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## Town Council recognizes employees for superior service

**Debbie Adams**  
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Vinton Town Council honored Vinton Police officers and a Finance Department employee for superior service while in the performance of their duties at its meeting September 21.

Police Chief Fabricio Drumond presented Certificates of Excellence to Detective Sgt. Valerie Cummings, Detective Cpl. Andrew DiCarlo, and Finance Department Account Technician Paul Miller for actions they took which helped return a runaway juvenile safely to his family.

In presenting the certificates, Drumond described the situation which led to the awards.

"On July 6, the Vinton Police Department was notified of a missing juvenile in the Town of Vinton," Drumond said. "Initial reports indicated that a juvenile



PHOTO BY DEBBIE ADAMS

**Three Town of Vinton employees were honored at the Vinton Town Council meeting on September 21 for their superior service in returning a runaway juvenile safely to his home. Shown left to right are Det. Sgt. Valerie Cummings, Det. Cpl. Andrew DiCarlo, and Finance Department Account Technician Paul Miller.**

had left a residence in the Town of Vinton the previous night. Members of our agency immediately began a search for the missing juvenile for what would be the next 72 hours. During the span of three days, both officers and detectives of the Vinton Police Department worked tirelessly for the safe return of the juvenile. Specifically, Criminal Investigations detectives canvassed and re-canvassed areas, interviewed and followed up on several tips, communicated with family members, and patrolled greenways and the Roanoke River. Additionally, cohesive efforts were made with the United States Marshal's Service, United States Park Rangers, the Department of Social Services, Roanoke County Emergency Communications, and social media outreach with the Aware

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## Three Byrd students participate in Registered Apprenticeship Program

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The Salem Red Sox welcomed student registered apprentices and their partner businesses to the ballpark on September 16 for a pre-game signing ceremony for the Regional Registered Apprenticeship Program.

The apprentices work in paid, real-world companies in the Roanoke Valley while attending local high schools. Roa-

noke County, Roanoke City, and Salem City Public Schools are partnering with local businesses to provide registered apprenticeship opportunities for juniors and seniors.

Three students from William Byrd High School were among those signing up for apprenticeships: Alyssa Nunley, Alex Theodor, and Sam Wilcox. Nunley is now working for Brown Hound Tree Services. Theodor and Wilcox are employees of

the Western Virginia Water Authority.

The Virginia Registered Apprenticeship (RA) is a training system that produces highly skilled workers to meet the demands of employers competing in a global economy, through a combination of on-the-job training and classroom instruction. It is a "win-win" approach to workforce development for more than 13,000 apprentices throughout the Common-

wealth.

Through the apprenticeship program, students can learn many skills all while earning a paycheck, high school credit, and an industry credential that means they could go straight into the workforce, skipping college. For students, apprenticeships can lead to careers. For employers, apprenticeships can help companies train future workers and fill open jobs.

William Byrd student Alyssa

Nunley will be an office management apprentice with Brown Hound Tree Service. She is 16 years old and a junior at William Byrd. She works at Brown Hound Monday through Friday mornings and then takes classes in the afternoon at Byrd. She began working with Brown Hound Tree Service this summer as an office specialist and by signing as a registered ap-

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**William Byrd student Alyssa Nunley (right) is a member of the Registered Regional Apprenticeship Program working at Brown Hound Tree Service.**



**William Byrd senior Alex Theodor (right) is a Registered Apprentice with the Western Virginia Water Authority.**



**William Byrd junior Sam Wilcox (right) is working with the Western Virginia Water Authority in the Registered Regional Apprenticeship Program.**

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## Vinton War Memorial takes the #gogoldva pledge

The Vinton War Memorial joined partners from across Virginia for Childhood Cancer Awareness Month in September. On September 15, Chasity Barbour, Dana Boyd, and

Amanda Payne wore yellow and took the #gogoldva pledge, promising to "go gold and light up my home/building and be an advocate for children with cancer in Virginia."

The team says, "A thief is a person who steals another person's property, especially by stealth and without using force or violence. Childhood cancer is a thief. It's not a person

who steals another person's property, but what it does might be worse. Cancer steals the childhoods of so many kids around the world. It steals their livelihood, their light, and their

future. It steals our next generation as we speak, and not enough is being done about it."

The #gogoldva organization is "on a mission to light up 337 buildings and homes in gold during September's National Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. That's the number of children across the state who are diagnosed with cancer each year." In addition to the Vinton War Memorial, buildings across the state partnering and taking the #gogoldva pledge include the Governor's Executive Mansion and numerous other buildings in Richmond; the Wells Fargo Tower, the Berglund Performing Arts Theatre, and Roanoke Fire and EMS in Roanoke; Woods Service Center Towing and Transportation in Vinton, and the Salem Civic Center.

For the complete list see <https://www.gogoldva.org/partners>.

Earlier this year, the War Memorial had the opportunity to house the HeRow Expo Car Show put on by Hopedriven for the Rowan Price family. Rowan passed away in 2019, diagnosed just a year earlier in 2018 with a rare form of leukemia, AML M7, also known as AMKL.

SignGypsies Roanoke helped remind Vinton of childhood cancer awareness with a bright, colorful, donated sign at the Vinton War Memorial, including the designated color yellow.

SignGypsies was started in 2019 by two Roanoke County teachers, Amanda Waldron and Lauren Burgess, as a side business. The two spend their mornings before school and on weekends traveling around Vinton, Roanoke, Botetourt, Salem, and sometimes beyond, surprising residents with celebratory signs for birthdays, graduations, weddings, retirements, and baby announcements. Their mission is to bring smiles and joy to Roanoke and the surrounding areas.

For more information on SignGypsies, visit [SignGypsies.com](http://SignGypsies.com).



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

**The Vinton War Memorial has joined with partners across the state in taking the #gogoldva pledge to observe September as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. Vinton Director of Community Programs and Facilities Chasity Barbour (left) is shown with Dana Boyd, Community Programs and Facilities supervisor (center) and Amanda Payne, Community Programs and Facilities coordinator.**

## Meet Vinton's NEW community partners

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# Five Dollar Shake returns for September 25 Mingle

The band Five Dollar Shake will make its second appearance of the summer at the Mingle at the Market concert scheduled for September 25—the final concert for 2021. Five Dollar Shake plays a wide variety of funk and soul, old and new, as well as new rock and roll.

