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Patrick named Top Terrier at WBHS

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Justin Patrick has been named Top Terrier at William Byrd High School for the 2022-2023 school year. The Top Terrier Award is a coveted award and a proud tradition at WBHS, started by Principal Tammy Newcomb in the 2016-2017 school year in her first year as principal.

The chosen student is typically revealed at an assembly on the first day of school with all students gathered in the gym or in the stadium for the announcement.

"Students and faculty select one student who represents the qualities of a Terrier, a champion," said Newcomb in the lead-up to introduc-

ing the new Top Terrier. "The Terrier is a source of inspiration for all throughout the school year and it is the highest single honor bestowed on a student at William Byrd High School.

"The Top Terrier was nominated by students, elected by the faculty, and awarded to the senior who best exemplifies the qualities of integrity, loyalty, courage of character, and who serves as a role model for everyone," Newcomb continued. "The student is academically strong and involved in the school. This person should be one you immediately think about when you think of school pride."

Five students were

nominated for the Top Terrier award at the end of their junior year. Those five students submitted a resume that was shared with the WBHS staff. The staff then voted to select the next Top Terrier.

Students gathered in the gym on August 11 to be welcomed back to school by Newcomb and her faculty and staff. First up on the agenda was the first Senior Walk of this school year, as all Class of 2023 members entered the gym through a cordon of cheerleaders. They were introduced by SCA President Madison Burks, and Dog Pound leaders Dylan Hughes and Maddy Simmons, who all encouraged stu-

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PHOTO BY DEBBIE ADAMS
William Byrd High School senior Justin Patrick received the high honor of being named Top Terrier for the 2022-2023 school year. Shown left to right are friend Kayla Witt, brother Nathan Patrick, sister Katelin Patrick, sister Kristen Patrick (in Terrier mascot costume), Top Terrier Justin Patrick, father Keith Patrick and mother Ginny Lynn Patrick.

Thrasher Roanoke Korean Church celebrates fifth anniversary



The Thrasher Roanoke Korean Church, which meets on Sunday afternoons at Thrasher Memorial UMC in Vinton, celebrated its fifth anniversary on August 13 and 14. Saturday night was Praise Night with music and a message. Shown left to right are the speaker, the Rev. Seungss "RJ" Jun, Pastor Seong Jae Jo, and the musicians from Madee Ministries.

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The Thrasher Roanoke Korean Church, which meets at Thrasher Memorial United Methodist Church in Vinton on Sunday afternoons, celebrated its fifth anniversary on August 13 and 14. The Korean congregation is led by Pastor Seong Jae Jo, who also serves as Associate Pastor and Youth Director for Thrasher Memorial UMC.

The Korean Church at Thrasher originally formed in 2017 with a dozen or so members. The church started out meeting in members' homes, then moved to a

small office space on Jamison Avenue in southeast Roanoke. Their desire was to find a permanent, more spacious, and more church-like location; however, the cost of building their own church and its maintenance was prohibitive.

A series of conversations and the efforts of several pastors and church members at Thrasher brought the Korean Church to Thrasher Memorial.

A Korean woman who was attending services at Thrasher spoke to member Steve Musselwhite about starting up a Korean church

in the area. He passed the inquiry along. Discussions followed with Thrasher Pastors B. Failes and Jesse Moffitt, and Pastor Peter Choi, the UMC District Superintendent, and the Thrasher Board of Trustees. The trustees were not just willing but delighted to invite the Korean Church to use their facilities.

Pastor Failes described the plan as a "great opportunity for us to be in mission to the over 240 Korean people in the Roanoke Valley."

Their first service in the Chapel at Thrasher was on March 11,

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Pastor Jo brings the message to the Korean congregation each week in word and song. This photo is from the service on August 14.



Detective Justin Baker with wife Mandie and son Hark.

Vinton Police celebrate officers with Promotion Ceremony



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Cpl. Christopher Shively and wife Lindsey.

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The Vinton Police Department celebrated the achievements of several officers at a Promotion Ceremony at the Vinton War Memorial on August 16. Their families, town officials, and other members of town leadership attended the event.

Vinton Police Chief Fabricio Drumond and Deputy

Chief Tim Lawless recognized several individuals advancing within the department. Each officer was called to the front and given a charge in their new position. Some were being transferred to new divisions; others were being promoted into leadership roles.

- Officer William Holland was transferred to the position of Community Resource Officer (CRO). One of his duties will be working with the local schools. He was joined by his wife Melissa, who pinned his new badge.
- Justin Baker was transferred to the position of detective. He was pinned by his wife, Mandie.
- Silas Chapman was transferred to the position of detective corpo-

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Sgt. Brandon Alterio and wife Meghan with Deputy Chief Tim Lawless (left) and Chief Fabricio Drumond.



Sgt. Andrew O'Connor with wife Dawn and Deputy Chief Tim Lawless (left) and Chief Fabricio Drumond.

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 • Christopher Shively was promoted to the rank of corporal and pinned by his wife, Lindsey.

Brandon Alterio was promoted to the rank of sergeant and pinned by his wife, Meghan.

Andrew O'Connor was promoted to the rank of sergeant and pinned by his wife, Dawn.

Jeremy Shrewsbury was promoted to the position of sergeant and pinned by his wife Jessica.

"Today we celebrate years of hard work and the commitment officers have shown to perfect and be experts in their craft," Chief Drumond said in opening the ceremony. "Any career advancement comes with a lot of devotion, constant learning, and sacrifice."

"I want to say to the family members present today, you, too, play a pivotal and crucial role in supporting these law enforcement officers as they move forward in their new career paths. We can all agree that it takes a special person to join our beloved profession. I would safely say that it takes an even more special loved one, spouse, and family to support and encourage those who serve in our profession. As officers we recognize that sacrifice in our field is never a one-way street—

as it often impacts those we care for the most. Think of the significant events, holidays, birthdays, or just the comfort of having your significant other by your side in the evenings. For that, we are eternally grateful for your support and love.

"For those of you being acknowledged for your achievements, while the bar will be set very high, be cognizant that you will be faced with challenges," Drumond said. "While there will be many successes, you will face problems."

"Remember this, there is a purpose behind every problem in your life. Problems, whether professionally or personally, are not arbitrary. They are a test of your character, provide growth to your character, and are a test of your faith.

"Each one of you, regardless of rank or title has the opportunity to be a leader. For some, you have accepted the challenge by donning chevrons on your sleeves. All would agree that life is challenging, our careers can be challenging, and complex cases are challenging. You must keep pushing forward and always have the courage to trust and believe in yourselves. Our agency is much greater when people translate their abilities into action. Challenge is part of the pro-

cess. It's the exploration of the unknown—to get something you never had, you need to do something you have never done. Hone your skills.

"When you inspire action, and you challenge the 'it's always been done this way,' you will have naysayers who will cast doubt on you. It is important to remember to never give up on anything you set your mind to do. Nothing in life worth doing is ever easy. Carry yourselves with the dignity and pride I know you have and expect nothing more than the best from yourself.

"Leadership and career progression is a road that never ends; there is always improvement to be made. Leadership is not defined by the prestigious classes you attend. Your do not become experts in your craft when you attend specific training. That training is critical, sure. It is used to keep you on your development path. You have the inherent responsibility to continue to perfect your task.

"As emerging leaders and experts, you will have to uncover how great leaders and people of action think, act, communicate, and most importantly, inspire action. It's the opposite of how society operates—specifically, today where we are addicted to instant gratification. Every-

thing we want is at our fingertips. Your should aspire to be the anomaly.

"Interestingly enough, I, along with many of my interdepartmental colleagues, will be embarking on a leadership journey—with a reading assignment. In our text we will be discussing the 'Why' in our profession and lives. You see, everyone in any organization knows 'what' they do, most even know 'how' to do it, but very seldom do people know 'why' they do what they do.

