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That 80's Show performing



Dancing and a keytarist in the street



PHOTOS BY DEBBIE ADAMS

Biggest crowd ever for first Mingle at the Market of 2026

In the 17 years of Mingle at the Market concerts, the June 13, 2026, event has to be the biggest one yet. The Vinton Farmers' Market was full, the streets were full, Stone Plaza was full. Many were there to hear "That 80's Show" band perform. Others just wanted to celebrate the grand opening of the summer season, on a warm, but not unbearable day.

"That 80's Band" is a Lynchburg group, featuring throwback music from the 80's— dance, pop, and rock— the old favorites. You name it— they played it. The band members are also known for their really big hair.

The Mingle concert series is sponsored by the Vinton Area Chamber of Commerce and many area businesses,

with concerts twice each month, June through September. Chamber CEO/President Angie Chewning says the total number of Mingle concerts has now reached 120.

The Mingles are held at the Vinton Farmers' Market in downtown Vinton. In addition to great music, there are food trucks (Mountain Grille, Get Glazed Donuts, and Mrz Sweet Cakez this time), a Kids Zone powered by Dave's Moonwalk and sponsored by the Vinton Moose, and beverages by Blue Ridge Beverage. The Virginia Credit Union sponsored a photo booth.

So many hungry people attended the

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Miss Virginia celebrating 91 years with \$80,000 in scholarships

The spotlight will shine on 53 young women from across Virginia when they gather in Roanoke to compete for \$80,000 in scholarships and the titles of Miss Virginia 2026 and Miss Virginia's Teen 2026 during the June 25-27 competition at the Berglund Center for the Performing Arts. The competition features 29 Miss and 24 Teen delegates representing communities across Virginia.

Susanna Shedd is this year's Miss Roanoke Valley. Her Community Service Initiative is "Bridging the Gap." Her talent is playing classical cello.

Amelia Sprano is this year's Roanoke Valley's Teen. Her Community Service Initiative is "The Means for Teens." Her talent is ballet en pointe.

The new Miss Virginia will win a \$20,000 scholarship; Miss Virginia Teen wins a \$5,000 scholarship.

This year's Competition Week begins with a new tradition. Delegates will arrive in Roanoke on June 22 for a week filled with rehearsals, community appearances and special events. An official arrival ceremony will be held at the Hotel Roanoke on Monday with each contestant signing a commemorative map of the Commonwealth, symbolizing the diverse communities they represent.

Preliminary competitions (Miss and Teens) are held on June 25 and 26, with the final competition (Miss and Teens) on Saturday, June 27.

Contestants will compete in health and fitness, Talent/HER Story, evening wear, and answer an on-stage question.



Miss Roanoke Valley, Susanna Shedd



Roanoke Valley's Teen, Amelia Sprano



Miss Arlington, Monica Romero



Miss Blue Ridge, Justine Brooke Murray



Miss Cardinal, Ani Dykes



Miss Central Virginia, Alexandra Walsh



Miss Chesapeake, Gabrielle Mercedes



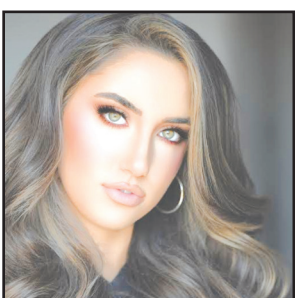
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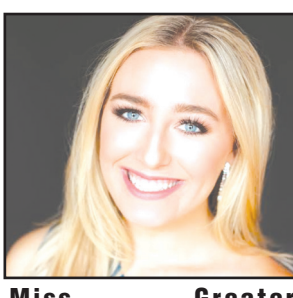
Miss Coastal Virginia, Kenzie Kline



Miss Commonwealth, Victoria Howard



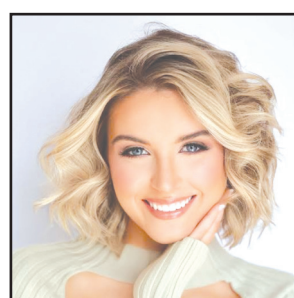
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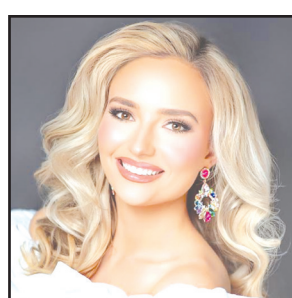
Miss Greater Charlottesville, Skylyn Proffitt



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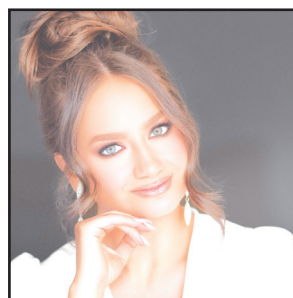
Miss Hanover County, Alexia Williams



Miss Hill City, Laurel Stiekes



Miss Indian River, Mikayla Dayton



Miss Lonesome Pine, Kylie Blankenship



Miss Louisa County, Nicole Linder



Miss Lynchburg, Maddie Marchant

PHOTOS COURTESY MISS VIRGINIA OPPORTUNITY

Sixteen contestants who are vocalists will perform selections ranging from Broadway classics to contemporary hits. Sixteen dancers will showcase

styles including tap, lyrical, contemporary, ballroom, clogging, and more. There will also be unique performances featuring jump rope, partner stunts,

piano, and inspiring HER Story presentations.

