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Vinton Police host community street party for National Night Out

The Vinton Police Department and the Town of Vinton hosted their annual National Night Out on August 4 at the Vinton Farmers' Market. There were free hot dogs grilled by the Vinton police, free popcorn, and free Deb's lemonade, along with music from DJ Leftwich.

Caricaturist Kyle Edgell created free drawings; there were free balloon animals, and all kinds of goodies from the various law enforcement agencies represented at the event. Kids were treated to one of the largest inflatable obstacle courses ever seen, along with bubble machines and yard games. There was a fire engine to explore, and police cars from each locality represented.

Mainly there was lots of socializing between members of Vinton Town Council, town staff, law enforcement outside the town, and citizens.

National Night Out (NNO) has been celebrated across the nation on the first Tuesday in August since 1984. The event is designed to build partnerships and bridge the gap between citizens, communities, and law enforcement as a way to make communities safer. Vinton Town Council usually cancels the first council meeting of the month in order to attend and meet face to face with constituents in an informal setting.

The first NNO involved 2.5 million neighbors across 400 communities in 23 states. After 43 years, the event now includes 38 million neighbors in 17,000 communities with 149 of those being in Virginia.

NNO is usually held at the Vinton War Memorial but was moved to the Farmers' Market this year because of ongoing renovations at the memorial.

- Vinton Messenger staff report



The Vinton Police Department and town leaders were on hand to greet citizens at National Night Out.



Vinton Police Lt. Scott Hurt and Det. Cpl. Justin Baker man the grill.



Local artist Kyle Edgell creates a caricature of Town Treasurer Kimberley Ramsey.



PHOTOS BY DEBBIE ADAMS
Children enjoyed the enormous inflatable obstacle course at National Night Out.



PHOTO BY DEBBIE ADAMS

New faculty members at Bonsack Elementary School include (from left) teacher Mark Ingram, speech-language pathologist Maggie Campbell, and Assistant Principal Blaine Mills.

Bonsack Elementary welcomes new faculty and staff for 2026-2027

Debbie Adams
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When Roanoke County Public Schools open for the 2026-2027 school year on August 13, Bonsack Elementary will be welcoming three new faculty members: Assistant Principal Blaine Mills, Special Education teacher Mark Ingram, and speech-language pathologist Maggie Campbell.

Mills grew up in Summerfield, a neighborhood behind the Chick-fil-A. He attended Herman L. Horn in kindergarten and first grade and then, when Bonsack was built, he went to second through fifth grade there.

His parents are both in the Vinton Lions Club and continue to make a

positive impact on the area. His wife's family owns a business in the Town of Vinton and still lives in the Vinton area.

Mills is a graduate of William Byrd High School. He earned his Bachelor of Science from Longwood University and his Master of Science in Educational Leadership from Radford University. He has been working in the field of education for 12 years. He taught for eight years at Glenvar Elementary in fourth grade; then he taught at Penn Forest for two years in second grade, one year in fourth, and one year in fifth.

As for why he chose an administrative position, "I'm hopeful that I can bring my experiences to the position and help

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Thrasher youth complete another ASP mission project

Each summer a youth group from Thrasher Memorial United Methodist Church in Vinton heads to Central Appalachia to complete mission projects there to make homes "warmer, safer, and drier" for families who have experienced some type of hardship.

The Appalachia Service Project (ASP) organization was created in 1969. Each year more than 25 communities are served by over 15,000 ASP volunteers, impacting over 350 families. Over 3,000 repair projects are completed each summer.

Thousands of volunteers from around the country join forces

in repairing and replacing homes for low income families, building relationships with those families, and with their fellow volunteers. The student volunteers are accompanied by a number of adult leaders. Marty Crow was the coordinator for this year's ASP team from Thrasher.

From July 5 to July 11, 42 volunteers (18 adults and 24 youth) from four area churches (Thrasher Memorial UMC, Bethlehem, Red Valley UMC, and Three Oaks Fellowship UMC) traveled to Clay County, W.Va.

Crow said they had seven teams with five to six members each. "We

did painting, drywall, plumbing, underpinning, floors, bathtubs, porches, and steps to name a few projects.

"The weather was hot and we had some afternoon thunderstorms, but that didn't slow us up too much. Our center had AC so we could get some relief from the heat and weather. (They were housed at Clay County Middle School in Clay, W.Va.)

"There were several youth who had never been before, and they all had great things to say about it. They were nervous at first, not knowing anything about

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PHOTOS COURTESY OF THRASHER MEMORIAL

The 2026 ASP team from Thrasher Memorial prepares to leave on their annual mission trip to Central Appalachia.

Load the Bus campaign hugely successful once again

You know it's time for schools to open when the "Load the Bus" signs go up at local Walmart stores. The Load the Bus campaign collects school supplies for those in need.

"Each year, thousands of families across the Roanoke Valley struggle to provide the supplies their children need to be successful in the classroom," said Roanoke County Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Jamie Soltis. "The school divisions in the Roanoke Valley and beyond come together to support our

students. Every single donation will help students learn and achieve, giving these students confidence in their learning and preparing them to be Opportunity Ready."

