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Members of the Class of 2022 who led the graduation ceremony included (left to right) Haley Day, Chloe Harrilla, Landon Niday, Madison Tuck, and Emilie McCaskill.

## William Byrd Class of 2022 celebrates graduation

**Debbie Adams**  
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The William Byrd High School Class of 2022 celebrated graduation at the Salem Civic Center on May 25 – the school’s 99th commencement ceremony.

Graduation opened with a moment of silence for the victims of the school shooting at an elementary school in

Uvalde, Texas, the day before and the Pledge of Allegiance, led by SCA President and Valedictorian Emilie McCaskill.

Dog Pound leaders Madison Tuck and Landon Niday led the students and their guests in the Byrd Spirit Song, “The HUM.”

Valedictorian speaker Haley Day

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## US Navy veteran Kevin Wilhelm remembered on Memorial Day

**Debbie Adams**  
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Family and friends of retired U.S. Navy Chief Petty Officer (CPO) Kevin Mark Wilhelm

gathered at the Vinton War Memorial on May 30 to pay tribute to him in a poignant ceremony which included the presentation of the American flag to his wife,

Page, and family, and the playing of “Taps.” Wilhelm passed away on January 30, 2022, at age 64.

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PHOTO BY DEBBIE ADAMS

Family and friends of U.S. Navy Chief Petty Officer Kevin Wilhelm held a tribute ceremony in his honor at the Vinton War Memorial on Memorial Day, May 30. Page Wilhelm was presented with a flag in memory of her husband and his service to his country.



Andrew Keen

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## Vinton hires new Finance Director

The Town of Vinton has hired Andrew Keen as its new Finance Director. According to Town Manager Pete Peters, Keen will be “joining the team” on June 27.

Keen currently serves as the Budget and Finance Manager at Blue Ridge Behavioral Healthcare, where he has been employed since 2016. He has extensive experience in budget development, contract and reporting management, procurement management and payroll processing.

Keen was raised in Smyth County in Southwest Virginia and graduated from Marion Senior High School. He

earned his bachelor’s degree from Radford University with a major in History with a minor in Political Science. He met his wife, Brooke, at Radford and they moved to Roanoke upon graduation.

“Prior to my job at Blue Ridge Behavioral Healthcare, I worked in operations at Lawrence Transportation in Botetourt County,” Keen said. “I was responsible for the planning and logistics of their flatbed fleet division. I quickly found that the aspects of my job that I favored most were finance-related responsibilities. After working at Lawrence for about two years, I made the determination

to focus my next career in finance.

“During my time at BRBH, I have been promoted twice internally and currently oversee a variety of budget activities, the contract process, payroll, purchasing, insurance administration and a few other responsibilities as the Budget and Finance Manager,” Keen said. “I have always had an interest in governmental activities and have found that decisions made at the local level can have the greatest benefit on a community. I believe this position (Director of Finance for the Town of

Vinton) to be an amazing opportunity which will allow me to continue my work in both finance and community service.”

Keen and his wife have been married for six years and have a two-year-old son, Bridger, “who is the light of our lives. We have a dog, Palmer, a couple of rescue cats, and several fish that were adopted from the previous owner when we purchased our home. We live in the Fincastle area of Botetourt County.”

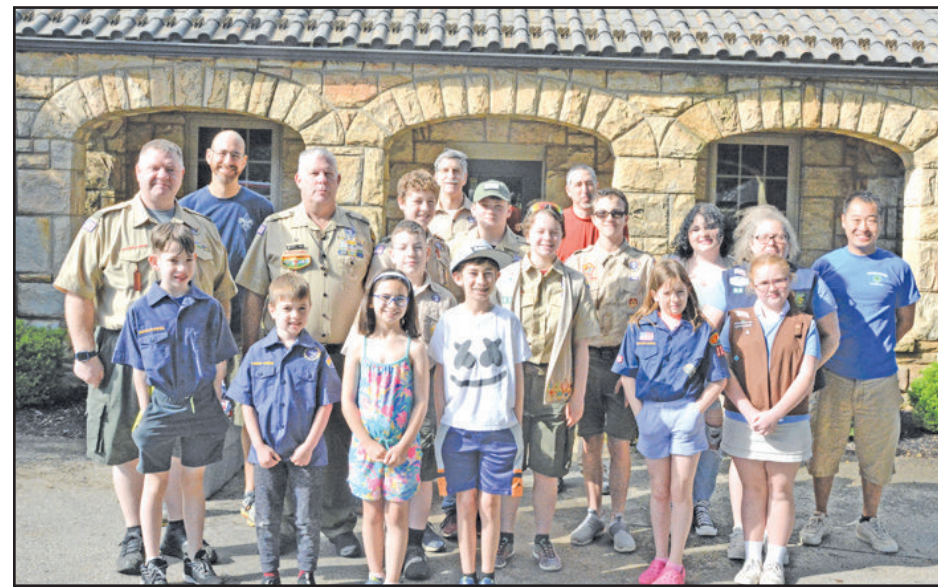
In his free time, Keen likes to travel, play golf, and spend time at the lake.

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Scout Annabelle Teague plants a flag on the grave of a member of the United States Armed Services at Mountain View Cemetery in observance of Memorial Day.

## Scouts plant flags at Mountain View Cemetery in observance of Memorial Day



PHOTOS BY DEBBIE ADAMS

Scouts and their leaders from several groups around the region gathered at Mountain View Cemetery in Vinton on May 28 to plant hundreds of flags in memory of those who served their country in the Armed Forces.

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Local Scouts and 4-H Club members gathered at Mountain View Cemetery on the morning of May 28 to plant flags on the graves of veterans to honor them in observance of Memorial Day.

Girls Scouts from Troop 94 in Vinton and 478 in Cave Spring, and BSA Pack and Troop 235 in Vinton and 51 in Salem, along with members of the Botetourt 4-H Teen Leadership Club, spread out across the cemetery searching for grave markers identifying individuals who had served in a branch of the United States Armed Forces. The search is sometimes difficult because while newer graves generally indicate who is a veteran, many of the older graves do not.

The 4-H Club members joined the project this year as they are aiming to “branch out” and volunteer throughout the community to meet

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# School Board makes administrative appointments; new principals named for WBMS, Mount Pleasant Elementary

The Roanoke County School Board has formally announced several administrative appointments for the 2022-2023 school year. Several of those involve Vinton area schools. Todd Kageals, current principal at William Byrd Middle School, has been named as the new Director of Facilities and Operations for RCPS. Kageals has 16 years of administrative experience and 28 total years of experience in K-12 education.

Kageals first joined Roanoke County Schools in 1994 as a science teacher at Hidden Valley Junior High School (now Hidden Valley Middle School). In 2004, he was named the assistant principal at WBMS. He holds a bachelor's

degree from Radford University and a master's degree in educational leadership from Radford. He is endorsed in K-12 administration and supervision by the Virginia Department of Education.

