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WBHS cadets plant flags to remember 9/11

Cadets in the Navy National Defense Cadet Corps have placed 2,977 flags in front of William Byrd High School in observance of September 11, 2001.

"This year marks the 21st year of the tragic events that took place on September 11, 2001," said Naval Science Instructor David Perrin, USN (Ret.). "Nineteen terrorists who were members of Al-Qaeda hijacked four commercial airplanes. In a coordinated attack, the hijackers intentionally flew two of the planes into the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center,

and a third into the Pentagon. Learning about the other hijackings, passengers, and crew members on the fourth plane launched a counterattack, spurring the hijacker pilot to crash the plane into a field in Pennsylvania.

"Nearly 3,000 people were killed on that day, the single largest loss of life resulting from a foreign attack on American soil," "This Perrin said. vear our William Byrd NNDCC cadets placed 2,977 flags in front of the school which represents the souls lost on that tragic day.'



Cadets in the Navy National Defense Cadet Corps at William Byrd High School planted 2,977 flags in remembrance of the souls lost on September 11, 2001.

Police officers promoted, beloved pharmacist recognized at Town Council meeting



PHOTO BY DEBBIE ADAMS

Scott Hurt and Michael Caldwell were promoted to the rank of lieutenant at the Vinton Town Council meeting on September 6 in a ceremony conducted by Chief Fabricio Drumond and Deputy Chief Tim Lawless. Shown left to right are Deputy Chief Tim Lawless, Lt. Scott Hurt, Lt. Michael Caldwell, and Chief Fabricio Drumond.



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Herman L. Horn Elementary has welcomed several new teachers and staff members for the 2022-2023 school year. Shown left to right are: front, Crystal Fields, Karen St.Clair, Brooke Beeman, Lori Price, Jessica Keene, and Twila Metz; back row, Angela Vaughn, Denise Campbell, David Henderson, Erin Durham, Liz Roldan, and

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Emotions were running high at the Vinton Town Council meeting on September 6—and for only the best of reasons. Two dedicated Vinton police officers, Scott Hurt and Michael Caldwell, were promoted from sergeant to lieutenant and council recognized Sam Cundiff, a pillar of the community, upon his retirement. Council Chambers were filled with families and friends of those being honored. It was a poignant evening.

Vinton Police Chief Fabricio Drumond and Deputy Chief Tim Lawless conducted the swearing in and badge pinning ceremony for the two officers. Drumond said he had worked with both officers for his entire career with the Vinton Police Department. He noted the personal relationships he has formed with both men in addition to being co-workers. He shared a story from several years ago during the derecho windstorm emergency of 2012 when Lt. Hurt and his family

invited him to stay with them while the town dealt with massive power outages and clean-up 24 hours a day.

Hurt was sworn in by Vinton Town Clerk Susan Johnson and pinned by his daughter, Reagan, and his father, Garrett. Hurt expressed his gratitude to the Vinton Police Department and Town Council for their support and encouragement throughout his career. He especially thanked his family, including his wife Dana, his daughter, his sister, his parents, and his in-laws for their unending love, support, and understanding in adjusting to and accepting the life of a police holidays, officer—the special occasions, and important events that were missed in the line of duty. He mentioned the pride they have always expressed in him and his career. He described his daughter as "an incredible young woman" who has adapted to the requirements of his job with grace beyond her years.

Caldwell Lt. was sworn in next by Johnson and pinned by his mother Barbara, Chief Drumond, and Deputy Chief Lawless. Drumond remarked that he and Caldwell had worked together for the police department in Roanoke City before coming to Vinton. He convinced Caldwell to take the position with the VPD and said the town is "beyond blessed to have him on our team."

Caldwell said that coming to the Vinton Police Department was "the best decision I ever made." He, too, thanked his family and friends for their support during his career, and their understanding of the demands of his job which caused him to miss special times in their lives.

Deputy Chief Lawless said that it was "an honor and a privilege to supervise these fine officers. I have watched them grow throughout their careers, giving 110% every day." He congratulated them on the "monumental step" of promotion to the rank of lieutenant.

Vinton Mayor Brad

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Bailey Price. Not pictured are Joe Carnes. Heather Parrish. and Emilee Seib

Herman L. Horn welcomes new teachers and staff for 2022-2023

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Herman L. Horn Elementary School in Vinton is welcoming several new faculty and staff members for the 2022-2023 school year.

Brooke Beeman is an instructional assistant at HLH this year, working with preschoolers. She is from Vinton and a graduate of William Byrd High School. She earned her Associate's degree in Liberal Arts with a focus in Fine Arts from Virginia Western Community College.

Beeman worked WBHS with special needs students and then asked to transfer to work with elementary-age students. She reached out to Herman L. Horn and was hired.

'Herman L. Horn has been a wonderful school so far, and I know it will be an amazing year!" Beeman said.

"I chose to be an IA because I believe it will be a good way to build experience before going into teaching and getting my

degree," she says. "So far I have learned so much and would like to teach art to elementary students.

"Art has been my passion ever since I was nominated for the gifted art program in elementary school at W.E. Cundiff. I want to become an art teacher to show children just how fun and important art can be, and possibly even inspire them in the way I had been inspired."

Denise Campbell is also an instructional assistant, working with preschool students. She is from Horsepasture, Va., and a graduate of Bassett High School. She majored in Early Childhood Education at Patrick Henry Community College. Her family moved here two years ago and lives just 10 minutes from the school.

Campbell has 15 years of experience in the field of education, which she chose because "I just love children." She has three children and seven grandchildren and loves "spending my downtime with my family."

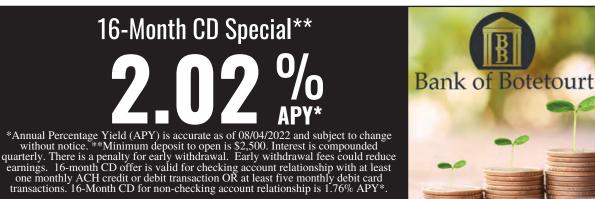
Joe Carnes is returning to Herman L. Horn, where he previously taught fourth grade and the afterschool Gifted Art classes. He is now the art teacher at both HLH and Bonsack Elementary. Most elementary art teachers in Roanoke County serve two schools. Carnes was moved to HLH from Penn Forest to be geographically closer to Bonsack. He is a native of Salem and a graduate of Salem High School. He earned his degree in both English and Fine Arts with a minor in Elementary Education, and his teaching certificate at Roanoke College.