The 2026 competition will welcome distinguished guests and former titleholders. Virginia-

native Cassie Donegan, the reigning Miss America 2026, will return home to celebrate the Commonwealth's delegates and to crown Virginia's

Stars—Miss America's Little Sisters. Donegan will also perform during the Thursday evening

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The McGimsey Redevelopment Project Property in Vinton

GRAPHIC COURTESY OF TOV

Town Council focuses on town property and redevelopment projects

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Vinton Town Council (Mayor Brad Grose, Vice Mayor Laurie Mullins, Keith Liles, Sabrina McCarty, and Mike Stovall) covered a lot of ground at its June 16 meeting.

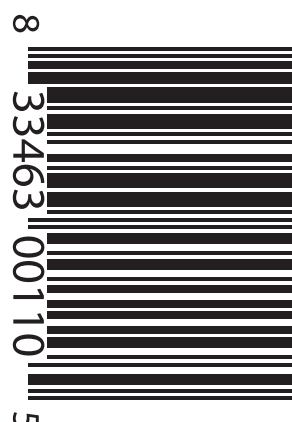
Vinton Historical Society President Mary Beth Layman updated council on the organization's recent activities, including last week's presentation of a

one-act play about the 1781 land grant that led to the town's founding. Written by director, actor, and playwright David Walton, the production was performed four times in the historic chapel at Thrasher Memorial United Methodist Church.

Layman also reported that installation of a cargo/personnel lift at the Vinton History Museum is expected to begin this summer once a Roanoke County building permit is obtained. Artifacts

are being boxed up in preparation for

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The cast of “Land and Liberty: the Vinton Story”



The Roanoke Valley Dulcimers

‘Land and Liberty’ plays to full houses sharing Vinton’s history

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If you are fortunate enough to have attended a performance of “Land and Liberty—The Vinton Story” this past weekend, you probably experienced one of the most entertaining history lessons you ever had.

The one-act play was written and directed by David Walton and presented in the historic chapel of Thrasher Memorial United Methodist Church. He was commissioned to write the play by the Vinton History Museum and worked in partnership with Bear Theatre to produce the work. It is part of the VA250 celebration of the country’s founding.

A simple summary explains the premise of the play which impeccably blends fact and historical fiction in telling the story of Vinton from its beginnings in the 1700s through a Founder’s Day celebration in 1884 when its name changed from Gish Mill to Vinton. The intent of the play was for Mary Vineyard, betrothed to David Gish, to learn the importance of land and liberty and what it means to those who work hard to achieve it.

A cast of eight dynamic characters tells the story of those 100 or so years in flashbacks to the Revolutionary War period. It’s not dry history but full

of humor throughout.

Cast members included Melissa Hagen playing Lydia Vineyard; Ellie Rosine cast as Lydia’s daughter, Mary, with James Gaballo playing Governor Thomas Jefferson. Blake Hill took the part of William Short, assistant to Jefferson during the time of the American Revolution. Luke Dillon (Christian Vineyard), Madeline Bedrosian (his wife Anna Vineyard), KJ Geo (William Tabler), and Kelli Hobson (Tabler’s wife, Maria) transported the audience to 1774 as they applied for a land grant for the property that would become part of Vinton.

The Tablers and Vineyards paid 15 shillings for the land with the application in 1774 and waited passionately and not always patiently for it to be approved. Christian even contributed supplies to the war effort to receive more favorable treatment from those approving the grants. Once the grant was approved, the two families toasted “the country birthed on the sacrifices of so many” and made plans for the future.

Walton welcomed the audience with an inspirational statement about why men covet land.

“Land. It’s more than the terra firma upon which we trod. It’s what connects us to our past,

present, and future. To own a piece of land, no matter how small, is to stake a claim on the most finite commodity the world has to offer and make of it whatever we wish.

“In this one-act play, you’ll meet the Vineyards and Tablers, whose 1781 land grant signed by Virginia Governor Thomas Jefferson, gave rise to the modern town. You’ll hear all about people and landmarks familiar to any Vintonite, and why they’re important. It is indeed Vinton’s story. But it’s also your story. Land feeds us, gives us a home, and connects us to each other.”

As for Liberty, Walton said, “The character Thomas Jefferson opines, ‘Liberty is the sweetest fruit of all the providential trees.’ He’s correct, too. May our nation never age so much we forget what tyranny feels like. For when a prince, a prime minister, or president wields unchecked power, our pursuit of life, liberty, and happiness will hang in the balance today just as much as it did 250 years ago.

“That is why the VA250 and America250 celebrations are so important. We cannot forget the stories that define our collective past and point us to the future.”

Walton noted that “Land and Liberty”



A painting of the Vineyard home in the 1800s

PHOTOS BY DEBBIE ADAMS

is about more than the birth of a town. “It is important to all of us. Land ownership allows us all to be kings and queens of our own property.”

The production crew included Asst. Director Donna Proctor, Costume Designer Pam Winchell, Props Manager Greg Parker, Backdrop Construction Manager Steve Rosine, painters Madeline Bedrosian and David Walton, photographer Sean Neff, and program designer Angela McNeil.

Prior to each show, the Roanoke Valley Dulcimers performed 18th century tunes.

There was a full house (or sanctuary) for virtually every one of the four performances. Cast members were gracious enough to answer

questions, even trivial ones, about the play and their roles after each performance.

Several had enjoyed working with Walton on previous productions and wanted to be part of a completely new work, never performed before. One said that the director was very respectful of actors and is a “fantastic playwright.” Others enjoyed the “one-act play” concept rather than a more lengthy script.

The play is dialogue-based, rather than action-based. Asked how they learned so many lines, the actors had several different approaches, varying from endless oral repetition, to writing down the lines, to the use of a special app.

There were some interesting stories about

the sets— basically three together on one stage, including the log cabin of the early Vineyards, the study of Governor Thomas Jefferson during the Revolutionary War, and the fairly luxurious living room in the 1884 Vineyard home. Some props were borrowed from the Vinton History Museum, including copies of the land grant, along with some items from the director’s home.

