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Tuck crowned 2022 Dogwood Queen

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William Byrd High School senior Madison Tuck was crowned the 2022 Dogwood Festival Queen on April 30. The ceremony took place at the Vinton Municipal Building, where the queen was crowned by Vinton Mayor Brad Grose at noon, as is the tradition.

Tuck was among 10 young women nominated by members of the faculty and staff at William Byrd for the prestigious honor. The candidates are interviewed by a panel of judges the morning of the Dogwood Festival and the queen is chosen.

The other members of this year's Dogwood Court were Sela Beatty (parents Letitia Hawkins Beatty and Tim Beatty), Chloe Harrilla (parents Joe and Sharon Harrilla), Micah Kiker (parents Tosha and Joshua Kiker), Emilie McCaskill (parents Angela Peterson and Mark McCaskill), Jenna Nicely (parents Randy and Sherry Nicely), twins Jaylen Rosser and Mya Rosser (parents Erica and Jonathan Rosser),

Ashlyn Stover (parents Lisa and Dwayne Stover), and Victoria Watts (parents Brent and Vicky Watts).

Vocalist Floyd Boone sang "God Bless America" prior to the crowning of the queen.

Mayor Grose welcomed the families of the Dogwood Court to the coronation. He recognized hostess Olivia Robertson, who was the 2019 Dogwood Queen, Dogwood Festival President Beth Abbott, and

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Madison Tuck was crowned as 2022 Dogwood Festival Queen on April 30 by Vinton Mayor Brad Grose. She is a senior at William Byrd High School.



Members of the 2022 Dogwood Court include (from left): front, Jenna Nicely, Chloe Harrilla, Sela Beatty, Micah Kiker, and Emilie McCaskill; and (standing) Ashlyn Stover, Madison Tuck, Mya Rosser, Jaylen Rosser, and Victoria Watts.



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Members of the Dogwood Court boarded two carriages from the Lexington Carriage Company, riding first through the streets of downtown Vinton after the ceremony and then later in the Dogwood Festival Parade.

William Byrd eighth graders try out Shark Tank tactics



PHOTO RYAN HUTCHISON

Eighth graders at William Byrd Middle School just completed a Terrier Kennel technology education project, based on Shark Tank. Their teacher is Ryan Hutchison.

Ryan Hutchison spent 15 years working in the corporate world before accepting a position teaching Technology Education at William Byrd Middle School last fall. He has brought that business world experience to his eighth grade "Programming Solutions" class with a unit on business based on the Shark Tank TV show concept.

Shark Tank features entrepreneurs making business presentations to a panel of investors (the

Sharks) who decided whether to invest in the company or product.

The WBMS version was renamed "Terrier Kennel." The judges included School Board member and business owner Tim Greenway, Roanoke County Schools Director of Career and Technical Education Jason Suhr, CTE Supervisor Mark Jones, and WBMS School Counseling Coordinator Lubeth Jones.

Twenty-eight students divided into seven

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Gonzalez earns rank of Eagle Scout



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William Byrd High School senior Emiliano Gonzalez has attained Scouting's highest recognition—the rank of Eagle Scout. Shown left to right are his father, Francisco Gonzalez, Troop 210 Scoutmaster Taylor Richardson, Eagle Scout Emiliano Gonzalez, and his mother, Maria Gonzalez.

Emiliano Gonzalez received Scouting's highest honor by advancing to the rank of Eagle Scout at a Court of Honor ceremony at South Roanoke United Methodist Church on May 2. Emiliano is a member of Troop 210. He is the son of Maria and Francisco Gonzalez of Bonsack.

Emiliano is a senior at William Byrd High School and the Burton Center for Arts and Technology (BCAT). He has been a scout since first grade when he joined as a Tiger Cub Scout, and now, 12 years later, he has passed all the requirements for becoming an Eagle Scout.

Emiliano was awarded his Eagle Badge, surrounded by family, friends, and fellow scouts. The Eagle Scout Court of Honor is a prestigious and memorable event—often referred to as Scouting's "finest moment."

The Master of Ceremonies for the ceremony was Taylor Richardson, who has been Emiliano's scout leader for all 12 years, first as Cubmaster in Pack 1, and then his Scoutmaster after he earned the Arrow of Light and crossed over to Troop 210.

Richardson noted that only about four percent of those who enter Scouting eventually earn the rank of Eagle Scout. In

1911 the Boy Scouts of America chose the eagle to symbolize the very highest in achievement—Scouting's best. The Eagle Scout rank is a title held for life.

The Eagle Scout ceremony on May 2 opened with bugler Eli Richardson, presentation of the Colors by the Honor Guard, the Pledge of Allegiance, the Scout Oath, the Scout Law, a prayer, and a reminder of the steps of the journey from new Scout to Eagle—all led by the Scouts.

During an Eagle Scout ceremony, Scout leaders review the candidate's scouting history from induction to the Eagle

Scout rank, stressing his growth in the ideals of scouting and share anecdotes about his journey in words, pictures, and videos.

Over his journey, Emiliano has earned dozens of merit badges and performed over 100 hours of community service. He has held almost every position of leadership in his troop.

However, becoming an Eagle Scout involves not just earning merit badges, but demonstrating Scout spirit, leadership, and service, culminating with an Eagle Scout project. Projects are meant to be lasting, to benefit the community, and to encourage leadership experience for the scout involved.

Emiliano's project was to build and install an information kiosk at Bonsack Park, next to his elementary school—Bonsack Elementary—and two wooden benches for Roanoke Parks and Recreation. His goal was to give back to the school which had given much to him.

He described to those in attendance the procedures he followed in designing the project and in leading his fellow scouts to help build it. Richardson noted Emiliano's great attention to detail—even taking the original drawings and redoing them in the CAD system to be more precise.

Richardson urged Emiliano to be cognizant of all those who interacted with him along his journey. He praised Emiliano for his leadership skills which "changed the trajectory of the troop."

Scout leader Dr. Andrew Sherman reminded Emiliano that he has attained the Eagle Scout rank because he acted, and his parents acted. "Scouting has given you a tremendous foundation," he said, in encouraging him to have a "bias for

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Peters, Berbic named 2022 Distinguished Alumni at VWCC



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Jason Peters (left) and Elvir Berbic have been named as 2022 Distinguished Alumni at Virginia Western Community College.

The Virginia Western Community College Educational Foundation has named P. Jason Peters, Roanoke County Board of Supervisors Vice Chairman, and Elvir Berbic, founder of its Refugee and Immigrant Scholarship, as recipients of the College's 2022 Distinguished Alumni Award.

The Distinguished Alumni Award was established in 2006 by the Virginia Western Alumni Association and recognizes Virginia Western Community College alumni and former students who have attained extraordinary distinction in their professional field or life. The award is intended to showcase the diversity of Virginia Western graduates and their range of influence on our region.

"Both of these gentlemen are about giving back to the community," said Virginia Western President Dr. Robert H. Sandel. "Through their commitment and service, they provide a wonderful example of the impact that our students can make many years after attending the College."

Peters, of Vinton, began his service to the citizens of Roanoke County by volunteering as an emergency medical technician with the Vinton First Aid crew when he was 16 years old. He has served in that capacity for 29 years and is the current president. In 2010, Peters was appointed to the Roanoke County Planning Commission, serving for three years before being elected to his first term on the Roanoke County Board of Supervisors in 2014. Peters currently serves as vice chair of the board.

While serving as board chairman in 2016, Peters was diagnosed with thyroid cancer which ultimately required surgery. While the surgery improved his

condition, his cancer is still present. Despite this challenge, Peters has continued to serve Roanoke County in his various roles on the board.

"I admire Mr. Peters' resolve to remain committed to the citizens while facing hardships," wrote County Administrator Richard Caywood in his nominating letter. "I believe Mr. Peters exemplifies the meaning of a loyal and dedicated public servant."

In addition to supporting the Refugee and Immigrant Scholarship, Berbic is a member of the Educational Foundation's Scholarship and Grants Committee and leads a partnership between the college and the Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine that provides for a postgrad career forum between medical school students and Virginia Western STEM students. He also championed Roanoke's first futsal court as part of his efforts to give back and to improve the lives of immigrants in the community.

Berbic's path to Roanoke passed through a refugee camp in Croatia, where his family resided after they fled the civil war in Bosnia. At that camp, Berbic first began to learn English, and his family moved to Roanoke in 1995 when he was 14.

"You go through your teenager things that you go through and at the same time you are in a strange place," said Berbic in a recent newspaper interview. "You had to grow up a little quicker than everybody around you. You try to focus on schoolwork, being a kid, but at the same time you have to assist your parents with how to write a check, for example, how to pay bills, translate getting car insurance. You kind of live between two places." Through sports, Ber-

bic found ways to belong. He played on the William Fleming High School soccer team and joined the football team as a place-kicker. Twenty years later, the Virginia Western and Radford University master's degree graduate is employed as the VTC School of Medicine's student affairs manager.

"It's been (and it continues to be) an incredible privilege to work with everyone at Virginia Western to make education affordable and accessible," Berbic said. "My goal is to simply do what this community and its people have done for me: They made me feel like I belong."

Berbic and Peters were honored on April 28 at the Foundation's annual Awards Ceremony and Reception in Whitman Theater. More than 140 student scholarship recipients were recognized at the event, which included the premiere of a short film, "Follow Your Heart."

Directed by Angel David Verde, the film profiles three Virginia Western scholarship recipients – a future nurse, an educator and an IT professional – and explores what motivates them to pursue a college degree. It is viewable on Virginia Western's YouTube channel at Follow Your Heart - YouTube.

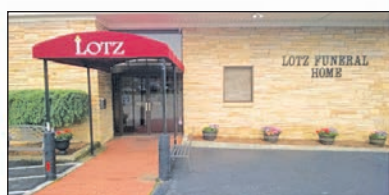
Prior VWCC Distinguished Alumni honorees include Carolyn Webster, Kate Lawrence, Tony Pearson, Deborah Petrine, Elizabeth Testerman, Dr. Carol Swain, Dr. Mary Loritsch, Chief Michael Crawley, Debbie Yancey, Chief Craig S. Harris, J. David Wine, Cheryl Cunningham, Anne Hogan, Russell Ellis, Shirl D. Lamanna, Dennis Cronk, Donna Mitchell, Dr. Kent Murphy, Charlotte Tyson, and John B. Williamson III.