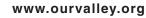
Erin Durham is teaching preschool this year at HLH. She is originally from Alleghany County but moved to Page County to teach after college and then moved back to teach in Roanoke County this year. She is a graduate of Alleghany High School and earned her Master's degree in Teaching and Education from James Madison University.

As for how she came to be teaching at Herman L. Horn, "I wanted to move closer to family and jumped on the opportunity to work in RCPS.

This is her sixth year teaching an inclusive preschool.

"I have always been interested in early childhood education and the opportunity to promote inclusion was a big bonus," Durham said. "Growing up, I didn't really like going to school so







Doctor's appointments aren't so bad when they are followed by lunch. Mom finally got to meet in person little Rylan Rice last week. She is a cutie pie! Joining the lunch at Big Belly's Pizza were Mom Taylor Booth Rice in from Georgia, (Daddy Colin had to work), Grandma Nicki and Grandpa Jason Boothe, Great Granny and Grampa Betty and Ed Booth, and cousin Baby Haisleigh Grace. Joining in the lunch were Tim Greenway, Matt Robertson, and Tyler Fisher.

Speaking of doctors, Mom finally saw Dr. Rhea, and he looks great since his stroke-and he is doing great. It is always good getting to see your primary care doctor instead of seeing so many others. Just hard to remember all their names. Dr. Rhea even took care of my grandma, and all family members. He is family after all these years.

Be sure and join us

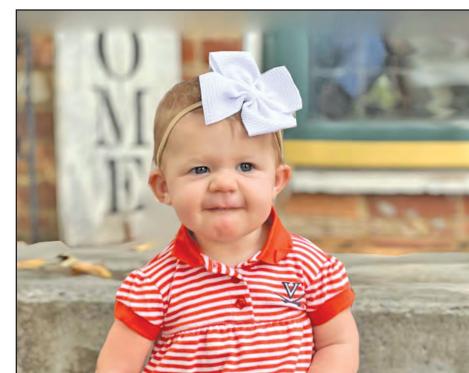
offer appointments to individuals for Medicare reviews at no-cost to you. Knowing the ins-andouts of Medicare will allow you to make the best educated decisions for your health care needs and offer you peace of mind.

Plan to join us on October 8 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. for Fall Festivalwhere the streets in downtown Vinton come alive with food and craft vendors, entertainment on two stages, children's activities, a Pet Costume Contest, food trucks, excellent dining in our downtown restaurants and shopping in our one of a kind locally owned shops. Something for everyone!

Bring the kids for Downtown Trick or Treating from 3 to 5 p.m. on October 27.

Remember to mark your calendar for the Vinton Christmas Parade on December 1 at 7 p.m., and the Santa's Christmas Crawl on December 13 at 6 p.m. throughout the town.

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Rylan Rice

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this Saturday, September 10, from 7 to 10 p.m., for Mingle at the Market featuring Mended Fences and Mountain Grille Food Truck. The final Mingle of the season on September 24 will feature the Eric Wayne Band and Munsey's Smoke Shack.

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Monday, 9/12 Open to the public - 5pm-7:30pm Sunset Yoga – 6:30pm Petal & Pail Bouquet Bar - 5-7:30pm

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Thursday, 9/15 Special Needs Day – 10am-2pm Open to the public – 5pm-7:30pm Goat Yoga – 6:00pm

Friday, 9/16 Sunset Dinner – 5:30pm CLOSED to the public

Saturday & Sunday, 9/17-9/18 Closing Weekend – 10am-5pm Botetourt K9 Demo – 1:30pm Saturday – Live music Sunday - Child musicians & Dancers

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Polychrome Studios opening in Vinton

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Paul Harvey is in the process of opening a new business, Polychrome Studios LLC, in Vinton in mid-September. He describes it as "a new digital printing and design business that offers high resolution photo printing as well as canvases, signs, posters, banners, wedding, graduation, and special occasion invitations, holiday photo cards, business stationary (business cards and printed forms, including carbons), brochures, and promotional items like shirts, keychains, and coffee mugs, just to name a few." He offers laser and inkjet technology to provide a wide range of products on many different types of media.

His business is not a franchise but independently owned. All printing is done in-house.

His plan is to serve Vinton and the broader Roanoke Valley. The new store is opening in a prime location at 519 Hardy Road in the Hardy Road Plaza next door to Gregg Lee's State Farm Insurance Agency.

Harvey has just moved here from Peterstown, W.Va., which is just across the state line near Rich Creek and Narrows in Southwest Virginia. He says he wanted to move to a larger area to grow his business, while still remaining relatively close to his hometown. Harvey says he once spent about four months living in Salem while he worked as an electrician replacing lights at the VA Medical Center there and really liked this area.

His business hours will be from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, and possibly on Saturday mornings-once he gets settled in.

He said he is set up to meet a variety of demands for customers, both individual and commercial. Harvey says that if customers have what they think is a great photo, say even from a cell phone, he can improve the quality so that it truly becomes a great photo in print.

Canvases will be one of his

specialties—better quality, at higher resolution, than almost anywhere else—and without the shipping expense. Harvey said that unlike framed photos which can seem flat, photos transferred to canvas take on dimension and become conversation pieces.

Harvey has a varied background. He got his first business license at age 14 working as a DJ. His grandfather bought him some speakers, and he became the go-to DJ for parties and dances in his town while in middle and high school.

He attended New River Community College, which was close to home, studied to become an electrician, and then earned his Associate of Arts and Sciences, his Information Technology Associate of Arts and Sciences, and Information Technology degrees.

While he was in college, he got some experience as an automotive service technician at Walmart and then, as a Park Attendant for the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources. Over the course of time, he gained experience in inventory management, installation of electronics, as a call center supervisor, and a printer technician trainer for Xerox. He traveled the country training printer technicians for Xerox. Along the way he decided to set up his own printing business on the side in his home, garage, and print/ photo studio, operating that way for about seven years.

Harvey decided he would rather work for himself. His entrepreneurial spirit took over, and he made the leap to open his own business full-time, and in the Roanoke area. When he began looking for a location in the Roanoke Valley, he discovered Vinton with its reasonable rents, good traffic flow, businessfriendly government, and welcoming community.

In his research, he discovered limited competition for his business in the area. Most comparable printers are sign shops or affiliated with franchises. He believes he adds the creative touch to the printing business others don't. If you don't know exactly what you want, he will help design the graphics.