There are some sad moments in the play— Maria Tabler died from an undiagnosed illness. Her husband eventually returned with their children to live in Pennsylvania. That may be why there is no part of “Tabler” in the word “Vinton.”

We can only hope “Land and Liberty” becomes a Vinton tradition.

PEOPLE, PLACES AND THINGS

By Angie Chewning

PHOTO COURTESY OF ANGIE CHEWNING

Deborah Alvord and Buddy Bell watching the Hurricanes play in the Stanley Cup finals

You can't keep a 95-year-old down!

At 95 years young, Dr. George “Buddy” Bell proves that age is just a number. Recently, Buddy and his daughter, Deborah Alvord, attended a Carolina Hurricanes game in Raleigh. He had a wonderful time and showed once again that you simply can't keep him down when there's excitement to be found.

The game was part of the Stanley Cup Finals, and the Hurricanes went on to win. While enjoying the action, they even spotted former NHL player and coach John Tortorella, who once played hockey in Vinton.

While Buddy and Deborah were cheering on the action in North Carolina, Buddy's son, Deaton Bell, was across the country in Los Angeles

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Town of Vinton's

4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION

Vinton War Memorial

COURTESY TOWN OF VINTON

Celebrate the 4th of July in Vinton

The Town of Vinton invites the community and beyond to celebrate the 4th of July at the Vinton War Memorial on Saturday, July 4. This year's event is part of America's Block Party, a nationwide initiative commemorating the 250th birthday of the United States. Roanoke County is partnering with the town in support of this year's VA250 celebration.

Festivities begin at 6 p.m. on the front lawn.

This is a free community event for all ages, packed with patriotic fun for the whole family including:

- A patriotic program beginning at 6:30 p.m.
- Lawn seating under the summer sky
- Local food vendors
- A spectacular fireworks show at 9:30 p.m.

Bring lawn chairs and blankets. No pets, alcohol, firecrackers, or similar items are permitted.

Parking will not be available at the Vinton War Memorial due to fireworks safety requirements; however, parking is available throughout Vinton.

~ Vinton Messenger staff report

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VINTON HISTORY: Brass Inkwell

Before commercialized typing machines became widespread, communication relied solely upon the written word. Reaching their peak in the Victorian era, brass inkwells like this supplied writers with a variety of inks.

Iron Gall Ink was primarily used and is most recognizable for its

PHOTO BY LEVI WHITCOM

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A black and white photograph of a man in a kitchen. He is wearing a baseball cap and a t-shirt, smiling broadly while talking on a cell phone held to his ear. He is standing in front of a stove with two pots cooking. Above the stove is a microwave and wooden cabinets. A window is visible in the background.

Chamber member Lee Lovern prepares a meal for families at Ronald McDonald House.

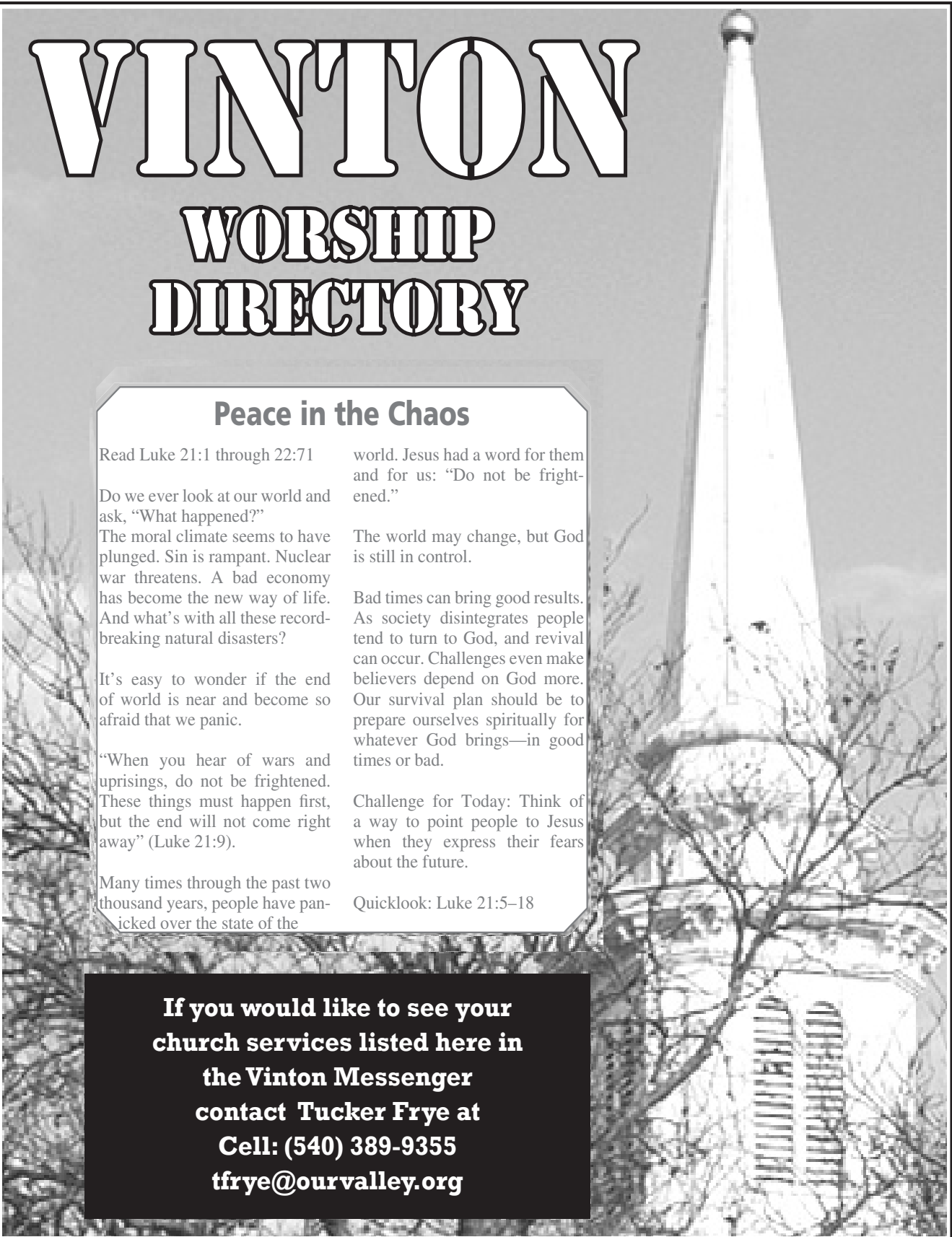
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construction. The \$233,000 project will provide access between the museum's first and second floors.