The Mingle concert series is sponsored by the Vinton Area Chamber of Commerce. The music will get underway at 7 p.m. on the HomeTrust Bank Stage at the Vinton Farmers' Market.

Admission is \$6 for the family-friendly event with children 12 and

under admitted free of charge.

The featured food truck this week is the Lazy Bull Dog Food Truck. Craft beer and adult beverages will be available for purchase.

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

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

Berkshire Health Care, HomeTrust Bank, Lotz Funeral Home, Neely's Accounting, PFG, Coastal Insurance Planning of VA, and The Vinton Messenger. Sherri Winkler of Nite Owl Artz has done the design work for the concert with printing by Vertex Signs.

COVID-19 restrictions have been lifted for the Mingle concerts with one exception—wear a mask if you haven't been vaccinated.

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



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Five Dollar Shake will perform at the final Mingle at the Market concert for 2021 on September 25.

# Tractor Supply to officially open new Vinton store on October 2

Tractor Supply will officially open its new Vinton store at Lake Drive Plaza on October 2. The company says it is excited to bring a new store to serve and meet the needs of the Vinton community. Due to construction delays, the grand opening date has

been pushed back from its original date of September 25.

Customers can shop from a wide range of products including workwear and boots, equine and pet supplies, zero turns and riding mowers, pet food, lawn and garden supplies,

power tools, fencing, welding, animal feed, propane, fencing, home supplies and more.

The store will carry brands such as Purina, Carhartt, Blue Buffalo and Hobart, as well as products exclusive to Tractor Supply.

"At Tractor Supply,

we understand the value of providing essential needs like pet food, animal feed and home supplies to our customers in the Vinton community," said Theresa Molella, manager of the Vinton Tractor Supply store. "Our team members live the same lifestyle as our

customers, and we're excited to supply them with the tools, information and resources they need to live life on their own terms."

In addition to supplying products for farm and rural customers, the Vinton Tractor Supply values community

engagement and says it will support local animal shelters, area 4-H clubs and FFA chapters and more.

Vinton Tractor Supply at 981 Hardy Road will be open from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday.

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Vinton Town Council approved a license agreement with Norfolk Southern that will enable the town to construct a pedestrian trail replacing an existing dirt footpath from Roanoke City's existing catwalk under the NS overpass to the proposed sidewalk along Walnut Avenue.

Foundation. "With the aid of a Norfolk Southern track supervisor, Det. DiCarlo coordinated a search effort by riding a service vehicle for hours, while canvassing the Roanoke Valley by utilizing our railways. Meanwhile, Det. Cummings followed up on a lead that resulted in a door-to-door effort of checking several downtown Roanoke establishments and interviewing those close to the missing juvenile. Despite hitting inconclusive leads and working long hours, detectives continued to pursue any information and review existing information that could bring new ideas to the search effort. During the span of the search, both detectives sacrificed their personal obligations and committed their service to the safe return of a young community member. Despite many obstacles and challenges, both Det. Sgt. Cummings and Det. Cpl. DiCarlo continued to expand their search efforts. It was clear that they would continue the search until a resolution was concluded.

"On July 9, the Roanoke County Emergency Communications Center dispatched

officers to the Vinton Police Department regarding a missing juvenile, reported to be seen in the lobby. It was established that the juvenile was the missing person who members of our agency were searching for.

"Prior to law enforcement contact, Paul Miller recognized a young individual outside our agency and identified him to be the missing person Vinton officers had been actively searching for. It was determined that the missing juvenile came to our agency after he ran out of food and water and was experiencing fatigue.

"What is not documented are the events that occurred before our dispatch center notified officers of his safe return. When Mr. Miller determined who the individual was, he quickly assessed the situation and recognized that this was someone who was undoubtedly scared, confused, and exhausted. Paul appropriately notified law enforcement and established rapport with the juvenile to make him feel less apprehensive about the situation. Paul connected with the young man and briefly spoke about life, opportunities, and family, while also communicating that life is full of challenges and difficult circumstances. While as challenging as they may be, every obstacle can be overcome with time. The example Paul showed may be categorized as a small act of kindness and compassion, but often, the smallest deeds are what create the greatest impact. In Paul's case, he showed authenticity, and genuine care for someone.

"The greatest joys we find in our lives are rarely

found in pursuit of our own success and desires," Drumond noted. "The pursuit of self-ambition only leaves us searching for a never-ending cycle of wanting more. By design, we have been inherently put in this world to live for something far greater than ourselves—a life well-lived is a life of gratitude and service. On July 9, Paul showed us a noble example of compassion and an example of what it truly means to help a fellow person in need."

"There is no greater feeling that recognizing two members of the Vinton Police Department who place so much value in human life. As with any law enforcement organization, the premise of our sworn duties is the profound reverence for human life. In our beloved profession, we meet many while in the course of our duties. As community caretakers, we believe that every life has an opportunity for a bright future. It takes great personal daily inspiration and courage to place such a high regard in the value of life and exert every effort and will to accomplish a challenging task—in this case, the return of a juvenile who unquestionably has endless opportunities and experiences worth living."

In other action, council held a public hearing on renewing a lease to VINDOS, LLC (Macado's) for the parking lot lying to the rear of the former Vinton Branch Library on Meadows Street. The parking lot is used for overflow parking for patrons of the restaurant and its employees. The lease is for 10 months to the end of the fiscal year, and then renewable for four additional one-year terms. The business is responsible for landscaping and daily upkeep. There were no public comments. Council will take action at the October 5 meeting.

Council authorized the town manager to execute a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Roanoke, the Town of Vinton, Roanoke and Botetourt Counties, the World Triathlon Corporation, and the Roanoke Valley Convention and Visitors Bureau for the June 5, 2022, and June 4, 2023, Ironman 70.3 Race Support Services. The MOU defines the roles and responsibilities of the Ironman event organizers and the four local governments.