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Vinton celebrates Arbor Day 2022

The Town of Vinton celebrated Arbor Day 2022 on April 29 at the Vinton Branch Library with children and their teachers from the Thrasher Preschool.

Nathan McClung, Vinton's Assistant Director of Planning and Zoning, welcomed everyone to the annual event, and introduced Councilwoman Laurie Mullins, who, in turn, introduced Mayor Brad Grose.

The mayor noted that Vinton has been named as a "Tree City USA" every year since 2003. To retain the Tree City USA designation, the town is required to hold an Arbor Day Celebration, along with tree plantings and tree education outreach each year.

Town staff has been responsible for securing Virginia Department of Forestry grant funding each year by partnering with Roanoke Valley Urban Forestry Council and the Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission (RVARC) in submitting the grant request, with the town providing the required matching funds. These funds have enabled the town to plant trees on public properties, including the elementary schools in Vinton, Wolf Creek Greenway, M.A. Banks Park, on the grounds of Vinton Public Works, Vinton War Memorial, Vinton Municipal Building, Craig Avenue Recreation Center, and Glade Creek Greenway.

This year the trees are being planted in the median along Washington Avenue across from Lynn Haven Baptist Church, in the median along Hardy Road at the Vinyard Road intersections, and along Bypass Road in the median across from Lake Drive

Church of Christ.

At its meeting on April 19, Town Council had issued a proclamation declaring April 29 as Arbor Day in Vinton, which stated in part:

"In 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees; this holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska.

"Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world. Trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce oxygen and provide habitat for wildlife. Trees are a renewable source giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires and countless other wood products. Trees in our town increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community. Trees, wherever they are planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal."

The mayor went on to thank the many who had contributed to this year's Arbor Day celebration: the Virginia Department of Forestry, the Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission, the Roanoke County-Vinton Branch Library staff, RVTV, Creative Nurseries and Landscapes, along with the Vinton Public Works and Planning and Zoning staffs.

Mayor Grose then led the children in his traditional Arbor Day "Cheer for Trees," chanting "One, two, three, I love trees."

The mayor then

turned the program over to Denny McCarthy, Senior Area Forester, who talked to the children about the many hats he wears in his job. He protects the forest—serving as a doctor for sick trees and assisting with planting trees, thousands of trees each year. He described a recent planting of 6,000 trees on 14 acres in Bedford County.

He noted how important it is to reforest when trees are cut down. He and the children brainstormed the many uses of trees, their part in the oxygen cycle, the products trees produce for people, and the habitats they provide. He cautioned the students to be especially careful now because this is fire season.

McCarthy then introduced crowd favorite—Smokey Bear—and shared his life's story. It seems the living symbol of Smokey Bear started with an American black bear caught in the wildfire of the Lincoln National Forest. In May 1950, two forest fires were started, with one being caused by a carelessly discarded cigarette butt and the other by sparks from a cookstove, that burned 17,000 acres in the Capitan Mountains of New Mexico. The bear climbed a tree to escape the blaze, burning his paws and hind legs. A game warden rescued him after the fire. Initially, the cub was called Hotfoot Teddy, but then was renamed Smokey Bear after the already existing National Forest Service mascot.

A local rancher who aided in the firefight took Smokey home, but he needed veterinary care and was cared for by the New Mexico Department of Game and

Fish Ranger Ray Bell, his wife and children.

National attention was brought to the story of the rescued cub and Smokey Bear was soon after taken to the National Zoo in Wash-

ington, D.C., where he remained until his death on November 9, 1976. Smokey Bear was returned to Capitan, N.M., and buried at Smokey Bear Historical Park.

Children's librarian Jennifer Whitcomb next read two books to the preschoolers about trees, led them in a dance about trees, and concluded the morning with a tree craft.



The children from Thrasher Preschool visited the Vinton Library on April 29 to help the town celebrate Arbor Day.



Children's librarian Jennifer Whitcomb reads a story about trees to children from the Thrasher Preschool, Smokey Bear, and Virginia Department of Forestry Senior Area Forester Denny McCarthy at Vinton's Arbor Day celebration.



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Members of Vinton Planning and Zoning Staff organize the Vinton Arbor Day celebration each year. Shown left to right are Assistant Planning and Zoning Director Nathan McClung, Planning and Zoning Director Anita McMillan, Vinton Councilwoman Laurie Mullins, Smokey Bear, Vinton Mayor Brad Grose, and Senior Area Forester Denny McCarthy from the Virginia Department of Forestry.

Eagle Scout

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action" throughout his life.

Dr. Marcus Speaker reminded him that attaining the rank of Eagle Scout bestows not just honor, but responsibility—"Once an Eagle; always an Eagle." Speaker, too, reminded Emiliano that while the Scouting journey was his, "you did not accomplish it alone. As you go forward, help others and become a lifelong leader."

As part of the Eagle Scout ceremony, scouts present a Mentor pin to someone who has been

instrumental in their advancement in life and in Scouting. Emiliano presented his Mentor pin to Scoutmaster Richardson, who taught him how to be a leader.

In addition to Richardson, Emiliano thanked his father, Scott Moore, Sherman, Speaker, Dick Hancock, and Julie and Lucas Snipes for making a "significant difference in my scouting journey through Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts."

Several adult scout leaders

spoke about the responsibilities of an Eagle Scout, listing them one by one: live with honor, be loyal, be courageous, always be cheerful, and contribute to the world through service.

Scout leader Dick Hancock gave the Eagle Charge to Emiliano who repeated the Eagle Scout Oath: "I reaffirm my allegiance to the three promises of the Scout Oath. I thoughtfully recognize and take upon myself the obligations and responsibilities of an Eagle Scout. On my

honor I will do my best to make my training and example, my rank and my influence count strongly for better Scouting and for better citizenship in my Troop, in my community, and in my contacts with other people. To this I pledge my sacred honor."

In the final moments of the ceremony, Emiliano presented a Mother's Pin to his mother and an Eagle lap pin to his father. His mother pinned on his Eagle Badge, while his father present-

ed him with the Eagle Scout certificate.

Earlier this year, Emiliano was recognized by the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States as "Eagle Scout of the Year" and awarded a Good Citizenship Citation from the American Legion. He has received numerous awards at BCAT, both local and national.

Emiliano will be continuing his education at Georgia Tech next fall, studying materials science engineering.

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5. Razor clams
10. Blood-sucking African fly
12. Chauvinists
14. Windy City football player
16. An alternative
18. Federal Housing Administration
19. Styles hair
20. Arabic female name
22. Paddle
23. Area once separated from Germany
25. Marketplace
26. Gode Airport
27. Upset
28. Where wrestlers sweat
30. Garland
31. Robert __, poet

33. An iPad is one
35. Fruit of the oak tree
37. Della __, singer
38. Women's clothing retailer
40. Mailed
41. Largest English dictionary (abbr.)
42. Pouch
44. Radioactivity unit
45. Month
48. Nanosecond
50. Domestic
52. What a boy becomes
53. Breezes (anc. Greek)
55. Jogged
56. At the stern
57. Lawrenceium
58. Destructive to both sides
63. Arterias
65. Removes

66. Pretentious people
67. Tropical Asian plant

CLUES DOWN

1. Type of whale
2. Type of medication
3. Land of the free
4. Formed an opinion of
5. Logo
6. No (Scottish)
7. Leaves tissue
8. Sacred state to Muslims
9. Thus
10. African nation
11. Someone who has a stake in
13. Parties
15. Subsystem producers
17. Large, flightless birds
18. Compromises visibility
21. A ballet enthusiast
23. More (Spanish)

24. Skeletal muscle
27. Hands (Span.)
29. Weighed
32. Businessman
34. Famous clock Big __
35. Unkeyed
36. Break between words
39. Ink (slang)
40. Disappointed
43. Stroke
44. Curdled milk
46. Restaurants
47. Explosive
49. Type of terrier
51. Disfigure
54. Innermost cell layers
59. Bar bill
60. Distinct period of history
61. Mode of transportation
62. Equal (prefix)
64. Operating system

Herman L. Horn dedicates renovated playground

Herman L. Horn Elementary School celebrated the renovated playground at the Title I "Picnic at the Playground" night on April 28. The Herman L. Horn PTA funded several pieces of new equipment to spruce up the playground—a Jet Stream Climber and a Tri-Shape rock wall, along with a new "Buddy" bench. A large crowd of families turned

out for the Title I event which included not just the playground dedication, but Domino's pizza and free books for students to encourage summer reading. Some families spread out blankets on the ground for the picnic; others gathered under the picnic pavilion which was donated to the school several years ago by the Vinton Breakfast Lions Club.

PTA President Victoria Rosenberg welcomed guests and described the process of funding, acquiring, and installing the new equipment. She commended HLH Principal Julie Sandzimier and PTA members Erin Berry and Becky Caldwell for the time they spent researching and facilitating the selection and purchase of the new pieces.

When asked what children love to do most on the playground, Sandzimier told the PTA that climbing is definitely most children's favorite activity; that led to the decision on what to purchase. The playground footprint was expanded just slightly to accommodate the new equipment, and new mulch was added. The PTA has sponsored numer-

ous Fun Runs and other events over the years to accumulate the funds to purchase the new equipment. In recent years, the group funded a "Leveled Reading Library" for the school. The donation from the PTA is actually for the entire community, as the track and playground are open to the public after school hours.



Herman L. Horn Elementary School dedicated several new pieces of playground equipment (purchased by the PTA) on April 28 at the Title I "Picnic at the Playground" night. Shown left to right are PTA President Victoria Rosenberg, HLH Principal Julie Sandzimier with first grader Asher Rosenberg, second grader Brisa Maldonado, Title I teacher Sandy Hunt, Assistant Principal Theresa Kabath, and Title I teacher Emily Murray.