He became principal at WBMS in 2016.

Kageals says he has lived in the Vinton area his entire life and attended Roland E. Cook Elementary.

Dana Stevens, current principal at Mount Pleasant Elementary, will serve as the new principal at William Byrd Middle School. Stevens has been with Roanoke County Public Schools for 33 years with nine years of administrative experience.

Stevens grew up in Vinton (the daughter of Hubert and Judy Kelley)

and attended W.E. Cundiff Elementary School. She graduated from William Byrd High School in 1985 and went on to earn her teaching degree in elementary education from Radford University.

She began her teaching career in Roanoke County at Clearbrook Elementary and then in 1991 moved to Mount Pleasant Elementary where she spent the next 22 years teaching "most everything from kindergarten through fifth grade" and was even the reading specialist for a time.

She completed her master's degree in administration from Virginia Tech in May 2013 and became Assistant Principal at W.E. Cundiff. In 2017, she moved to William Byrd Middle School as an assistant principal and then to Mount Pleasant as principal in 2019.

Jill Lane, current principal at Garden City Elementary in Roanoke City, has been named the new principal at Mount Pleasant Elementary. Lane joins RCPS with 17 years of administrative experience and 27 years of experience in education. She holds a bachelor's degree from Radford University and a Master's in Public Administration from the University of Virginia.

Valerie Close, current assistant principal at Green Valley Elementary, will serve as the new principal at Mountain View Elementary. Close has four years of administrative experience and 16 years of experience in education. She holds a bachelor's degree from Radford University and a master's degree in Educational Leadership and Administration also from Radford University.



Todd Kageals, new Director of Facilities and Operations for Roanoke County Public Schools.



PHOTO BY DEBBIE ADAMS  
Dana Stevens, new principal for William Byrd Middle School.



PHOTOS FROM RCPS  
Jill Lane, new principal for Mount Pleasant Elementary

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5. UK-Netherlands gas pipeline
8. Partner to "oohs"
12. African antelope
14. Indigenous Thai person
15. Monetary unit of Angola
16. Becomes less intense
18. Insurance mascot
19. Tech hub \_\_ Alto
20. Actress Tomei
21. Airborne (abbr.)
22. Type of smart watch
23. Natives
26. Incompetent person
30. Rare Hawaiian geese
31. Unspoken relationships
32. Passports and licenses are two
33. Claw
34. Status quo
39. Mimic
42. Fur-lined cloak
44. Ancient foreigner
46. In an angry way
47. Ill-intentioned
49. Monetary unit of Serbia
50. S. American plant
51. One or the other
56. An alias for Thor
57. Gratuity
58. In a painful way
59. French commune
60. Promotional materials
61. Greek city
62. Assistant
63. Confederate general
64. Former NJ governor
3. Broad volcanic crater
4. Not for
5. Blur
6. Tots
7. Acted leisurely
8. About the Alps
9. Gets out of bed
10. Town in "The Iliad"
11. Welsh given name
13. Remove salt
17. Calvary sword
24. Mental disorder concerning body odor (abbr.)
25. Keeps a house cozy
26. Ballplayer's accessory
27. Southwestern Russian city
28. Pro sports league
29. Congress investigative body (abbr.)
35. Stop standing
36. Utilize
37. Sign language
38. Famed ESPN broadcaster Bob
40. Being of central importance
41. Ruin environment
42. Dessert dish
43. Sea eagles
44. Fertilized
45. Jerry's friend Benes
47. Indian river
48. Pass into a specified state or condition
49. Nocturnal rodent
52. A way to travel
53. Iron-containing compound
54. Ancient Greek City
55. NFL signal caller Matt

**CLUES DOWN**

1. Used by gymnasts
2. "I other" actor Idris



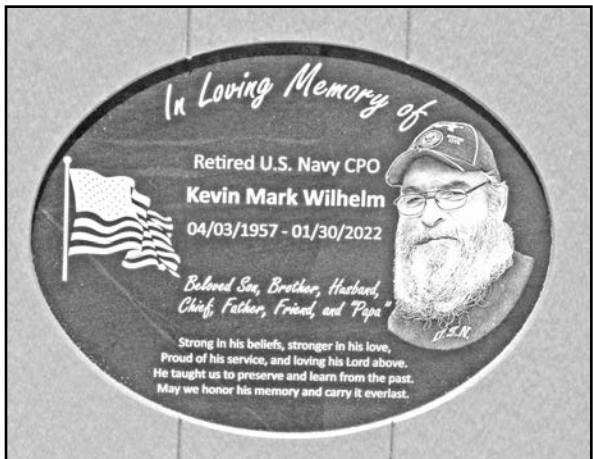


# Wilhelm

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A large group of family and friends gathered from across the country for the tribute to U.S. Navy CPO Kevin Wilhelm on Memorial Day 2022. The ceremony was held at the High Ground Monument on the grounds of the Vinton War Memorial.



U. S. Navy Chief Petty Officer Kevin Wilhelm retired to Vinton and became a familiar figure walking through the town each day, especially enjoying the Vinton War Memorial Grounds and the High Ground Monument. Family and friends have commissioned a bench to be placed in Vinton in tribute to him.



U. S. Navy Chief Petty Officer Kevin Wilhelm enlisted in the Navy in 1986.

On a warm day, Wilhelm’s grandchildren handed out American flags, pins, and fans so that everyone could participate in the ceremony at the High Ground Vinton-Roanoke County Veterans Monument, led by members of the United States Navy–CM2 McClain of Princeton and GM3 Haines of Lexington.

Wilhelm’s daughter-in-law Taren welcomed the large crowd who had gathered in honor of “such a wonderful person we all knew and loved.”

Throughout the ceremony and in a time of fellowship and sharing of stories afterwards in the Community Center, his family and friends emphasized that Wilhelm was a man who loved God, his family, his community, and his country above all else throughout his life. He was a role model for all.

They have raised funds for a bench built in his honor which will be placed in Vinton with a plaque remembering him as a “beloved son, brother, husband, Chief, father, friend, and ‘Papa,’ strong in his beliefs, stronger in his love, proud of his

service, and loving his Lord above. He taught us to preserve and learn from the past.”

Wilhelm was born in 1957 in Roanoke to Doris and Mark Wilhelm. He grew up in the Vinton area, including at Montgomery Village where he established a paper route and built a customer base for The Roanoke Times. He was a graduate of William Byrd High School.

Page Wilhelm says that her husband loved Vinton. It’s where they met and married just a year later in 1977. She says she knew immediately that he was “the one.”

Wilhelm was known to all as a “hard-working man devoted to caring for his family and those he loved.” He and his wife were remembered as always working together as a team.