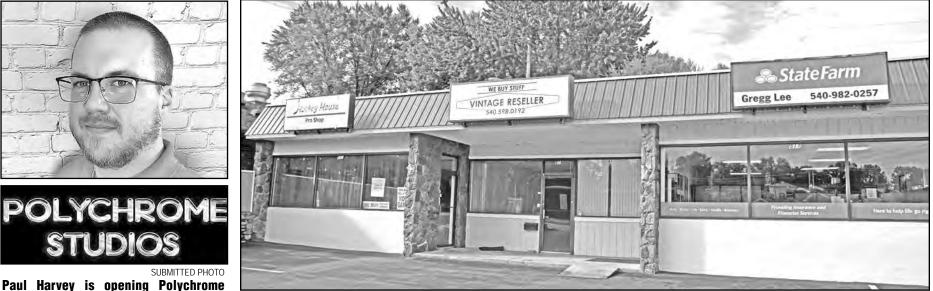
He would also like to establish relationships with local photographers, offering his printing services to them and their clients online. He is a photographer himself.

He foresees expanding his business to include photo booths at local events. He has come up with a long list of other options to explore, depending upon Vinton's zoning regulations at this point.

"This is something I've been working towards for over a year and now it will finally become reality!" Harvey says. "I'm looking forward to forming new relationships and providing the Roanoke area with high quality products and customer service."

To contact Harvey call 888-909-0901, email him at support@polychromestudiosllc. com or visit his website at https://polychromestudiosllc. com/.

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Paul Harvey is opening Polychrome Studios LLC, a digital printing and design business, in mid-September at the Hardy Road Plaza in Vinton.

Polychrome Studios LLC is located at 519 Hardy Road in Vinton, next door to Gregg Lee's State Farm Insurance Agency, the previous location of Vintage Reseller which has moved down a storefront.

William Byrd Middle School recognizes Staff Member of the Week Erica Rosser

See more at www.vintonmessenger.com

Each week the William Byrd Middle School football team is honoring a staff member selected and voted on by the players. The recipient is presented with the No. 88 jersey to pay homage to 1988 when WBMS was built. The mentorship to student-athletes.

"Football is a way of life," Hutchison says. "It requires perseverance, hard work, sacrifice, and dedication. All these traits are imparted. Our responsibility as coaches is to instill these traits while we can."

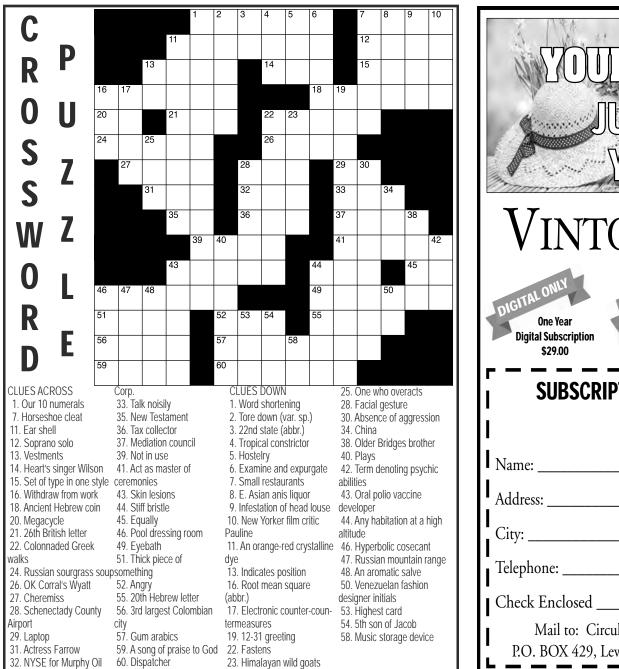


staff member has the jersey for a day to wear on gameday and for display.

Coach Ryan Hutchison is fulfilling a promise made to his late mentor, Coach Yuhas, to honor a staff member for their guidance, support, and these traits while we can.

Last week's award went to 8th grade English teacher Erica Rosser. The team said she was "passionate about English and compassionate about students."

Eighth grade teacher Erica Rosser (center) was selected by the WBMS football team as Staff Member of the Week.



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Assistant Finance Director Verdillo retires

Assistant Finance Director Lydia Verdillo has retired from the Town of Vinton effective August 31, 2022.

"Lydia Verdillo was hired as a Financial Analyst in the Finance Office in 2005 while I served as Treasurer/ Finance Director," said former Vinton Town Manager Barry Thompson. "Lydia proved to be a very hard working and meticulous team player on the Finance Team. She mastered the town's payroll, accounting and tax systems as well as helped improved the dayto-day operations of the Finance Department. Lydia always welcomed challenges and new projects. She assisted me in establishing good accounting practices for the Town and establishing a finance procedural manual for the finance department as well as being a key liaison with our auditors for our annual audit. Lydia's hard work and work ethic resulted in her being promoted to Assistant Finance Director.

"Lydia was what I con-

sidered a star employee and December, and presented a was recognized by her fellow town employees for her ability and excellent work ethics by the town for about 17 on several occasions as well as being an Employee of the Year," Thompson said. nance Department and "Lydia's retirement will be a worked with several Finance great knowledge loss for the Directors and/or Treasurers Finance Department as well including Barry Thompson, as for the Town of Vinton. Anne Cantrell, Cody Sex-She was a great employee ton, and Andrew Keene. and always willing to assist me."

Verdillo was the first person named Town of Vinton cation and another in Com-Employee of the Year when the award was established in 2016. She was then serving as the Senior Financial Analyst for the town. The Vinton, Verdillo was reaward was created that year "to "recognize employees who have served the Town of Vinton in an exceptional manner, by exemplifying outstanding service through his or her work, and have exhibited a positive and supportive attitude." She She was nominated by co-workers, chosen by a committee, answering questions about recognized at the Employee tax bills and other concerns. Holiday Luncheon that

plaque.

Verdillo was employed years. She held several different positions in the Fi-

She was born in the Philippines where she earned a degree in Elementary Edumerce with a major in accounting, and her Master's in Business Administration.

During her years with sponsible for time sheets and payroll, was the main "reconciler" for financial operations in the town, prepared monthly, quarterly, and annual reports on revenues and expenditures, paid state and federal taxes for the town, in addition to dealing with the public by

She described payroll as 'the most sensitive task" she handled.

Former Vinton Finance Director/Treasurer Anne Cantrell says "Lydia is an exceptional person whose hard work ethic was unparalleled during my tenure in Vinton. She was passionate about her work and always had a positive outlook. I know Lydia has left a lasting impact on the community, and I wish her a very blessed retirement!"

