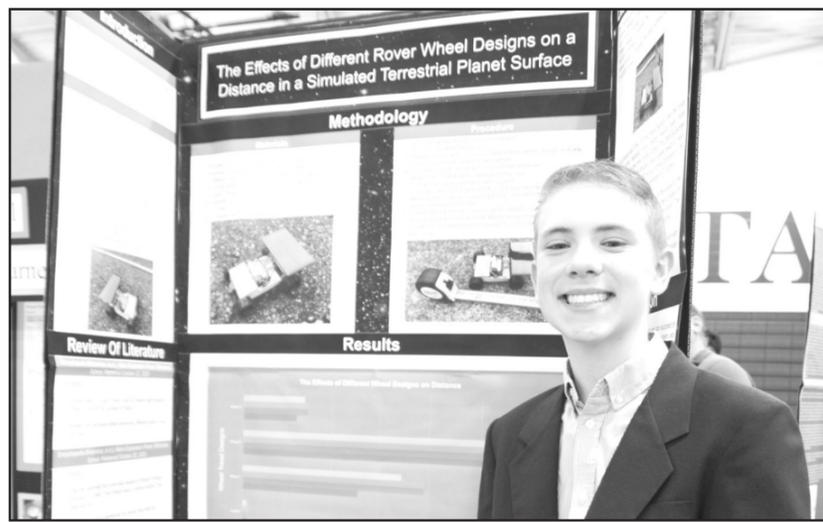
Levi Whitcomb (WBHS), second place, Plant Sciences (project partner Jack Petersen not pictured)



Brenner Alterio (WBMS), third place, Engineering Technology/Environmental Engineering/Transitional Medical Science



Nate Buck (WBHS), third place, Behavioral and Social Sciences



Ace Adkins (WBHS), third place, Environmental Engineering/Engineering Technology

Temperature: a Study.” His hypothesis was, “If a magnet’s temperature increases, then it will result in more paperclips being held.” Conclusion: Actually, as the temperature increased, the average mass of paperclips held by the magnet decreased. The greatest mass was held by the coldest temperature.

Tenley Gussler, second place in Materials Science for her project “Moisturizer Madness: The Effect of Moisturizer on Water

Lost Through Skin.” She investigated which brand of skin moisturizer kept skin hydrated the best. Answer: CeraVe.

Brenner Alterio, third place in Engineering Technology/Environmental Engineering/Transitional Medical Science for his project “The Effect of Different Filtration Methods on Water Clarity.” His investigation proved that there are ways to improve water supplies

around the world using filtration.

Other WBMS students participating included: Anna Hemming, researching “What Materials in a Filter Make the Water Cleanest.”

Cael Sink, investigating “Infill vs. Infill: Which is the strongest? The Effect of 3D Printed Infill Design on Strength.”

Owen Seth, Rory Grant, and Hayden Biggs, testing “The Effect of Tower Structure on

Weight-Bearing Capacity.”

Brooklynn Scott and Hanna Counts, “More Shade: The Effect of Different Color Curtains on the Reduction of Light.”

Andrew Johnson, “Unlocking the Energy in Hydration: Measuring Electrolyte Concentration in Drinks.”

Nine of the 10 William Byrd High School students who entered the fair placed in the competition. Those students will advance to the regional and are:

Maryann Jenkins, first place in Earth and Environmental Sciences A for her project “The Effects of Human Activity on the Tributaries and Watersheds of the Upper Roanoke River.” She investigated nitrate, pH, and TDS (total dissolved solids) levels in four Roanoke River tributaries, including Smith Mountain Lake.

Christopher Boyd won first place in Physics/Mathematics for his project “The Effect of Different Banking Methods and Firms on Financial Income in Relation to Predicted Inflation Rates.” His goal was to determine if online or in-person banks are more financially beneficial.

Levi Whitcomb and Jack Petersen won second place in Plant Sciences for their project “The Effect of Hydroponic Systems vs. Soil-based Systems on the Growth Rate of Spinacia Oleracea.” They tested whether spinach seeds

grown hydroponically would have a higher growth rate than those grown in soil.