He worked as a boilermaker/blacksmith at Norfolk & Western Railway (N&W), ran “Mama’s Mercantile” with his wife in Montvale, owned concession businesses with his wife along the Gulf Coast, and served as Chief in the United States Navy. He is remembered as a “jack of all trades” be-

fore, during, and after his Navy career.

Wilhelm joined the Navy in November 1986, when he was about 30 years old, and went on to serve his country aboard the USS Saratoga (CG-60), the USS Vicksburg (CG-69) where he earned the honor of becoming Chief (an astounding accomplishment he achieved in under eight years), the USS DeWert, and at Pensacola Naval Station.

He was most proud of his U.S. Naval career and that of his wife, Page, who served as an Ombudsman for the USS Saratoga for four years.

Wilhelm also took pride that the Navy tradition ran deep within his family to include his father, Mark, a veteran of World War II, and his son, Joshua, serving as an ET aboard the USS Nimitz along with his wife, Taren, serving as an Ombudsman.

In his retirement, Wilhelm was a familiar figure in Vinton with his daily walks throughout the downtown area, especially enjoying the Vinton War Memorial grounds and the High Ground Monument and introducing them to his grandchildren. His family and friends say he was a “stranger to none wherever he went.”

One of the many memorable things about Wilhelm was his glorious beard. His family says that once he left the Navy, he never shaved again. He championed several beard competitions earning many “best natural beard” titles. One reason Wilhelm kept the beard was the pleasure it gave his grandchildren to “pull on it and play with it.” He loved to feed those grandchildren as well– and anyone else who stopped by. His family says his beloved

pets are missing those home-cooked treats now that he has passed.

Wilhelm also became known for his one-of-a-kind crafted stained-glass art, another family skill learned from his father and passed down to his children and grandchildren, most especially his daughter, Laura.

In a tribute at the time of his death in January, the family said, “To have met Kevin once is to remember him always. To have had Kevin be part of your life is to forever be changed. He leaves with us a legacy of standing up for what you believe, working hard to provide for your family, looking out for ways to check on and help others, looking out for ways to preserve and reuse things, taking pride in your work and craftsmanship, leaving surprises and notes with drawings to remind and show you care, making time to share stories and chase them with a lime... but most of all, loving so deeply to remain forever in our hearts and inspire us daily to continue his legacy.”

Kevin Wilhelm is survived by his wife, Page; his daughter, Laura, and family Kevin and McKenzie Walker; his son, Joshua, and family Taren, Arilyn, and Declan Wilhelm; his sister and family, Marcia and Louis Ostendorff, Jenna and Ani; several other extended family members; and countless friends.

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Read 1 Samuel 27:1 through 31:13

David was greatly distressed because the men were talking of stoning him; each one was bitter in spirit because of his sons and daughters. But David found strength in the Lord his God (1 Samuel 30:6).

David and his men, just arrivinghome from battle, discovered that the enemy had kidnapped their families. His men were distraught, and they wanted someone to blame. David, their leader, was the obvious scapegoat, and they discussed taking revenge on him.

David, grieved at his own family’s disappearance, now faced betrayals and accusations from his friends. Here, at an extremely low point, David did what always works. He turned to God and found strength in Him.

Exactly how David found strength in God is displayedthroughout his psalms. David remembered God’s promises, and more so, he reminded himself of who God is: his Rock of refuge; his compassionate, gentle Father; his faithful Provider; his all-wise Teacher, and so much more. As David turned to God, he gained the strength to rally his men on a rescue mission.

Prayer for Today: Father, please help me turn to You for strength in all things.

Quicklook: 1 Samuel 30: 3–8,18–19

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# It’s IRONMAN Triathlon Day on Sunday, prepare for road closures in Vinton

Carilion Clinic’s IRONMAN 70.3 “Ride the Ridge Race” is back this year on June 5.

Once again, there will be some road closures in and around the Vinton area that day as the bike portion of the race comes through town.

The route follows Washington Avenue/Rt. 24 from the Blue Ridge Parkway, to a left on South Pollard Street, a right on Lee Avenue, and a left on Walnut Avenue to the Town limits and continues into Roanoke City.

Road closures and traffic detours are expected to be in place between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. on Sunday, June 5 including:

Washington Avenue/Gus Nicks Blvd.—closed between Bypass Road and King Street

Poplar Street—closed from Madison Avenue to Jackson Avenue

Maple Street—closed from Madison Avenue to Jackson Avenue

Lee Avenue—closed from Maple Street to Railroad Avenue

Railroad Avenue—closed from Lee Avenue to 1st Street

Walnut Avenue—closed from

Railroad Avenue to 8th Street

1st Street—closed from Cleveland Avenue to Walnut Avenue

2nd Street—closed from Cleveland Avenue to Walnut Avenue

The Town of Vinton asks citizens to take note of the route and plan accordingly.

The bike portion of the race continues from Vinton into Roanoke to River’s Edge Park and concludes with a 13.1-mile run along the Roanoke River Greenway following the Roanoke River back to River’s Edge Park.



## Graduation

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talked about influences in life, aspirations, dreams, and character. She advised her peers to “prioritize yourself; chase happiness; find passion, always ask questions, and aim to be good; do everything with good intentions.”

Day congratulated the Class of 2022 for not just surviving, but thriving, during the global pandemic that impacted most of their high school years. She reminded the graduates that they are “not broken; not inept; not unlovable, or any other shortcoming your brain can create for you. Live a life of compassion, curiosity, beauty, and joy.”

WBHS Principal Tammy Newcomb also mentioned the challenges that the Class of 2022 faced throughout their high school careers because of the pandemic – shut down for five months in the spring of 2020; attending school in person just two days a week for much of 2021 with masks and six feet of social distancing, with no pep rallies, no athletics, no dances, no concerts, no clubs, none of the things “that make school fun.” They held the first assembly of their senior year outside in the stadium– but “you still made it the best year.”

Newcomb recognized and honored the building operators who were instrumental in keeping the school open; the school nurse who fulfilled a myriad of duties; cafeteria staff and instructional assistants who prepared and delivered food to students for five months; instructional assistants who mentored, tutored, took temperatures, and covered classes; guidance counselors; teachers who delivered instruction by video, phone, and in-person; the school administration and central office administration and School Board who “stayed the course so you could be here today.”

She asked the Class of 2022 to “lead by example and be someone who always makes being a Terrier a reason to be proud. You bonded, persevered, learned to adjust, learned to value the little things many of us took for granted.

“Graduation is a milestone no one can take from you, but it’s only the beginning,” Newcomb said. “Use what you have learned. If you are going to do a job, do it right. Always be kind to one another and always help those less fortunate.”

Newcomb noted that the Class of 2022 has 264 graduates – 169 of those being Honor Graduates with GPAs of 3.0 or higher that allowed them to wear gold tassels with their caps and gowns. Forty-six earned GPAs of 4.0 or higher and are named valedictorians. Advanced Studies diplomas were awarded to 145 graduates.