Vinton Mayor Brad Grose thanked Verdillo for "the opportunity to have known you. Thank you for all the excellent work you have done for the Town of Vinton. You have been a great example for all of us that want to be part of a successful organization. Your hard work and dedication have always been admired by many of us that had the pleasure to watch your work in the Finance Department. In addition, you have been a very gracious lady who never sought recognition or special attention. It has truly been a pleasure to work with you! I hope you enjoy vour retirement."

"Not only was Lydia ex-



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Lydia Verdillo has retired from the Town of Vinton after almost two decades of service in the Finance/ Treasurer's Office. She is shown here with Vinton Mayor Brad Grose accepting the award for being named Employee of the Year in 2016-the first to receive that honor.

ceptional at what she did, she is an even better person," said Town Manager Pete Peters. "She had a warm glow about her and cared deeply for her team. She was also a great mentor for many employees who worked for the Ttown, was a relentless worker, and the true definition of dependable and loyal. Oh, and not to mention, she is an amazing cook who regularly baked and brought in dishes for birthdays and special occasions. Lydia, you are a very special person and will be missed greatly!"

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Chocolate Pound Cake

- 2 sticks of margarine or butter 1/2 cup Crisco shortening
- 3 cups of sugar
- 5 eggs
- 3 cups plain flour
 - 1 cup milk 1/2 tsp. baking powder
- 1/4 tsp. salt
- 1 or 2 tsp. vanilla
- 5 to 6 Tbsp. cocoa

Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Sift together dry ingredients. Cream sugar, margarine, and shortening. Add eggs one at a time and mix well after each addition. Alternately add milk and dry ingredients. Pour in greased and floured tube pan. Bake at 325 for about 1 hour and 15 minutes. Test with toothpick.

Classic Coke Frosting (Even better than the cake) 1/2 cup butter

- 1/3 cup Coca-Cola
- 3 Tbsp. unsweetened cocoa
- 16 oz. package powdered sugar
- 1 Tbsp. vanilla extract

Bring butter, Coke, and cocoa to boil in large saucepan over medium heat, stirring until butter is melted. Remove from heat. Whisk in powdered sugar and vanilla. Pour over cake immediately.

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1170. Sunday Bible Study 9:45 a.m., Sunday mothy1201@verizon.net.

God Meant It

Read Ezekiel 5:1 through 7:27

"Emma! Liam! Have you even started your homework?" Sheryl had given strict instructions to her children to complete their homework or they wouldn't be going skating later. "Looks like we won't be going skating tonight. You'll be doing homework instead."

children The exclaimed, "Please, Mom, let us go. That's not fair!"

'And they will know that I am the Lord; I did not threaten in vain to bring this calamity on them" (Ezekiel 6:10).

Like Sheryl, God had a purpose in His instructions to Judah.

He gave them wonderful promises. Peace and safety would be theirs if they followed Him. He also gave stern warnings. If they ignored Him, destruction would come.

The people acted in disobedience and did what was evil. As a result, God sent them into exile. Even today God does not speak in vain. If we listen to Him, we will receive blessings. If we run to rebellion, we will fall into judgment. Live in such a way as to receive His blessings.

Prayer Suggestion: Dear Lord, I will believe what You have said.

Quicklook: Ezekiel 6:9-11

Morning Service 10:45 a.m., Wednesday Bible Study 10 a.m. **ECKANKAR**

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Numerous projects underway at Vinton area schools



RCPS Director of Facilities and Operations Todd Kageals briefed members of the School Board on projects in the works at a work session on September 1. The extensive reconstruction program at William Byrd is right on schedule for reopening in August 2023.

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Todd Kageals, the new Director of Facilities and Operations for Roanoke County Public Schools, detailed a lengthy list of projects currently underway at Vinton area schools and other county schools at the School Board work session on September 1.

Vinton School Board representative Tim Greenway described the projects as "trying to get things done to make our schools a better representation of the community."

Kageals said that the work is now complete on the laser grading and resodding of the baseball field at William Byrd and that "everyone is pleased with the work done by Carolina Green."

The irrigation system will be complete at the softball field at Byrd once the contractor refills some trenches to smooth them out. The roof on the softball dugout is to be replaced and tree landscaping performed at the softball fields, as well, beginning within about a month.

A new scoreboard is going up on the practice field at Byrd.

The tennis courts at Byrd have been resurfaced with new lights and Byrd colors painted on the courts. Kageals noted that another coat of orange paint will be added the week of September 5 along with striping.

Security fencing at Herman L. Horn, W.E. Cundiff, and Mount Pleasant Elementary Schools will be underway soon. Kageals noted that fencing contractors are currently "swamped" with work so the fencing projects

at various schools are in different stages of procurement and installation. The school system is working with various contractors on the fencing projects—not just one. RCPS is managing a

project for the installation of a digital sign at Bonsack Elementary which the school funded itself.

The stadium is being painted at Byrd, beginning during the week of September 5, weather permitting. Funding for this project came from leftover monies in a field improvement account for past projects.

The preschool program at W.E. Cundiff is getting a dedicated restroom. Kageals indicated that the project would get underway the week of September 5 with doorways being cut, followed by the installation of plumbing, hopefully in mid-September.

The William Byrd High School Reconstruction project is on track to be finished by the end of August 2023 in time for the opening of the next school year.

Several parking lots throughout the county school system need repaving, including the Vinton bus lot located below the Billy Byrd Apartments just off Gus Nicks Boulevard. It would take an estimated \$100,000 to repave that lot.

There was a lengthy discussion during the work session on two projects that involve William Byrd, specifically replacement of stadium lighting and replacement of the gym floor.



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sured at all four high school stadiums. The average light levels are:

• William Byrd High School: 12.08-foot candles • Northside High School:

15.35-foot candles

• Glenvar High School: 16.60-foot candles

• Bogle Field: 26.93-foot candles

Kageals said that a retrofit LED system would provide approximately 44-foot candles of light. The cost to install a retrofit LED system at the school with the lowest light level (WBHS) is approximately \$200,000.

In addition, the light poles will need to be sandblasted and epoxy coated prior to reinstallation (cost not yet determined). The total cost to install a new LED system, including new poles is approximately \$265,000.

The cost to install a retrofit LED system at Northside High School is approximately \$170,000. The cost is lower at NHS due to the ability to reuse the cross beams. The poles may require reconditioning (cost not yet determined).

In lieu of installing an LED system, the existing fixtures could be re-lamped at a cost of approximately \$35,000 plus the reconditioning cost of poles. However, due to the degradation of the existing lenses and reflectors, the anticipated average light level would only be approximately 20-foot candles.

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the William Byrd High School renovation project to fund the stadium lighting. Action was to be considered at the next School Board regular meeting on September 8.