The Roanoke County, Salem City, Craig County, and Roanoke City school systems partner for the annual project along with WSLs-10, Blue Eagle Credit Union, Q99, and Walmart to collect both supplies and monetary donations.

School buses were on site at Bonsack, Salem, Clearbrook, and

Valley View Walmart locations this year from July 31 to August 2 to collect donations of tools students need in their classrooms— everything from pencils to backpacks, tissues, crayons, and more.

Many educators and students in school clubs, sports, and organizations assist with the collection each year.

Chuck Lionberger, Roanoke County Schools Director of Community Relations, said the goal was to stack the buses to

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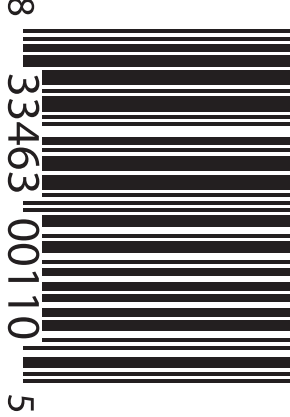


William Byrd football team assisted with Load the Bus campaign.



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Leo Club members volunteered for Load the Bus.





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Vinton Farmers’ Market thriving in 2026, hosts special events



The Vinton Farmers’ Market has had a busy summer. This was Market Storytime on July 25 with Kennah Hebert (left) from Roanoke County Libraries.



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Heather Balsey (right) signed children up for the Dolly Parton Imagination Library on Storytime at the Market Day to receive free books, assisted by her mother, Joy Tarta.

In the past, the Vinton Farmers’ Market has been one of Vinton’s hidden treasures. Not anymore– the number of vendors has increased dramatically along with the numbers of patrons shopping at the market. In May 2025, the market recorded 27 vendors for the month; this May there were 88. In June there were 72, and in July 85, even with cancellation of a market day for the Fourth of July race.

Community Programs Manager Amanda Payne said, “Vendors also began setting up on Fridays in June and the response has been so positive that they are willing to continue.

“Vendor participation is only one part of the growth. Patron attendance has grown just as dramatically. In 2025, I considered 50 patrons to be a very busy market day. This season, that would be considered a slow day. Our attendance clicker can no longer keep up with the flow of visitors, and while it’s wonderful to see so many familiar faces returning week after week, one of my favorite moments is hearing someone say, ‘We just moved here and were told to check out the market,’ or ‘We’re visiting family and heard about the market.’ This speaks volumes about the reputation the market and

our community is building.”

The Vinton Market hosted a special event on August 6 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.– a Pop-Up Market in partnership with Brookdale’s Memory Care Community. Many of their residents are unable to attend a Saturday market, so they reached out with the hope of a trip to experience the market on a smaller scale during the week. Their group created an opportunity to bring the market directly to patrons who might not otherwise have the chance to enjoy it.

“What has been most rewarding is the response from our vendors. While we expected a small market experience with it being a weekday, we had 12 vendors committed to participating. Several adjusted work schedules, arranged childcare, and made other accommodations to be part of this event. They understood it was unlikely to be a high-sales day, but they recognize that the opportunity to brighten someone’s day and create meaningful connections extends far beyond any monetary value.”

The Farmers’ Market also hosted Market Day Storytime focused on children on Saturday, July 25, with not just stories, but interactive activities with

Kennah Hebert from Roanoke County Libraries. There were bubbles, facepainting, bookmark making and rock painting, yard games, and chalk art.

Representative Heather Balsley from the Dolly Parton Imagination Library was on hand to register children for the program that provides free books on a monthly basis.

Patrons will find a wide variety of locally made products at the market, including baked goods, soaps and lotions, handcrafted woodwork, 3D-printed creations, hand-sewn goods, plants and produce, and more.

Normal Vinton Farmer’s Market hours are Tuesday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Saturdays from 9 to 1. Free parking is available in the Walnut Avenue parking lot, conveniently located behind the market stage.

For more information, email vintonfarmersmarket@vintonva.gov or visit the Vinton Farmers Market Facebook page.

-Submitted by Town of Vinton

Chewning

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time on the gridiron. Thompson, a Vinton native, is a two-time graduate of ETSU. He completed a Bachelor’s Degree in Sports Management in 2024, for which he earned cum laude honors, and a Master’s Degree in Sports Management in 2026.

Trevor is the son of Dean and Jenna Thompson of Vinton. Congrats, Trevor!

Many have had the privilege of watching T.J. McLaughlin play baseball with the Pulaski

River Turtles the last couple of weeks, and what a season it’s been! While they fell just short in the championship game, making it there for the second time in team history, I’d say is still a big win.

TJ had an incredible summer

on the mound, finishing with a 3-0 record, a 0.00 ERA, 14 strikeouts, and 13.3 scoreless innings pitched. We couldn’t be more proud of the hard work, dedication, and heart he brings to the game.

Now it’s time for his next

adventure... college next week. We can’t wait to cheer him on as he starts this next chapter and continues doing what he loves. Here’s to an exciting fall season. TJ’s mom is Chandra, who is Patsy Stovell’s niece.

