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Woodmen Life donates new US flag to W.E. Cundiff



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Woodmen Life has donated a new American flag to W.E. Cundiff Elementary School to be displayed on the flagpole there each day. Woodmen Marketing Manager Steve Bishop (back left) and Woodmen Representative K.J. Gill (back right) presented the new flag to the Cundiff flag team on September 9. Members of the flag team include fifth graders (left to right) Graceyn Taylor, Vishva Patel, Keelan Webster, Reid Divers, and Remington Duncan. Caroline Sutphin is not pictured.

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Each school day morning, six fifth graders on the flag team at W.E. Cundiff Elementary School raise the American flag on the 35-foot flagpole

in front of the Vinton school. Each afternoon they take down the flag, fold it into a triangle, and store it until it is brought out the next morning (unless the weather is rainy) to be flown again.

The flag has become a very impor-

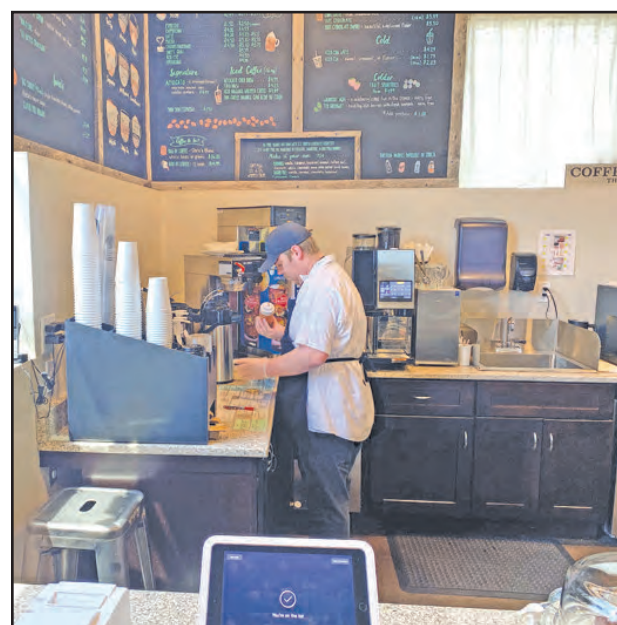
tant part of student life at Cundiff. Each morning, the students (pre-K and up), faculty, and staff recite the Pledge of Allegiance and then the W.E. Cundiff pledge: "I pledge to be safe, respectful, responsible, ready to learn. We are Team Cundiff."

Being a member of the flag team at Cundiff is an honor. The students' fourth grade teachers nominate the students, who are then selected by the Cundiff faculty and administration. This year they are Graceyn Taylor, Vishva Patel, Keelan Webster, Reid Divers, Remington Duncan, and Caroline Sutphin. All of the students on the team agreed they were happy to take on the responsibility.

Music teacher Ellen Hannan, who sponsors and trains the flag team, says they are retiring the worn US flag which has flown for 10 years at Cundiff, and Woodmen Life (formerly Woodmen of the World Life Insurance) has donated a new 6'x10' flag to take its place. The new flag is nylon and made by Annin Flagmakers of South Boston, Va.

Steve Bishop and K.J. Gill made the presentation of the new flag to the flag team on the morning of September 9. Bishop is the Woodmen marketing manager; Gill is the representative for Woodmen Life.

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Woodrow Carter of Daleville prepares a customer's order.

Daleville resident has found 'hot coffee and cool friends'

Matt de Simone
Staff writer

Some Botetourt County residents may be unaware there is real frozen custard in the Roanoke Valley. One local citizen is well aware and provides treats and pick-me-ups at Chris's Coffee & Custard for its steady array of customers. The slogan at Chris's reads: "Where hot coffee meets cool friends." Woodrow and the other employees experience that slogan daily.

The coffee/custard store sits off of 9th Street in Southeast Roanoke. Woodrow Carter of Daleville stands behind the counter each week, ready to serve. One of Woodrow's favorite things about the job is meeting new people and his friendship with Chris Woodrum, the son of Beth Woodrum of Roanoke, who owns the establishment.

"I serve custard and coffee," Woodrow mentioned. "I sometimes help sort the cookies and put them in baggies. I make milkshakes and help with the chicken salad. I pretty much do whatever they want me to do. I honestly don't care what I do at this job. I'm willing to do whatever."

Woodrow is a big fan of barbeque, but his go-to is a chicken salad or grilled cheese on a croissant when working at Chris's. He currently lives at A Shining Light group home in Daleville.

Beth believed there was something special for her son, Chris, and other young adults with unique abilities. When Chris was in the ninth grade, he worked at different job sites in the Roanoke Valley.

"I started thinking back then that there was nowhere for young adults with special abilities to work in the area," Beth stated. "Chris is very high-functioning, but looking at his abilities

and watching him work, I wanted to find a place in the community where Chris and his friends could work together."

Beth began looking for places around the state. She discovered coffee shops, bakeries, and car washes around the country that train people with special abilities. She decided to do a combination of things that the Roanoke Valley hasn't experienced.

From there, LovABLE Services Inc., a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, began to formulate. LovABLE Services is a comprehensive training program designed by Beth for young adults with special abilities. Beth worked with a Special Education teacher to create the program.

"I told my husband that (opening the restaurant and providing a training service) is what I wanted to do," Beth continued. "He asked how I would do it. I said, 'Well, I don't know yet. I'm just going to pray about it, and if God wants me to do it, he'll open the doors.'"

As Beth started her first year of research in 2017, she realized that this is what she was supposed to do. Beth is a nurse by trade. Her brother is a restaurant owner who helped her with the ins and outs of the food service industry. Having a brother in the industry was extremely helpful.

"I talked to the gentleman who owns the facility and told him what I wanted to do," Beth said. "He pulled out the plans for the facility and mentioned he wanted a coffee shop in the facility and would love to have Chris's there."

After prayer and hope, Beth got her answer that day. Soon, the construction and design of Chris's began. It took a long time to design and develop, but she kept her eyes of her vision, goals, and dreams.

The next step was the grant process. She scheduled meetings — one of which was with the Community Foundation Serving Western Virginia that provides grant opportunities for local businesses.

Chris's Coffee & Custard's first public ap-

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Town hosts impressive, interactive community meeting on Zoning Ordinance

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Truth be told, sometimes government meetings can be a little dull, especially if you add in the words "zoning" and "ordinance."

Not so at the "A Penny for Your Thoughts" community meeting organized by the Vinton Planning and Zoning Department and held at the Charles R. Hill Community Center on September 9. It should become the model for all future community meetings involving planning, zoning, and even economic development.

The meeting did not involve merely watching a PowerPoint presentation on proposed changes to the Town of Vinton Zoning Ordinance, or listening to

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PHOTO BY DEBBIE ADAMS

The "Penny for Your Thoughts" community meeting on September 9 at the Charles R. Hill Community Center gave citizens the opportunity to learn about and provide input on proposed revisions to the Zoning Ordinance in an interactive way. (From left) Assistant Planning and Zoning Director Nathan McClung uses technology to inform Councilwoman Laurie Mullins, Vinton Roofing owner Joy Payne, and Community Programs and Facilities Director Chasity Barbour on proposed revisions to Heights and Setbacks regulations in the Central Business District in Vinton.

Thrasher Memorial continues annual Prayer Circle tradition



PHOTO BY DEBBIE ADAMS

Thrasher Memorial United Methodist Church held the annual Prayer Circle on September 12, with members encircling the church on Washington Avenue to pray for the church, the community, and the world.

The congregation of Thrasher Memorial United Methodist Church surrounded the church in prayer with the annual Prayer Circle on September 12, praying for the church, its ministry, and its mission, for the community, and the world.

At 10:30 a.m., the chapel bell rang out. The church began praying facing inward for about five minutes asking that:

the church will preach the Word of God without apology

the church would devote itself to prayer

the church will boldly share Jesus with the community and the

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Mount Pleasant Lions induct new members

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The Mount Pleasant Lions Club met at the Smith Mountain Lake home of Lions Anne and Mike Ferguson on September 12 to induct three new members into the club. Family members John, Sandy, and Stephanie Mathena of the Mount Pleasant area took an oath of membership, promising to abide by the Lions Motto, “We Serve.”

They were inducted by Eric Mills, a member of the Vinton Lions Club and the 2021-2022 District Governor for District 24C. Mills joined the Vinton Breakfast Lions Club in 1986 and since then has served as club president for four terms. He received the prestigious Melvin Jones Fellowship Award in February 2008 and was awarded the Lion of the Year Award from his club for 2009-2010. He has received MD-24 Virginia Council of Governors Distinguished Service Awards for three years.