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Asher Rosenberg atop the new rock climbing wall at Herman L. Horn.

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Queen and Court Committee Co-chairs Susan Teass and Nita Echols. "Today's event is made possible through the efforts and cooperation of the William Byrd High School faculty and staff and the Vinton Dogwood Festival Committee," said Grose. "The 10 young women comprising the Queen's Court today are members of the William Byrd High School Senior Class. Their selection to the court is based on academic standing and their volunteer service to the Vinton commu-

nity." He went on to thank the Dogwood Festival Committee, the staff of the Town of Vinton Public Works, and Community Programs Director Chasity Barbour for "the great job they have done." "An event like this doesn't just happen," the mayor said. "It takes hard work, dedication, and passion to achieve this level of success." "The tradition of the Vinton Dogwood Festival is a great example of why this town is a special place," said Mayor

Grose. "We are truly blessed to live in a town that has citizens and town staff who work together to continue our great traditions and our special way of life." During the ceremony, the Dogwood Court received gifts, including a dogwood necklace, from Robertson and Police Chief Fabricio Drumond. Tuck was presented a scholarship from the Dogwood Festival Committee. Following the ceremony, members of the Dogwood Court and Mayor Grose board-

ed two carriages from the Lexington Carriage Company and circled through downtown Vinton, waving to the crowds at the festival as they were led by Chief Drumond and Deputy Chief Tim Lawless. The carriages were beautifully decorated with dogwood blossoms by Nancy Horn, Roanoke County Commissioner of the Revenue, and her assistant Alexis Christensen. Madison Tuck is the daughter of Mark Tuck and Amanda Trent. In high school, she has played varsity softball and par-

ticipated in varsity track and field. She is the leader of the school DogPound and a member of the DECA Club, Beta Club, and the FCA. Her hobbies include softball, track, hiking, devotionals, working out, and going to church. She enjoys working with children in the community by giving hitting and defensive softball lessons. She recently signed a letter of intent to continue playing softball at the next level at Liberty University. Her plan is to major in exercise science or elementary education.

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Dogwood Queen Madison Tuck received a scholarship from the Dogwood Festival Committee. Shown left to right are Dogwood Festival President Beth Abbott, Madison Tuck, Nita Echols from the Dogwood Queen and Court Committee, and Mayor Brad Grose.

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New officer sworn in at Vinton Town Council meeting



Vinton's newest law enforcement officer was sworn in at the Town Council meeting on May 3. Shown left to right are Police Chief Fabricio Drumond, Harper Dibble, Officer Jesse Dibble, and Deputy Chief Tim Lawless.

Vinton Town Council accomplished quite a bit in a short amount of time at the meeting on May 3. A new police officer was sworn in, proclamations were issued for National Police Week, GBS/CIDP Awareness Month, and Professional Municipal Clerks Week; and two resolutions were adopted.

Police Chief Fabricio Drumond introduced Vinton's newest law enforcement officer— Officer Jesse Dibble, who was then sworn in by Town Clerk Susan Johnson.

Deputy Police Chief Tim Lawless shared Dibble's background. He is a military veteran having served in the United States Navy from 1994-1996. He has been a sworn officer since 2000 and started his law enforcement career with the Albemarle County Sheriff's Office in an auxiliary position in court security. In 2002 he accepted a job with the Fluvanna County Sheriff's Office as Patrol Supervisor, Narcotics K9 Handler, SWAT team leader, and Field Training Officer.

Officer Dibble joined the Franklin County Sheriff's Office in 2013 when he moved to Roanoke, where he served in an auxiliary capacity, but stayed very active in patrol and also in the Marine Patrol on Smith Mountain Lake.

He has a long history of public service, joining the Orange County Rescue Squad at age 14 as a junior squad member and ran calls until he joined the Navy. Ironically, the truck number he was normally assigned to was truck 232— his badge

number with Vinton.

Dibble is the founder and director of the (Master Sergeant) George A. Bannar, Jr. Scholarship. Bannar was a high school friend and Special Forces medic killed in action in 2013. To date the scholarship has been able to award six \$1,000 scholarships to graduating JROTC cadets at Orange County High School. A seventh will be awarded on May 10.

Dibble is also the co-founder and vice president of "Queen City Rucking for 22," a veteran- and first responder-based non-profit designed to align veterans and first responders with outreach programs to reduce veteran and first responder suicides. To date the fund has raised over \$15,000.

Officer Dibble's daughter, Harper, was also introduced to council. She is an avid dancer and has her own charity with Ronald McDonald House, raising over \$3,000 over a two-year period.

Council issued a proclamation declaring May 15-21 as National Police Week. Mayor Brad Grose commended Chief Drumond for the high quality of officers being recruited and hired by the town.

Chief Drumond thanked Town Council and town staff for the "tremendous support" shown to the police department.

"Any American who gives his life in the defense of our communities deserves everlasting memories in our hearts," Drumond said. "National Police Week gives recognition to those in our profession

that have lost their lives in the line of duty. Day in and day out, law enforcement officers throughout the nation fulfill their oath of office. In 2021, 616 law enforcement professionals gave their lives to the communities they serve.

"Any officer who loses his or her life, strikes the core of our beloved profession," Drumond said. "During National Police Week, we recognize the thousands of police officers who have left us far too early, but left making an impact in our communities. May we find comfort in knowing that those officers have been promoted and are now graduated to serve with the Lord.

"A law enforcement officer wears the badge for the single principle of love of service and the preservation of the rule of law. It is our profession, the law enforcement profession, that preserves the sanctity of life in our nation. It is the selfless sacrifice and the final actions of those who pay the ultimate sacrifice that solidify that there is no greater calling than to serve others in time of need. We are a profession built on the premise of safeguarding our beloved community.

"During National Police Week, we honor the fallen and we reflect on the path of the law enforcement officer and the oath that we take. Our profession will always remain united by a common goal—to protect our communities and hold the fine line that separates order from disorder.

"Thank you all for the recognition and believing in the service we



PHOTOS BY DEBBIE ADAMS

Vinton Town Council issued a proclamation declaring May 1-7 as Professional Municipal Clerks Week in the town. Shown left to right are Mayor Brad Grose, Executive Assistant/Town Clerk Susan Johnson, and Town Manager Pete Peters.

provide for our community," said Drumond. "We are blessed to serve our community alongside each of you."

Council next issued a proclamation in recognition of the month of May as "Guillain-Barre Syndrome (GBS) and Chronic Inflammatory Demyelinating Polyneuropathy (CIDP) Awareness Month." Rick Forney, GBS/CIDP Mid-Atlantic Regional Director and Southwest Virginia Liaison, spoke about these catastrophic disorders and the attempts to provide a support network for patients, physicians, nurses, and families, as well as funding continued research.

Town Manager Pete Peters read a heartfelt proclamation in honor and recognition of Town Clerk Susan Johnson, which declares May 1-7 as Professional Municipal Clerks Week in the Town of Vinton. In 1984 President Ronald Reagan established Professional Municipal Clerks Week recognizing the essential role municipal clerks play in local government. When Peters read the proclamation—a surprise to Johnson—he attested to the all-important role Johnson plays in local government in Vinton and her exemplary dedication to the community she serves. Other town staff present, along with council members, echoed his sentiments.

Town Council adopted a resolution awarding a Construction Engineering, Management, and Inspection Services contract and authorizing the town manager to

execute the contract with Whiteman, Requardt & Associates (WRA) for the Walnut Avenue Bicycle and Pedestrian Accommodations Project from 5th Street to the town's west limits.

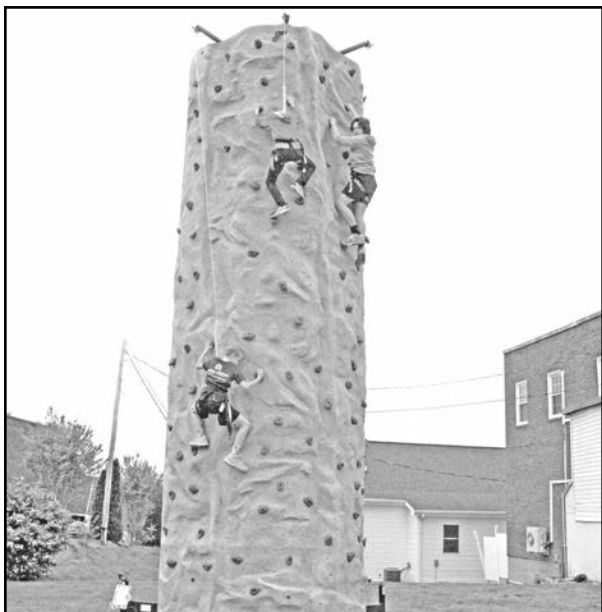
This project, long in the works, is financed through the Roanoke Valley Transportation Policy Organization (RVTPO) Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP)/Set-Aside Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Program.

Four proposals were received when the RFP was issued in October 2021 and four firms were interviewed before WRA was selected.

Council also adopted a resolution authorizing the town manager to execute a Parking Lot Lease and a Right of First Refusal for Purchase between David McClung II and the Town of Vinton for approximately 1.5 acres located at 7 Walnut Avenue, near the Vinton Farmers' Market.

The 10-year parking lot lease will provide the town with additional public parking of about 100 spaces for its farmers' market, downtown businesses, and special events. The cost of rental will be \$1,200 in the first year. The Purchase Right of First Refusal will provide the town the opportunity to purchase the property during the term of lease to protect the town's investment in making improvements to the parking lot on the property. The base purchase price is \$400,000. This project will be under the supervision of Vinton's new Capital Projects Manager Jamie Hurt.

Vinton Dogwood Festival returns in full force



The 2022 Vinton Dogwood Festival added a rock climbing wall for teens, manned by Mineral Springs Baptist Church.

Intermittent showers did not deter the 67th annual Vinton Dogwood Festival and the crowds who attended Festival Day on Saturday, April 30.

