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## Vinton Breakfast Lions honor Melvin Jones Fellows, install new officers

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• Lion Tamer: Keith Lafferty

The Vinton Breakfast Lions Club met on September 8 to present awards to several members for their outstanding service and to install officers for the upcoming year.

- Officers for 2022-2023 installed by outgoing President John Dyer included:
- President Hal Mabe
  - 1st Vice President Jeff Mason
  - 2nd Vice President William Moseley
  - Secretary and Lions Club International Foundation (LCIF) Coordinator--Gary Myers
  - Treasurer Bob Benninger
  - Tail Twister Zach McCarty

Members who serve on the board of directors were also sworn in including John Berry, Sam Cundiff, Jeff Mason, Bob Capobianco, Joel Lytton, Clark Crawley, Richard Goad, Eric Mills, Jeff Stovall, Dave Jones, Anthony Conner, Keith Lafferty, Steve Haldren, and Mart Bartlett.

During the Awards Dinner, Denny Dickens and Gary Myers were presented with the prestigious Melvin Jones Fellow Award, the highest award given by Lions Clubs. The award from the Lions Club International Foundation is for "dedicated humanitarian services."

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PHOTO BY DEBBIE ADAMS

The Vinton Breakfast Lions Club held their annual Awards Dinner on September 8 at the Vinton Moose Lodge, installing new officers, and recognizing the achievements of members.

See **Breakfast Lions**, page 6

## WBHS plays first home football game of 2022



PHOTO BY DEBBIE ADAMS

The Terriers take the field for the first home game of the season on September 9

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The William Byrd High School Terriers played their first home football game of 2022 on September 9. Although they didn't get a win over Christiansburg, a lot of spirit and enthusiasm was on display from spectators to the cheerleaders to the Dog Pound to the Marching Terriers band.

Head Coach Brad Lutz continued the tradition he began at WBHS by dedicating each game to a soldier in the Armed Services who gave their lives for our country.

The soldier memorialized at the September 9 game was Army Spc. Clarence Adams III of Richmond. He was assigned to the 91st Engineer Battalion, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, Texas. He died on September 7, 2004, of injuries sustained when his Humvee hit an improvised explosive device in Baghdad.

Adams played football at Varina High School, rushing for 1,553 yards and 17 touchdowns his senior year. He went

on to play for a year on scholarship at Virginia Union. Adams' father said that "Clarence was a dedicated soldier; he wanted to make a difference."

"Army Spc. Adams was one of my best friends and high school teammates at Varina High School," said Coach Lutz. "When I became a new head coach at Broadway High School in 2009, we started the tradition of dedicating each one of our games to a soldier who was killed serving in Afghanistan or Iraq. Clarence inspired that tradition, which we are continuing at William Byrd.

"When I lost my buddy in 2004 it really changed the way I think about things," Lutz said several years ago in an interview with ESPN. "After he passed away, I used football to keep his spirit alive."

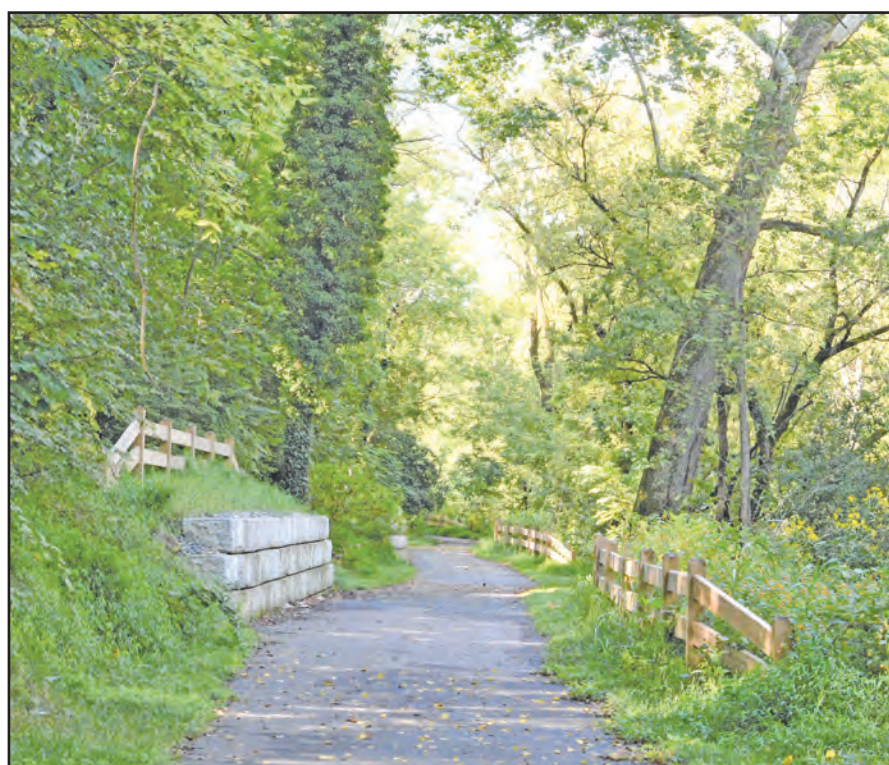
Another tradition continuing this year was greeting the Terrier team entering the field with the spirit song, "The Hum." As the song plays, participants—led by the