"Here's the catch to finding your 'why.' The reason cannot be measured by metrics or something that is for profit. The 'why' is determining what is your purpose. What is your cause and what is your belief? It's the 'why' do you get out of bed in the morning and why should anyone care? For you all, your appetite for professional growth should certainly be your driving purpose, but always remember that leaders do not set out to be first, instead they set out to serve others. If you want to inspire action, it will start with having a clarity of your 'why' and establishing trust among your team.

"How do you inspire trust? Sure, consistency, proficiency, and authenticity are a solid foundation, but build further. It's easy to apply authority, policy, or law. I chal-

lenge you to suspend your ego, be non-judgmental, honor reason, validate others, be generous, and show gratitude. Be grateful; be thankful for everything in your life; be grateful you are up today, be grateful for all the blessings that God has given you.

"A grateful heart is a foundation of life and a treasure from God. From the moment you raise your head from the pillow to the moment you lay back down, be grateful for the opportunities afforded to us and the people we have in our lives. Show love; don't be shy. Love the people God gave us, because He will need them back one day. Enjoy life, find fulfillment and be the best at everything you do. Do this job and do it well, but don't make it the only thing you do. Find time for breaks and take care of those you love. You'll be a better leader if you take care of yourself mentally, physically, and most importantly, spiritually. Don't worry about what you can't control; don't let yesterday's action disrupt your today.

"What if you awoke this morning and the only things you had left were the things you thanked God for yesterday? How would you fare? How is your morning?"

The Promotion Ceremony included not just awards, but dinner, catered by Sal's.



Sgt. Jeremy Shrewsbury and wife Jessica.



Community Resource Officer William Holland and wife Melissa shown with Chief Fabricio Drumond (left) and Deputy Chief Tim Lawless.

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Mark your calendars and I will see you in a few days!

Then join us for another great Mingle on August 27 with Fuzzy Logic and the Ferguson Family Food Truck.

It's almost time to party with both old and new alumni and friends of WBHS. As a reminder, the party is Saturday, August 20, at the Vinton Moose Lodge and Family Center. (We have not been able to have it for the last two years.)

Social Hour: 6-7 p.m. Beer, wine and mixers are provided. If you want to bring your own bottle, you must label it with your name and bring it in a bag.

DJ: 6:30-10 p.m.
 Party and Food: 7-10 p.m. You are invited to bring snacks, a dish, or dessert, but this is not required. See you at the Moose!

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Bonsack welcomes new faculty members for 2022-2023 school year

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Bonsack Elementary School has welcomed several new faculty members for the 2022-2023 school year.

Kathryn Foley has been named as a remediation teacher at the school. She is originally from Salem and a graduate of Salem High School. She majored in English at Mary Baldwin College and is licensed to teach grades PK-6. She earned her Master's Degree in Administration and Supervision (grades K-12) from the University of Virginia.

Foley has spent 21 years in the field of education.

"I believe in the value of education, to build a strong foundation and then watch the students bloom and grow as their interests take them," she said. "It has been an honor to work with so many students and their families."

She and her husband have been married for 31 years and have two adult children. In her spare time, Foley enjoys spending time with family and friends, reading, and working in the yard.

Callie Ivanov is the new PEAP teacher at Bonsack. This is an Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) Pre-K classroom for students

with autism.

She grew up in Lynchburg and graduated from E.C. Glass High School. She earned her undergraduate degree in Music Therapy at Radford University in 2014. She is currently working on her Master's in Early Childhood Special Education.

Ivanov worked in the PEAP classroom as an instructional assistant a couple of years ago and came back as the new teacher this year. This is her eighth year working in ABA.

"I have a huge passion for working with students with autism that have higher needs," Ivanov says. "I absolutely love working through some behavior and helping them learn. It is amazing to see when a child finally grasps a new concept."

An interesting fact— Ivanov says she and her husband are big fans of axe throwing. "We also had a baby in March, and she is just the best baby a mom could ask for."

Jessica Murariu is the English Language teacher at Bonsack Elementary this year, and at Glen Cove Elementary.

"This means that I work with students whose families speak different languages," she explains. "We work on the skills needed to read, write, listen, and

speak in English."

Murariu comes from Dunedin, Fla., and graduated from Florida State University with a Master's in Child Development Education. She has been teaching for 18 years.

"I love working with English Language Learners and seeing all the progress they make as they are learning English," Murariu said. "It is fun when they teach me about their different cultures and traditions, especially the ones that involve food."

Teresa Nicely is "excited to be returning to Bonsack Elementary after having taught at William Byrd Middle for the past seven years." She is a Special Education teacher who will be collaborating with first and third grade teachers this year.

Nicely was born and raised in the Roanoke Valley and graduated from Lord Botetourt High School. She earned her Bachelor's in Social work from James Madison University and her Master's Degree in Special Education from Radford University. She now has 20 years of teaching experience.

She first came to Bonsack Elementary in 2006. All three of her children attended the school and she lives in the community.



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Bonsack Elementary is welcoming five new faculty and staff members for the 2022-2023 school year. Shown left to right are Teresa Nicely, Callie Ivanov, Jessica Murariu, and Kathryn Foley. School psychologist Sara Reynolds is not pictured.

She says she is dedicated to the field of Special Education and wants school "to be a positive experience for all children." She enjoys working with families to meet the unique needs of her students.

Nicely enjoys traveling with her husband, Ken, and spending time with her three grown children. She also enjoys visiting with family and friends. In addition to going for walks and reading, she is learning to play Pickleball.

Sara Reynolds will be serving as the school psychologist at Bonsack Elementary this year. She is originally from North Carolina and has lived in

many cities across that state. She relocated to Roanoke with her family in June.

She is a graduate of Hickory High School in Hickory, N.C. She graduated from Appalachian State University in Boone, N.C., with both her undergraduate Bachelor of Science Degree in Psychology and her graduate MS, SSP Degree in School Psychology. She has 10 years of experience working as a school psychologist.

"Upon being hired by Roanoke County Public Schools, I was fortunate to be assigned Bonsack Elementary as my base school," Reynolds said. "I

will also be serving Her-

man L. Horn Elementary School and William Byrd High School.

"I chose my profession because I love working with children of all ages," Reynolds said. "My job keeps me busy, and typically no day is the same. I feel rewarded building relationships with teachers and families, in order to assist with students being happy and successful in the classroom."

"I'm so enjoying living in the Blue Ridge Mountains again and love exploring the beautiful outdoors in the Roanoke area with my husband and son!" Reynolds said.

W.E. Cundiff starts the school year with eight new staff members

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W.E. Cundiff is starting off the 2022-2023 school year with eight new members of the faculty and staff.

Laura Bray will be working as an instructional assistant at Cundiff. She is a native of Vinton and graduated from William Byrd High School with the Class of 2010. She is studying at Liberty University and has three years of experience in the field of education.

"My kids go to Cundiff, and I started subbing there and fell in love with the students, staff, and atmosphere of the whole school!" Bray says. "I've always dreamed of being a teacher and I love the extra experience."

As for her interests outside of school, Bray says she loves any and all dogs, loves to cook, and her favorite things involve the OBX with her family.

Anna Bui is teaching second grade Special education at Cundiff. She lives in the Cave Spring area of Roanoke and graduated from Hidden Valley High School. She earned her degree in elementary education from Radford University. This will be her second year as a Special Education teacher.

As for how she came to be at Cundiff, "Ashley McCallum was my brother's elementary school principal at Green Valley Elementary, and she developed an amazing relationship with him. In fact, when I went in for my interview, Ashley still had the picture frame my brother had made for her when he graduated fifth grade. I was super excited when I saw that W.E. Cundiff had an opening, and I was going to have the opportunity to work with Ashley."

"This job is one of the rare jobs that every day

you are making an impact somewhere, somehow," Bui says. "I love that I can go in and make an impact in a student's life every day in some small way."

Bui was married in June. Her maiden name was Buchanan and her students called her "Ms. B," so "my name is still 'Mrs. B.'"