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

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Read Genesis 40:1 through 41:57

Joseph spent two years in a dungeon after interpreting the dreams of Pharaoh’s cupbearer. Joseph had asked this man to mention him to the king upon being reinstated, but, as each day dragged on, no communication came from the Pharaoh. When Pharaoh had a dream and told it to all his wise men, no one could interpret it. The cupbearer finally remembered Joseph and told Pharaoh about him.

So Pharaoh sent for Joseph, and he was quickly brought from the dungeon. When he had shaved and changed his clothes, he came before Pharaoh.

Joseph was going to be taken into the presence of the nation’s highest ruler. His first order of business was to make himself presentable. His prison clothing and his haggard appearance were hardly appropriate to stand before royalty. Joseph prepared to see the king, honoring the authority and majesty of Pharaoh.

We have the privilege of an audience at any time with our King, Jesus Christ. May we never forget His majesty or approach Him with less than honor and adoration.

Thought for Today: Consider the majesty of God.

Quicklook: Genesis: 41:1

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Vinton History Museum needs crafters



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The Vinton History Museum needs help with decorations for the Hotel Roanoke Fashions for Evergreen tree.

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- Vinton History Museum

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OBITUARY

Gray, George Edward

5/30/1951 – 7/30/2026

George Edward “Eddy” Gray, 75, of Vinton, passed away peacefully at home on Friday, July 30, 2026.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Herbert and Gladys Gray, and his son, Shannon Gray.

Eddy is survived by his wife of 20 years, Patty Gray; children, Cristy Gray Boothe and her husband, Todd, Katie Bittinger, and Alison Pendry; grandchildren, Tyler Boothe and his wife, Madison, Dustin Boothe and his wife, Danielle, Kadance Bittinger, Griffin Bittinger, and Lenox Pendry; great-grandchildren, Grayson, Cooper, and Haisleigh; sister, Joyce Cullop and her husband, Tommy; niece, Heather Staley and her husband, Nathan, and their children, Emma and Reid; his beloved dog, Bernie; along with many cousins and countless friends.

Eddy was born in Marshall, Texas, and moved to Roanoke with his parents at the age of 2. He spent his childhood in the Garden City neighborhood, where he formed lifelong friendships while playing baseball and basketball with the neighborhood kids. Those early years instilled in him a love of sports, a strong sense of community, and an appreciation for the simple joys of growing up surrounded by family and friends.

Basketball was one of Eddy’s greatest passions. At the age of 12, he played for the Harris-Housman Little League basketball team that won the Little League Championship title. Their remarkable season was even televised on a local television station, a memorable accomplishment for the young team. Eddy continued his basketball career at Lee Junior High School and later at Jefferson Senior High School. As a senior in 1969, he was a member of the Jefferson Magicians team that finished as the state runner-up, another memorable highlight of his athletic career.

After graduation from high school, Eddy continued his love of athletics by playing fast-pitch softball and dedicating countless hours to coaching Little League baseball. While he enjoyed the competition, his greatest reward was the opportunity to mentor the young players he coached. He was incredibly proud of every one of them. One of the teams he coached, the Vinton Dixie Boys, earned the title Virginia State Champions and

had the opportunity to compete in the Little League World Series in 1994. Over the years, Eddy coached countless young athletes, including his own children, leaving a lasting impact both on and off the field.

Eddy’s love of sports extended far beyond the games he played and the teams he coached. He was an enthusiastic fan of high school, college, and professional football, baseball, and basketball, rarely missing an opportunity to cheer on his favorite teams. Over the years, he faithfully supported William Byrd High School’s football, baseball, volleyball, softball, and basketball teams. A devoted Boston Red Sox fan since childhood, Eddy remained loyal to his team through every season. He also enjoyed following the University of Virginia’s baseball and basketball teams, celebrating their successes as he watched their televised games.

Eddy’s commitment to serving others was also reflected in his career with the United States Postal Service. He began working as a mail carrier in the Blacksburg area, before transferring to the Vinton Post Office. Through his dedication, strong work ethic, and leadership, he was promoted to supervisor, a role he faithfully served until his retirement after nearly 30 years. Throughout his career, Eddy was known for his reliability, integrity, and the genuine care he showed to both his coworkers and the communities he served.

