

Stonebridge Park welcomes pickleball courts



Vinton/East Roanoke County now have their own pickleball courts at Stonebridge Park. A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held at the park on October 21. Shown left to right are Carter Turner, Don Stafford, Karen Crawford, Jason Peters, Phil North, Doug Blount, Barbara Young, and Mark Courtright.

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Just one year ago the residents of the Stonebridge neighborhood were fighting (successfully) to stop installation of a fenced cell tower at Stonebridge Park near William Byrd High School. At that time, citizens asked instead for regular maintenance and improvements to the park, rather than what they

viewed as a structure disfiguring the area.

This October 21, Roanoke County Parks and Recreation celebrated improvements to the park, including renovated tennis courts and the addition of two new pickleball courts, with a ribbon-cutting ceremony.

Stonebridge Park is a small community park which provides recreational opportunities includ-

ing a baseball field, picnic shelter, basketball court, a playground, three tennis courts and now two new pickleball courts. Stonebridge Park also serves as an access point to the 2.2-mile Wolf Creek Greenway in Vinton.

According to Doug Blount, Director of Roanoke County General Services and Parks, Recreation, and Tourism, this enhancement to Stonebridge Park was driven by citizen feedback from community stakeholders who sought improvements to the surface of the tennis courts.

As a result, the county partnered with the USA Pickleball organization to convert one of the four tennis courts at Stonebridge Park into two pickleball courts. Blount says the recent renovations are an example of Roanoke County's commitment to improving and maintaining outdoor recreation facilities for citizens.

Blount noted during his welcoming remarks to those attending the ceremony that he was raised in

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JROTC Cadet/Captain Hunter Burns, who attends William Byrd High School and the JROTC program at Patrick Henry High School, was honored with the Silver Valor Award at the Byrd football game on October 22 for his heroic actions in a house fire. His medal, ribbon and certificate were presented by Lt. Col. Steven Boyd, USAF (ret.), who is the JROTC Senior Aerospace **Instructor at Patrick Henry.**

JROTC cadet honored with Spirit of Valor Award



Linden and Canada vie for Hollins School Board seat

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Voters in the Hollins Magisterial District have a choice to make at the polls on Election Day on November 2. Current Roanoke County School Board member David Linden faces a challenge from former School Board member Jerry Canada.

Linden is completing his first term on the board, first elected in 2017. He served as vice chairman from July 2020 to January 2021. He is a native of Ohio, a graduate of Roanoke College with a degree in political science and criminal justice, and "an active member of the North Roanoke community for nearly two decades." He and his wife Linda have three children who all attended Burlington Elbuild a strong community."

With more than 20 years of real estate experience, Linden has learned "how strong schools are directly related to increasing property values and improving neighborhoods." He has served as president of the North Roanoke



County Parks, Recreation and Tourism Advisory Commission. He states his goals are "to improve the educational experiences See School Board, page 5

Recreation Club for eight years

and is a member of the Roanoke



ementary, Northside Middle, and Northside High schools—giving him insight into "how an excellent public school system helps

PHOTO COURTESY OF ROANOKE COUNTY **David Linden**

Jerry Canada

William Byrd honors military heroes, celebrates Class of 2022 athletes

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In keeping with the tradition established by Head Coach Brad Lutz, the William Byrd Terriers football team plays each game in honor of a soldier who gave their life in service to our country. On October 22, they played in honor of two Fallen Heroes-Army Spc. Brian "Bucky" Anderson and William Byrd graduate Army Lt. Terry Plunk.

Anderson was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 87th Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division, Fort Drum, New York. He was killed in Afghanistan on June 12, 2010, when insurgents attacked his vehicle using an improvised explosive device.

Plunk served with the 27th Engineering Battalion, 20th En- Gold Star mother Margaret Angineer Brigade. He was also a derson, mother of Brian Andergraduate of the Virginia Military Ĭnstitute. He was killed on February 26, 1991, while clearing land mines in Iraq.

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Members of the William Byrd Class of 2022 football team, cheerleaders, and band members were recognized at the home game on October 22. Terrier Peyton Fuchs is shown with his parents Laurie and Eric Fuchs and sister Sarah.

At the game on October 22, son, was recognized at the ball game along with family members Jen Anderson, Bri Anderson, and Brynn Anderson, helping to

honor Brian Anderson's sacrifice. Members of the Vinton Youth football association made a special presentation to Mrs. Anderson.

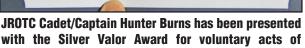
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heroism.

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JROTC Cadet /Captain Ashton Hunter Burns was awarded the Air Force Junior ROTC Silver Valor Award at the William Byrd football game on October 22. Burns is a member of AFJROTC Unit VA-061 at Patrick Henry High School in Roanoke and a student at William Byrd High School. (Roanoke County Schools partner with Roanoke City Schools for the JROTC program.)

This recognition is awarded to a cadet for a voluntary act of heroism and consists of a medal, ribbon, and certificate.

A description of Burns' actions state, "During a volunteer shift at a local community center, Cadet/Captain Burns ran to the scene of a nearby house fire to provide assistance. When he arrived, Cadet Burns found the first floor of the house fully engulfed in flames and no emer-

into action. When he saw a man standing inside one of the second story windows, Cadet Burns encouraged the man to jump to safety, pulled him away from the burning house, and ensured a reinjured stomach wound did not get worse. Cadet Burns next provided first aid to a woman who injured her arm busting out windows at the house. When power lines to the house started to pop and spark, he directed everyone present to move away from the house. He also helped move several young children away from the fire. He did all this before emergency personnel arrived and took control of the scene. The heroic actions of Cadet Burns, without regard to his own personal safety, reflect credit upon himself and Air Force Junior ROTC."

gency personnel present. He immediately jumped

The presentation was made to Cadet Burns by Lt. Col. Steven H. Boyd, USAF (retired). He is the Senior Aerospace Science Instructor for JROTC Unit VA-061 at the Roanoke Technical Education Center (RO-TEC) in Roanoke.

Boyd pinned the medal on Cadet Burns, citing his "voluntary acts of heroism during a neighborhood house fire on July 20, 2020."

Peters, North, Greenway run on their records



Phil North

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North currently serves for a new Burton Center as vice chairman on the and the replacement of Transportation Planning

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Tim Greenway

the greatest challenge in the area to recruit and retain a talented workforce."

Vinton School Board Candidate Tim Greenway

Tim Greenway was elected to the Roanoke County School Board in November 2015 to complete the unexpired term of Mike Stovall who resigned from the board. He was elected to his first full four-year term in 2017. Greenway served as chairman in 2017. He says this will be his final term on the School Board. He is a native of Vinton and a 1982 graduate of William Byrd High School. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting from Radford University.

Greenway has been involved in the private sector of business his entire career. He worked for a local recycling company as assistant controller/ controller for 16 years and then started Greenway Construction Company in 1995, specializing in single family residential housing, as well as developing a portfolio of investment real estate.

He is involved with the Vinton Area Chamber of Commerce, Vinton Baptist Church, and the Vinton Breakfast Lions Club. He says he has always had a strong interest in his community and wants to make a positive intellectual investment in the continued growth of the Roanoke Čounty school system. He says it is his desire to see his community thrive, even in difficult economic times. "I want to thank the citizens of the Vinton District for trusting me with task of representing us in the Roanoke County Public Schools," Greenway said. "I don't take the task lightly and as my counterparts will tell you, I work hard for everything I can get for Roanoke County Public Schools and the Vinton District to educate our kids the way they should be educated in today's environment." His role in past renovations at William Byrd High School, installation of a new track and artificial turf in the stadium, and the current \$28 million renovation project at WBHS to be completed in 2023 is well-known. "I will let the citizens look at the Vinton area schools for the improvements made inside and outside the classrooms to judge my performance," said Greenway. "I am very happy with what's been done in the last six years in our schools and will continue to work hard in the next/final term of my tenure on the board. We need a new person with fresh ideas to step up and take it in 2026. "As far as future projects or goals educationally, first and foremost, I want to make sure no child is left behind from this pandemic," Greenway said. "We have three Title One schools in the Vinton

District, and it bothers me greatly that some without the access or means to obtain help may be most at risk in not catching up to their peers. We know for a fact this pandemic has left some further behind, and we don't want to forget them in their struggles to catch up. I will fight every day to make sure the 'least among us' is thought about and brought forward to the same standards as our kids with access.'