Council adopted a resolution approving new

Grant Policies and Procedures, as requested by auditors. The policy complies with federal rules and regulations regarding grant monies, ensures consistent procedures across multiple departments, and defines roles and responsibilities for grant reporting and compliance. Mayor Brad Grose commended staff and Town Attorney Jeremy Carroll for their hard work on developing the policy.

Council also adopted a resolution concerning additional right-of-way and temporary construction easements for three properties along Walnut Avenue owned by Viking Fence Company (Bob's Restaurant and the Viking Fence office) and the Nilam Corporation (Alvaro's Market). The easements are needed in order to construct the proposed bicycle and pedestrian accommodations along Walnut Avenue. The project will complete a connection for the Town of Vinton's Glade Creek Greenway and Roanoke City's Tinker Creek Greenway. The project is funded by the VDOT Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funds. Construction will begin in late fall 2021. The Pathfinders for Greenways donated \$15,000 of the \$40,232 needed for this acquisition.

A resolution was adopted by council for a License Agreement between Norfolk Southern Railway Company and the town in the amount of \$9,400 for a pedestrian trail to be constructed on the Norfolk Southern property as part of the Walnut Avenue Bicycle and Pedestrian Accommodations Project from 5th Street to the town's west limits. The pedestrian trail will be constructed on an existing dirt footpath from the City of Roanoke's existing catwalk under the NS overpass to the proposed sidewalk along Walnut Avenue. It will connect the town and city greenways and improve bicycle and pedestrian safety. This project is also funded by VDOT STBG funds and scheduled to be advertised in late fall 2021.

Town Manager Pete Peters updated council on uses and proposed uses of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. The first portion of the funding will be used for stormwater improvements from Maple Street to Blair Street downtown. Staff and council are working to decide what the ARPA funding of \$8.4 million will be used for.

## CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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PEOPLE, PLACES AND THINGS

**Angie  
Chewing**

Filling in for Bootie

It took a few months to celebrate his birthday present, but what a trip it was. In February, Hannah and I gave Drake Clemson football game tickets and this past weekend was the day! They traveled to Clemson for his dream of watching a game in Death Valley. They had a blast!

Join us Saturday, Sept. 25, 7-10 p.m. for our season closer of Mingle at the Market. Five Dollar Shake will take the stage and entertain us for the evening. Lazy Bull Food Truck will be there to take care of your hunger; \$6 admission, kids under 12

are free.

Tickets are also on sale at the Vinton Moose Lodge (and I have them, too) for New Year's Eve with Five Dollar Shake, \$25 per person. Contact the Vinton Moose Lodge or me at [angie@vinton-chamber.com](mailto:angie@vinton-chamber.com).

Jeff Howell was in for a quick visit last week from Hollywood to attend a niece's wedding. He stopped by and took Bootie to lunch at Macado's. When he was young and student at William Byrd, he worked at Bootie's Hallmark & Gifts. His business now is voiceovers. Friday he was at Hollins to teach a class and then on Sunday he was off to Rome, Italy to teach classes in voiceovers. So proud of Jeff, just wish him safe travels.



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**Blue Ridge Baptist sponsoring blood drive in October**

Blue Ridge Baptist Church, located at 2410 Hardy Road, is having a blood drive on Wednesday, October 13, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sign up to donate by calling the Amer-

ican Red Cross at 540-985-3560 or on the ARC app.

Give the gift of life. All who donate will have their names entered to win an afghan.

**Vinton Wesleyan Church presents Promised Land Quartet**



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Vinton Wesleyan Church will present the Promised Land Quartet in concert on Saturday, September 25, at 6 p.m. An offering will be received. For further information, call the church office at 345-3385. Vinton Wesleyan is located on 246 Jefferson Avenue in Vinton. The public is invited to attend.

**SNHU announces Summer 2021 President's List**

Johanna Boughton of Goodview and Keyata Andrews of Vinton were named to the Summer 2021 President's List at Southern New Hampshire University.

Full-time students who have earned a minimum grade point average of 3.700 and above are named to the President's List.

Southern New Hampshire University is a private, non-profit institution with an 89-year history. It offers approximately 200 accredited undergraduate, graduate and certificate programs, available online and on its 300-acre campus in Manchester, N.H.

**Whitcomb graduates from Valdosta State University**

Jennifer Whitcomb of Vinton has earned the Master of Library and Information Science degree from Valdosta State

University. Whitcomb is among more than 550 students who completed their degree requirements during Summer Semester 2021.

**Vinton Fall Festival coming up on October 2**

Saturday, October 2, will be a busy day in downtown Vinton.

The annual Vinton Fall Festival opens at 10 a.m. The streets will be full of craft and business vendors, food trucks, and entertainment.

There will be free entertainment on two stages: at the Municipal Building and at the Farmers' Market Stage.

Performances on the Municipal Stage are:

- Fame All Stars from 10:30 to 11:30
- Floyd Ward Dance Company from 11:30 to 12:30
- Susan Lewis Music Studio: 12:30 to 2 p.m.

On the Farmers' Market Stage:

- Mish Moves Dance will perform from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.
- Annual Pet Costume Contest (sponsored by Pawsh Salon for Dogs) from 11:30 to noon
- Defy Gravity Ninja from noon to 1 p.m.

Fall Festival sponsors include Blue Ridge Beverage, the Vinton War Memorial, Roanoke County, Carilion Clinic, Winters Storage, ServPro, Berkshire Health Care, HomeTrust Bank, Lotz Funeral Home, Neely's Accounting, Coastal Insurance Planning of Virginia, The Vinton Messenger, PFG, and FOX Radio 910, along with Vertex Signs

and Niteowlartz.com.

Later that day, the first bluegrass show will take place from 3 to 7 p.m. on the Farmers' Market Stage. There is a \$5 cover charge for this event.