She also recognized William Byrd High School interns Annabelle Teague and Levi Whitcomb for their work on museum projects throughout the school year and summer months.

"Not many towns our size have a museum like ours," Mayor Grose noted.

Madison Bailey of Brown Edwards & Company presented the town's 2024 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report. Vinton again received a "clean unmodified opinion," the highest audit

opinion available.

Town Manager Pete Peters then brought several property, lease, and economic development matters before council.

Council approved renewal of a lease with Davis-McGhee Enterprises for property on Third Street and Industry Circle used by the town for storage of equipment, materials, and vehicles seized by the Vinton Police Department.

A significant portion of the meeting focused on the property at 7 Walnut Avenue. Council approved agreements transferring the town's lease and

purchase rights to Shadwell Properties, LLC, which plans to redevelop the 12,000-square-foot building into two commercial units.

Under the arrangement, Shadwell purchased the property for \$600,000 and plans to invest approximately \$1.25 million in renovations. The company will convey ownership of the parking lot to the town while retaining access to a portion of the parking spaces for tenants.

Council also approved a performance agreement allowing the town to provide up to \$500,000 in economic

development incentives over five years if certain project benchmarks are met.

The former McClung property has housed a variety of industrial uses over the years, including an indoor lumber yard, a metal powder coating operation, and a commercial roofing business.

Council also renewed a lease with Cargill Inc. for several town-owned lots in the floodplain near Walnut Avenue and 11th Street. While the town cannot generate income from the FEMA-restricted property, Cargill makes

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House

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so many reasons, especially when travel is involved. Ronald McDonald House takes on some of that cost by providing a free place to lay our heads and fuel bodies."

Chewning became involved with Ronald McDonald House by attending a benefit event about three years ago. Someone asked her to join the board of directors

and "somehow this year" she ended up as president of the board. She says that while her family has never had to use its services, she "loves their mission."

There is some misconception that Ronald McDonald Houses are fully funded by the McDonald's Restaurant chain. McDonald's did play a vital role at the inception of the Philadelphia Ronald McDonald House. More than 50 years later, Ronald McDonald House Charities (RMHC) and local McDonald's owner/operators remain committed to supporting the programs. However, Ronald McDonald House Charities is a non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation, not a corporate charity; McDonald's is one of their corporate donors and the founding and forever mission partner of RMHC.

Ronald McDonald Houses rely on donations and volunteers, raising their own funds. In fact, if you eat at a McDonald's, you most likely have supported the charity through the Round Up program, a penny donated for each Happy Meal, or a Shamrock Shake.

Each year, Ronald McDonald House sponsors events and national fundraisers. It has a four-star rating from Charity Navigator– the highest possible rating.

Vinton Chamber members recently volunteered to provide dinner for Ronald McDonald House with local restaurants contributing:

- Pok-E-Joe's provided pulled pork and chicken
- 107 Pollard South provided baked potatoes
- Vinton Cafe donated desserts, brownies, and cookies

A group from Thrasher Memorial United Methodist Church prepares a meal at Ronald McDonald House on a weekly basis. Students at William Byrd Middle School have prepared and donated frozen meals for the House.

The charity welcomes volunteers. Visit <https://ronaldmcdonaldhouseswva.org/> for more information and to sign up to help provide meals.

~ Vinton Messenger staff report

Inkwell

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tendency to fade to brown over time. Galls, which are "tumor-like" growths that form on trees to defend against infections, were blended with iron sulfide to form a permanent, but acidic solution.

Ink wells required ceramic liners, as the ink

would corrode metals. Since this one doesn't have a liner, it was likely used later in the era to hold specialty-colored inks or fancier black ink for educational purposes (these were far less corrosive).

Although from later

in the period, writing supplies like this were used all the way from the 17th to the early 20th centuries, dominating a period where information spread around the world like never before. Examples like this and more can be found at the

Vinton History Museum, 210 E Jackson Street, Vinton. "Preserving the Past for the Future."

~Submitted by Vinton History Museum volunteer, Levi Whitcomb

Chewning

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attending the soccer finals. It seems the Bell family is always on the go. One thing is for sure– you can't keep the Bells sitting still. The Bell

boys certainly get around! Many thanks to all our sponsors, volunteers, vendors, band members, and attendees for making our

Mingle at the Market kickoff a huge success. Mark your calendars for the next Mingle on June 27 – it will surely be another exciting night!