As for future infrastructure goals, "In this last term, I want to make sure three projects are started and on their way to a finished project before I leave - BCAT, Cundiff and Glen Cove. BCAT is necessary for many reasons, but the two main reasons are economic development and education for our working students who aren't planning on college right out of high school. This will be a major focus for me over the next four years to see it started and with our advisory group this will help us achieve our goal for BCAT.

'No less important are Cundiff and Cove! These open concept classrooms must be re-built or built new as soon as can feasibly make sense. I will be working closely with the Board of Supervisors to make this happen in the next four years. These students need every opportunity to be successful like our counterparts across the county. These may be the only two open concept elementary schools left in Virginia. I want them fixed now! We've seemed to have fixed all other schools in the county but these two. It's past time to get these two done. I have walked all Board of Supervisors members through Cundiff and so hopefully they will help us get this issue behind us quickly. "Lastly, this is an important election," Greenway says. "We have several contested seats up for the School Board. I personally can't think of a more important elected position than School Boards. There are a lot of buzz words being thrown around these days and if you want to make sure they don't make into classrooms, it's my opinion you need to get out and vote for the people who closely represent values you want to see maintained in Roanoke County Public Schools. "Again, I thank you for the trust placed in me and no matter under which spectrum of platforms you fall, I promise to always listen and evaluate respectfully." (Candidates were asked to supply information on what they consider to be their accomplishments or the accomplishments of their boards over time they have served and to indicate what they want to accomplish in their upcoming terms.)

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Jason Peters

Election Day 2021 is scheduled for next Tuesday, November 2.

In the Vinton and Bonsack areas, once you make your way down the ballot from the state gubernatorial, lieutenant governor, and attorney general races, there aren't many choices to make on the local level, unless you plan to write in a name. Even Chris Head who serves the 17th District in the House of Delegates has no opposition.

Jason Peters, who represents the Vinton Magisterial District on the Roanoke County Board of Supervisors, is running unopposed this year. Phil North, who represents the Hollins Magisterial District on the Board of Supervisors, also has no competition. Tim Greenway, who serves Vinton on the School Board, is running unopposed as well.

Vinton Board of Supervisors Candidate Jason Peters

Jason Peters said that running unopposed has allowed him to keep his focus on the issues at hand, rather than spending time campaigning to

retain his seat. raduate of William in Vinton. He serves the community on the Vinton First Aid Crew, as vice president of the Vinton Needy Family Program, and as co-chair of the Vinton/Roanoke County

Veterans Monument. Peters says that he is very proud of the accomplishments in the Vinton District in the past eight years he has served on the Board of Supervisors including partnerships between the county and the town which resulted in construction of the new Vinton Branch Library, the redevelopments of Roland E. Cook Elementary into the Roland E. Cook Lofts, the former William Byrd High School into the Billy Byrd Apartments, the former Vinton Library into Macado's, the former Vinton Motors into Vinyard Station, and the upcoming redevelopment of Gish Mill into a mixed use commercial space. In those years, many improvements have been made at Explore Park with more in the works. He has also been instrumental in promoting and support-

ing the public safety staff. 'In the next four years my focus will be to continue to support new economic development in the Vinton District and the Valley; to support existing projects that are ongoing in the Vinton District (the new Vinton Hotel Project, Gish Mill, and Explore Park), other county projects (Tanglewood, support and con broadba the dis Peters s

A Byrd High School, Peters was first elected to the Board of Supervisors for a term beginning on January 1, 2014. He served as chairman of the board in 2015, 2016, and 2021, and as vice chairman in 2014 and 2018.

He is vice president of First Citizens Bank

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North says he broadly supports conservative fiscal values, quality education facilities and funding, economic development, and transportation and public safety improvements.

His plans for the next four years include: a ground-breaking for a new Bonsack fire station, finalizing plans for the Hollins Library, development of the Hollins Center Plan, responding in a timely fashion to citizens' needs, continued transportation improvements around the county, broadband support, and supporting education, schools and hopefully a new Burton technical center to meet

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PEOPLE, PLACES AND THINGS



Wedding celebrations are in full motion! This past weekend the bridal party for Hannah Jones and Drake Lewis's wedding took a little surprise trip to Charlottesville for Hannah's bachelorette party. They stayed in a cute Airbnb, visited a pumpkin patch and attended the UVA game on Saturday evening, then a nice brunch before heading back to Vinton. The whole weekend was organized by sister of the bride and maid of honor Emilee Jones. Bridesmaids joining in on the fun were Abbie Lewis (sister of the groom), Leah Andersen, Morgan Peroulas, and Jessica Brammer. The big day is coming up soon, No-

vember 13 is just around the corner.

Welcome to the world Rylan McKinley! She's the daughter of Colin and Taylor Boothe Rice. Rylan came a bit early on October 18 at 6:18 p.m., weighing 6 pounds, 6 ounces and was 19-1/2 inches long, in Hinesville, Ga., where Colin is stationed. Rylan's fur sister is Georgia and she is a great big sister! Other family members excited for her arrival are grandparents Jason and Nikki Boothe, Duane Rice and Renee Johnson; great-grandparents Ed and Betty Boothe, Carolyn Spradlin, Shirley Rice, Shirley and Richard Hopper; aunt Taryn Rice Moorman and uncle Bryce Boothe. The Boothes and Rices are from Vinton. Welcome to the world, little one. Us here IN vINton can't wait to meet you!!

ton was the Division 3 Champion of the Roanoke Valley Senior Golf Club in Salem. He had first year with the tour.



Pete Campbell of Vin- Hannah and the bridal party

Hidden Valley Country handicap. This is Pete's

Tour on October 11 at a score of 66 counting his There are a total of 115

players from across the area.



Rylan, Colin and Taylor Rice

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UBITUARIES Walter Jay "Walt" & Mary Kathryn Darnell

Walter Jay "Walt" Darnell Jr., 88, and his wife, Mary Kathryn Darnell, 88, of Vinton, passed away on Tuesday, October 19, 2021, due to complications associated with COVID-19.

The Darnells were united in love since their marriage on August 1, 1969.

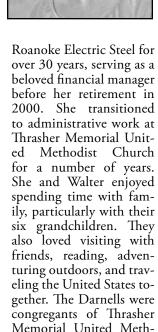
Mr. Darnell was born in Clinchburg, Va., and attended Glade Springs High School. He spent his early adult years serving a 20-year career in the United States Air Force, retiring at the rank of Master Sergeant. During his career, he served as a radio operator on the B-29 Superfortress and KC-97 Stratofreighter, crew chief on the B-47 Stratojet, tail gunner on the B-52 Stratofortress, and in communications positions in the Strategic Air Command and Air Force Security Service throughout the Cold War.

His duties took him to the Aleutian Islands, Calitornia, Florida, Greenland, Japan, Libya, and North Carolina, among many others. His duties in Florida were the pinnacle of his flying career, where he flew numerous nuclear deterrence missions during the 1962 Cuban Missile Crisis, deterring Soviet aggression and protecting our nation from nuclear peril. Mr. Darnell earned the Air Force Commendation



Medal, National Defense Service Medal, and the Combat Readiness Medal during his service. He retired from active duty in 1969 and settled his family in Vinton. Following his Air Force career, Mr. Darnell owned a business in Salem, served as a magistrate for the City of Roanoke, and worked for the Virginia Employment Commission as an appeals examiner, from which he retired in 2003. Mr. Darnell was an active member of the Air Force Gunners Association.