She recognized five students who will be entering the military: Carlee Hutchens, who has qualified to enter the elite U.S. Army program for flying helicopters; Bryson Lish and Nicholas Sparks, who will be entering the U.S. Army; and Dyson Spence and Matthew Hoyos, who will be serving in the U.S. Navy.

Graduate Emilie McCaskill was recognized for earning her associate degree at Virginia Western Community College while earning her high school diploma.

Newcomb read a lengthy list of student athletes who will be continuing their athletic careers in college, including Griffin Horacek, the first-ever Roanoke County student to be recruited for E-sports.

She recognized two Byrd students who completed the Student Apprenticeship Program: Alec Theodor and Dyson Spence.

Of the 264 graduates, 187 will be attending a two- or four-year college or university or trade school. Sixty-seven have secured jobs in the workplace.

Currently, the Class of 2022 has accepted \$1.5 million in scholarship grants and scholarships.

“Each student here today is a symbol of success,” Newcomb emphasized.

She recognized two teachers who are retiring – German teacher Barbara Hassell (German) and Martha Gilchrist (ELL).

Newcomb closed her address with a quotation from Franklin Roosevelt, “We cannot always build the future for our children, but we can build our children for the future. We believe we have done that.”

The final address of the commencement ceremony was from Top Terrier Chloe Harrilla. The Top Terrier is selected each year by the faculty and senior students at WBHS – the highest honor a student can receive.

In her remarks, Harrilla talked about the unique high school experience the Class of 2022 had undergone and having to get used to a new reality. She decided “it’s not the cards you are dealt, it’s what you make of them.

During times of school closures and limited attendance, she learned the importance of forming relationships. She thanked each teacher, administrator, guidance counselor, and coach for “going to the extra mile” to ensure the success of the students in the Class of 2022. “William Byrd has provided us with the tools for success.” She concluded with a quote from Sigmund Freud, “One day, in retrospect, the years of struggle will strike you as the most beautiful.”

The William Byrd Senior

Choir, led by choir director Matt Bartley, performed “Fly Away Home.”

Next up was the eagerly awaited “Presentation of Diplomas” beginning with the Valedictorians: Alexa Aquino, Isabel Burnett, Gentry Carle, John Cooley, Emma Copening, Haley Day, Ross Divers, Thomas Dulak, Jr., Bronwyn Fenimore, Haley Firebaugh, Riley Firebaugh, Jade Fleitz, Emiliano Gonzalez, Ethan Hairston, Chloe Harrilla, Griffin Horacek, Matthew Hoyos, Jocelyn Hunter, Carlee Hutchens, Micah Kiker, Devin Liu, Nicholas Long, Jaiden Lorton, Victoria Lovern, Emilie McCaskill, Wesley Nance, Landon Niday, Austin Nielsen, Timber Raines, Joshua Roop, Jaylen Rosser, Mya Rosser, Trevor Ruble, Daniel Sarver, Grace Saunders, William Sayers, Hunter Sipe, Ashlyn Stover, Hannan Sutton, Charles Trogdon, Jr., Madison Tuck, Lana Turner, Amber Vaughn, Cadence Wilkerson, and Kassidy Wrye.

While the graduates were coming to the stage to receive their diplomas from Newcomb, Assistant Principals Marcee Cook and Travis Anderson, Dean of Students Philip Martin, and School Board members David Linden (chair) and Tim Greenway, their photos and future plans were on display.

Future plans of the Class of 2022 include:

Arizona State University: Joshua Collins

Barton College: Emily Dalton, Ashlynn ReMine

Belmont University: Carter Mullins

College of William and Mary: John Cooley, Grace Saunders

East Tennessee State University: Jasia Wheeler

Emory and Henry College: Ross Divers, Riley Firebaugh, Logan Pekala, Hunter Richards

Entering the Work Force: Tyler Atkins, Jarrett Austin, Simon Band, Darian Banks, Dezmound Barrett, Tyler Begasse, Anastasia Blair, Jonathan Brabham, Shawn Brockerman, Jr., Charleston Campbell, August Carr, Sydney Carriker, Abel Cataneo-Luna, Anna Chitwood, Nicholas Dales, Jr., Michael Davis, Autymn Dillon, Lucas Duncan, Kylea Early, Cassidy Entsminger, Isabella Franco, Fallon Franklin, Nevaeh Guenther, Austin Hensley, Diryus Henthorn, Kylee Inman, Alek Johnson, Demetrius Love, Logan McDaniel, Wesley McPherson, Dillon Moore, Karsyn Moore, Ethan Nichols, Tanner Nininger, Aidan Nunn, Airic Osborne, Kaylie Pampani, Gage Pritchard, Summer Ramsey, Trevor Reed, Angel Reis, Juan Rodriguez, Mark Sink III, Joseph Spickard, Jason Spradlin, Skylar Stiltner, Logan Stroop, Alec Theodor, Jacob Thorne,

Trey Thornton, Brandon Tuck, Travis West, Connor Wheeler, Janiya Williams, Bryce Wolfe, Cross Yonce

Ferrum: Peyton Fuchs, Anna Milliron, William Sayers

Georgia Tech: Emiliano Gonzalez

Hampden-Sydney College: Landon Niday

Hollins University: Bailey Burger, Victoria Lovern, Samantha Shrader

James Madison University: Aiden Brinkley, Remington FiGart, Jade Fleitz, Chloe Harrilla, Jaiden Lorton, Kamryn Sigafos, Faith Trent, Victoria Watts

Kennelwood Academy: Mackenzie Foley

Lancaster Bible College: Camden Richardson

Liberty University: Nathaniel Andersen, Kendra Baker-Thompson, Jacob Hilliard, Robert Janney, Savannah Martinez, Jenna Nicely, Trevor Ruble, Kendrick South, Madison Tuck

Licensed Cosmetologist at Salon 121 and Spa: Anya Hunter

Limestone University: Cole Spencer

Mary Baldwin University: Kamryn Brown

NASCAR Technical Institute: Corbin Graham

Old Dominion University: Bronwyn Fenimore, Jacob Schult,

Radford University: Sela Beatty, Mason Bennett, Maddie Chitwood, Colten Cook, Bryson Crawford, Priscilla Davis, Abigail Dillon, Gavin Dorsey, Caleb Drewery, Catherine Harless, Nathan Hayslett, Jocelyn Hunter, Ashlynn Jamison, Hunter Keesee, Morgan Kelly, Daniel Letz, Connor McCarthy, Jacob McKinney, Annabelle Moore, Connor Pero, Cheyenne Pruitt, Jaylen Rosser, Mya Rosser, Delaena Shemoun

Radford University—Carilion: Ashton Burns, Alejandra Hernandez, Kimberlyn Johnson, Ana Nolasco, Nataleigh Witt