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Letter of the Greek alphabet
4. Cause to become entangled
10. Swiss river
11. Conversation
12. 'Magnum' was one
14. Small integer
15. Christmas
16. Of a specific mountain region
18. Burrowing bugs
22. Of a symbol worthy of veneration
23. A type of syndrome
24. Cephalopod mollusks
26. Metric ton
27. Ornamental box
28. As quickly as can be done
30. 'Hoop Dreams' subject Arthur

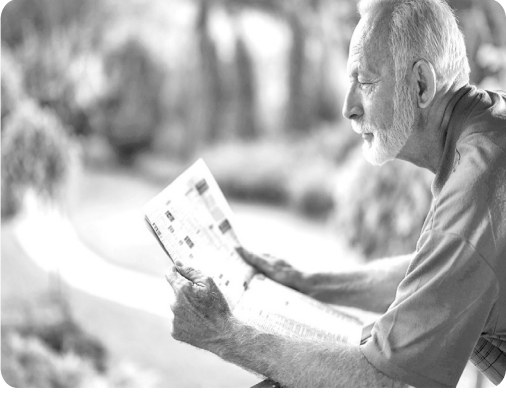
31. Old TV part
34. Extinct flightless birds
36. Former CIA
37. Successor
39. Archaic form of you
40. Within
41. Danny Hurley's alma mater
42. Not sacred or biblical
48. Written law
50. Popular hairstyle
51. Congressman
52. Type of font
53. A predetermined period in office
54. Pouch
55. Hormone that stimulates ovulation (abbr.)
56. One from a particular Asian region
58. One's sense of self-

esteem
59. Headgear used to control a horse
60. The habitat of wild animals
CLUES DOWN
1. A right conferred through legal means
2. American island state
3. Inflexibly entrenched
4. 'Pollock' actor Harris
5. Foolish person
6. Follows a particular Chairman
7. Choose
8. Sunrooms
9. One hundred grams (abbr.)
12. A symptom of some physical hurt or disorder
13. South American hummingbird
17. 'Girl Chopping Onions' painter

19. Wild dog
20. Units of land
21. Footwear
25. Possessing a constant temperature
29. Hormone that promotes water retention (abbr.)
31. Popular game
32. Pension (German)
33. Giant of industry
35. Inferred
38. One who revolves
41. Kept possession of
43. Loss of electricity
44. Stopped bottle
45. Everything
46. First to walk on the moon
47. Engrave
49. Female organs
56. Equal to 1,024 bytes (abbr.)
57. Northeast

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do so by Lenden Eakin,
attorney for Carol
Luukkonen, administrator of
the estate of Sharon Moye
Miller, Deceased, and in
accordance with Section
64.2-550 of the 1950 Code
of Virginia, as amended, all
creditors of Sharon Moye
Miller, and all persons in
any way interested in her
estate, are hereby notified
that I have fixed the 15th
day of July, 2026 at 10
o'clock a.m., at my office at
13 South Roanoke Street,
Fincastle, Virginia as the
time and place for
determining an account of
the debts and demands
against said Sharon Moye
Miller or her estate, the
priorities among them, and
the names of the persons to
whom they are due.
All creditors of Sharon Moye
Miller, deceased, and
persons interested in her
estate should appear at the
time and place named, or
any other time or place to
which the proceedings may
be adjourned, and protect
their interest.
Given under my hand this
the 12th day of June, 2026.
Malcolm McL. Doubles
Commissioner of Accounts

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City of Salem

Order of
Publication

Commonwealth of Virginia
VA Code§§ 1-211.1; 8.01-
316,-317,20-104
Case No. **CL26-1091**
VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT
COURT FOR THE
COUNTY OF ROANOKE
COUNTY OF ROANOKE,
VIRGINIA, Complainant,
vs.
CHARLIE L. PHELPS, a/k/a
CHARLES L. PHELPS, et al
Respondents.
TO: THE RESPONDENTS;
The object of this suit is to:
enforce the lien for taxes
assessed by the County of
Roanoke, Virginia against
certain real property
designated as Tax Map
Parcel No. 087.11-03-
25.00-0000.
An affidavit having been
made and filed that
diligence has been used
without effect to ascertain
the location of Charlie L.
Phelps, a/k/a Charles L.
Phelps and that there are or
may be persons with an
interest in the subject
property, including heirs,
devisees, and successors in
title of Charlie L. Phelps,
a/k/a Charles L. Phelps,
who may be deceased,
whose names and
addresses are unknown, it
is hereby ORDERED that
each of the parties appear
on or before the August 1,
2026, and do whatever is
necessary to protect their
interests in said land.
IT is further ORDERED,
pursuant to Va. Code
Ann.§8.01-321, that this
Order of Publication be
published once a week for
four successive weeks in

Legals -
City of Salem

the *Salem Times Register*,
a newspaper of general
circulation in the County of
Roanoke, and that a copy
be posted at the front door
of the Courthouse in county
of Roanoke, Virginia.
Entered this 9th day of June,
2026.
Honorable James R.
Swanson, Judge

I ask for this:
Amy H. Geddes, Esquire
(VSB #38650)
OPN Law
3140 Chaparral Drive, Suite
200-C
Roanoke Va 24018
Phone: (540)725-8181
Fax: (540) 772-0126
E-mail:
ageddes@opnlaw.com
Counsel for Complainant

Legals -
Montgomery County

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

**NOTICE OF
TAKING PROOF OF
DEBTS AND
DEMANDS**

At the request of the agent
for the Administrator of the
Estate of Johnsie Lawrence,
deceased, as provided by
§64.1-171 of the Code of
Virginia, 1950, as amended,
I hereby designate 11:00
a.m. on July 21, 2026, as
the time, and my office
located at 207 Washington
Street, S.W., Blacksburg,
Virginia 24060, as the place
for receiving proof of debts
and demands against the
estate.
Given my hand this 4th day
of June 2026.
Warren S. Neily, Jr.
Commissioner of Accounts