Mrs. Darnell and her husband were Vinton res-



Memorial United Methodist Church in Vinton. Mr. Darnell was preceded in death by Sally Anne Donovan Darnell, and his mother and father, Walter J. Darnell Sr. and Lelia A. Darnell. Mrs. Darnell was preceded in death by her mother and father, David and Ardelle Dunlap. Both are preceded in death by their son, Charles Patrick Darnell. Mr. Darnell is survived by his sister, Peggy (Gene)

Harmon of Vinton. Mrs. Darnell is survived by her sisters, Ellen Dunlap McGinnis of Monroe, N.C., and Davies Hill of Laurens, S.C. Both are survived by their sons, Lt. Gen (Ret.) Daniel J. (Vickie) Darnell of Leesburg, Va., and LTC (Ret.) Marlin A. Ness (Helga) of Chicago, Ill.; daughter, Lee Anne (Bryan) Jones of Raleigh, N.C.; nephew, Greg (Teresa) Henderson of Vinton; niece, Wanda Clower (Paul) of Roanoke; grandchildren, Jacqueline (Nick) Sorrentino of Charlottesville, Capt. (Ret.) Daniel J. (Cynthia) Darnell Jr. of Rockville, Md., Erin M. Jones of Raleigh, N.C., Bryan D. Jones of Vinton, Lt. Col. Walter J. (Malgorzata) Darnell of Xenia, Ohio, and Morgan D. Jones of York, Pa. A viewing for Mr. and

Mrs. Darnell's family and friends was held from 4 until 6 p.m. on Friday, October 22, at Oakey's Vinton Chapel. A graveside ceremony with Full Military Honors was conducted at 10 a.m. on Saturday, October 23, in Mountain View Cemetery in Vinton with Pastor Rob Colwell officiating. Arrangements were entrusted to Oakey's Vinton Chapel, Vinton, 982-2221. Online condolences may be shared with the family at www. oakeys.com.



Thanksgiving As nears, we at the Vinton Library are so thankful for our patrons! We hope you will join us for the many programs we will be having this month. You can see the full schedule and sign up for events at our website: rocolibrary.org. In-person programs will be held on the patio and are weather permitting.

November is National Novel Writing Month, and this year we are holding a virtual NaNoWriMo Come Write In series! Sign up to join us virtually on the first three Wednesdays of the month at 6 p.m. to meet with other writers and work on your novel. There will be collaboration, writing challenges, and story prompts!

If novels are not your thing, try Blackout Poetry. We will have kits for adults and teens available starting the 2nd of November, with supplies and instructions on how to create blackout poetry, and a brief history of the craft. Come grab one while supplies last! If you prefer reading to writing, our book clubs are still going strong. There is As the Page Turns on November 10 at 2 p.m., and the Vinton Book Club on November 4 at 3 p.m. Both will be meeting virtually, so register to get the Zoom link. Kids will also have their own book club exploring the Bad Kitty book series on the first three Thursdays of the month at 4 p.m. Zoom. In-person on family Storytime will be on Wednesdays at 11:30 a.m. on the patio, while there will be Storytime @ Home on Zoom on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10 a.m. (though obviously not on Thanksgivwill be in kit form this month and will include supplies and instructions on how to make a Thankful Tree to grace your home. Kits will be available beginning November 1 on a firstcome, first-served basis.

You can also join us for Holiday Napkin Folding on Zoom on November 22 at 6 p.m. to learn a couple of fun, easy ways to fold your dinner napkins to really dress up your holiday table.

And despite the chill, we are hoping for a nice, sunny day on November 6 at 2 p.m. for our Solar Prints program for adults. Bring leaves, flowers, and other small objects to create your piece of art, weather permitting.

Teens can come by on Mondays at 4 p.m. to see what activity will be held at the Pop-Up Table in the Teen Center! And starting November 8, while supplies last, teens can pick up a kit to create a Thankful Necklace. The Vinton Library is also coordinating with some friends to bring you a couple of adult programs. The Better Business Bureau will be presenting on How to Be a Smart Consumer on November 8 at 11 a.m., on Zoom, just in time for holiday shopping. The Harmon & Prouty Financial Group will also be on Zoom on November 16 at 10:30 a.m. to help you learn about Medicare 101. Register to join us for these helpful programs! We also want to let you know that the Vinton Library will be closing early at 5 p.m. on November 24 and will be closed on the 25th and 26th. We hope that, during that time, you and yours have a wonderful Thanksgiving!

idents for over 50 years. She was born and raised in Waxhaw, N.C., and was the eighth of nine children in a close-knit North Carolina family. She had an adventuresome spirit, living and working in Anchorage, Alaska, and surviving the 1964 Great Alaskan Earthquake while there.

Mrs. Darnell was a long-time employee at

Vinton Wesleyan Church Trunk or Treat Sunday

Vinton Wesleyan Church and the Good News Club will be holding their annual Trunk or Treat event on Halloween Night, Sunday, Oct. 31, from 5 to 7 p.m.

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Trunk or Treat will be held in the back parking lot of the church, next to Cleveland Avenue. Children and their parents from the community are invited to this event.

Vinton Wesleyan Church offers ministry opportunities for the family Sundays at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Vinton Wesleyan Church is located at 246 East Jefferson Ave. in Vinton.



The Drumstick Dash is a 5K run and family walk that happens every Thanksgiving morning in Downtown Roanoke.

The Dash, sponsored this year by Atlantic Union Bank, benefits the Rescue Mission of Roanoke's dining services and provides for the meals that the Rescue Mission serves on an annual basis. The Rescue Mission typically serves about 200,000+ meals a year to those in need. These meals go to adults and children alike, providing needed nutrition so that each of their guests can focus on the ultimate success - rising out of poverty.

The Dash welcomes some of the best runners in the area (and some from beyond) to the race. It is the most popular race in the downtown area and attracts everyone from the athletic types to the ones who are just there to have a good time and take a stroll. When you participate in the DASH, you're not just making a statement, you're supporting a movement, "Move your feet, so others can eat." With less than a month

until Thanksgiving (November 25), registration is now open for the Dash (run in person, walk in person, or a virtual run or walk) at https://www.drumstickdash.net/. You can sign up as an individual or as a school, church, or business group.

The 5K Run begins at 8 a.m.; the 5K walk, at 9 a.m.; the virtual 5K run or walk extends from November 1 through November. 30.

ing). We will be having a few adult craft programs this month as well. Creations and Temptations

By Vinton Library Senior Library Assistant Caitlin DeMarco



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22 were Hunter Richards, Peyton Fuchs, Ethan Hairston, and John Kiker. Fuchs, Hairston, and Kiker wore special jerseys honoring the high school numbers of Anderson, Plunk, and another Fallen Hero—Army Spc. Clarence Adams.

Athletes of the Class of 2022 were also honored prior to the football game. First up were the football seniors.

Senior Ethan Christopher Hairston (1) was escorted to the track for recognition by his parents Christopher and Keevie Hairston. Ethan has been in the WBHS football program for one year. His favorite football memory is being able to play football this year with his younger brother Israel Hairston. Ethan is a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, DECA, the PTSO, the Beta Club, and plays varsity baseball and basketball. After he graduates, Ethan plans to attend a college or university in Virginia, to major in computer science or an engineering field.

Peyton Fuchs (2) was escorted to the track by his parents Eric and Laurie Fuchs, and his sister Sarah. Peyton has been in the William Byrd football program for six years. His favorite football memory is having the honor of wearing jersey 33. He is also a member of the basketball team. After graduation, Peyton plans to attend a four-year college to major in genomics and play college football.

Hunter Richards (56) was escorted to the track by his parents, John and Christie Richards. He has been in the WBHS football program for six years-one year in middle school, one year in JV, and four years as a varsity starter. Hunter's favorite the wrestling team. After cial Education. graduation, Hunter plans Haley Day was escortto attend a four-year col- ed by her parents Charlege and play football.

ney (73) was escorted to member of the Terriers the track by his parents cheerleading program for Chris and Tina Janney the past five years, servand his sister Hannah. ing as captain for three He has been in the Wil- years. She is also a memliam Byrd football pro- ber of the academic team gram for four years. His at William Byrd and the favorite football memory president of the Student is going to Team Camp Advisory Board at the at Shrinemont and play- Roanoke Valley Govering in the Bassett game. nor's School for Science He is also a member of and Technology and a the track and field team. board member for the He plans to attend col- past four years. She has lege after graduation. His been attending the Roafavorite quote is "It's not noke Valley Governor's whether you get knocked School for the past five down; it's whether you years. She plans to attend get up," by Vince Lom- the University of Virginbardi.

Head Coach Brad Lutz Commerce. and his staff congratulated each football senior lon was escorted by her at the end of the recogni- parents Dee-Anne and tion ceremony.

