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## Bank of Botetourt officially opens Vinton branch



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The new Bank of Botetourt Vinton office joined with the Vinton Area Chamber of Commerce for the bank branch's grand opening and ribbon-cutting ceremony on August 19. President and CEO G. Lyn Hayth III (with scissors) and Vinton Mayor Brad Grose (with the ribbon bow) did the honors.

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Bank of Botetourt held the formal grand opening celebration of its Vinton branch on August 19 with the Vinton Area Chamber of Commerce and officials from the Town of Vinton. The bank had opened the doors for business at 410 South Pollard Street in downtown Vinton on July 26 but made it official with a ribbon-cutting ceremony.

Chamber Executive Director Angie Chewning welcomed Bank of Botetourt to Vinton, and introduced bank President and CEO G. Lyn Hayth III.

"We, Bank of Botetourt, are very happy to be standing here today to celebrate our newest office in the beautiful and growing Town of Vinton," said Hayth. "This has been on our wish list for several years, and I am happy today to be presenting our 13th Bank of Botetourt office to the Town of Vinton and Roanoke

County. This is our fourth ribbon-cutting and office dedication in a little over five years."

Hayth noted that during those five years, Bank of Botetourt has been thriving, growing in assets from \$345 million to more than \$645 million. The earnings of \$320,562,000 for the six months ending June 2021 had increased from \$1,105,000 for the six months ending June 2016 – over a 200 percent increase in earnings as well as nearly a 100 percent increase in asset size.

Bank of Botetourt, chartered in 1899, will celebrate its 122nd anniversary in September. The bank operates 13 retail offices in Botetourt, Rockbridge, Roanoke, and Franklin counties and the City of Salem. The company also operates a mortgage division, Virginia Mountain Mortgage, and a financial services division, Botetourt Wealth Management.

Hayth said, "During the past six years, three communi-

ty banks in the Roanoke MSA (Metropolitan Statistical Area) have ceased to exist as a local independent community bank, the key words being 'local, independent and community.' In fact, Virginia has seen over a 30 percent decline in community banks over the past six years—100 banks headquartered in Virginia in 2014 are down to 68 today or less. This is not to mention the banks that are closing branches due to mergers and downsizing. Again, this is our fourth new office in five years. We are proud of our heritage and our strong and profitable growth.

"I would like to emphasize 'local,'" Hayth continued. "We are not headquartered in another state, not 150 miles from here, and not even 60 miles from here. Our bank board and staff live, work and shop local; we don't pretend to be local; we are local."

Hayth went on to thank the

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PHOTO BY DEBBIE ADAMS

Billy Cole is the co-founder and Chief Operating Officer for Dynamic Medical clinical laboratories located in Vinton.

## Dynamic Medical focuses on senior care lab services, COVID testing for the public

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The Dynamic Medical clinical laboratory opened with little fanfare in a secluded spot on Third Street in Vinton in spring 2019. Co-founders Billy Cole and Jeff Howard purchased the property which had been the Pennington Crown and Bridge Lab and spent about four months renovating the building, setting it up for their own purposes.

When they first opened, the lab did mainly drug testing, providing services for medical practices. In 2021, Cole says their "true vision came into focus; we chose a new direction."

They made the decision to concentrate almost exclusively on providing "reliable, accurate, state of the art precision laboratory testing designed specifically for senior care residents and facilities—in a timely fashion, 'coupled with compassion.'"

They retrofitted their laboratory to meet those goals. Now, Dynamic Medical features PCR DNA Molecular Diagnostic Testing (including COVID-19) and general blood and urine chemistries to serve senior care facility laboratory service needs. The lab is also on the Virginia Department of Health referral list of drive-through Covid test sites for the general public.

Cole is the Chief Operating Officer (COO). He is a Roanoke native and graduate of Cave Spring High School. He received his Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from Virginia Tech in 1998 and began a medical sales career in 2000 in pharmaceuticals. He progressed to hospital sales, medical device sales, and medical diagnostics, working with some of the medical industry's titan employers such as Eli Lilly and Co., Stryker, Wright

Medical, and Millennium Health.

Howard is the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) for Dynamic Medical. He earned his BA from Ohio State University and his MBA from Virginia Tech. He has 25 years of experience in corporate sales and marketing with Ford New Holland, Novozymes, and Automatic Data Processing. He is also the owner of ARCpoint Labs of Salem, helping business owners design and administer effective drug and alcohol testing programs.

Cole says that their pivot to focusing on senior care began with two "impactful" events in March 2020. First, his mother, affectionately called "Noni" by her grandchildren, had a severe turn in the progression of her Parkinson's Disease. Severe dementia became apparent, and Noni was admitted to, and now resides in, a local memory care assisted living facility.

Secondly, "the Covid pandemic riddled the world."

Because of these two events, Dynamic Medical "gained insight into the world of senior care facilities and resolved "to revolutionize the way our seniors are cared for, to interact with each senior resident in the same manner of respect and empathy that we would extend to our own elders; and to be a valued and trusted partner in the senior care marketplace."

Their website says they believe "a familiar face, compassionate connections, and thoughtful interactions are as much a part of our job as the lab-work we provide."

Cole emphasizes that the senior care facilities in the area provide excellent care; he wants clinical laboratories to meet or exceed those standards.

Dynamic Medical has quickly negotiated service contracts with several premier senior care facilities in the valley.

Cole says that there is an advantage to focusing on one specialty area—"you get really good at it." While there are other prominent labs in the area, none has a specific focus on senior care. Dy-

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## Lancerlot hosts second annual 'Macado's Dog Days of Summer'



Diesel, the Rail Yard Dawgs mascot, nuzzles an admirer at this year's Macado's Dog Days of Summer hosted by the Lancerlot on August 21.



PHOTOS BY DEBBIE ADAMS

Lancerlot General Manager Joe Miller estimates that about 500 dogs attended the second annual Macado's Dog Days of Summer event during the course of the afternoon. Here, dogs and their families enjoy the ice rink.

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When the Lancerlot Sports Complex hosted its first "Macado's Dog Days of Summer" in 2019, the plan was to make the free community event into an annual happening. That didn't work out in 2020 due to the pandemic, but on the afternoon of August 21, 2021, the ice rink, the outdoor pool, and the parking lot were packed with dogs and their families – and those thinking about adopting a dog – for the second annual Dog Days.

The event was sponsored by Macado's restaurant, along with the Town of Vinton and the Vinton Area Chamber of Commerce.

On a summer day with temperatures in the 90s, the "Lot" turned the ice rink into a "cool dog park," inviting the dogs onto the ice, and opened the outdoor swimming pool to dogs and their owners.

The event also included an "Adopt-a-thon" in conjunction with Angels of Assisi and other local animal adoption centers.

Over 20 animal vendors were on site, providing services, door prizes, and more, along with food vendors for the humans, treats for the pets and music.

Diesel, the Roanoke Rail Yard Dawgs Hockey team mascot, spent the afternoon greeting dogs and

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# Sowers wins prestigious state GFWC Jennie Award

At the General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC) Virginia Conference on August 13-14 in Staunton, Kathryn Sowers of the GFWC Woman's Club of Vinton was awarded the prestigious state Jennie Award for 2020-2022.

The Jennie Award is the only national honor bestowed by GFWC that recognizes individual members for a lifetime of personal excellence. Club members are nominated by their local clubs to compete at state, regional, and national levels for the GFWC's highest honor.

Candidates for the Jennie Award are judged on "Commitment to Club, Commitment to Community, and Commitment to Family."

Sowers was in competition against three other GFWC members from other parts of the state.

The announcement of her nomination for the Jennie Award by the local club was made at the GFWC Vinton Woman's Club meeting on May 25.

Her state entry goes next to the Southeastern Region (made up of six states and Washington, D.C.) Up to two region winners will be announced at the Regional Conference on October 29-31 in Flintstone, Md. Those winners advance to the International GFWC for the

selection of one winner for each of the eight regions at their 2022 GFWC Convention in New Orleans in June 2022.

A William Byrd graduate, Sowers joined the local Woman's Club in 1967 and in the 54 years since has held every office locally, on both Junior and General Levels in the GFWC Blue Ridge District, served as Regional GFWC President and held every office in GFWC-Virginia, including serving as its president from 2006-2008 during its 100th anniversary. Through the GFWC, she served as hostess of an inaugural reception for President George W. Bush.

She has also been active in the Southeastern Region GFWC, and even internationally. One outstanding accomplishment was serving as GFWC-VA State Project Chairman in 2008-2010 when over \$115,000 was raised to purchase a new ambulance for the Virginia Tech Rescue Squad.

Sowers is a charter member of two Woman's Clubs she helped found: the GFWC Vinton Junior Woman's Club and the GFWC Toteria Woman's Club.

In nominating Sowers, members of the Vinton Woman's Club compiled a nomination notebook. On the front cover, they



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**Kathryn Sowers of Vinton was named the GFWC State Jennie June winner at the state GFWC conference on August 13-14. Shown left to right are Jenny Hinegardner, GFWC VA 3rd Vice President/Director of Juniors; Pamela Flanagan, GFWC Tidewater Woman's Club entry; Kathryn Sowers, GFWC Vinton Woman's Club entry and GFWC VA State Jennie June winner; Joyce Jolly, Woodbridge Woman's Club entry; Dale Fisher, GFWC VA President; and Linda Beatty, GFWC & GFWC VA Jennie June Award Chairman. Sowers was presented with an engraved star and certificate at the announcement of her award.**

placed a poem from Leo Rosten which sums up Sowers' philosophy of life: "I think the purpose of life is to be useful, to be responsible, to be honorable, to be compassionate. It is, after all, to matter, to count, to stand for something, to have made some difference that you lived at all."

One of the nomination pages states, "When you think of Kathryn Sowers, the word that comes to mind is dedication. Kathryn's entire life has been dedicated to service to her

family, church, jobs, to her Federation, and to her community. She serves with a smile, unending energy, and dedication."

She has been a loving wife to her late husband Everette, their son Todd, and their grandchildren Christiaan, Hannah, and Austin.

Vinton Baptist Church, where she serves as a Deacon, has been a lifelong dedication for Kathryn. She has served as Church Clerk, Secretary of the Sunday School, a member of the Finance Commit-

tee, and Chairman of the Church Hostess Committee in addition to other offices. Her service is not just to the Vinton church but to the Roanoke Valley Baptist Association WMU as Director over 76 churches; she is currently treasurer.

Sowers has been a member or on the governing boards of many civic organizations, including serving as the secretary-treasurer of the Vinton/Roanoke County 'High Ground' Veteran's Memorial at the Vin-

ton War Memorial and secretary of the Vinton Centennial Committee. She is Secretary/Treasurer of the Arnold R. Burton Scholarship Fund, which awards scholarships to two William Byrd High School students each year.

She has worked for the Roanoke County School system, Hewlett Packard, Verizon Wireless, and at one time started a business of her own. She is currently the Executive Assistant for the Vinton Area Chamber of Commerce.

## Testing

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Dynamic Medical is unique.

Cole says it's the little things that are making the biggest impact for Dynamic Medical in working with senior care facilities. Many facilities have no input as to when and who draws their labs; residents are treated as a number or a production run, not as individuals.

Dynamic Medical makes every effort to test according to the schedule of the senior care residents—no middle of the night wakeups to collect specimens from memory care residents with the subsequent downward spiral in their behavior for days.

The lab employs its own qualified phlebotomists to draw the specimens, who establish a relationship with the seniors. Dynamic Medical currently employs two phlebotomists and, with a growing clientele, is ready to hire two more.

Dynamic Medical has also committed to provid-

ing drive-through COVID PCR testing for the public, with a 24- to 48-hour turnaround time for results. While the demand for COVID testing had abated somewhat, "we are seeing a resurgence with the variants." They are currently running from 50-100 tests daily—with the numbers climbing.

Cole says that many of those who come to Dynamic Medical for COVID testing have plans to travel internationally and need to quickly meet the requirements for proof of a negative COVID test. Many of the other testing sites, such as pharmacies, are unable to return results for several days.

Word has spread about the efficiency of their system: the client drives up and parks outside, where the test is performed; the swab goes straight from their car to processing inside the lab. Results are back in just a day generally, reducing the stress of the entire process.

Hourly workers, who need to get back on the job as quickly as possible if exposed, can also benefit from the quick turnaround, as well as students who need to verify a negative test to enter or return to class.

Those who need COVID testing with quick results can email [jwhite@dynamicmedicalusa.com](mailto:jwhite@dynamicmedicalusa.com) to schedule an appointment. Or call Dynamic Medical at 540-206-2621. Or use the link on their website to register at <https://www.dynamicmedicalusa.com/>.

The cost is \$100 without orders for testing from a doctor. You pay on site at the time of testing. With orders from a doctor, insurance may cover the cost of the testing.

Other Dynamic Medical staff members include Lab Director Dr. Faheem Taha (based in Atlanta), who is responsible for clinical oversight, on-site Lab Supervisor Loreley Mack Seay, and Client

Services Liaison/Account Manager Jaret White, in addition to lab technicians and phlebotomists.

Seay says that a typical day at Dynamic Medical starts with the phlebotomists visiting the senior care facilities fairly early—around 7 or 8 a.m. While they are out collecting specimens, the lab is getting instruments and equipment up and ready to run samples when they return. (Time is of the utmost importance in producing test results for seniors, who may need to get started on treatments as quickly as possible—

such as in the case of urinary tract infections.)

There are two main lab areas at Dynamic Medical—one for clinical chemistry and another for molecular testing. Covid testing is performed in a linear process with extensive precautions, limiting the opportunity for exposure or contamination.

Dynamic Medical is located at 953 Third Street in Vinton. Cole says he and Howard looked at many properties throughout the valley, but the Vinton lab was the perfect location. It was already set-up well as a labora-

tory: the building was appropriately zoned for their purposes; their footprint is about two acres so there is room to expand; and the site was close to home for Cole, who lives in Vinton.

Cole is enthusiastic about the facility, its testing program, and his staff. He says that all his employees have the same vision and passion for working with senior care facilities and their residents. "They are a good crew, who get along well. There is definitely a good vibe in our workplace, and that transfers to the facilities we work with."



**Lorely Mack Seay is the Lab Supervisor at Dynamic Medical.**



**Anthony Harless is a lab technician at Dynamic Medical in Vinton.**

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10. Bungled  
12. Young salmon  
13. Botanical gardens  
14. Source of chocolate  
15. Country singer LeAnn  
16. Yokel  
17. Unit of energy  
18. Plant of the lily family  
19. Tusked wild pig  
21. Form of "to be"  
22. Formerly  
27. Letter of the Greek alphabet  
28. Former First Lady  
33. News organization  
34. Shining brightly and intermittently  
36. Brew  
37. Teams' best pitchers  
38. Edible fruit  
39. Pitching stat  
40. \_\_\_ or bust  
41. Baby product manufacturer  
44. Monetary unit of Finland  
45. Small spherical structures in cells  
48. Pouches  
49. Reached  
50. Investment account  
51. Oft-repeated slogan

**CLUES DOWN**  
1. Nuclear undersea weapon  
2. Helps the skin  
3. Evergreen coniferous trees  
4. Relieve of employment  
5. A way to drench  
6. Journalist Tarbell  
7. \_\_\_ and Venzetti  
8. Alcoholic liquor  
9. An athlete who plays for pay  
10. Where to get drinks  
11. Japanese art form  
12. Baseball great Satchel  
14. Winged angelic beings  
17. One point south of due east  
18. Group of islands in Polynesia  
20. A place to play: \_\_\_ center  
23. Masses of gray matter in the brain  
24. Belgian city (alt. sp.)  
25. Milliliter  
26. Beloved Will Ferrell film  
29. Railway above ground  
30. Satisfaction  
31. Aggregate of molecules  
32. Type of barometer  
35. Type of college teacher (abbr.)  
36. Long periods of time  
38. Native people of Nebraska and S. Dakota  
40. Deliver  
41. Thin, narrow piece of wood  
42. Modern Israel founder  
43. Small NY college  
44. Pounds per square inch  
45. Veterans battleground  
46. Hollywood talent agency (abbr.)  
47. Popular kids' channel



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**Dynamic Medical specializes in senior care and also in drive-through COVID-19 testing for the general public.**

## PEOPLE, PLACES AND THINGS

## Angie Chewing

Filling in for Bootie

The Lancerlot has gone to the dogs! Macado's Dog Days of Summer, that is! What a great event! It was so much fun to watch so many dogs of all sizes, breeds, and ages have so much fun on the ice and in the pool! Thank you, Lancerlot, for creating such a fun event for our fur babies!

Our thoughts and prayers go out to

the family and friends of Carolyn McCarty. Our hearts are breaking for Chris and Sabrina and all the family. Arrangements are visitation 12-2 and the funeral at 2 p.m. at Vinton Baptist Church on Thursday, Aug. 26.

Also, our thoughts and prayers go out to the family and friends of Ruth Thomas.

Perdido Key was the destination. Alabama and Florida waters were the perfect fishing spot for Tracy Kelly, Lisa Keglovic, and Lisa's son Colton where they took Dad, Jack Evans, 82 years old, on the perfect and successful fishing trip. Much fun and laughs were had on this memorable trip.



# Frank and Janine Stone celebrate 65th anniversary

Frank and Janine Stone recently celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary. They were married on August 17, 1956. In previous years, the couple hosted large gatherings of family and friends to mark the occasion but scaled back this year due to COVID.

They did celebrate with a smaller group at The Roanoker restaurant on August 21 – “a lovely occasion,” the Stones said. Guests travelled from as far away as Oregon, Georgia, Alabama, and North and South Carolina for the event.

The Stones met at Lynchburg College in 1954, when they caught one another's eyes across the library and had a friend introduce them.

At their 59th anniversary party at the Vinton War Memorial, they joked that one of the reasons their marriage has endured was that they agreed in their younger years that “whoever said the word ‘divorce’ had to take custody” of their four children.

Frank Stone, now 88, served as principal of almost every elementary school in the Vinton area – Roland E. Cook, Herman L. Horn when it was East Vinton, and W.E. Cundiff when it was Hardy Road Elementary, Cundiff's first principal. He retired from Cundiff in 1988.

Janine originally taught school on Bent Mountain when Frank was principal, and later taught algebra at several Roanoke County Schools ending her career at William Byrd High School in 1993.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Frank and Janine Stone celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary at The Roanoker restaurant on August 21.



PHOTO COURTESY OF VINTON HISTORY MUSEUM

Frank and Janine Stone were married on August 17, 1956.

## Campbell Memorial welcomes new pastor

The members of Campbell Memorial Presbyterian Church and Wild Goose Christian Community are excited to be welcoming their new pastor, Jonathan Moelker. Moelker is a recent graduate of Union Presbyterian Seminary in Richmond.

Moelker is known as a passionate and energetic preacher and church leader. He grew up in Franklin, Tenn., and moved to Virginia to pursue his Master of Divinity and Master of Theology at Union Presbyterian Seminary at Richmond.

Most recently he served as the assistant to the pastor at New Hanover Presbyterian Church in Mechanicsville, Va. He performed

various pastoral duties at NHPC and while the senior pastor was on sabbatical, he served as the primary worship leader and preacher. He loves relating Scripture to people's everyday lives and spreading the joy of Christ throughout the community.

Moelker's fiancée, Isabella Fagiani, is the associate pastor at Raleigh Court Presbyterian Church in Roanoke. They are excited to begin their life together in ministry.

He is also a runner and hiker who loves to find the trail less traveled. Alongside his seminary degrees, Moelker has a BS in Industrial Engineering and enjoys tinkering around with machines in

his free time.

Both Campbell Memorial and Wild Goose Christian Community are delighted to have called Moelker to this position, as much as he is delighted to have been called by them. His ordination service is planned for Sunday, September 19, at Campbell and the community is warmly invited to participate.

Skip Hastings has been the interim pastor at Campbell Memorial for the past two years. He will be accepting another interim position.

Campbell Memorial is located at 1130 Hardy Road, Vinton and Wild Goose is located at 5646 Cloverdale Road, Roanoke.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Jonathan Moelker will be ordained as the new pastor at Campbell Memorial Presbyterian Church on September 19.

## On Common Ground to perform at Aug. 28 Mingle at the Market concert

The Vinton Area Chamber of Commerce will be hosting its next Mingle at the Market Concert for 2021 on August 28 at the Vinton Farmers' Market. The concert will get underway on the HomeTrust Bank Stage at 7 p.m. with a performance by the band On Common Ground. The popular local band plays a wide variety of music in a variety of venues, with mem-

bers from the Roanoke and Covington areas.

The featured food truck this week will be Yanie's Hot Kitchen. Craft beer and adult beverages will be available for purchase.

Admission is \$6. This is a family-friendly event with children 12 and under admitted free of charge.

Bring your own seating and an ID. No pets are allowed. Wear a mask

if you haven't been vaccinated.

Member One is the lead sponsor for the 2021 Summer Concert Series. Diamond Level sponsors include Blue Ridge Beverage and the Vinton War Memorial. Special Sponsor is Roanoke County. Gold sponsors include Carilion Clinic, Winters

Storage, and Servpro. Silver level sponsors include Berkshire Health Care, HomeTrust Bank, Lotz Funeral Home, Neely's Accounting, PFG, Coastal Insurance Planning of VA, Fox Radio 910, and The Vinton Messenger. Sherri Winkler of Nite Owl Artz has done the design work for the concert

with printing by Vertex Signs.

There are only two Mingle concerts remaining in 2021 – Hardrive Crew on September 11 and Five Dollar Shake on September 25.

The Vinton Farmers' Market is located in downtown Vinton at 204 W. Lee Avenue. Plenty of parking is available in

the downtown area.

Volunteers are needed for each week's Mingle. Contact Angie Chewing, executive director of the Vinton Area Chamber of Commerce, at 343-1364 or email her [angie@vintonchamber.com](mailto:angie@vintonchamber.com) if you or your organization have some time to help with these events.

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# Bank of Botetourt

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Town of Vinton and Roanoke County for their cooperation and encouragement. He specifically thanked local government leaders Vinton Mayor Brad Grose, Vice Mayor Sabrina McCarty, and Town Council members Laurie Mullins, Keith Liles, and Mike Stovall; Town Manager Pete Peters, Assistant Town Manager Cody Sexton, and town department heads Chasity Barbour (Director of Community Programs), Anne Cantrell (Treasurer and Director of Finance), Donna Collins (Director of Human Resources), Chief of Police Fabricio Drumond, Director of Public Works Bo Herndon, Planning and Zoning Director Anita McMillan, and Town Clerk/Executive Assistant Susan Johnson, most of whom were

on hand for the ceremony. Mayor Grose commended Hayth and Bank of Botetourt for “becoming part of the community so quickly.” He noted that the bank is located on the corner of Pollard Street and Cleveland Avenue, where the iconic High’s Ice Cream once stood. The mayor and Town Manager Peters presented Hayth with a Vinton flag and the traditional “InVinton” lapel pin. Hayth introduced Bank of Botetourt Senior Vice President Andy Shotwell, who was in charge of the construction project. Shotwell said that the Vinton office was “the best building experience the bank has had.” He acknowledged Hughes and Associates Architects and Engineers,

the civil engineers and developers for the project, and their president Mike Woolwine and architect Earl Shumate. Shotwell also recognized the general contractors for the Vinton Bank of Botetourt, G&H Contracting, especially Vice President Troy Henderson and job superintendent Donald Gibson for the “fabulous job” they did on the project with site preparation and construction. Ground was broken for the project on November 24, 2020. Demolition began on March 9, with the goal of opening by the end of 2021. Construction crews kept a steady pace, and just these few months later, the project is complete. Hayth introduced the Bank of Botetourt

Vinton Office staff: Branch Manager and Assistant Vice President Paula Robins, Universal Banker/Head Teller Phillip Tingler, Universal Banker Kathryn Barberie, and Nikki Griffin of Virginia Mountain Mortgage. (Robins has over 39 years of banking experience and was previously the branch manager at the bank’s Peters Creek and Bonsack/460 offices.) He recognized members of the Bank of Botetourt Vinton Advisory Board: Mary Beth Layman, Jason Boothe, and Paul St. Clair. He expressed his appreciation to Roanoke County Economic Development Director Jill Loope, the Board of Supervisors, and county administrative staff. The grand opening celebration continued

throughout the morning and included free Homestead Creamery Ice Cream, free T-shirts, gifts, and refreshments, and a visit from June Bug the Clown. The Vinton branch of Bank of Botetourt is located just across from the Vinton Library and the Vinton Municipal Building. In his comments, Hayth noted that when Town Manager Peters was showing him potential sites for the new branch office, they stepped out of the Municipal Building on Pollard, and he noticed the vacant High’s Ice Cream location just across the street—the perfect spot for the new venture. Lobby hours in Vinton are Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Friday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Drive-through hours are Mon-

day through Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Bank of Botetourt in Vinton has a 24-hour ATM machine with deposit capabilities, located in the vestibule. Night deposit is available. The office also houses the bank’s mortgage company, Virginia Mountain Mortgage. During the November 2020 groundbreaking ceremony, Mayor Grose said, “Bank of Botetourt is big in customer service and community service—the kind of business we look for here in Vinton, which is a close-knit, strong community. You have landed in the right community. We look forward to working with you,” a sentiment he echoed on August 19.



From left, Troy Henderson, vice president of G&H Contractors (general contractor for the project); Hughes and Associates Architects and Engineers President Mike Woolwine; Bank of Botetourt Senior Vice President Andy Shotwell (in charge of the Vinton office project), and Donald Gibson of G&H Contracting (site superintendent) were recognized at the grand opening ceremony.



Vinton Town Manager Pete Peters (left) and Vinton Mayor Brad Grose (right) presented a Vinton flag to G. Lyn Hayth III, president and CEO of Bank of Botetourt, during the ribbon-cutting ceremony.

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## Water meter upgrade and replacement program begins in Vinton

Beginning this month, the Town of Vinton has initiated a comprehensive water meter replacement program that will convert approximately 5,000 meters to an automatic meter infrastructure (AMI) system. The town has hired contractors Core & Main and Bitter Creek Construction (BCC) for this project as that company is experienced in this type of meter conversion. The purpose of this effort is to upgrade the town’s water distribution system with electronic reading capability and to replace meters that have served beyond their estimated useful lives. “After a year of planning, we are excited to enter into the installation

phase of this project,” said Assistant Town Manager Cody Sexton. “We are increasing both the effectiveness and the efficiency of Vinton’s utility system with this project. Thanks to the hard work of town staff and our highly professional contractors, the town’s citizens, businesses, and water customers will benefit from this investment in infrastructure for years to come.” The new meter system will allow water meters to be read from radio receivers via fixed locations throughout the town. Replacing old meters will ensure that the town can more accurately track both individual usage for billing purposes, and also monitor and assess community water demands.

The meters will have the ability to provide real-time data on water usage in the town and allow staff to better communicate with customers regarding consumption patterns, possibly catching leaks and other issues sooner rather than later. Contract workers will perform a courtesy “knock-on-the-door” notification at the time of installation and will place a door hanger once the new meter has been installed. The plan is to replace all commercial and residential meters from now through spring 2022. According to Sexton, residential installations got underway on August 23. For more information, call Vinton Public Works at 983-0646.

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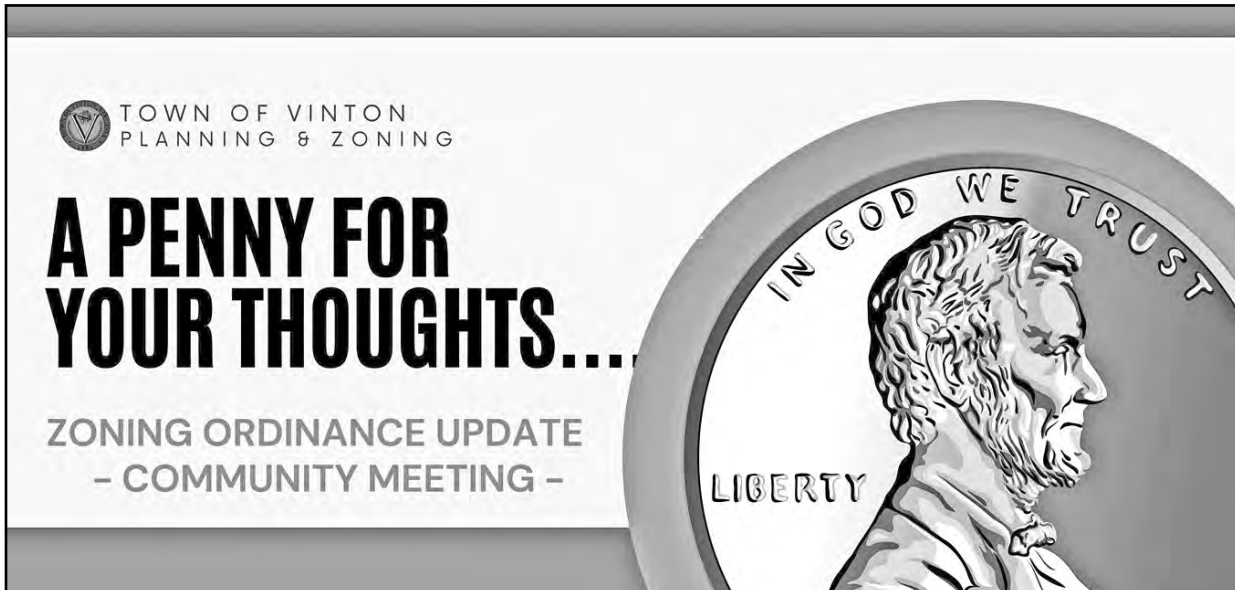
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# Town of Vinton offers a ‘Penny for Your Thoughts’ on zoning



After over three years of deliberating, collaborating, and strategizing with the Vinton Planning Commission, residents, business owners, and other professional organizations, the proposed zoning ordinance and subdivision ordinance revisions are entering the final stages of review before adoption.

More information on these updates can be found on the Town of Vinton Website at: <https://www.vintonva.gov/.../Zoning-and-Sub->

division.

A community meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 9, from 4 to 6:30 p.m., at the Charles R. Hill Community Center at 820 E. Washington Avenue, Vinton.

The theme and title for this event is “A Penny for Your Thoughts.” This theme capitalizes on the ability for residents and business owners to give their opinions, make comments, and vote on certain policies during this event.

There will be two tours of the

exhibits given. One tour will be given from 4 to 5 p.m., and the second tour will be from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Participants must pre-register to attend this event and can select their preferred specific tour time slot by completing the following online form: <https://forms.gle/Zf-Z7ud3dWduaYWiL8>.

Contact the Planning and Zoning Department at 983-0605 if you have questions about the event or the pending ordinance revisions.

# RCPS implements remediation plan for elementary students

Among the new faculty members at Vinton area elementary schools this year are several licensed remediation teachers hired by Roanoke County Public Schools (RCPS).

According to RCPS Director of Community Relations Chuck Lionberger, “Roanoke County Public Schools has been screening students

and using this data along with summer school to identify areas of need for each of our students.”

“The W.I.N. (What I Need) initiative is designed to create a learning plan for each student where his or her individual needs are addressed,” Lionberger said. “This school year, CARES funding has been used to hire licensed remedia-

tion teachers at the elementary level.

“These teachers are assigned individual students to work with on specific skills for reading and mathematics during the school day. Additional reading and math tutors are being used at the elementary and middle school level as well,” he said. “All of these resources are being

used to address learning loss that may have taken place over the last school year.

“RCPS is currently exploring possible after school tutoring options for students as well,” Lionberger noted. “The goal for this school year is to tailor instruction that will address each of the needs of each of our students.”

# Roanoke County Administrator O’Donnell to retire

Roanoke County Administrator Dan O’Donnell has announced that he will be retiring effective February 1, 2022.

“Working alongside our dedicated employees has been rewarding and we have accomplished so much, together, for the betterment of our community,” said O’Donnell. “I am honored to have had the support of the Board of Supervisors and privileged to serve the citizens as their administrator. I’m now looking forward to the next phase of my life.”

“Dan has always been very supportive of the town and been appreciative of the role and services that we provide and has been an advocate for the progress of our recent economic development projects and securing county support for them including Vinyard Station, Gish Mill and the recent hotel project announcement,” said Vinton Town Manager Pete Peters. “Dan has also been very gracious to assist the town with operational support and guidance during the onset of COVID-19 and throughout the pandemic. I have enjoyed working with Dan, and I have learned a great deal from watching how he approaches projects, manages operations, and communicates with his staff.”

O’Donnell has worked in public management for 35 years, serving over 21 years in Roanoke County. He began as an assistant county administrator in



Dan O’Donnell

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2000 and then was appointed county administrator in January 2019. Prior to coming to Roanoke County, he served as the administrator for counties in New York and West Virginia.

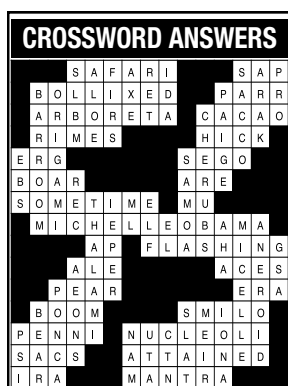
O’Donnell oversaw development of the county’s first-ever Community Strategic Plan to guide policy, budget decisions, and service delivery choices. He served as the project manager for the \$30 million Green Ridge Recreation Center and the \$28 million Public Safety Center construction projects.

He has overseen the passage of the first compensation study and step pay plan for public safety

personnel to recruit and retain talented employees. He has also led the county’s response to the COVID-19 crisis.

“Dan has been a tremendous asset for Roanoke County,” said Board of Supervisors Chairman Jason Peters, who represents Vinton on the board. “He has helped shape the strategic direction of the county and led through some very challenging times. His leadership and guidance are greatly appreciated, and we hope he enjoys a well-deserved retirement.”

The Board of Supervisors will determine the next steps in hiring a new county administrator.



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September is also Civic Awareness Month, and we will be hosting a Zoom presentation on the History of Democracy, from classical Athens through ancient Rome, to the creation of the United States Constitution. Register online for this Zoom program taking place on September 16 at 6 p.m.

Join us for a Hobbit Day celebration on Saturday, Sept. 18 at 12:30 p.m., where we’ll celebrate the birthdays of Bilbo and Frodo Baggins from J.R.R. Tolkien’s “The Lord of the Rings” with an elvish giveaway, crafts, and food, while supplies last! At 1:30 p.m., we will be showing Peter Jackson’s “The Fellowship of the Ring” on the patio (weather permitting).

Creations and Temptations will be held on the patio on September 7 at 6 p.m.; sign up to make bookshelf earrings or a key chain.

The Vinton Book Club will meet on the patio on September 2 at 3 p.m.,

As the Page Turns Book Club will meet on September 8 at 2 p.m. via Zoom and Plot Threads Book Club will meet on September 9 at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom.

The Vinton Library is also partnering with community members to bring you new and exciting programs. We’re working with Carilion to show you how to have Fun with Fruits and Veggies on September 9 at 6 p.m.

The Better Business Bureau Serving Western Virginia will be presenting on the most common COVID-19 scams on September 2 at 3

p.m.

The Harmon & Prouty Financial Group will be giving a Medicare 101 talk on September 21 at 10:30 a.m. All of these programs will take place on our beautiful patio (weather permitting).

All age groups can help us commemorate Banned Book Week by attending our “Banned Books to Movies” events! Join us for outdoor showings of: “Where the Wild Things Are” (Sept. 27, 4:30), “James and the Giant Peach” (Sept. 28, 4:30), “Call of the Wild” (Sept. 29, 5:30), and “Charlie and the Chocolate Factory” (Sept. 30, 5:30).

On September 25 at 2:30 p.m., join us on the patio as Southwest Virginia Wildlife Center’s animal ambassadors give a talk on Local Wildlife 101.

Teens can pick up Mad Scientist and Take and Create kits throughout the month of September (while supplies last); register for and pick-up a Teen Takeout Book Kit and join us for our Hobbit Day celebration.

Children and their caregivers can join us for an outdoor, in-person Family Storytime at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesdays during our five-week fall session (September 15 to October 13). Register online.

Wonder Packs, Mad Scientist, and Take and Create kits will be available for children throughout the month, while supplies last.

Children can also join us for The Bad Guys Virtual Book Club on Thursdays at 4 p.m. where they will play games and win prizes! Ideal for ages 7 and up.

There are exciting programs for all ages throughout the month of September at the Vinton Library. Please register for programs online via our website (<https://www.roanoke-countyva.gov/2421/Vinton-Library>) or by phone (857-5043). We look forward to seeing you soon!

By Senior  
Library Assistant  
Caitlin DeMarco

# RVTPO Policy Board approves Highway Infrastructure Program funding

The Roanoke Valley Transportation Planning Organization (RVTPO) Policy Board has approved Highway Infrastructure Program funding which includes two projects in Vinton. (The RVTPO was created in 1974 to plan and budget the use of federal dollars in the Roanoke region.)

The federal 2021 U.S. Department of Transportation Appropriations Act and the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA) provide new funding to be obligated in urbanized areas with populations greater than 200,000 which includes the Roanoke Valley.

These funds are distributed in the form of Highway Infrastructure Program funds and Highway Infrastructure Program—CRRSAA funds and are being provided to Metropolitan Planning Organizations for programming.

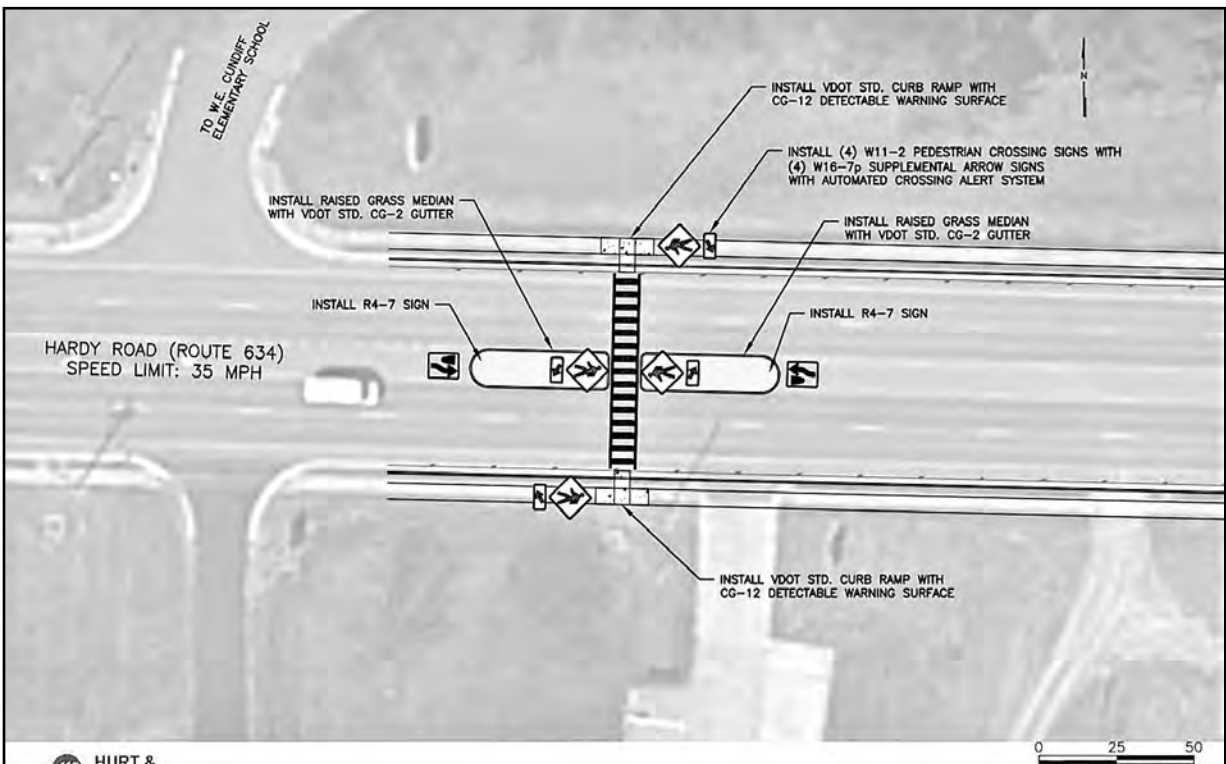
At the July 22 RVTPO Policy Board meeting, a staff funding recommendation was adopted involving fund allocations of \$1,649,707, which includes two Vinton projects: the Hardy Road/Dillon Woods Crosswalk and the Walnut Avenue Bicycle and Pedestrian Accommodations from West Lee Avenue to 1st Street.

Vinton Planning and

Zoning Director Anita McMillan has shared information on the funds and assistance the Town of Vinton has and continues to receive from the VDOT Salem District, the Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission Transportation Technical Committee (TTC) and the Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) regarding the town's transportation projects.

“Based on VDOT’s cost estimates and project oversight, the Hardy Road/Dillon Woods Crosswalk Project is now estimated at \$497,911,” McMillan said. “The current HSIP (Highway Safety Improvement Program) funding that we applied for back in 2017 is \$183,000. To cover this budget shortfall, we submitted a Transportation Alternative (TA) pre-application in May. We also asked the VDOT Salem District if they have any funds to help the Town to move forward with this crosswalk Project.

“In early July, we were made aware of the Highway Infrastructure Program (HIP) and the HIP Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA) funding that RVARC has received. So, we submitted a request for additional funding for



The crosswalk project at Dillon Woods and Hardy Road. PHOTO COURTESY OF THE TOWN OF VINTON

this crosswalk Project. On July 16, we were informed by VDOT Salem District that VDOT Central has approved \$298,393 of HSIP funds for this Project and on July 22, TPO approved funding of \$16,518 for the Project under the CRRSAA funds.

Currently, McMillan is working on the Request for Proposal (RFP) for engineering services for the Hardy Road/Dillon Woods and Gus Nicks Boulevard Crosswalk Projects. The Gus Nicks

Boulevard Crosswalk received Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funding for \$169,650 in 2020 and VDOT’s estimate is at \$403,911. On May 27, 2021, TPO approved the STBG funds of \$403,912 for the Gus Nicks Boulevard Crosswalk Project.

“As far as for the Walnut Avenue Bike/Pedestrian Project Phase 2, W. Lee Avenue to 1st Street; it is funded under STBG funds, too,” McMillan said. “The cost estimate back in 2019 was

\$545,250; and in 2020 the cost estimate went up to \$881,360 with additional funding under STBG of \$463,750 for Fiscal Year 2024 approved on May 27, 2021.

“The HIP CRRSAA funds of \$463,750 will move the funding ahead since the project is already under 50% design plans and we hope for the construction to start by August 2023, instead of having to wait until 2024.”

McMillan and Assistant Planning and Zoning Director Nathan McClung

served on the Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission (RVARC) Transportation Technical Committee (TTC) until June. McMillan also served on the Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) as a nonvoting member.

As of July, McMillan and Assistant Town Manager Cody Sexton are serving on the TTC. Sexton is the non-voting member of the TPO, while Councilmen Mike Stovall and Keith Liles are the voting members of the TPO.

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Quicklook: Ezekiel 6:9–11

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Posted. Owner.

**Help Wanted - General**

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Manager, Salem-Times  
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**Legals - Botetourt  
County**

**Public Notice ☐  
Environmental  
Permit**

**PURPOSE OF NOTICE:** To  
seek public comment on a  
draft Virginia Pollutant  
Discharge Elimination  
System permit from the  
Department of  
Environmental Quality that  
will allow the release of  
industrial wastewater and  
stormwater into a waterbody  
in Botetourt County, Virginia  
PERMIT NO.: VAO072397  
NAME AND ADDRESS OF  
FACILITY: Roanoke  
Cement Company LLC,  
6071 Catawba Road,  
Troutville, Virginia 24175  
DEQ CONTACT: Becky L.  
France, 540-562-6793,  
[becky.france@deq.virginia.gov](mailto:becky.france@deq.virginia.gov),  
901 Russell Drive, Salem,  
VA 24153  
The full public notice is  
available at  
<https://www.deq.virginia.gov/permits-regulations/public-notices/water/virginia-pollution-discharge-elimination-system-vpdes>

**Legals - City of  
Radford**

**VIRGINIA: IN THE  
CIRCUIT COURT  
FOR THE CITY OF  
RADFORD**

THE CITY OF RADFORD,  
VIRGINIA, a political  
subdivision of the  
Commonwealth of Virginia,  
**Case No. CL21-6456**  
Plaintiff,  
v.  
COLE-PHILLIPS BUILDING  
CO.,  
and  
MICHAEL H. COLE  
and  
PARTIES UNKNOWN, any  
heirs, devisees, and  
successors in title, including  
Successors in interest of  
Cole Phillips Building Co., A  
General Partnership  
collectively made  
Defendants,  
Defendant(s).

**ORDER OF PUBLICATION**

The object of this suit is to  
order abatement of  
nuisance or allow for razing  
of a structure owned by  
Cole Phillips Building Co.,  
and located at 103 Polk  
Street in the City of  
Radford, Virginia, and  
enforce a lien for the costs  
of the same. An Affidavit  
having been filed stating  
that due diligence has been  
used, without effect, to  
ascertain the location of the  
named Defendant(s),  
that the Defendant(s) may  
be non-residents of Virginia  
and maintain no domicile  
within the borders of the  
Commonwealth, or are  
deceased, or that there may  
be parties who have an  
interest in the property but  
are unknown, namely, the  
heirs, devisees, and  
successors in title of the  
named partnership, made  
Defendants by the general  
description of Parties  
Unknown, it is hereby  
**ORDERED** that the named  
Defendant(s) and all Parties  
Unknown appear on or  
before September 24, 2021,  
and do what may be  
necessary to protect their  
interests in this cause.

Entered: 7/22/2021  
Melissa White  
Circuit Court Clerk/Judge  
City of Radford, Virginia

I Ask For This:  
Michael R. Bedsaul, Esq.  
(WSB # 41273)  
Mary Foil Russell  
(VSB No. 46440)  
Sands Anderson PC  
P.O. Box 2009  
Christiansburg, Virginia  
24068-2009  
540-260-9011 (phone)  
540-260-0022 (facsimile)

**Legals - City of  
Salem**

**ORDER OF  
PUBLICATION**

COMMONWEALTH OF  
VIRGINIA VA. CODE  
§§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316, -317,  
20-104  
**Case No. CL21-888**  
ROANOKE COUNTY  
CIRCUIT COURT  
305 E. MAIN ST SALEM,  
VA 24153  
ALTIZER, ZANDER LEE  
v.  
MCGUIRE, CONNER LEE  
The object of this suit is to:  
NAME CHANGE OF  
MINOR  
It is ORDERED that Ashley  
Altizer appear at the above-  
named court and protect  
his/her interests on 8/27/21  
@ 11:00 AM

Enter 7/16/21  
Judge Dorsey

**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 1407 Longview Avenue,  
Salem, VA 24153 (Short  
Legal Description: LT 6 BLK  
3 SEC 1 MIDDLETON  
GARDENS) will occur at  
public auction outside the  
main entrance to the  
building of the Circuit Court  
of Salem, VA located at 2  
East Calhoun Street,  
Salem, VA 24153-7933 on  
September 9, 2021 at 11:00  
AM, pursuant to a default of  
a note secured by a deed of  
trust executed by Calvin C.  
Overstreet by Nellie C.  
Overstreet, his attorney in  
fact, and Nellie C.  
Overstreet recorded  
2/10/2012, in the Circuit  
Court for Salem, VA, as  
Instrument No. 120000317,  
and the Assignment in favor  
of the Secretary of HUD  
recorded 1/18/2018, in the  
Circuit Court for Salem, VA  
as Instrument No.  
180000119. TERMS OF  
SALE can be reviewed by  
the recorded notice of  
default on file with the  
Salem Circuit Court for  
which all terms are  
incorporated herein into this  
notice. A 10% deposit is  
immediately required for  
winning bidder in certified  
funds. Anderson Law,  
2492 N. Landing Rd, #104,  
Va Beach, VA 23456,  
<http://www.virginialawoffice.com/hud> Run date  
8/19/2021, 8/26/2021, and  
9/2/2021


**Legals - City of  
Salem**

**Public Notice ☐  
Environmental  
Permit**

**PURPOSE OF NOTICE:** To  
seek public comment and  
announce two public  
hearings on (1) a draft  
permit from the State Water  
Control Board that will allow  
the filling of wetlands and  
streams in Giles, Craig,  
Montgomery, Roanoke,  
Franklin, and Pittsylvania  
Counties, Virginia and (2)  
the Board's intent to provide  
Section 401 Water Quality  
Certification for activities  
authorized by the U.S. Army  
Corps of Engineers.  
**PUBLIC COMMENT  
PERIOD:** The public  
comment period is from  
August 28, 2021 to October  
13, 2021.  
**PUBLIC HEARINGS:** The  
Pigg River Community  
Center, 2410 South Main  
Street, Rocky Mount,  
Virginia 24151 on  
September 27, 2021 from  
6:00pm to 9:00pm, and  
Radford University – Kyle  
Hall, Howe Street, Radford  
Virginia 24141 on  
September 28, 2021 from  
6:00pm to 9:00pm. The  
public hearing will adjourn  
when everyone present has  
had an opportunity to  
speak, or the facility closing  
time, whichever occurs first.  
Persons planning to attend  
the public hearings are  
advised to check the DEQ  
website at the link below for  
any changes to the meeting  
format or public health  
protocols.  
**PURPOSE OF THE  
HEARING:** To obtain input  
from the public related to  
this project for the Board to  
consider.  
**PERMIT NAME:** Virginia  
Water Protection Permit  
issued by the State Water  
Control Board  
**EFFECT OF PERMIT:**  
Pursuant to Va. Code 62.1-  
44.15-20.D, issuance of the  
permit shall, in conjunction  
with Certification No. 17-  
001, constitute the  
certification required under  
Section 401 of the federal  
Clean Water Act for the  
project.  
**APPLICANT NAME,  
ADDRESS AND PERMIT  
NUMBER:** Mountain Valley  
Pipeline, LLC; 2200 Energy  
Drive, Canonsburg, PA  
15317; WVPP No. 21-0416  
**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**  
Mountain Valley Pipeline,  
LLC has applied for a new  
permit for the Mountain  
Valley Pipeline Project. The  
project is a 42-inch natural  
gas pipeline located along  
an approximate 107-mile-  
long corridor from the  
Virginia-West Virginia state  
line in Giles County  
southeast through Craig  
County, Montgomery  
County, Roanoke County,  
Franklin County, and  
Pittsylvania County to the  
Transco Village (located  
approximately three miles  
east of Chatham, Virginia).  
The permit will allow the  
applicant to work in surface  
waters consisting of  
wetlands and streams. The  
proposed activity would  
permanently affect 1.19  
acres of palustrine forested  
wetland (PFO), 0.76 of an

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Salem**

acre of palustrine scrub-  
shrub wetland (PSS), 0.04  
of an acre of palustrine  
emergent wetland (PEM),  
and 63 linear feet of  
streams. The proposed  
activity would temporarily  
affect 3.91 acres of  
palustrine emergent  
wetlands (PEM) and 17,065  
linear feet of streams. The  
activity proposed in the  
permit will affect surface  
waters in the Middle New,  
Upper James, Upper  
Roanoke and Banister  
watersheds. To compensate  
for the surface waters  
affected, the applicant  
would provide 7,114  
wetland mitigation credits  
and 298 stream mitigation  
credits, and restore  
temporarily impacted areas  
to their original condition.  
The State Water Control  
Board's preliminary decision  
is to issue the permit.  
**HOW TO COMMENT:** DEQ  
accepts comments by hand  
delivery, e-mail, fax or  
postal mail. All comments  
and requests must be in  
writing and be received by  
DEQ during the comment  
period. Submittals must  
include the names, mailing  
addresses and telephone  
numbers of the  
commenter/requester and of  
all persons represented by  
the commenter/requester.  
The Board also accepts oral  
comments at the public  
hearing. To make a  
statement at the public  
hearing, write your name on  
a sign-up sheet available  
before the hearing. You  
may sign up only for  
yourself. The hearing officer  
sets the time allowed for  
each statement. When a  
hearing is held, the final  
decision is made by the  
State Water Control Board.  
**HOW A DECISION IS  
MADE:** After public  
comments have been  
considered and addressed  
by the permit or other  
means, the State Water  
Control Board will make the  
final decision.



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Applications received by 7:00 PM on Friday September 24, 2021 may be eligible for a mobilization bonus. See the EVA posting for additional information, including contract requirements.

Questions can be directed to the Christiansburg Residency from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM Monday – Friday. Phone: 540-381-7201  
Email: [SalemDistrictSnow@vdot.virginia.gov](mailto:SalemDistrictSnow@vdot.virginia.gov)

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# From the Pulpit

## “Neighbors”

33 “But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with compassion. 34 He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. 35 The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, ‘Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.’ 36 Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers (Luke 10:33-36)?”

Jesus told the parable of the Good Samaritan in response to a lawyer who asked, “Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?”

After declaring the Great Commandment—“Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, strength, and mind; and love your neighbor as yourself.”—Jesus assured him, “Do this, and you will live.” Seemingly unsatisfied with Jesus’ answer, the lawyer asked, “And who is my neighbor?”

The story of the Good Samaritan was told as a means to clarify and specify who is considered to be one’s neighbor. In the ancient world, as true today, a neighbor was typically defined by proximity; a person who is situated by or lives near another. Similar to our world today, in first century Palestine, one’s ancestry, type of occupation, level of education, and financial situation often determined where one lived. As a

result, not only was a neighbor defined as someone who lived close to another, but also as one who lived similarly to another. In that respect, I am sure the lawyer in today’s passage was good to his neighbors—those who lived near him, lived like him, and could easily relate to him.

According to Jesus, the Kingdom of God defines a neighbor quite differently. Not only was the Samaritan in Jesus’ parable quite different from the Jewish lawyer posing the question, the Samaritan would have also been very different from the man he found who had been left half dead. This man was traveling from Jerusalem to Jericho, which means he was probably Jewish. The road that led from Jericho to Jerusalem was the way most Jews took when traveling to Jerusalem because it routed them away from Samaria. Though this road would have taken them longer to reach Jerusalem, it would

have allowed them to avoid any contact with Samaritans who were believed to be unclean. At that time, Samaritans and Jews did not live near one another, did not live like one another, and would have found it almost impossible to relate to one another.

And yet, according to Jesus, the Samaritan in his parable exemplified what it means to be a neighbor, despite his lack of proximity, similarity, or ability to relate to the stripped and beaten man he found. What was it then that made the Samaritan a neighbor? I believe it was his response to the needs of the person in front of him. He discovered a person in need, was moved with compassion, and chose to take care of him. This was the criteria Jesus used to define and illustrate what it means to be a neighbor—those who show others compassion and choose to help.

We may not encounter

someone who has literally been stripped, beaten, robbed, and half dead, but we are surrounded by people in need. Those who have been stripped of their dignity and robbed of their self-worth due to sickness, disease, a health crisis, or old age. We encounter people every day who have been beaten by the painful blows of grief, depression, divorce, abuse, bullying, and a number of other losses. We come face-to-face with people every day who are physically exhausted, mentally drained, emotionally shattered, and feel spiritually half dead. Their needs might not be as obvious as the man in Jesus’ parable, but if we look carefully and listen closely, it will not take us long to see and hear the desperate needs and heartfelt pleas of the people around us.

Fred Rogers, whose iconic invitation “Won’t you be my neighbor?” once said: “When I was a boy and I

would see scary things in the news, my mother would say to me, ‘Look for the helpers. You will always find people who are helping.’”

According to Jesus, regardless of proximity, similarity, or relatability, a neighbor is one who helps – someone who has compassion for the needs of another and does what they can to take care of them. Apparently, loving God and loving neighbor is accomplished best by choosing to be a neighbor. When asked, “Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” Jesus offered the Great Commandment. When asked how to apply it, Jesus gave an illustration of what it looks like to be a neighbor. His conclusion, “Go and do likewise.”

Who it is that needs our help? How might we choose to be their neighbor?

*By The Rev.  
Travis Russell,  
Vinton Baptist Church*

## STUDENT NEWS

### Vinton students graduate from University of Rhode Island

The University of Rhode Island celebrated more than 4,000 of its newest alumni during the University’s 135th Commencement on May 21-23. More than 3,700 undergraduate degrees and 680 graduate degrees were conveyed to students during nine individual ceremonies, including:

Ethan Patrick Edwards of Vinton received a Bachelor of Science in Geology and Geological Oceanography.

Courtney Mitchell of Vinton received

a Bachelor of Science in Nursing, RN to BS.

### Wienke among students recognized for academic excellence

Heidi Wienke from Vinton has been honored as one of the brightest students in the world by the The Johns Hopkins Center for Talented Youth (CTY).

Wienke, a student at William Byrd Middle School, was honored for exceptional performance on the SAT, ACT, or similar assessment taken as part of the

CTY Talent Search. CTY uses above-grade-level testing to identify advanced students from around the world and provide a clear picture of their true academic abilities.

Wienke was one of nearly 19,000 students from 84 countries who joined CTY in the 2020-21 Talent Search year. Less than 20 percent of CTY Talent Search participants qualified for CTY High Honors Awards. Honorees also qualified for CTY’s online and summer programs, through which bright students can form a community of engaged learners with other bright students from around the world.

There are more than 15,500 enrollments in CTY Online Programs courses

each year. In addition, CTY’s in-person Summer Programs for bright students are offered at about 20 sites in the United States and Hong Kong.

### Wienke earns faculty honors at Georgia Tech

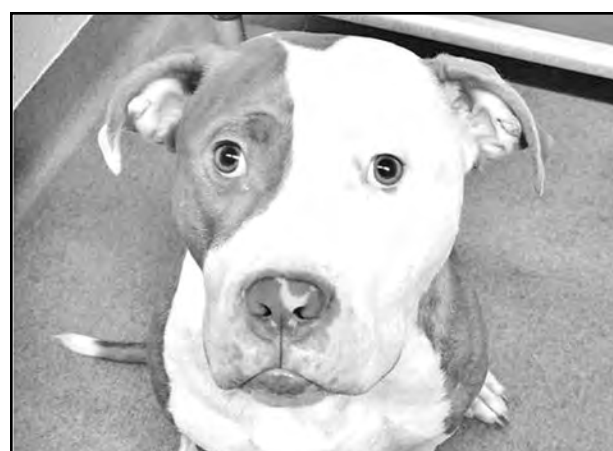
Erin Wienke of Vinton earned the distinction of Faculty Honors for Spring 2021 at the Georgia Institute of Technology. This designation is awarded to undergraduate students who have earned a 4.0 academic average for the semester.

Wienke is a 2020 graduate of William Byrd High School and the Roanoke Valley Governor’s School.

## PET OF THE WEEK



**“Tyler” 1yr old male neutered Pitbull**  
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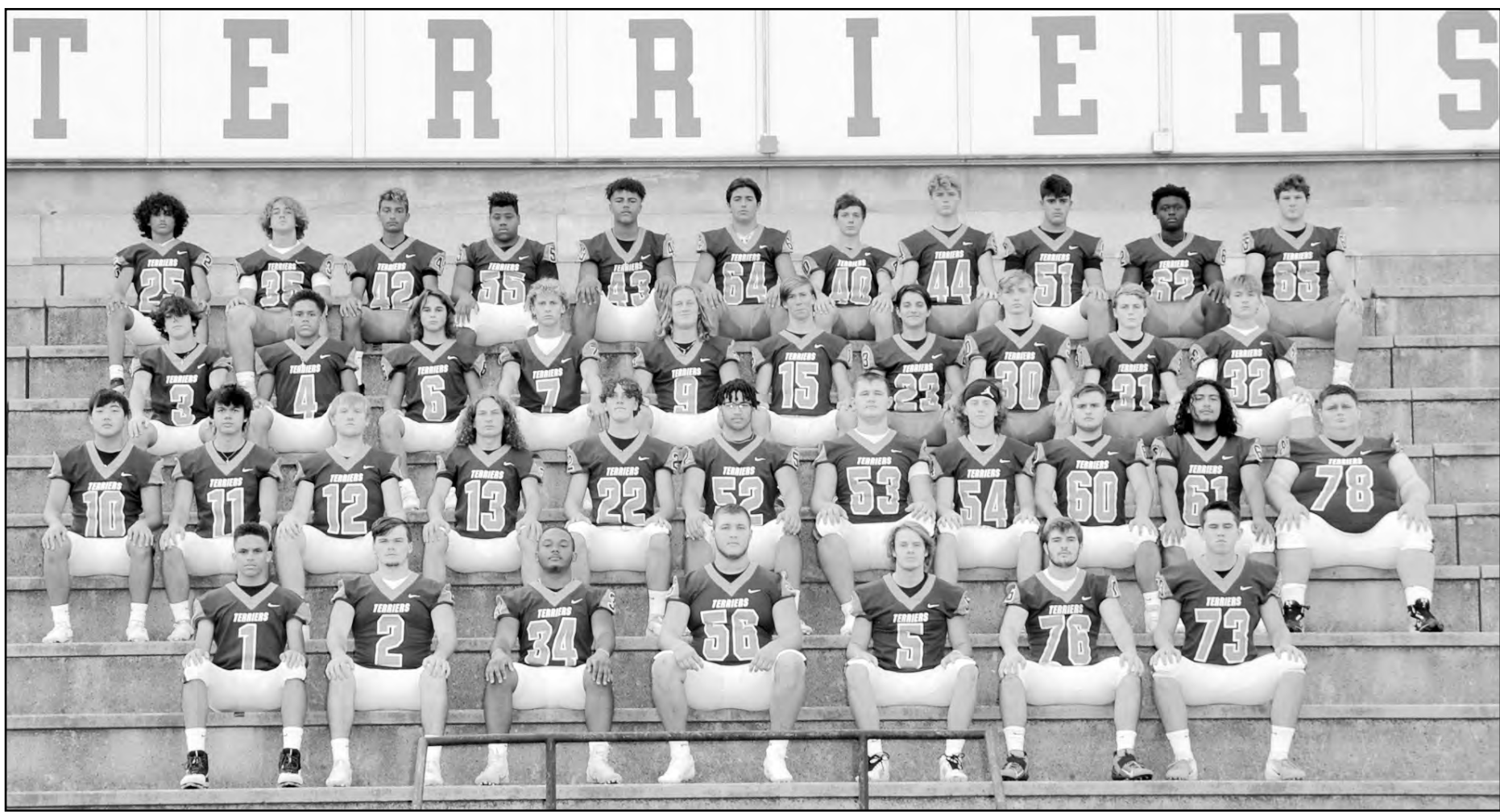


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## *Terriers open football season at home against Liberty Friday*

A new football season begins Friday and things are back to normal, at least for now. William Byrd will host Liberty of Bedford at Patterson Stadium and fans will be in the stands, the band will be playing and the cheerleaders will be cheering.

“It felt so good to go out there and see people cheering again,” said Byrd coach Brad Lutz after the Terriers hosted Rockbridge County in an exhibition “Benefit Game” last Friday. The Terriers took a 21-7 win in their last tune-up before the regular season.

“I was disappointed we didn’t have a whole season in the spring,” said Lutz. “We had a really talented team and a lot of older players. I thought the kids handled it well, but it wasn’t the same. Last Friday it felt really, really good to hear the cheers again.”

Byrd finished 4-3 in the spring season, which began the last week of February and ended in mid-April. It was anything but a normal season, as athletic directors scrambled to find opponents. Byrd AD Jason Taylor had a six game schedule laid out before the Roanoke County School Board determined the county schools could only play in-county opponents. Then, after Taylor made some changes, the county did a 180 and said it was okay to play out of county schools. Byrd picked up Patrick County in the middle of the season and played the Cougars on a Thursday night.

In addition, the Virginia High School League pared down the playoffs to half of the usual number of teams competing. Byrd would have made the playoffs in a normal year, but not last year. Instead the Terriers played an “And One” game by picking up Wilson Memorial for a seventh game. That turned out to be a blessing, as Byrd took a 39-12 win against a solid Green Hornet team and Lutz hopes to use that as a spring board to this year’s season.

“We beat a good Wilson Memorial team to end the season on a high note,” he said. “Normally, if you’re in the playoffs, everyone ends with a loss except the state championship team. It was nice to have a good team and go out with a win. I’m hoping that carries over into this season.”

The returning Terriers have had just four months of off-season instead of the normal nine months, and that’s a double-edged sword. There are some drawbacks, but also some benefits.

“We have a young team and we could have benefited from a few more months in the weight room,” said Lutz. “The kids have bought into that, and with the success we’ve had it’s been an easy sell. You hate to miss that time in the weight room.”

“On the other hand, we’re still dialed in coming off a good season. With a quick turnover we have that momentum from the spring.”

The Terriers have looked good in the preseason despite having a very young team. The roster is comprised of just seven seniors with 11 juniors and 15 sophomores. Six freshmen made the varsity and several will play key roles.

Two veterans who will lead the youngsters are brothers Hunter and Dustin Richards. Hunter is a senior and Dustin is a junior and both are big, strong kids who were varsity players since they were freshmen.

“They’re great kids with a blue collar mentality,” said Lutz. “They come from a great family and have a work ethic that’s unmatched, whether on the field or

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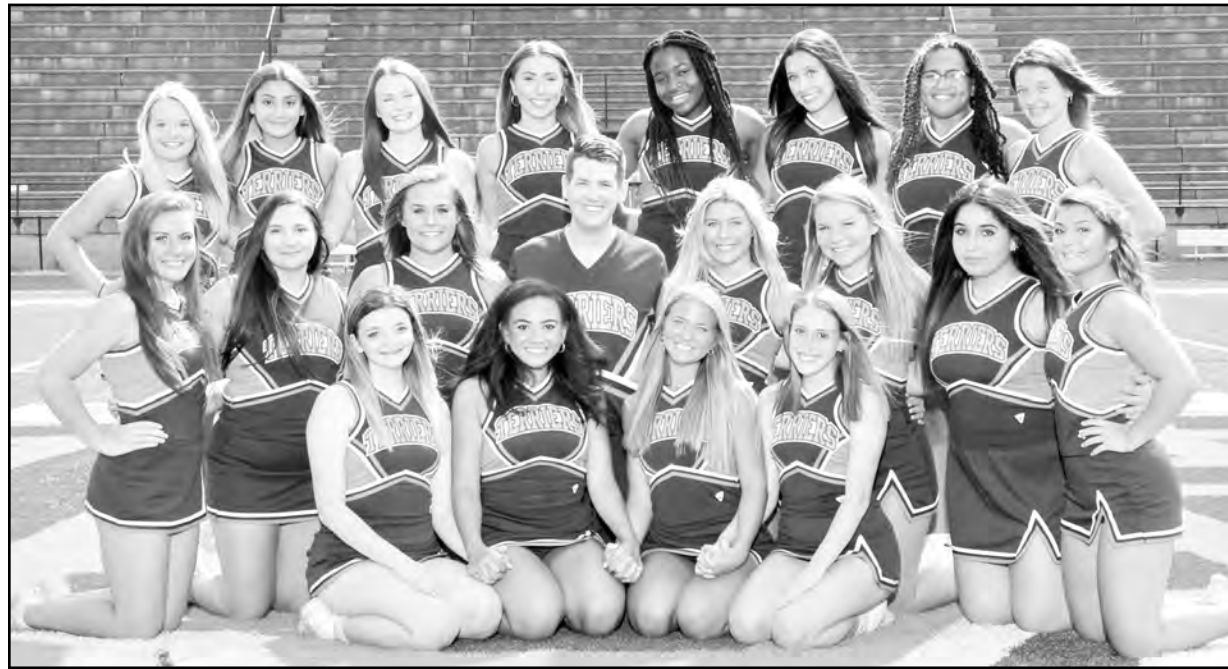
## WILLIAM BYRD VARSITY FOOTBALL 2021

Number	Name	Position	Year
1	Ethan Hairston	WB/DB	12
2	Peyton Fuchs	RB/LB	12
3	Dominic Dulak	WB/WB	10
4	Israel Hairston	QB/DB	10
5	Cole Spencer	RB/LB	12
6	Lane Shoemaker	QB/SL/DB	10
7	Brayden Andrews	WR/DB	10
9	John Kiker	RB/LB	10
10	Shane Heldenbrand	WR/DB	11
11	Davian Hopkins	WB/DB	11
12	Peyton Leftwich	RB/LB	11
13	Dillon Anderson	WB/DB	11
15	Bricen Lancaster	K/WR/DB	10
22	Jacob Dickerson	WR/DB	11
23	Beau Brady	H/LB	10
25	Ethan Haston	WR/DB	9
30	Wyatte Bailey	RB/LB	10
31	Dexter Gaines	WR/DB	10
32	Cooper Minnix	WB/DB	10
34	Alageon Gravely	RB/LB	12
35	Dylan McSherry	RB/LB	9
40	Brenin Witcher	WR/DB	10
42	Jerrett Shepherd	RB/DB	9
43	Kendal Howard	H/LB	10
44	Elliott Gaines	H/LB	10
51	Nicholas Bustamante	OL/LB	9
52	Caleb Thompson	OL/LB	11
53	Dustin Richards	OL/LB	11
54	Alexander Reamey	OL/LB	11
55	Doniven Davis	OL/DL	10
56	Hunter Richards	OL/DL	12
60	Nathen Williamson	OL/DL	11
61	Luis Hernandez	OL/DL	11
62	Barry Cheatwood	OL/DL	9
64	Ian Vest	OL/LB	10
65	Cyrus Adams	OL/DL	9
73	Robert Janney	OL/DL	12
76	William Lucas	OL/DL	12
78	Trace Poindexter	OL/DL	11



Left, sophomore Israel Hairston will be Byrd’s starting quarterback. Right, Cole Spencer hangs on to a Rockbridge County ballcarrier as Dustin Richards(#53) and Hunter Richards(#56) rush to assist.

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The 2021 William Byrd sideline cheerleaders. Front Row L to R: Autymn Dillon (Captain), Haley Day (Captain), Casi Carawan (Captain) and Emma Dalton (Captain). Second Row L to R: Jasia Wheeler, Cheyenne Pruitt, Faith Trent, Bryson Crawford, Remi Figart, Ashlynn ReMine, Delaena Shemoun and Victoria Watts. Third Row L to R: Mia Belanger, Julie Sattah, Makayla Collins, Sheradyn O'Neill, Olaedo Anyanwu, Lexie Labarbera, Olivia Staten and Emma Kageals.

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with a fund raiser or whatever. And they really care about football.”

The Richards boys will anchor the offensive line for the Terriers. Hunter will be the right tackle and he’s a road grader. Dustin will be the left guard.

The left tackle will be junior Caleb Thompson while senior Andy Lucas is the right guard. Alex Reamey, a junior, is the center. Sophomore Ian Vest will back up the guards and B.J. Cheatwood, a freshman, will back up the tackles.

Kendal Howard will start at tight end and Byrd will rotate a large group of wide receivers. Senior Ethan Hairston is out for high school football for the first time but he’s been most impressive in the preseason. Others who will rotate in include juniors Jacob Dickerson, Dillon Anderson and Davian Hopkins and sophomores Dominic Dulak, Cooper Minnix and Lane Shoemaker.

“We’ll rotate a ton of kids,” said Lutz. “We had seven players catch at least one pass in our scrimmage.”

Sophomore Israel Hairston is the quarterback. He’s the younger brother of Ethan and they’ll make a lethal combination for opposing secondaries to deal with.

“Israel is a three-sport athlete and a high character young man,” said Lutz. “He loves sports and he embraces a high work ethic.”

Hairston was the backup quarterback as a freshman in the spring, and he started two games at the end of the season after starter Dylan Hatfield hurt his ankle. The Terriers didn’t miss a beat with Israel behind center as he completed 30 of 47 passes for an excellent completion percentage of 63.8 percent. Hairston passed for 394 yards and four touchdowns and Byrd won both games.

“Starting those games in the spring should help him tremendously this season,” said Lutz. “And we did not change our play book one bit with Israel at quarterback. We’re lucky to have him.”

Hairston has the speed to run the ball as well.

“We do a lot of sprint out stuff and run-pass option,” said Lutz. “He can run the ball.”

Shoemaker is the backup and the coaches have confidence in Lane if he’s in the game.

“We’re blessed to have two good quarterbacks,” said Lutz.

The Terriers graduated their two leading rushers from the spring. El-amin Shareef led the team with 725 yards in just seven games and quarterback Hatfield was second on the team with 167 yards rushing in five games.

The top returning rusher is senior Peyton Fuchs, who had one carry for eight yards after being moved from the offensive line. He’ll be in a trio with senior AJ Gravely and John Kiker, a sophomore who carried the ball for the jayvee team last year.

“We’ll be a little different this year,” said Lutz. “Our backs are big, strong kids who are also great blockers.”

The Byrd defense converges on a Wildcat ballcarrier in last Friday’s Benefit Game win over Rockbridge.

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## Byrd golfers will host BRD at Blue Hills Tuesday

The Blue Ridge District golf tour visited Hanging Rock in Roanoke County on Tuesday and the Lord Botetourt team widened its’ lead. The Cavaliers shot a team score of 142 to edge Northside by three strokes.

William Byrd was third on the day with a four player total of 165. Kendrick South shot a 39 for Byrd’s best score, followed by Griffin Horacek at 41,

Clayton Gilmore at 42 and Mattox Wolfe at 43. Two other Terriers played but did not count in the team score, Madeline Cunningham at 45 and Nathan Cole at 47.

Ashton Harper of Lord Botetourt was the medalist with a nine hole total of 29. Both Peyton Spangler and Nick Crawford of Northside carded 33 to tie for second.

After two rounds Lord Botetourt has a total of 292 to lead the BRD. Northside is second at 308 while Franklin County maintained a slight edge over Byrd for third place with

337 to the Terriers’ 339.

Byrd has a chance to pick up some ground next week as the Terriers are the host team at Blue Hills on Tuesday, August 31.

## Talented Titans top Terriers in high school volleyball opener

### Byrd girls will play at Cave Spring tonight

The William Byrd volleyball team gave Hidden Valley all they could handle before falling in Tuesday’s season opener in Vinton. The visiting Titans took a three set win, 25-20, 25-18 and 25-19.

“I thought we had a great opening night,” said Byrd coach Allison Thornton. “Hidden Valley had a state runnerup finish in the spring, losing only one senior, and we gave them a run for their money.”

Senior Mattie Andrews led the Terriers offensively with 10 kills and added 11 digs. Carsyn Kotz dished out 17 assists while Terran Brown added six kills. Libero Ella Ashworth came up with 13 digs.

“I am very proud of the effort, tenacity and teamwork these ladies demonstrated,” said Thornton. “I’m excited to see what they can do this season.”

The Byrd girls are back in tonight at Cave Spring. Next Monday, August 30, they’re back home to host Bassett and a night later, on Tuesday, they return the trip to Hidden Valley.

## Rec. sports open his weekend

Fall recreation sports return to the area gridirons and pitches this weekend and Vinton teams will be in action at various locations.

Tackle football is back after a year’s absence due to the coronavirus pandemic. All three Vinton teams will be in Franklin County this Saturday for opening games. The 12U team will play at 9 am, the 10U team will play at 10:30 am and the 8U team has a game at noon. All three are playing Franklin County opponents.

Flag football games were played on a limited basis at Hollins Park last fall, but they’re back to normal as well. Vinton’s Vinyard Park will host games, with the first one scheduled for Monday.

There are nine soccer leagues participating this fall, and several teams will open on Saturday as well. Vinyard Park will have 10U boys games at 9 and 10 am Saturday and games for all leagues will pick up next week and continue into October.



William Byrd’s Kendrick South chips to the green in Tuesday’s match at Hanging Rock.

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WILLIAM BYRD TERRIERS VARSITY FOOTBALL - 2021			
Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Aug 27	Liberty	Home	7:00 PM
Sept 3	Hidden Valley Rec Night	Home	7:00 PM
Sept 10	Christiansburg	Away	7:00 PM
Sept 17	Bassett	Away	7:00 PM
Oct 1	Cave Spring	Home	7:00 PM
Oct 8	Lord Botetourt Homecoming	Home	7:00 PM
Oct 15	Franklin County	Away	7:00 PM
Oct 22	Staunton River	Home	7:00 PM
Military Appreciation & Senior Night			
Oct 29	Northside	Away	7:00 PM
Nov 5	William Fleming	Away	7:00 PM

WILLIAM BYRD TERRIERS JV FOOTBALL - 2021			
Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Sept 2	Hidden Valley	Away	6:00 PM
Sept 9	Christiansburg	Home	6:00 PM
Sept 16	Bassett	Home	6:00 PM
Sept 30	Cave Spring	Away	6:00 PM
Oct 7	Lord Botetourt	Away	6:00 PM
Oct 14	Franklin County	Home	6:00 PM
Oct 21	Staunton River	Away	6:00 PM
Oct 28	Northside	Home	6:00 PM
Nov 4	William Fleming	Home	6:00 PM

# Mount Pleasant Elementary School introduces new faculty and staff



Harmony Hixon (left) is a new remediation teacher at Mount Pleasant Elementary. Sue Jolley is teaching Special Education.

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Mount Pleasant Elementary School is “In Gear for the New School Year” welcoming several new faculty and staff members for 2021-2022.

Abigail Moomaw is the new school counselor. She will be working with all grade levels individually, in small groups, and in the classroom, on all types of social emotional topics.

She was born and raised in Roanoke City and graduated from Patrick Henry High School.

She went on to earn her Bachelor’s Degree in Psychology from James Madison University, and then her Master’s in Education from the University of Virginia. She has worked as a school counselor

in Franklin County for the past five years.

“I applied with Roanoke County and the opportunity to work at Mount Pleasant fell into my lap, and I knew I couldn’t pass it up!” said Moomaw. “I am so excited and happy to be working at Mount Pleasant because it truly seems like a special and magical elementary school with incredible staff and students. I can’t wait to get to know all of them!”

Harmony Hixon is a remediation teacher working with students to catch them up on reading and math skills—a new position at the school and in Roanoke County. She is a native of Roanoke and graduated from Northside High School. She earned her degree in Elementary Education from Radford University.



Abigail Moomaw (left) is the new school counselor at Mount Pleasant this year. Harriet Day is an instructional assistant at MPE.

Hixon has previously worked for a year as a substitute teacher and then for three years as a Title I instructional assistant.

“I’ve heard nothing but good things about Mount Pleasant whenever I share with others that I will be teaching there,” Hixon says.

She and her husband bought their first home this summer and moved to Vinton. Fun fact: “Peacocks are my favorite animal – besides my cat Daisy and my dog Foxy.”

Sue Jolley is teaching Special Education at Mount Pleasant this year. She is originally from Maryland.

Jolley graduated from Roanoke College with a business degree and then earned her Master’s Degree in Education from Hollins University. She

is beginning her eighth year of teaching.

She appreciates her good luck in getting the opportunity to teach at Mount Pleasant. “It seems to be a great school. Everyone has been so welcoming to me.”

Jolley loves lacrosse and basketball and is a big Maryland Terps fan.

Harriet Day is an instructional assistant at Mount Pleasant Elementary. She is from Roanoke and a graduate of Northside High School. She studied Early Childhood Education at Virginia Western Community College. She transferred to Mount Pleasant from working as a bus aide on a Roanoke County Special Needs bus. She has spent 40+ years working with children, and especially enjoys working with preschoolers. Her



Misty Vickers is new to Mount Pleasant Elementary this year – working as a social emotional coach with preschoolers.

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## Dog Days

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