Eric Gregg is a Special Education teacher working with fourth and fifth grades at WEC. He is from Roanoke and graduated from Hidden Valley High School. He majored in history at Ferrum College. He has his Master's Degree in Special Education. This is his ninth year in education and his fourth year of teaching Special Education. He was working at Glenvar High School last year under the CARES Act and interviewed at Cundiff toward the end of school year.

Gregg says he loves "seeing the reward of a student succeed and helping them get to that moment."

As for outside of school, he has a 5-year-old son and loves watching football.

Juliet Harris is teaching third grade Language Arts at W.E. Cundiff this year. She is from Fincastle and graduated from James River High School. She earned her Bachelor of Arts Degree in Interdisciplinary Studies-Elementary Education from Roanoke College. She started her teaching career in Alleghany County teaching first grade for two years and second grade for one year.

"After three great years teaching in Alleghany County, I was looking to be closer to all my loved ones in the Roanoke Valley," Harris says. "Once I met with the wonderful administrators, I realized W.E. Cundiff is where I am meant to be. I'm thrilled to be part of Team Cundiff!"

As for why she became

a teacher, "I love watching my students grow and succeed. There is something undeniably rewarding about witnessing learning unfold while teaching both academic content and social skills to the future of America."

Harris says that "fitness" is one of her favorite pastimes and she is excited to coach the new Girls on the Run chapter at Cundiff this fall. Their season begins in September.

Lisa Huffman will be teaching art to all grade levels at W.E. Cundiff for the 2022-2023 school year. She is originally from San Antonio, Texas, and graduated from San Antonio Taft High School. She moved to Austin at the age of 25 where she met her husband and started her family. Huffman is a graduate of the University of Texas at San Antonio. This is her 17th year in teaching.

Her husband is from Blacksburg and wanted to return to the Blue Ridge Mountains, so they moved back to this area, and she found a teaching position.

"I love art and I love people," Huffman says. "I love older children and the little guys. I love them all."

As for her other interests, "I love to paint and draw. I've been to 15 different countries and plan on seeing more. I'm the 10th removed great step-granddaughter of Blackbeard (my 10th removed grandmother married him after her first husband died). I've read over 100 books on the topic of near-death experiences, because they fascinate me. I was once an all-state softball pitcher and collegiate athlete. I coached high school softball for a while as well."

Rachel Roark is teaching fifth grade math at Cundiff this year. She is from Portsmouth and a graduate of Woodrow Wilson High

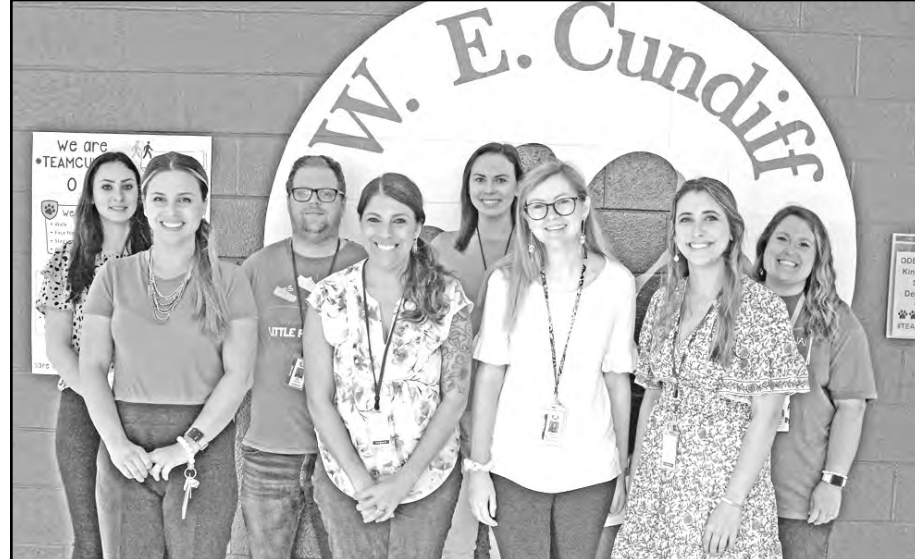


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W.E. Cundiff Elementary in Vinton has welcomed eight new faculty and staff members for the 2022-2023 school year. They are (from left): front, Jennifer Smith, Lisa Huffman, Anna Bui, and Julia Van Nutt; and back, Rachel Roark, Eric Gregg, Juliet Harris, and Laura Bray.

School. She earned her Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education (Liberal Studies) from Longwood University. This is her second year in teaching.

As for how she came to teach in Roanoke County and at Cundiff, "I had heard such great things about the county as well as the administration team here at Cundiff," Roark said. "I fell in love with the school as soon as I interviewed!"

She chose to become a math teacher, specifically an elementary math teacher, "because I love working with children and it has always been my passion to make a difference in the lives of our children."

Her favorite hobby is reading.

Julia Van Nutt is the speech pathologist this year at Cundiff. She will be working on helping students with speech and language difficulties. She comes from Collinsville, near Martinsville, and graduated from Bassett High School in Henry County. She is a graduate of the University of Virginia, with a major in Communication Sciences and Disor-

ders. She has been a Speech Pathologist for five years.

She chose her profession because "everyone has a voice and should be able to use it to express their ideas, wants and needs! I love and feel honored that I get to help kids find it."

Her interests include musical theatre, Zumba, and traveling.

"I spent two weeks over the summer on a cross-country road trip starting here in Roanoke and finishing in San Francisco, California!" Van Nutt shares.

Jennifer Smith is the Special Education coordinator at W.E. Cundiff this school year. She is from Clovis, California, and a graduate of Buchanan High School there. She graduated from California State University in Fresno with a major in Liberal Studies and teaching credentials in Multiple Subject K-6 and Education Specialist K-12. She has seven years of experience as a Special Education teacher and four years as an instructional assistant.

As for how she came to be at Cundiff, "My family and I moved to Roanoke from

Washington State to follow

my husband's career. For the last year, I have stayed at home with my young son. This year we found out we are staying in the area, and I felt it was time to get back into my career and serve in this community. I am excited to be a part of W.E. Cundiff!"

"I have always wanted to be a teacher," Smith says. "I have worked with kids in the babysitting, summer camp, coaching, and education world for as long as I can remember. I have always loved the field and each step and experience brought me closer to knowing that education would be my career. As an undergraduate, I was an instructional assistant in Special Education and that is when Special Education became my passion."

Outside of school, Smith says, "I love the outdoors! Although I am coming from the West Coast, I have always been happiest when outside in nature. My family and I spend a lot of time outdoors and found that the Roanoke community is a perfect place for us to land!"

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Top Terrier from page 1



WBHS Principal Tammy Newcomb presents the Top Terrier award to senior Justin Patrick.

dents to become active in school life. There were cheers of “Let’s Go Byrd” and the spirited performance of “The Hum” by the student body. A video created by Justin Patrick on returning to school after summer break and featuring the Terrier Mascot was debuted.

Roanoke County Schools Community Outreach Director Chuck Lionberger next led the countdown to the announcement of the Top Terrier, which is kept a secret up to that point.

Patrick thanked the students and staff for their support, saying that the award “means a lot to me; it’s a real honor.”

Patrick has an impressive resume which leaves no doubt about why he was selected as this year’s Top Terrier. He attends not only WBHS, but the Specialty Center for Mass Communication in the Governor’s STEM Academy at the Burton Center for Arts and Technology. He is also a student at Virginia Western Community College. He maintains at least a 4.0 GPA in all these programs. He received first place in Regionals and

State for the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) 2022 and competed in Nationals this summer.

At Byrd, he serves as editor and videographer for Terrier TV, videoing, editing, and compiling the video clips that compose the weekly episodes of the WBHS student news. He is also on the Media Production Crew at Bonsack Baptist Church where he videos the Sunday morning LIVE services once a month and youth events.