Mills served as Zone Chair (Region II, Zone I) for eight years and as Region Chair in Region II for 2018-2019. He is also a Certified Guiding Lion, assisting Lions Clubs who are struggling.

He served with the Roanoke City Police Department for over 25 years and retired as a sergeant in September 2003. He has been employed as an investigator with the Bedford Public Defender’s Office since September 2011. Patti Mills, his wife of 37 years, attended the induction meeting with him.

During the ceremony,

Mills noted that District 24C now has about 1,370 Lions Club members, although they have lost about nine clubs during the pandemic.

He reminded the new members that membership in the Lions Club is an honor. What has ultimately become Lions Club International was founded by Melvin Jones in 1917. A Chicago business leader, Jones told members of his local business club they should reach beyond business issues and address the betterment of their communities and the world.

Lions Club International now has 1.4 million members around the world in 48,000 clubs in 200 countries—all “dedicated to making a difference, meeting needs wherever they exist.” Lions Clubs are especially recognized for their dedication to projects for the blind and hearing impaired.

Mills said that the Mount Pleasant Lions, founded in 1961, have always been active in the community with service projects benefitting children and adults—“a great club,” this year celebrating their 60th anniversary.

He told the new members that joining the club would offer them the opportunity for personal growth in addition to enabling the club to reach more people with needs. “One new Lion affects the lives of 70 people. Wear your pins with pride.”

Next on the program was the recognition of three Mount Pleasant Lions with service pins. Lion Mike Ferguson was recognized with a 50-year



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The Mount Pleasant Lions Club met at the home of Lions Anne and Mike Ferguson on September 12 to induct three new members. Shown left to right are Mount Pleasant Lions Club President Anne Ferguson, District Governor Eric Mills, new members John, Stephanie, and Sandy Mathena, and Mike Ferguson, who received his 50-year Lions Club service pin.

service pin for his lengthy dedication to the Mount Pleasant Lions and their community service projects. Steve Wilkinson (30 years) and Robert Wood (20 years) were recognized as well, although unable to attend the meeting.

Mount Pleasant Lions Club President Anne Ferguson updated the members present on upcoming projects and events. Members will be meeting to spruce up the grounds at their clubhouse prior to its first scheduled rental on October 2. They are one of the few Lions Clubs fortunate enough to have their own building. The meeting space at 2432 Mayfield Drive is made available to the community and groups for baby showers, birthday parties, family reunions, etc. (More information on renting the

meeting hall is available from Lee Whitbeck at 400-0008 or Wayne Wray at 427-0525.)

The Lions plan to continue their annual tradition of taking students from Mount Pleasant and Garden City Elementary Schools on Christmas shopping trips to purchase clothing and a toy. They generally spend about \$125 per child on six children from each school. In previous years, before the pandemic, there were shopping trips prior to the opening of school to purchase clothing and school supplies.

The Mount Pleasant Lions recently held their first Teacher Appreciation Days for the teachers at Mount Pleasant and Garden City, treating them to a visit from Deb’s Lemonade at each school.

The club contributes to the schools’ clothes closets by providing new underwear and socks and sponsors a weekend food backpack project to make sure children don’t go hungry when they are out of school. They stop by the school to read to students on “Read Across America Day.” They conduct vision screenings for students in several local schools.

When Rivermont School moved into the Garden City/Mount Pleasant area in the former Piggly Wiggly store, the Lions adopted those students as well. In fact, they donated the club’s piano to Rivermont. (They also treated the staff at Rivermont to Deb’s Lemonade as schools opened.)

In October the club will be offering a program for veterans in the community

who are victims of PTSD.

The Mount Pleasant Lions also maintain historic Kefauver Cemetery; they do regular roadside clean-ups, and support eye-glass recycling.

The Mount Pleasant Lions Club and Lions Clubs across the state raise funds for many service projects through the sale of LOVF (Lions of Virginia Foundation) raffle tickets with a grand prize of \$10,000. The LOVF provides grants to help communities in need with humanitarian services, disaster and emergency relief, youth assistance, hunger, vision, environment, and other community projects.

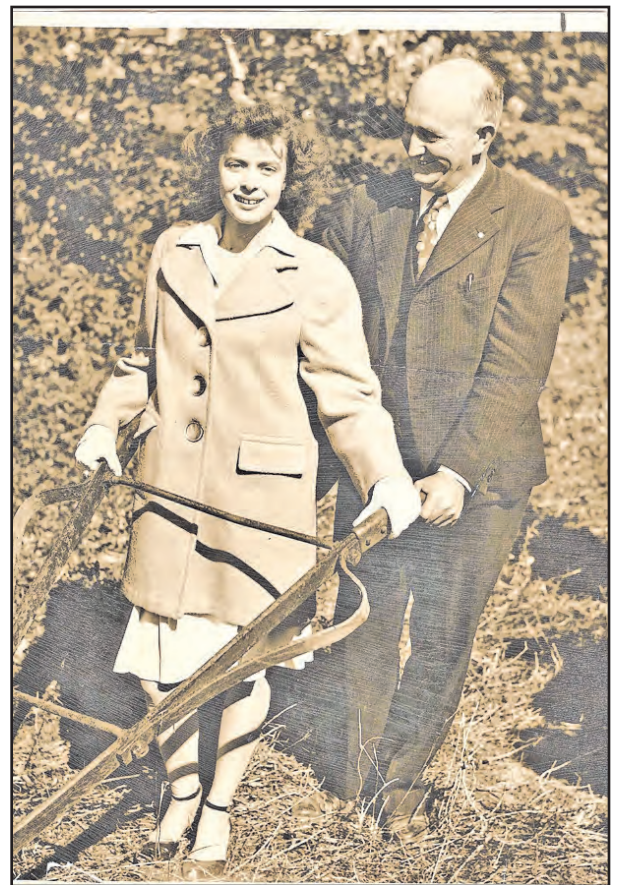
Lions believe that “kindness matters” and have taken as their mission becoming a “Global Force for the Good of Humanity.”

Margaret Keeler Wood ~ 1926-2021



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Margaret Wood passed away on September 6 at age 94. She was a proud Vintonite, a 1945 graduate of William Byrd High School, and the 1944 Homecoming Queen.



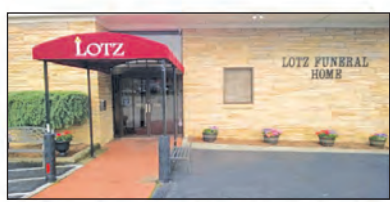
Margaret Wood is shown with Mayor Joe Pedigo at the groundbreaking for the Vinton War Memorial in the 1940s.

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Margaret Keeler Wood of Vinton passed away on Monday, September 6, 2021, at age 94. Mrs. Wood was well-known and beloved in the Vinton community. She and her husband, Bob Carson Wood, opened the Pure Oil service station and country store on Washington Avenue in Vinton in 1957, followed by Bob

Wood’s Union 76, Wood’s Service Center, and Wood’s Auto Parts.

Mrs. Wood was an active member of Thrasher Memorial United Methodist Church in Vinton, which she joined in 1940 at the age of 14.

She graduated from William Byrd High School in 1945 where she played basketball, sang in the A

Capella Choir, and served as secretary of the student body. In her senior year, she was elected Homecoming Queen, and named as “Best All Around” and “Best Sport.”

She married Bob Wood in 1946. They were married for 62 years and raised three children (Barry, Tommy, and Bonnie), eight grandchildren, and numerous great-grandchildren.

Her family says she was always proud to be a “Vintonite.” She was a charter member (and served as president) of the Vinton Woman’s Club, served on the Vinton Planning Commission, was a member and president of the Vinton Historical Society, and was named Roanoke’s 1978 Mother of the Year in religious activities. She was honored with a lifetime membership in the PTA. She loved gardening and bowling but spent much of her time as the bookkeeper of the family-owned Wood’s Service Center.

She will be remembered as an integral part of Vinton—hardworking, generous, and dedicated to the community.

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A look inside the entrance to Chris's Coffee & Custard



Chris Woodrum (left), Woodrow Carter, and Beth Woodrum stand below the Chris's logo designed by Chris.

pearance came at a local Christmas play where the business provided concessions for guests. That night, one of the members from the Community Foundation, whose daughter was in the play, spoke to Beth. The following week, when Beth arrived at the meeting, the foundation was already familiar with Beth and ended up donating \$75,000 to the business. That donation opened up the doors for other grant opportunities for the custard and coffee shop.