Randolph College: Summer Lohrmann

Randolph Macon College: Vivian Hernandez

Roanoke College: Yulissa Bonilla Guacheta, Mia-Eve DeHart, Kaitlyn Ferguson, Sarah Fuchs, Elisha Gayles, Keely Hoal, Trinity Hylton, Elyssa Kitts, Austin Nielsen, Amber Vaughn, Cadence Wilkerson

San Diego State University: Alexa Aquino

Savannah College of Art and Design: Hunter Muddiman

School of Mortuary Science: Jayda Peters

Shenandoah University: Griffin Horacek

Southeastern University: Elsie Kincer

United States Army: Carlee Hutchens, Brysen Lish, Nicholas Sparks

United States Navy: Dyson Spence, Matthew Hoyos

University of Lynchburg: Ciara Mutz

University of Maryland--College Park: Daniel Sarver

University of North Carolina—Wilmington: Madeline Miller

University of the Pacific: Devin Liu

University of Tennessee: Micah Kiker, Verity Watkins

University of Virginia: Haley Day, Emilie McCaskill, Timber Raines

Virginia Commonwealth University: Johnathan Ham, Jackson Huff, Wesley Nance

Virginia Military Institute: Hunter Sipe

Virginia Tech: Jonah Bowser, Isabel Burnett, Gentry Carle, Emma Copening, Thomas Dulak, Jr., Haley Firebaugh, Ethan Hairston, Wills Halliwill, Nicholas Long, Robert Miller, Joshua Roop, Matthew Scavelli, Ashlyn Stover, Hannan Sutton, Charles Trogdon, Jr., Kassidy Wrye

Virginia Western Community College: Alyssa Allen, Grace Altice, Andrew Ballinger, Chayton Behrens, Mackenzie Browne, Bennett Burger, Cortney Carter, Sidney Clemmer, Connor Colgan, Colin Cooper, Treveon Cossaboon, Jerry Cruz, Emily Cummings, Haley Davis, Makayla Entsminger, Josilyn Firebaugh, Reid Galliher, Bryanna Grasmick, Alageon Gravely, Abigail Gunn, Kyle Gwyn, Blake Hagy, Briannah Hall, Issiac Hartsel, Nathan Hendrick, Destiny Hewitt, Nathan Hinkle, Kaiya Hoagland, Kenley Hodges, Sean Hoey, Macy Icard, Charles Johnson, Mackenzie Kelley, Aden Lamay-Lee, William Lucas, Amaris Markham, Jay Marshall, Jayson Marvin, Madison McDaniel, Natalee Mills, Ragan Moody, Carter Moore, Jada Morgan, Turessa Nash, Steven Nguyen, Tori Nininger, Shivani Patel, Dylan Price, Brock Rader, Natalie Schneider, Kendal Seale, Jamie Small, Damien Chaos Smith, Faith Smith, Thoo Lay Soe, Alexandria Spickard, Khalil Thomas, Lana Turner, Wardha Wajed, Greta Walls, Colin Webb, Kaden West, Christian Wilhelm, Shirdon Winegard III, Claire Wray

West Virginia University: Ema Fay, John Sandzimier

Other graduates include Alexis Anderson, Mattie Andrews, Aiden Arriola, Chancellor Bruner, Brian Cortez-Jimenez, Graham Dooley, Nicholas Flurnoy, Damon Fowler, Cody Hinkley, Melanie McMahon, Austin Palermo, Dakota Ripley, and Jacob Scruggs.

Senior Sponsor Hannah Blais facilitated the Class of 2022 Graduation Ceremony. The ceremony can be viewed online in its entirety at <https://www.rcps.us/graduation>.

Submit your community news and photos to

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## Yard Sale - Radford

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## Legals - Botetourt County

## Trustee's Sale

1104 Bobletts Gap Road, Buchanan, VA 24066  
(Parcel ID: 78-41)  
Default having been made in the terms of a certain Deed of Trust dated June 28, 2017, in the original principal amount of \$123,717.00 and recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the County of Botetourt, Virginia on June 29, 2017, as Instrument Number 170002499, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will sell at public auction on July 6, 2022 at 2:00 PM, in front of the building housing the County of Botetourt Circuit Court, 1 W. Main Street, Fincastle, VA 24090. The property designated as BEGINNING at a point in the centerline of State Route 643, corner to Johnnie B. Eubank (DB 373, PG 785); thence with the said centerline of State Route 643, S. 08° 18' 06" W. 26.22 feet to a point; thence continuing with said centerline, S. 11° 30' 53" W. 163.15 feet to a point; thence following the curvature of said centerline an arc distance of 42.16 feet (said arc having a chord bearing of S. 05° 42' 56" W. and a chord distance of 42.09 feet) to a point; thence leaving said centerline and with the line of Parcel 2 on the below referenced plat, S. 83° 12' 30" W. 389.48 feet to an iron pin set, corner to E.C. and Rebecca Montgomery property; thence N. 87° 54' 35" W. 129.75 feet to an iron pin found; thence N. 01° 50' 24" W. 337.19 feet to an iron pin set; thence S. 83° 10' 18" E. 571.84 feet to the point of BEGINNING, containing 3.60 acres, more or less, and designated as Parcel 1 on plat of survey for Pat H. Eubank, dated June 14, 1990, prepared by Charles R. McMurtry, C.L.S., and recorded in the aforesaid Clerk's Office in Deed Book 35, page 266. Sale is subject to all prior liens, easements, restrictions, covenants, and conditions, if any, of record, or other matters which would be disclosed by an accurate survey or inspection of the premises.

TERMS: CASH. A deposit of \$12,000.00 or 10% of the sale price, whichever is lower, will be required of the successful bidder at time of sale. Prior to the sale, interested bidders will be required to register with and must present a bid deposit which may be held during the sale by the trustee. The bid deposit must be certified funds and/or cash, but no more than \$9,900.00 of cash will be accepted. The successful bidder's deposit will be retained at the sale and applied to the sale price. If held by the trustee, all other bid deposits will be returned to the unsuccessful bidders. Settlement is to be made within 15 days. The successful bidder will be responsible for obtaining possession of the property, and for all costs and fees related to recording the Trustee's Deed, including the grantors tax. The successful bidder will be required to execute a Memorandum of Trustee's Sale, available for review upon request before the sale, outlining additional terms of sale and settlement. A Trustee's Deed will be prepared by Trustee's attorney at high bidder's expense. This is a

## Legals - Botetourt County

communication from a debt collector. Tromberg, Morris & Poulin, PLLC on behalf of Southeast Equity Trustees, LLC and/or Auction.com-VA, LLC, Substitute Trustee(s),  
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Tel: 804-525-1570.