He has been a summer camp assistant for the Weekday Early Education Center (W.E.E.C.) program. He is a videographer with the Rail Yard Dawgs professional hockey team Media Production Crew, where he uses a hand-held video camera to video the players on ice during the game. His videos go straight to the Livestream/Jumbotron.

In addition, he is a videographer for the Salem Red Sox professional baseball team. And in his spare time, Patrick is self-employed, doing landscaping in his community, mowing and trimming yards.

He serves on Student Voices and the Student Council Association. He helped plan Homecoming on the Junior Council and wore the Dog Pound Terrier Mascot costume to promote school spirit during events.

He volunteers with his family and Sunday School class to provide dinners at Straight Street. In April 2022, Patrick volunteered with Friendship House in downtown Roanoke to help prepare a newly acquired house for refugee families.

He is an active member of the Bonsack Baptist Church Youth Student Council. This past March he traveled with his church’s youth group to the Dominican Republic to help with construction of a local school and a Youth Center. They also distributed food to Haitian refugees.

Patrick is the son of Ginny Lynn and Keith Patrick.

To conclude the assembly, Newcomb talked to students about safety at school, reminding them to “be safe, be respectful, and be responsible. If you see something, say something.” She also encouraged students to become involved and engaged—and of the importance of just showing up.

Teacher and Senior Class sponsor Hannah Prater facilitated the assembly. Other class sponsors include Cherybell Damasco-Farrington, junior class; Sherri Mays, sophomore class; and Lauren Pearson, freshman class.

Previous Top Terriers are Stephen Olsen in 2016-2017, Abby Spotswood in 2017-2018, Megan James in 2018-2019, Emily Nicely in 2019-2020, Dylan Hatfield in 2020-2021, and Chloe Harrilla in 2021-2022.



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WBHS held the annual Top Terrier assembly on August 11, the opening day of school, and kicked off the school year with “The Hum” spirit song.

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Quicklook: Luke 21:5-18

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Experience HU—the Sound of Soul—at the Raleigh Court Library

The community at large is invited to “Experience HU—The Sound of Soul” at Raleigh Court library in Roanoke on Thursday, August 25 at 7 p.m.

According to organizers, “Singing HU can bring comfort, peace and calm, a release of fears, and answers to your questions.”

“Regardless of your beliefs or religion, you can sing HU to become happier and more secure in God’s love,” organizers say. “HU is an ancient name for

God that has been sung for thousands of years in many lands for spiritual unfoldment.”

The program consists of a heart-opening spiritual quotation and a 15 to 20 minute HU chant (either aloud or silently) and quiet contemplation. All are welcome.

The Raleigh Court Library is located at 2112 Grandin Road, SW, near Patrick Henry High School in Roanoke.

School Board discusses minor capital projects for Vinton area schools

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At its meeting on August 11, the Roanoke County School Board was presented with informational briefings on two projects involving Vinton area schools.

School Board representative Tim Greenway has requested on several occasions, that restroom access be provided for the preschool classes at W.E. Cundiff in Vinton. Glen Cove Elementary has that need as well.

Todd Kageals, the new Director of Facilities and Operations for RCPS, briefed the board on the plans to spend \$14,000 to remedy the situation in two bathrooms at W.E. Cundiff and one at Glen Cove Elementary. The funds will come from Minor Capital.

Kageals said that a doorway will be cut between the pre-school classroom and an adjacent bathroom at WEC with a door and frame installed. Toilets and a sink will be installed in a former speech office/supply closet at Cundiff to construct a brand new bathroom for the second preschool class.

A doorway will also be cut between a pre-school classroom at Glen Cove Elementary and an adjacent restroom, with a door and frame installed.

In a separate safety project, 800 feet of black vinyl security fencing will be added at Mount Pleasant Elementary School in the track and playground area.

RCPS Director of Assessment & Research Ben Williams gave the board a preliminary overview of SOL scores, which are expected to be released by the state on August 18. He said that overall the numbers look strong, with significant gains by students despite the pandemic. Roanoke County is usually in the top 10 school divisions in Virginia for SOL testing scores. This year, he believes the standing will be even higher than in previous years.

Williams said that as far as SOL testing goes, third grade reading, which is generally a key indicator of future success, shows the highest scores ever for RCPS.

He also discussed with the board options for remediation during this school year.

The county has:

- Increased funding for outside tutors (provided by PALS, Algebra Readiness, Title I, and RCPS funds) to be prescribed by need, including just in time assistance and strategic long-term support (high dosage).
- Hired two new math specialists to support elementary instruction. The better the core instruction, the fewer students need outside remediation.

-Added five new middle school reading specialists on top of the existing elementary reading specialists providing for higher quality intervention at the middle school level.

-Retained the 11 full-time remediation positions in elementary schools. This is crucial because of a shortage of qualified tutors.

-Joined a consortium of Virginia school divisions to tap into shared instructional, assessment, and intervention resources.

Currently, the county schools are hiring tutors at schools to determine if schools have adequate remediation resources. If not, they will need to plan some sort of supplemental service, Williams said. RCPS is acquiring fall data from transfer students, screening new English Learners, and tracking back with principals on plans for remediation during the school day and how they plan to use their remediation money.

Williams said the school system is evaluating the High Dosage Tutoring pilot program from the Spring of 2022 which emulated vendor programs online after school to assess the viability of the model using RCPS teachers—and which is more cost effective.

In summing up the results of the pilot program, he noted that:

-About half of students showed sizeable skills growth.

-Participation and attendance were an issue. Large numbers of parents refused participation and attendance was a significant factor in the results for students who did not show growth.

-The price point to get quality teachers to volunteer was \$45/hr. but taking the model to scale could be a challenge. The price point for a private vendor to do this is much higher. The cost of a single student doing the minimum research-recommended amount of time in (HDT) with a private vendor is \$2,250/student.

-Because of invitees who declined and attendance concerns, the wise move would be to do as much as possible during the school day and supplement as needed with after school support and outside vendors. At school, Williams said students are a “captive audience” and opting out is not a choice. One issue with the within-the-school-day approach is finding the time to work with students. Williams noted, after questioned by the School Board, that taking students out of “specials” like art and music can be self-defeating on a day-after-day basis.

Discussion of this topic will continue.

Sunday fun-day coming with Vinton Palooza

The Vinton Area Chamber of Commerce is hosting the first Vinton Palooza on Sunday, August 21, on the lawn at the Vinton War Memorial, presented by Member One. The fun begins at 1 p.m. and winds down at 6 p.m.

The Vinton Palooza was rescheduled from May, when it was postponed due to inclement weather.

Admission is \$10 for adults. Children under age 12 enter free.

The featured bands are the Jared Stout Band and The Kings.

The Jared Stout Band has been described as an “alt-country powerhouse based out of southwestern Virginia. Formed in 2018, they became an area favorite winning the 2020 Rockn to Lockn competition.

The Kings formed in the 1960s and is still going strong. From 1969, The Royal Kings were the house band for the Roa-

noke nightclub, The Kings Inn. They play virtually every kind of dance music.

There will be food, craft vendors, and an adult beverage garden.

Sponsors include Oakey’s, Coastal Insurance Planning, MemberOne, PFG, Mountain View Real Estate, Fox Radio 910, ServPro, Winter’s Storage, Bank of Botetourt, the Vinton War Memorial, Blue Ridge Beverage, Roanoke County, HomeTrust Bank, the Greenway Boothe Real Estate Team, the Town of Vinton, Food Lion, The Vinton Messenger, Farmburguesa, Vertex Signs, Magnets USA, Cox, Carilion Clinic, and Brad Grose.

At press time, sponsorships were still available—both up front/center stage and on the fencing.

For more information call the Chamber office at 540-343-1364 or send an email to Angie@vintonchamber.com.

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Town Council focuses on project funding, upcoming paving

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Vinton Town Council held a lengthy meeting on August 16, focusing on funding and awarding contracts for Capital Improvement Projects.