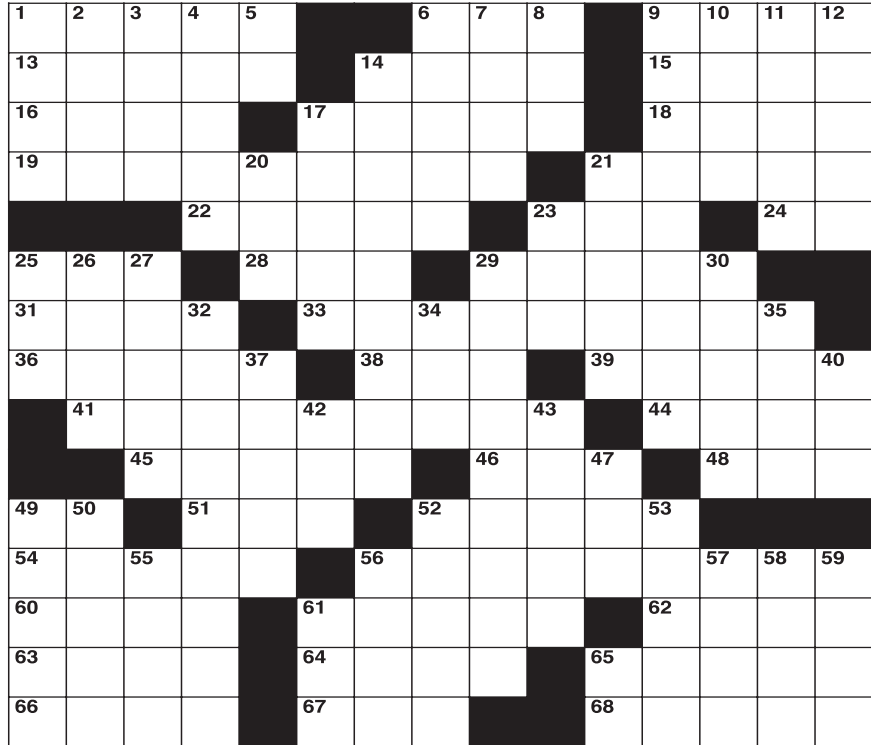
Eddy was an avid reader who especially enjoyed sports books and biographies, always eager to learn more about the athletes and people he admired. He also loved watching “Jeopardy,” where his quick wit and impressive knowledge were on full display. He never missed an opportunity to challenge family and friends, especially his sister, to see who knew the most answers. Often, Eddy came out as the winner!

After retiring from the United States Postal Service, and until his stroke in 2020, Eddy enjoyed spending his time attending local ice hockey games and cheering on the Salem Red Sox. Even after his stroke, his love of sports never faded. When Eddy was unable to travel to games, you were likely to find him relaxing on the porch with a glass of sweet tea, enjoying the simple pleasures of home. Eddy was a devoted husband; he found peace

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49. Large bank
50. Served as an omen
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- Experience directing church choirs.
- Formal education and background in music or music education.
- Ability to collaborate with, teach, and inspire volunteer musicians in an affirming manner.

Compensation:

- Choir Director: \$11,000 - \$13,000

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- Ability to sight-read music
- Ability to work collaboratively with clergy, choir, and other musicians
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Commissioner's Sale

Pursuant to the Single Family Mortgage Foreclosure Act of 1994, 12 U.S.C. Chapter 38A and the Secretary's Foreclosure Commissioner designation, a COMMISSIONER'S SALE of 360 Maple Ridge Lane, Fincastle, VA 24090 (Short Legal Description: TAX ID 27569) will occur at public auction outside the main entrance to the building of the Circuit Court of Botetourt County Circuit Court, VA located at 1 W Main Street, Fincastle, VA 24090 on August 21,2026 at 1:00 PM, pursuant to a default of a note secured by a deed of trust executed by Cary W. Obenshain and Patricia Y. Obenshain recorded 4/24/2012, in the Circuit Court for Botetourt County Circuit Court, VA, Instrument Number 120001707, and the Assignment in favor of the Secretary of HUD recorded 10/31/2019, in the Circuit Court for Botetourt County Circuit Court, VA Instrument Number 190004095. THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. TERMS OF SALE can be reviewed by the recorded notice of default on file with the Botetourt County Circuit Court Circuit Court, for which all terms are incorporated herein into this notice. A 10% deposit payable to Secretary of Housing and Urban Development is immediately required for winning bidder in certified funds. Third party certified checks will not be accepted. Full Terms of Sale and opening bids are listed at <http://www.virginialawoffice.com/hud>.
Anderson Law,
2492 N. Landing Rd, #104, Va Beach, VA 23456.

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ABC NOTICE

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ELLEN D'ARDENNE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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.

Order of Publication

Commonwealth of Virginia
VA Code§§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316;-317,20-104
Case No.W240000024
BOTETOURT COUNTY
CIRCUIT COURT, 5 W. MAIN STREET, FINCASTLE VA 24090

ESTATE OF RUBY ANN HALL PERDUE, DECEASED

The object of this suit is to: CREDITORS AND ALL OTHERS SHOW CAUSE AGAINST PAYMENT AND DELIVERY OF ESTATE ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE AGAINST DITRIBUTION It appearing that the report of the account of Bria Lashae Stephens, Administrator of the Estate of Ruby Ann Hall Perdue, deceased, and of the debts and demands against her estate have been filed in the Clerk's Office of this Court, and that six (6) months have elapsed since the qualification of the administrator, on motion of Bria Lashae Stephens, Administrator, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the creditors of and all others interested in the estate do show cause, if they can, on the 6th day of October, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. before this Court at its courtroom in the Circuit Court of Botetourt County, Virginia, 1 W. Main Street #120, Fincastle, Virginia, 24090, against the payment and delivery of the Estate of Ruby Ann Hall =Perdue, deceased, to pay all the unpaid taxes and levies thereon and all debts and demands reported by the Commissioner of Accounts that are approved and remain unsatisfied, and then to make payment and delivery of the remaining estate, if any, to the heirs, in accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia with or without refunding bonds, as the Court Prescribes.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the foregoing portion of this Order be published for two (2) successive weeks in The Fincastle Herald, a newspaper of general circulation in The County of Botetourt, Virginia. Enter: July 27, 2026
Honorable Joel R. Branscom, Judge
I ask for this: Michael S. Whitlow, (VSB No. 38320)
P.O. Box 779 Roanoke Va 24004
(540) 904-7835
Fax: (866) 684-7835
Counsel for Bria Lashae Stephen, Administrator of the Estate of Ruby Ann Hall Perdue