Class of 2022 were recog- William Byrd cheerleadnized next.

the son of Eric Crawford, captain for four of those and Bryn Bixler and step- years. She has also been father Mark Bixler. He a member of the comwas escorted to the track petition cheer team for by Bryn and Mark Bixler. the past four years. After He has been a member of graduation, she plans to the Terriers cheerleading attend school to become program for the past five a registered esthetician. years. After graduation Remi FiGart was eshe plans to attend Vir- corted by her parents ginia Western and then Tommy and DeLisa Fitransfer to a four-year Gart. She has been a university to major in In- member of the varsity terior Design.

corted to the track for She also serves as captain recognition by her par- of the competition cheer ents Ricky and Suzie team and is a member of Dalton. She has been a the indoor and outdoor member of the varsity track teams, and the cheerleading program for Beta, DECA, and Byrd the past three years. She Buddies Club at WBHS. is also a member of the After graduation, Remi competition cheer team, plans to attend either the the indoor and outdoor University of Alabama or track Team, and the Wil- Virginia Tech to major in liam Byrd Beta Club. Af- Business and Communiter graduation she plans cations.



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lene Day and Edward Robert Hayden Jan- McCoy. She has been a ia and pursue a major in

Autymn Rose Dil-Bruce Dillon. She has Cheer seniors in the been a member of the ing program for the past Bryson Crawford is five years, serving as

sideline cheer program Emma Dalton was es- for the past four years.

Cheyenne Pruitt was escorted by her parents Shane and Rosalyn Pruitt. She has been a member of the Terriers cheerleading program for the past four years. She is also a member of the DECA Club, Leo Club, and Byrd Buddies. After graduation, Cheyenne plans to major in social work but has not yet decided on a college. Ashlynn ReMine was escorted by her parents Jeff and Annie ReMine. She has been a member of the Terriers cheerleading program for the past five years. She is also a member of the cheer competition team at William Byrd. She plans to attend college and major in nursing.

er Dylan. She has been a member of the William Byrd cheerleading program for the past three years. She is also a member of DECA and the Leo Club at William Byrd. She plans to study Law.

Faith Trent is the daughter of the late Ashley Trent York. She was escorted to the track by her brother Cameron Trent and grandmother Deborah B. Trent. She has been a member of the William Byrd competition cheer team for the last four years and the sideline cheer team for the last two years. She is also a member of the All-American Cheer Team, the National Society of High School Scholars, the National Honor Society, and DECA at William Byrd. After graduation, Faith plans to attend the Virginia Tech School of Medicine.

Victoria Anne Watts was escorted by her parents Brent and Vicky Watts. She has been a member of the Terriers cheerleading program for the past three years. She is also a member of Byrd Buddies, the Beta Club, and Leo Club. She is a Senior Class Council member and DECA Club officer at WBHS. After graduation she plans to attend James Madison University and major in Nursing.

Jasia Wheeler was escorted by her mother Jessica Wheeler, older brother Jaylen, and younger brother Garren. She has been a member of the William Byrd cheerleading program for the last six yearsfour years on the varsity sideline and competition cheer teams. After graduation, Jasia plans to attend JMU to major in Finance with hopes of making the JMU college cheer team.

The Terriers were escorted to the field for kick-off by members of the Virginia State Police, the Christian Motorcycle Association, and the Empty Tomb Ministry. On display throughout the game was a giant American flag displayed

honored after their halftime performance of their "Escape from the Mind" Program.

Tyler Banks was escorted on the track by his mother Mary Jo Niday and grandmother Carol Niday. He has been a member of the band for the past six years. Tyler is also a member of the E-Sports Club. He plans to attend Virginia Tech to major in Computer Science.

Jonah Bowser was escorted by his parents Doug and Suzanne Bowser. He has been a member of the Marching Terriers for the past four years. He plans to study Wildlife Conservation at Virginia Tech.

Bailey Burger is the daughter of Meredith and Rusty Burger. She has been a member of the Marching Band program for four years. She is also a member of the William Byrd Players and the Mixed Choir. She plans to study Musical Theatre and teaching at Virginia Commonwealth University.

Bennett Burger is the daughter of Meredith and Rusty Burger. She has been a member of the Marching Band program for four years. She plans to attend Virginia Western for General Studies.

Hunter Burns was escorted by his parents Elizabeth Rector and Nick McDaniel. He has been a member of the Marching Band for the past four years. He is also a member of the Air Force JROTC for the past four years. Hunter plans to earn his Bachelor's in Paramedics at Radford University-Carilion.

Connor Colgan is the son of Mary Alice Patterson and Casey Colgan. He has been a member of the Marching Band for four years. He plans to attend Virginia Western Community College.

T. J. Cossaboon was escorted by his parents Betsy and David Cossaboon. He has been a member of the William Byrd band program for seven years. He plans to study Music Production and Engineering, beginning his studies at Virginia Western. Caleb Drewery was escorted by his parents Jason and Wendy Dudley. He has been a Marching Terrier for four years. He plans to attend Radford University and major in Psychology. Ema Fay is the daughter of Mike and Erica Jones. She was escorted by her parents and brother Avery. She has been a member of the Marching Terrier Color Guard for the past four years. She

is also a member of the outdoor track team at WBHS. After graduation she plans to attend West Virginia University and major in Forensic Biol-

Johnathan Ham was escorted by his parents Jennifer O'Berry and Troy Ham. He has been a Marching Terrier for four years. He is also a member of the Art Club. His plans are to attend Virginia Commonwealth University to major in fashion merchandising with a minor in Art/Design.

Catherine Harless was escorted by her parents Harold and Diane Harless. Catie has been a member of the Marching Band for four years. She is also a member of the WBHS swim team, the Beta Club, the Leo Club, and the Habitat for Humanity Club. She plans to attend college and pursue a career as a Physician's Assistant.

Daniel Letz was escorted by his parents Keith and Elizabeth Letz. He has been a member of the Marching Terriers for four years. He plans to attend Radford University and study Special Education.

Nathan Miller was escorted by his parents Sara and Chris Miller. He has been a Marching Terrier for four years. He is also a member of the swim team at WBHS. He plans to attend college to study engineering.

Annabelle Moore was escorted by her parents Lisa and Michael Moore. She has been a member of the Marching Band for four years. She is also a member of the Leo Club. She plans to attend Virginia Tech and major in musical performance.

Hunter Muddiman was escorted by his parents Paul and Kristy Muddiman. He has been a member of the Marching Band for five years. He is also a member of the Beta Club and Art Club. He plans to attend the Savannah College of Art and Design to study Illustration and Painting.

Dylan Price was escorted by his parents Scott Price and Candace Munsey. He has been in the Marching Band for four years. He is also a member of the William Byrd Jazz Band. He plans to attend Virginia Western Community College. Jacob Schult is the son of Jennifer and Keith Shult. He was escorted on the track by his mother and brother Kristian. He has been a Marching Terrier for four years. He is also a member of the

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Delaena Shemoun was escorted by her mother Nadia Toma and brothover the stadium on a crane courtesy of Nate Serreno from U.S. Crane & Rigging.

The Colors were presented by the Air Force JROTC Unit VA-061 from Patrick Henry High School, which also includes students from William Byrd.

William Byrd The High School Choir under the direction of Matt Bartley performed the national anthem.

Marching Terriers in the Class of 2022 were

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

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School Board from page 1

for all K-12 students while preparing them for a successful future, and to find ways for all students to become engaged in extra-curricular activities while encouraging parental involvement in the schools and community." Linden says he wants to ensure all schools in Roanoke County are "well positioned to provide a safe and exceptional learning experience for all children."

Linden lists as accomplishments of the board during his term: maximizing the amount of in-person instruction offered to students during the COVID-19 pandemic (only 14 of 132 Virginia school districts started last school year with in-person learning and RCPS continuously expanded the amount of in-person learning throughout the school year); approving funding for renovations at William Byrd High School which began in 2021; promoting the Burton Center "Moving Forward" plan to speed up the process of building a new CTE in Roanoke County, and "working well together with the Roanoke County Board of Supervisors to explore creative ways to fund this much needed facility."

He worked to restore school nurses to full-time status and restore insurance benefits to bus drivers and bus aides, "both items having been taken away from employees during my opponent's time on the School Board."

Linden is proud of providing consistent raises to teachers and all school employees in each of the past four years, averaging a 3.6 percent increase during that time.

"In the eight years prior to my time on the board, there were four years of no raises at all and the average over the eight years was a 1.8 percent increase," Linden said.