- Pickin' & Grinnin' is scheduled from 3 to 5 p.m.
- High Fidelity Bluegrass Band will perform at 5:30

Food will be available from local restaurants: Joe Goodpies, Farmburguesa, and Big Belly Pizza and Subs.

Twin Creeks will host a beverage garden.

Sponsors for the bluegrass event include Joe Goodpies, the Town of Vinton, and the Vinton Area Chamber of Commerce.

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| 10:30-11:30: Fame All Stars           | 11:30-noon: Pet Costume Contest     |
| 11:30-12:30: Floyd Ward Dance Company | * Sponsored by Pawsh Salon for Dogs |
| 12:30-2: Susan Lewis Music Studio     | Noon-1:00: Defy Gravity Ninja       |

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# WBHS yearbook staff selling vintage yearbooks as fundraiser



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Members of the Black Swan yearbook staff at William Byrd High School will be selling copies of yearbooks from years gone by as a fundraiser.

Missing your copy of your high school yearbook? The William Byrd High School yearbook staff is once again selling yearbooks from the past as a fundraiser. The older yearbooks are on sale at reduced prices.

Yearbook sponsor Christie Acker says that after renovations at William Byrd are complete, the new storage room for the yearbooks will be smaller than the current room, so they "need to get rid of some of the excess inventory" with a "yearbook blowout sale."

"The money we make from the fundraising will help pay for enhancements to the book cover and the overall quality of the book," Acker said. "We also need another camera and some basic equipment like SD card readers, so the money will help with those expenses."

Anyone interested in purchasing an old yearbook should contact Acker at cacker@rcps.us, rather than calling the school office.

The yearbook staff will also be selling yearbooks at the Vinton Fall Festival in downtown Vinton on October 2.

"The staff really enjoyed volunteering at the Fall Festival two years ago," Acker said. "It was fun to see people stop and peruse the older books and reminisce. There was a lot of laughter at our table. We joked that 'we sell memories.' We have books representing many years of William Byrd history."

All books from 1970s through 2017 will be \$10; 2018, \$20; 2019, \$50; and 2020, \$75.

Parents can pre-order the 2022 yearbook at www.yearbookordercenter.com for \$65.

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prentice will "take the next step up."

Nunley will be doing a variety of office tasks—administrative, research, filing, and training in Microsoft Word and Excel. After completing the two-year apprenticeship program, she is interested in exploring a career as a veterinarian. Her parents are Nikki Nunley and Jamey Chocklett.

Family owned and operated, Brown Hound Tree Service employees have more than 50 years of combined experience in the tree care industry. Serving the Roanoke Valley and surrounding areas, the company performs complete tree removals, trimming, stump grinding, and hazardous tree

assessment and removal. both the Roanoke County Board of Supervisors and the School Board, facilitated the pilot program. The mission of the program is to expand, add, and manage essential water resources through the delivery of quality water and wastewater services to customers. It is seeking apprenticeship candidates interested in program—junior, senior, working in the drinking water, wastewater, and distribution sectors of first year of the WVWA the company. The Water Authority helped launch the student registered apprenticeship program as a pilot program in Roanoke County in 2017 with just like family." The work is five students in the first year. Mike Altizer, who has served as a member of

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of a career for me," Theodor says, as he hopes to explore a career with the WVWA after graduation. Theodor is from Vinton. His parents are Chris and Mark Theodor.

Theodor says he signed up for the RA program because he "wanted a job" but didn't want to work in the fast-food industry or in retail. He decided instead to work at the WVWA. His position is at Carvins Cove, helping to provide safe drinking water. Part of his job is gathering multiple samples and performing multiple tests on the water at the reservoir daily, along with maintaining the filtration system. He works eight-hour days at the WVWA on "A" days and takes a half a day of classes at William Byrd on "B" days.

Sam Wilcox will also be a water production apprentice with the WVWA. He is 16 years old and a junior at WBHS. He attends the Burton Center for Arts in Technology in the Masonry program and then works for the WVWA and takes classes at William Byrd on alternating days. He signed up for the apprenticeship program to get his "foot in the door," although he remains undecided about his future plans. His parents are Scott and Jennifer Wilcox. They say he has always been good with his hands, designing and building from a young age.

Other businesses participating in the Registered Apprenticeship signing ceremony on September 16 included Balzer and Associates (design and architecture firm), Blue Ridge Tire Center, G&H Contracting, G.J. Hopkins (mechanical and electrical contractors), Integer (design and development of medical devices and power solutions in medical and non-medical market), Medeco (security), Mersen (corrosion resistant and process equipment manufacturer), and Tread Corporation.

The Regional Apprenticeship program is actively seeking more businesses to participate as sponsors in the program. The RA Program was designed in the 1930s by the Roosevelt Administration—originally as an adult job preparation program. Over the years it has expanded to encompass over 1,300 jobs in a variety of businesses and

industries. Managed by the Department of Labor and Industry (DOLI) in Virginia, the RA program offers a unique work-based learning model for students 16-18 years of age. These are not internships—students are employed by the companies.

Some facts about the RA program: Students work about 20 hours per week. Most RA positions require a minimum of 2000 on the job hours and 144 hours per year of industry-related instruction. Students receive school credit for their apprenticeship.

Student schedules are arranged by the student, parents, school system, and employer.

The Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) has developed guidelines (including safety standards) for work-based learning to be followed by the school system and employer.

Students who wish to participate in the RA program first attend a Business Partner showcase to decide if the program fits their goals; attend a company tour with their parent; attend an interview and resume writing workshop, submit a resume and application; attend an interview with the company; and attend an RA Signing Day ceremony, like the one on September 16.

Typical apprenticeship students want to apply what they are learning in school, want to earn money, and want to become

highly skilled and credentialled soon out of high school. In many cases the sponsor business will help students further their education and minimize student debt. Students must be 16 to start the RA program. They must commit to maintaining good grades and working part-time. Participating employers agree to provide on-the-job training and related instruction over multiple years. They both mentor and pay students to become highly trained. If the business is in need of a skilled workforce to replace veteran employees departing, the RA process might help fill those needs.