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Order of Publication

Commonwealth of Virginia
VA Code§§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316;-317,20-104
Case No. 26-1292
VIRGINIA: IN THE COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF ROANOKE, VIRGINIA, Complainant, Vs. PURCELL BARRETT, 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. 026.19-01-

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27.00-0000. An affidavit having been made and filed that diligence has been used without effect to ascertain the location of Clyde B. Barrett and that there are or may be persons with an interest in the subject property, including heirs, devisees, and successors in title of Clyde B. Barrett and that there are or may be persons with an interest in the subject property, including heirs, devisees, and successors in title of Clyde B. Barrett, 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 12, 2026, and do whatever is necessary to protect their interests in said land.

It is further ORDERED, pursuant of Va. Code Ann.§8.01-321, that this Order of Publication be published once a week for four (4) successive weeks in the Salem Times, 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 7th day of July 2026.
Hon. Charles N. Dorsey, Judge

I ask for this:
Amy H. Geddes, Esquire
VSB#38650
OPN Law
3140 Chaparral Drive, Suite 200-C
Roanoke Va 24018
Ph: (540) 725-8181
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[Counsel for Complainant](#)

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

at its regular meeting on August 12, 2026, at 6:30 p.m., in Council Chambers, City Hall, 114 North Broad Street, in the City of Salem, Virginia, will hold public hearings, 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 Terry Properties of VA Inc., property owner, for the issuance of a Special Exception Permit to allow a two-family dwelling on the property located at 432 Chestnut Street, (Tax Map # 161-3-1).

2.Consider amending Chapter 66, Signs, Article I In General, Section 66-11.1 Minor signs during voting, of the CODE OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA, pertaining to minor signs during voting.

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

VDOT Virginia Department of Transportation ADVERTISEMENT FOR SNOW REMOVAL EQUIPMENT SERVICES WITH OPERATOR SIGNUP

The Virginia Department of Transportation invites heavy equipment owners to sign up for the rental of their equipment with operators for SNOW & ICE REMOVAL purposes in Salem Residency which includes the counties of Roanoke, Botetourt and Craig during the winter of 2026-2027. Price per hour shall include operators, fuel, tire chains, supplies and required insurance. VDOT will need dump trucks, pickups with plows, motorgraders, backhoes, dozers, track loaders, tractors, rubber-tire loaders and farm tractors. All equipment shall be equipped for night work and be in good mechanical condition to ensure a safe and dependable 24/7 operation. VDOT reserves the right to determine acceptability of equipment size and condition for the

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equipped for night work and be in good mechanical condition to ensure a safe and dependable 24/7 operation. VDOT reserves the right to determine acceptability of equipment size and condition for the task. Contractors submitting prices meeting the requirements of the Agreement may be contracted with and may be eligible to receive a bonus payment and a minimum guaranteed payment for the season. Contractors must submit their application on the electronic M7B bidding site at <https://plow4va.vdot.virginia.gov> . All new and returning Contractors must be active in the Virginia eProcurement Portal (eVA) in order to do business with the Commonwealth of Virginia (<https://eva.virginia.gov>). Applications received by 7:00 PM on Friday September 18, 2026 may be eligible for a bonus payment. See the EVA posting for additional information, including contract requirements. Questions can be directed to the Salem Residency from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM Monday – Friday. Phone: 540-387-5497. Email: SalemDistrictSnow@vdot.virginia.gov EEO/AA Employee

Legals - Montgomery County

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

The Town of Christiansburg Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, August 17, 2026, at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers of the Christiansburg Town Hall, 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, Virginia 24073, pursuant to Sections 15.2-2204 and 15.2-2285 of the Code of Virginia, as amended. The purpose of the public hearing is to receive public comments concerning:

A. Code Amendment request by Town of Christiansburg, Applicant, to amend the Christiansburg Town Code, Chapter 42, Sec. 42-397 – Permitted uses. Data centers are currently allowed by right in the General Industrial (I-2) Zoning District, and the request is to require a conditional use permit for data centers in the General Industrial (I-2) Zoning District.

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, at (540) 382-6128, Ext. 1902 or by email at planning@christiansburg.org , with any questions or if you require reasonable accommodations.