During his term, he has supported the student laptop computer program to include middle school students and ensured all families in grades K-12 had an available laptop during the pandemic; affirmed

the C-Change Vision Framework to help guide RCPS strategic planning for student learning; introduced the new Life Counselor Program in 2019 to assist students with mental health needs; formed a new Parent Advisory Council in 2020 with representatives from each school's parent organization in an effort to increase parental input in our schools; and made attracting and retaining high-quality teachers and employees a priority. During his term, RCPS achieved the Virginia Board of Education Distinguished Achievement Award in 2018 and 2019.

"When re-elected to the School Board, I pledge to look for ways to increase parental involvement in our schools since a solid education starts with and is facilitated by caring parents; oversee the timely completion of renovations to William Byrd High School to ensure it is completed on time, and hopefully at, or under, budget; continue to work with the Board of Supervisors to explore funding options for a new BCAT. The economic development impacts and critical learning opportunities BCAT offers are imperative to helping train and keep students in the Roanoke Valley in order to provide the workers needed by our local businesses; continue to prioritize teacher and staff raises in order to attract and maintain the outstanding employee base in RCPS; keep the political agendas such as CRT out of Roanoke County Public Schools; and prioritize making sure RCPS students are able to obtain the necessary assistance to make up for the lost learning during the pandemic."

When Linden was elected in 2017, he was only the second person ever elected to the Hollins seat on the board. The first was Jerry Canada who has re-emerged to run for the seat again. He left the board in 2017 after 25 years to deal with health issues in his immediate family.

Canada was appointed to the School Board to represent the Hollins Magisterial District from July 1992 until December 1994 and then was elected to the board where he served until 2017. He is a former Virginia state trooper and retired as district manager for the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles. He was selected as 2017 Citizen of the Year by the Salem-Roanoke County Chamber of Commerce for "making such a lasting impact on the students and teachers of our community."

In a television interview, Canada said that if voters returned him to the School Board, he hopes to "eliminate, limit, or, at the least, speak out about politicizing board decisions and practices. The School Board needs members who will support good decisions from a great superintendent, obey the law, follow the Constitution, and remember the oath they take when being sworn into office."

He listed his priorities as "promoting and improving the working relationship between the School Board and the Board of Supervisors; creating an agenda that supports bringing the salary of all Virginia teachers to the national average; and reinstating benefits to transportation, food service, and other employees negatively impacted during a previous recession."

Canada said that while there is no particular policy he wants to change, "I would like to see more common sense and less partisanship used by all board members when discussing and/or changing policies or when discussing any topic." He would also like to see improved cooperation and support between the school board and superintendent, staff, and classroom teachers."

His budget priorities would focus on supporting classroom instruction, salaries and benefits, equity within attendance zones, and maintaining and/or improving capital resources.

Canada says he supports "following the science and adhering to the ever-changing recommendations, suggestions, and mandates from the government, health department, and/or CDC."

He sees as his accomplishments during his years serving on the School Board as leading efforts to implement the individual student laptop initiative and technology upgrades in schools, to install cameras on school buses; leading efforts to construct a new gymnasium, auditorium, and four additional classrooms at Northside Middle School; efforts to place a nurse at each school in Roanoke County; to establish the Student Advisory Council (SAC); to establish the Employee Advisory Council (EAC); and to supply NARCAN in the High School Nurse inventory.

He supported renovations to Mountain View, Burlington, Herman L. Horn, and Mount Pleasant Elementary schools, and Northside and William Byrd High schools; new construction at Bonsack Elementary, Hidden Valley High School, and Cave Spring Middle School; new artificial turf on football fields for Cave Spring / Hidden Valley and William Byrd; and supported renovations at William Byrd High School that led to elimination of mobile classrooms as well as locker room improvements.

Canada says he has been a strong long-time supporter of the Roanoke County Prevention Council and Northside and William Byrd athletics.

He promises that if he is returned to the School Board he will create, through the Roanoke County Schools Education Foundation, а \$1,000 scholarship for Northside graduate who attended Burlington Elementary, a \$1,000 scholarship for a Northside graduate who attended Mountain View Elementary, and a \$1,000 scholarship for a William Byrd graduate who attended Bonsack Elementary.

His prime objectives will be to "promote a professional working relationship between the Roanoke County School Board and the Roanoke County Board of Supervisors. The two boards need to be a cohesive team. Only through team efforts can issues be resolved and goals accomplished."

He will "support the current School Board's efforts to maintain salaries for teachers and other employees and to ensure that the step structure is maintained and immediately support reinstating a full benefit package to our transportation and food service employees.

"I will work tirelessly with the school administration, the school board members and the board of supervisors to determine how best to fund for a new Burton Center for Arts & Technology as well as renovations to Glen Cove Elementary School and W.E. Cundiff Elementary School," and "suggest exploring the viability of electric school buses and other vehicles as they need replacement."

He makes special note of improvements he would like to see at the Northside football field and Northside tennis courts. He commits to working with the School Superintendent and School Board to address unsafe playing surfaces on those tennis courts.

"I will work tirelessly with the superintendent and all School Board members to bring equity throughout our school campuses; lead the effort to repaint and/or renovate stadium seating at NHS; and bring attention to the fact that the Northside High School football field is the only one that does not have artificial turf installed. Whether it be football, soccer, marching band, or anyone else using this field - they all deserve equal footing."

(Candidates were asked to supply information on what they consider to be their accomplishments or the accomplishments of the School Board over the time they have served and to indicate what they want to accomplish in their upcoming terms.)

Pickleball from page 1

Vinton and is a graduate of William Byrd High School. Stonebridge Park holds special memories for him as he played tennis there and attended sions of the story about how "pickleball" was named. One claims it was named for the Pritchard's dog Pickles, but wife Joan Pritchard says the dog came two years after the game was invented, and was, in fact, named after the game. She explains that actually she mentioned that the game reminded her of the Pickle Boat in the sport of rowing "where mismatched oarsmen are chosen from the leftovers of other boats." Blount explained that with the support of the Board of Supervisors, Capital Maintenance funding was used for the improvements, which also included repairs to the courts, replacing fencing in the park, and paving and re-lining the parking lot. The work was completed, after much research, by Quality Seal Coating & Sports Surfaces, LLC, of Penhook. Assistant Director of Parks Mark Courtright, says the county was "blessed to get these contractors with their level of expertise." Board of Supervisors Chairman Jason Peters, who represents the Vinton Magisterial District on the board, said the improvements represent the "community's vision for Stonebridge Park," and serve to "enhance quality of life, to keep Roanoke healthy, clean, and beautiful, to expand outdoor recreational activities, and to promote economic vitality" in the county. Carter Turner spoke of the importance of pickleball to a community and of his pride in Roanoke County for the efforts to bring the exciting sport to the Vinton community USA Pickleball Am-

bassador Karen Crawford thanked Roanoke County for adapting to trends in recreation and bringing the "ageless" sport to the area. She urged citizens to give the new sport a try.



fasts at the picnic shelter at the park.

According to Blount, pickleball – a combination of table tennis (ping pong), badminton, and regular tennis – is growing in popularity by leaps and bounds as a sport for all ages and ability levels. Outdoor courts are also located at Garst Mill and Walrond Parks in the county and in several churches and fitness facilities in the Roanoke Valley.

Pickleball is played with a paddle and a plastic ball with holes. Matches can be played either doubles or singles. One main difference from tennis is that players on each side must let the ball bounce once before volleys are allowed to prevent "spiking."

USA Pickleball Ambassador Carter Turner, a religious studies professor at Radford who is a member of the Roanoke County Parks, Recreation, and Tourism Advisory Commission, shared a story about how pickleball was invented in 1965.

Congressman Joel Pritchard from Washington State was on vacation with his family; the children got bored; there was a badminton court on the property and when they looked around, they found rackets, and a net, but no badminton "birdies." They did find a plastic wiffle ball, and improvised, eventually substituted ping pong paddles, and came up with the new sport families could play together.

There are different ver-

Barbara Young, in her 80s, is a pickleball aficionado, who plays not only for the exercise, but for the social aspects of the game. She has played tennis for many years but finds pickleball to be a slower version of that sport, where you "don't have to cover as much court."

Player Clay Behrens says pickleball becomes an addiction.

Those who want to learn more about pickleball can check out the https://usapickleball.org/ website. You can sign up online with www.playtimesscheduler.com to get started and arrange local play sessions. Crawford says there are leagues and tournaments forming in the Roanoke Valley.