Byrd cheerleaders, Dog Pound, and Terrier Mascot—thump their hearts with their fists, chant in unison, jump, clap, sway to the music, and cheer at the top of their lungs as the players run onto the field through a cordon formed by the cheerleaders.

The Marching Terriers performed the national anthem and then, during halftime, their new program, entitled "Ready or Not." It features music about the joys of childhood and playing, a time of innocence when there is nothing to worry about. The program includes: "Pop Goes the Weasel (with nursery rhyme "Ring around the Rosy" and "London Bridge"), a ballad, and "Rain, Rain, Go Away."

Student band leaders this year are Corps Commander Sam Ferris, Drum Major Latriva Pierce, Brass Captain Jake Blevins, Woodwind Captain Maggie Parkhurst, Drumline Captain Jack Powell, and Color Guard Captain Emily Jones.

See **First Home Football Game**, page 6



Vinton's newest greenway is paved, flat, short, and runs parallel to a beautiful stream.

## Glade Creek Greenway Phase 2 – One of Vinton's hidden gems

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Vinton Mayor Brad Grose has been involved with the planning and

construction of the Roanoke Valley Greenways since he was appointed to serve on the original Greenway Committee in 1995. He even helped

build the bridge that spans Wolf Creek on the Wolf Creek Greenway near Lynn Haven Baptist Church.

He has watched the Vinton sections of the Roanoke Valley Greenway system increase to almost four miles of trails with the Wolf Creek and Tinker Creek Greenways, the wooded Gladetown Trail (behind the Craig Center), and the original Glade Creek Greenway.

The mayor says that probably his favorite Vinton greenway—and a hidden gem—is the town's newest—the Glade Creek Greenway Phase 2 which currently runs from Gus Nicks Boulevard to Gearhart Park—it's flat; it's paved; it's relatively short, and the scenery along Glade Creek is absolutely beautiful. For a recent birthday, his wife, Debby, presented him with a bicycle so he could not only enjoy the greenway sights, but invest in his health with some cardiovascular workouts.

Glade Creek Phase 12, which opened in 2021, is being extended all the way to Walnut Avenue over the next couple of years, and then in the other direction, connecting Gish Mill and Vinyard Park in Roanoke County. Its trailhead is located at 401 Gus Nicks Boulevard, below the Bily Byrd Apartments, with ample parking available.



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Vinton Mayor Brad Grose enjoys a bike ride on the Glade Creek Greenway— one of Vinton's hidden gems.

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# Thrasher Memorial welcomes Mock back as Minister of Music, hosts annual Prayer Circle

Brandon Mock has been named as Minister of Music at Thrasher Memorial United Methodist Church. Mock is not new to the congregation. He served as the organist and Associate Minister of Music from 2011 to 2013, and then as Minister of Music from 2013 to 2015. He left Thrasher to study for his Master's Degree in Music Performance at Shenandoah Conservatory which he completed in 2017. He has also served as Director of Music and Arts/Organist at Greene Memorial UMC in Roanoke, and most recently as Director of Music/Organist at Dulin UMC in Falls Church. Mock grew up in Wytheville and earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in Music Education from Radford University with Applied Studies in organ, saxophone, and voice.

Thrasher invites the public to the annual Prayer Circle around the church on Sunday, September 18, at 10:30 a.m. Participants will face the church to pray silently for the church, its ministries, and missions, and then turn outward to pray for the community and the world. The Prayer Circle is an annual tradition at Thrasher begun in September 2014 with the Thrasher Memorial UMC Prayer Ministry Team. The event lasts just a few minutes, but the church hopes to make a great impact through the power of prayer in these challenging times. Thrasher also invites the community to the annual Roanoke Valley Crop Walk on Sunday, October 9, at 2 p.m. at First Evangelical Presbyterian Church. The church is located at 2101