Chris co-owns the establishment with his mother. In creating Chris's logo, Beth had Chris write his name down on several sheets of paper without telling him what she planned to do with his signature. (She didn't want to tell him because it was a surprise.) Soon, Beth designed the logo and showed her son the finished product that features his signature from those sheets of paper.

"When I showed him the logo, Chris said, 'That's my name!'" Beth said. "I told him he was now an owner with me and anything he wanted to do – we would incorporate into the business."

Chris goes to the Night to Shine prom night experience in Salem annually. When Beth first approached her son about some things he wanted to incorporate into the business, Chris mentioned the red carpet he and his friends walk along when entering the Night to Shine prom. The event holds a special place in the hearts of Chris and his friends.

When customers enter Chris's store, everyone gets to walk along a red carpet into the building featuring Chris's logo because he wants his guests to experience walking the red carpet like he and his

friends get to walk along each year.

Chris's Coffee & Custard is a special place in the Roanoke Valley. The restaurant has various items such as the "Daddy's Boy," "Mama's Boy" and "Chris's Fave" custard dishes. "Daddy's Boy" features vanilla custard, a caramel center, and chocolate drizzle served in a chocolate-dipped waffle cone. "Mama's Boy" replaces the caramel with Reese's Cup crumbles and is served in a chocolate-dipped waffle bowl. Both are delicious.

They also offer the previously mentioned chicken salad and grilled cheese. However, eats aren't the only thing Chris's brings to the table.

Chris's offers coffee hot and iced. A helpful infographic on the wall behind the counter gives customers an example of what goes into a cappuccino, latte, or mocha as well as all the coffee drinks that they offer. (They all contain different ingredients, y'know.)

The coolest thing on the menu (no pun intended) is the "Selfieccino." The drink is a cappuccino or latte with an image printed on top

of the foam. A customer provides the image to a program that "prints" the image.

Beth is highly thankful for all of the help her volunteers and workers provide for the restaurant. A lot of the work done on the restaurant was out of sheer kindness, free of charge. Some of Beth's volunteers currently live in Botetourt County.

"I have one volunteer that told me that even if she's having a bad day, she'll come into work, and by the time she leaves, her entire day was great," Beth mentioned. "She said it is so rewarding to watch the staff work. They're all happy, able to have a job and get a paycheck. It's really exciting to watch the teamwork. Our customer service is the most important thing for us here. My goal is to have people feel better when they leave than when they first walk in the door."

For more information about Chris's Coffee & Custard, visit their website at chriscoffeeandcustard.com to peruse their menu and find out more about what Chris's provides to the Roanoke Valley.

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Campbell Memorial Presbyterian adds free 'Library Swap'

Campbell Memorial Presbyterian Church in Vinton has added a new "Little Library Swap" for the community in the parking lot in front

of the building located at 1130 Hardy Road.

The little library has two shelves—one for adults on top and one for children under-

neath.

The little library is always open and free to everyone. It is located at the Hardy Road entrance.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Campbell Memorial Presbyterian Church on Hardy Road in Vinton has added a 'Little Library Swap' for the community.

Belmont Christian Church to host outdoor craft fair

Belmont Christian Church will hold its second annual outdoor craft and vendor fair on Saturday, September 18. Members of the Craft Fair Committee will be hosting the craft fair in the parking lot at Belmont Christian from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The church is located at 1101 Jamison Avenue in Southeast Roanoke.

The rain date for the craft fair is September 25.

Items for sale and vendors include hairbows, scrunchies, and lanyards from the Bunny Bee Boutique; handmade wreaths, floral arrangements, and handmade crafts by Kathy and Garry Wilkerson; tutus, loop whistles, and hats from Shelby Whitlock; crocheted items and wreaths from Three Crafty Chicks; tumblers, handmade craft items, and keychains from Clarissa Hughes; candies and snacks from Jennifer Bean; Dee Cruz ice cream, The Pink Zebra, C.S. Nails

with Tracy Brockenbrough, soy candles from Nose Bouquet, Zeepwear, hair accessories and earrings from Lisa Vilagi, portraits, sketches, and canvas by Tamia Dallas, cigar purses and candles by Lisa Sands, (Thirty-One) Usborne, keychains and totes from Danielle Watt, wreaths, candy, and crafts from Sunday Wise, handmade jewelry from Verla Ayers, dog treats by Allison Lindy, upcycled creations by Karole Passmore of Vintage by Design, Norwex natural organic cleaning with Devyn Jean, Country Creations with Robin Harper, crocheted items and quilts by Ann Bush, key chains, magnets, and signs by Zoe Paxton and Kaitlin Honig, Meme's fidget aprons by Janice Foster, and My Brother's Keeper with J.T. Clark.

This year there is a special section set aside with less expensive handmade items for children to purchase.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Several members of the Craft Fair Committee at Belmont Christian Church finish decorating the tree with items they have made for the second annual outdoor craft fair to be held Saturday, September 18. Members shown (left to right) are Elaine Michael, Carol Clarkson, Maggie Angell, and Craft Show Chairman Barbara Brace.

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The local DAR Chapter meets at St. Timothy's Lutheran Church on Hardy Road in Vinton on the second Saturday of most months, September through May.

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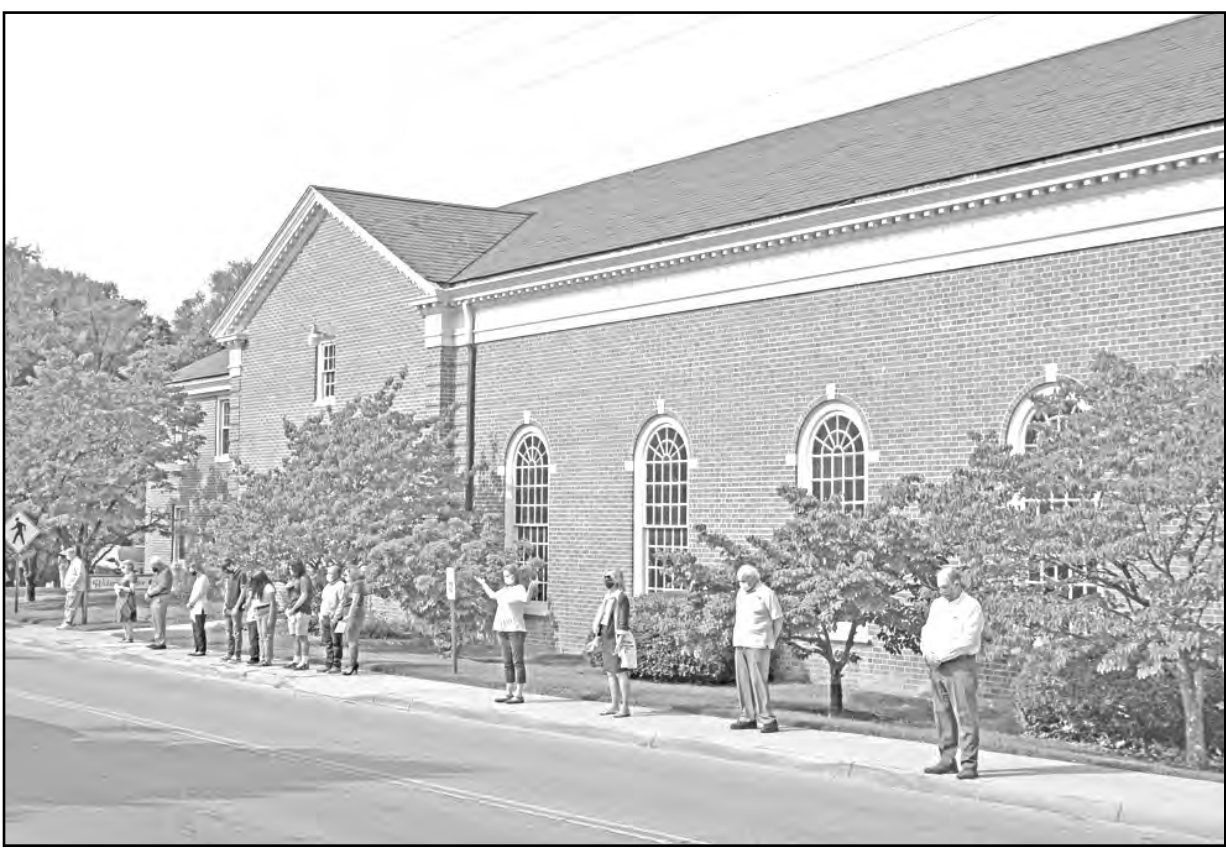
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Prayer Circle

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world the church will worship God in spirit and in truth their leaders will serve humbly as godly examples to all more workers step up to faithfully serve leaders equip the saints for the work of ministry the church does not lose its first love we will trust Jesus to grow the church When the chapel bell rang out again, church members turned around and faced outward toward the community and the world, praying that: we would take care of the earth and the animals of the land, sea and air we care for our neighbors, our schools, our first responders we look to engage our neighbors in peace and

with the love of Christ we pray for the sick, dying and broken hearted around us in the workplace, community, valley, country, and world. The Prayer Circle is an annual tradition at Thrasher, begun in September 2014 with the Thrasher Memorial UMC Prayer Ministry Team. There were a few subtle changes this year. Due to COVID, members did not join hands. Some wore masks (the church is requiring masks presently inside the church due to the uptick in COVID cases in the area). The entire event lasted just a few minutes, but the church hopes to make a great impact through the power of prayer in these troubled times.