The new pickleball courts, and the renovated tennis courts, will be used by students at William Byrd high school and middle school. WBMS teacher Jeremy Baldwin says, "The PE department will be using both the tennis courts and the pickleball courts during the fall and spring. Pickleball has been part of our curriculum for years and the students love it!"

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Pickleball, the fastest growing sport in the country, has come to Vinton.



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varsity men's soccer team and Smite E-sports team. He plans to attend college and pursue a degree in engineering.

Faith Smith was escorted by her parents Kimberly and Al Smith. She has been a member of the William Byrd Color Guard for four years. She is also a member of the E-sports team. She plans to attend Virginia Western and go into the Fine Arts program working on costume, graphic, and character design.

Charlie Trogdon was escorted by his parents

Charles and Amy Trogdon. He has been a member of the Marching Band for four years. He is also a member of the Leo Club and Beta Club. He plans to study Computer Science at Virginia Tech.

Claire Wray was es-

corted by her parents Heather and David Wray. She has been in the Marching Band at William Byrd for four years. She is also a member of the track team, Senior Council, and a Student Council officer. She plans to attend Virginia Tech and double major in Marketing and Psychology.

Kassidy Wrye was escorted by her parents Michael and Denise Wrye. She has been a member of the Marching Band for four years. She is also a member of

the Beta Club, Student Advisory Council, tennis team, and is editor of the yearbook. She plans to attend the University of Tennessee-Knoxville or JMU to pursue a degree in Elementary Education with a minor in Communications.



Cheerleader Bryson Crawford is recognized as he is escorted on the track by mother and stepfather Bryn and Mark Bixler.



Class of 2022 cheerleader Remi FiGart was escorted by her parents Tommy and DeLisa FiGart.



Marching Terrier Color Guard member Ema Fay was escorted by her parents Mike and Erica Jones and brother Avery.



Senior band member Caleb Drewery is shown with his parents Jason and Wendy **Dudley.**

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OVER THE TOP

Read Numbers 16:1 through 17:13

Gordon trudged into the house after a long day of work on his birthday, a year older and feeling every minute of it. He expected a quiet birthday dinner with his family, so he was stunned when he saw balloonsand cake and friends shouting, "Surprise!" He was more than surprised. He was amazed at how much his family and friends clearly loved him.

God vowed to make the staff of his chosen priest miraculously sprout, but He couldn't resist going above and beyond.

The next day Moses entered the tent and saw that Aaron's staff, which represented the tribe of Levi, had not only sprouted but had budded, blossomed and produced almonds (Numbers 17:8).

God has a way of amazing His people by meeting their needs in over-the-top ways. There's no better example than Jesus. Sure, God had promised a Messiah, but His own Son? It was stunning, unexpected, and it demonstrated that God was willing to go farther than we could ever imagine to save us.

Prayer Suggestion: Thank You, God, for the miraculous, amazing, over-the-top way You saved me.

Quicklook: Numbers 17:1–12



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a Political Subdivision of the Commonwealth of Virginia, Case No. CL21-548 Complainant.

MARY RUTH BURRELL ET

ORDER OF PUBLICATION The object of this suit is to enforce the lien of the Complainant, County of Botetourt, Virginia, for delinquent real estate taxes against certain real property located in the County of Botetourt. Virginia. described as follows:

Tax Map No. 61-83 Account No. 21433

All that certain tract or parcel of land situate, lying and being in the Fincastle District of Botetourt County, Virginia, and being further described as follows

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This description is made subject to all easements, conditions, agreements, restrictions, and reservations of record which affect the property herein described.

address is 887 Botetourt Road, Fincastle, Virginia 24090; and that any officers, heirs, devisees, and successors in title of the Respondent named herein are made parties Respondent to this action individually and/or by the general description of Parties Unknown, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties

believed to be deceased

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herein and all Parties Unknown and/or whose location cannot be ascertained appear on or before November 12, 2021 in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the County of Botetourt, Virginia, and do what may be necessary to protect their interests in this cause. Entered on the 5th day of October, 2021

Joel R Branscom Judge

I Ask For This: John A. Rife, Esq. (VSB No. 45805) Jeffrey A. Scharf, Esq. (VSB No. 30591) Mark K. Ames, Esq (VSB No. 27409) Andrew M. Neville, Esa (VSB No. 86372) Paul L. LaBarr, Esq. (VSB No. 91609) Gregory L. Haynes, Esq. (VSB No. 37158) Taxing Authority Consulting Services, PC P.O. Box 31800 Henrico, Virginia 23294-1800 Phone: (804) 864-0080 Facsimile: (804) 545-2378 TACS No.: 639620

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

Commonwealth of Virginia VA. CODE § 8.01-316 Case No. JJ014314-06-00 Botetourt JDR District Court Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court Commonwealth of Virginia, in re Fowler. Eli Commonwealth

Unknown Father The object of this suit is to: To terminate residual parental rights to Eli Fowler. It is ORDERED that Unknown Father appear at the above-named Court and protect his or her interests on or before 12/07/2021

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10/18/2021 Jessica Hall **Deputy Clerk**

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

Commonwealth of Virginia VA. CODE § 8.01-316 Case No. JJ014315-05-00 Botetourt JDR District Court Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court Commonwealth of Virginia. in re Fowler, Nicholi Commonwealth Fowler, Jerry The object of this suit is to: To terminate residual parental rights to Nicholi Fowler It is ORDERED that Fowler, Jerry appear at the abovenamed Court and protect his or her interests on or before 12/07/2021 01:00PM.

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Commonwealth of Virginia VA. CODE § 8.01-316 Case No. JJ014315-04-00 Botetourt JDR District Court Juvenile and Domestic **Relations District Court** Commonwealth of Virginia, in re Fowler, Nicholi Commonwealth

Linkenhoker, Olivia Sink The object of this suit is to: To terminate residual parental rights to Nicholi Fowler. It is ORDERED that Linkenhoker, Olivia appear at the above-named Court

and protect his or her interests on or before 12/07/2021 01:00PM.

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ORDER OF PUBLICATION

Commonwealth of Virginia VA. CODE § 8.01-316 Case No. JJ014302-05-00 Botetourt JDR District Court Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court Commonwealth of Virginia, in re Wright, Cooper Solstice

Commonwealth

Wright Jr, Gary Robert The object of this suit is to: To terminate residual parental rights to Cooper Wright.

It is ORDERED that Wright Jr, Gary Robert appear at the above-named Court and protect his or her interests on or before 12/07/2021 01:00PM.

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ORDER OF PUBLICATION

COMMONWEALTH **OF VIRGINIA** VA. CODE §§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316, -317, 20-104 Case No. CL21-404 Salem Circuit Court 2 E. Calhoun Street, Salem, VA 24153 Isaias Rosa da Silva

Victoria Nichole Davis The object of this suit is to: Obtain a divorce

It is ORDERED that Victoria Nichole Davis appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before November 24, 2021.

October 4, 2021 Stacy L. Owen Deputy Clerk



Thrasher Youth participate in inaugural Tim Dayton Day of Service

Debbie Adams

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Pastor Tim Dayton, founder of the non-profit REACH program in Roanoke, passed away on May 3 of this year at age 66 from pancreatic cancer.

Dayton was both well-known and beloved throughout the Roanoke Valley for changing the face of the local community through REACH, which stands for Real Experiences Affecting Change. He embodied his faith daily through the maxim: "Here are my hands; how may I serve?"

Dayton founded REACH - a youth-oriented volunteer program in 2010 and spent over a decade facilitating service projects in the Southeast Roanoke and Vinton communities, fixing up houses, feeding the hungry, and cleaning up the community.

Volunteers came from local communities, the Roanoke Valley and across the state and nation to take part in REACH projects - to save houses and neighborhoods. REACH projects became a frequent destination for church youth groups.

"We are changing the world, not waiting for someone else to do it for us," Dayton said.

He noticed that many programs were only treating symptoms of substandard housing, homelessness, hunger, environmental impact, at-risk youth and children, older adult care, volunteerism, and assimilation of immigrants, not bringing permanent solutions.

"People caught in the middle of these situations tend to suffer from a loss of hope, a feeling that no one else cares, or an overwhelming helplessness that is selfperpetuating," Dayton believed.