There were over 100 craft, food, and business showcase vendors downtown, an open house at the Vinton History Museum, the Roanoke Valley Region AACA Car show at Thrasher, and entertainment on the Vinton Farmers' Market and Vinton Baptist Church stages.

The William Byrd Jazz Band started off the morning on the market stage, followed by the Tim Martin and Brian Wheeling Duo (formerly with the Kings), the McFlies, and fire-twirling ninja Christian Thompson.

Mason Creek Band performed for several hours on the stage at Vinton Baptist.

Kids were treated to crafts, bouncy houses, a petting zoo, and games at the Farmers' Market, facilitated by Lighthouse Bible Church. The area was

funded by a grant from the Community Foundation Serving Western Virginia.

Teens received special attention from the Dogwood Festival this year—Mineral Springs Baptist Church hosted a 24-foot rock climbing wall, a murder mystery Escape Room, and a video game competition at the Municipal Building.

A new Dogwood Festival Queen— Madison Tuck— was crowned by Mayor Brad Grose at the Municipal Building at noon.

The Festival Parade continued as usual in the afternoon, kicking off from the Vinton War Memorial, making its way down Washington Avenue, and then through downtown Vinton.



The William Byrd Jazz Band opened the entertainment at the Vinton Farmers' Market stage for the Dogwood Festival on April 30.

followed by a host of other units, including two parade balloons, Angry Bird and Nemo, and the eye-catching butterfly stilt walker who brought along two baby bumble bee stilt walkers this year. There were cheerleaders from William Byrd, Super Heroes from Big Lick Entertainment, the Kazims, a steel drum band, and the Virginia Highlands Pipes and Drums.

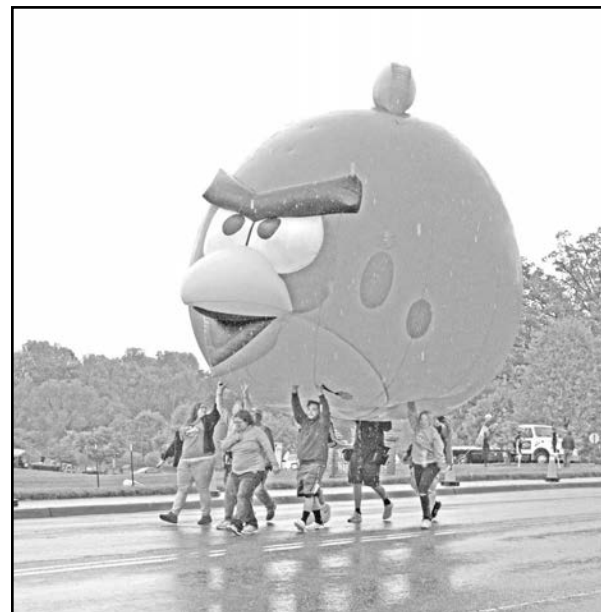
The Dogwood Festival officially opened on April 28 with the Cole Carnival featured daily through May 1. The PIZZAZZ band performed in concert at the Farmer's Market on Friday night.

All-in-all, a great year, after two years of pandemic challenges.

The tireless Vinton Dogwood Festival Committee— a group made up solely of volunteers— and all the business and individual sponsors made the festival possible once again.

Members of the 2022 Dogwood Festival Committee included President Beth Abbott, Co-Vice President, Food Vendor Committee Chair and Carnival Co-Chair Chasity Barbour, Co-Vice President and Treasurer Jeff Teass, Business Showcase Committee Chair Connie Houff, Craft Vendor Committee Chair Callie Webb, Fundraising and Sponsorship Committee Chair Karen Obenchain, Queen and Court Committee Chair Susan Teass, Entertainment Committee Chair and Carnival Co-Chair Joey Nicely, and Media Committee Chair Mary Beth Layman.

Sponsors for this year's Dogwood Festival included: the Town of Vinton, Roanoke County, the Community Foundation Serving Western Virginia (the Melva P. Jones Fund), WFXR FOX, HomeTrust Bank, Cross, Lavinder, Quinn, and Park Family Dentistry, Oakey's, Food Lion, Jeff and Susan Teass, The Vinton Messenger, The Hemp Mill, Freedom First, Bank of Bote-



Angry Bird made an appearance in the 2022 Vinton Dogwood Parade.



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The streets of Vinton were filled with Dogwood Festival-goers on April 30.

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WBHS, WBMS students named to All-Virginia Choir

“The William Byrd Choir program was proud to send two high schoolers and one middle schooler to the All-Virginia Choir events in Richmond,” said Choir Director Matt Bartley. “Maggie Rusinak and Olaedo Anyanwu participated at the high school event; and Aubrey Booze performed with the middle schoolers.”

Rusinak is a junior at WBHS; Anyanwu is a sophomore; Booze is an eighth grader at WBMS. “At the event, they joined other singers across the state and began rehearsing music

on Thursday, April 21,” Bartley explained. “The clinicians, who are nationally recognized choir directors, worked with the singers until they culminated the event with a public performance which took place on Saturday, April 23.”

“In order to participate in this prestigious event, all students successfully auditioned against other choir members in our district and in our state,” Bartley said. “Participants in this event had already been identified as best in the state and the event is a celebration of their achievements.”

Other Roanoke County students participating in All-Virginia Choir included Mariah Eakin (12th grade), Bethany Munsey (11th grade), Leah Tillman (11th grade), and Simon Sealey (12th grade) from Hidden Valley High School. Sealey is a voice student with the Susan Lewis Music Studio in Vinton.

You may see the William Byrd singers and their classmates perform on the William Byrd High School stage on May 19 at 7 p.m. for their spring performance. The concert is free and open to the public.

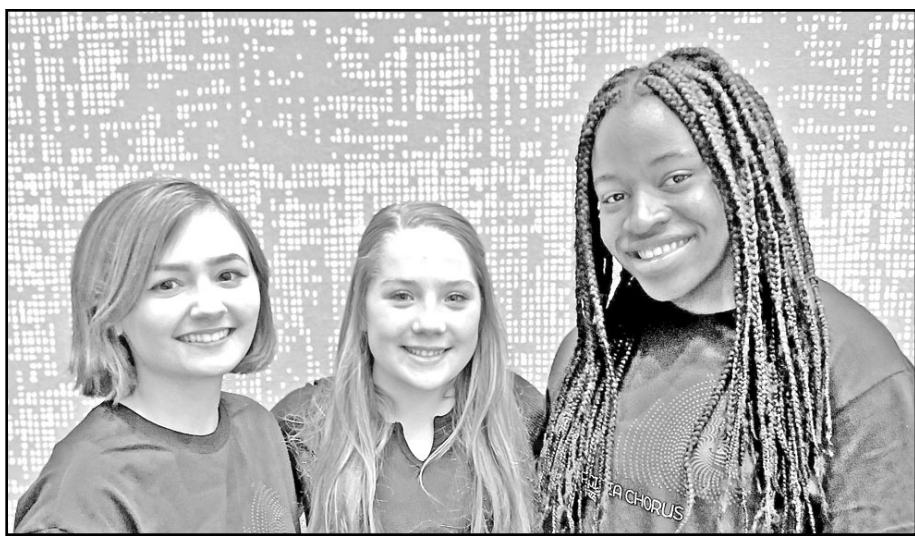


PHOTO SUBMITTED BY MATT BARTLEY

Three students in the William Byrd Choir program auditioned and were chosen for the All-Virginia Choir in Richmond on April 21-23. Shown left to right are Maggie Rusinak (WBHS), Aubrey Booze (WBMS), and Olaedo Anyanwu (WBHS).

PEOPLE, PLACES AND THINGS

William Byrd High School Class of 1981 had their 40-year reunion (actually 41 thanks to Covid). Friday night there was a “meet and greet” at Macado’s in Vinton where quite a few fellow class members gathered; then on Saturday, April 30, at The Woodland Place in Vinton. We had such a good night. We had approximately 80 in attendance. For those that didn’t attend, you were missed.

Brian Butler told a story about this Class of ‘81 that rings true. We were an exceptional class. Mr. Patterson was the greatest principal we could have asked for. Many stories were shared,

Angie Chewing

Filling in for Bootie

many hugs and great times. A lot of us attended elementary school and remained together through graduation. Our group also gets together throughout the year. We’ve remained close throughout the years.

The event was hosted by the William Byrd High School Committee members Tony Ferguson, Scott Sarver, Brian Butler, Albert

Roberts, Randy Jones, Lori Kingsbury, Mark Hough, Dawn Blankenship and Janet Osborne. Special thanks to Schaal Catering of Roanoke for the food. Thanks to our DJs, Kimber and Matthew Butler, for our music and also thanks to our greeter, Brea Jones. Thanks to all that made the night a magical one. The night was so much fun we forgot to take a group picture!

The Vinton Chamber would like to thank the Dogwood Festival Committee and all its volunteers for another great Dogwood Festival. I know the rain came again but you guys rocked it!



OBITUARY

Sharon Elaine Richardson Proehl

Sharon Elaine Richardson Proehl, 77, of Moneta, passed away peacefully on Monday, April 25, 2022, at Centra Lynchburg General Hospital.

She was preceded in death by her parents, James “Bussy” Richardson and Louise Richardson Whorley.

Sharon is survived by her husband of 55 years, Glen A. Proehl; children, Amy Proehl Reamey (Kevin) and Matt Proehl (Dana); grandchildren, Kelsey Proehl Carr (Cam), Hannah Proehl (Patrick Esarey), Seth Greene, and Kalie Greene; brother-in-law, Gene Proehl (Sue); and cousins, Susan and Annette.

She was born on March 6, 1945 and graduated from William Byrd High School. Sharon continued on to receive a bachelor’s degree from Roanoke College and a master’s degree from The Univer-



sity of Virginia (UVA). She was a teacher for Bedford County Public Schools for many years.

She was a member of the Daughters of The American Revolution (DAR) The Peaks of Otter Chapter where she served as Registrar, a member of Delta Kappa Gamma Society and Alpha Phi Sorority, and a member of Morgan’s Baptist Church.

A memorial service was conducted at 10 a.m. on Friday, April 29, 2022, at Oakey’s Vinton Chapel. The family received friends from 2 to 4 p.m. and from 6 until 8 p.m. on Thursday, April 28, 2022, at the funeral home.

Memorial donations may be made to the Moneta Rescue Squad. Online condolences may be shared with the family at www.oakeys.com.

Roanoke Valley Dulcimers to perform Saturday at the Vinton History Museum

The Roanoke Valley Dulcimers will perform on the grounds of the Vinton History Museum (or inside as a weather backup) this coming Saturday, May 7, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon. The event is free and open to the public.

Music selections will include old-time tradi-

tional Appalachian and Irish tunes, hymns, folk and more.

While visiting enjoy the historic collections on display, tours, and research resources. Gift Niche items of local history and Friendship/Mother’s Day baskets will be for sale.

The Vinton History

Museum, located at 210 E. Jackson Avenue in Vinton, is open Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and the first Saturday of each month from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

For more information email info@vintonhistorymuseum.org or (540) 342-8634.

Local Lions hold Zone meeting, named third in nation in sight-screenings

On Tuesday evening, April 26, there was a meeting for the five Lions Clubs in Region 2, Zone 1 of District 24-C, at the Bedford Lions Club Building. The five clubs in the Zone are Bedford, Forest, Mount Pleasant, Roanoke Host and Vinton Breakfast.

The Bedford Club’s building is located on 27 acres just off Route 460 east of Bedford, with part of the property being taken up with baseball/softball fields and another larger area containing a shooting range. An interesting historical note is that the shooting range is where the original “Bedford Boys,” who were the spearhead of the Operation Overlord invasion on Omaha Beach in 1944, practiced and qualified with their rifles and sidearms. The range now is the home of the Bedford Shooting Club.

The Zone meeting, chaired by Lion Chris McCarty of the Vinton Breakfast Club, afforded all of the clubs the opportunity to exchange ideas, reveal their accomplishments, report the projects they are involved in, and list their goals.

Receiving a round of applause was the report that the Roanoke Host Club, which now meets at lunch time, had just the day before been awarded its 100-year certification from Lions Clubs Interna-

tional, a remarkable milestone.

District Governor Eric Mills, also from the Vinton Breakfast Lions Club, noted that Lion Joel Lytton had been named the District 24-C Administrator, meaning he is available to all clubs for IT assistance with club records and reporting requirements.

Mills also revealed that over the last 10 years, Lions Clubs International Foundation had funneled over \$265,000.00 back into Southwest Virginia for disaster relief.

One final revelation was that this district was third in the nation in performing sight-screenings for elementary school students with the handheld SPOT machines owned by several clubs. The SPOT machine allows the operator to screen for six different eye abnormalities, while staying approximately three feet away from the student, and usually in less than a minute.

A spokesperson from each of the clubs in the Zone gave a report of their activities, and goals for the future, and the members of the Bedford club were thanked for the outstanding meal, and the meeting was adjourned.

By Mount Pleasant Lion Michael Ferguson



SUBMITTED PHOTO

The Mount Pleasant and Vinton Breakfast Lions Clubs traveled to Bedford on April 26 for the Region 2, Zone 1, District 24-C meeting of the five Lions Clubs in the area. Shown left to right are Cheryl Wright, 1st Vice President of the Bedford Lions Club, Chris McCarty, Zone 1 Chair, and Anne Ferguson, President of the Mount Pleasant Lions Club.

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From the Pulpit

'The Interruptions'

When is the last time someone or something interrupted you? How did that make you feel? Several weeks ago, I was talking with my parents on the phone and the signal kept dropping. Each time this happened, I would call them back and we would continue our conversation. However, within minutes of each callback, my phone would beep, and I would lose the call again. After multiple dropped calls within a short period of time, we decided to give up and try again later. It was too frustrating to continue our conversation in the midst of constant interruptions.

No one enjoys being interrupted. By definition, an interruption is a disruption, a break

in continuity, or something that inhibits our ability to finish what we were saying or doing. Interruptions can be aggravating intrusions that leave us feeling frustrated.

A couple of weeks ago, Carter was upset that his baseball practice was interrupted by an unforeseen hailstorm at Vinyard Park. Just as he was warming up to bat, the coach was forced to abruptly cancel practice as the temperature rapidly dropped and hail began to fall. Though Carter knew it was the right decision, he was still aggravated by the interruption.

Though we rarely appreciate being interrupted, according to the late author and theologian Henri Nouwen, interruptions may be more significant to our

lives than we often recognize.

Nouwen wrote: "I have always been complaining that my work was constantly interrupted, then I realized that the interruptions were my work. The unpleasant things, the hard moments, the unexpected setbacks carry more potential than we usually realize."

This was certainly true in the 40 days following Jesus' resurrection.

According to the Gospel accounts, over the course of that time, Jesus appeared to his followers on multiple occasions and continued sharing his message about the Kingdom of God (Acts 1:3).

While locked away in the upper room, he appeared to his disciples and interrupted their

fear and doubt. As two of his disciples walked along the Road to Emmaus, Jesus interrupted their conversation and walked with them. When Peter, John, and some of the other disciples decided to go fishing on the Sea of Galilee following Jesus' appearance in the upper room, he interrupted them by calling out to them from the shore.

In each case, Jesus disrupted plans and decisions, interfered with conversations and assumptions, and inhibited his closest followers from continuing what they were doing before he showed up. As a result of these intrusions, Jesus' disciples not only were given an opportunity to encounter their risen Lord, but their lives were forever changed.

Jesus intentionally interrupted the lives of his closest followers, and that relates to the interruptions we face today. I invite you to consider: What is currently the greatest interruption in my life? Where am I being interrupted most consistently? What interruptions are creating the most angst and discomfort for me?

As was true for Jesus' earliest followers, so too is often the case for us, "the unpleasant things, the hard moments, the unexpected setbacks carry more potential than we usually realize." Maybe, life's greatest interruptions are the places where God is at work the most.

By The Rev. Travis Russell,
Vinton Baptist Church

Community meeting scheduled for Route 460 Land Use and Connectivity Study

Roanoke County is hosting a second community meeting for the Route 460 Land Use and Connectivity Study on May 18 between 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. at Bonsack Elementary School.

At this open house-style meeting, attendees will review and provide comments on recommendations proposed to address feedback provided from the January com-

munity meeting survey and stakeholder group.

All recommendation materials and an opportunity to provide comments are available at www.roanokecountyva.gov/460Study. The comment period will conclude on May 31.

The Route 460 Land Use and Connectivity Study began in Fall 2021 with the following goals:

- Recommend ways to

travel around the Bonsack community that are alternatives to Route 460/Challenger Avenue;

- Consider existing zoning classifications and future land use designations to determine potential changes to match desired development types; and

- Examine existing at-grade railroad crossings for potential improvements that may create de-

velopment opportunities between the railroad and the Blue Ridge Parkway.

The first community meeting was held on January 13, 2022, at Bonsack Elementary School.

Over 40 area residents, property owners and business owners attended this meeting. County staff, consultants from Timmons Group and VDOT representatives

reviewed aerial images of the study area with meeting participants and discussed a variety of topics including funded transportation projects on Route 460, roadways that can be improved, potential areas for development as well as possibilities for future greenway and trail connections.

Attendees also answered a survey at the meeting, which was open

until the end of January. Over 200 surveys were completed.

Visit www.RoanokeCountyVA.gov/460Study for more about the Route 460 Land Use and Connectivity Study. Contact Megan Cronise, Transportation Planning Administrator, at mcronise@roanokecountyva.gov with questions or call (540) 772-2106.

Terrier Kennel

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groups participated in the project. They employed the business practices that Hutchison had taught them to develop their own businesses (on paper) for presentation to the potential investors—the judges.

The competition was held in the William Byrd Middle School auditorium—Hutchison wanted a professional setting for the activity with students dressed professionally as well. Student groups had a minute and a half to present their business concepts and then faced questions from the judges, who had reviewed the business reports beforehand.

Each judge had \$500,000 to invest but winning wasn't the focus—finding out who would and wouldn't get investments was what the students wanted to know.

In a mere two weeks, the students had come up with a written report on their business which included their business concept (products and services), a "business hook" or "pitch" to sell their idea, and a SWOT (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats) analysis, plus the results of their research on the need for their particular business, their competition and how they planned to counter that competition, an overview of their industry at a glance, expected sales and profits, the roles of company officers and employees, and marketing strategies.

Hutchison gave them some resources for research, in particular the ISIS (Integrated Software for Imagers and Spectrometers) tool for data analysis used by major corporations and universities.

He encouraged them to choose something they were passionate about in creating a business. The seven businesses formed were two pet grooming companies, a rocket company, chair company, sports marketing company, 3D printing company, and head-phone company.

The class watched some episodes of Shark Tank and did a run-through before the actual competition—to build

communication skills and confidence—one of the most important take aways Hutchison wanted for them.

Hutchison earned his MBA from Syracuse University and one of his course requirements there was creating a business. In examining the middle school curriculum on business concepts, he decided that the best practice for imparting the knowledge to his students might be through a hands-on, higher level, challenging experience, such as his.

He says that his thesis in teaching is "Tell me something and I may forget it; teach me something and I may remember it; but involve me in something and I'm going to learn it."

The business plans developed and presented by the eighth graders at WBMS were impressive, to say the least. The depth of detail, the understanding of business concepts, and the knowledge of the business world they gained in the assignment were described by Tim Greenway at the School Board meeting the day of the event, as "amazing and awesome. It was truly one of the best experiences I have experienced in a classroom—unbelievable, and the kids seemed to love it."

Suhr commented, "This is the standard we want to be striving for. These types of activities push students out of their comfort zone and engage students in purposeful, real-life planning and development tasks. The learning is not limited to textbooks or worksheets but is an application of what the students are learning in class. Not only do the students apply the content knowledge they are learning in class, they also stretch themselves by presenting concepts on a stage in front of strangers—this is no small 'ask' of a middle school student and they did a very nice job! It was a pleasure to participate in the culminating event of Mr. Hutchison's excellent work with his students!"

The Terrier Kennel activity is the quintessential deeper learning activity that Roanoke

County has been emphasizing for several years.

"The Shark Tank activity is not only fun for the students, it exemplifies the kind of deeper learning experiences that we want to be the norm for our students in all their classes," said Roanoke County School Superintendent Dr. Ken Nicely. "Students have to think critically and creatively, collaborate on their pitch, and communicate effectively to win funding from the sharks."

Hutchison plans to continue the project with future classes. He should have plenty of opportunity, according to guidance counselor Lubeth Jones.

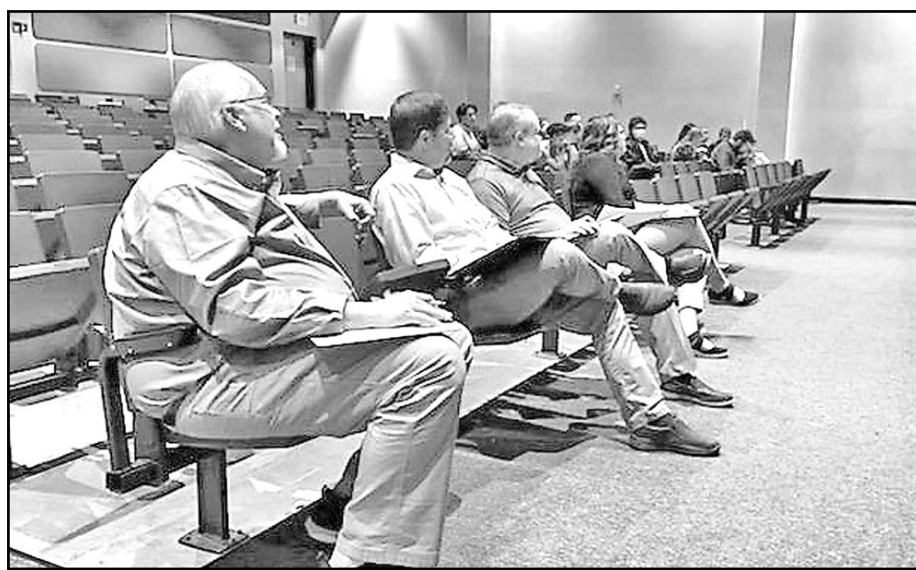
"We are so happy Ryan joined the WBMS family this year," Jones said. "He is a first-year teacher who came from the corporate technology world. He has brought passion and lots of new ideas to help students learn STEM. The students have told me his classes are their favorites and they have learned so much while having fun at the same time."

Hutchison describes his technology education classes as "fun, but not easy." His spacious classroom is filled with projects built by students—a wind turbine, a model of the Golden Gate Bridge, a moving paper robot, the makings of a business assembly line—built from the students' imagination, after research, not from blueprints.

He teaches five classes—sixth and seventh grade introductions to Technology Education, Programming Solutions for eighth grade, STEM, and Digital Imaging.

He sees this type of business-creating, hands-on project as an opportunity for students to get a glimpse forward into the real world of work, to see what their parents might encounter day to day. He says he considers it his job to "get students ready for the real world, and real-world situations—and how to handle them. Some will be starting to work in high school in a few short years. They need to know what to expect."

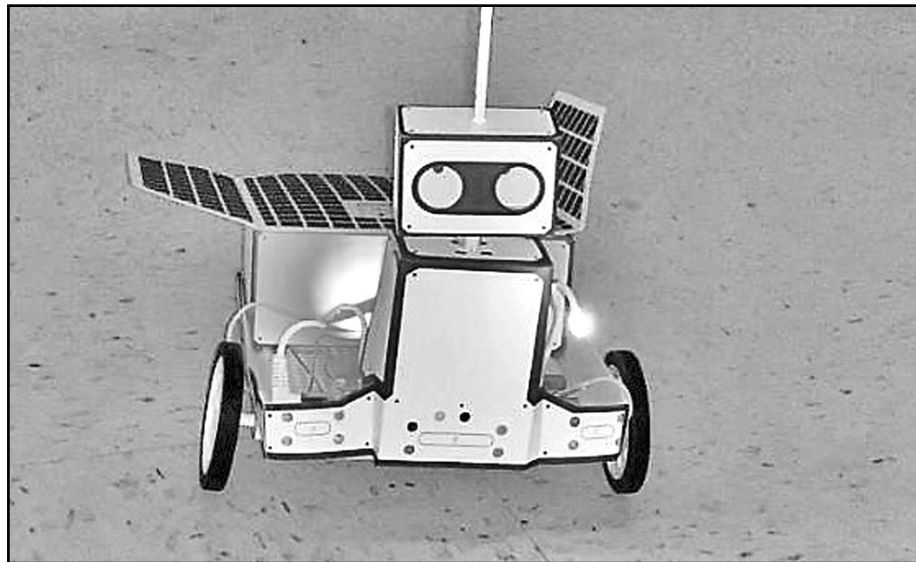
That's why, in part, little emphasis was placed on actually winning the



Judges for the Terrier Kennel business presentations included (left to right) Tim Greenway, Jason Suhr, Mark Jones, and Lubeth Jones.



Eighth graders made their business pitches to the judges on the stage in the auditorium at WBMS.



Another project the students completed in Ryan Hutchison's class was building a moving robot—out of paper.

competition. Hutchison wanted the students to learn some life lessons—not to get discouraged if they didn't receive an offer from the investors, don't give up, persevere—another opportunity always awaits.

Another incentive for the project was the fact that it counted as a big part of their grade for the course.

Hutchison is the kind

of teacher you always wanted to have—fun and engaging, but with high expectations.

He sees his classes as a way to combine the skills students have learned in English, math, science, and history classes with hands-on activities.

Although this is his first year in teaching, he has worked with and mentored students through several years through

coaching. He is a graduate of Glenvar High School and coached football at Salem High. He has now been named as head football coach at WBMS.

"I get up each day excited about coming to work," Hutchison says. "How many can say that?"

He says he has found his forte and plans to stay.

PHOTOS RYAN HUTCHISON

Joseph Tompkins, Jr., 1950-2022

Joseph Buford Tompkins, Jr. (known as J.B. or Joe) a Vinton native, passed away at his home in Alexandria, Va. on April 15, at age 72. His family was well-known in Vinton; they owned Tompkins Hardware for many years, at the corner of Pollard Street and Jackson Avenue, now the location of the Hemp Mill.

Tompkins earned a B.A. from Washington & Lee University, a J.D. from Harvard Law School and an M.P.P. from the Harvard Kennedy School. He had a distinguished law career, working in the Criminal Division of the United

States Department of Justice from 1979–1982, where he served as Deputy Chief of the Fraud Section from 1980–1982, and practicing as an attorney at Sidley Austin for more than 40 years (before and after his tenure at the DOJ).

An article in The Vinton Messenger in 2013 says that, according to Joe's brother, Deal Tompkins, the store was built by contractor Herbert Maxey for Vinton businessman Ben Turpin in the late 1940s as part of the post-World War II building boom. It was Turpin's Hardware before it was bought by the Tompkins family.

The story goes that when Ben Turpin bought the vacant lot, Town Council would not allow him to build his proposed hardware on the site because they thought a dump had been located there in past years and the ground would not be stable. They would not issue a building permit right away for the construction, so Turpin waited awhile and then just started building his hardware without a permit.

The town manager reportedly eventually said, "I guess we should give Ben a building permit."

Ben's son Riley said that was

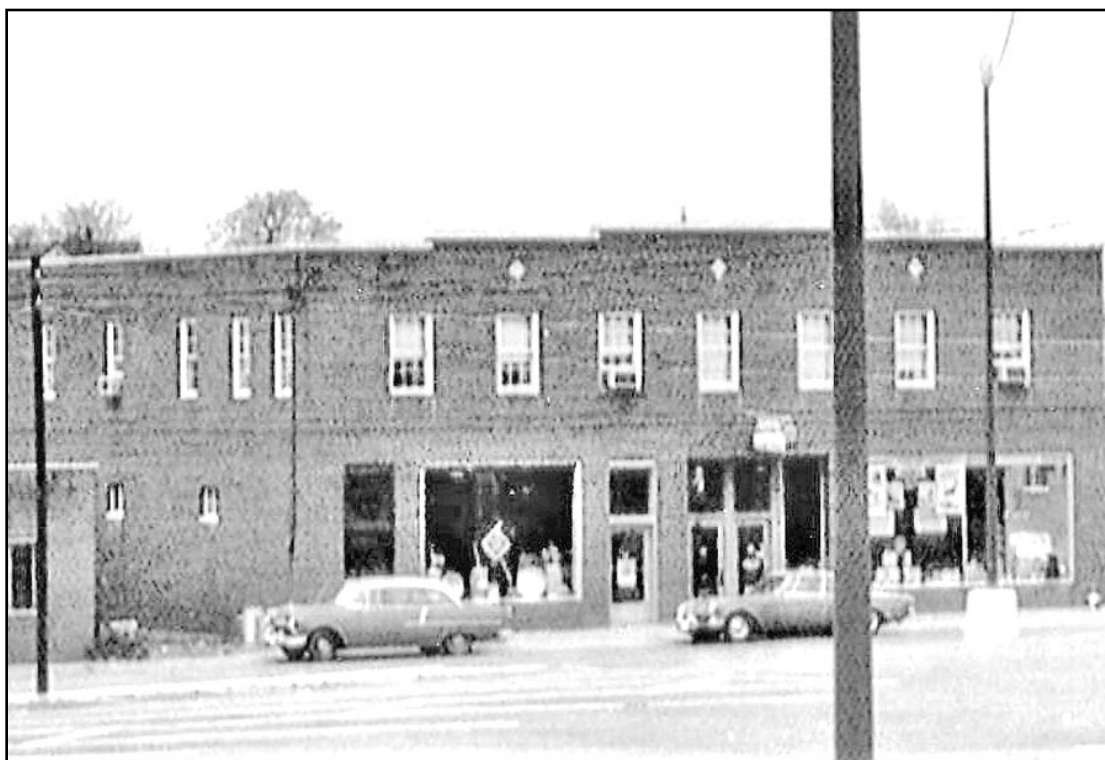
in the day of Town Manager Guy Gearhart when "everything was done with just a handshake." In fact, Turpin says that the town later recommended that his father add a second floor with four apartments to the store to accommodate soldiers returning from war.

According to Deal Tompkins, his father, Joseph B. Tompkins, Sr., and Tyree Dowdy bought the hardware in 1953 and changed the name to Dixie Hardware Company, Inc.

Dowdy sold his interest in the business to Tompkins in the

early 1960s and he remained the sole owner of the store until his son, Deal Tompkins, took over the family business in 1974, and changed the name to Tompkins Hardware Company, Inc.

Tompkins sold the hardware business in 1979, but it continued to operate as Tompkins Hardware until it relocated to the former Chewning's Appliance building on Virginia Avenue in 1982 and was renamed Dixie Hardware. Deal Tompkins recalled "downtown Vinton as a vibrant and thriving business center in the 1950s and into the 1970s.



The family of Joe Tompkins, Jr., owned Tompkins hardware on Pollard Street for many years.



Joseph Buford Tompkins, Jr.

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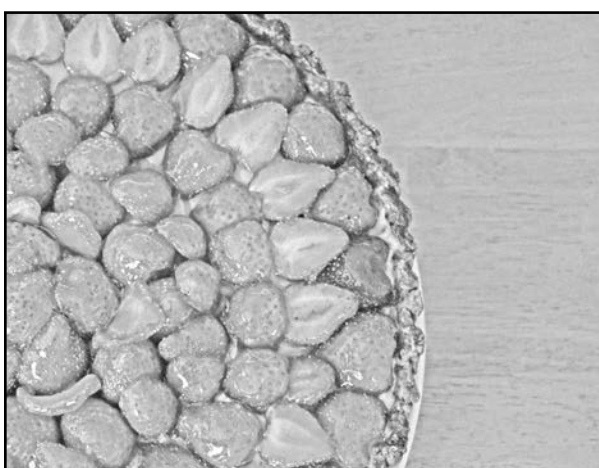


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Fresh Strawberry Pie

- 4 to 6 cups strawberries—sliced, halved, or whole
- 1 and 1/2 cups sugar
- 2 cups water
- 1/8 tsp. salt
- 1/4 cup cornstarch
- 1 pkg strawberry Jello—3-ounce size
- Red food coloring, optional
- 1 baked pie shell
- Cool Whip or whipped cream

Bake the pie crust according to package instructions. Cook the sugar, water, salt, and cornstarch until bubbly. Remove from heat and add 1 pkg. strawberry jello. (Add 4 or 5 drops of red food coloring if you like.) Cool.

Pour over fresh strawberries in the baked pie shell. The strawberries can be sliced or halved or left whole and placed pointed end up.

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Quicklook: 2 Kings 14:23-27

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NOTICE

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All creditors of Clayton Edward Marr, Jr., deceased, and persons interested in his estate should appear at the time and place named, or any other time or place to which the proceedings may be adjourned, and protect their interest.

Given under my hand this 28th day of April, 2022.
Malcolm McL. Doubles
Commissioner of Accounts

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA VA. CODE §§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316, -317, 20-104
Case No. CL22000143-00
BOTETOURT COUNTY
1 WEST MAIN STREET, P.O. BOX 219, FINCASTLE, VA 24090

FLORIARES DE LA CRUZ ANTIVOLA v. LINDY MICHAEL SANTOS MONTANA, JR
The object of this suit is to: DIVORCE. It is ORDERED that LINDY MICHAEL SANTOS MONTANA, JR appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before MAY 16, 2022.

APRIL 15, 2022
Tommy L. Moore
Clerk

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Terriers have opportunity to make a move in BRD baseball standings

The William Byrd baseball team is looking to pick up two wins in as many days and the Terriers have a jump start on today's game. Byrd will pick up a suspended game at Staunton River today, then host Franklin County on Friday night.

Tonight's game in Moneta will begin with Byrd leading 5-0 in the top of the third inning with Terrier runners on second and third and one out. The game was suspended on April 8 when heavy rains made the field unplayable. Blake Glover was pitching for Byrd and he'll take the mound when the game resumes tonight.

On Friday the Byrdmen will host Franklin County in a jayvee-varsity doubleheader. The jayvee game is scheduled for 4:30 pm with the varsity follow at approximately 7 pm.

Byrd is currently 4-2 in the Blue Ridge District standings and 11-4 overall. Franklin County was undefeated in BRD play coming into the week so Friday's game will be a big one for both teams.

On Tuesday of this week the Terriers had Staunton River at home and Byrd took a 10-0, slaughter rule win at Walthall Park. Devon Foutz had a two run homer for Byrd, his first varsity round tripper, and Hunter Sipe got the win with a four-hitter, striking out six. Byrd walked off the win in the bottom of the sixth when Evan Mullen's grounder was misplayed, allowing the 10th run to score for the "slaughter rule" victory.

Last Friday in Daleville Byrd let one slip away as Lord Botetourt came from behind for a 5-3 win over the Terriers. Byrd had a 3-1 lead in the bottom of the sixth but the Cavaliers scored four runs with two outs to take a 5-3 lead, and they held on for the win.

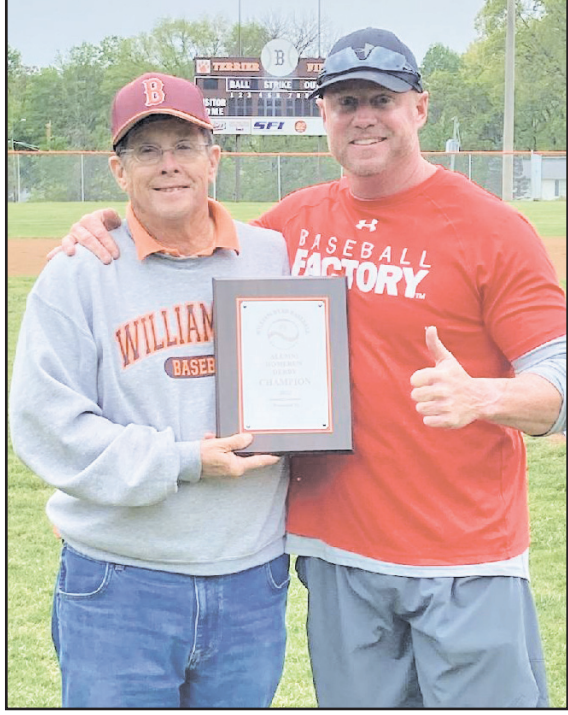
Byrd had just four hits against LB, one each by Sipe, Foutz, Matthew Scavelli and Ross Divers. Scavelli had two runs batted in.

Trenton Sayers took the loss, pitching all six innings. He was strong for five full but gave up four hits and a walk in the sixth inning as LB rallied for the win.



The dust flies as Trenton Sayers of Byrd covers first base to get the out on a sliding Nate Prince of Lord Botetourt in Friday's game in Daleville.

PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN



Left, former William Byrd baseball coach Gary Walthall(left in photo) presents former Terrier standout Nick Jones with a plaque after Nick won the Byrd Alumni Home Run Derby at Walthall Park last Saturday. Nick edged former Byrd coach and player Neil Zimmerman by just three points as 17 former Terriers competed in the contest. It was the fourth win for Jones, who previously won the derby in 2010, 2014 and 2015. Right, these former Terriers were on hand for a day of fun, and on Sunday the Alumni group participated in a golf tournament.

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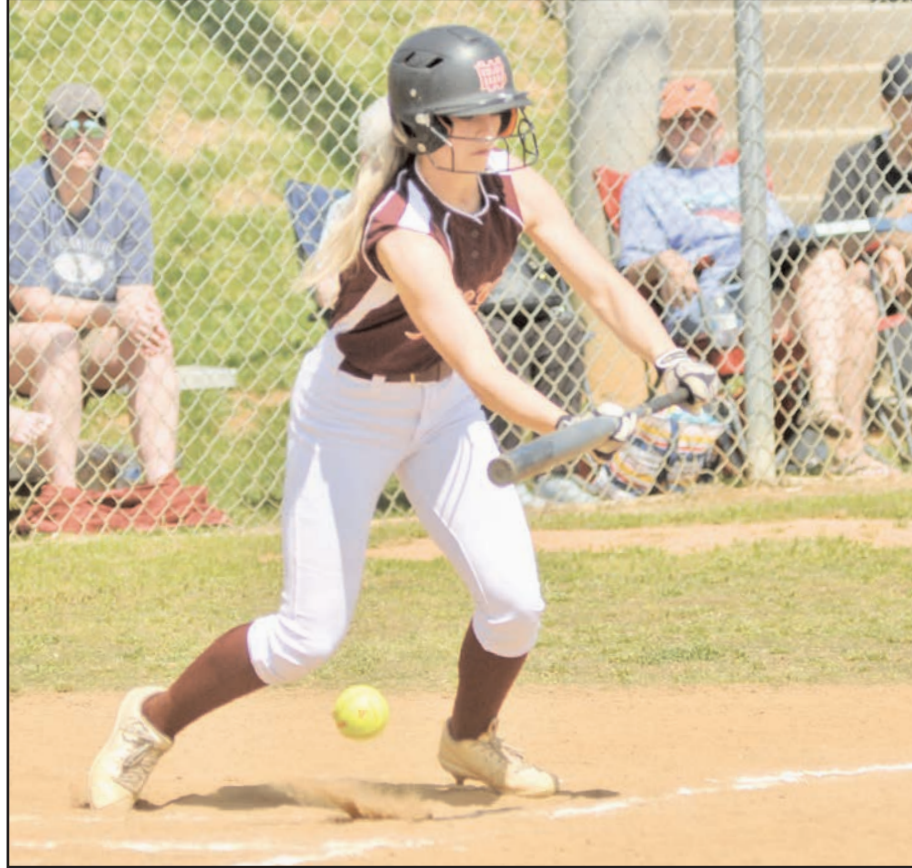
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UMPS RECOGNIZED AT BYRD GAME

On Tuesday, the William Byrd and Staunton River baseball teams recognized two long time umpires for their service to high school athletics. Greg Irby(right) has umpired or officiated for 40 years and Joe Burrell(left) has umpired or officiated for 39 years. They both received hats from William Byrd and Staunton River, a \$25 gift card to one of four local restaurants, a water bottle, a signed card from both teams and a discount card worth \$200. "Umpires are the reason we are able to play the game," said Byrd coach and Athletic Director Jason Taylor. "They are often an afterthought and take much criticism. There is a shortage across the US, Virginia and locally, and we thought it would be a great gesture to honor two guys that have been around a long time and have helped shape our young athletes."

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Byrd's Maddy Tuck lays down a bunt.

PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Softball team has home games

The William Byrd softball team will be home tonight and tomorrow as they try to make up some ground in the Blue Ridge District standings. Byrd will host Staunton River in a makeup game tonight, then host Franklin County on Friday.

The Terriers will be trying to turn things around on Staunton River after dropping a 7-4 decision to the Eagles in Moneta Tuesday. The game was tied 4-4 after three innings but the Eagles finished strong and took the win, dropping Byrd to 1-5 in the district and 6-10 overall.

Haleigh Vaughan led Byrd with two hits and Brooklyn Peters had a home run in the first inning. Chloe Varney took the loss on the mound, pitching all six innings.

Last Friday in Vinton Lord Botetourt downed the Terriers 12-1. The game was tied at 1-1 after two but it was all LB after that. Mandolin Draper had an RBI single for Byrd's run as Varney took the loss on the mound.



Makenna Jacobsen hits a return against Northside.

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Girls are unbeaten in BRD tennis

The William Byrd girls tennis team remained undefeated with an 8-1 win over Northside at Walrond Park last week.

"Northside was a great match for us," said coach Kayla Mitchell-McCroskey.

Emilie McCaskill had a plan with her match and finished in about 45 minutes, the shortest match all season. The best match of the night was the number one singles where Lexi Aquino pulled out a win. Other singles winners included Makenna Jacobsen, Grace Saunders and Timber Raines. In doubles Aquino and Jacobsen won at number one, McCaskill and Saunders won at two and Raines and Ashley Gegasse won at three.

The win gave Byrd a 4-0 record in the Blue Ridge District. The Terriers lost a non-district match to Cave Spring last week, 6-3.

"I'm very proud of how the girls played against them," said Mitchell-McCroskey. The boys played Northside at home last week and lost 9-0 and they're still looking for their first win. Tonight both teams will host Lord Botetourt.



Left, Byrd's Sydney Blewett puts the shot in last week's Knights Track Classic at Cave Spring. Right, Dakota Bell and Brayden McCullouch run the 1,600 meters. PHOTOS BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Cosmopolitan Track meet is at William Fleming this week

The William Byrd track team will head to Roanoke this week for the annual Cosmopolitan Club Track meet. The three day meet is held at William Fleming High School. The middle school field events and running trials will be Thursday. Junior Division athletes, in ninth and 10 grades, will have field events Friday at Fleming along with trials and some

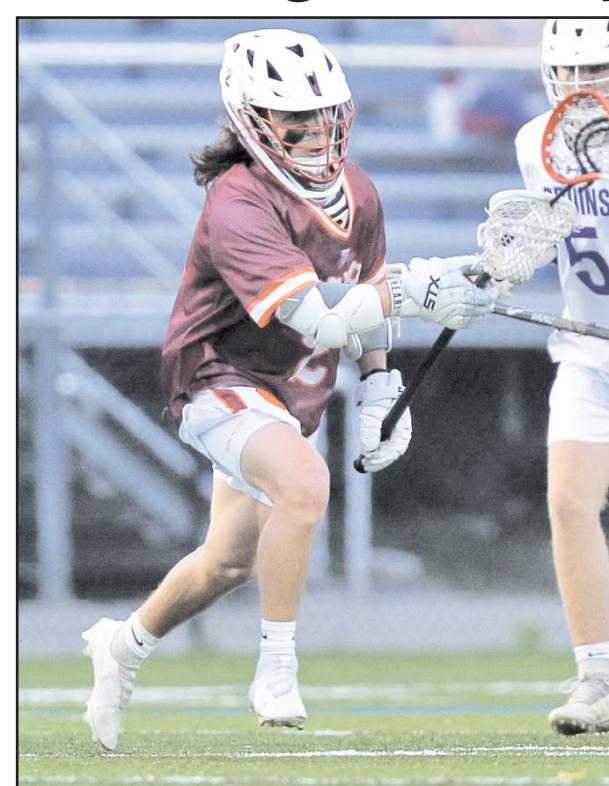
senior running trials. Senior field events, for juniors and seniors, will be Saturday morning and all running finals, for all three classes, will begin at 11:30 am Saturday. The Terriers competed in the Knights Track Classic at Cave Spring High School on a rainy day last Saturday. The Pulaski County boys and Jefferson Forest girls were team winners.

Remi Figart finished 8th in the 100m (13.43) and 4th in the 200m (27.75) for the Byrd girls. Olivia Hurd finished 8th in the mile with a time of 5:32.83. In the pole vault Gracie Mick finished 2nd with a height of 7'6. Samantha Flippen finished 8th in the discus with a throw of 81'11.5 while Sydney Blewett took 4th in the shot put with a throw of 34'2 and Sarah Fuchs

finished 8th with a throw of 27'1. The boys 4x400m relay of Wyatt Bailey, Isaiah Board, DeShawn Austin and Bodie Gonzalez won with a time of 3:44.69. Jesse Smith finished 6th in the pole vault with a height of 7'6. Hayden Janney was third in the discus with a throw of 110'2 and Hunter Richards finished 6th in the event with a toss of 40'6.25.

Laxmen pick up first win, girls sweep New River teams

The William Byrd boys lacrosse team pulled out an 8-7 win over Christiansburg last week as the boys and girls swept a doubleheader from the Blue Demons at Robert A. Patterson Stadium. The boys came from 4-0 behind at the half to pull out their first win of the season and the first for coach Will Satterfield.



"I'm very proud of them," said Satterfield. "We controlled the play in first half but just couldn't hit the cage. We came out in the second half and played for each other." Carter Moore had a career game that won't show up on the stat sheet, defending their best player. Kaden West scored five goals and had an assist while freshman Dawson Brinkley and sophomore John Kiker scored their first varsity goals. Connor McCarthy added a goal and three assists and Beau Brady had an assist. Julian Pantoja got his first start in goal this year and had 14 crucial saves.

Left, Byrd's Dominic Dulak controls the ball in Monday's lacrosse game in Blacksburg, and right Annika Hylton carries the ball up the field in the girls' game. PHOTOS BY JON FLEMING

The boys lost 9-5 to Blacksburg and both teams have a tough road ahead. Tonight both teams will play at Cave Spring followed by a home doubleheader against Patrick Henry on Thursday. On Tuesday the Terriers have a girls-boys doubleheader at Spartan Field in Salem.

"Our team is starting to embrace the hard work and team identity we've put in this year and this game highlighted it," said Satterfield. "A lot more games to play, but we're starting to turn the corner." The girls dominated Christiansburg in the opener, 21-0. Leading the offense was Oliva Hurd with six goals and one assist, Anika Hylton with four goals, Trinity Hylton with three goals and two assists and Ashlyn Stover with eight draw controls, two goals and two assists. Freshman Macie Hall, Makayla Price, Emma Craddock and Samantha Martin also scored and Haley Firebaugh had two saves on a slow night.

Soccer girls shut out



Byrd's Riley Firebaugh(#2) contests a ball at LB. PHOTO BY REGINA DEVINNEY

The William Byrd girls soccer team had a rough week as they were shut out in back-to-back games by Lord Botetourt and Staunton River. Last Friday in Daleville the Cavaliers remained undefeated in Blue Ridge District play with an 8-0 win over the Byrd girls. The Terriers trailed just 2-0 at the half but LB dominated after intermission.

but the Eagles were able to slip one in midway through the second half and that was all it took to pull out the win. "Staunton River made the most of their opportunities," said Byrd coach Molly Cox. "We continued to control the game but could not beat their keeper. We had shots all the way up until the final whistle but, unfortunately, we fell short."

On Tuesday at home Staunton River took a 1-0 win despite Byrd outshooting the Golden Eagles 16-2. The game was scoreless at the half

The two losses dropped Byrd to 3-3-1 in the district and 8-4-1 overall. The Terriers are back home Friday to host Franklin County.

Boys defeat Eagles



Byrd's Landon Niday(#2) battles the keeper in last week's game with LB. PHOTO BY REGINA DEVINNEY

The William Byrd boys soccer team bounced back from a loss to Lord Botetourt last Friday to defeat Staunton River on Tuesday. The Terriers took a 5-2 win in Moneta. Staunton River scored first off a corner kick, but the Terriers scored three unanswered goals to take a 3-1 lead. Landon Niday, Braden Crossan scored unassisted goals and Hunter Burgess scored off an assist from Grayson Webb. River cut the lead to 3-2, but Niday scored his second goal off a Crossan assist for a little breathing room. Then Niday completed his hat trick when he converted a penalty kick for the 5-2 final.

"We were down 2-1 midway through and had a chance to pull level but it hit off the goal frame," said Dishman. "Soon after, LB countered and scored. As the momentum shifted we struggled to get back on track and they took advantage and were able to score again soon after."

"I'm proud of the guys and their work," said coach Russell Dishman "It has not been easy as we need to get healthy. We have not played with a full squad since our second match this season. We have had guys sacrifice by filling roles they normally would and give up recognition to play in places we need but often will not be seen in the statistical categories." Last Friday in Vinton the boys fell to visiting Lord Botetourt, 2-1.

The Terriers are now 5-6-1 overall and 2-3-1 in the Blue Ridge District. They head to Franklin County on Friday.

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