## Public Notice – Environmental Permit

PURPOSE OF NOTICE: To seek public comment on a draft permit from the Department of Environmental Quality that will allow the release of treated wastewater into a water body in Botetourt County, Virginia. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: May 25, 2022 to June 25, 2022 PERMIT NAME: Virginia Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit – Wastewater issued by DEQ, under the authority of the State Water Control Board APPLICANT NAME, ADDRESS AND PERMIT NUMBER: Town of Buchanan; PO Box 205, Buchanan, VA 24066; VA0022225 FACILITY NAME AND LOCATION: Buchanan Sewage Water Treatment Plant; 541 Parkway Drive, Buchanan PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Town of Buchanan has applied for reissuance of a permit for the public Buchanan STP. The applicant proposes to continue the release of treated sewage wastewaters from residential and commercial service areas at a rate of 237,500 gallons-per-day into a water body. Sludge from the treatment process will be disposed of in the Waste Management Maplewood landfill in Amelia County, VA. The facility proposes to release the treated wastewaters into the James River in Botetourt County in the James River watershed. A watershed is the land area drained by a river and its incoming streams. The permit will limit the following pollutants to amounts that protect water quality: nutrients, organic matter, solids and bacteria. HOW TO COMMENT AND/OR REQUEST A PUBLIC HEARING: DEQ accepts comments and requests for public hearing on the draft permit by hand-delivery, e-mail, fax or postal mail. All comments and requests must be in writing and be received by DEQ during the comment period. DEQ must receive hand-delivery and postal mail by close of business and email and fax comments by 11:59 p.m. on the last day of the comment period. Submittals must include the names, mailing addresses and telephone numbers of the commenter/requester and of all persons represented by the commenter/requester. A request for public hearing must also include: 1) The reason why a public hearing is requested. 2) A brief, informal statement regarding the nature and extent of the interest of the requester or of those represented by the requestor, including how and to what extent such interest would be directly and adversely affected by the permit. 3) Specific references, where possible, to terms and conditions of the permit with suggested revisions. A public hearing may be held, including another comment period, if public response is significant, based on individual requests for a public hearing, and there are substantial, disputed issues relevant to the permit. CONTACT FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS, DOCUMENT REQUESTS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Susan Edwards; Blue Ridge Regional Office, 901 Russell Drive, Salem VA 24153; Phone: 540-795-9749; E-mail: Susan.Edwards@deq.virginia.gov ; Fax: 804-698-4178. The public may review the draft permit and application at the DEQ office named above by appointment or may request copies of the documents from the contact person listed above.

## Legals - Botetourt County

## ABC NOTICE

Pilot Travel Centers, LLC, trading as Pilot Travel Center #258, 2966 Lee Highway South, Troutville, Botetourt County, Virginia 24175.

The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) AUTHORITY for a Wine and Beer Off Premises license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages.

Kristin Seabrook  
VP, Chief Counsel,  
Secretary

NOTE: Objections to the issuance of this license must be submitted to ABC no later than 30 days from the publishing date of the first of two required newspaper legal notices. Objections should be registered at [www.abc.virginia.gov](http://www.abc.virginia.gov) or 800-552-3200.

## ABC NOTICE

Stebbins and Frate, LLC, trading as Tammie's Place 19857 Main Street Buchanan, VA 24066.

The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) AUTHORITY for a Wine and Beer ON/OFF Premises license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages.

Tammie Frate and Frank Stebbins, Owners.

NOTE: Objections to the issuance of this license must be submitted to ABC no later than 30 days from the publishing date of the first of two required newspaper legal notices. Objections should be registered at [www.abc.virginia.gov](http://www.abc.virginia.gov) or 800-552-3200.

## Legals - City of Radford

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

ON AN ORDINANCE PROPOSING TO GRANT A NON-EXCLUSIVE FRANCHISE FOR A NATURAL GAS TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM IN THE CITY

OF RADFORD, VIRGINIA, AND INVITING BIDS

The Radford City Council will hold a public hearing on June 13, 2022 at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers at 10 Robertson Street to receive public comment on an ordinance proposing to grant a non-exclusive franchise for a natural gas transmission and distribution system in the City of Radford, Virginia. A copy of the full text of the ordinance, including the terms of the proposed franchise agreement, may be obtained by contacting the Office of the City Clerk at (540) 731-3603. In addition, bids are hereby invited for the franchise proposed to be granted under the ordinance. All bids must be in writing and submitted to the Office of the City Clerk at 10 Robertson Street, Radford, Virginia 24141 or at Jenni.Goodman@radfordva.gov. ALL BIDS MUST BE RECEIVED BY JUNE 13, 2022 AT 5 P.M. Bids will be opened and read aloud during public session at Council#39;s regular meeting on June 13, 2022 at 7 P.M. After the reading of the bids, Council will proceed with consideration of the proposed ordinance and franchise. Council reserves the right reject any and all bids and to defer action until a subsequent meeting.

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## Legals - Montgomery County

## ORDER OF PUBLICATION

**Case No. CL22000727-00**  
Montgomery County Circuit Court, 55 East Main Street Christiansburg, VA 24073

YINGQIU ZHANG  
v.  
LI JIA

The petitioner's object of this proceeding is to obtain a divorce of bond of matrimony from the Defendant on the ground of having lived separate and apart for a period exceeding one year. It appearing by affidavit that the Defendant's last known address was 1101 Joyce Street, Apartment 2318, Arlington, Virginia 22202, the Defendant's present whereabouts are unknown, and diligence has been used by the Plaintiff to ascertain in what county or city the Defendant is without effect, it is ORDERED that the defendant appear before this court on July 20, 2022 and protect her interests herein.

It is further ORDERED that the foregoing portion of this order be published once a week for four successive weeks in the News Messenger, a newspaper published in Montgomery County, Virginia, and having general circulation in Montgomery County, Virginia, and a copy of this order is to be posted at the front door of the Montgomery County Court House of Virginia.

May 4, 2022  
Erica W. Conner  
Clerk of Court

## ORDER OF PUBLICATION

**Case No. CL22000744-00**

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA VA. CODE §§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316, -317, 20-104

Montgomery County  
Circuit Court  
55 East Main Street, Suite 1, Christiansburg, VA 24073

Yonce, Sandra Kay  
v.  
Yonce, Kenneth Lee, II

The object of this suit is to: OBTAIN A DIVORCE It is ORDERED that KENNETH LEE YONCE, II appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before July 11, 2022.

May 10, 2022  
Erica W. Conner  
Clerk of Court

## ORDER OF PUBLICATION

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA VA CODE §§ 1-211 1; 8.01-316, -317, 20-104  
**Case No. CL22000837-00**  
Montgomery County Circuit Court  
55 East Main Street, Suite 1, Christiansburg, VA 24073  
Adkins, Shay Marie v. Commonwealth of Virginia  
The object of this suit is to: Name Change of a Minor It is ordered that Billy Baxter Mullins appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before July 29, 2022.