'But people who often give of themselves seldom suffer from these issues for very long, if at





Members of the Thrasher Youth Group, their leaders, and other members observed the inaugural Tim Dayton Day of Service by volunteering at the Christian Soldiers Food Pantry on October 23.

all. Turns out, doing for others without any thought of getting something in return generates a type of happiness (fulfillment, purpose, direction, self-esteem, contentment, excitement) for the doer 100 percent of the time."

His sincere belief was that "everyone receives great joy when performing selfless acts of generosity. Everyone wants to go to bed at night knowing that somewhere, somehow, they made a positive difference in the world we all live in.'

His simple goals were spreading the "Joy of Service" and seeing Roanoke thrive.

When Dayton passed away and memorials were being discussed, his family posted a message: "Per our father's request, we are not having a service. This is what he shared about his wishes regarding

a memorial: 'I have always said that at the end of the day we each want to go to sleep knowing that we've made a difference. And as I reflect back on my life, I see this current phase as both a continuation of that wisdom and a recognition that it will be others who go on making that difference. This has led me to plan a celebration of life – not my life – but a celebration of all life and more importantly a celebration of what we're collectively doing to make life the best it can be for as many beings as possible."

His family said he was very excited about the idea of a day of service. "That was something that really made him light up." He did not like the attention to be on him and the Day of Service put the focus on others.

"We believe the real empow-

SUBMITTED PHOTOS The Thrasher group spent part of October 23 doing yard work for a homebound member for the Tim Dayton Day of Service.

erment will come as the people being served realize that they too have something to give back, a way to serve others, and they feel the happiness that comes with that service," Dayton said. "I believe that once people fully grasp the happiness that comes from serving others, that attitudes, lives and entire communities will be transformed for the good. I believe that each and every individual has the ability to change the world for the better, right here, right now, with the resources at hand. Our purpose is to facilitate that process, and in so doing help them to discover their passion for service. We were all born with that passion – the passion to serve one another. We see it every day in the small things – a smile, a hand, a kind word.'

What followed his passing was organizing the Tim Dayton Day of Service on October 23 to honor his legacy. REACH invited everyone "who has ever been touched by Tim's life and work to join us in Roanoke for the day or serve in your own community. We hope you will join us in remembering Tim and that inexpressible joy that we get from giving back and being in service to others this October."

The youth from Thrasher Memorial United Methodist Church in Vinton, their leaders, and a small group participating in the church's Ten Brave Christians program decided to observe the inaugural Tim Dayton Day of Service by volunteering at the Christian Soldiers Food Pantry and doing yardwork at the home of a homebound member, carrying out his vision that "the world will become a place where, 'Here are my hands, how may I serve?' will become a way of living, rather than just a

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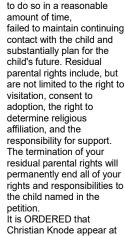
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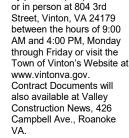
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Above, Owen Gibson(#27) of the Vinton Terriers' PeeWee football team tries to elude a Cave Spring defender in action at Bogle Field last Saturday. Above right, the Terrier defense readies for action. Right, Vinton quarterback Riggins Hills fires a pass. PHOTOS BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Sandlot Super Bowl Tournaments open for Little and Junior teams this week

After a year off the Sandlot Super Bowl tournaments are back. The PeeWee tournament started last Saturday and the Little and Junior tournaments will begin this Saturday at two locations.

The PeeWee tournament, for eight and under players, began last Saturday with four games at Bogle Field, behind Cave Spring Middle School. The Vinton Terriers took on host Cave Spring and dropped a 14-0 decision and were eliminated.

Other first round PeeWee games had the Salem Wolverines over Glenvar, 2-0 on a safety, the Botetourt Titans over the Salem Spartans, 6-0, and North Roanoke over Franklin County, 41-7. Semifinals are this Saturday at Glenvar's Highlander Stadium with the Salem Wolverines against North Roanoke at 1:30 pm and Botetourt against Cave Spring at 3 pm.

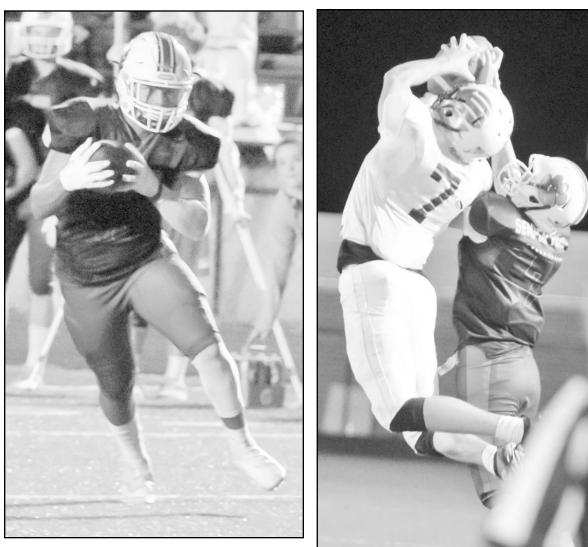
The Little Division, for 10 and under players, kicks off this Saturday with four games at Bogle Field. The two Cave Spring teams play at 9 am, Glenvar and Salem play at 10:30 am, Vinton and North Roanoke play at noon and Botetourt and Franklin County conclude the first round at 1:30 pm. Semifinals are next Tuesday, November 2nd, at Glenvar.

The Junior Tournament, for12 and under teams, will begin Saturday at Glenvar's Highlander Stadium. Vinton and Franklin County play at 9 am, followed by Glenvar and Botetourt at 10:30 am and Cave Spring against North Roanoke at noon.

Salem is the top seed and has a first round bye. The Spartans will play the North Roanoke-Cave Spring winner at 6:30 pm next Tuesday at Bogle Field in one semifinal with the other two quarterfinal winners meeting at 7:45 pm.

All championship games will be played at Salem Stadium on Saturday, November 6, with the PeeWees at 10 am, the Littles at noon and the Juniors at 2 pm.





BYRD FOOTBALL continued from page 12

stun the home crowd.

The disappointing ending put somewhat of a damper on Byrd's annual "Soldier Tribute Night," which included special uniforms for the Terriers. It was still a nice event that goes beyond winning or losing games.

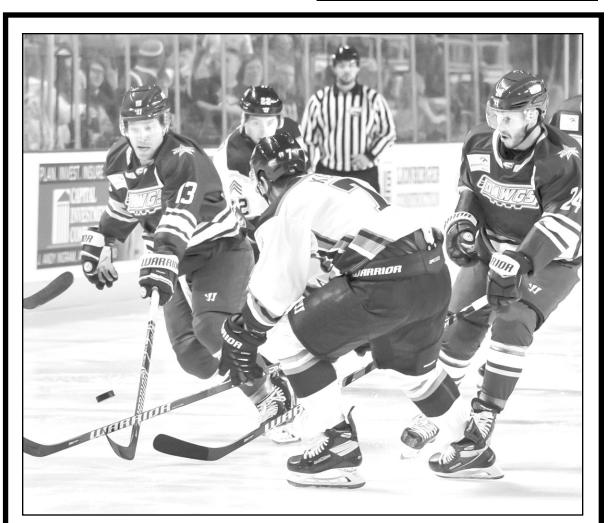
"We make it a priority to teach our players more than the game of football," said coach Brad Lutz. "It's important to build strong men of character. We want to give them an experience that teaches them lessons that prepare them for life past high school. Our Soldier Tribute Game teaches them the true meaning of sacrifice."

Last Friday night three Byrd players wore a jersey that included the name of Army Spc. Adams, Army Spc. Anderson, or Army 1 Lt. Plunk.

These three fallen heroes who continue to make an impact on our football program," said Lutz.

Margaret Anderson, the mother of fallen soldier Army Spc. Brian "Bucky" Anderson, presented John Kiker with the jersey that had her son's name on the

Above, Byrd's Kendal Howard looks for room to run. Right, Brayden Andrews(dark jersey) defends a pass. PHOTOS BY BILL HOAL



DAWGS

Mac Jansen(#13) and Jeff Jones(#24) of the Rail Yard Dawgs battle for the puck in a 2-0 loss to Fayetteville at the Berglund Center last Friday night. The Dawgs next home game is Saturday, November 6, against Macon. This week Roanoke is at Birmingham Friday night and Knoxville Saturday. The Dawgs are 0-2. PHOTO BY JOHN WACHER

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"That is a moment that John, Mrs. Anderson, and our team will never forget," said Lutz. "Those moments are what make our tributes so important to the development of our players."