As for the gymnasium floor at WBHS, Greenway said that the project had been in the works for several years and his understanding was that the gym floor would be replaced in the near future. Kageals said that in his brief time in his position, he had been unable to determine the funding source for the project and no record of the project being officially approved.

Greenway stated that the gym floor is "dead," replace-The discussion covered ment has been put off rereplace existing light bulbs through the cracks." Kageals new LED system. There was placement would be in the some discussion of using ballpark of \$150,000 most

Repaying of the parking lots and the Vinton bus lot are also on the list of improvements to be made.



Security fencing is scheduled to go up at W.E. Cundiff, Herman L. Horn, and Mount Pleasant Elementary Schools in the near future.

Kageals noted that if RCPS could dedicate \$3 million annually to the Capital Improvement Plan fund, "a big chunk" of the infrastructure needs of the county's schools could be

remedied. During an update on the proposed Career and Technical Education Center (CTE), Kageals advised the School Board on services from Balzer & Associates who have been hired for "Due Diligence Consulting Services" for the CTE Center which will replace the Burton Center for Arts and Technology (BCAT).

The scope of Balzer's work will include research on water, gas, sewer, and data availability, zoning, stormwater planning, fire flow tests, FAA restrictions since the plot of land is located near the airport, VDOT entrance and traffic study requirements, geotechnical investigation and reporting, cost projects for planning purposes, program area requirements, a projected construction schedule, and concept renderings.

The good news for member Greenway and the Vinton community was that cost projections for the W.E. Cundiff and Glen Cove Elementary School renovation/construction projects will also be included in the due diligence contract with Balzer & Associates.

Both elementary schools need to be renovated or replaced due to their open concept classroom construction-the last schools in Virginia using that antiquated education plan. Cundiff and Glen Cove were at the top of the CIP list of school renovations until a decision was made to give the CIE Center first priority. Greenway has advocated for construction of all three schools in quick order.

A study has revealed that the stadium at WBHS has the worst lighting of the county's high schools. The field light levels were mea-

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Mended Fences takes the stage for September 10 Mingle at the Market

The Mingle at the Market concert on Saturday, September 10, will feature a band new to the event, but not new to the area-Mended Fences, a local/ regional band playing country/rock/pop/R& B/ dance/Top 40 hits. The concert gets underway at 7 p.m. on the HomeTrust stage at the Vinton Farmers' Market.

Mingle concerts are sponsored by the Vinton Area Chamber of Commerce and MemberOne.

Admission is \$6 for adults. Since this is a family-friendly event, kids under 12 enter free.

This week's food truck is the popular Mountain Grille. The volunteers assisting with this Mingle event are members of the board of directors of the Vinton Area Chamber of Commerce.

There will be the usual beer garden—ID required. The Chamber asks that you have your ID out and ready for volunteers to check to speed up entry to the event.

Bring your own chair. No pets are allowed. No outside food or drink.

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Market concerts include Oakey's, Coastal Insurance Planning, Mem-berOne, PFG, Moun-tain View Real Estate, Fox Radio 910, ServPro, Winters Storage, Bank of Botetourt, the Vin-War Memorial, ton Blue Ridge Beverage, the Greenway Boothe Real Estate Team, Roanoke County, Home-Trust Bank, the Town of Vinton, Food Lion, The Vinton Messenger, Farmburguesa, Vertex Signs, Magnets USA, Cox, Carilion Clinic, Mayor Brad Grose, and KP Strategies.



SUBMITTED PHOTO Mended Fences will be performing at this week's Mingle at the Market in Vinton.

Town Council from page 1

Grose, Vice Mayor Sabrina McCarty, and Council members Laurie Mullins, Mike Stovall, and Keith Liles congratulated Hurt and Caldwell and thanked them for their service to the community and their fellow citizens. Grose commented that the Vinton Police Department is made up of 'great individuals" ¹like tĥem.

Next on the agenda was recognition of longtime pharmacist Sam Cundiff, who recently retired after decades of service to the community.

He was presented with a plaque thanking him "for continuing the legacy of Cundiff's Drug Store for over 62 years' and for "your commitment to providing excellent healthcare to your loyal customers from Vinton, Roanoke, and Bedford County.'

Cundiff has been a beloved member of the Vinton community for his entire life. A huge crowd turned out to honor him with a surprise parking lot party back at the end of June when he closed the doors of Cundiff's Drug Store.

Upon his retirement, Cundiff sent a letter to his customers saying, "Cundiff's Drug Store has a distinguished history in Vinton, Roanoke, and Bedford counties. My dad, Wallace, started Cundiff's Drug Store in December 1959. We started not only as a pharmacy, but as a small department store, including an unbeatable lunch counter. I began working there after school and over the summers, first working as a clerk, then as a delivery driver, before working beside my dad as a pharmacist. I am both proud and blessed to have carried on the family tradition.

"As many of you know, I have had my health challenges during the past 10-plus years, being away for extended periods of time," Cundiff said. "I wish I could

thank each one of you personally for staying with me and my staff through these times. There does, however, come a time to step back from the operation of this business and retire. Please know that I care for each and every one of you. You are my extended family."

Several of those present during the recognition ceremony described Cundiff as a "walking miracle."

Council members shared their own stories which involved Sam and the Cundiff family. Councilman Liles, who owns Deb's Frozen Lemonade, joked that he got his start as an entrepreneur by buying bubble gum at Cundiff's before school and selling it to classmates.

Cundiff's wife, Terri, told those present that "Sam loves this place, this town, the people of this town. It was a hard decision for him to retire and close the store. I am so proud of him. He will be so sorely missed."

Terri, along with Sam's siblings, commented on the dedication of both Sam and his father to the community—the nights, Sunday afternoons, and holidays that were interrupted by calls for them to come to the pharmacy to fill a prescription. His family noted that when their father left the store, everyone believed "no one could fill his shoes," but "Sam stepped right up and into the role without missing a beat. He carried on Daddy's legacy."

His brother, Bill, said, "Dad loved the Town of Vinton and caring for people and Sam continued that tradition."

When it was his turn to speak, Sam said that he felt humbled by the recognition from the town and considered it quite a privilege to have served the communitya blessing, in fact. He downplayed the comments about legacy and tradition, saying "we just did what we were sup-posed to do." He says he misses his customers, but the time had come to retire.

Council took action during the meeting to adopt a resolution in support of a joint grant application for the Federal Safe Streets 4 All program in cooperation with Roanoke and Botetourt Counties.