Order of
Publication

Commonwealth of Virginia
VA Code§§ 1-211.1; 8.01-
316,-317,20-104
Case No. **CL26000843-00**
MONTGOMERY COUNTY
CIRCUIT COURT, 55 EAST
MAIN STREET, SUITE 1,
CHRISTIANSBURG, VA
24073
ASHLYN KING,
CAMDEN ZEKE DILLOW
v.
Commonwealth of Virginia,

The object of this suit is to:
NAME CHANGE OF A
MINOR
It is ORDERED that
CHANDLER DILLOW
appear at the above-named
court and protect his/her
interests on or before
July 22, 2026 @ 9:00 AM.
Entered May 18, 2026
Honorable Robert M.D. Turk
Judge



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Legals -
Town of Vinton

**RFP #061826
Introduction
The Town of
Vinton, Virginia
(the “Town”) is
issuing this
Request for
Proposals (the
“RFP”) to
solicit proposals
for a direct bank
loan evidenced by
a Tax-Exempt or
Taxable General
Obligation Bond,
Series 2026 in a
principal amount of
up to \$2,500,000
(the “2026 Bond”).**
Proceeds of the 2026 Bond
will be used to fund capital
improvements to a Town-
owned and Town-
maintained War Memorial
building and grounds (the
“Project”) as well as pay the
costs of issuance. The
Project is expected to be
completed, and the
proceeds of the borrowing
are expected to be
expended within twelve
months of closing.
Financial Information
The Town’s Annual
Comprehensive Financial
Reports and Budgets can
be found on its Town
website here:
<https://www.vintonva.gov/100/Budgets-Reports>
Key Assumptions
Issuer: Town of Vinton,
Virginia
Purpose: Proceeds of the
2026 Bond will be used to
complete the Project as well
as pay the associated costs
of issuance.

Tax Treatment: Taxable or
Tax-Exempt are requested.
Bank Qualification: Bank
Qualified (“BQ”) and Non-
Bank Qualified (“NBQ”)

rates are requested on the
Tax-Exempt proposal.

Security: A General
Obligation pledge for the full
faith and credit of

the Town.
Amount: Up to \$2,500,000
Interest Payments: Please
specify frequency of
payments (i.e. monthly,
quarterly, semi-annually, or
at maturity).

Town of Vinton
311 S. Pollard Street
Vinton, VA 24179
Phone (540) 983-0607
Fax (540) 983-0646

Adam E. Cody Sexton
Deputy Town Manager

Principal Payments: Please
specify frequency of
payments (i.e. monthly,
quarterly, semi-annually, or
at maturity).

Final Maturity: The Town is
seeking proposals for terms
ranging from 10 to 20 years
from closing.

Interest Rate: The Town is
interested in considering BQ
Tax-Exempt, NBQ Tax-
Exempt, and taxable rate
proposals. Fixed rate is
preferred, but variable rates
will be considered.

Optional Redemption: The
Town prefers the option of
prepayment in whole or in
part at any time without
penalty. If not, please
specify the most flexible
terms/conditions for
prepayment that your
institution would propose.
The Town is looking for
maximum flexibility in this
regard.

Drawdown: All at closing.
Bank Closing Cost: None
anticipated to be paid by the
Town. Please specify
any exceptions.

Annual/Ongoing Fees:
None anticipated to be paid
by the Town. Please specify
any exceptions.

Lender’s Counsel: If your
institution will involve its
own legal counsel for
purposes of reviewing the
legal and financing
documents, please provide
the name of the firm, the
primary contact(s), and a
not-to-exceed fee for which
the Town will be
responsible. If your
institution covers these
costs, please clearly
indicate this benefit in your
submittal.

Documents and Opinion(s):
Spilman Thomas & Battle,
PLLC, as Bond Counsel to
the Town, will be
responsible for drafting the
financing documents. There
are no other additional legal
costs anticipated to be paid
by the Town except as may
be provided in your
proposal.

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Conflict Waiver: Spilman
Thomas & Battle, PLLC has
been engaged to
serve as Bond Counsel to
the Town for purposes of
this
financing. By submitting its
proposal, each proposer
represents that it
understands the role of
Spilman Thomas
& Battle, PLLC, and that, if
the proposer is selected as
the winning proposer, the
proposer will have agreed to
waive any potential conflict
of interest that the
involvement of
Spilman Thomas & Battle,
PLLC might present to such
proposer in connection with
this financing.

Ongoing Disclosure: The
Town will provide annual
audited financial
statements.
Please specify any
additional requirements.

Direct Bank Loan:
Proposals are requested for
a direct bank loan
evidenced by the 2026
Bond, by a single financial
institution or a
syndicate of financial
institutions represented by
one lead institution with
which the Town will deal
with exclusively on all
aspects of the financing.
The successful proposer(s)
will be expected to provide
a letter in form satisfactory
to the Town and Bond
Counsel regarding the
qualifications of the lender
and stating that the loan is
being made for its
own account, with the
present intent to hold the
loan to maturity and with no
intention of sale or
distribution. No formal
offering document will be
prepared, although
proposers should feel free
to direct any questions
about the Town or its
finances to the Town’s
Deputy Town Manager,
whose contact information
is below.

Award: The Town reserves
the right to request
additional information from
the proposers and reserves
the right to reject any or all
proposals and to waive any
irregularity or informality.
Although the selection will
be based substantially on
lowest total financing cost
(including both interest cost
and upfront fees and
expenses), the Town
reserves the right to select
the proposer that best
meets the needs of the
Town.