Hudson Cain and Cooper Peery won second place in Physics/Mathematics for their project “The Effect of Internal Composition of Baseballs Utilized by Various Age Ranges on Exit Velocity as Measured from a Stationary Bat.” They tested tee balls, youth baseballs, and Minor League baseballs to see which had the highest exit velocity.

Norah Buck won second place in Behavioral and Social Sciences for her project “The Effect of Music on Short-Term Memory.” Hypothesis: If people listen to classical music they will perform with higher scores on tests of short-term memory than those using rock music or no music. Her conclusion was that different music genres definitely have an effect on memory.

Kyleigh Ginger and Noah Wheeler won second place in Chemistry/Microbiology for their project “Quantitative Analysis of Ion Dissociation on Freezing Point Depression.” This research has applications for treating roadways before wintry weather to prevent ice formation.

Aaron Start won second place in Energy/Materials Science for his project “The Effect of Temperature on the Performance of a Fuel Cell, After Electrolysis, to Determine the Efficiency of a Fuel Cell.” His hypothesis: Fuel cells perform better in warmer temperatures.

Nate Buck won third place in Behavioral and Social Sciences for his project “An Analysis of How Gender and Age Affects Self-Reported Intensity of Social Anxiety.” His hypothesis was that females tend to suffer more intense social anxiety than males.

Ace Adkins won third place in Environmental Engineering/Engineering Technology with his project “The Effects of Different Rover Wheel Designs on a Distance on a Simulated Terrestrial Planet.” He investigated which rover wheel design will allow a rover to travel the farthest on a terrestrial planet surface. The answer – one with treads and an angle design.

Other WBHS students participating included Emily Robtison, Wes Wilson, and Grant Bartley with their project “The Effect of Terrain on Home-Built Ground Drone Speed and Stability.”

Roanoke County Science Supervisor Tammy Sauls facilitated the 2026 event. During the Awards Ceremony following the evaluation of the projects by some 40 judges, Sauls noted that the science fair was about more than awards; it also offered students the chance to become “Opportunity Ready.” She encouraged them to be proud of what they had accomplished and of their ability to clearly communicate to the judges and those who attended what they had discovered. She urged them to continue to “ask the why’s and continue to learn from the process.”

She thanked the students for their hard work, their parents for supporting them, and their instructors for teaching them “inquiry-based” learning.

Roanoke County Schools Executive Director of Secondary Instruction Mike Riley, a former science teacher at Cave Spring High School, commented that science fairs teach critical thinking, collaboration, communication, and perseverance. Students learn that “there is no right answer – just the answer.”

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Left photo, the William Byrd swimmers at the state meet were, left to right back; Gabby Romeo, Kayleigh Barber, Hadyn Terrell, Lindsay Murtaugh, Chase Madonna, Ben Gardner, Keith Schult and Ben Hoyos. Front: Kyler Martin, Brody Parrish and Sydney Nichols. In the right photo Murtaugh(left) and Terrell pose with their state medals.

Byrd girls are 11th in state with just four swimmers in the meet

Despite having just four girls in the meet the William Byrd swimmers took 11th place among 26 teams in last week's Virginia High School League Class 3 state swim meet. The event was held at the SwimRVA pool in Richmond on February 19.

Western Albemarle High swept the team titles, easily winning both the girls' and boys' championships. The Warriors had 413.5 points in the girls' meet compared to 215 for second place Monticello, and 451 in the boys'

meet to beat second place Maggie Walker(160) by 291 points. Byrd's girls scored 100 points and the boys were 26th with 10 points.

"State was so much fun," said Byrd coach Krista Martin.

Byrd senior Lindsay Murtaugh had a big day. She was second in both the 200 free and 500 free. Lindsay was also recognized as the Region 3D Female Swimmer of the Year during the meet.

"She is such a talented distance

swimmer and has the best sense of humor," said Martin. "I'm going to miss her terribly, but I am so excited for her to start her next chapter of her swimming career at Delaware."

Hadyn Terrell placed in two events. She was third in the 100 breaststroke and fifth in the 200 IM.

"Hadyn had some very exciting races," said Martin. "A top three finish as a sophomore is incredible. I am so proud of her."