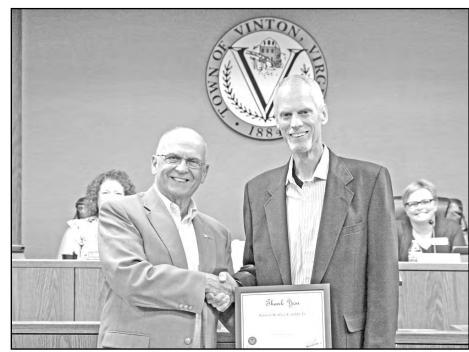
Assistant Town Manager Cody Sexton asked council to approve the resolution to formally support the joint application with the two counties to develop a comprehensive transportation Safety Action Plan. This action requires a commitment of funding from the town to meet the 20% match requirement, not to exceed \$10,000, with the amount dependent upon the population of the three entities.

The Safe Streets 4 All program offers federal funding to local governments to produce a comprehensive transportation safety plan and encourages collaboration at a regional level. The overall long-range goal is to achieve "zero roadway fatalities."

Sexton and Town Manager Pete Peters explained that this gives the town access to another funding resource to tap into-this time "a bucket of federal funds." The Town of Vinton has proven itself over the years to be a master at writing grant applications and subsequently being awarded funds.

According to Sexton, this safety action plan can be used to leverage additional grant funding for transportation projects. It is made available through the federal bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. Completing the grant application is the only route to receiving the funding.

Sexton explained that this requires no additional commitment of resources from the town. There is no budget impact. Funding for programs such as this one are already in the budget.



Retired pharmacist Sam Cundiff was honored by Mayor Brad Grose (on left) and Council members for his years of dedication to the Vinton community.



Reagan Hurt pins her father, Lt. Scott Hurt, during the promotion ceremony as Deputy Chief Lawless (on left) looks on.



Lt. Caldwell and his mother Barbara during the promotion ceremony.

New Faculty from page 1

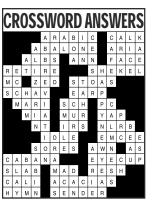
I wanted to start each child team," Henderson says. with the opportunity to love it so that they start their edu- dren in various capacities cation off right."

as a nutrition associate at children with special needs," HLH. She is from Roanoke he says. "My first experience and a graduate of Lord Bo- working in the schools was tetourt High School. Fields as an instructional assistant says she accepted the posi- for an elementary school tion at Herman L. Horn this autism program, and from year because "I wanted to get there I pursued my MSOT back in the work force after in order to further my abilbeing a stay-at-home mom."

Henderson, and succeed." David MSOT, OTR/L, is the Occupational Therapist serving ests, Henderson is an avid HLH this year for all grade swimmer and a musician. levels. He is from Roanoke and a graduate of Cave ing physical education to Spring High School. He Herman L. Horn students graduated from Roanoke in grades K-5. She is from College with his Bachelor Martinsville and a graduate of Arts degree in Religion in of Magna Vista High School 2003. He earned his Master's in the Class of 2006. She in Occupational Therapy majored in physical educafrom the Jefferson College of tion with a minor in edu-Health Sciences in 2018.

Henderson moved back to Roanoke af- taught physical education ter living in Asheville, N.C., for 10 years. for several years and accepted the position with RCPS. He in Vinton for six years and has been an occupational therapist for four years and the PE position being open has three years of experience at Herman L. Horn to have in outpatient pediatric clinics the chance to raise our famand one year in acute care.

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Jessica Keene is teachcation at Ferrum College, recently graduating in 2010. She has

Keene says she has lived "was so excited to hear about ily and work here in the "I am excited to be a part Vinton community. I feel portunity.'

As for why she chose to teach PE, "I loved and still love playing and trying new sports/ activities. I know the positive benefits of having an active lifestyle and I hope I can instill that in our children here at HLH. I am excited to work with the staff, students, and families here at Herman L Horn."

Twila Metz is working with students in first, third, fourth, and fifth grades.

She was born and raised in Roanoke and graduated from Salem High School. She majored in Elementary Education at Liberty University. She has 15 years of experience in private and public elementary education and sees this year as a "new season in education" as a support teacher.

"I have loved learning and find it especially fulfilling to see students grow and learn," Metz said.

"Vinton holds a special place in my heart," said Metz. "As a young girl, I walked to school, visited the library and learned to swim at the Vinton pool. I experienced many happy memories growing up in this area. It's exciting, now, to be a part of the team of great teachers at Herman L. Horn."

Heather Parrish is an instructional assistant working with second, third, and fourth graders at HLH. She is from Vinton and a graduate of William Byrd High School. She studied at Virginia Western Community College. This is her first year as an IA.

"I went to Horn; all of my kids have attended or currently attend there," Parrish savs.

"I chose to be an IA because I love working with children and have loved to help them learn and grow," Parrish added.

As for special interests, "I love Virginia Tech football and Capitals hockey."

She also owns her own boutique which she runs from her home.

Bailey Price teaches third grade at HLH. She is from Roanoke and a graduate of William Byrd High School. She earned her degree at Liberty University and worked last year as an instructional assistant at Herman L. Horn.

As for why she chose education as her profession, "I wanted to be able to have a positive impact on students and the next generation. "

Lori Price is a Special Education teacher at HLH providing direct support to students with IEPs. She will be collaborating with general education teachers to support students within the regular education classroom as well.

Price was born and raised in New Hampshire, but recently moved to Virginia from a small, rural town in Massachusetts. She graduated from Monadnock Regional High School in Swanzey, N.H., and earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education/Special Education with a dual major in Applied Computer Science from Keene State College in Keene, N. H. She went on to complete her Master's degree in Special Education from New England College, in Henniker, N.H.

She moved to Moneta to be closer to family, and purchased a house with her husband and teenage daughter in Goodview, "which led me to HLH."

Price has been teaching professionally since 2001, working in private residential schools for students with multiple disabilities and in public elementary schools with students in PreKeighth grade.

"I began my career in Special Education as a respite care provider and tutoring students after school while I was in high school," Price said. "Additionally, I have worked at summer camps, summer school programs and coached field hockey for middle school students prior to teaching full time.

"Working with students with unique learning profiles seemed to be a natural talent for me," she said. "I began working with students with disabilities as my first babysitting jobs and in early high school volunteer programs. It was never a question for me that I was going to college to become a teacher."

Her special interests include motorcycle rides, painting, lighthouses, sunsets and sunrises, along with "spending time playing games and exploring new places with my family and friends."

Liz Roldan is the intervention coach at HLH. She will be working closely with the school counselor, Erica Jackson, in order to "best support our students and staff."