The annual Prayer Circle at Thrasher Memorial has been a tradition since 2014. PHOTO BY DEBBIE ADAMS

Roanoke County students surpass state average on most SOL testing

Virginia state, district, and individual school SOL testing pass rates in Virginia were made public on August 26. Ben Williams, Director of Assessment and Research for Roanoke County Public Schools, reported on the SOL results at the School Board work session on September 1. Williams said this year RCPS focused on several questions as they prepared to examine the test results:

- How do we measure success in relation to testing?
 - Was our learning plan successful during COVID?
 - How did our COVID-19 instructional plan fare compare with others around the state?
- “As expected, SOL test results were down due to the instructional impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic,” said Williams. “Mathematics went down more than reading in both the state and Roanoke County. Although we would have liked to have seen higher pass rates, we are pleased that the students in Roanoke County did very well relative to the rest of the state.”

Williams said RCPS knew there would be “testing challenges—a price to be paid for COVID.”

However, overall, the testing results were surprisingly good, especially in comparison to the rest of the state, and seemed indicative of the wisdom of Roanoke County’s choice to maintain as much face-to-face teacher time as possible. Students in grades K-2 had in-person instruction from the beginning of the 2020-2021 school year. Other elementary grades were gradually switched from hybrid programs where initially they attended in-person just two days a week. By the end of the year, most everyone who wished to be back in school full-time, was.

On every SOL test at every grade level Roanoke County scores were above the Virginia State Average except in high school Virginia and US History—where only a handful of RCPS students took the test because few needed the test for graduation. On that SOL, RCPS matched the state average.

In third grade reading, the Roanoke County pass rate was 72, the state average was 61. Fourth grade reading, RCPS 79, state 68. Fifth grade reading, RCPS 75, state, 66. Sixth grade reading, RCPS 75, state, 69. Seventh grade reading, RCPS 78, state 71. Eighth grade reading, RCPS 76, state, 69.

Math scores differences were more dramatic. Third grade math, RCPS 69, state, 54. Fourth grade math, RCPS 68, state 56. Fifth grade math, RCPS 65, state 51. Sixth grade math, RCPS 57, state 45. Seventh grade math,

RCPS 69, state 45. Eighth grade math, RCPS 60, state 43. Algebra I, RCPS 80, state 63.

RCPS fifth grade science scores were closer to the state average. Williams said this was due to the fact that RCPS chose to emphasize reading and math over other subjects in elementary school.

Williams explained that reading scores are cyclical and don’t traditionally erode year to year as skills build, but with math “every unit is something new” and requires more face-to-face instructional time. In fact, elementary students studying virtually had higher scores in reading than those with in-person learning, but were lower in math, which “doesn’t translate as well in a virtual environment and requires more monitoring and supervision.”

Williams believes the SOL results indicate that the learning program RCPS adopted during the COVID months was effective, and generally much more effective than other programs adopted across the state.

“All in all, the face-to-face time paid off and our plan was successful,” Williams said.

What do the test scores mean for instruction in the 2021-2022 school year? Williams says RCPS plans to use many diagnostic tools to target skills which were not mastered due to lost learning time during COVID and to plan interventions. The school system plans to employ the “scaffolding” approach where basic foundational skills are taught at the same time new skills are being introduced.

Comments from the VDOE upon release of the SOL scores stated, “The 2020-2021 SOL test results followed trends on state tests nationwide. Pass rates reflect disruptions to instruction caused by the pandemic, decreased participation in state assessment programs, pandemic-related declines in enrollment, fewer retakes, and more flexible ‘opt-out’ provisions for parents concerned about community spread of COVID-19. The SOL results also reflect disproportionate nationwide impacts across all student groups, especially African American students, Hispanic students, economically disadvantaged students, students with disabilities and English learners.”

“What matters now is where we go from here, and we will use the data from the SOLs to identify the unique needs of every learner as our schools resume in-person instruction for all students,” said state Superintendent of Public Instruction James Lane.

“Virginia’s 2020-2021 SOL test scores tell us

what we already knew—students need to be in the classroom without disruption to learn effectively,” Lane said. “The connections, structures, and supports our school communities provide are irreplaceable, and many students did not have access to in person instruction for the full academic year. We must now focus on unfinished learning and acceleration to mitigate the impact the pandemic has had on student results.”

| Test Name | Roanoke County** | Virginia State Average | 20-21 Difference | 18-19 Difference | Impact of RCPS Covid Instructional Plan |
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| Gr 3 Reading | 72 | 61 | 11 | 9 | 2 |
| Gr 4 Reading | 79 | 68 | 11 | 5 | 6 |
| Gr 5 Reading | 75 | 66 | 9 | 5 | 4 |
| Gr 3 Mathematics | 69 | 54 | 15 | 6 | 9 |
| Gr 4 Mathematics | 68 | 56 | 12 | 6 | 6 |
| Gr 5 Mathematics | 65 | 51 | 14 | 7 | 7 |
| Gr 5 Science | 56 | 54 | 2 | 8 | -6 |
| Virginia Studies | 64 | 53 | 11 | 0 | 11 |
| Gr 6 Reading | 75 | 69 | 6 | 7 | -1 |
| Gr 7 Reading | 78 | 71 | 7 | 7 | 0 |
| Gr 8 Reading | 76 | 69 | 7 | 4 | 3 |
| Gr 8 Writing | 60 | 54 | 6 | 4 | 2 |
| Gr 6 Mathematics | 57 | 45 | 12 | 9 | 3 |
| Gr 7 Mathematics | 69 | 45 | 24 | 11 | 13 |
| Gr 8 Mathematics | 60 | 43 | 17 | 5 | 12 |
| Civics & Economics | 79 | 61 | 18 | 7 | 11 |
| Gr 8 Science | 72 | 58 | 14 | 9 | 5 |

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Statewide SOL test results were released on August 26 and indicate that Roanoke County schools surpassed the state average on virtually every test given.