The girls 200 freestyle relay team

of Terrell, Kayleigh Barber, Gabby Romeo and Murtaugh finished ninth.

The boys had several top 16 state finishes, including an 11th place in the medley relay with the team of Kyler Martin, Brody Parrish, Ben Gardner and Chase Madonna. The 400 free team of Keith Schult, Sydney Nichols, Madonna and Gardner was 12th.

Individually, Martin was 14th in the 100 free and 15th in the 500 free. Nichols was 15th in the 100 fly and Parrish was 16th in the breaststroke.

William Byrd indoor track team qualifies six for state meet at Liberty University

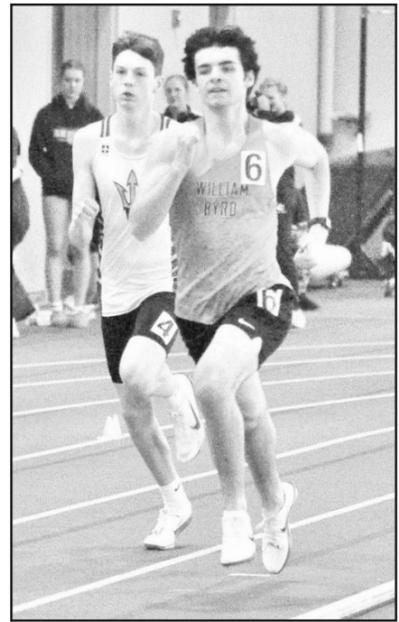
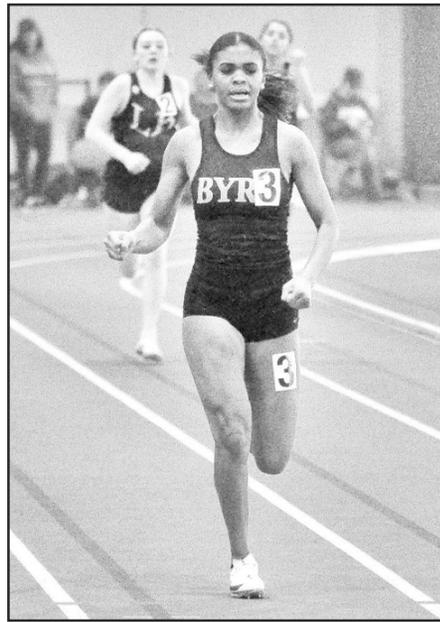
The William Byrd indoor track team will send six athletes to the Virginia High School League Class 3 state track meet on March 2nd and 3rd at Liberty University. Lily Perez, Michael Hamlar, Jaydn St. Clair, Ellie Ruble, James Smith and Titus Beatty will represent the Terriers after last Saturday's Region 3D indoor meet at the Roanoke College Kerr-Cregger Indoor Fieldhouse.

The top three athletes in each event advanced to the state meet and Byrd's Smith finished second in the boys' 55m dash with a time of 6.57. Beatty was second in the shot put with a throw of 45'3 1/4, also qualifying for states.

Some other boys earned points, or had season's bests, for the Terriers but did not advance. Giovanni Pandolfiini was seventh in the 500 and Collin Mills was ninth in that race. Jamez Toler was ninth in the 55 and the 4x400 relay team of Pandolfiini, Mills, Jack Petersen and Smith missed qualifying for state by one place with a fourth place finish.

For the girls, Perez won the long and triple jump competition by leaping 16'9" in the long and 33' 7.5" in the triple. Lily also ran on the winning 4x200 relay with Hamlar, Ruble and St. Clair, winning the race in a season's best time of 1:53.09.

Ruble also finished sixth in the 55 meters, Hamlar was sixth in the 300 and Lucy Whitenack was sixth in the 1,000 meters. The girls 4x400m relay of Hamlar, Perez, Whitenack and St. Clair missed advancing by one spot with a fourth place finish.



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Michal Hamlar(left) and Camden Ward compete in the Region 3D track meet.

BYRD BASKETBALL

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"Credit to Cave Spring for bounding back, but every time they made a run we were able to respond and push the lead out a little further and that was pretty much the story on the scoreboard for the night," said Byrd coach Brad Greenway. "We really didn't play as clean as I thought we could offensively, but we did control the tempo of the game most of the night. Defensively we were pretty tough start to finish and that anchored us."