Roldan is from Chicago. She graduated from Concord University with her Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology, minoring in pre-law and sociology. She earned her Master of Science degree in Applied Behavior Analysis from Purdue. She has three years of applied behavior analysis therapy and residency in applied behavior analysis.

As for why she chose her career, "I love working with kids, providing them with a safe space, supporting them, and providing them with the skills necessary to learn and grow."

Interesting facts about Roldan are that she is bilingual-her first language was Spanish-and she loves "to stay active, spend time with my family and pets, and eat all different types of food."

Emilee Seib is working with children in the FAACTS (Functional, Academic, Accessibility, Career, and Transition Skills) Program classroom. She is from Roanoke and graduated from Northside High School.

"I always wanted to work with kids, so I applied for this position," Seib said.

As for noteworthy facts, Seib was in marching band all four years of high school at Northside, and she knows sign language because her father is hearing impaired.

Karen St.Clair is a new nutrition associate at Herman L. Horn. She lives in Hardy. Her interests include volunteering at the Roanoke Wildlife Rescue and the Feeding Southwest Virginia Food Bank.

Angela Vaughn is an instructional assistant at HLH working with students in several grade levels. She is originally from Roanoke and moved back here from Missouri to be closer to fam-

Vaughn earned her Bachelor of Science in Psychology from Liberty University and her education certificate from Mary Baldwin.

She has been involved in the field of education for 20 years and has taught in several states at several grade levels. In her spare time she enjoys baking, reading, and spending time with her familv.



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Applications received by 7:00 PM on Friday October

ESTATE OF CAROLINE COTTON COOLER, DECEASED SHOW CAUSE AGAINST DISTRIBUTION ORDER

It appearing that a report of the accounts of National Bank, also known as National Bank of Blacksburg, Executor of the Estate of Caroline Cotton Cooler, Deceased, and of the debts and demands against her estate have been filed in the Clerk's Office, and that six months have elapsed since the qualification, on Motion of National Bank, Executor, it is ORDERED that the creditors of, and all others interested in, the estate to show cause, if any they can, on the 22nd day of September, 2022, before this Court at 8:30 a.m., against the payment and delivery of the Estate of Caroline Cotton Cooler, Deceased, to the distributes with or without requiring refunding bonds as the as the Court prescribes. ENTER this Order this 16th day of August, 2022. Signed Robert M. D. Turk, Judge. I asked for this Bettye Ackerman, Esq. VSB #72564 Campbell & Ackerman 320 Clay Street SW Blacksburg, VA 24060



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The girls are off and running at the Viking Invitational varsity race at Northside last Saturday.

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Byrd cross country in big meet at Green Hill Park Saturday

The William Byrd cross country team will be participating in the 18th Annual Knights Crossing Invitational at Green Hill Park in west Roanoke County this Saturday.

The event, which is ranked as the third best in the state by the popular runners' website "MileStat," will include runners from 94 high schools, 61 middle schools and eight elementary schools. The race will include schools from Virginia, Tennessee and West Virginia.

The meet is scheduled for Green Hill Park, noted to be one of the faster courses in the state. Once again Green Hill Park will host the state Class 1, 2 and 3 state championships in November.

This Saturday races run from 8 am, beginning with the Joe LaRocco open 5 K, until the final unlimited Gold 5K with many different classes in between. The event is hosted by Cave Spring High and concessions will be available and t-shirts will be on sale for runners or spectators.

"I look forward to the cooler weather and hope our performances show it," said Byrd coach Eric Royal. "It is one of the largest meets we will go to and being the home of the State meet I hope it inspires them to want to run here in November.

William Byrd officially opened the season with a run in the Viking Invitational at Northside High last Saturday. The Pacers Homeschool team swept the boys' and girls' titles with 10 teams competing in the boys' race and seven in the girls. girls' race. Byrd was led by senior Olivia Hurd, who finished 10th overall with a time of 25:09. The winning time was 23:01 by Kristen Werner of the Pacers as the Homeschool team put the first four runners across the line.

"Olivia Hurd continues to build on her running career," said Royal. "She has her goals set and is continuing to be one of the hardest workers we have."

Also scoring for Byrd were Alexandra Bonilla in 34th, Riley Roth in 42nd, Bethany Beecher in 46th place and Elizabeth Dixon in 53rd. Emma Rupe and Megan Higgins also ran but didn't figure into the scoring.

In the boys' varsity race Byrd had just four runners and five are needed for a team score. Sophomore Stephen Underwood was 32nd out of 89 runners for Byrd's best time, finishing in 23:06. The winning time was 20:07 by Salem's Walker Peterson. Also running for Byrd were Reagan Lilley in 49th place, freshman Drew Bartley in 71st and Dakota Bell in 75th.

There were also jayvee and middle school races and Byrd runners had some good performances.

"I was super pleased with the middle school runners," said Royal. "Elena Mullen ran the fastest 3000m time for a middle school runner under my time at Byrd, 12:21.68, passing Kate O'Connor, who is one of the better athletes to run for me."



DON'T Slow Down

Left, in white, Byrd's Stephen Underwood didn't reduce speed his despite the sign as he finishes first among Byrd boys running in the Viking Invitational Saturday. Below, **Terriers Bethany** Beecher(left) and Liz Dixon run in the girls' race.

PHOTOS BY B. HOFFMAN



The Terriers finished sixth in the

The middle school boys also had a good showing, Colton Sotherden moved to the fourth fastest time for Royal's tenure at 11:32.10.



Left, Byrd's Emily Tuck tips one over the net in last week's win over Abingdon, and right Carsyn Kotz hits a return. PHOTOS BY JIM & REGINA DEVINNEY



Volleyball girls beat Abingdon in three sets

The William Byrd girls picked up their second volleyball win of the season last week when they defeated Region 3D rival Abingdon in three sets. The Terriers won 25-13, 25-16 and 25-22 in Vinton.

Byrd got a good serving night from Ava Ashworth, who had four aces on the night and served 100 percent from the line. Emily Tuck and Carsyn Kotz added two aces each.

Terran Brown led the Byrd offense with 13 kills and Raelyn Lancaster put down five kills in the three set match. Setter Carsyn Kotz added 17 assists and 14 digs on the night. Brown had 10 digs and Tuck had nine.

The win temporarily evened Glenvar's record at 2-2 on the season, but on Tuesday of this week they traveled to Glenvar to take on the undefeated Highlanders. The defending state Class 2 champs picked up their fifth straight win against teams in Class 3 or higher with a three set win over Byrd, 25-12, 25-18 and 25-11.