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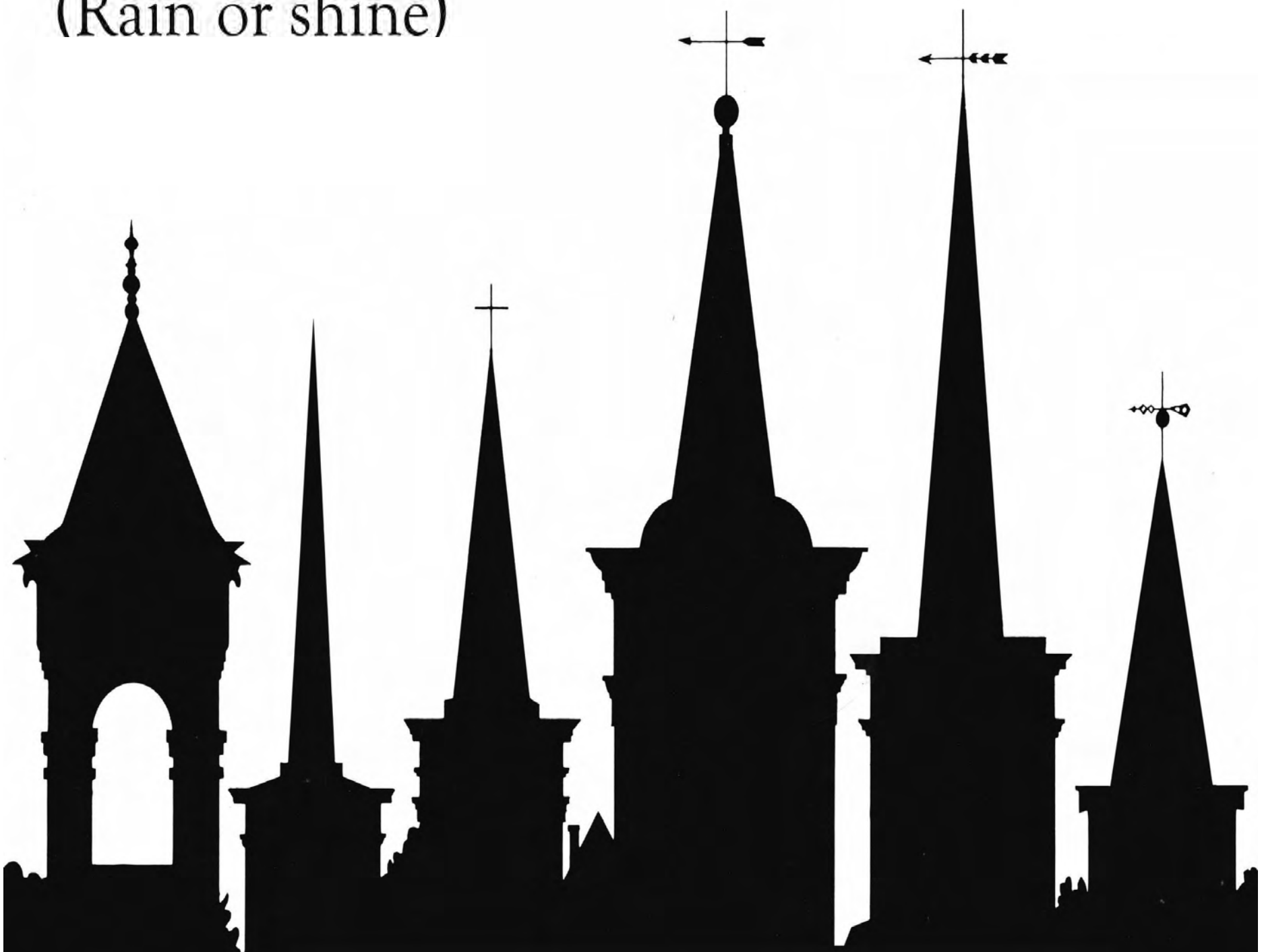
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Woodmen from page 1

Woodmen Life is a not-for-profit, member-owned and community-based organization founded in 1890 and based in Omaha, Neb. It operates privately held insurance companies for its members. The local Woodmen Life Chapter president is Vinton's own Ralph Chumley, owner of Citizen's Upholstery.

The history of the organization includes numerous philanthropic efforts and community outreach projects; distinctive headstones depicting tree stumps across the United States and Canada before 1930, programs to present American flags, and programs to honor veterans, first responders, and defenders.

Donating flags has become a tradition of the fraternal outreach program at Woodmen Life—donating new flags to schools, non-profits, rescue squads, police and fire stations, and civic organizations. Bishop says Woodmen “purchase and present more flags than Uncle Sam.” The organization has presented over 3.5 million flags in communities nationwide.

The Woodmen sponsor the Flags Across America program which places flags on the graves of veterans, In Honor and Remembrance ceremonies which honor the heroes and victims of the 9/11 attacks, as well as local community heroes and volunteers. They recognize local citizens for their patriotism, conduct flag retirement ceremonies, and participate in parades and events for Memorial Day, Independence Day, and other patriotic occasions. They distribute American flags at local high school and community college sporting events.

The organization offers special benefits for first responders who perish in the line of duty. It partners with the Gary Sinise Foundation in providing U.S. flags and flagpoles.

The Woodmen view the flag as the patriotic symbol



of America and its freedoms. Bishop says he likes to see a “nice, crisp flag” flying on flagpoles around the region. The Woodmen are doing their part to make those flags a reality.

Bishop is delighted to see students on the flag team at Cundiff who are “undertaking the responsibility for honor and patriotism. They are a fine group.”

As for the flag team at Cundiff, in addition to the responsibility of raising and lowering the flag each day, students learn American flag etiquette:

The flags go up briskly and are lowered slowly.

The American flag always goes on top; no flag can be flown higher.

When flags are flown at half-staff, the American flag is raised to full height and then lowered to half-staff.

It is the custom to display the American flag only from sunrise to sunset; however, the flag may be displayed 24 hours a day if properly illuminated during the hours of darkness.

When the flag is lowered, no part of it should touch the ground; it should be received by waiting hands and arms.

To store the flag, it should

be folded neatly and ceremoniously.

When a flag becomes damaged, tattered, and torn, it should be officially retired.

Students also have the opportunity to learn some history while serving on the flag team:

The colors of the flag have meaning. White stands for purity; red for bravery; blue for loyalty, vigilance, devotion, and justice.

The stripes in the American flag stand for the 13 original colonies; the 50 stars for the 50 states.

When folding the United States flag there are 13 folds, one for each of the original colonies. When the flag is completely folded, no red is showing. The 13 red and white stripes represent the original colonies, but also the rays of the sun, so when the flag is folded in the evenings after being lowered, the light is being put away into darkness, leaving a field of blue with bright white stars.

The nickname for the flag is “Old Glory.”

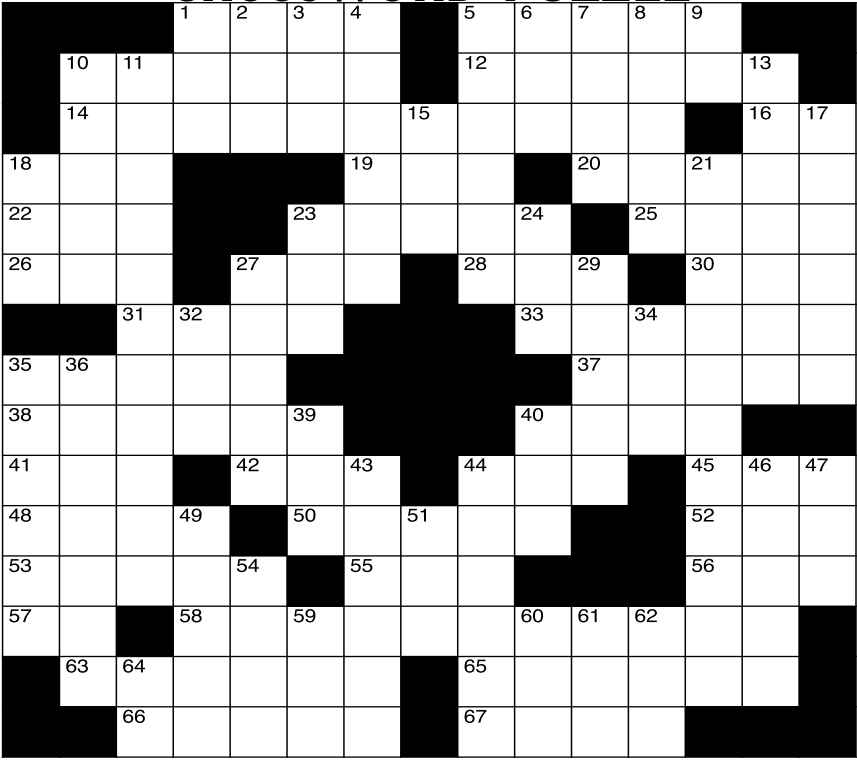
The flag is folded in a triangular or tricuspid shape, like the tricuspid hats worn by George Washington and the other Patriots in the American Revolution.



PHOTOS BY DEBBIE ADAMS

The flag team at W.E. Cundiff raises the American flag donated by Woodmen Life.

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Religion native to some in China
5. Nursemaids
10. Coats a porous surface
12. Garment of long cloth
14. Containing a broader message
16. University of Dayton
18. Patti Hearst's captors
19. Insane
20. Bristlelike structures in invertebrates
22. Taxi
23. Trainee
25. Comedian Carvey
26. Some couples say it
27. Belong to he
28. High schoolers' test
30. Young goat
31. You drive on one
33. Denotes a time long ago
35. Space between two

CLUES DOWN

37. By and by
38. A way to sell
40. A line left by the passage of something
41. Indicates near
42. Where wrestlers compete
44. Prosecutors
45. Body part
48. Soluble ribonucleic acid
50. Indicates silence
52. NFL's Newton
53. Ancient Roman garments
55. Drunkard
56. Expression of satisfaction
57. Thus
58. Noisy viper
63. Plants of a particular region
65. Communicated with
66. Latches a window
67. Swarm with

29. Fantastical planet
32. S. American plant
34. Domesticated animal
35. The tops of mountains
36. Expression of disapproval
39. Skeletal muscle
40. Game show host Sajak
43. One's interests
44. Identify the existence of
46. Partner to “oohed”
47. Does not accept medical help (abbr.)
49. Hammerin' Hank
51. Lowest point of a ridge between two peaks
54. Elaborately draped garment
59. Check
60. Car mechanics group
61. One point east (clockwise) of due north
62. Austrian river
64. A command to list files

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Read Hosea 8:1 through 14:9

“Though they offer sacrifices as gifts to me, and though they eat the meat, the Lord is not pleased with them. Now he will remember their wickedness and punish their sins: They will return to Egypt” (Hosea 8:13).