In the game, Kiker led the defense with 11 tackles and Fuchs had eight. Fuchs also broke the 100 yard rushing mark for the second straight week while Lane Shoemaker threw for over 100 yards in his first start as a varsity quarterback. Brothers Hunter and Dustin Richards combined to make 13 tackles.

"Our team is playing with great effort," said Lutz. "We are improving, and our practices are getting better each week, which has led to improvements on Friday nights."

This was the last home game for Byrd's seniors, as the Terriers finish the season with games at Northside and William Fleming.

'Our seniors are a very loyal group of young men,' said Lutz. "They played very hard and left every ounce of themselves on the field. I am very proud of them and proud to be one of their coaches.'

With the loss Byrd fell to 0-7. The Terriers will only play nine games this year as a game with Christiansburg was postponed due to COVID and will not be made up.

Last Friday was the second week in a row the Terriers played against a team coached by a William Byrd graduate. They played at Franklin County on October 15 against an Eagle team coached by former Byrd quarterback and assistant coach JR Edwards. Last week, it was Staunton River and Byrd graduate Shaun Leonard, although Shaun could not be on the sidelines due to COVID contact tracing. Assistant Brian Divers was the acting head coach.

Leonard is turning the program around after the Eagles suffered through three seasons with just one win. Staunton River was 1-25 in the 2018, '19 and spring '21 seasons combined.

This year the Eagles are 4-3, and Leonard has two familiar Byrd grads on his staff, Hunter and Robert Shepherd. Hunter played for Byrd and also served as an assistant coach under former coach Jeff Highfill. He's serving as defensive coordinator for Leonard.

Robert, Hunter's father, was a long time successful sandlot coach in Vinton who coached many of the boys who have come through the Byrd program. Robert volunteered his time as football coordinator for the sandlot teams in Vinton for many years.

Staunton River was back on the field on Tuesday of this week, falling to Northside 40-27 in a makeup game. Byrd will be at Northside this Friday at 7 pm to take on the Vikings, who are hanging on to the eighth and final playoff spot in Region 3D with a 3-5 record.

"Northside is a very good football team," said Lutz. "They have a very dynamic player at quarterback(Sydney Webb) and they are very talented on the perimeter. Like us, they have played a tough schedule, so they have played in some big games against quality opponents."

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Girls open Region 3D with match at C'Burg

The William Byrd girls are the ninth seed for the Region 3D volleyball tournament, which begins at the sites of the higher seeds next Monday.

The Terriers will travel to Christiansburg for an opening round game, and if they prevail they'll get back on the bus for a quarterfinal round game on Tuesday. The semis are a week from tonight, all at the higher seeds.

Byrd comes into the tournament at 11-14 after falling in the semifinal round of the Blue Ridge District tournament last week. The third seeded Terriers traveled to Lord Botetourt and fell in three sets to second seeded LB, 25-22, 25-14 and 25-15. Top seeded Franklin County beat Northside in the other semifinal and the Eagles were set to host Lord Botetourt in Rocky Mount on Wednesday for the BRD championship.

Terran Brown led the Terrier offense in Daleville last week with 11 kills, and senior Kamryn Sigafoes had eight. Chloe Harrilla and Sigafoes led the defense with 13 digs from Harrilla and 12 digs from Kamryn. Setter Carsyn Kotz dished out 22 assists.





Top left, William Byrd's Kamryn Sigafoes(#5) goes high for a spike in last week's Blue Ridge District match at Lord Botetourt. Above, Emily Tuck(#7) and Terran Brown (#8) set up a block at the net. Left, Byrd's walking wounded can only watch as the host Cavaliers take a three set win. Senior setter Trinity Hylton, with knee brace, and senior outside hitter Mattie Andrews, with ankle boot, are two of the better players on the team and both are out with injuries.

PHOTOS BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Host Bruins sweep 47th Metro, Terriers in region next week

The William Byrd girls were 10th and the boys were 12th as host Blacksburg swept the team titles at the Metro Cross Country meet at Blacksburg High School last week.

It was all but perfect weather for the race, the 47th running after missing the meet for the first time since 1974 due to COVID last season. Meet favorite Carly Wilkes of Glenvar didn't disappoint as she won the girls race in 19:43.8, eight seconds faster than Jessica Palisca of Cave Spring. Byrd's first finisher was Olivia Hurd with a 13th place finish in 22:06. The junior Terrier earned All-Metro by finishing in the top 15 among 104

runners in the race.

"Olivia has asserted herself into the lead runner for the Lady Terriers," said Byrd coach Eric Royal. "It has been a few years since we have had a runner break into the top 15. She has been working to get back to her personal best time."

Maci Glass was Byrd's next finisher in 27th place. Also scoring were to come together at the races," said Royal. "Hopefully at the BRD meet we can surprise a team or two and have a great race leading into the region meet on November 3rd at Sugar Hollow Park.'

Nathan Atchue of Franklin County won the boys' race in 16:48. Byrd was led by freshman DeShawn Austin with a 45th place finish in 19:36.

next Terrier to cross the line in 78th place, followed by Dakota Bell in 91st, Brayden McCollough in 95th and Bodie Gonzalez at 111 among 132 runners. Reagan Lilley and Matan Morse also ran but did not score.

"It pretty much is the same story as the girls," said Royal. "We can't get everyone healthy and ready to run at the same time."

Rebecca Qui in 69th, Emma Gordon in 73rd and Riley Roth in 83rd. Gracie Mick, Skylar Fitzgerald, and Emma Rupe also ran for Byrd but did not score.

"We seem to struggle this year getting everyone healthy and able

"The boys continue to see first year runner DeShawn Austin lead the way," said Royal. "He ran his second fastest time of the year on a much more challenging course. I truly believe he is just now tapping into his potential."

Stephen Underwood was the

The Terriers were scheduled to run in the Blue Ridge District meet at Waid Park in Franklin County on Wednesday, but results were too late for publication. Next Wednesday, Novemeber 3rd, the Region 3D meet is at Sugar Hollow Park in Bristol.







METRO CROSS COUNTRY

Above left, William Byrd's Olivia Hurd(#687) placed 13th overall at the Metro Championship meet last week in Blacksburg. Left, Byrd's DeShawn Austin(#672) placed 45th and teammate Dakota Bell(#673) was 91st. Above, Stephen Underwood races to the finish line, placing 78th among 132 runners. PHOTOS BY JON FLEMING



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Above, the William Byrd football teams waits to take the field in their special "Soldier Tribute" uniforms. Below left, Peyton Fuchs has a big hole to run through on his way to 129 yards rushing, and below right Lane Shoemaker looks for a receiver in his first varsity start at quarterback. PHOTOS BY BILL HOAL



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Terriers let one slip away

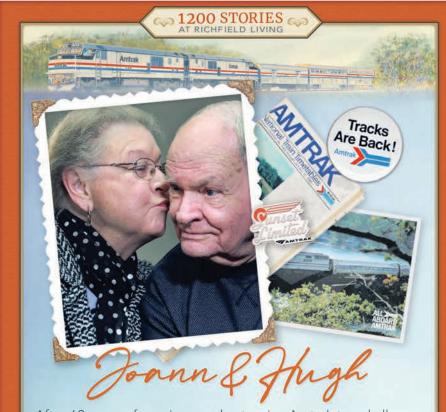
ball team took a 21-8 lead into the fourth quarter last Friday but Staunton River rallied for 18 fourth quarter points to win the "Battle of Route 24." The Eagles won 26-21 at Patterson Stadium in Vinton.

The Terriers came into the game looking for their first win and for three quarters things were looking up. Quarterback Lane Shoemaker scored a first quarter TD on a one yard run and Peyton Fuchs ran in from the four in the second quarter as Byrd took a 14-8 lead into intermission.

Fuchs, who rushed for over 100 yards on the night, scored again in the third quarter, and Bricen Lancaster's third successful extra point kick made it a two possession game

The William Byrd foot- at 21-8 heading into the down passes, the final scored on three touch-

fourth period. However, from Brady Barns to the Eagles went to the air Lucas Overstreet with just in the final quarter and 41 seconds remaining to continued on page 10



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