Luke Helton led Byrd with 23 points, including 11 in the fourth quarter. Jaden Holmes had 15 points and Jesus Leon had 14.

"Kind of the thing with this team is most nights it's hard to predict who is going to lead us statistically and that showed again tonight," said Greenway. "You have guys playing their roles and contributing in different ways and it added up to a win."

The Terriers earned the sixth seed in the tournament with a 66-49 win over Northside in the last game of the regular season in Vinton last week. That gave them a 5-5 Blue Ridge District record and third place in the six team district. Byrd had the best record among the Class 3 teams, trailing only Fleming and Franklin County in the standings.

"We knew going into this game that a win would bump us to a six seed, which was definitely the goal," said Greenway. "Not only that, to beat Northside on our home floor, a team that has ended our season several times in the last several years and has definitely had our number in the past. All that said, our guys showed up like they keep doing and played a really solid game."

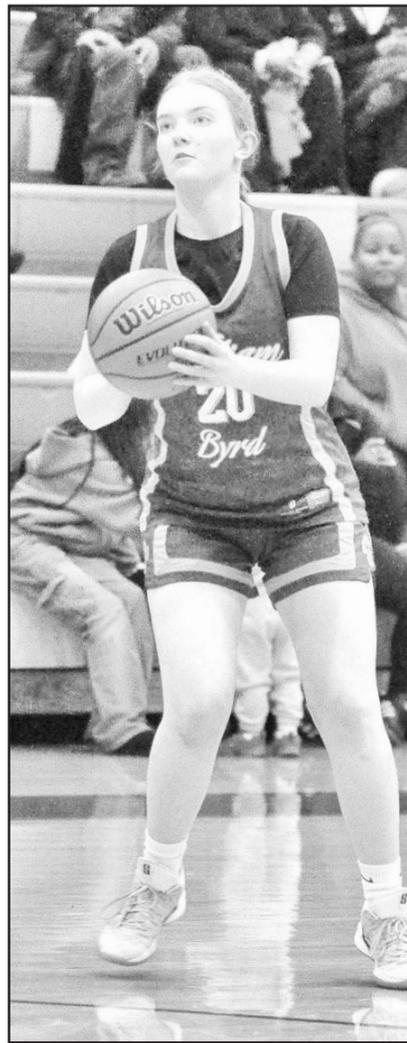
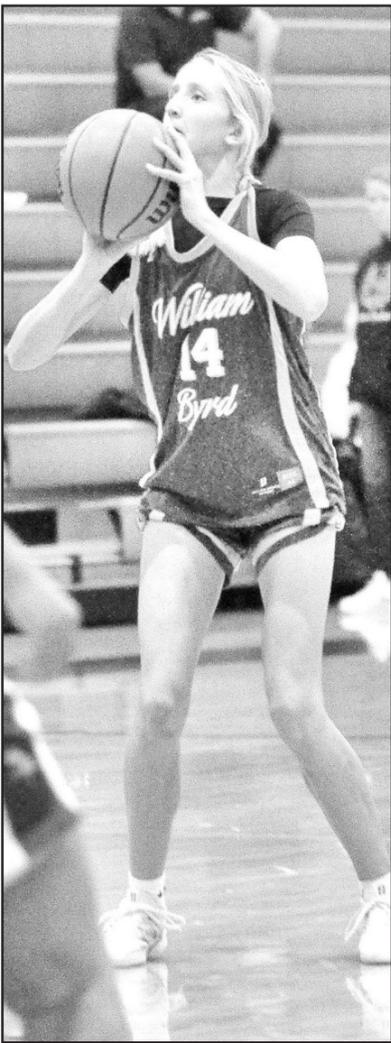
Helton was high again with 21 points and 10 boards. Holmes had 15 and Leon had 14.

"Everyone contributed in their own way and it was great to get that W," said Greenway.

Ironically Friday's region game is with Christiansburg, a team Byrd beat in Vinton

on February 17, 58-54, that instilled confidence in the Terriers and was key to their making the region tournament. The Blue Demons are now 17-8 after defeating Pulaski Tuesday night, 73-53.