However, the meeting opened with recognition of several Vinton Police officers who had been promoted or transferred in a ceremony earlier in the day at the Vinton War Memorial—Community Resource Officer William Holland, Detective Justin Baker, Detective Cpl. Silas Chapman, Cpl. Christopher Shively, Sgt. Brandon Alterio, Sgt. Andrew O’Connor, and Sgt. Jeremy Shrewsbury.

Several members of town staff were also recognized by council for their efforts in the devastating fire at D.R. Music on July 2. Town Manager Pete Peters noted that these individuals “sprung into action without being requested on the day of the fire” and thanked them for their service. They included Assistant Town Manager and Treasurer Cody Sexton, Human Resources and Risk Management Director Donna Collins, Community Programs Director Chasity Barbour, Police Chief Fabricio Drumond, Detective Cpl. Silas Chapman, Sgt. Andrew

O’Connor, Officer Brandon Settles, Officer Milton Clark, Public Works Director Bo Herndon, and Public Works employees Kevin Orange, Jason Davison, Jimmy Brown, and Banks Bradford. Mayor Brad Grose commented that their actions reveal their character as they “stepped up to the bat.”

During the Citizens’ Comments and Petitions segment of the meeting, Debra Brogan expressed her concerns about a less-than-helpful town employee she dealt with during tax season and the need for better communication by the town on proposed projects that impact citizens. She mentioned in particular a proposed traffic change on Washington Avenue involving reducing the number of lanes and a projected roundabout at a major intersection.

Town Council members responded by saying that projects such as these are in the proposal stage and that they always welcome input from citizens by televising council meetings, holding community meetings, and other means before decisions are made. They also pointed out that council is tasked with looking into future community needs, sometimes far into the future.

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Thrasher Anniversary from page 1



The fifth anniversary celebration of the Thrasher Roanoke Korean Church concluded with a meal of traditional Korean foods.



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Madee Ministries from Northern Virginia and Baltimore performs at the fifth anniversary of the Thrasher Roanoke Korean Church.

2018. Peter Choi was their first pastor. At the time he was also serving as pastor for two churches in the Ferrum area. The Korean Church met at 3 p.m. on Sundays to accommodate his morning schedule.

Members of the Thrasher Korean Church come from all over the Roanoke Valley. Pastor Choi described many of the families as Americanized Koreans who have lived in the valley since the 1970s. There are many multicultural families in the area with Korean members. Several speak English and Korean, but Korean is more comfortable for them. The Thrasher Korean Church services are almost entirely in the Korean language.

In addition to the Thrasher Roanoke Korean Church, there is also the Korean Baptist Church of Roanoke and a Korean Presbyterian Church in the Roanoke area.

When Pastor Choi transferred to Fishersville United Methodist Church, Pastor Jo had just been assigned to Thrasher Memorial as Associate Pastor and assumed

the duties of pastor to the Korean Church, although they are not technically Methodist in denomination.

He preaches the sermon each week and leads the music for the service. One of the Korean congregation members mentioned that Pastor Jo sends a message of blessing to the congregation online via Facebook each day and how that has enriched her life.

When Thrasher's youth minister, Bonnie Jones, retired this spring, Pastor Jo volunteered to take over her duties as Thrasher's Youth Director in addition to all his other duties. Fortunately, he is young and energetic, and fluent in three languages—Korean, Spanish, and English.

Before coming to Thrasher, Pastor Jo had served as Youth and Worship Pastor at the Korean United Methodist Church of Greater Washington. He also led the Chapel Band as an undergraduate at John Brown University where he studied religious and sacred music.

In celebrating the anniversary, Saturday night, August 13, was designated as "Praise Night" – "remembering our unity in Christ," and featured the Madee Ministries band from Northern Virginia and Baltimore, who filled the Chapel with songs and praise.

"Madee" means "joint" in Korean. The group says they "help the body of Christ by connecting, sharing and providing resources to grow together into the fullness of Jesus Christ in love."

The Rev. Seungsoo "RJ" Jun was the guest speaker that evening. He is now the Associate Director of Serving Ministries for the Virginia Conference of the United Methodist Church, having served as lead pastor at Raleigh Court United Methodist Church in Roanoke from 2015 to 2020. His message centered on "having spirit and finding fire in the Holy Spirit. We are all called together to lift the name of Jesus Christ. If you want to go far—go together."

Thrasher Memorial's new pastor, John Hemmings, joined the

Korean congregation for the services on Saturday night and brought along his family on Sunday.

His prayer for the congregation was "Lord Jesus, it's a joy to celebrate the fifth anniversary of this church at Thrasher. Holy God, we praise you for all who attend and the difference they make in your Kingdom. Continue to use these disciples to draw closer to you, giving them the ability to demonstrate your goodness and grace to everyone they encounter. Holy Spirit, we invite you into this space today. To be sure, we are excited about the ways you bind us together as One Body. We are excited to see how you will show up. Open our eyes to your grace this afternoon."

Hemmings said to his own congregation earlier in the day that although "we might be different in worship, we are united in Christ. We embrace and celebrate the life of the Korean Church at Thrasher."

Pastor Jo led the worship service both in song and sermon on Sunday afternoon. He explained that "one-ness doesn't mean sameness

but being unified in worshipping Jesus Christ. While we may have different cultures, different languages, or be of different generations, we are here together in this place, not by coincidence—it is God's plan and will that we be one in Christ." This is a theme he echoes each time he speaks, no matter the congregation—the grace of God as His gift to us.

Deacon Kume Hea Kwon presented a history of the Thrasher Roanoke Korean Church at the end of the service. Hyo Kwang Ahn, from the Korean Baptist Church, delivered the benediction. Afterwards the congregation and guests continued the celebration with a meal of traditional Korean foods (kimchee, bulgogi, seaweed sheets, rice, shrimp, and more) in the small fellowship hall.

Thrasher Roanoke Korean Church (and Thrasher Memorial UMC) are located on Washington Avenue just across the street from the Vinton War Memorial.

Council from page 5

Brogan complimented the Town Manager Peters for his response to her questions by meeting with her personally.

Council held a public hearing on amendments to the FY2022-2023 budget to fund milling and paving, pavement striping and marking, the Walnut Avenue Bike/Pedestrian Accommodations Project from 5th Street to the town's west limits, distributing ARPA funds, Garthright Bridge improvements, greenway projects and Gish Mill Redevelopment for a total of \$5.5 million. Assistant Town Manager Sexton explained

that this is a customary procedure at this time each year when some projects were planned but not completed when the fiscal year ended, or some projects had funding split across fiscal years. The resolution was adopted.

Capital Projects Manager Jamie Hurt updated council on three projects in the works: the Walnut Avenue parking lot, a Community Park development project at the former Vinton pool site, and an assessment of the Vinton War Memorial facility.

The downtown parking lot at what was once Mc-

Clung Lumber is in the design and engineering phase with Hughes and Associates. A topographic survey is now being completed. The lot is projected to add from 100 to 130 parking spaces for use by downtown businesses and those who attend events at the Vinton Farmers' Market. Hurt believes the project will go out to bid in February 2023 and be completed in June 2023.

The Community Park project is in the conceptual design phase with Hill Studio. The town foresees a myriad of different uses for the park.

Hurt said that his assessment of the Vinton War Memorial facility has been positive—"it seems to be in good shape," and the town has made several minor improvements in drainage and walkways as they have been noted during the evaluation.

Council took action to adopt several resolutions which had been discussed extensively in previous meetings.

The first allows the town manager to execute a contract with Jones Road & Bridge (formerly Boring Contractors, Inc.) who had the low bid on construction of the Walnut Avenue Bike/Pedestrian Accommodations Project from 5th Street to the town's west limits at a cost of \$1.45 million. Planning and Zoning Director Anita McMillan said the long-awaited and long-in-the-works project is "ready to roll" and hopes it will be completed in the spring of 2023.