"What makes the registered apprenticeship program beneficial is the flexibility it offers to both the schools and the partner businesses," said Jason Suhr, director of Career and Technical Education (CTE) for Roanoke County schools at a previous signing ceremony. "Students are able to enter into the workforce in small numbers where they are needed. "At each partner business, students are taking their related instruction while on the job," Suhr said. "Students begin learning about the company and begin to develop related skills years earlier than if they waited until they graduated from high school or college. More importantly, the students begin to develop a relationship with the partner." For more information on the program, visit www.rcps.us/Page/3268.

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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.

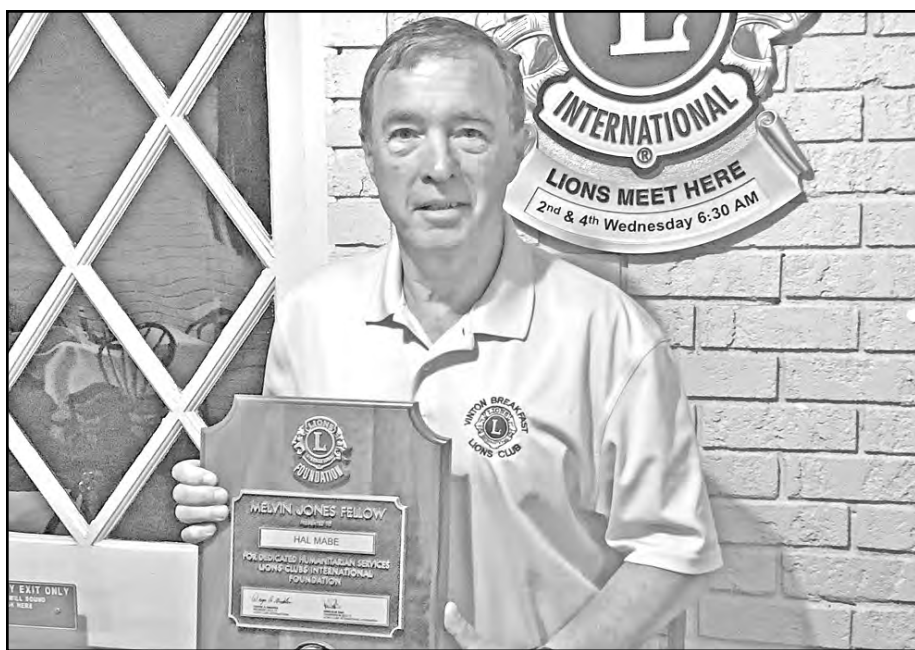
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# Vinton Breakfast Lions install officers, present Melvin Jones award



**John Dyer recently received the prestigious Melvin Jones Award from the Vinton Breakfast Lions Club. He will serve as president in the upcoming year.**

The Vinton Breakfast Lions recently installed new officers for the upcoming year. John Dyer will be serving as president, Will Moseley as vice president, Hal Mabe as second vice president, Bob Benninger as treasurer, Gary Myers as secretary, Keith Lafferty as Lion tamer, Zach McCarty as tail twister, and Chris McCarty as membership chair.

Board members include Jeff Mason, Jeff Stovall, Joel Lytton, Bob Capobianco, Dave Jones, Anthony Conner, Matt Bartlett, Clark Crawley, Richard Goad, Same Cundiff, and Steve Haldren.

John Dyer was presented with the Melvin Jones Award, the highest form of recognition a Lion can receive for charitable work. Chris McCarty was named Lion of the Year.

Lions Club International was founded in 1917 and is most recognized for championing the blind and visually impaired. The local Vinton Breakfast Lions were

chartered in 1985. While they collect and sort used eyeglasses for distribution, they also sponsor many other service projects throughout the year that benefit the Vinton community.

The Lions raise funds through their annual pancake breakfast in the fall and their spaghetti dinner traditionally held on the day of the Vinton Christmas Parade. They sell Lions Club brooms, raise funds with the White Cane Day project, and host their main fundraiser—the annual Raffle Draw Down event. Virtually all the money they collect is spent for the benefit of Vinton area residents.

The Lions award four scholarships to William Byrd High School Seniors each year and two scholarships at Staunton River High School in memory of member Ryan Chambers who passed away in an automobile accident in 2018. They recently made donations to the YOVASO programs at WBHS and SRHS.

The Breakfast Lions sponsor the annual Bland Music Competition Scholarship Program for musically talented area students who can then advance to district, regional, and state competitions.

Throughout the year, the Breakfast Lions provide local elementary school children with extra clothing, school supplies, snacks, and refreshments, help with school projects, and treat several area children to a Christmas Shopping trip.

In 2019, the Lions funded construction of the picnic shelter at Herman L. Horn Elementary School.

The Breakfast Lions have worked diligently since March 2015 on a legacy project—reclaiming and preserving the historic Gladetown Cemetery from undergrowth and debris. The cemetery, which contains some of the oldest graves in Vinton dating from the 1820s, has been restored and is now fenced in due to the efforts of the Lions.



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# Vinton Historical Society elects new officers



PHOTO BY DEBBIE ADAMS

**The Vinton History Museum will hold its annual Holiday Shoppe on the lawn during the Vinton Fall Festival on October 2.**

The Vinton Historical Society has elected officers for the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 fiscal years.

They are:

President: Randy Layman

• Vice President: Denny Dickens

• Secretary: Marie Bell

• Treasurer: Debbie Pitts

• Program Chairman: Mary Beth Layman

• Directors Emeritus Douglas and Mattie Forbes

• Directors (members-at-large) include Jan Dickens,

Ann Hewitt, Judy Kelley, JoAnn Newman, Darlene Richardson, and Julie Tucei (Town of Vinton representative).

The Vinton History Museum will be holding the annual "Holiday Shoppe" on the museum lawn, selling gift baskets, holiday décor, and gift items during the Vinton Fall Festival on October 2.

The museum is open Monday, Wednesday, Friday and every first Saturday from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the corner

of Jackson Avenue and Maple Street in downtown Vinton.