"Doubt we can sneak in under the radar this time," said Greenway.



Mia Martin(left) and Maggie Zimmerman (right) line up three point shots in last week's win at Northside.

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Byrd girls' basketball season ends with loss to Pulaski in region game

The William Byrd girls saw their basketball season come to an end Tuesday night in Dublin. The sixth seeded Terriers fell to third seeded Pulaski County in the first round of the Region 3D tournament, 60-30.

The Cougars went on top early, leading 11-3 after the first quarter and 23-11 at the half. They blew it open by outscoring Byrd 25-9 in the third quarter. Maurisia Burnette and Logan Andrews led Byrd with seven points each in the game.

"Tough one for us in Pulaski," said Byrd coach Ben Munsey. "Great season by all of the girls. Fitting to have our two leading scorers tonight be seniors."

The Terriers finished the season with a 13-11 overall record. They were 3-7 in Blue Ridge District games after ending the regular season with a 46-27 win at Northside last week. Burnette had ine points in that one and Skye William had seven along with a big night on the boards.

The Region 3D semifinals will be tonight at the Northside gym. Bassett will meet Abingdon at 5:30 pm followed by Pulaski County against Staunton River. The championship is Saturday at 1 pm, also at Northside.



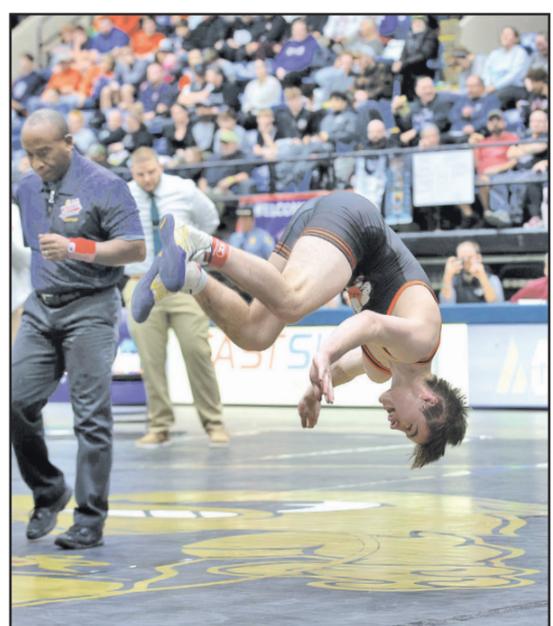
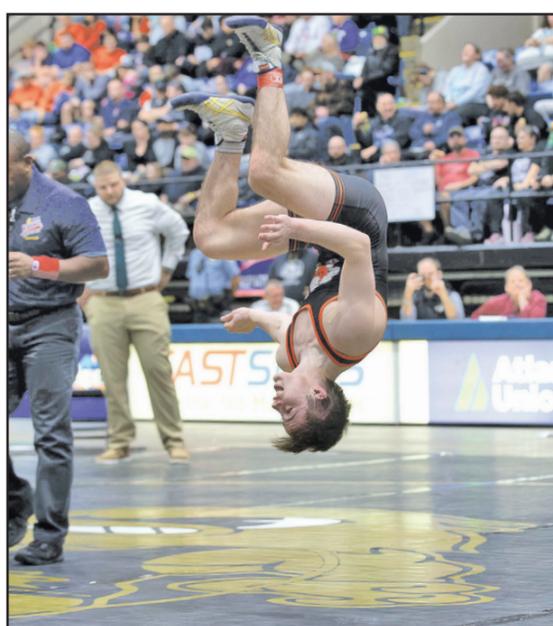
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Above, Moises Leon goes to the hole against Northside. Below, Luke Helton(#24) defends.



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William Byrd's Darin Witcher does a 360 degree back flip after winning the state 132 pound Class 3 wrestling championship at the Salem Civic Center Saturday.

Witcher wins school record third state wrestling title

William Byrd senior Darin Witcher flipped over the sport of wrestling at a young age. So, it was fitting his last act on a high school mat was to do a 360 degree back flip after winning his third straight state championship.