Council also voted to award a Professional Engineering, Construction Engineering, Management and Inspection Services contract to Wetland Studies and Solutions, Inc. (WSSI), for the Woodland Place Restoration

Project. McMillan said this project will help fix drainage issues on Niagara Road and remove pollutants and sedimentation in the nearby waterways. The estimated cost of the project is \$570,000 with matching funding secured through the FY21 Virginia Stormwater Local Assistance Fund (SLAF) grant funds, which is reimbursable.

A resolution accepting the Assignment of Rights from three real estate parcels and closing on the necessary portions of the properties along Walnut Avenue for the Walnut Avenue Bicycle and Pedestrian Accommodations Project from 1st Street to Lee Avenue downtown was adopted. The three properties involved are owned by David McClung at 7 Walnut Avenue, Reed Street Baptist Church at 30 Walnut Avenue, and Gene West at 101 Walnut Avenue. Right-of-way and temporary construction easements are necessary to complete the project, which is meant to improve pedestrian access and safety along Walnut Avenue and provide safer bike accommodations.

Council adopted a resolution awarding a contract to Burleigh Construction Company for preventive maintenance to extend the life of Garthright Bridge. The bridge is about 40 years old and lies at one of the Gateways to Vinton on Gus Nicks Boulevard, crossing over the Norfolk Southern Railroad tracks. The cost of this project is \$421,065 and will prolong the life of the bridge by some 50 years. Work on the bridge will be completed at night.

In other action, council appointed Finance Director Andrew Keen as the new deputy town treasurer upon the retirement of longtime employee Lydia Verdillo at the end of August.

And finally, council approved the May 2022 Financial Report which indicates the strong financial position of the Town of Vinton with \$11.3 million in total cash along with investments of \$3.3 million, for a total of \$14.6 million.

Public Works Director Bo Herndon wrapped up the meeting with a report from the Public Works Committee.

He presented this year's paving schedule which will be completed by the end of September. The town has 88 lane miles of road; 7.83 of those lane miles will be

paved in the upcoming weeks at a cost of \$1.1 million. The paving list for 2022 includes:

- Ruddell Road from Lynn Haven Circle to North Blair Street
- North Blair Street from Ruddell Road to Washington Avenue
- South Blair Street from Washington Avenue to Crestview Avenue
- Bowman Street from East Madison Avenue to Polk Avenue
- Dale Avenue from the town limits to Daleton Avenue
- Shalon Circle from Mountain View Road to the cul•de•sac
- Meadows Road from Mountain View Road to the cul•de•sac
- Meadow Court from Meadows Road to the cul-de-sac
- Bush Farm Drive from Mountain View Road to the cul•de•sac
- Warner Place from Bush Farm Drive to the cul•de•sac
- Callie Court from Bush Farm Drive to the Cul-de-sac
- Bedford Road from East Cleveland Avenue to Vinyard Road
- Vinyard Road from Bedford Road to Hardy Road

Herndon also noted that Mountain View Road from Shalon Circle to the town limits will be patched in both lanes.

The town has plans to stripe all the roads in Vinton in September at a cost of \$75,000.

Herndon also presented information on two storm drain repair and replacement projects completed by the Public Works Department on North Maple and Madison Avenue at South Pollard. He commented that now that the Town of Vinton is "out of the water business" with the sale of the utility system to the Western Virginia Water Authority, Vinton Public Works employees have time to tackle projects such as these at a much-lowered cost to the town than contracting out the work. He had special praise for employee Jason Davison who spearheaded the projects.

In his final remarks, Mayor Grose read a letter commending Town Manager Pete Peters for his participation in the intensive two-week 2022 Senior Executive Institute (SEI) leadership development program at the University of Virginia in July.



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In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated July 21, 2003, in the original principal amount of \$95,000.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Botetourt County, Virginia as Instrument No. 0306397. The undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the front of the Circuit Court building for Botetourt County, Main Street, Fincastle, VA 24090 on September 12, 2022, at 10:00 AM, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows: ALL THAT CERTAIN TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND, WITH IMPROVEMENTS THEREON AND EASEMENTS AND APPURTENANCES THEREUNTO APPERTAINING, LYING AND BEING IN BOTETOURT COUNTY, VIRGINIA, AND MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT A POINT IN THE NORTHERLY MARGIN OF STATE ROUTE 647, CORNER TO THE PROPERTY OF ROBERT L. GODSEY (DEED BOOK 324, PAGE 653); THENCE N. 45 DEGREES 18' 02& E. 250.89 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE N. 37 DEGREES, 57', 58& W. 191.22 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE N. 37 DEGREES 38' 06 W. 45.31 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE S. 46 DEGREES 41' 45& W. 210.24 FEET TO A POINT IN THE NORTHERLY MARGIN OF STATE ROUTE 647; THENCE WITH THE SAID MARGIN OF ROUTE 647 ALONG THE ARC OF A CIRCLE TO THE RIGHT WHOSE RADIUS IS 859.91 FEET AND WHOSE CHORD IS S. 29 DEGREES, 34' 29& E. 33.60 FEET, AN ARC DISTANCE OF 33.61 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE CONTINUING WITH THE NORTHERLY MARGIN OF ROUTE 647 THE FOLLOWING TWO COURSE AND DISTANCE: S. 28 DEGREES 27' 15& E. 201.33 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE ALONG THE ARC OF A CIRCLE TO THE LEFT WHOSE RADIUS IS 210.47 FEET AND WHOSE CHORD IS S. 30 DEGREES 27' 24& E. 14.71 FEET, AND ARC DISTANCE 14.71 FEET TO A POINT, THE PLACE OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 1.259 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, AS SHOWN ON PLAT OF SURVEY BY CHARLES R. MCMURRY, CLS, DATED JANUARY 25, 1990, A COPY OF WHICH IS RECORDED IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BOTETOURT COUNTY, VIRGINIA, IN DEED BOOK 370, AT PAGE 123. TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A

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bidder's deposit of ten percent (10%) of the sale price or ten percent (10%) of the original principal balance of the subject Deed of Trust, whichever is lower, in the form of cash or certified funds payable to the Substitute Trustee must be present at the time of the sale. The balance of the purchase price will be due within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Purchaser's deposit may be forfeited to Trustee. Time is of the essence. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser may, if provided by the terms of the Trustee's Memorandum of Foreclosure Sale, be entitled to a \$50 cancellation fee from the Substitute Trustee, but shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. A form copy of the Trustee's memorandum of foreclosure sale and contract to purchase real property is available for viewing at www.bwvsales.com. Additional terms, if any, to be announced at the sale and the Purchaser may be given the option to execute the contract of sale electronically. This is a communication from a debt collector and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. The sale is subject to seller confirmation. Substitute Trustee: Equity Trustees, LLC, 8100 Three Chopt Road, Suite 240, Richmond, VA 23229. For more information contact: BWW Law Group, LLC, attorneys for Equity Trustees, LLC, 6003 Executive Blvd, Suite 101, Rockville, MD 20852, 301-961-6555, website: www.bwvsales.com. VA-314471-3.

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

Case No. CL21-610
 BOTETOURT COUNTY Commonwealth of Virginia, in re. Wilmington Savings Fund FSB, et al vs. Andrew L. Lawson, et al
 The subject of this suit is to: rescind the September 16, 2020 foreclosure sale of 47 Garfield Lane, Roanoke, Virginia. It is ORDERED that: Any/All Heirs of BILAL NAEEM BOMANI appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before September 6, 2022. Signed: TOMMY L. MOORE, Clerk. 7/19/22

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Virginia Electric & Power Company (VMRC #2022-1365) has applied for a permit from Virginia Marine Resources Commission to install one fiber optics cable to existing overhead transmission poles and within an existing right-of-way, a minimum 41 feet above a 346-foot-wide section of the James River and a minimum 17 feet above 11 sections of North Creek and Jennings Creek as part of the Grid Transformation Telecommunication Program Project near Arcadia, in Botetourt County. Send Comments/ inquiries within 15 days to: Marine Resources Commission, Habitat Management Division, 380 Fenwick Road, Building 96, Fort Monroe, VA 23651 or jpa.permits@mrc.virginia.gov

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: August 17, 2022 to September 16, 2022 PERMIT NAME: Virginia Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit – Wastewater issued by DEQ pursuant to applicable water laws and regulations APPLICANT NAME, ADDRESS AND PERMIT NUMBER: Shenandoah Baptist Church; PO Box 7010, Roanoke, VA 24019; VA0075451 FACILITY NAME AND LOCATION: Camp Eagle Sewage Treatment Plant (STP); 458 Camp Eagle Road, Fincastle, VA 24090 PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Shenandoah Baptist Church

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has applied for reissuance of a permit for the private Camp Eagle STP. The applicant proposes to release treated sewage wastewaters from seasonal and non-season residential domestic activities at a rate of 0.0025 million gallons-per-day into a water body. Septage from the treatment process is hauled by contractor to the Southwestern Virginia Regional Wastewater Pollution Control Plant for further treatment. The facility proposes to release the treated wastewaters into Borden Creek 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: organic matter, chemical properties, solids and bacteria. HOW TO COMMENT AND/OR REQUEST A PUBLIC HEARING: DEQ accepts comments and requests for public hearing on the draft permit reissuance 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. Submittals must include the names, mailing addresses or email addresses 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 requester, 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; 540-795-9749; E-mail: Susan.Edwards@deq.virginia.gov. 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.

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ORDER OF PUBLICATION

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
 VA CODE § 8.01-316
 Case No. JJ003213-22-00
 RADFORD Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court, Commonwealth of Virginia, in re PARRIS, ZYAN IMAHAN MILDRED. The object of this suit is to: Approve permanency plan for Zyan Imahan Mildred Parris, a minor. It is ORDERED that DANTE LARRELL HAYES appear at the above-named court and protect his or her interests on or before 09/27/2022 at 9:00 AM.

July 29, 2022
 Sally Davis, Clerk

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Order of Publication 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
 Case No. CL22001234-00
 Arlecia McBride Johnson and Olivia Adeline Isabel Johnson v. Jonathan Arnold Johnson. The object of this suit is to: Name Change of a Minor. It is ORDERED that Jonathan Arnold Johnson appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interest on or before October 2, 2022

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY Case No. CL22-1082

COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY, VIRGINIA, A Political Subdivision of the Commonwealth of Virginia, Complainant, v. ELIZABETH MORGAN, ET AL. Respondent(s).

ORDER OF PUBLICATION
 The object of this suit is to enforce the lien of the Complainant, County of Montgomery, Virginia, for delinquent real estate taxes against certain real property located in the County of Montgomery, Virginia, described as follows: Tax Map No. 525-A 16 Account No. 01 3074 All of that certain lot of land, lying near the wester limits, of Christiansburg in Montgomery County Virginia and bounded as follows: Beginning at the line of the Lee Highway at the corner of land owned or formerly owned by William Garnard and running thence; with said Garnard line S. 9° E. 200 feet to a stake; thence two new lines S. 88 1/2° W. 49 feet to the line of a 12 foot alley with same N. 9 1/2° W. 200 feet to the line of said Highway; thence with the line thereof N. 88 1/2° E. 50 Feet to the beginning containing nearly one-fourth (1/4) of an acre more Or less. And being the same real property conveyed to Elizabeth Morgan and John McWeller Morgan from Maggie Morgan and Jack Morgan by Deed dated and recorded on July 3, 1928 in the Circuit Court Clerk's Office in Montgomery County, Virginia in Deed Book 88, Page 410. This description is made subject to all easements, conditions, agreements, restrictions, and reservations of record which affect the property herein described. APPEARING that an Affidavit has been made and filed stating that due diligence has been used, without effect, to ascertain the identity and location of certain parties to be served, that the last known addresses for the Respondents herein are as follows: Elizabeth Morgan, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is c/o S. Denise Harry-Martin 4794 Newbury Ct., Riverside, California 92507; John McWeller Morgan aka John Maxwell Morgan, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is c/o S. Denise Harry-Martin 4794 Newbury Ct., Riverside, California 92507; William Henry Hull, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Richard M. Hull, whose last known address is unknown; Elizabeth Moss Brown Hull, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Betty J. Hull Harry, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; and that any officers, heirs, devisees, and successors in title of the Respondent named herein are made parties Respondent to this action individually and/or by the general description of Parties Unknown, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties herein and all Parties Unknown and/or whose location cannot be ascertained appear on or before September 16, 2022 in the Clerk's Office of the County of Montgomery, Virginia,

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Order of Publication Commonwealth of Virginia

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 Montgomery County Circuit Court 55 East Main Street, Suite 1, Christiansburg, VA 24073
 Case No. CL22001234-00
 Arlecia McBride Johnson and Olivia Adeline Isabel Johnson v. Jonathan Arnold Johnson. The object of this suit is to: Name Change of a Minor. It is ORDERED that Jonathan Arnold Johnson appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interest on or before October 2, 2022

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William Byrd quarterback Lane Shoemaker (#6 left) scrambles away from pressure and finds Alex Dunn (right) free in the end zone for a touchdown in last Friday's scrimmage against Glenvar at Patterson Stadium. Below, the Terrier defense closes in on the Glenvar quarterback and forces an interception. PHOTOS BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Almost time to kick off 2022 football season

Football season is just around the corner in Vinton as William Byrd High School, Byrd Middle School and the sandlot teams are ready to kick off the 2022 season.

The high school Terriers will have their final tuneup this Friday before opening the regular season at Liberty High on August 26. Byrd will play in a Benefit Game at Rockbridge County this Friday at 7 pm. It will cost to get in, hence "Benefit," and it will be played like a regular game.

"It should be a good test for us," said Byrd coach Brad Lutz. "They have a new scheme on offense and defense. They're big and physical and run the football well."

The Terriers got a good test last Friday when they hosted Glenvar for a controlled scrimmage. The Highlanders have been one of the top Class 2 teams in the state under coach Kevin Clifford and they gave the host Terriers solid competition in their first test against players in a different colored uniform.

"Our coaching staff was very pleased with the varsity and jayee scrimmage against Glenvar," said Lutz. "Our varsity defense played hard, fast, and did a good job with their alignments and assignments. We tackled well and played physical."

"Our varsity offense didn't play as well as the defense, but we were encouraged with the progress we showed. Offensively, we were able to get a lot of young players involved and they did well. Overall, we played well for a first scrimmage, but have a lot to work on to prepare for Liberty High School."

Byrd had a good turnout for the team this and a promising group of junior varsity players showed their mettle against the Highlanders.

"Our jayvee team played outstanding," said Lutz. "Our staff was very pleased with the jayvee offense and defense, but was especially excited with our rushing offense."

Taking it a step younger, the middle school team participated in a jamboree under new coach Ryan Hutchison last Thursday. Byrd, Patrick Henry, William Fleming and host Andrew Lewis played a round-robin of scrimmages at Spartan Field in front of Salem High School. The Terriers will open the regular season today at home against Staunton River at 5 pm. The middle school "B Team" is at Cave Spring Monday and the "A Team" is back home a week from today to host Cave Spring.

The Roanoke County sandlot season is also closing in. The first regular season



games are scheduled for Saturday, August 27. The Vinton teams will host a jamboree this Saturday at Patterson Stadium in Vinton. There will be eight minute quarters with a running clock. The schedule is as follows:

TERRIER FOOTBALL JAMBOREE 2022

- 9AM Southeast Rec Club 10U (VSL) vs. Vinton Maroon (HSL)
- 10AM Cave Spring 8U (VSL) vs. Vinton 8U (HSL)
- 11AM Southeast Rec Club 12U (VSL) vs. Vinton 12U (HSL)
- 12PM Hidden Valley 10U (VSL) vs. Vinton White 10U (HSL)
- 1PM Moneta 12U (VSL) vs. Cave Spring 12U (HSL)
- 2PM Hidden Valley 12U (VSL) vs. Vinton 12U (HSL)



Left, William Byrd Middle School quarterback David Foster scrambles away from pressure in last week's scrimmage against Andrew Lewis. Right, the Terrier defense converges on a Wolverine runningback. PHOTOS BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Terriers third in BRD golf as LB takes over lead from Franklin Co.