Hosea declared the futility of Israel offering insincere sacrifices. The Lord was not pleased with rituals performed without remorse for wrongdoing. Instead of receiving forgiveness from heartfelt confession, the nation suffered punishment for their accumulated sins.

Hebrews 9:22 teaches that “without the shedding of blood there is no forgive-

ness.” The blood from animal sacrifice pointed to the time when Christ’s blood would secure forgiveness for all who receive Him. His death paid the penalty for sin once and for all.

Israel had treated the Lord as one of many gods, sacrificing only to gain favor. Doing good things to gain God’s favor will not cover our sin. Nothing can substitute for the blood Christ shed. God sees each heart. He knows if there is true remorse that brings about change.

Prayer Suggestion: Lord Jesus, my forgiveness is only possible through You. I owe You everything.

Quicklook: Hosea 8:11–13

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Legals - City of Salem

Notice is hereby given to
all interested persons that the Council of the City of Salem, at its regular meeting on Monday, September 27, 2021, at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 114 N. Broad Street, in the City of Salem, Virginia, will hold a public hearing, pursuant to Sections 15.2-2204 and 15.2-2285 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, to consider approval of the

Legals - City of Salem

following requests relative to the CODE OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA:

1. Hold public hearing to consider the request of Salem Building Supply, Inc., contract purchaser, and PHC of Virginia, Inc., property owner, for rezoning the property located at 405 Kimball Avenue (Tax Map # 235-1-2) from RMF Residential Multi-Family District with proffered condition to RMF Residential Multi-Family District without conditions.

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 COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA
BY
H. Robert Light
Clerk of Council

Legals - Montgomery County

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Christiansburg Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, September 20, 2021 at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers of the Christiansburg Town Hall, 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, Virginia 24073. The purpose of the public hearing is to receive public comments concerning:

A. Amendments to the Planned Commercial Development in the B-3, General Business zoning district at 2705 Market Street NE by NRV Marketplace LLC to allow multi-family residential uses, increased building height, reduced onsite greenspace, and reduced residential parking requirement on Tax Parcel 436 -- ((5)) -- 1. The original public hearing on August 30, 2021 was postponed due to further amendments to the items listed above. The property is designated as Business/Commercial on the Future Land Use Map of the 2013 Christiansburg Comprehensive Plan.

A copy of the application, the Town's Zoning Map, Zoning Ordinance, and Future Land Use Map may be viewed in the Planning

Legals - Montgomery County

Department Office, 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, VA 24073 during normal office hours of 8:00 a.m. -- 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Contact Andrew Warren, Assistant Town Manager, at (540) 382-6128 ext. 1130 or by email at awarren@christiansburg.org with any questions or if you require reasonable accommodations.

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Christiansburg Town Council will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, September 28, 2021 at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers of the Christiansburg Town Hall, 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, Virginia 24073. The purpose of the public hearing is to receive public comments concerning:

A. Major Home Occupation Conditional Use Permit for a single-chair salon in the Agricultural zoning district at 725 Stafford Drive on Tax Parcel 405 -- ((A)) -- 8. The property is designated as Residential on the Future Land Use Map of the 2013 Christiansburg Comprehensive Plan.

B. Rezoning from R-3, Multi-Family Residential and B-3, General Business to B-3, General Business by the Montgomery Museum & Lewis Miller Regional Art Center (Montgomery Museum of Art and History) at 300 Pepper Street SE on Tax Parcel 527 -- ((A)) -- 235. The property is designated as Parks/Open Space.

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/youtube 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/publichearings.

A copy of the applications, the Town's Zoning Map, Zoning Ordinance, and Future Land Use Map may be viewed in the Planning Department Office, 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, VA 24073 during normal office hours of 8:00 a.m. -- 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Contact Andrew Warren, Assistant Town Manager, at (540) 382-6128 ext. 1130 or by email at awarren@christiansburg.org with any questions or if you require reasonable accommodations.

Legals - Town of Vinton

TOWN OF VINTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to the provisions of Sections 15.2-1800 (B) et seq., of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, the

Legals - Town of Vinton

Town Council of the Town of Vinton, Virginia, hereby gives notice of a public hearing to be held on Tuesday, September 21, 2021, at 6:00 p.m., or immediately thereafter, in the Council Chambers of the Vinton Municipal Building, 311 South Pollard Street, Vinton, Virginia.

The purpose of the public hearing is to receive public comments concerning the proposed granting of a lease to VINDOS LLC. for a certain lot lying to the rear of the former Vinton Branch Library on the southeast side of Meadows Street and below the storm water detention basin for the Vinton War Memorial identified as 060.16-06-33.00-000, all of which is located in the Town of Vinton, Virginia, said lease to be for a ten-month period with no more than four additional one-year renewal terms.

A complete copy of the proposed Lease and additional information concerning this public meeting is available in the Town Manager's Office, located in the Vinton Municipal Building, (540) 983-0607. Persons requiring special assistance to attend and participate at this public meeting should contact the Town Manager's office at (540) 983-0607.

Susan N. Johnson
Town Clerk

Notice of Public Sale

Notice is hereby given that Storage King USA, 1914 E. Washington Ave. Vinton, VA 24179 will sell the contents of the storage units listed below at a public auction to satisfy a lien placed on the contents (Virginia Statute 55). The sale will take place at the website StorageTreasures.com on September 21, 2021 at 9:00 am. The sale will be conducted on StorageTreasures.com, under the guidance of Christopher Rosa (2907004316) on behalf of the facility's management.

Units will be available for viewing prior to the sale on StorageTreasures.com. Contents will be sold for cash only to the highest bidder. A 15% buyer's premium will be charged as well as a \$100 cleaning deposit per unit. All sales are final. Seller reserves the right to withdraw the property at any time before the sale or to refuse any bids. The property to be sold is described as "general household items" unless otherwise noted.

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Joy Payne (center) and Laurie Mullins (right) explore the proposed landscape ordinances by designing green spaces for an imaginary business.

speeches, or examining display boards. It was highly interactive, informative, succinct, and even entertaining, in reviewing the highlights of the revised ordinance as attendees circulated through 10 exhibits.

Citizens were invited to sign up for one of two tours, which began in the parking lot and then finished up indoors.

Each citizen attending was given six pennies to vote on six questions concerning the Zoning Ordinance—questions that the staff considers somewhat “contentious” and would like to receive public input on before bringing the finished document before Town Council for adoption.

According to Assistant Planning and Zoning Director Nathan McClung, who spearheaded organizing and facilitating the interactive meeting, the staff has been working for about three years to meaningfully revise and update zoning ordinances in the Town of Vinton to “put more

balance back in the regulations.”

McClung, Planning and Zoning Director Anita McMillan, and Planning and Zoning Coordinator Julie Tucei have deliberated, collaborated, and strategized on the revisions with the Vinton Planning Commission, residents, business owners, and other professional organizations over those months.

They are about to wrap up the process and present the updated ordinance to Vinton Town Council for approval. The public meeting on September 9 was one last effort to solicit public input, although community input had been invited on previous occasions.

“A Penny for Your Thoughts” exhibits covered Temporary Signage, Off-Street Parking, Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU) layouts, Residential and Business Setbacks, Sign Measurements, Central Business District heights and setbacks, Landscaping

regulations, Homestays, ADU regulations, and miscellaneous New and Revised Uses.

One section of the ordinance deals with commercial signage—one of the prickliest and most frequently encountered issues that the department must deal with, especially temporary signage regulations. Staff hopes that the updated ordinance will promote “a greater balance between effective business marketing and efficient enforcement strategies.”

Staff set up a demonstration of acceptable temporary and permanent business signage on the lawn of the Community Center. McClung explained that the trend in local government nowadays is to “be more relaxed” concerning signage regulations. The exhibit included banner, window, and free-standing signs. The group talked about feather signs and even “dancing” signs and how they could be distracting to motorists just from



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Assistant Planning and Zoning Director Nathan McClung (right) led the “Penny for Your Thoughts” tour which allowed citizens to experience in a concrete way the proposed revisions to the town’s zoning ordinance.

their movements or by infringing on the right-of-way.