Witcher won the 132 pound state championship at the Salem Civic Center last Saturday when he defeated Jackson Faulk of Kettle Run in the final, 9-3. To that point Darin had pinned his way through his bracket, opening with a 35 second pin over Connor Robinson New Kent. He pinned Cullyer Roadcap of East Rockingham in the quarterfinal in 1:33

then needed just 54 seconds to put Dillenger Collins of Christiansburg away in Saturday morning's semifinals.

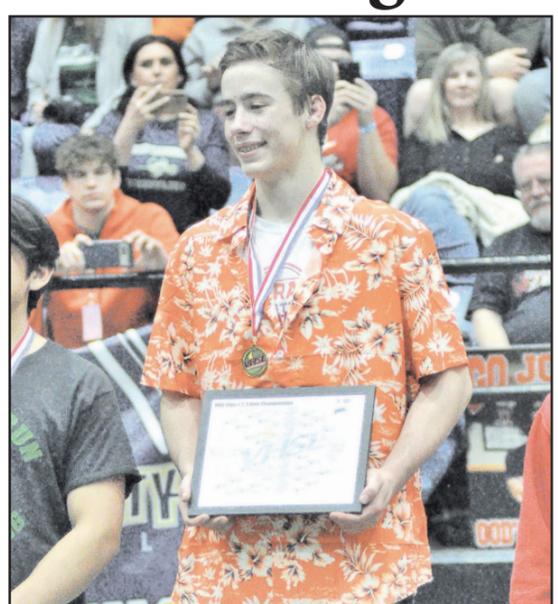
On Saturday evening, before a packed house at the Civic Center, Witcher took control early and nearly shut out Faulk. The match was never in doubt.

"After the first takedown, I felt pretty confident in myself," said Witcher. "Coach (Otis) Doughty told me to 'let it fly' and a teammate (Evan Tabor) told me not to do anything stupid, so I implemented a little bit of both of these ideas into my strategy."

The championship was the third in as many years for Witcher, the first William Byrd wrestler to win three state championships and the first to



Left, Darin Witcher is one top and in control of his state championship match at 132. Right, he stands on the top step of the podium.



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reach the finals four times. Darin lost in the state 106 pound final his freshman year, only to come back and win the 106 pound title as a sophomore. Last year he won the state crown at 120 and this year he wrestled at 132 and won again.

"Coach (Byrd's Thomas) Kessler knows I have a bit of a sweet tooth, so it was very important for me to go up," said Witcher.

With the win Witcher ends his high school career with a record of 128-17, and his overall career record at the state tournament is 15-1 with 13 pins. The 128 career wins are third all-time for the Big Orange, trailing only Brian Wood and Ronnie Long in the storied Byrd program. It's something Darin

can be proud of for the rest of his life.

"It's very exciting," said Witcher. "This is so far the biggest accomplishment of my life, but I'm more excited to see where Kessler takes the Byrd program in the future. We have some great young talent coming up that will be exciting to watch."

Thomas has been blessed to have Darin on the team for the past four years. He's not only a good wrestler, but also a good person who has been a terrific role model for the other wrestlers.

"His on mat excellence matches his off mat excellence as well," said Kessler. "Throughout the whole season Darin devoted his personal time to our youth program as well, showing up to

practices four hours a week. His impact was felt through the high school, middle school, elementary and pre-k wrestlers during his time. He leaves this program a way better place than it was when he arrived."

Darin has yet to decide where he will go to college, and if he'll continue his wrestling career. However, for now he can look back on his accomplishments with pride and not worry about that sweet tooth when he gets on the scale.

"I'd like to say a special thank you to all of my coaches, teammates, practice partners, family, and friends," he said. "I've received a massive amount of support since the beginning of my career that has never tapered off."