VDOT Virginia Department of Transportation ADVERTISEMENT FOR SNOW REMOVAL EQUIPMENT SERVICES WITH OPERATOR SIGNUP

The Virginia Department of Transportation invites heavy equipment owners to sign up for the rental of their equipment with operators for SNOW & ICE REMOVAL purposes in Christiansburg Residency which includes the counties of Floyd, Giles, Montgomery, and Pulaski during the winter of 2026-2027. Price per hour shall include operators, fuel, tire chains, supplies and required insurance. VDOT will need dump trucks, pickups with plows, motorgraders, backhoes, dozers, track loaders, tractors, rubber-tire loaders and farm tractors. All equipment shall be equipped for night work and be in good mechanical condition to ensure a safe and dependable 24/7 operation. VDOT reserves the right to determine acceptability of equipment size and condition for the

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEES' SALE OF COMMERCIAL PROPERTY

7120 Roanoke Road, Shawsville, Virginia (a/k/a Shawnee Mini Mart)

9311 Roanoke Road, Elliston, Virginia (a/k/a Elliston Food Mart)

Pursuant to the terms of a Deed of Trust (the "Deed of Trust") dated as of July 22, 2016, recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Montgomery County, Virginia (the "Clerk's Office") as Instrument Number 160005662, and an Appointment of Substitute Trustee dated November 19, 2018, recorded in the Clerk's Office as Instrument No. 2018008463, the property briefly described below (the "Property") will be offered for sale at public auction on August 14, 2026, at noon, at the Shawnee Mini Mart, 7120 Roanoke Road, Shawsville, VA 24162.

Shawnee Mini Mart - 7120 Roanoke Road, Shawsville, VA 24162:

All that certain lot or parcel of land situate in the County of Montgomery, Commonwealth of Virginia, and being more particularly described as follows:

PARCEL 1: Tax Map Nos. 083-C1 3 13, 083-C2 5 14A, 083-C2 5 17

BEING all of Lots 13, 14A, and 17 as shown on a plat of survey entitled, "Plat Showing Boundary Survey of Lot 13 and Lot 17, Boundary Line Vacation on Lot 14, Lot 15, and Lot 16, and Vacation of Drainage Easement on Lot 14 and Lot 15 'Map of Shawsville Subdivision' located in Shawsville Magisterial District, Montgomery County, Virginia", prepared by Marvi D. Stine, LS, dated November 15, 2007, designated as Plan No. S-83269, a copy of which is recorded in the Clerk's Office of Montgomery County, Virginia, as Instrument Number 2008001140.

BEING the same property conveyed to 7 Hills, Inc., a Virginia corporation, by deed from Gary D. Creed and Linda M. Creed, dated November 17, 2006, and recorded in the aforesaid Clerk's Office as Instrument Number 06013235.

Elliston Food Mart - 9311 Roanoke Road, Elliston, VA 24087:

All that certain lot or parcel of land situate in the County of Montgomery, Commonwealth of Virginia, and being more particularly described as follows:

PARCEL II: Tax Map Number 059-A A 109

BEGINNING at a point on marked by a monument found, being the point of intersection of Route 754 and U.S. Route 11 & 460 (Roanoke Road); thence N. 29 deg. 59' 21" E. 174.84 feet (shown as 175.00 feet in Deed Book 1037, page 659), to a point marked by an iron pin set; thence S. 58 deg. 41' 04" E. 136.47 feet to a point marked by an iron pin set; thence S. 28 deg. 11' 16" W. 75.63 feet to a point marked by an iron pin set; thence N. 58 deg. 59' 50" W. 55.00 feet to a point

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BEING the same property conveyed unto 7 Hills, Inc., a Virginia corporation, by Deed from P.P. Raj, Inc., dated August 7, 2012, and recorded in the aforesaid Clerk's Office as Instrument Number 12006665.

Terms: A deposit in the form of cash or certified funds in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the successful bid will be required at the time of sale. Closing within thirty (30) days of sale. Time is of the essence. The Property is being sold "AS IS" without representation or warranty of any sort or nature concerning its condition. Obtaining possession of the Property shall not be the responsibility of the Trustee or the holder of the note secured by the Deed of Trust, but shall be at the sole cost, risk, and expense of the successful bidder. The successful bidder shall pay for all recording charges, examination of title, settlement fees, and all costs of conveyancing, which shall be by Special Warranty Deed. The Trustees reserve the right to reject any bid(s), withdraw the Property from the sale at any time before the termination of the bidding, keep the bidding open for any length of time, postpone the sale, review the qualifications of all bidders, and amend and/or supplement the terms of sale by verbal and written announcements prior to and/or during the sale. For more information visit Linkous Auction Group at www.linkousauction.com.

The Substitute Trustee may be able to respond to inquiries concerning the sale:
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Sands Anderson PC
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Christiansburg, Virginia 24068-2009
540-260-9011
540-260-0022 (facsimile)
rbroughton@sandsanderso.com

Legals - Town of Vinton

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED ISSUANCE OF A BOND BY THE TOWN OF VINTON, VIRGINIA

The Council of the Town of Vinton, Virginia (the "Council") will hold a public hearing on the proposed issuance of a bond by the Town of Vinton, Virginia (the "Town") at one time or from time to time. The estimated maximum aggregate amount of the bond is \$2,500,000. The bond proceeds are expected to be used to finance capital improvements to the Vinton War Memorial, grounds and infrastructure and costs of issuance of the bond. The public hearing, which may be continued or adjourned, and at which persons may appear and present their views on the proposed bond issue, will be held at 6:00 pm, prevailing local time, or as soon thereafter as the agenda permits, on Tuesday, August 18, 2026, before Council in the Council Chambers of the Vinton Municipal Building, located at 311 South Pollard Street, Vinton, Virginia. The Town of Vinton is committed to compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. If you wish to have a reasonable accommodation to participate in this public hearing, please contact Town Clerk Megan Lawless at (540) 983-0607 at least two business days in advance of the meeting to arrange an accommodation.