The staff said they frequently get calls complaining about “too many signs.”

Town Councilman Keith Liles, who joined the first tour, emphasized his concern that stringent regulations could hinder or discourage small businesses.

The next exhibit was designed to highlight the issue of off-street parking requirements. Apparently in the ‘80s and ‘90s, governments arbitrarily set parking space regulations based on number of employees or number of seats. The proposed ordinance is less restrictive and based on more universal parking requirements by square footage which will mandate fewer parking spaces. This issue has stormwater implications as well, dealing with a reduction in impervious surfaces.

In another outdoor exhibit, areas of the parking lot were taped off to indicate the size of acceptable Accessory Dwelling Units—another hot topic in planning and zoning. ADUs are independent housing units created within single-family homes or on their lots to accommodate many different needs. Some of the potential benefits of ADUs are to give elderly populations the capability to age in place, to provide a secondary income for homeowners, or to provide long-term cost savings for public utilities through limiting greater urban sprawl.

The maximum size of an ADU is currently 800 square feet or 40 percent of the size of the existing home—whichever is less. An ADU must be on the same water, sewer, and electrical system as the existing home. The property owner must reside on-site, either in the principal dwelling or in

the ADU.

Staff wants to encourage ADUs and permit them by right in certain residential zoning districts. The town will need to decide whether these ADUs can be rented out.

A related issue—homestays—was also included in the exhibits. Homestays are short-term rental units. The intention of regulations involving homestays is to preserve the residential character of neighborhoods in Vinton.

Another exhibit demonstrated business setbacks of 25 feet currently in the ordinance, and the 15-foot setback required in the revised ordinance. Reducing setbacks would bring older homes converting to businesses into compliance, allow development closer to the sidewalk, and foster a pedestrian-friendly environment for current and future development in Residential-Business districts.

Once back inside the Community Center, attendees were invited to use their pennies to vote “yes” or “no” on the statement, “Temporary signage should be allowed without a permitting process as long as all organizations and individuals follow the same set of rules.”

The second vote was on the statement, “Maximum parking requirements are an effective way to reduce stormwater run-off and reduce the amount of large unused parking areas throughout the town.”

One of the indoor exhibits presented an aerial view of the central business district with a revamped “Upwards” game indicating heights of buildings in the Central Business District in Vinton. The statement to vote on was, “Yes or No: Mixed-use buildings with commercial spaces on the first floor and residential units on the upper floors is what I envision for the majority of the future development projects in Vinton’s commercial corridors.”

A proposed revision to the Zoning Ordinance would allow the height limit to be increased from 35 feet to 45 feet (or four stories) in the Central Business

District, allowing for greater density with dwelling units being located above retail spaces.

Members of the tour group were invited to design the green space in the parking area in front of an imaginary business to determine their opinion on “The proposed landscaping standards balance the additional costs to developments with the long-term environmental benefits in relation to stormwater management.”

Joy Payne, who owns Vinton Roofing Company in the downtown business district, had specific questions about the landscaping requirements for existing businesses and how cost prohibitive the new requirements may become for small businesses.

The Zoning Ordinance revisions as regards landscaping introduces new and extensive landscaping standards to “increase the town’s aesthetic and environmental context in relation to stormwater management, reducing urban heat island effects, and enhancing public health and safety.”

McClung wrapped up the Zoning Ordinance meeting with a five-minute PowerPoint presentation on other proposed changes to the ordinance related to Research and Development facilities, Pet Daycare and other animal-related facilities, motor vehicle or trailer painting and body repair services, breweries, microbreweries, distilleries, and micro-distilleries, large format retail stores and shops, mixed-use buildings, and drive-up facilities, among others.

It is not too late to let your voice be heard on the revisions. The ordinance is in the final stages of review and will be presented to Vinton Town Council at an upcoming council meeting.

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

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COVID wreaks havoc with football, volleyball schedules

The William Byrd football and volleyball teams have been forced to rearrange their schedules due to the most recent outbreak of COVID. Both teams have had games postponed in the past week.

It wasn't so bad for the volleyball team, who had just one game postponed, and just for a day. The Terriers were scheduled to host Blue Ridge District rival Lord Botetourt on Tuesday, but that match was rescheduled for Wednesday of this week and was still on at press time. Byrd had a week between games so coach Allison Thornton is hoping nothing else is postponed. The Terriers are scheduled to play at Staunton River on Thursday and at Glenvar next Monday.

Football is a different story. The Terriers have had two games postponed, including this week's game at Bassett. Luckily, both Byrd and Bassett have scheduled byes next week so they've rescheduled the game for September 24 at Bassett.

Last week's game with Christiansburg is a different story. It wasn't postponed until the day before the game and most likely will not be made up. Christiansburg's bye is this week and Byrd athletic director Jason Taylor learned just yesterday that the Demons have picked up another team to play this week.

"I heard they picked up someone for this week, but I don't know who it is," Taylor said from his office Wednesday morning. "We still haven't officially cancelled that game. We could still play Christiansburg if they lose another game."

If the Demons do not lose another game they could not play Byrd, as that would be 11 games. Meanwhile, the Terriers are looking at a nine game season if they can't figure something out. All the Fridays are filled from now until the end of the sea-



Left, William Byrd's Brayden Andrews(#7) and Dustin Richards(#53) combine for a tackle in the Terriers' last game against Hidden Valley. Right, Byrd's Terran Brown goes up for a spike.

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son but some teams have been scheduling games on Tuesday to get a full season in.

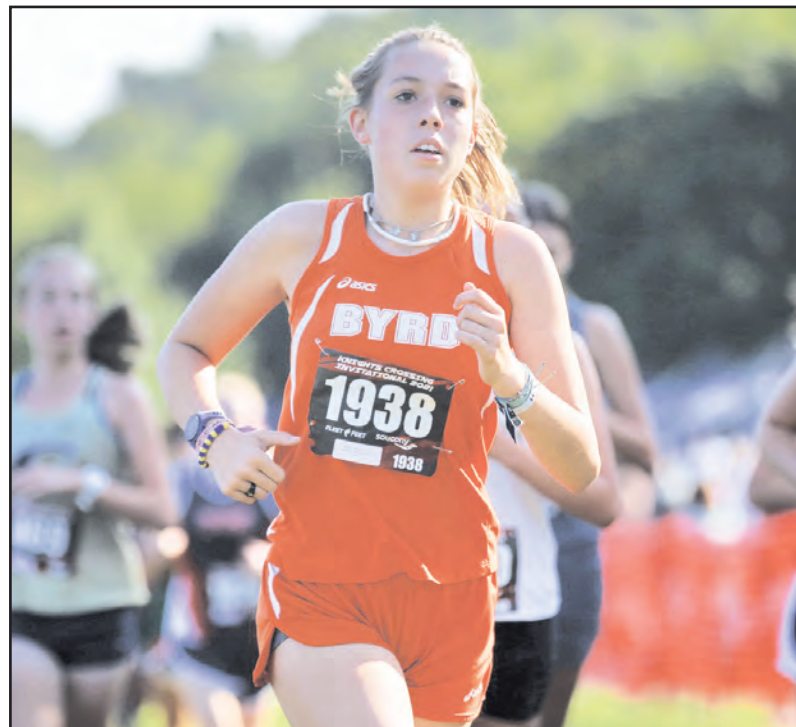
"The thing is, we've had zero football players test positive for COVID," said Taylor. "But if they're exposed to others who have it they have to sit out. We would have only had 15 kids with varsity experience if we played this week."

The team was able to get in some practice, but both the varsity and jayvee games were postponed. "We were able to get three good days of practice

last week, and we were able to get a full week this week," said coach Brad Lutz.

If Byrd can't figure out how to add another game, the Terriers might only get nine in for the regular season. And that's if everything goes as planned from this point on, which is a big question.

"If we play nine games that could help us or hurt us," said Taylor when questioned about the Terrier playoff hopes. "We'd just divide our points by nine instead of 10."



Above left, Terrier teammates Olivia Hurd (left #1933) and Claire Glover(#1930) would place 88th and 86th at the Knights Crossing. Top right, Riley Roth races through the first mile in the girls' Red race. Below, Byrd's Case Crawford rounds a turn in the Red race at Green Hill Park.