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# Roanoke County to hold community meeting in Vinton on Comprehensive Plan

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 house-style public meetings in 10 communities around Roanoke County will be held this fall.

A Comprehensive Plan meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 30 at the Charles R. Hill Community Center. Meetings are coming up in the Vinton area in the next two weeks.

The Roanoke County 200 Plan will express an overarching community vision as well as unique goals for 11 community planning areas. It will provide guidance for public policies about land development, public services and resource protection.

It will also allow decision makers to study the long-term consequences of current decisions and recognize how today's actions will impact the county for many years to come.

Participants can comment on issues and trends in their communities.

The meetings will include input exercises for land use, housing, natural and cultural resources, transporta-

tion, and community facilities. Staff will share information about current conditions and local projects.

Anyone who prefers a virtual option is invited to give input via the website at [www.RoanokeCountyVA.gov/200Plan](http://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 countywide topics. CORTAN service is available for these meetings.

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.

## ROANOKE COUNTY 200 PLAN

### Bonsack-Vinton Community Open House Meeting

An open house-style meeting will be held for your Community Planning Area:

**Thursday, September 30**  
**4:00 PM - 8:00 PM**

**Charles R. Hill Community Center**  
**820 E Washington Avenue, Vinton, VA 24179**

For more information and online exercises visit:  
[www.RoanokeCountyVA.gov/200Plan](http://www.RoanokeCountyVA.gov/200Plan)  
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## Beyond Books

It's time to celebrate all things spooky at the Vinton Library! To see the full October schedule and to sign up for events, visit our website: rocolibrary.org. In-person programs will be held on the patio and are weather permitting.

The RCACP Adoption Fair will take place outside on October 2 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Please help a deserving pet find their forever home!

Throughout the month of October, we will be featuring vintage horror movies on Wednesdays at 6 p.m. Bring your own movie snacks and blankets or chairs!

- October 6: Haunted Honey Moon
- October 13: Alfred Hitchcock's The Birds
- October 20: Young Frankenstein
- October 27: Poltergeist

Creations and Temptations will be on October 4 at 6 p.m. and we will be creating a no-sew pumpkin.

We also have three different book clubs for adults! The Plot Threads Book Club will meet on Zoom on October 14 at 6:30 p.m. As the Page Turns Book Club will meet on Zoom on October 13 at 2 p.m. The Vinton Book Club will meet on October 7 at 3 p.m. on the patio.

On October 28 at 6 p.m., join the Research Society Virginia Paranormal of Roanoke to hear about their ghost hunting methods and experiences! Register online for this outdoor event.

What could be spookier than ghosts?

The thought of someone hacking your electronics! Find out how to Wise Up on Cybersecurity with the Better Business Bureau on October 11 at 11 a.m. Join us for Excel Tables and Filters on October 11 at 2 p.m., Windows 10 Tips and Tricks on Zoom on October 12 at 2 p.m., Excel Pivot Table on October 13 at 6 p.m., and How to Use Your iPhone Safely While Driving on October 26 at 2 p.m.

With all of the scary things going on in October, make sure your health isn't one of them! Join Carilion Clinic on October 15 at 12 p.m. for Lunch and Learn: Heart Health. Register two weeks prior to the event at carilionclinic.org/calendar or call 800-422-8482 to enjoy lunch on the patio and learn how to reduce your risk of stroke (blood pressure screening included). Patrick Harmon from Harmon & Prouty Financial Group will be here on October 19 at 10:30 a.m. to discuss Medicare 101.

Join us for How to Prepare for the Zombie Apocalypse on October 21 at 6 p.m. on Zoom to learn about disaster preparedness and how to pack an emergency go-bag. Participants will be eligible for a free water bottle which can be picked up at the Vinton Library after the Zoom event.

We invite teens to join us every Monday at 4 p.m. for a pop-up event, game, or take-home activity. Each week is different, so you won't know until you show! Creepy Slime kits will

be available for pick-up on Monday, October 4, while supplies last.

October Wonder Packs (Spider Oobleck) and Mad Scientist kits (Anatomy) will be available starting October 1, while supplies last. Children and their families are invited to join us for outdoor Pumpkin Painting on October 20 at 4 p.m. Register online. In-person Family Storytime will take place on the patio on Wednesdays at 11:30 a.m. Register online. This month's virtual book club will focus on The Owl Diaries series and will take place every Thursday at 4 p.m. on Zoom. Register online.

Join us every Saturday in October at 2:30 p.m. for Halloween matinee movies. Bring your own movie snacks and blankets or chairs!

- October 2: Wallace & Gromit: The Curse of the Were-Rabbit
- October 9: Hotel Transylvania
- October 16: Casper (1995)
- October 23: Hocus Pocus
- October 30: Frankenweenie

Don't forget to stop by the library during the Town of Vinton's Trick-or-Treating event on October 28 from 3-5 p.m.!

Remember to register for programs online at rocolibrary.org. All in-person programming will be held on the patio and is weather dependent. We look forward to seeing you in October

By Caitlin DeMarco,  
Senior Library  
Assistant at  
the Vinton Library



## From the Pulpit

# A Purple Church

I spent last week on campus at Duke University for my first intensive week as a doctoral student. Each semester I will spend one week on campus for in-person learning, and the rest of the semester will be completed virtually.

My cohort consists of 30 students from all over the US—New York, New Jersey, Michigan, Ohio, Oregon, Connecticut, California, Missouri, Florida, Mississippi, Tennessee, Georgia, North Carolina, and Virginia. Our group is not only geographically diverse, but we represent a wide variety of denominations within the church as well. Though the week consisted of many long days of lectures, reading, and writing assignments, it was a wonderful week of learning and building relationships with new peers.

As I worked throughout the week with this group of clergy from all different races, backgrounds, denominations, and geographical locations, I was struck by just how different we all were. Theologically, there were many topics on which we disagreed. Politically, the opinions were vast. Ecclesio-logically, our worship traditions and church structures are very different. And yet the unity we found in Christ and our shared call to serve his church provided a sacred space for open conversations, honest disagreements, new insights and understanding, new friendships and beloved community.