Closing: Closing is expected
to take place by August 31,
2026. Closing date could be
earlier if both parties agree.
The opinion(s) of Bond
Counsel will be delivered at
closing. Additionally, please
specify any other terms or
conditions that would impact
the proposed structure of
the financing agreement. A
preliminary timetable for
action is shown below.
Submission of Proposals:
By submitting a proposal for
the 2026 Bond, we are
anticipating that the
financing has received
final or near final credit
approval by your banking
institution and that your
banking institution is
ready and able to provide
the funding to the Town,
should your banking
institution be selected as
the winning proposer. If this
financing requires additional
credit approvals after
submission of your
response, please clearly
indicate that in your
response and describe the
process by which these
additional approvals will be
obtained, the timing of
receiving these approvals,
and any additional
information that will need to
be provided by the Town.
We look forward to your
response by 3:00 p.m. on
July 20, 2026. Proposals
should be submitted
electronically or hard copy
to:

Adam E. Cody Sexton
Deputy Town Manager
Town of Vinton
311 South Pollard Street
Vinton, VA 24179
csexton@vintonva.gov
540-983-0607

If you have any questions
about this RFP, please do
not hesitate to contact me at
the above email address or
phone number.

Sincerely,
Adam E. Cody Sexton
Deputy Town Manager

Documents and Opinion(s):
Spilman Thomas & Battle,
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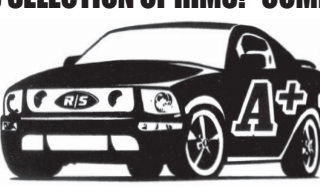
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Two William Byrd High School seniors were among the 41 nominees for this year's B'nai B'rith Awards, with winners announced at a banquet Monday night at the Hotel Roanoke. The award recognizes senior athletes from Roanoke Valley schools judged on athletic achievement, scholarship and personal life. William Byrd's nominees were wrestler Darin Witcher and Lucy Whitenack, a runner on the Byrd track and cross country teams. The overall winners were Elijah Thomas of William Fleming for the boys and Lydia Pratt of Radford for the girls. Left, Witcher and Whitenack pose for a photo with their Byrd coaches. Left to right are wrestling coach Thomas Kessler, Witcher, track coach James Pannell, Whitenack and cross country coach Kayland Johnston.

PHOTO BY SUZANNE WITCHER

preliminary competition. Former Miss America's Teen and Miss Virginia's Teen Caitlin Brunell will co-host the event with Meghan Shanley, Miss Virginia 2001, who is celebrating her 25th anniversary of winning the state title.

Brunell will also host the Style Show/Luncheon in the Grand Ballroom on Friday, when the delegates model red dresses in support of the American Heart Association's Go Red for Women initiative, a national scholarship partner dedicated to raising awareness of women's heart health.

Debbie Turner Bell, Miss America 1990, will deliver the keynote address during the Royal Luncheon on Saturday, June 27, in the Crystal Ballroom of Hotel Roanoke. Bell is also serving as head judge for the competition.

Longtime Miss Virginia performer and volunteer



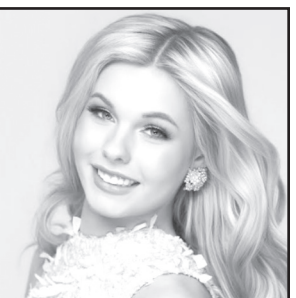
**Miss Northern Virginia,
Trysten Jackson**



**Miss Piedmont Region,
Jordan Welker**



Miss Pungo, Liz Fellingner



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Madison Ramsingh**



**Miss Southeastern
Virginia, Sedora Booker**



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Miss Tysons, Larissa Manrique



Miss Virginia Beach, Laila Touhia



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**Miss Western Tidewater,
Taylor Curro**

Lowell Hill will once again sing the official Miss Virginia theme and the traditional "Will She Be Miss America?" to the newly crowned winner

Saturday night. A 54-year volunteer with the Miss Virginia Opportunity, Hill is affectionately known among volunteers as Virginia's own "Bert

Follow the journey of this year's delegates and experience behind-the-scenes moments throughout the week on

social media: Instagram: @missvaopportunity or Facebook: facebook.com/crownmissva.
For detailed event details and to purchase

tickets, visit www.missvirginia.org.

-Submitted by Miss Virginia Opportunity

A black and white photograph of a live music performance on a stage. The band "Porky & The Poses" is performing, with a guitarist, a singer, and other musicians. A large banner in the background reads "MINGLE AT THE MARKET STAGE" and "STAGE SPONSOR HomeTrust Bank". A large crowd of people is seated in the foreground, watching the performance. A sign on the left says "BIKE LANE AHEAD".

concert that Mountain Grille and Get Glazed sold out. Something new this year is renting a table for the evening at the new Stone Plaza (\$125 includes tickets for four and two drink tickets per person), thanks to Dale Wilkinson and the Wilkinson Group.

The Chamber thanks the William Byrd football team for volunteering to set up the venue and take it back down after the concert ends. Defy Gravity volunteered working the gate and doing drink ticket sales, along with Bank of Botetourt.

Any individuals or organizations interested in volunteering at the Mingle events may contact the Chamber office at 540-343-1364 or email info@vintonchamber.com. Sponsorship opportunities also are still available.

Sponsors for the first Mingle included Stage Sponsors HomeTrust Bank and Pok-e-Joe's, the Shepherd Realty Group, Blue Ridge Beverage, PFG, the Salem RidgeYaks, Rosie's Gaming Emporium, McDonald's, Davis H. Elliott, Oakey's, Pollard 107 South, Crooked

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Great local bands continue throughout the 2026 season with The Kings, Gasoline Alley, Five Dollar Shake, Supafly Five, Big Daddy Raye, and Solacoustix. Openers include Chris Keaton and the Millinnials, Annalyse Marie, Abbey & Andy NeiKirk, and Justin and Lindsey Prillaman.