The Blue Ridge District golf tour has completed 36 holes and William Byrd is a solid third among the six district teams. The BRD had "mini matches" at Copper Cove last Thursday and Ole Monterey on Tuesday of this week.

Last week at Copper Cove, formerly Westlake, Franklin County was the host and the Eagles shot 308 to win the round. Lord Botetourt was second at 320 followed by Byrd at 329. Northside was fourth at 339 and Staunton River brought up the rear at 440. William Fleming had just one golfer.

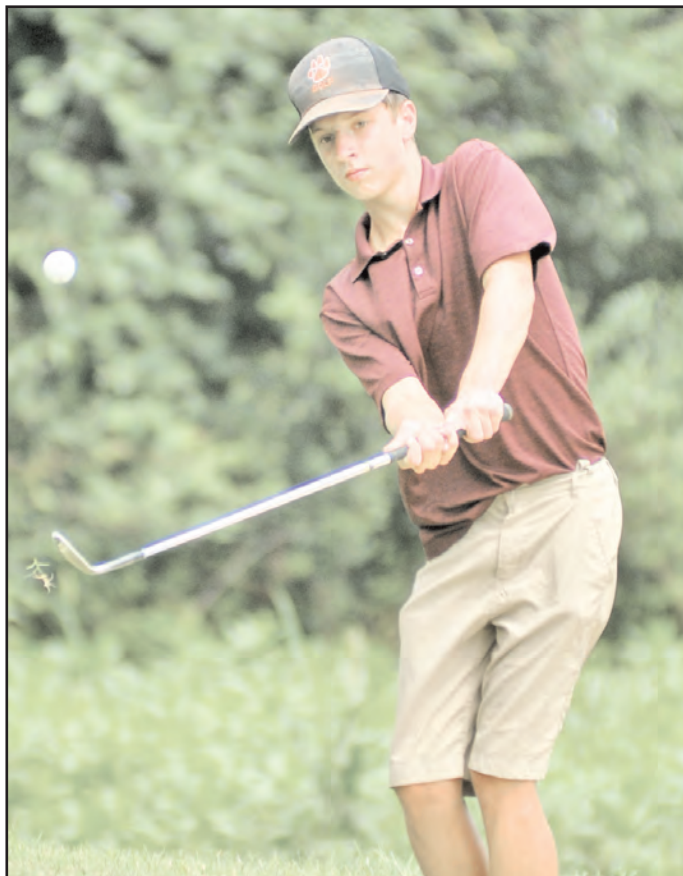
Ashton Harper of LB was the medalist with a two-under-par score of 69. Byrd's best round was an 80 by Clayton Gilmore, and also scoring were Kobe Turner with an 81, Maddox Wolfe at 82 and Evan Mullen with 86 in a balanced Byrd attack. Nathan Carter had 89 and Madeline Cunningham carded an even 100 to round out Byrd's six players.

On Tuesday at Ole Monterey Fleming was the host and Lord Botetourt took over the team lead with a score of 310 to Franklin County's 328. That gave the Cavaliers a six stroke edge, 630 to 636, after two rounds. Harper was again medalist with a 67.

Byrd shot a 344, one stroke better than Northside, to remain in third after two rounds. Staunton River shot 438.

Balance was again the word at Byrd as all four scoring golfers shot 86, including Gilmore, Wolfe, Carter and Mullen. Turner had an 88 and Cunningham shot 95.

The next Blue Ridge District "mini match" is scheduled for next Tuesday, August 23, when Lord Botetourt is the host at the Botetourt Golf & Swim Club.



William Byrd's Maddox Wolfe chips to the green.

PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

RC Soccer will have free clinic for kids

Roanoke College Soccer Coaches Ryan Pflugrad and Phil Benne will conduct a free soccer clinic for boys and girls ages 6-14 on Friday, August 26th, from 6:15 - 7:45 PM at Roanoke College's Kerr Stadium.

The free soccer clinic is designed to teach technical and tactical fundamentals of the game in an exciting way and to help players prepare for the upcoming soccer season. It also will be a great opportunity to come out and meet the Maroons men's and women's soccer teams, and to play at Kerr Stadium at Roanoke College.

The free soccer clinic will include instruction from the Roanoke College men's and women's soccer staff and players with giveaways and prizes. Each participant is asked to bring a soccer ball and wear soccer shin guards and athletic appropriate clothing.

Players must register prior to the clinic by accessing and completing the online registration form at <https://forms.roanoke.edu/roanoke-soccer-free-clinic-2022>.



The 2022 William Byrd High School volleyball team. First row, left to right: Seniors Ella Ashworth, Carsyn Kotz, Alexis Helton and Kaitlin Patrick. Back Row, left to right: Ava Ashworth, Kate Bryant, Terran Brown, Maddie Pittman, Raelyn Lancaster, Emily Tuck, Payton Hall and Madelyn Ward.

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2022 William Byrd varsity volleyball

Terriers open volleyball season at home Tuesday

The William Byrd girls will have their final preseason volleyball scrimmage tonight before opening the regular season next week. Byrd will scrimmage at Patrick Henry.

The Terriers will serve it up for real next Tuesday, August 23, when they play host to Hidden Valley. The girls are hoping to take another step forward after going 11-5 last season and making the Region 3D tournament.

“The passion and drive of this team is amazing,” said Byrd coach Allison Thornton. “I love the team chem-

istry and the work ethic. We have great leaders in our senior class and I truly believe their positive leadership is going to make a difference on the scoreboard.”

The Terriers have some talented players returning from last year’s team. Senior setter Carsyn Kotz was second team all-Blue Ridge District and Region 3D Honorable Mention. She has a chance to record her 1,000th career assist this year.

“Carsyn brings great leadership and work ethic to our team,” said Thornton.

Junior Terran Brown

was second on the team in kills last year, earning second team All-BRD honors.

“Terran is a big presence for us at the net and we look forward to watching her continue to set big goals for herself and her team this fall,” said Thornton.

Senior Libero Ella Ashworth returns as the leader of the defense. Another second team All-District performer last year, she was the team leader in digs and serve receive percentage.

Other returners looking to play a big role this season include senior Alexis Helton, senior

Katelin Patrick and junior Emily Tuck. Girls looking to crack the rotation include juniors Madelyn Ward, Eva Brown and Kate Bryant and sophomores Maddie Pittman, Payton Hall and Raelyn Lancaster.

Thornton will be assisted by Sammi Webster, Harrison Lionberger, Ali Shail Shields and head junior varsity coach Jordan Persinger.

“I am truly blessed with the best coaching staff,” Allison said. “They all bring years of playing and coaching experience to our program.”

The Terriers will have a challenging schedule once again. The first week of the season they host perennial state contender Hidden Valley on Tuesday and defending Class 2 state champion Glenvar a week from today. And, the Blue Ridge District will be strong as usual.

“I do believe our district will be pretty competitive,” said Thornton. “Lord Botetourt and Franklin County always play well and are well coached. Northside is a scrappy team that always works hard.”

The volleyball program at Byrd is on the rise. The coaches took 24 girls to a team camp at James Madison this sum-

mer and the Terriers also conducted a “Tiny Terrier Camp” for rising third through sixth graders and a middle school camp for rising sixth through eighth graders.

“We had a great turn out and I was very pleased with the inter-

est in our area,” said Thornton. “It was a huge success. We will have a Tiny Terrier night and a middle school night this season where we will invite those players back to be recognized as the future of our program.”



Senior Carsyn Kotz was Honorable Mention All-Region 3D last season.

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