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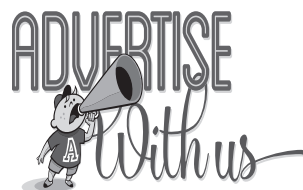
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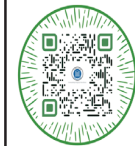
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High school golf season opens this week

The William Byrd High School golf team was scheduled to tee-it up Tuesday in the annual Botetourt Metro Golf Tournament. This year’s tournament was scheduled to include 18 teams at the Botetourt Golf & Swim Club.

This year’s field was wide open. Floyd County was the team winner last year, followed by Auburn in second place and Blacksburg in third. This year’s field, in addition to host teams Lord Botetourt and James River, included Byrd, Salem, Glenvar, Floyd, Blacksburg, Franklin County, Northside, Patrick Henry Cave Spring, Hidden Valley, Auburn, Rockbridge, Abingdon, EC Glass, and Jefferson Forest. Results were too late for publication but can be found in next week’s Vinton Messenger sports section.

Scott Whitehead is at the helm of the Terrier team and has four returning players, including seniors David Foster and Andrew Carter. Sophomore Reid Divers and junior Talon Gibson also return and newcomers who will challenge for a spot in the lineup include senior Connor Whitehead and sophomores

Ethan Sink, Jayden Beasley, Nick Trentnor and Griffen Ward.

With a sophomore heavy team Whitehead is looking for the team to continue to improve as the season progresses.

“We have three seniors, one junior and 11 sophomores on the squad,” he said. “My hopes are that we can improve and get some much needed experience in matches. We have just two returning golfers from last year’s lineup but we’re excited to have so many young kids in the program.”

After this week’s Metro the Terriers will return to the links next Tuesday, August 11, with a match at the Hidden Valley County Club hosted by Hidden Valley High. Then, a week from today on August 13, the Terriers are at Mariners Landing for their first Blue Ridge District match, hosted by Franklin County High School.

Once again Blue Hills will be the home course for the Byrdmen and their turn to host the district will be on Tuesday, September 15.



Rising senior David Foster holds the Blue Ridge District golf tournament first place trophy last fall.

Obituary

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and comfort in Patty’s love and support. He found joy and companionship in his loyal dog, Bernie.

Eddy will be remembered for his humor, intelligence, generous heart, and unwavering love for his family, friends, baseball, and the simple joys of life. His memory will live on in the countless lives he touched, and the cherished moments

shared with those who loved him. He will be deeply missed and forever remembered.

The family would like to thank the nurses and staff with Medi Home Health & Hospice and special thanks to Shelitta Fearing for their care and support.

A funeral service was held at 2 p.m. at Oakley’s Vinton Chapel on Sunday,

August 2, 2026, with Pastor Brad Huddleston officiating. The family received friends at the funeral home one hour prior to the service. The service was live streamed at Oakeys.com. In lieu of flowers, the family request donations be made to a charity of your choice. Condolences may be shared with his family by visiting www.Oakeys.com.

Mingle

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performances include Supafly Five, Big Daddy Raye, Solocoustix, and Chris Keaton and the Millennials.

Parking is plentiful with the Walnut Avenue lot next door to the Farmers Market, Vinton Baptist, on downtown streets, and in the Municipal Building

lot. Patrons enter the venue on Walnut Avenue.

Contact the Vinton Area Chamber of Commerce office at 540-343-1364 or email info@vintonchamber.com for more information.

~Vinton Messenger staff report

Bus

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Volunteers loaded donations at the Bonsack Walmart.

PHOTOS COURTESY OF RCPS

the ceiling with donated supplies, and that’s just what they managed to do.

The goal of Load the Bus is to make sure students have everything they

need to be “set for success” during the upcoming school year.

~RCPS

Bonsack

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staff in a variety of ways, so they can provide the best education for our students.”

Mills and his wife met at WBHS and have been married for 11 years. They have two daughters.

“When I was at Glenvar, I coached the high school golf and girls tennis teams. My last year as coach, the girls tennis team went undefeated and won a state championship.”

Mark Ingram will be teaching second and third grades at Bonsack. He grew up in Botetourt County and graduated from Lord Botetourt High School. He earned his undergraduate degree in English and Education from Roanoke College and his Master’s in Special Education from Radford University. He has been an educator now for 10 years.

“I’ve always had a passion for working with and advocating for individuals with special needs and unique backgrounds. I’ve heard

great things about Bonsack, knew that I wanted to return to teaching Special Education, and felt like it would be a perfect fit.”

Ingram said, “I think Vinton is a lovely town, with one of the best public libraries in the valley.” In his spare time, he enjoys reading, hiking, occasionally making art, and spending time outdoors.

Maggie Campbell will be working at Bonsack Elementary and Northside High School as a speech-language pathologist.