May 25, 2022  
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## Jumpin' Terriers

Right, Byrd's Jaiden Childress is up and over the bar in the Region 3D high jump competition at Staunton River last week. Below right, Gracie Mick clears the bar in the girls' pole vault, and below Byrd senior Jayson Marvin flies through the air in the long jump event.

PHOTOS BY JEFF MARVIN



## Byrd girls are runnerup in Region 3D track meet

Liberty University in Lynchburg will be the site of the Class 3&4 track meet this Friday and Saturday. William Byrd will be well-represented after a strong performance in the Region 3D meet at Staunton River High School in Moneta last week.

The Byrd girls were second and the boys were fourth in the region meet. The Christiansburg girls and Abingdon boys were team winners, and the top four in each event advance to this weekend's state meet in Lynchburg.

Christiansburg scored 112 points in the girls' meet with Byrd close behind at 105 and Abingdon on their heels with 102. In the field events Byrd's Sydney Blewett set a school record, nationally qualified, and won the shot-put competition with a throw of 38'10" with Mya Rosser (35'10") and Jaylen Rosser (32'8") coming in second and third.

In the girl's discus Mya Rosser won with a throw of 99'6" and Sarah Fuchs came in second with a

throw of 98'5". Jaylen Rosser was third with a toss of 95'8".

In the triple jump Remi Figart came in third with a jump of 33'11.25". Gracie Mick cleared 8' in the pole vault for a second-place finish.

In the running events Sela Beatty finished second in the 100m dash with a time of 13.06. In the 300m hurdles Emma Kageals took second in 51.81. The 4x100m relay team of Remi Figart, Fuchs, Emma Dalton, and Beatty was runnerup with a time of 51.07 and the 4x400m relay of Olivia Hurd, Alexandra Bonilla, Emma Matthews, and Kageals took third with a time of 4:38.95.

The Byrd boys compiled 59 points for their fourth place finish. Abingdon dominated with 121, Lord Botetourt was second with 77 and host Staunton River was one point behind LB with 76.

In the boys' field events Ethan Haston finished second in the pole vault with a height of 10' and

Wyatte Bailey was third at 9'6". Caleb Thompson had a season's best and personal record throw of 129'3 for a second-place finish.

Bailey finished third in the 400m dash with time of 52.32. Walker Nance finished second in both the 110 and 300 hurdle races with times of 16.71 and 43.29. The 4x400m relay of Bailey, DeShawn Austin, Isaiah Board and Jesse Smith finished fourth with a time of 3:41.57.

These athletes will be competing in the VHSL Class 3 Championships at Liberty University on June 3rd and June 4th with running starting at 1pm on Friday and Noon on Saturday.

This Friday at Liberty University gates open at 11 am and field events begin at 12:30 pm with running events taking the gun at 1 pm. The last scheduled event is 3 pm.

On Saturday gates open at 8 am with running events beginning at 9 am and field events at 9:30 am.



Alexis Aquino(left) and Makena Jacobsen won their opening Region 3D doubles match.



PHOTOS BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

## WB tennis season ends

William Byrd girls competed in the Region 3D singles and doubles tournament this week at the Virginia Tech courts in Blacksburg.

Lexie Aquino represented Byrd in singles and lost her first match, 6-0, 6-0, to Emmerson Bartley of Hidden Valley. Lexie and Makena Jacobsen were in the doubles tournament and they got off to a good start with a 6-0, 6-0 win over the Magna Vista doubles team. In the quarterfinals Aquino and Jacobson took on the team from Abingdon and their hopes ended with a loss in that round.

Byrd was also entered in the team competition but the Terriers lost to Hidden Valley by default.

"Long story short, lots of weather happened and there was a lot of other things happening, so we stepped aside for Hidden Valley to go to the next round," said Byrd coach Kayla Mitchell-McCroskey.



JADA KARNES

PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

## Karnes is All-Region in softball

The National Fastpitch Coaches Association (NFCA) has announced their NCAA DIII All Region teams and, for the second year in a row, Roanoke College pitcher Jada Karnes was named to the 3rd team.

Karnes, named All ODAC earlier this season, finished the season after helping the Maroons earn a berth in the 2022 NCAA Softball Championship Tournament. The junior from William Byrd High School in Vinton recorded 20 wins and a save with a 2.06 earned run average while batters hit just .208 against her for the season.

In the final ODAC statistics Karnes was third in wins, third in ERA, eighth in batting average against, second in strikeouts (145), third in strikeouts per game (6.10), sixth in saves, fifth in runs allowed (63), and fourth in earned runs allowed (49).



Haley Firebaugh(center) was presented the King Family Memorial Scholarship by Johnny(right) and Linda King.

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## Firebaugh receives \$14,000 scholarship

Haley Firebaugh, a recently graduated senior from William Byrd High School has been awarded the \$14,000 King Family Memorial Scholarship.

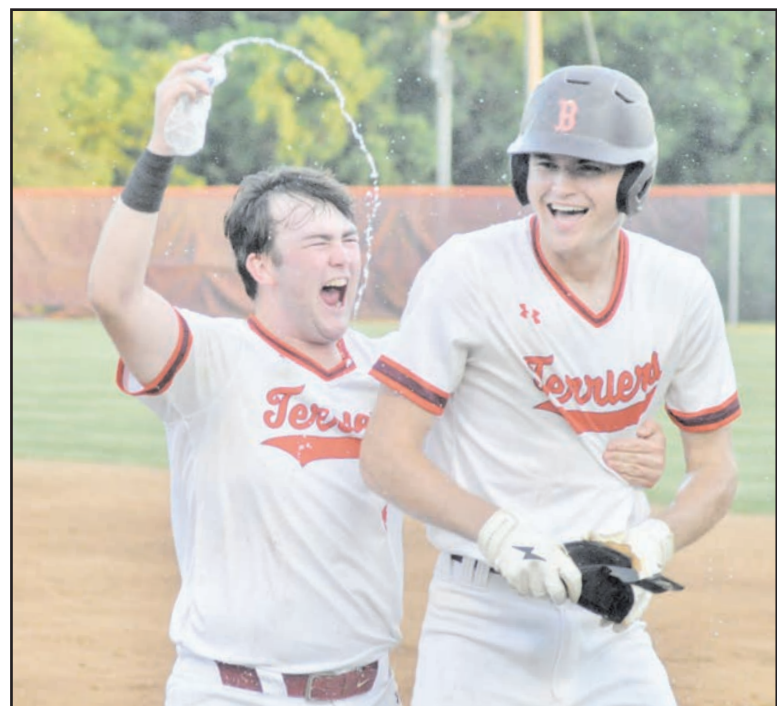
Johnny King and his wife, Linda, presented Haley with the scholarship award. The King Family Memorial Scholarship is awarded through the Roanoke Valley Golf Hall of Fame scholarship program by Johnny and Linda, along with his brother, Billy King, who is a former golf professional at Blue Hills Golf Course, sister Brenda King Harvey and sister Betty King Harnsberger. The scholarship is in memory Clarence King, father of the King siblings who died in a plane crash in 1970.