The June 27 Mingle will showcase the Eric Wayne Band with opener Annalyse Marie. Food trucks will include Hot Bunz Hot Dogs, Get Glazed Donuts, and the Local Lemon.

~ Vinton Messenger staff report



PHOTOS BY DEBBIE ADAMS

annual donations to the Boys and Girls Clubs of Southwest Virginia in exchange for use of the land.

Another lease renewal involved a parking lot near East Washington Avenue used by patrons and employees of Macado's restaurant and as overflow parking near the Vinton War Memorial.

Perhaps the most notable action of the evening involved

the long-discussed McGimsey Property Redevelopment Project. Council accepted a proposal from River Park Properties, LLC, and authorized staff to move forward with due diligence work, public design charrettes, and development of future agreements.

The town secured an option agreement on the 10.6-acre McGimsey property on Washington Avenue in 2025 and has

since completed extensive studies to evaluate the site's redevelopment potential. The property is considered the largest undeveloped tract in Vinton.

A request for proposals issued earlier this year generated one response, from River Park Properties. The proposal envisions a high-density residential community featuring a mix of housing types, including cottages, single-family

homes, and multifamily units designed to serve residents across a range of price points.

Special Projects Assistant Jill Loope told council there are still “lots of moving parts and layers to the project,” citing zoning considerations, significant elevation changes, and the presence of a stream on the property.

Council also approved a year-end budget

amendment presented by Deputy Town Manager Cody Sexton. The amendment appropriates approximately \$1.6 million for a variety of capital and operational needs, including equipment, vehicles, traffic signals, paving, stormwater projects, maintenance, training, and personnel expenses. The measure serves as the town's annual fiscal year-end budget cleanup. The next Vinton

Town Council meeting
is scheduled for July 7.

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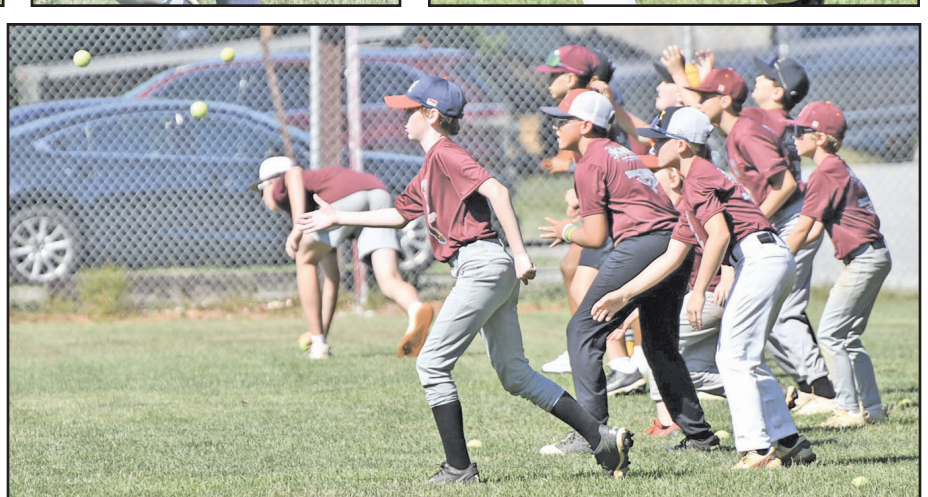
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FUTURE TERRIERS

William Byrd High School baseball coach Cam Cassady conducted a youth camp at Walthall Park last week for future Terriers. Above, the campers pose for a group photo in right field. Clockwise from below left, Cassady(with sun hat) talks to the kids, young players practice running the bases and catching the ball, older boys go through a throwing drill and campers get a chance to show off their speed. PHOTOS BY SUZANNE WITCHER



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Winner's will be published in

New Castle Record & Fincastle Herald on July 29

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RAYSA champs crowned, RAYBA this week at BSC

The Roanoke Area Youth Softball Association(RAYSA) tournament concluded last week and this week the Roanoke Area Youth Baseball Association(RAYBA) games are being held. The RAYSA tournaments for 10U, 13U and 17U teams were held at the James I. Moyer Complex in Salem and Darrell Shell Park in Roanoke County. Vinton had teams in all three double elimination tournaments.

In the 10U tournament the Vinton team won their opener over Glenvar, 7-3, but then lost to Botetourt to fall to the losers' bracket. Vinton bounced back with a 12-8 win over North Roanoke but faced Glenvar again in a rematch and lost 11-9 to be eliminated. Botetourt finished undefeated to win the tournament.

In the 13U tournament Vinton lost their first two games to Salem and GSA. Salem ended up winning the tournament, coming back from the losers' bracket to

beat South County twice at Darrell Shell Park last Thursday.

In the 17U tournament Vinton lost to South County twice, and South County won the tournament with just three teams in the field.

This week the RAYBA baseball tournaments for 10U and 12U are being held at the Botetourt Sports Complex. Both tournaments began on Monday and the Vinton 10U team opened with a 6-4 win

over Salem at 6 pm, then lost to Botetourt at 8 pm, 8-7. The championship game was scheduled for Wednesday.

In the 12U tournament Vinton lost to North Roanoke in Monday's opener. The 12U championship is scheduled for 6 pm tonight, with an "if game" at 8 pm if both teams have one loss after the early game.

Look for final results in next week's Messenger sports section.



Catelyn Craighead pitches for the Vinton 12U team in last week's RAYSA tournament. PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN



Vinton's Nick Jones pitches to son Cannon in the batting cage prior to Monday's RAYBA 12U baseball game at the Botetourt Sports Complex. PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN