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Introducing the new faculty and staff at William Byrd

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William Byrd High School has welcomed several new Terrier teachers and staff members for the 2021-2022 school vear.

Randy Bush is an instructional assistant in the P.E./Health Department and assisting in Driver's Education for the first nine weeks. He has been involved in the field of education for four years. He is from Bent Mountain, and a graduate of Cave Spring High School, but now lives in Vinton. He served in the United States Navy.

"I assisted Coach Brad Greenway last year in ladies basketball and with him moving over to coach the guys I am lucky and blessed to get to replace him," Bush said.

"I love the close-knit feel of Vin-Bush said. "Before we moved ton," away for a few years (Harrisonburg area), I lived in Vinton while coaching at Hidden Valley. I was always drawn to how hard the kids worked at Byrd. It was never fun to game plan against them. I am also looking forward to establishing lifelong relationships here. I feel very blessed to be here."

Bush says his grandmother and his step (bonus) kids graduated from Byrd. Former football coach Don Oakes is a



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WBHS welcomes several new faculty and staff members this year, including (from left): front, Ryan Tilgner, Lauren Keesling, Jordan Thayer, and Sumner Dempsey; and back row, Shannon Lewis, Hannah Triplett, Sally Wice, Ashley Huff, Marsha Taylor, Sara Miller, and Tim Robers. Not pictured, Megan Herndon.

family member. His bonus daughter's boyfriend's sixth great-grandfather was William Byrd.

Sumner Dempsey is a Special Education teacher/collaborative teacher in English 9 and English 12. She is from Salem and a graduate of Salem High School and Radford University.

She has over 20 years of experience in education including a position as

a paraprofessional, teaching at the elementary level, and teaching at a private alternative day treatment school.

WBHS staff and students have been very welcoming," said Dempsey. "They have made my transition smooth and enjoyable. I look forward to doing more with and for WBHS and the

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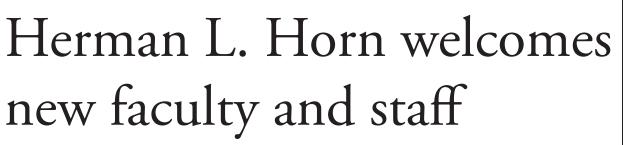






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The staff at Carilion Family Medicine hosted a retirement luncheon in Dr. Ivey's honor at the Vinton War Memorial on August 13. He is shown with his wife of 52 years, Susan Ivey.

Dr. Ivey retires after 44 years of family practice in Vinton

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Dr. Henry Ivey retired in August after practicing medicine in Vinton for 44 years. He and Dr. Daniel Jones founded Parkway Physicians on Maple Parkway Physicians?" Street in 1977. Dr. Randall Rhea, a colleague at what continued to grow until has now become Carilion the practice was bursting Clinic Family Medicine-Vinton, says Ivey "started it all."

Ivey was born in New- region. port News. His father was an aeronautical engineer and both parents worked the Carilion Clinic Famfor NASA at Langley. He ily Medicine in Vinton, earned his Bachelor of Science Degree in Biology Street in July 2002, 25 from Texas Christian Uni- years after the opening versity in Fort Worth in of Parkway Physicians. It 1970. In 1974 he complet- has continued to grow, ed his medical degree from adding physicians, a phythe Medical College of Virginia (at Virginia Commonwealth University) and then his residency in fice staff. Family Medicine at MCV in 1977. Ivey and Jones were in the same class at MCV and decided to open a joint practice in Vinton. At the time, there were only two moved the family across physicians in town—Dr. John Yost and Dr. Gene Clapsaddle—who Ivey says were supportive and graciously welcomed the new practice to Vinton. They had considered other locations, including Fincastle, but decided the small community of Vinton was "a good fit, a good ing Creek in Vinton for place for a family practice." Their newly constructed building on Maple opened on July 1, 1977. They chose the name Parkway Physicians for obvious reasons- proximity to the William Byrd Middle, Blue Ridge Parkway. When the practice opened, Ivey and Jones were the only two physicians, with two employees- one shared nurse and someone in the front office-and "on call" virtually every other night. Ivey says they weren't sure how long it would Vinton until his young-take them to "just break est daughter was a senior

able to hire more staff. Since then, the practice has grown by leaps and bounds.

The conversation in Vinton became not 'Who's your doctor?" but "Who's your doctor at

Parkway Physicians at the seams, serving not only patients from Vinton, but from across the

In 1996, planning began with Carilion for which opened on Pollard sician assistant, a nurse practitioner, nurses, lab technicians, and more of-Ivey and his wife Susan were high school sweethearts and "went steady" during their junior year. Unfortunately, her father was a pharmacist and country to New Mexico. They managed to keep in touch. In fact, he and his family drove out West to visit. They were married between their junior and senior years in college and recently celebrated their 52nd anniversary. The Iveys lived in Fallmany years and raised three daughters—Re-becca, Sara, and Jes-sica—who attended Vinschools—Herman ton Horn Elementary, L. and William Byrd High School. Ivey says at one time, they had a daughter in each school. The family has been active in the community, especially the schools, where Dr. Ivey served as president of the Herman L. Horn PTA. They remained in even," but they did in their in high school and then third month and were moved to South Roanoke to be near Roanoke Memorial Hospital to accommodate "on call" demands. Ivey says it was common to be called to the emergency room in the middle of the night, "hop in the car" and drive to the hospital, return home to Vinton, only to hear his beeper go off again.

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There are several new faces at Herman L. Horn for the 2021-2022 school year. Shown left to right are: front, Sadie Robertson, Diane Lawson, Lindsey Dornblaser, Mary Novick, and Bailey Price; second row, Jamie Worrell, Katy Balko, Kat Stanley, and Laurie Tibbetts. Ashley Obenchain is not pictured.

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Herman L. Horn Elementary welcomes several new faces to the faculty and staff this year.

Katy Balko is a Special Education teacher at HLH. She is from Greensburg, Pa., about 30 minutes from Pittsburgh. She graduated from Hempfield Area Senior High School, earned her Bachelor's in Early Childhood and Special Education from Westminster College, and her Master's in Educational Leadership from Radford University. This will be her eighth year in teaching.

She transferred from Fort Lewis Elementary to HLH this year and is "looking forward to a new experience. I am excited to get involved in the community and getting to know the students at HLH.

"I enjoy dogs, hiking, working out, going on road trips, and learning new things. I'm also a Pittsburgh Steelers fanatic," Balko said.

Lindsay Dornblaser is teaching third grade at HLH. She is from Reading, Pa., and moved to the Roanoke Valley with her family when she was 2. She graduated from Lord Botetourt High School in 2016 and earned her Master of Arts in Teaching from James Madison University in 2021. This is her first year of teaching.

While I was working towards my master's, I was a grant coordinator for the Mixed Delivery Grant (MDG) and the Preschool Development Grant (PDG) in the Harrisonburg/Rockingham area," Dornblaser said. "The focus of the grants was to create equitable access to high-quality childcare centers for families through collaboration with a multitude of community partners. I am looking forward to applying what I have learned in this experience to my teaching career!

"It is very apparent to me that the staff at HLH staff goes out of their way to create a positive, welcoming environment for every individual in the community," Dornblaser said. "Before I even walked into the doors at HLH, I was met with generosity, kindness, and an abundance of helpful advice. Not only am I excited about

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For most of his years as

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DAR District VII annual meeting held in Vinton



Members of the local Roanoke Valley Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution attended the District VII conference held at the Vinton War Memorial on August 28. Shown left to right are Diane Goode, Heather Menzies, Regent Cindy Higgins, Linda Upchurch, Shannon Campbell, Janice Taylor, and Sharon Menzies.



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New District VII DAR officers elected to serve from 2022 to 2025 are (left to right) Vice-Director Marcia Bauserman, State Regent LeAnn Fetheroff Turbyfill, Director Jeanne Dooley, and Chaplain Cynthia "Ricki" McKinney.





Current District VII DAR officers include (left to right) Linda Haney, (current treasurer), Patricia Honts (current director), LeAnn Fetherolf Turbyfill (state regent), Jeanne Dooley (current vice director), Neoma Hall (current secretary), and Jaqueline Frith (current parliamentarian).

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District VII of the Virginia Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) held their annual meeting on August 28 at the Vinton War Memorial, celebrating the 65th anniversary of the district.

District VII includes these chapters: Alleghany, Botetourt County, Colonel Abram Penn (Stuart), Colonel William Preston (Roanoke), Craig Valley, Floyd Courthouse, Fort Lewis (Salem), General James Breckinridge (Roanoke), General Joseph Martin (Martinsville), General William Campbell (Radford), Margaret Lynn Lewis (Roanoke), Nancy Christian Fleming (Roanoke), Patrick Henry (Martinsville), Peaks of Otter (Bedford), Virginia's Old Carolina Road (Rocky Mount), the George Pearis Chapter (Giles), and the Roanoke Valley Chapter, which meets in Vinton.

Despite the pandemic, about 100 members from District VII chapters were in attendance, including seven members of the Roanoke Valley Chapter: Regent Cindy Higgins, Janice Taylor, Shannon Campbell, Diane Goode, Linda Upchurch, Sharon Menzies, and Heather Menzies.

District VII Director Patricia Honts presided over the session. Other officers assisting included Vice Director Jeanne Dooley, Secretary Neoma Hall, Chaplain Diane Givens, Treasurer Linda Haney, and Parliamentarian Jaqueline Frith. These officers have served since 2019.

Martin Leamy presented the program on the non-profit Central and Southwest Virginia Honor Flight, which was created to honor the area's American veterans.

The mission of Honor Flight is to transport veterans to Washington, D.C., to visit the memorials and monuments dedicated to honoring those who have served and sacrificed for this country—"one more tour with honor." Monuments and memorials include the Air Force Memorial, Arlington Cemetery, the Korean War Memorial, the Lincoln Memorial, the Marine Corps Memorial, the National D-Day Memorial in Bedford, the World War II Memorial, and the Vietnam Memorial. statewide to 10,000—with only 104 new members needed to meet that goal.

A local project in the works is collecting donations to replace items lost when a water pipe burst in a storage room at the Salem VA.

Each chapter in District VII was recognized for awards earned in the past year. The Roanoke Valley Chapter received the Chapter Achievement Level 1 Award, third place in the Eastern Division for Distribution of U.S. Flags, the Luminary Challenge Shimmer, an award for the purchase of "School of Sunfish pins" to support DAR schools, and recognition for participation in the Trek Recycling Project and the chapter program on the DAR Library.

The Roanoke Valley Chapter of the NSDAR was founded in Vinton in 1961 and will celebrate their 60th anniversary in November. The chapter traditionally meets at St. Timothy's Lutheran Church in Vinton on the second Saturday of each month September through May, although members have met online via Zoom during the pandemic.

They are well-known for involvement in many community-service projects in Vinton and throughout the valley each year. They plant flags at the Municipal Building for patriotic holidays. The chapter supports veterans and active military personnel by making lap blankets for veterans each fall. They sponsor the William Byrd High School DAR Good Citizenship Award and scholarship, awarded each spring. During the pandemic, members made and distributed over 2000 face masks.

This year the local chapter has taken on a community service project, partnering with the Town of Vinton to collect and recycle household plastic bags and films which will allow them to receive a park bench from the Trex Corporation for the Glade Creek Greenway Phase II Trail in Vinton.

Accepted plastics include store bags, produce bags, ice bags, Ziplocs and other reclosable bags, cereal box liners, case over-

PHOTO BY SHARON MENZIES

The local DAR chapter, which meets in Vinton, is involved in many community service activities including a recycling drive to obtain a Trex bench for the greenway. Outstanding corporate partner, PFG, donated five boxes of recyclable plastics (over 400 pounds) to the cause.



All honored veterans travel at no cost. The Honor Flight Network is currently serving veterans from the WWII, Korean War and Vietnam War eras and terminally ill veterans serving during any era.

The Honor Flight Network began in 2005 to take World War II veterans to the National World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C. Since its formation, Honor Flight has taken more than 240,000 veterans to see the memorials built in their honor.

Today, the Honor Flight Network is currently comprised of over 125 hubs throughout the country dedicated to carrying out the Honor Flight mission. The Network, as a whole, serves over 22,000 veterans each year. The Central and Southwest Virginia Honor Flight is one of the newest hubs and began making trips in 2018.

Each veteran is accompanied by a trained volunteer whose mission is to assist the veteran in any way they can—by pushing wheelchairs, carrying belongings, or simply joining in a day full of celebration and reflection.

A business meeting followed the Honor Flight presentation and then a luncheon catered by Lib and Amy's.

State Regent LeAnn Fetherolf Turbyfill spoke to members about the "silver lining" in the pandemic. Virginia DAR members still were able to impact their communities and the DAR letters may now stand for "Daughters Are Resilient." Projects such as the \$14 million renovation of Constitution Hall in Washington, D. C. have continued.

A Virginia state project supports the development of a chandlery (candle making) program on the site of Historic Smithfield which will serve as an educational opportunity for visitors to the Colonial site. In time, this program will provide a source of income for the property.

Members present elected new officers to serve District VII from 2022-2025. They include Director Jeanne Dooley, Vice Director Marcia Bauserman, Secretary Joann Sutphin, Treasurer Judy Thierry, and Chaplain Cynthia McKinney.

Special projects for the Virginia DAR this year include increasing membership

wrap, bread bags, newspaper sleeves, dry cleaning bags, bubble wrap, and plastic ecommerce mailers.

Groups who collect more than 500 pounds of plastic refuse in a six-month span (that's about 40,500 plastic bags) receive the donation of a high-performance composite Trex bench for the community. The project can be ongoing with the community receiving more than one bench.

The Roanoke Valley DAR/Town of Vinton goal was to collect 500 pounds by April 2022.

Thanks to great community corporate partner, the PFG corporation in Vinton, the goal for the first bench has already been met. PFG donated 367.7 pounds of plastics in the first three months the project was underway, and then added another 80 pounds to that.

The community has contributed the rest in recycling bins (large white boxes) placed at the Charles R. Hill Community Center (at the Vinton War Memorial) and the Vinton Municipal Building.

The Roanoke Valley Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR), like all DAR chapters, is made up of women who can prove a direct lineage to someone who fought or provided service during the American Revolution. The chapter makes every effort to work with prospective members on completing the paperwork necessary to identify their Patriot and become a member.

Planned programs for 2021-2022 include a commemoration of the 20th anniversary of 9/11 and installation of new members at their September meeting along with observance of Constitution Week September 17-23, a blanket tying session at the October meeting, participation in the National Day of Service on October 1, their 60th birthday party on November 6, a celebration of Veterans Day at W.E. Cundiff Elementary on November 1, a mini-field trip to the Vinton History Museum, and participation in the Vinton Dogwood Festival.

The NSDAR was founded in 1890 to promote historic preservation, education, and patriotism. Its members are descended from the patriots who won American independence during the Revolutionary War. With more than 185,000 members in approximately 3,000 chapters worldwide, the DAR is one of the world's largest and most active service organizations.

PEOPLE, PLACES AND THINGS

Angie Chewning Filling in for Bootie

Another Mingle at the Market in the books! Many thanks to Five Shades of Gray who stepped in last minute to entertain us. Many thanks to our sponsors, the Town of Vinton for being the volunteer group of the evening and, of course, everyone who braved the heat to join us. We honored the 13 Fallen Heroes who lost their lives last week in Afghanistan by placing 13 flags and 13 beers across the stage. Thank you for your service, RIP.

A shower was held for Page Stovall at her parents' home (Mike and Patsy) on August 21, hosted by Patsy and Brittney Stovall (sister-in-law). Page's closest friends and family showered her with love, too, at a bridal shower brunch to celebrate the upcoming wedding. Those joining in the celebration were Patsy and Mike Stovall, bridesmaid, and (Ricardo) Stovall, Peggy S. Stovall (grandmother)

Dooley, Stephanie Boyd, matron of honor, Karen Hill, bridesmaid, Shannon Callahan, Leeann Fix, Bonnie North, Robyn Roth, Doris Hurt, Susan Lovern (sisterin-law), Linda Mowles (Brian's mom), Angie Chewning, Brittney Penny Wolford. Patsy Stovall cooked all of her



and her caregiver Amanda best breakfast dishes and

Robin Roth helped Patsy set up the food. Page is marrying Brian Lovern on October 9.

A bridal shower was held for Taylor Ellison on August 28 at Lynn Ellison's home in Daleville, hosted by Lynn and Brittney Stovall. Taylor's closest friends and family gathered to celebrate the upcoming wedding. Taylor and Brent Dickerson are getting married on September 25.

Bank of Botetourt was very happy to be standing together with the Town of Vinton on August 19 for its ribbon ceremony and grand opening at 410 South Pollard Street. This had been on the bank's wish list for several years and the bank was excited to present its 13th Bank of Botetourt Office in the

Town of Vinton and Roanoke County. This was the bank's fourth ribbon cutting and office dedication in five years. This project would not have been possible without the cooperation and encouragement received from the Town and Vinton, Roanoke County and many of its town citizens.

It was exciting to serve Homestead Creamery ice

cream at the same location where the nostalgic High's Ice Cream once stood. A live radio remote was provided by Star Country and prizes and Vinton T-shirts were given to all guests. The Caw's Meow replica of Vinton was given to new accounts opened at the new location. These replicas are still available to new customers while supply lasts.

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working with my students, but I am also excited to have the chance to work beside supportive, wonderful people. I am so excited to build relationships with my students and help them grow!"

As for outside interests, "One of my favorite hobbies is metal detecting."

Diane Lawson is a new nutrition associate at Herman L. Horn.

Mary Novick is teaching art to all grade levels at Herman L. Horn. She is from Boise, Idaho, where she graduated from Capital High School. She earned her BFA in Fine Arts with a major in Illustration from Boise State University and her post graduate certificate for teaching. She has been teaching for seven years.

As for how she came to be in the Roanoke area, "We decided to move away from Boise and sell our house there. We have always wanted to live more out east, and I started to look at different states and counties that had awesome schools. I chose Roanoke County, applied, and got the position for here at HLH and Oak Grove as well."

She is excited about working at Horn because "everyone there is about helping kids. People seem genuinely car-In her spare time, she enjoys basket-

be an assistant coach at William Byrd High School for girls basketball. "Just like with my students, I am excited to be working with a great group of girls and mentor them to be the best they can be on and off the court.'

Laurie Tibbetts is a Special Educa-tion teacher at HLH. She was "born and raised" in the city of Westbrook in "the beautiful state of Maine," and graduated from Westbrook High School.

Tibbitts earned a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education and Exceptional Children from Green Mountain College in Vermont and a master's from Old Dominion University in Educational Administration. She has been involved in the field of education since 1984.

"I went to college in Vermont and then worked in Maine for 10 years. While in Maine I lived and worked on an Indian reservation a few years; I then moved to a traditional public school. At this school I had the opportunity to not only teach on the 'mainland' but also travel by boat to the Chebeague Island School. Ultimately, I moved to the island and taught full time there until I moved to Chesapeake, Va.

"While in Chesapeake, I taught students with specific learning disabilities

Vinton History Museum yard sale September 11

The Vinton History Museum will be holding a yard sale on Saturday, Sept. 11, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. All proceeds are for operation and maintenance of the Vinton History Museum- preserving the history of the Vinton area.

The museum invites the public to shop for toys, games, puzzles, antiques and old stuff, dishes, glassware, books, household items and furniture, and collectibles and art.

The museum is located in downtown Vinton at

210 East Jackson Avenue. The museum is open on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays and the first Saturday of each month (except Labor Day) from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Special events coming up include:

• The museum will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. for Fall Festival on October 2.

• The annual Holiday Shoppe at the Museum will be featured from November 6-December 4.

• The annual Holiday Open House is scheduled for December 4 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The museum needs volunteers to act as hosts/ hostesses and to assist with projects and activitieshours and days of your choice.

The museum welcomes visitors to two Facebook pages: "Vinton History Museum" and "Vinton-Memories & History," and is also on Instagram and Twitter.

Contact the museum at 342-8634 or info@vintonhistorymuseum.org for more information.



doors.

Ashley Obenchain is the remediation teacher at Herman L. Horn for 2021-2022. She will be focusing on reading and math with students in grades K-2. Obenchain is from Roanoke and a graduate of William Byrd High School. She earned her Master of Arts in Teaching from Liberty University. She has worked for Roanoke County Schools since 2017, serving as an instructional assistant, substitute teacher, remediator, and now, teacher.

"I am happy to be at HLH," Obenchain says. "Everyone has been so kind and welcoming.²

"Outside of school, I enjoy spending time with my husband and our two dogs," she said. "We are excited to be welcoming our first child in October!"

Bailey Price is a new instructional assistant at Herman L. Horn. She is from Roanoke and graduated from William Byrd High School with the Class of 2016. She graduated from Liberty University in 2020.

"I am excited to be teaching at a school in the town that I grew up in," said Price.

Sadie Robertson is the new nutritional manager at Herman L. Horn.

Kat Stanley is teaching second grade at HLH. She is from Vinton and a graduate of WBHS with the Class of 2017.

"I grew up here and this is where home is! All my family lives in Vinton and it just feels right to be here and start the next chapter in my life with them by my side."

Stanley graduated from the University of Lynchburg with a degree in Interdisciplinary Studies.

"I went to elementary school at Horn and always thought how awesome it would be to teach here!" Stanley says. "I am beyond excited to be back at the elementary school I went to and experience it from a different perspective–as a teacher! Everyone at Horn is so welcoming and I could tell from the beginning it's like a big a family! I am thrilled to meet my students and helped them grow inside and outside of the classroom!

In addition to being at HLH for her first year of teaching, Stanley will also for 10 years and received a Master's in Education from Old Dominion University prior to moving into administration. I now live in Roanoke and am excited to be teaching again!

Upon deciding to move from Chesapeake to Roanoke, I was fortunate to interview with a number of schools in the city and county," Tibbitts said. "Ultimately, HLH offered the position that I accepted! I am so excited to be at Herman L. Horn! The administration presents as being committed to the students and that dedication is contagious!"

Her message for the parents of her students, "I come to Herman L. Horn with many years of experiences in a variety of settings and am excited to share these with your child and with you. I appreciate the opportunity to work together in order to enrich and support your child's education."

Her daughter, Natanis, has been living in Roanoke for six years. Tibbitts is excited that they are now living together in their own home, and "life is great."

In her spare time, she loves to "play with my two dogs (Jemma, a beautiful Boxer, and Beans, a wild Boston Terrier). The three of us go camping and explore our new area with my daughter. I also enjoy taking pictures, reading, sewing, painting and fiber arts."

Laurie Wilkins is not new to Herman L. Horn, but she has switched positions to become a Special Education teacher this year.

Jamie Worrell is teaching kindergarten at Herman L. Horn. She is from Salem and a graduate of Salem High School. She graduated from Roanoke College with a major in History. She has taught for four years-one as a resource teacher and three as a kindergarten classroom teacher.

'Roanoke County schools has a reputable name in the community." Worrell said. "I wanted to work in a school where I could flourish professionally, but also feel safe and respected amongst my colleagues. HLH was a perfect fit! My instructional philosophy and goals align with the district and the school's, so I am very excited to be here and learn from experienced professionals! Everyone has been so welcoming and helpful. I feel very supported here.'

Benefit Yard Sale

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The life of a wayfarer and refugee

As we have all heard the news, we are seeing, hearing, and experiencing lots of natural disasters and various global issues, including COVID rising rapidly again.

In May, there was a volcanic eruption in Congo, and an earthquake of 7.2 magnitude in Haiti about two weeks ago.

We, the United Methodist Church, are the global church with a global ministry, mission and vision, so let us continue to pray for our churches and people in the world, including us in the US, who are suffering from many different things.

Let us continue to pray, support, and raise our voices to our God as we cry out from our hearts to help us to go through these difficult moments that we are living.

As you have heard in the news, refugees from Afghanistan are leaving their country and many countries are now receiving them-here in the US, Mexico, Iran, South Korea, and more. I've heard that we are receiving Afghanistan refugees here in Roanoke as well, and that Roanoke has received many refugees in our area in the past.

I went to serve a kids' mission summer camp in Atlanta this past June–mostly multicultural and refugee kids. I've posted a video on the church Facebook page with them singing a praise song in five languages and playing different instruments that they learned during that camp week.

In John 4: 3-8, Jesus is tackling

this kind of issue and giving us a message. In verse 3, we see Jesus passing through Samaria on the way from Judea to Galilee. Samaria is a place people have decided not to pay attention to, a place people go around despite the inconvenience, and a place where people treat those who live there as invisible people. It was a place of discrimination, hatred, and justification for the Jews. At that time, the Jews treated the Samaritans as animals or even less.

In verse 4, Jesus tells us that he must go through a place everyone has already decided not to pass by. It sounds like "I must do this." Just because people run away or go around, doesn't mean they don't exist.

When Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and carrying heavy burdens," his invitation is a call not only to one person, but to a community. The Bible repeatedly emphasizes the community of God's people responding to God. There is no individual without a community, and a community without an individual cannot become a complete community in Christ. It is an encounter between God and his people, which is, God and the community.

A face doesn't disappear just because you don't pay attention, and a name doesn't disappear just because you don't call it. We are just switching TV channels and changing the screen to get rid of our discomfort from it.

I have shared in past sermons that

enduring discomfort for the other person is the life of Christ sharing the Gospel. That's how Jesus lived for his entire life here on earth and taught and told us to live like him, become like him, and follow his path.

The Lord did not escape or go around Samaria that everyone had been avoiding, or to be more precise, the Samaritans. He decided to endure that discomfort. Jesus said he did not come to this world for the righteous, but for sinners, for those who are marginalized and isolated.

As people who have been the recipients of the Gospel, we are thinking about what we can do for the marginalized and isolated from our community, and also for the Afghanistan crisis and refugees. With what mindset and heart can and shall we, the church, approach? Yes, we, United Methodist Church, are continuing to support many different global churches in the world and we are part of that mission as a missional church.

The Bible can be said to be the story of refugees. The Bible begins with Adam and Eve, who were expelled from the Garden of Eden for their sins, and continues through the people who wandered like refugees, from Cain, Abraham, Joseph, the Israelites, to the Exodus from Egypt and Babylonian captivity. The baby Jesus fled to Egypt to escape the persecution of Herod, and the disciples and saints of the early church were scattered to Asia Minor to escape persecution.

Deuteronomy 10:19 says, "Remember when you were a stranger in Egypt--so love a stranger.' That emphasizes to us that it is not the dimension of voluntary good works, but the duty of believers.

Preconceived notions or perspectives toward refugees are not easy to change. Refugees are people who are forced to leave their homes because they are in danger and risk-nothing more and nothing less.

The complex and violent reality of refugees having to leave their homeland proves that terrible evil still exists in this world, but the stories of the refugees in the midst of it are also proof that change, healing and justice are possible.

In not only welcoming refugees into our society, but also in facing the fundamental injustice that forced refugees to flee in a larger context, the Bible promises, "If you do not give up, you will reap in due time." (Galatians 6:9) It challenges us to be patient.

Just as COVID has given us time to rethink and revisit a lot of real and practical things about churches and worship, this issue and refugees who have come or will come to us are now giving us a challenge to redefine "loving our neighbors."

Our church should think about how to respond. As a pastor, I do not know the answer. However, I know that the church should take the lead and be a true friend to all strangers on this earth and be a witness of Je-

Tom Albinson, WEA Ambassador for Refugees and Displaced People, says "God has given us a mandate to love the alien as we love ourselves." (Leviticus 19:34) "The world around us is hoping that we will live up to our calling, so that those who have been uprooted find a safe place in which they can find community, healing and hope.

"It might require us to move out of our comfort zone to respond to the needs of refugees in our communities, to pray with them, offer them our friendship and welcome them into our churches and homes," but God is often at work in profound ways in and through the lives of uprooted people, and He will likely use refugees to enrich our faith and lives as we develop relationships together."

After all, what all this ultimately means is the commandment Jesus gave us, "Love your neighbor."

Jesus said, "Let's help each other and get each other's help, endure difficult times, and now, as citizens of the kingdom of God and as people who were strangers, share this uncertain time together and find a way to responsibly share the difficulties of other communities with whom we have been with each other."

Let us remember, we were strangers and refuges before meeting Christ. Therefore, I hope and pray that we accept this challenge and mission that Jesus is giving each and every one of us.

From Pastor Seong Jae Jo, Thrasher Memorial UMC

Roanoke County holds community meetings for Comprehensive Plan update

The public is invited to participate in the Roanoke County 200 Plan, a 15-year update to the Comprehensive Plan to mark the county's bicentennial in 2038.

A series of open housestyle public meetings in 10 communities around Roanoke County will be held this fall.

The Roanoke County 200 Plan will express an overarching community vision as well come. as unique goals for 11 community planning areas. It will on issues and trends in their provide guidance for public communities. policies about land development, public services and input exercises for land use, resource protection.

It will also allow decision resources, today's actions will impact local projects. the county for many years to

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Participants can comment

The meetings will include housing, natural and cultural transportation, makers to study the long- and community facilities. term consequences of current Staff will share information decisions and recognize how about current conditions and

> Anyone who prefers a virtual option is invited to give input via the website at www.RoanokeCountyVA. gov/200Plan.

> The community meetings will be held from 4 to 8 p.m., with two additional meetings held in north and south county to address county

wide topics. CORTRAN service is available for these meetings.

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7. Cave Spring: South County Library - Monday, October 18

8. Back Creek: Back Creek Elementary School -Thursday, October 28

9. Bent Mountain: Bent Mountain Center - Thursday, November 4

10. Glenvar: Fort Lewis Elementary School - Monday, November 8

11. South County: South County Library – Wednes-day, November 17

12. North County: Green Ridge Recreation Center Thursday, November 18

The meeting exercises and

a survey will be available online starting on the meeting date and through the end of November.

Information about each community planning area will be available online two weeks before the meeting is held. In addition, staff are available to speak or make presentations to groups about the 200 Plan upon request.

More information about the Roanoke County 200 Plan and upcoming meetings can be found online at https://www.roanokecountyva.gov/200plan . Sign up for the email list to stay in the loop about meeting updates and input opportunities.

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Roanoke County recognized for model programs, including one in Vinton

The Virginia Association of Counties (VACo) has awarded Roanoke County two Achievement Awards that recognize excellence in local government programs. Of the 100 submissions received from across the state, only 30 were selected. Winning entries focused on addressing inclusion, belonging and reconciliation.

Roanoke County earned an Achievement Award for a successful revitalization project, in conjunction with the Town of Vinton, to preserve and redevelop under-utilized historic properties. The project has created new jobs while revitalizing the town's central business district. The revitalization project consists of five redeveloped properties (Roland E. Cook, the former William Byrd High School, Vinyard Station, Vinton Library/Macado's,

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and Gish's Mill) with a total investment of \$21.7 million in taxable new investment and the creation of nearly 130 jobs.

Roanoke County also earned an award for the role of its Public Libraries in civic engagement and providing continual services to citizens amidst the COVID-19 pandemic. The staff transitioned to new service delivery models, such as increasing electronic resources and virtual programs, instituting curbside services, utilizing 3D printers to make face shields for first responders, and adapting their drive-through windows for use by the Treasurer's office.

More information can be found about the award submission documents at https://www.vaco.org/wpcontent/uploads/2021/08/ 21ProgramDescription.pdf.

The VACo Achievement Awards is a competitive program open to local government members of the association.



The Town of Vinton, a community nestled in the Blue Ridge Mountains, welcomes you to our community. Vinton, a town rich with history, has over the years found itself to be one of a few communities that continue to relish the past by offering an environment of a comfortable lifestyle with the feeling of being a part of a large community family. The town, with its proximity to the Blue Ridge Parkway and Smith Mountain Lake, provides many opportunities for those who wish to stop and shop at our local farmers market or one of our unique specialty shops.

If festivals are your interest, the Vinton area hosts several festivals throughout the year from the Vinton Dogwood Festival to the Vinton Fall Festival. Each festival offers its own unique atmosphere. When you are away from home it's always nice to feel as if you never left.

The Town of Vinton provides small town character with urban services and amenities located nearby. The small town atmosphere is characterized by a low crime rate; small, locally, and regionally owned businesses; and moderately priced homes. Views of the mountains and Blue Ridge Parkway abound.

Vinton represents the ideal type of community, small enough to provide a feeling

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of belonging, yet progressive enough to provide the facilities, services, and conveniences that are necessary to make a community feel like home to its citizens.



Sunflower Festival kicks off next week in Buchanan

Matt de Simone Staff writer

The 2021 Sunflower Festival at Beaver Dam Farms officially kicks off next weekend. The annual event welcomes the community back for another week exploring the beautiful sunflower fields, learning about the farm, and enjoying live music and food from sixth annual Sunflower Festival and we are excited to introduce so many educational items for this year's event," event coordinator Candace Monaghan stated in a recent interview. "The sunflowers are looking amazing and will be in full bloom for this year's event. With the recent rain we have had they are growing at a rate of three inches per day! Some are already five feet tall and still growing."

This year's event welcomes 90 vendors-17 of which are food vendors. The others are local crafters offering their goods to guests.

On September 11, the festival will hold a tribute recognizing the 20th anniversary of the 9/11 tragedy honoring those remembered with a choir, a white dove release, and tribute at

10:30 a.m. This year the festival features a community art garden. Throughout the year, Beaver Dam Farms held paint nights where attendees young and old painted sunflowers. These paintings will be on display in their own "garden" for all guests to enjoy at this year's event.

Guest can learn about the farm via an educational station built into a reassembled grain bin that shares information about the farm and the festival's background. Milk pails, bottles, and other items formerly used on the farm will be on display.

The festival's first "VIP Night" takes place on September 10 from 4-7 p.m. Tickets are limited to 1,000 and are to be pur- support," chased exclusively online. mentioned. "They're our The first 70 guests will re- hometown bank. I appreceive a gift bag sponsored ciate their help in sponsorby Virginia Tourism con- ing the event. taining items provided by Guest may also access local businesses.

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a Beaver Dam Sunflowers Last year, tickets were online app (www.bdfsun. sold exclusively online, but com) for the first time. there are currently no re- Some of the app's features strictions preventing ticket include a vendor map, fessales at the door. Only the tival amenities, the "love VIP Night tickets will be sign" photo booth locasold exclusively online tions, insect education, "I want to thank Bank and in-app photo submit-

Listed below is the Sunflower Festival's official schedule. Visit beaverdamsunflowers.com for more information.

Friday, Sept 10, 4 - 7 p.m., VIP Night

Saturday, Sept. 11, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m., opening weekend

Saturday, Sept. 11, 10:30 a.m., 9/11 Tribute

Sunday, Sept. 12, 9 a.m. 6 p.m., opening weekend

Monday, Sept. 13, 4-7 p.m., open to the public

Monday, Sept. 13, 6:30 p.m., sunset yoga Tuesday, Sept. 14, 10

a.m.-2 p.m., preschool field trip

Tuesday, Sept. 14, 5:30-8 p.m., Sunflowers at Sunset dinner ***SOLD OUT**

Wednesday, Sept. 15, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., senior citizen field trip day

Wednesday, Sept. 15, 4-7 p.m., open to the public

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community. I have a strong desire to work in a high school that has strong community ties and support. I have several friends who work or have worked at WBMS and WBHS."

Outside of school, she enjoys spending time with friends and family and in outdoor activities—especially around the water.

Megan Herndon is teaching World History II (11th grade) at WBHS and Civics at William Byrd Middle. She is also teaching at Cave Spring Middle. She is from Salem and a graduate of Salem High School. She earned her undergraduate degree from the University of Virginia's College at Wise and her graduate degree from Arizona State University. This is her sixth year of classroom teaching.

"I'm looking forward to working with a spirited and hardworking staff in a wonderful school district," Herndon said. "I am passionate about history from all angles. I am also passionate that a well-rounded education including social/emotional education provides students with the tools to be active in their communities and to bring much needed change.

Ashley Huff will be co-teaching Algebra I with Hannah Blais and Geometry with Lauren Keesling.

"They are both fantastic and I couldn't be happier with this team!" said Huff.

Huff grew up in Lynchburg and is a proud Brookville Bee. She earned her undergraduate and first master's degree from the University of Mary Washington, and her second master's from the University of Lynchburg. "This is year 14 working in a school for me," Huff said. "I worked the last couple of years in another local school system, then applied for a job with Roanoke County and was lucky enough to interview and be offered a job here.'

munity, and I knew it was where I wanted to teach," Keesling said. "Thankfully, a math position opened up and I got the job! I can't imagine starting my teaching career anywhere other than Byrd.

While I don't have any professional experience with teaching post-graduation, I have known that I wanted to be a teacher for as long as I can remember," she said. "Growing up, my mom turned my playroom into a classroom so that I could play school with my dolls (and friends, when I could force them to be my students). I am so excited to begin my career living out my dream!

"I want to focus on building relationships with my students throughout my first year," Keesling said, "but I cheered in high school, and would consider assistant coaching for the cheer team if help was needed next year.

"I am happy to be working at WBHS because of the culture that surrounds this school. The Vinton community rallies around Byrd and that's something extremely important to me. This school reminds me of the high school I went to and how supported we were by the community. I know how it feels to be cheered on by complete strangers while you rode by on a parade float, and these kids will never forget that feeling either! I am so excited to build personal relationships with each student and coworker as my career takes off.

Signal at W. Virginia Avenue and 3rd Street to be replaced

Due to a recent malfunction with the control box, the traffic signal at the intersection of W. Virginia Avenue and 3rd Street is operating with limited functionality.

According to Assistant Town Manager Cody Sexton, instead of actively responding to current traffic situations, the signal will automatically cycle through each possible option for traffic movements regardless of vehicles being present.

For example, the signal will offer a green arrow for left turns onto 3rd Street whether or not any vehicles are in the left turn lane at the time. This ensures that everyone gets a turn to move through the intersection safely but can create extra wait time for all directions at the signal.

Staff from the Department of Public Works and the Town Manager's Office are working to replace the signal and upgrade the control box components.

The new signal is anticipated to be more visible and more responsive to real-time traffic, allowing a smoother flow through the intersection.

Staff are finalizing the timeline for the project based on contractor availability. Additional announcements about the work are forthcoming.

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Wednesday, Sept.15, 6 p.m., goat yoga

Thursday, Sept. 16, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., special needs children and adults field trip day

Thursday, Sept. 16, 4-7 p.m., open to the public

Friday, Sept. 17, 5:30-8 p.m., Sunflowers at Sunset dinner ***SOLD OUT***

Saturday, Sept. 18, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., closing weekend

Sunday, Sept. 19, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., closing weekend

She is hoping to get into coaching at some point.

"I am excited to be part of such a supportive and close knit family/community," she said. "I can already feel the support from other staff and the community for this school!

Huff lives in Vinton with her husband and daughter and has other family members in Vinton as well.

Throughout my years in education, I have held many different positions! I have been a teacher, a coach, an athletic director, an assistant principal, and a school counselor," Huff

Stephen Janoschka is teaching Technology Education, split between William Byrd High School on A days and Hidden Valley on B days. He is from Fauquier County near Washington, D.C. He earned his Associate Degree in Agriculture Business, his Bachelor's in Agriculture Education, and his Master's in Career and Technical Education from Virginia Tech. His Master's in Educational Leadership is from Radford University. He has been teaching agriculture education for the past 15 years between Craig and Franklin Counties.

Janoschka says he is teaching at WBHS because of "their need and my desire to teach Technology Education. I am ecstatic to be in the county and at William Byrd.'

Lauren Keesling is teaching Geometry at WBHS, working mainly with sophomores. She is from Berryville, a small town in Northern Virginia, and graduated from Clarke County High School. She currently lives at Smith Mountain Lake

"I attended James Madison University for my undergrad and graduate degrees. I received my Bachelor of Science degree in Mathemat-ics in May 2020, and my Master of Arts in Teaching Degree in Secondary Education in May 2021. I loved and cherished my time at JMU and look forward to teaching the future Dukes here at WBHS.'

Keesling student taught at WBHS under Hannah Blais during the last semester of her graduate program.

"I loved the atmosphere, school spirit, and friendships I made within the WBHS com-

"I was a gymnast from age 3 until 16 and I love watching gymnastics meets," she said. "Whether at the high school, collegiate, or Olympic level, gymnastics is an extreme passion of mine that I can't wait to share with students!'

Shannon Lewis will be teaching Biology to sophomores this year at WBHS. She is from Chesapeake, and graduated from Virginia Tech, majoring in Biology and minoring in Chemistry. She has taught school for 18 years, 10 in Roanoke City and eight in Roanoke County before coming to Byrd.

"I am thrilled to meet and get to know the students," Lewis said. "I have some amazing coworkers, some of which I have worked with in previous schools."

As for other interests, "My family and I love to go to Virginia Tech basketball games."

Sara Miller is a Special Education teacher at William Byrd this year. She has lived in Roanoke her entire life and graduated from Northside High School. She received her BBA in Marketing from Roanoke College. She completed part of her graduate educa-tion degree at Hollins University and is now attending Radford University to complete her graduate degree in Special Education. This is her second year in teaching, but her first year with Roanoke County and WBHS.

"My four children all attend WBHS; my oldest graduated in 2017; and the three youngest still attend (my twins graduate this year and I have a sophomore)," Miller said. When Mrs. Newcomb offered me a position, I was absolutely thrilled to have the opportunity to teach at the high school we have been involved with through academics, sports and activities for years.

"I coach a local summer swim team and assist with a local year-round swim team. It's exciting to see so many familiar faces in the hallways and classrooms."

Ben Munsey will be teaching a couple of ninth grade health and physical education classes at WBHS. He is from Roanoke and a 2013 graduate of Hidden Valley High School. This is his third year of teaching.

"I graduated from James Madison University with a major in Kinesiology and minor in coaching in 2018," Munsey said. "I also finished my master's at JMU in health and physical education in 2019. They were in need of a health and PE teacher for a couple of classes at WBHS, WBMS, and HVHS, so I am here to fill those classes.

"I am excited to get to know another part

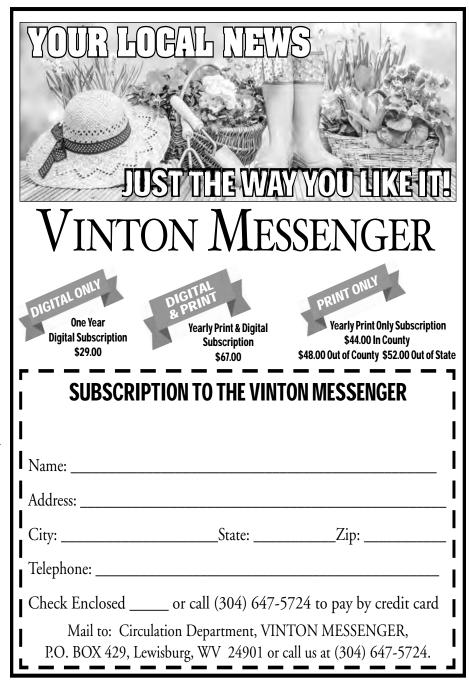
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of the community in Roanoke County and see what influence I can have for these students' overall health," Munsey said.

"I am a huge basketball person so, growing up, I al-ways looked for good places to play pick up and it seemed to always be the Vinton area where I got the best games and have ended up making a lot of lifelong friends from here by doing that," Munsey said. "I am strongly into basketball, but I have also gotten into road biking, swimming, and running. My wife and I will be competing in our first sprint triathlon in October."

Dustin Phelps is co-teaching mathematics in 10th-12th grades. He is from Roanoke, a graduate of Northside High School, and a member of the state championship football team in 2009.

He graduated from the University of Charleston (where he played football) with a major in Communication Broadcasting. He was hired this year as a football coach and instructional assistant. He is also a track and field coach at Byrd. This is his second year in education.

Sarah Poore is working as a one-on-one Special Education instructional assistant at WBHS this year. She is from Bristol, Va., and graduated from Virginia High School. She majored in Interdisciplinary Studies at Radford University, completing her degree in December 2019.

She has five-plus years in professional teaching environments including childcare facilities/preschools, an internship with Radford City Schools, and substituting for Montgomery County Public Schools. She will be assisting with the Byrd Buddies program at William Byrd.

Poore says she would like to work with sporting events and color guard-the activities she participated in when she was in high school and "where some of my favorite memories came from." She is currently taking a Braille class to expand her SPED skills and "to be able to provide accurate knowledge to my one-on-one." She has plans to tackle sign language next.

"I have always had interest in teaching and after changing my major a few times while at Radford, I was exposed to both working with SPED students and taking a few SPED classes," Poore said. "I fell in love with it right away. After moving to Roanoke earlier this year, I applied to Roanoke County Public Schools for an instructional assistant position. Mrs. Newcomb reached out shortly after, and we scheduled an interview. She immediately made me feel confident and comfortable. I can honestly say that was the first job interview I have experienced where I really felt my worth. Before even leaving, I knew I was going to accept the job. My next step is to pursue my Provisional License to teach Special Education. I am very happy to be at WBHS and am looking forward to the

rest of the school year." Tim Robers is a Special Education teacher and will be working with students in 11th and 12th grade English. He grew up in Roanoke and graduated from Cave Spring High School. He received his Bachelor of Arts Degree in English from Roanoke College in 1999 and his Master of Science in Educational Leadership from Radford University in 2016. He has 22 years of teaching experience.

"I have been working in a private day school setting for most of my career and I made the decision to try something new in 2021 and I was afforded the opportunity to join the team at William Byrd," Robers said.

"Before coming to WBHS, I worked in an alternative education setting where I worked with students to help them grow academically, socially, and emotionally with the goal of helping them access and utilize the resources needed to help them make positive transitions whether it be back home, back to their home schools, post-secondary training, college, or the workforce. "I am excited to be a

part of a community-based school," Robers said. "I have heard nothing but good

things about the staff and students at William Byrd High School, and I am excited to be a part of the team."

As for his outside interests, "A hobby of mine is digital art and I enjoy tinkering with 3D printers, CNC laser engravers. I also enjoy hiking and mountain biking with my wife Shannon and my daughter Reese."

Marsha Taylor will be teaching French 1, 2, and 3 at WBHS. She will also be teaching French 1 at William Byrd Middle school and Northside Middle. She grew up in northern New Jersey, graduated from Langley High School in Fairfax County, spent most of her adult life in the Richmond area, and now makes her home in Blacksburg.

She graduated from UVA with a BA in French and Communication Studies and has been teaching for 22 vears

"After spending six years in Salem City Schools, I sought out a larger school district with more professional growth and collaboration opportunities," Taylor says. "Also, I look forward to my role in the revitalization of the French-American school exchange program in the near future."

Jordan Thayer will be teaching Biology and Ecology this year, seeing 10th, 11th, and 12th grade students in her classroom. She will also be teaching a study hall class.

Thayer moved to Roanoke when she was in elementary school and "I wholeheartedly call Roanoke my hometown." She is a graduate of Hidden Valley High School. "I'm happy to have moved back to my family and friends here."

Thayer earned her Bachelor of Arts is Biology and later graduated from Hollins University with a Master of Arts in Teaching.

"I did my student teaching at Northside High School and found that I loved working with Roanoke County schools," Thayer said. "When there was an opening for a science teacher I jumped at the opportunity!"

This is her first year as a

She spent four years as an Master's of School Counselinformal educator with the ing from Liberty University." Science Museum of Western Virginia doing short science structional assistant in Roalessons and activities with lo- noke County schools and cal schools and running sum- applied for the guidance posimer camps.

at WBHS, people tell me setting for almost three years. something new that they love "I am happy to be here in about this school," Thayer this position," Triplett said. said. "From clubs and classes "The administrative staff this community!

"My favorite way of keep- them." ing in contact with friends are game nights," she says. walking their two dogs, and "Board games, video games, Dungeons & Dragons? All great excuses to keep up with my far-flung friends and family, and I'm looking forward to learning about my students' own favorite games this year!"

Ryan Tilgner is teaching mathematics—Algebra Functions and AP Computer Science this year at WBHS.

Hannah Triplett is the new school counseling secretary at WBHS. Her job is to provide transcripts and other documents to students as well as aid the counselors in setting up appointment and getting students enrolled. She also orders the diplomas for graduation each year and sends the transcripts for seniors to their colleges of choice.

She is from Haysi in Dickenson County on the Virginia-Kentucky border, a couple of hours outside of Bristol. She graduated from Ridgeview High School in Clintwood, Va.

"My husband went to Lord Botetourt High School and got a job working for the LewisGale IT Department, which is what led me to become a Roanoke County resident," Triplett said. This is her fifth year living in Roanoke County.

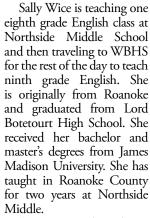
"I am currently a student with Old Dominion University. I am majoring in psychology and my aspiration is to become a school guidance counselor. I graduate on December 18 with my Bachelor of Science in Psychology. I and Ben Munsey.

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to teachers and sports, every- at WBHS are professional one seems to have something and kind; they have been they love about their time welcoming to me as I have here. I'm so excited to join transitioned to this position. I am proud to work with all

> Her hobbies are painting, reading.



"I am excited to begin working at William Byrd High School; the staff has been very welcoming and supportive," Wice said.

She recently became an EMT and will be working in the community part-time.



New teachers and staff members at WBHS include (clockwise from left) Stephen Janoschka, Sarah Poore, and Dustin Phelps.



PHOTOS BY CHERRY BELL DAMASCO-FARRINGTON New staff members at WBHS include Randy Bush (left)

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God Repays

Ezekiel 24:1 through Read 27:36

Why do people sometimes seem to get away with sinning? Does God look away when these evils come against His children?

'Your wealth, merchandise and wares, your mariners, sailors and shipwrights, your merchants and all your soldiers, and everyone else on board will sink into the heart of the sea on the day of your shipwreck'" (Ezekiel 27:27).

When Israel turned away from the Lord, the people became prey for the enemies of God. The nations that attacked Israel assumed God would not judge their sin, but they were mistaken. God watched and recorded every evil deed. A day of accounting was decreed.

In time, Israel's enemies lost wealth, status, and strength Some even disappeared from the world altogether.

When trials come, Christians should not presume that God is unconcerned with their struggles. He sometimes uses difficulties to discipline and train them for righteousness. As His people wait upon Him, their faith grows.

One day you will be lifted above your trials, and retribution will be given to those who would plunder you.

Prayer Suggestion: Lord, I trust You even now.

Quicklook: Ezekiel 27:26-31

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PORTION OF UNIMPROVED HARVEY STREET IN THE CITY OF RADFORD, VIRGINIA

Pursuant to Virginia Code § 15.2-2006, the Radford City Council will hold a public hearing on September 13, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers located at 10 Robertson Street, Radford, Virginia.

The purpose of the public hearing will be to receive public comment regarding an application filed by Michael "Kevin" and Molly Entrekin to vacate a portion of the unimproved Harvey Street right-of-way located at the intersection of Ninth Street. The vacation request concerns a total area of approximately .204 acres.

Any person affected by the proposed vacation may appear and be heard at the public hearing. Copies of the application, together with the plat of the proposed vacation, are available for review in the City Manager's Office located at 10 Robertson Street, Radford, Virginia.

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,

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Public Notice Environmental Permit

CORRECTION TO PUBLIC NOTICE: Public notice was published on August 26, 2021. seeking public comment and announcing two public hearings on (1) a draft permit (VWPP No. 21-0416) from the State Water Control Board that would allow Mountain Valley Pipeline, LLC to fill 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. That notice erroneously stated the public comment period would end October 13. 2021. The correct public comment period is from August 28, 2021 to October 27, 2021 CONTACT FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS, DOCUMENT REQUESTS AND ADDITIONAL **INFORMATION: Steve** Hardwick; Central Office, P.O. Box 1105, Richmond, Virginia 23218; Phone: 804-698-4168; E-mail: MVP@deq.virginia.gov; Fax: (804) 698-4032. The public may review the draft permit and application on

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2. Hold public hearing to consider the request of Salem Ministers Conference Community Food Pantry contract purchaser, and Trustees God's Church of Deliverance and Power property owner. for the issuance of a Use Not Provided For Permit to allow the relocation of the Salem Food Pantry to the property located at 829 Indiana Street (Tax Map # 186-1-5).

Copies of the proposed plans, ordinances or amendments may be examined in the Office of the City Planner. 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

James E. Taliaferro, II Executive Secretary

Legals - Craig County

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for R-3 Multifamily Dwelling District uses in the B-3 General Business District by Bruce A. Moses(owner) on behalf of Bryan A. Rice (Applicant) at 975 Radford Street (Tax Map No. 525-A-19). The proposal is to construct five (5) Townhome units. The property is designated as Business/Commercial on the Future Land Use Map of the 2013 Christiansburg Comprehensive Plan. Town Hall will be open and available to receive public comment in-person at the time of this Public Hearing. Additionally, the meeting will be streamed live on the Town of Christiansburg's YouTube channel at www.christiansburg.org/yout ube and will remain on the Town's YouTube page once the meeting concludes. For information on contactless methods for submitting public comment, please visit www.christiansburg.org/publ ichearings.

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Dr. Ivey from page 1



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Dr. Henry Ivey and Dr. Daniel Jones established a joint practice, Parkway Physicians, on Maple Street in Vinton, opening on July 1, 1977. They remained in that location for 25 years until July 2002, when they moved into a new facility on Pollard Street as Carilion Family Medicine–Vinton.



Dr. Henry Ivey and his wife Susan lived in Vinton for many years and raised three daughters who attended Vinton area schools.





Dr. Ivey is retiring after 44 years in practice in Vinton.

Parkway Physicians expanded and opened as Carilion Family Medicine-Vinton on Pollard Street in 2002, with a ribbon-cutting ceremony.

a physician, Ivey had hospital privileges which allowed him to follow and treat his patients when they were admitted to the hospital, consult with specialists, and manage patient care. Times have changed and hospitals now have their own inhouse physicians who take over patient care once they are admitted. Ivey says that can diminish the patient/physician relationship but has become the trend with younger doctors who value sleeping through the night.

Relationships are the reason Dr. Ivey chose Family Medicine as his field. In medical school, students rotate through specialty areas—internal medicine, obstetrics, pediatrics, geriatrics, family medicine, and others. While he "loved all of it," he liked family medicine the most and the rotation experience "soto see everyone from babies to the elderly, both men and women. You get close to patients and develop an ongoing relationship. You can follow patients their entire lives from when they are nursery babies, to teens getting sports physicals, through their senior years."

He says some of his patients have been with him over 40 years-over all the years of his practice. Some of his patient population has aged with him. Many of those longtime patients have brought generations of their families to the practice as well.

You are able to do a better job taking care of patients if you have worked with them for years," Ivey says. "You know their medical history; you learn the medical conditions that run in their families-if their dad

the lookout for those conditions."

He has been one of those rare physicians who enjoys making house calls, when it's in the best interests of his patient.

Ivey says although medicine has changed in some ways over his 44 years in practice, "the patient/doctor relationship has remained the same; the interactions with people haven't changed.'

What has changed drastically are technology and the business side of practicing medicine. Ivey says that when he and Dr. Jones first opened Parkway Physicians business was simple, "everything was a charge of \$15, from strep throat to a heart attack."

Changes in Medicare and insurance regulations and their demands for data have drastically changed medicine, adding

documentation. In the past

had colon cancer, their mom time-consuming and complex

few years, he has found himself spending an increasing number of hours on documentation and paperwork, due to the "computerization of medicine."

As for why he has decided to retire now, Ivey, soon to celebrate his 73rd birthday, says he kept delaying the date. He "almost retired a couple of years ago," but then the pandemic struck. In recent months when the COVID crisis seemed to be winding down, he decided "it was a good time to go."

He and his wife plan to catch up with their seven grandchildren. They weren't able to see them as much during the months of COVID when travel was restricted. Ivey enjoys running, hiking, and taking the grandkids rafting and kayaking on the James. His wife has a few projects in mind for him and he

Dr. Elaine Renick will be taking over most of his patients. She saw 18 patients her first day on the job. The person who introduced them warned her that she was "following a legend."

Ivey says they have recruited several excellent physicians to the practice-"real catches"who enjoy that sense of closeness to patients that a family medicine practice allows.

While Dr. Ivey says that his legacy is actually the legacy of Parkway Physicians and Carilion Clinic Family Medicine, he feels that they have "established a really good office in Vinton and provided good service to the patients there. If you work hard and do a good job, people will find you. Those patients will continue to find our practice a good resource for themselves and their families in the

lidified his interest.'

In family medicine, "You get had diabetes—you can be on

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Above left, William Byrd's Dustin Richards protects quarterback Israel Hairston. Right, Dominic Dulac(#3) runs for a nice gain and, below, Hairston is on his way to a 53 yard touchdown run for the Terriers.

Byrd comeback falls short against Liberty, Terriers to host Titans this Friday

The William Byrd football team rallied in the second half but their comeback fell just short as they lost their season opening football game last Friday. The Terriers dropped a 33-28 decision to visiting Liberty at Vinton's Patterson Stadium.

"We worked hard to have the opportunity to earn a win, but our team learned more about ourselves," said Byrd coach Brad Lutz. "We played a tough Liberty team, and we put ourselves in a deep hole in the first half, but our team was able to show mental toughness in a difficult time of the game."

Liberty scored the first two touchdowns of the game to take a 13-0 lead. Byrd answered with a one yard run by Israel Hairston but the Minutemen hit a big play with a 50 yard run and led 20-7 at the half.

The Minutemen scored first in the third quarter, on a 21 yard run, and at that point led 26-7 and had the Terriers on their heels. However, the Byrdmen did not give up and rallied to make it a game with three stops and three touchdowns down the stretch.

"At halftime, we were able to make some adjustments that helped us on offense and defense," said Lutz. "While we didn't earn a win, our team gained some identity when we came out after halftime trailing big. Our players worked hard to get the game within one score. As a young team, we needed to find that within ourselves early in the season."

Israel Hairston started the rally with a 53 yard touchdown run, then hit his brother Ethan on a 35 yard TD pass to cut the lead to one score at 26-21 with plenty of time remaining. However, Liberty scored again for a 33-21 lead, and that was too much to make up despite a nine yard TD pass from Israel Hairston to Dominic Dulak that accounted for the final score. "We played well at times, but still need to improve in all phases," said Lutz. "We need to continue to improve with assignment execution. Football is the ultimate team game, and team success is determined by individual execution."



Lutz was pleased with the execution of his special teams, especially in an early season game.

"I was very pleased with the play of our special forces," he said. "Our kickoff return team did a fantastic job executing the game plan and put us in good field position on every return."

one for a loss, and forced a fumble. Hunter Richards had six tackles and a forced fumble.

The Terriers will look to pick up their first win when they return to Patterson Stadium this Friday to host Hidden Valley. The Titans opened their season with a 14-12 win over Cave Spring last week. "Hidden Valley is a tough team with a lot of experience," said Lutz. "They're coming off a big win over Cave Spring and have tons of momentum coming into our game. Their offense is very explosive and they have an outstanding quarterback(Sam Dragovich who threw for 291 yards against Cave Spring). Their defense is big and strong and is led by a Division 1 commitment at linebacker."

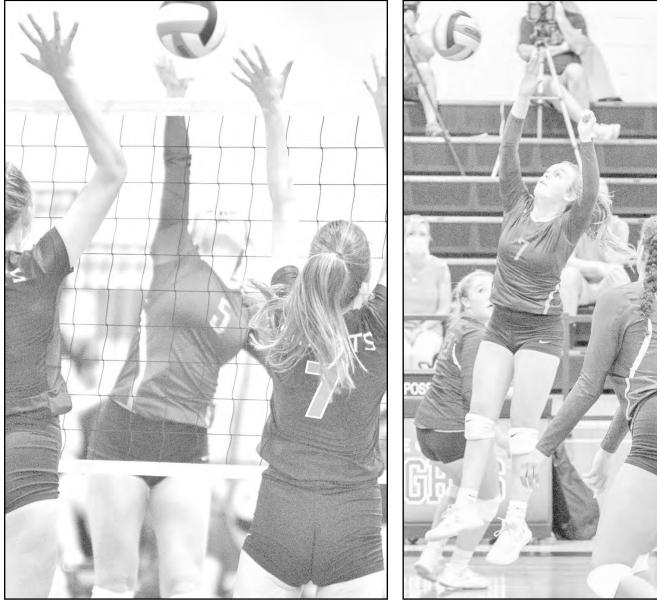
Statistically, Israel Hairston had a big night with over 300 yards of offense. He was 10 for 19 passing for 215 yards and he carried the ball 20 times for 103 yards. Israel threw two touchdown passes and ran for another.

Dulak had 104 yards in receptions while Ethan Hairston had 59 yards and Dillon Anderson had 52.

On defense, Dustin Richards led with 11 total tackles. Caleb Thompson had seven tackles, including

Game time is 7 pm Friday night in Vinton.

Volleyball girls host Cave Spring tonight



Left, Byrd's Camryn Sigafoes spikes one between two Cave Spring defenders in last week's game in Vinton. Right, Emily Tuck sends one over the net for the Terriers.

The William Byrd girls will continue with a busy schedule when they play host to Cave Spring in a high school volleyball game tonight in Vinton. It will be Byrd's fourth match in eight days, and the Terriers are hoping to finish the stretch at 2-2.

Last Thursday, at Cave Spring, the Byrd girls got off to a good start with a 27-25 win in the first set. However, the host Knights rallied and won the next three, 25-16, 25-18 and 25-20. Senior Kamryn Sigafoes led the team with 10 kills and 21 digs.

On Monday of this week Byrd played host to Bassett and the Terriers bounced back with a three-set win, 25-15, 25-22 and 25-16. Senior Mattie Andrews put down 17 kills and served up four aces while junior Carsyn Kotz dished out 29 assists. Junior Ella Ashworth served three aces and picked up 14 digs.

A night later the girls were off to Hidden Valley for a rematch with a team that went to the state semifinals in the spring. Hidden Valley had beaten Byrd in Vinton a week prior and the Titans were a little too much to handle again as they won 25-9, 25-13 and 25-13 on their home court. Andrews again led the offense with 11 kills and Ella Ashworth picked up 11 digs as Byrd fell to 1-3 on the young season.

"The ladies are battling hard and learning to work with each other," said Byrd coach Allison Thornton. "I am proud of their determination to continue to improve. We have already had some adversity this season, losing our senior setter, Trinity Hylton, to a season ending ACL injury so we are learning to adjust to a new 'normal'.

"It's not where you start, but where you finish," Thornton continued, "and I am excited to see where these ladies can go."

Wm. Byrd golfers shoot their best round of the season at Blue Hills

The William Byrd golfers played host to the five Blue Ridge District teams on Tuesday and the Terriers had their best team score of the season with a 327. Byrd finished fourth overall as Lord Botetourt widened its team lead after three rounds.

Botetourt shot a four-player total of 291 to win the round with Northside second at 310. The Cavaliers had a 14 stroke lead coming into the match but that more than doubled as now LB is up by 33 strokes over the Vikings. Franklin County shot 303 to hold onto third overall and Byrd is fourth, 16 strokes behind the Eagles and 81 behind Lord Botetourt.

Tuesday's medalist at Blue Hills was Samir Davidov of LB, who shot oneunder-par with a 70. Teammate Ashton Harper and Sam Fansler of Franklin County both shot even par as Harper held on the individual lead after three rounds.

Byrd's best score on Tuesday was a 79 by Evan Mullen. Also scoring for the Terriers were Clayton Gilmore and Kendrick South at 81 each and Griffin Horacek with an 86. Madeline Cunningham had a season's best 88 and Collin Murtaugh carded a 94 in his first match of the season.

The golfers are now off until next Tuesday, September 7, when they travel to Smith Mountain Lake for a round at Mariner's Landing.

Runners open at Northside Saturday

The William Byrd cross country team will compete in the "Viking Invitational" this Saturday to open the season. The Terriers will take a limited number of runners to the meet due to the Labor Day weekend holiday.

The meet will begin at 8:45 am with a girls' middle school 3K, followed by a boys' middle school 3K at 9:30 am. The girls' varsity race will begin at 10:15 am with the boys' to follow at approximately 10:45 am. It wraps up with a combined girls and boys jayvee race at 11:30 am, and the varsity and jayvee races are both 5K.

The Terriers wrapped up the preseason with a scrimmage meet at Patrick Henry last week. On September 11 they'll compete in the annual "Knights Crossing" event at Green Hill Park. That's expected to attract over 80 schools from six different states.

ODAC soccer coaches pick W&L men, B'water women

The Old Dominion Athletic Conference has announced their preseason soccer polls for both men and women with the fall seasons starting this week.

Roanoke College received one firstplace vote enroute to being picked third in the men's poll, as voted on by the league's 12 coaches, and the women were picked fifth among 13 schools.

Washington & Lee was picked first in the men's poll with seven first place votes while Lynchburg was second with three. Hampden-Sydney was the fourth choice, receiving one first place vote like the Maroons.

RC Head coach Ryan Pflugrad returns an experienced roster that includes five All ODAC performers from 2020 and seven players that have earned All ODAC honors at some point during their careers. On defense, Joe Carman returns, after not only being named all conference, but being tabbed by the Virginia Sports Information directors (VaSID) as their 2020 Defensive Player of the Year, to anchor a back line that was the best in the league a season ago. Joining Carman are defender Chris Jerrild and goalkeeper Zach Behe. Up front, the Maroons will be led by Liam Camilleri and Isaac Wolf while Alec



Clayton Gilmore chips one for the Terrier golf team.

PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Taitague and Dylan Berk bring more ODAC hardware to the midfield.

In the women's poll Bridgewater has the top spot with seven first place votes, followed by Washington & Lee with four. Virginia Wesleyan is the third choice, followed by Lynchburg and then Roanoke.

RC returns a pair of All ODAC defenders in Erin Flamm and Eliza Ryan as well as the reigning ODAC Women's Soccer Rookie of the Year in forward Morgan O'Neill. Head Coach Phil Benne and his staff will return a majority of their roster but will have to replace three starters, all named all conference one season ago.

Both teams were scheduled to open on Wednesday of this week with a women's-men's doubleheader against Greensboro. This weekend the women will host the Roanoke Invitational Showcase, playing Millsaps at 2 pm on Saturday and Farmingdale State at 3 pm on Sunday at Salem's Kerr Stadium. The men are in Maryland to play host Salisbury on Saturday and St. Mary's on Sunday.



Brian Hoffman

Cook built it and they came

Murray Cook built it, and they came.

Cook, who started shining shoes in the Salem Pirates clubhouse and worked

Yankees, 9-8 on a walk-off home run in a nationally televised game.

"It was the most watched regular season baseball game in 16 years," noted Cook, who watched the game from a gate just past the first base dugout. "You couldn't have asked for a better game. Literally, the baseball Gods shined down on us. We had three days of rain prior to the game but it was a beautiful night and a great game to watch."

The field in the movie was not suitable for a big league game, so Cook and his company plotted a spot nearby to construct a big league ballpark. It wasn't the first rodeo for Murray, who has constructed fields for the Olympics, for a game at Fort Bragg and numerous other locations around the world. He's the official turf consultant for Major League Baseball's fields and stadiums with 35 years of experience. If you want a baseball field built, you call Murray.

The site evaluation began in 2015 but actual construction of the field began in August of 2019. The first order of business was clearing off the corn.

"Getting rid of the corn was easy, you just sit on the tractor and pull it out,"

his way into being one of the top turf experts in the world, was the main architect of the "Field of Dreams" for the August 12 game between the New York Yankees and the Chicago White Sox. His Brightview Sports Turf company had the task of turning a cornfield into a baseball diamond and all the reviews were "rave" following the wildly successful Major League game.

"I got so many calls from all over the world," said Cook, who worked on the project for over five years. "I got some messages in Japanese. One thing I'll say is, I learned a lot more about corn than I really wanted to know."

The project began with an idea by the late Denise Stillman, who owned the property where the movie "Field of Dreams" was filmed. If you're one of the few who have not seen it, the 1989 release starring Kevin Costner was about a man who lived on a farm in Iowa and reconnected with his father in a tall tale revolving around baseball. At the climax his dad, along with the 1919 Chicago White Sox, come out of the corn field to play a ballgame. It was a very successful movie and the phrase, "if you build it they will come," was coined in the making of the film.

Unfortunately Stillman died of cancer before her idea came to fruition, but she would have enjoyed seeing how successful the project was. The current White Sox, wearing 1919 period uniforms, won an exciting game over the said Cook. "The hard part was moving 30,000 cubic yards of soil."

Once the field started taking shape an entire ballpark had to be built. Murray and his workers oversaw the whole deal, from the locker rooms to the bleachers for a crowd of 8,000 fans. An alfalfa field across the street was mowed down and a parking lot was marked that could hold 3,000 cars. Only Iowa people could buy tickets to the first big league game held in the state, and you had to show proof.

The field is located in Dyersville, an Iowa town of just over 4,000 residents that has become quite a tourist destination for people who loved the movie. You can actually rent the house where Costner's movie family lived, and have a game of catch on the field. Fans come from all over to marvel at the site.

"The best part of the whole thing was watching the faces of people when they entered the field," said Cook. "Players were snapping pictures and running through the corn. Both teams took team pictures in the outfield and ran through the corn maze."

The corn maze was constructed between the original and new ballfields. The Major League Baseball logo was incorporated into the maze.

"There's a company that does that," said Cook. "It only took them about three hours to do."



Above, the original **Field of Dreams** from the movie is a the far left and the field built for the game between the Yankees and the White Sox is on the right. In the photo at the right, Murray Cook(left in photo) assistant and **Budgie Clark pose** for a shot on the field created for the big league game.



The event was so successful there's talk of holding more games there, maybe one a year. For now, however, everything comes down.

"Everything outside the field is temporary," said Cook. "We'll continue to maintain the field itself."

Murray had little time to rest, as his next project was the game between the Angels and Indians on August 22nd at the home of Little League Baseball in Williamsport, PA. That game was played in conjunction with the Little League World Series. The big league teams played at Bowman Stadium, a 2,500 seat ballpark that Cook maintains.

Now 61, Cook and his wife have three grown children, a 14 year old and a grandson. Ironically his daughter Kate married a guy from Iowa.

In his years since serving as a teenage groundskeeper at Salem Municipal Stadium, which is now Billy Sample Field at Kiwanis Park, Cook has rubbed elbows with some of the greats of the game as well as national and international celebrities. He enjoyed talking to Costner in Iowa as the movie star returned to the site of the baseball movie to watch the game last week.

"He just looked around in amazement and said, 'is this real?", noted Cook.

Yes it was, Kevin, thanks to Murray and his crew. He built it, and they came for one of the most memorable baseball games ever.

Enthusiastic Terrier fans turn out for first home game

Debbie Adams dadams@ourvalley.org

Terrier fans filled the stadium for the first home football game on August 27. The Terriers faced Liberty High School in a hard-fought battle-final score Liberty 33, William Byrd 28.

"At William Byrd High School we are blessed with a large number of parents, students, staff, and community members who continue to fill our stands in support of our players and teams," said Principal Tammy Newcomb.

Prior to the game, a moment of silence was observed for Bobby Semones, known as "The Voice of Terrier Football" for 25 years. Semones passed away in July.

Military appreciation night continued-a tradition started by Head Enduring Freedom.

who died on November 27, 2018, at age 29, in Ghazni Province, Afghanistan. He was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 3rd Special Forces Group in Fort Bragg, N.C., and succumbed to wounds from an improvised explosive device while conducting combat operations. He had been married for just nine months at the time of his death. Ross graduated from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point in 2011 and was commissioned as a second lieutenant.

Ross had served over seven years in the Army

Coach Brad Lutz-honor- and was on his second ing soldiers who gave their tour of duty. His awards lives in Operation Iraqi and decorations include Freedom and Operation the Bronze Star Medal (second award), Purple At the August 27 game, Heart, Meritorious Service the team and spectators Medal, Army Commendapaid tribute to Army Capt. tion Medal, Afghanistan Andrew Ross of Lexington Campaign Medal, NATO

Medal, Overseas Service Ribbon, National Defense Service Medal, Special Forces Tab, Ranger Tab, Combat Action Badge, Combat Infantry Badge, and Military Free Fall Parachutist Badge. Ross was posthumously awarded

the Bronze Star Medal, Purple Heart, Meritorious Service Medal, and the Combat Infantry Badge. He was buried with honors at Arlington Cemetery. The William Byrd

Marching Terriers premiered their half-time show: "Escape from the Mind." The student Dog Pound and Terrier cheerleaders kept spirits up throughout the game.

The next home game is coming up against Hidden Valley High School on September 3.



The William Byrd cheerleaders kept spirits up throughout the first home football game on August 27.



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A moment of silence was observed for Bobby Semones, known as "The Voice of Terrier Football" for 25 years. He passed away in July.



A Terrier football tradition-recognizing soldiers who lost their lives in Operation Iraqi Freedom and **Operation Enduring Freedom–continued at the August** 27 game. Army Capt. Andrew Ross of Lexington, who died on November 27, 2018, in Ghazni Province, Afghanistan, was paid tribute to at the first home game.





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