Haley graduated as a valedictorian from William Byrd High School where she was a member of the varsity lacrosse team for four years, including captain for two, as well as a member of the Beta Club and FCA. She will be attending Virginia Tech in the fall where she has been accepted into the engineering Honors College.



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Left, William Byrd’s Ross Divers(with helmet) gets a squirt from teammate Hunter Sipe after his seventh inning game-winning hit Monday night. Then Ross gets the full treatment as the Terriers celebrate their 3-2 win over Northside.

PHOTOS BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

## Terriers walk off Northside to advance in Region 3D baseball

Ross Divers singled on a full count with the bases loaded in the bottom of the seventh inning as the William Byrd baseball team “walked off” Northside in a Region 3D quarterfinal baseball game Monday. It was a memorable day on Memorial Day as the Terriers took a 3-2 win at Walthall Park.

With the win Byrd advanced to Wednesday’s Region 3D semifinal game at Christiansburg. The second seeded Blue Demons came into that game with a 20-2 overall record and they ran the table against teams in the tough River Ridge District. Byrd took a 16-5 record into Wednesday’s game.

Results were too late for publication, but Wednesday’s winner will play for the Region 3D championship on Friday at the site of the top remaining seed. Top-seeded Abingdon and fourth seeded Cave Spring were set to play in the other semifinal on Wednesday. If Abingdon won they would be home Friday, but if Byrd and Cave Spring both won in the semifinals the Terriers

would have a home game.

Friday’s finalists also are both guaranteed a spot in the eight team Class 3 state tournament next week. The Region 3D winner will host the Region 3C runnerup on Tuesday in a quarterfinal game while the Region 3D runnerup will play at the site of the Region 3C champ.

Byrd’s game with Northside on Monday was a nail-biter. The Vikings scored two runs in the third inning and that stood up until the bottom of the fifth, when the Terriers plated two to tie the game but left the potential go-ahead run on third base.

It was still 2-2 into the bottom of the seventh when Byrd loaded the bases on a walk to Matthew Scavelli, a single by Hunter Sipe and a walk to James Purcell. Divers was up next and he worked a full count before lifting a ball down the rightfield line that fell just inside the chalk for the winning hit. It was Ross’ third walk-off hit of the season.

Sipe picked up the win with two innings of shutout relief. Trenton Sayers started on the mound for Byrd and pitched two-hit ball for five innings, striking out five. Both runs off

Sayers were unearned.

Sipe had three hits in the game and Purcell finished with two hits and an RBI. Scavelli reached base safely three times.



Byrd’s Matthew Scavelli dives safely back to first in Monday’s game in Vinton.

PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

## Ninth seeded Byrd soccer boys upset top seed to advance in region

The William Byrd boys’ soccer team was set to play for a spot in the state tournament as the paper went to press this week. The Terriers were scheduled to play at Christiansburg on Wednesday night in the Region 3D semifinal with the winner advancing to Friday’s championship game.

Both region finalists will make the state tournament. The Region 3D champ will get a state quarterfinal home game next Tuesday while the runnerup will play at the site of the Region 3C champ. Friday’s region championship will be at the site of the highest remaining seed.

Byrd came into the region tournament as the ninth seed among 10 teams. The Terriers opened with a “play in” game against eighth seeded Abingdon on Thursday of last week and took a 4-1 win in a match played at Emory & Henry College in a steady rain.

Daniel Britts opened the scoring for Byrd with a great run and strike. That built a little extra confidence in the guys and Britts made it 2-0 with his second goal.

Landon Niday put the Terriers up 3-0 and with that Abingdon made a big push to create. They were able to score to make it 3-1 and started to build momentum.

Abingdon had a run that resulted in a penalty kick. Byrd keeper Bricen Lancaster made the save on the PK but the official signaled that it had to be retaken due to movement before the kick. A different player stepped up to take the kick and played it wide. Niday then scored his second goal for some insurance and Byrd moved on to Monday’s quarterfinal round.

Next up for the Terriers was top-seed Tunstall in Dry Fork on Memorial Day. Although Byrd was the big underdog the Terriers felt like they had a chance.

“They were the number one seed and we were the bottom seed in the tournament but I felt we had a good plan,” said Terrier coach Russell Dishman. “We had them scouted well and were familiar with what they had. The issue we struggled with was the space on the field. It was a very narrow field, the same as what was at Byrd when I first arrived before widening it, then moving to turf. The talk prior to the match was the key on the night would be how we handled adversity and how we answered questions on the field.”

Tunstall drew first blood for a 1-0 lead and that held up through the half. Byrd had some chances early in the second half but couldn’t finish. With close to three minutes remaining the Terriers were awarded a penalty kick and Niday connected



Byrd’s Ben Guertin is ready to send the ball down the field.

PHOTO BY REGINA DEVINNEY

to tie the game at 1-1.

The fired up Terriers had a shot that hit the crossbar shortly thereafter. Then, with just under a minute on the clock, Ben Guertin came forward to take the throw and the ball was being knocked around in the box. It was played out of the group and across the goal where Landon finished it for an exciting 2-1 upset win.

The victory lifted Byrd to 8-9-2 overall and sent the Terriers to Christiansburg, who came in as the fifth seed, for Wednesday’s region semifinal match.



Left, Byrd’s Ella Ashworth clears the ball in Monday’s win at Patterson Stadium. Right, Maddy Simmons rushes the ball down the field in front of the Terrier bench.

PHOTOS BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

## Girls shut out River

The William Byrd girls’ soccer team had a home game against Hidden Valley on Wednesday with a state tournament berth on the line. The game was the semifinal in the Region 3D tournament.

Wednesday’s winners advance to the Region 3D championship game, which will be played at the site of the top remaining seed on Friday. Both region finalists advance to state quarterfinal action next Tuesday, with the Region 3D winner hosting the Region 3C runnerup and the Region 3D runnerup playing at the site of the Region 3D champ.

Byrd is the third seed in the Region 3D tournament and the Terriers got off to a good start with a 2-0 win in their quarterfinal game on Monday. Maddy Simmons scored both goals as the Terriers downed Staunton River at Patterson Stadium in Vinton.

Byrd came out strong and had control of the entire first half. Simmons scored six minutes into the game off an assist from Riley Firebaugh, then Maddy found the back of the net again eight minutes later when Anna Milliron connected with her to give the hosts a 2-0 lead and that was enough. The visiting Eagles played a strong second half but Byrd keeper Kadence Fernatt had five saves in the second half to keep Staunton River off the scoreboard.

Monday’s win gave the girls a 13-5-1 overall record. Christiansburg played at top-seeded Lord Botetourt in the other semifinal Wednesday.