As we discussed the unity we found with one another amidst our diversity, one pastor shared that her church has chosen to identify themselves as a "Purple Church." Considering this was a term that most of us had not heard, she said: "Our church is made up of many who identify as red and many who identify as blue. We are very diverse politically, socially, and theologically. There is so much happening in our world on which many of us disagree. Our goal as a church is not to agree; but instead, to demonstrate for the world a better way to disagree." For this pastor, the color purple represents the coming together of two polarized groups—the red and the blue—to bring about the Kingdom of God through their unity in Christ.

When Paul was imprisoned, he wrote what many scholars today refer to as the "Captivity Letters"—Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, and Philemon. As the Colossians faced many disagreements in their church and community, Paul wrote: "12 As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. 13 Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other;

just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. 14 Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony (Colossians 3:12-14)."

Paul did not need the early church in Colossae to agree; that was not his mission. In order to follow Christ's Great Commission and make disciples of all nations, he needed them to show the world a better way to disagree. He needed the tie that binds—their unity in Christ—to be stronger than the many subjects that so easily divided them.

According to Paul, the best method to achieve that goal was by "clothing themselves" with a set of certain behaviors. The Greek word for clothe literally means "to sink into." When we sink into something, we become submerged under it, immersed within it, and engulfed by it.

When we sink into something, we disappear into that substance that surrounds us. In order to achieve unity in Christ, Paul exhorted the Colossians to sink into, and be totally engulfed by, the likeness of Christ. This required these early Christians to clothe themselves with compassion and kindness, humility and patience, forgiveness, and love.

Like early Christians, we too are living in a divided world. Our nation is as polarized as it has ever been. Are you red or blue? Are you vaccinated or un-vaccinated? Are you in-person or virtual? What is your opinion about this matter, or stance on this issue?

As a society, we too are surrounded by contention and conflict. As a result, emotions run high, opinions run deep, and divisions run far and wide. As a church, how will we respond?

Will we follow the example of the world, or be the example for the world?

Maybe one of the things our world needs most is not for Christians to agree, but rather to demonstrate a better way to disagree. Maybe what the mission of Christ needs most is not a red church or blue church, but a purple church; a sacred space of diverse perspectives and viewpoints that welcomes all to speak, listen, agree, disagree, and share; a loving community that ensures the tie that binds—unity in Christ—is stronger than that which seeks to divide. If this can be accomplished by a group of Christian pastors who met for a week in Durham, N.C., it can most certainly be achieved by Christians who gather in Vinton, Va.

By The Rev. Travis Russell,  
Vinton Baptist Church

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### FOUR SQUARE

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### LUTHERAN

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# Vinton

# Worship Directory

## Time Well Spent

Read Habakkuk 1:1 thru 3:19

See the Creator's magnificence in a fiery sunset glinting off the ocean. Fill your senses with His beauty flowing from a meadow alive in spring flowers. Recognize His splendor as stars light the night sky.

Precious time spent resting in the presence of the all-knowing, all-powerful, ever-present God strengthens a person's soul. Filling mind, soul, and spirit with His goodness and grace calms the spirit. Contemplating His protection and provision, remembering His love and sacrifice, and resting in His mercy refreshes the mind.

The Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth be silent before him (Habakkuk 2:20).

Many look to government, possessions, or other people for security. They are reminiscent of those who carved impotent gods from idols of wood and stone—worshiping created things and ignoring their Creator. But nothing substitutes for God's wise care.

Take the time to sit quietly and remember who God is and what He has done. Bask in His presence. Be wrapped in the security of His perfect love.

Thought for Today: Be still and know that He is God.

Quicklook: Habakkuk 2:18-20

School 10:00am, Worship 11:00am, sttimothy1201@verizon.net.

### NAZARENE

**FIRST CHURCH OF NAZARENE**, 728 Highland Ave., SE, Roanoke, Virginia. 342-4003. Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 a.m., Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Wednesday Night Bible Study 7 p.m.

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The City of Radford has completed its Consolidate Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) for the 2020 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Year. The report includes an assessment of expenditures in relation to community objectives, progress on HUD financed activities, and an analysis of persons benefiting from activities.

A citizen comment period will run from September 20, 2021 through October 4, 2021. A copy of the CAPER may be found on the City's website or in the City Manager's office. Questions or comments should be directed to Melissa Skelton, Community Developer at [melissa.skelton@radfordva.gov](mailto:melissa.skelton@radfordva.gov) or in person at City Councils meeting on September 27, 2021 at 7pm, located at 10 Robertson St., Radford.

### Legals - Montgomery County

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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](mailto:awarren@christiansburg.org) with any questions or if you require reasonable accommodations.

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**Sophomore Isaiah Hairston is the quarterback of the Byrd football team.**  
PHOTO BY BILL HOAL

## Terriers return Friday at Bassett

The William Byrd football team will be back on the gridiron this Friday when they make the trip to Bassett for a non-district game. The game is scheduled for 7 pm at Ed Bassett Stadium.

The two were scheduled to stage their dog and cat fight last Friday, September 18, but COVID concerns forced it to be postponed. Luckily, both the Terriers and Bengals had a bye week this Friday so the contest was conveniently moved back one week. That might have been a break for the Terriers, who are looking for their first win after losses to Liberty and Hidden Valley and a cancelled game with Christiansburg.

"We had a very productive two weeks of practice," said Byrd coach Brad Lutz. "We have so much work to do, and we are still learning the importance of being a good practice team. With our youth, we can't wait until Friday to evaluate our progress. We are taking it one day at a time."

Byrd has just half a dozen seniors on the team this year and Lutz is playing a variety of freshman and sophomores big minutes. He expects that to pay off down the road, but for now there are growing pains.

"Football is the truest team sport there is," he said. "A young, inexperienced player can expose an entire unit on

a Friday night. We are depending on a lot of 14 and 15 year old players to play against 17 and 18 year old seniors. While we are a work in progress, we have been so impressed with the fight these young players have shown. We are also proud of the six seniors that we have and their investment in our young players. I am very proud of that."