"Our girls fought hard," said Byrd coach Allison Thornton. "Glenvar has a very talented team."

Brown was dominant on the serving line for Byrd with three aces on the night. Terran also put down eight kills and came up with 13 digs on the evening. Ella Ashworth was a force on the back row with 16 digs and Kotz dished out 11 assists.

The varsity is off the rest of the week but the jayvee team will host "Diggin at the Dog Pound" this Saturday beginning at 9 am. Both the jayvees and varsity will be at William Fleming on Tuesday, September 13, and the following Saturday, on September 17, Byrd will host the varsity "Diggin at the Dog Pound" tournament.



Left, Byrd's Dustin Richards (#44) nails the Hidden Valley quarterback as Nate Williamson rushes to assist. Right, Lane Shoemaker (#6) makes a big in the secondary.

Terriers home opener is Friday against Christiansburg *Byrd falls to Hidden Valley in shootout despite putting 36 points on the scoreboard*

After splitting their first two games on the road the William Byrd football team will make its home debut Friday night. Byrd will host Christiansburg at 7 pm at Patterson Stadium.

Traditionally, Patterson Stadium is a tough place for opponents to pick up a win. Byrd's "Dog Pound" of students sets the tone for a home advantage for the Terrier team.

"There isn't a better home crowd and student section than ours at William Byrd," said Terrier coach Brad Lutz. "Our Dog Pound made the trip to both away games, and we are very thankful for their support. We are also very excited to see our community come out and support us at our first home game this week. There is no doubt that our fans give us an advantage."

The Terriers will have their work cut out for them with Christiansburg. Coach Alex Wilkins, who played with former Byrd quarterback Jeff Highfill, Jr. at Bridgewater College, has done a great job building the program back up to a state caliber level.

Wilkins took over a Blue Demon team that had won just one game the prior season when he was hired off the Glenvar staff in 2017. He went winless the first year and won two games in 2019, but last season Christiansburg went 9-1 in the regular season, losing only to Salem. In the post-season they got their first playoff win since 2014, then saw their season come to an end in the next round with a one point loss to Lord Botetourt, 28-27. "Christiansburg is a very talented team," said Lutz. "Last season they earned the top seed in the regional playoffs, and they have a lot of seniors returning from that team. They are coming off a huge win over last year's regional champion, Abingdon. They are the biggest team we will face all season, and they have great team speed."

The Demons come in at 2-0 after opening the season with a 34-0 win over Class 2 Floyd County, then defeating Abingdon 22-13. Both games were in Christiansburg, so this will be the Demons' first road trip of the season.

Byrd comes in at 1-1 after losing a heartbreaker to Hidden Valley at Bogle Field last week, 39-36. It was a back and forth game all night and wasn't decided until the final horn.

Byrd took an early lead on a 13 yard run by Israel Hairston, with Bricen Lancaster kicking the extra point. The Titans countered with a 66 yard TD pass to tie the game at 7-7 after the first quarter.

Hidden Valley struck again on a pass play, this time from 35 yards, to open the second quarter scoring but missed the PAT. Byrd then took the lead when Jahdai English recovered a fumble and ran it in for the score, and Lancaster's kick regained the lead for Byrd at 14-13. It didn't last long, as Hidden Valley scored again on a long pass play, this time of 71 yards, and a successful two point conversion gave the Titans a 21-14 lead.

Hidden Valley increased the lead on a 25 yard TD





Israel Hairston picks up yards for the Terriers. PHOTOS BY SUZANNE WITCHER

hookup and held the lead the rest of the way despite a 59 yard TD pass from Terrier quarterback Hairston to Alex Dunn and two fourth quarter touchdown runs by freshman DeShannon Reed of one and five yards. The Titans had six total touchdowns, all through the air.

"Our players played extremely hard through four quarters," said Lutz. "Even after we got down two scores, our team fought back to give us a shot to win the game. We made some mistakes that we didn't make in the first game, and all of them are fixable."

Statistically, Hairston finished with 72 yards rushing and 205 yards passing with one rushing TD and one touchdown pass. Reed had another big night with 101 yards rushing and two touchdowns. The freshman has found the end zone six times in his first

Byrd's Caleb Thompson (#52) goes high to block an extra point attempt Friday night.

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HURD IS THE WORD

William Byrd senior Olivia Hurd comes down the home stretch to finish 10th in Saturday's Viking Invitational cross country meet at Northside High School. See page 9 for more photos and story. PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Final leg of Blue Ridge golf tour is Tuesday

The William Byrd golfers are in fourth place in the Blue Ridge District season tour with one round to go. The sixth and final BRD "Mini Match" will be hosted by Staunton River at Mariners' Landing next Tuesday, September 30.

This week was Byrd's turn to host as the golfers played at Blue Hills. Season leader Franklin County and second place Lord Botetourt tied for the best round of the day with 308 each. With one round to go the Eagles hold a 19 point lead over the Cavaliers, 1,407 to 1,436.

Northside shot 320 at Blue Hills and remains in third with a season score of 1,486. Byrd shot 336 on the Terriers' home course and they're fourth at 1,506, falling 20 strokes behind the Vikings in the race for third place.

The medalist at Blue Hills was LB's Ashton Harper with a three under par 68. Sam Fansler of Franklin County was second with a oneunder 70 and Northside's Nick Crawford was third at 74.

Byrd's best score was a 78 by Clayton Gilmore. Madeline Cunningham, whose best score in a previous district match was 95, shot a nine-over-par 80 for Byrd's next best score. Kobe Turner had an 86 and Andrew Kiker and Nathan Carter tied for the fourth counting score with 92 each.

"Clayton Gilmore and Madeline Cunningham had very strong days," said Byrd coach Tyler Goodman. "I am very proud of the hard work we are putting in and continuing to get better." two varsity games.

Cooper Minnix led the receivers with four catches for 67 yards. Dunn, another freshman, had two catches for 76 yards and a TD and Dillon Anderson also had two receptions.

"Our offense is playing with more confidence, and we have a lot of players helping us have success on that side of the football," said Lutz. "Our defense has been good all pre-season and during week one. Our staff has a ton of confidence in our defense, and we know they will respond this week."

John Kiker had eight tackles Friday while Dustin Richards had six tackles, including three for losses and two sacks. English had five tackles and a fumble recovery for a TD and Lane Shoemaker had four tackles and a pick.

Byrd's junior varsity team routed Hidden Valley, 65-0, at Patterson Stadium last week. The jayvees are at Christiansburg tonight.



Clayton Gilmore of Byrd watches his putt drop.