PHOTOS BY JON FLEMING

Terriers compete in top division at Knights Crossing; Run annual "Byrd 400" fundraiser in Vinton today

The William Byrd cross country team traveled across the county to compete in the Knights Crossing event at Green Hill Park last Saturday. The park was buzzing with runners who competed in 11 different categories from early in the morning until mid-afternoon.

The Byrd varsity runners competed in the "Red" Division for Virginia public schools and all out-of-state schools. It was the toughest division of the day and Byrd's boys finished 39th and the girls were 26th among a large group of schools competing. The Daniel Boone High boys and Jefferson Forest girls were team winners.

Leading the Terrier Harriers was Stephen Underwood with a new personal best of 20:39.90, good for 224th among 315 runners in the race. The winning time was 15:13.2 by Nathan Atchue of Franklin County.

Underwood was followed by Dakota Bell, Brayden McCulloch, Reagan Lilley and Bodie Gonzales. Also running in the Red race were Zach James, Case Crawford and Issiac Hartsel. Gonzales and Hartsel also had personal bests.

"The boys' team is young and inexperienced so running in this large Invitation gives them a chance to race against many other runners with the same abili-

ties," said Byrd coach Eric Royal.

For the Lady Terriers Claire Glover and Olivia Hurd continued to battle throughout the race for the top spot on the team. Claire set a new personal best of 21:31.70 for 86th place among 249 runners while Hurd was 88th at 21:33.4. Glenvar's Carly Wilkes won the race at 18:07.3.

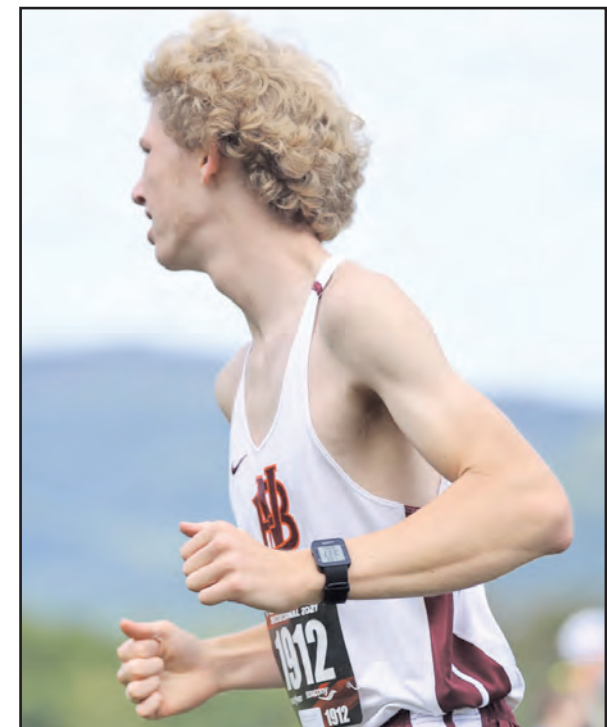
Emma Gordon was the next Byrd girl to cross the line in 179th, followed by Bethany Beecher, who ran a personal best 27:18.80. Then came Riley Roth, Gracie Mick, Liz Dixon and Emma Rupe, with the final three running personal best times.

"I couldn't be prouder of them for their determination," said Royal.

In the middle school division, with over 60 schools entered, Byrd's Tyson Brady led the way, followed by Christopher Hurd, Riley Slusher and Owen Webb. For the ladies, Heidi Wienke finished 18th overall with a time of 17:50.50, followed by Elena Mullen and Arianna Krista.

"This year we have our largest group of middle school runners I have ever had in my 16 years of coaching cross country," said Royal. "I look forward to growing the program at this level so we can compete in the future."

Today the Terriers will be running in the annual



"Byrd 400" and alumni, family and friends are welcome to help the team reach their goal for this fundraiser.

"If you are not a runner, walk or just donate," said Royal.



Middle School Football

The William Byrd Middle School football team is 1-2 after defeating Cave Spring and losing to William Fleming and Andrew Lewis. Far left, Byrd quarterback David Foster looks for a receiver in last week's game against Lewis, and left DeShannon Reed breaks free for a long run for the Terriers in a 26-12 loss. The Byrdmen were at Northside Wednesday and they'll be home to host Read Mountain on Thursday, September 23.

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Madeline Cunningham(left) and Nathan Carter both shot their career lows at Tuesday's Blue Ridge District match at the Botetourt Golf & Swim Club.

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Byrd golfers finish 4th in Blue Ridge season, tournament is Tuesday

The final leg of the Blue Ridge District golf tour went through Daleville Tuesday and the host Lord Botetourt Cavaliers made it official, winning the district regular season. William Byrd finished fourth.

Botetourt's win was no surprise. The Cavaliers led by 47 strokes with 18 holes to go and they beat second place Northside by 11 strokes even without senior standout Samir Davidov, who was playing in a tournament out of town. LB finished with a 308 at the Botetourt Golf & Swim Club while Northside shot 319 and Franklin County edged Byrd, 336 to 338, for third place. Staunton River was fourth at 435.

That's the exact same order as the regular season total, with LB finishing with 1,188. Northside was 58 behind at 1,246, Franklin County had 1,295, Byrd had 1,358 and Staunton River finished at 1,789.

Tuesday in Daleville Kendrick South had Byrd's low score with an 82. Griffin Horacek was next at 83, followed by Madeline Cunningham at 85 and Evan Mullen and Nathan Carter tied for the last scoring spot with 88 apiece. Clayton Gilmore had an even 100.

"Those were career lows for Madeline and Nathan," said Byrd coach Scott Whitehead. "We beat our score from Metro(played on the same course in August) by 19 strokes. It was a good showing for us."

Ashton Harper of LB finished as the individual season champion with Northside's Peyton Spangler taking second. Byrd's top individual was South in ninth place. Horacek was 12th, Gilmore tied for 16th, Mullen was 18th, Cunningham was 20th, Mattox Wolfe was 23rd and Carter was 28th among 38 golfers participating.

Next up for Byrd is the Blue Ridge District tournament on Tuesday, September 21, at Hanging Rock in Roanoke County. The big tournament is the Region 3D round at Draper Valley on September 28.

Red Sox hope to clinch playoff berth in homestand this week

The Salem Red Sox are looking to clinch a spot in the Low-A East playoffs this weekend as they host Delmarva in the final week of the regular season.

Salem comes into the week one game ahead of the Down East Wood Ducks, a Texas Rangers affiliate, in the race for the second playoffs spot. The Charleston Riverdogs, a Tampa Bay affiliate, has clinched the top seed for the two-team championship series with an 80-34 record with a week to go.

The Sox opened the week in the second spot at 69-45, but they were only one game ahead of Down East, who was 68-46. Carolina, at 65-49, and Delmarva, at 64-50, were technically still alive as of Tuesday but unlikely to catch both Salem and Down East.

Neither Salem nor Down East will have an easy schedule this week, as Salem will host Delmarva and Down East is home against Charleston. However, while Delmarva still has a punchers' chance of making the playoffs Charleston has little incentive to win with a playoff spot in hand.

Down East cut Salem's advantage to a game last week, taking four of six from Carolina while the Red Sox split six games with Lynchburg. This week's games with Delmarva will start at 7:05 pm through Friday with a 6:05 pm start Saturday and a 4:05 pm first pitch for "Fan Appreciation Night" on Saturday.

This week's promotions include Tyler's Amazing Balancing Act on Friday and

Military Appreciation Night on Saturday. For Sunday's "Fan Appreciation Night" the first 250 fans through the gate will receive a replica ballpark seat.

If Salem makes the playoffs the Red Sox will have the first two games at home, beginning either Tuesday or Wednesday of next week. The remainder of the best-of-five series will be in Charleston.

Challenger golf tournament

The Little League Challenger baseball program will have a Captain's Choice golf tournament on Saturday, October 2nd, to raise funds for expenses. It will be held at the Ashley Plantation Country Club in Daleville.

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Every week in 2021 we will award a local charity from a community in which we operate a donation of \$1,000. Helping those communities around us is at the core of our operational philosophy. We truly believe that high tides raise all ships and we are determined to add value to the communities in which we operate.

Through the charitable program, Rosie's Gives Back, Colonial Downs Group has made **monetary and in-kind donations of more than \$1,348,500**, and has logged over 2,500 service hours in Virginia communities.

Must be 18 or older. Problem Gaming? Call the Virginia Help Line at 1-888-532-3500.

Mason Abelseth of the Vinton Tornados slips between two defenders to score a goal in Monday night recreation soccer action at Vinyard Park.

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