She grew up in Clifton Forge and graduated from Alleghany High School in Covington. She earned both her Bachelor’s and Master’s degrees from James Madison University.

This is her third year in education, but her 18th year working as a speech and language pathologist.

“I had the great pleasure of working at Mount Pleasant Elementary for the last two years. We live in the Bonsack

area, and my kids attend Bonsack Elementary. An opportunity became available for me to work at Bonsack, and I was fortunate enough to be able to make the transition.”

Her husband grew up in the Vinton/Hardy area. They have three sons.

“We love spending all of our free time outdoors; most of the time you can find us on a ballfield,” she said.

The enrollment is approximately 350 students this year at Bonsack. Leanne Leftwich returns as principal for her ninth year.

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Thrasher

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Thrasher Pastor John Hemming and the congregation bless the ASP team as they prepare to leave for Clay County, W.Va.



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Members of the ASP mission team install a new ceiling.

construction, but realized that was okay and their leaders walked them through everything. They also said they really enjoyed getting to know other group members and the homeowners. They all said they will go back again.

“Just like every area in the ASP region, Clay County was booming in the coal mining years, but once the mining shut down the county has been shrinking in population. Businesses are shutting down and there is very little infrastructure. They have to drive an hour to go to the grocery store or to a hospital capable of providing X-rays. There was also flooding about 10 years ago that was another blow to the region.

“This is a very rewarding week where we get to spend time with friends, meet new friends and make lasting memories of helping people out and building relationships. I always tell my kids, ‘Thank you for saying yes to Jesus!’ I wish to thank everyone involved with sending this team on this trip.”

Members of the team included Marty, Madison, and McKenzie Crow, Adam, Nick, and Caroline Edmondson, Jo Brooks, Ginger Quinn, Kara Sutton, Chris Russ, Megan Jones, Levi Jones, Isaac Jones, Tina Yates, Dennis Bilby, Steven Spencer, J.R. Cooper, Nyla Gurley, Tyler Gurley, Kaden Liechty, Issac Sanchez, Parker Sharp, Abigail Clay, Shane Clay, Adam McNamara,

Pastor John Hemming along with his wife Karen and children Aaron and Anna, Rheygan Flowers, Irvin Flowers, Mayzie Jones, Joshua McEntire, Bonnie Jones, Maryann St.Clair, Dorothy Smith, Xavier Weden, Tim Yates, Haley Sanchez, Brianna Hackett, Ellie Richards, and Tyler Wertz.

After the Thrasher group returned home, Adam Edmondson and his son Nick shared their experiences with the church congregation during church services.

Adam’s team had removed a makeshift porch made of a pallet and steps from a young couple’s home and replaced it with a 6x10-foot porch. He talked about seeing God in the beautiful scenery at the homeowner’s house on a mountaintop where you could see for miles. He said that he came to understand why it was called “Clay” County because of the soil which became the bubble gum consistency of clay and caked their shoes from the many thunderstorms they experienced that week.

Nick’s team worked on a water-damaged home, repairing a bedroom and hallway. They pulled up flooring and tore down the ceiling. He said the homeowner kept the team supplied with snacks even though she was financially struggling herself. “It was a great week.”

~Submitted by Marty Crow

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Above, the Terrier offense gets in sync on the first day of official high school football practice last week. Above right, Zane Taylor carries the ball. Below right, Mason Hershel works on the defensive side of the ball.



Byrd football team hosts “Midnight Madness” Friday

The high school football season is fast approaching and William Byrd High School will host their annual “Midnight Madness” this Friday night.

The fun begins at 6 pm at Vinton’s Patterson Stadium as the local recreation teams practice on Highfill Field until 7:30 pm. The William Byrd Middle School team will follow with a scrimmage against Smith Mountain Lake Christian Academy at 8 pm. Then, the feature of the evening begins at midnight when the high school Terriers take the field for

a spirited practice. The event is free and local fans are encouraged to attend.

The Terriers opened practice last Thursday and have been practicing from 3-6 pm this week. Their first scrimmage is Friday, August 14, at Glenvar High School against the host Highlanders and Jefferson Forest. That’s scheduled to begin at 5 pm.

Byrd will host Alleghany High in the Terriers’ final warmup before the regular season on Friday, August 21. That’s scheduled to begin at 7 pm.

The regular season will begin on Friday, August 28, and the Byrdmen will be at Bogle Field, behind Cave Spring Middle School, for their first two games. Byrd will play Cave Spring on August 28 and Hidden Valley on Friday, September 4, as they open on the road with two Roanoke County rivals. Hunter Shepherd, a former William Byrd player, is the head coach at Cave Spring.

The home opener will be on Friday, September 11, against Christianburg.



Youth Camp

Above, William Byrd football coach Brad Lutz shows parents the “College Bound Wall” during the tour part of last week’s youth football camp. Below, Ashton Williamson presents a Terrier jersey to a hard working camper.

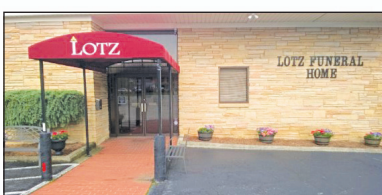
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