Bassett will be a challenge for the Terriers. The Bengals are 2-1 with a 42-25 win over Class 6 Franklin County and a 56-0 shutout of county rival Dan River. Their loss was a 45-28 decision against Liberty Christian Academy, a team considered to be a state contender.

"Bassett is a very talented football team," said Lutz. "They are well coached, big, athletic and very experienced in all three phases of the game. The first two teams that we played this season remain undefeated, but I believe Bassett is the best team that we will face up to this point. This will be another big challenge for our team, but we are excited to face another quality opponent."

The jayvees are also playing Bassett this week, and that game will be tonight at Patterson Stadium in Vinton. It will follow a middle school game between Byrd Middle and Read Mountain.

## They'll be "Diggin' at the Dog Pound" on Saturday

The William Byrd volleyball team will host the "Diggin' at the Dog Pound" tournament this Saturday at William Byrd High School. The tournament will cap off a big week for the girls after regularly scheduled games on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday.

Saturday's volleyball extravaganza will be held at two gyms, the main gym and annex gym at Byrd. Teams participating include Bassett, Roanoke Catholic, Floyd County, Magna Vista and the host Terriers. Byrd is scheduled to play Roanoke Catholic at 9 am, Floyd at 10:15 am, Bassett at 11:30 am and Magna Vista at 2:45 pm. Matches will be going on all day and the two most successful teams in the round robin format will play for the "Diggin' at the Dog Pound" championship at 4 pm in the main gym. A jayvee "Diggin' at the Dog Pound" was held last weekend and the Terriers came in first.

The varsity girls have been busy of late. Last Thursday they traveled to Staunton River and picked up a Blue Ridge District win in three sets, 25-16, 25-22 and 25-16. Mattie Andrews led the offense with 14 kills and picked up 10 digs. Kamryn Sigafos put down eight kills while serving a pair of aces and Carsyn Kotz dished out 25 assists.

The Terriers went on the road to take on some top-notch competition early this week and came out with two losses. Byrd dropped a three set game at Glenvar on Monday and a four-setter at Franklin County on Tuesday.

Glenvar is one of the favorites to win the state in Class 2 and on Monday the Highlanders were hitting on all cylinders in a 25-20, 25-15 and 25-12 win. Chloe Harrilla and Terran Brown led the Terriers behind the serving line, combining for six aces. Sigafos led the offense with six kills and eight digs and junior libero Ella Ashworth picked up 15 digs.

A night later the Terriers were back on the bus for a trip to Rocky Mount, where the district leading Eagles waited. Byrd split the first two sets, falling 25-9 but winning the second, 25-21. The host team then finished strong, taking a 25-21 win in the third set and polishing off the Terriers in the fourth, 27-25, as Byrd fell just short of evening the match.

Andrews led the offense with 19 kills. Sigafos put down 11 kills and had 14 digs and Kotz handed out 29 assists.

"Tough losses for us this week," said coach Allison Thornton. "We're hoping to turn things around Thursday and in our tournament this weekend."

Byrd will be back home tonight to host Northside, followed by the home tournament on Saturday. Next week the Terriers are at William Fleming on Tuesday and at Lord Botetourt for a big district match a week from tonight.



**Above, William Byrd's Alexis Helton (#6) goes up for a block in Monday's match at Glenvar. Left, libero Ella Ashworth goes low for one of her 15 digs on the night.**

PHOTOS BY BRIAN HOFFMAN



**The William Byrd Junior Varsity volleyball team won their "Diggin' at the Dog Pound" last weekend in Vinton.**

SUBMITTED PHOTO

## William Byrd Cross Country team will run in Covington on Saturday

The William Byrd cross country teams will be competing in the 8th Annual Alleghany Invitational, hosted by Alleghany High School, this Saturday at the Jackson River Sports Complex in Covington.

The event includes seven different races, beginning with an Elementary School run for both boys and girls at 9 am. The middle school boys will run at 9:30 am, followed by the girls at 10 am. The varsity races will be at 10:30 am for the boys and 11:15 for the girls and jayvee races will wrap up the day beginning at noon.

The Jackson River Sports Complex course is extremely flat, with only 67 total feet of elevation and a groomed grass surface, multiple clean bathrooms, concessions and a large parking area. It was the location of the 2018 Region 3D and 2020 Region 2C Championship races.

Last Thursday the Terriers held their annual fundraising "Byrd 400." Runners from the team, along with family and friends, combined to run over 550 miles.

# Sandlot Football

The Vinton Terriers PeeWee and Junior sandlot football teams played Salem teams at Spartan Field in Salem last Saturday. Left, the Terrier PeeWee cheerleaders display a banner they made for the team. Below left, Riggins Hill of the PeeWees picks up some tough yards and, below, the Terrier line is ready to fire off the ball. In the Junior League game, bottom left to right, Bradley Counts snatches a pass for nice yardage, Zane Taylor finds some running room and Con Serreno uncorks a long pass. This Saturday the PeeWees are back in Salem at noon, the Little team is at Bogle Field at 10:30 am and the Junior Terriers are at Read Mountain at 9 am.

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"We truly appreciate the generous donation from Rosie's. It will support numerous disabled veterans through our sports program to participate in activities such as adaptive skiing and skydiving."

**James Howard**

President | VAU Veterans and Athletes United



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.



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# Region 3D golf is Tuesday, two are 2nd team All-BRD

Tuesday rains cancelled the Blue Ridge District golf tournament this week and it will not be made up as the teams practice for the more important Region 3D tournament next week.

The district was for pride and a trophy, but the regional is when teams have a chance to qualify for the state tournament. The regional will be at the Draper Valley course in Pulaski next Tuesday, September 28, and top two teams and top three individuals not on those teams will advance to the state tourney.

The All-Blue Ridge District team was announced last week and Byrd had two boys make the second team, seniors Kendrick South and Griffin Horacek.

Today, coach Scott Whitehead will take some non-regulars to Willow Creek in Franklin County for a jayvee tournament.



Evan Mullen is a junior on the Byrd golf team.

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