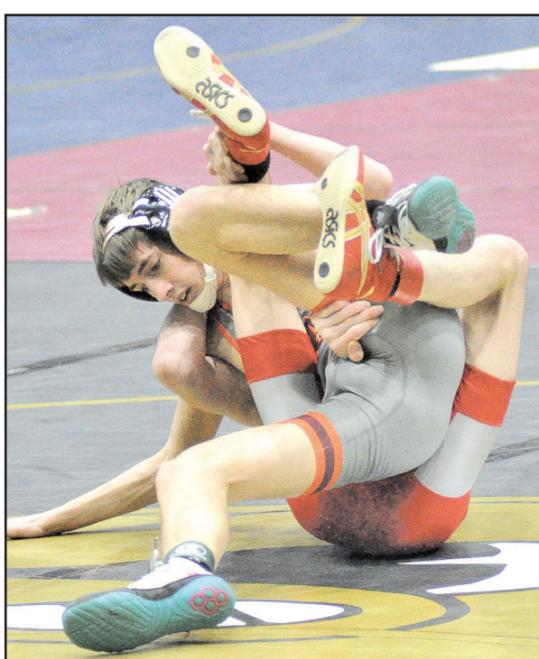


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Lane Brunk(left) battles in his state semifinal match. Lane lost in overtime and finished fourth in the state.

Big Orange finishes ninth in state

The Big Orange wrestlers finished ninth among 47 teams that scored in the Virginia High School League Class 3 wrestling tournament last weekend at the Salem Civic Center. Skyline High won the state championship with 211.5 points followed by New Kent with 143.5, Staunton River with 125 and Christiansburg with 105.

The Terriers scored 68.5 points with six wrestlers in the tournament, led by senior Darin Witcher who scored 28 points with a first place finish at 132 pounds. Lane Brunk scored 14 with a fourth place finish at 113, Myles Preston was fourth at 157 and scored 17 points. Davion Wade scored 5.5 at 138, Jesse Underwood scored three at 165 and Brandon Hurley contributed a point at 175.

"I am super proud of our team this past weekend," said Byrd coach Thomas Kessler. "Brandon Hurley and Jesse Underwood both won a match at the state tournament, which is tough to do. I believe both will build on this in the offseason and come back hungry to get on the state podium."

"Davion Wade was one match away from placing, but just fell short. He had a heck of a season and progressed really well during the season. Lane

Brunk and Myles Preston both battled to take fourth place. Both kids took different paths to getting fourth place, but they both had to overcome adversity."

Brunk almost missed the post season due to a broken middle finger. He finished the season 27-7.

"Luckily he wouldn't take no for an answer and got cleared to compete," said Kessler. "Wrestling with a broken finger makes competing hard, but Lane never complained about it."

Preston finished his season at 17-3 after a late start.

"Myles missed more than half of this season with multiple injuries," said Kessler. "Most athletes that miss that much time don't come back mentally prepared to compete. Myles grinded hard the last few weeks of practice and made sure he got onto the podium."

Wade finished the season at 26-11, Underwood was 11-14 and Hurley ended up 15-17. Of the six Terriers who made the state only Witcher is a senior. Brunk and Hurley are juniors and Preston, Underwood and Wade all made the state as sophomores.

Terriers play for state berth Friday

Two weeks ago the William Byrd boys' basketball team was a longshot to make the region tournament. On Friday, they'll be playing for a spot in the Class 3 state tournament.

Byrd will play Christiansburg on Friday night in the Region 3D semifinals at Northside High School's Pope Gymnasium at 7:30 pm. The game will follow a 5:30 pm game between Abingdon and Hidden Valley and both winners will play for the region championship at Northside at 3:30 pm Saturday. Also, both will qualify for the state tournament with the region winner earning a home game and the runnerup opening the region on the road.

This has been quite a run for the Terriers. They were 3-14 on February 11 after losing to William Fleming but then they turned the season around, win-

ning six of the next seven and earning the sixth spot in the Region 3D tournament. They opened the region Tuesday at Cave Spring and stunned the third seeded Knights, 57-47, to advance to Friday's semifinals.

Like they did in a prior loss to the Knights at Byrd, the Terriers came out on fire. Byrd scored the first 13 points of the game and led 15-3 after the first quarter. Cave Spring cut the lead to five, 22-17, at the half and the Knights expected to take control in the second half and win the game, just like they did in Vinton the first week of February.

This time, however, it didn't happen. The Terriers outscored Cave Spring in the third quarter, 15-10, and played the Knights to an even 20-20 in the final quarter to earn a huge win.



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Jaden Holmes scores in Byrd's win over Northside.

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