South Jefferson Street in Roanoke, near Carilion Clinic and Roanoke Memorial Hospital. Registration and more information are online at <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2022>. According to the website, "CROP Hunger Walks are community-based walk fundraising events held in cities and towns across the United States, created to support the global mission of Church World Service (CWS), a faith-based organization transforming communities around the globe through just and sustainable responses to hunger, poverty, displacement and disaster. "The Crop Project began in 1947 when farmers were asked to donate food and seed crops to our hungry neighbors in post-World War II Europe and Asia. The first CROP Hunger Walks took place in Bismarck,

North Dakota (1969), and York, Pennsylvania (1970). Since then, CROP Hunger Walk events have been held in hundreds of communities, large and small, raising millions of dollars to eradicate hunger and poverty. "Hunger is one of the greatest injustices facing our world, but it doesn't have to be this way. Ending hunger is possible in our lifetime." The CROP walk theme is "Ending hunger one step at a time." The Roanoke Valley CROP Hunger Walk has named Feeding Southwest Virginia as its 2022 local partner agency. Twenty-five percent of CROP Walk funds will benefit Feeding Southwest Virginia, specifically, the Community Support Center (CSC) located at 2328 Melrose Avenue NW in Roanoke. Opening in 2018, the CSC site has



PHOTO COURTESY THRASHER MEMORIAL UMC  
**Brandon Mock has returned to Thrasher Memorial United Methodist Church as Minister of Music.**

served as both a Meal Production Training Program and a distribution point for meals to children (Children's Feeding Program) and senior citizens (Senior Food Box Program). Seventy-five percent of CROP Walk donations will be used by Church World Service to support its global hunger, humanitarian aid, and disaster response programs in 30+ countries.

# Williamson wins second place in West Virginia State Fair



SUBMITTED PHOTO  
**Myra Williamson of Vinton won second place at the West Virginia State Fair for her "Morning Glory Muffins" (shown on bottom shelf, far right corner in back).**

Myra Williamson of Vinton has been visiting the West Virginia State Fair in Fairlea, near Lewisburg, for many summers. She remembers the trips from when she was just a little girl. She describes the fair as more of a "country fair" with livestock, food, and flower competitions, with a "rural atmosphere—just a super nice fair, and close by." Her mother loved the fair, especially the lottery and the horse races, and so attending became a family tradition. Her mother fell and broke her hip when she was about 90 years old, and Myra decided from then on, she would take her mother anywhere she wanted to go, including back to the State Fair. They continued the trips until her mother was about 97 years old. Her mother passed away in March 2021 at age 101. Williamson says she had always wanted to submit something for judging at the fair, and finally did—on a whim. This summer her "Morning Glory Muffins" took second place in the competition in the "Breads" Division, "Muffins" Class. She says she first tasted Morning Glory Muffins at the Sugar Plum Bakery in Virginia Beach about 25 years ago. Her winning recipe isn't the same, but "almost as good." She credits the flour from Big Spring Mill, "the best flour I've ever used" for her second-place finish.

Entering the contest isn't that simple. You must make an extra trip to the State Fair before it begins to deliver your baked goods, so that they can be judged and on display in cases when the fair opens. She says she felt a little intimidated when she saw other contestants pulling wagons full of baked goods. The West Virginia State Fair was interrupted during the years of Covid, which Williamson says operated to her advantage in

that there weren't quite as many entries this year—fewer flowers, fewer canned goods, in fact, all categories were sparser than usual. Williamson says her family has lived in Vinton "forever." Her grandparents, Charles and Lola, moved to Cedar Avenue when her father was just 4 years old, around 1922. He talked about moving "all his worldly possessions" in a saltine cracker box at the time. The family had been living in a boarding house previously. Her grandmother worked for Roanoke County and went door to door collecting real estate taxes for the county. Williamson's parents moved to Vinton in 1967 or 1968. Williamson also works for the county as a Business Systems Analyst. **Here's Myra's award-winning recipe:**  
**Morning Glory Muffins**  
Ingredients:  
2 cups flour  
1 and 1/4 cups sugar  
2 tsp. baking soda  
2 tsp. cinnamon  
1/2 tsp. salt  
2 cups grated carrots  
1 apple, cored and shredded  
1/2 cup raisins  
1/2 cup shredded coconut  
1/2 cup chopped pecans  
3 eggs  
1 cup vegetable oil  
2 tsp. vanilla  
Directions: In large mixing bowl, combine flour, sugar, soda, cinnamon, and salt. Stir in carrots, raisins, coconut, and pecans. In separate bowl, combine eggs, oil, apple, and vanilla. Add to flour mixture. Stir only until combined. Spoon into greased or paper-lined muffin tins. Bake at 350° for 15-18 minutes. Yield: 18 muffins.

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# SPOTLIGHT ON TOWN STAFF



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**Planning and Zoning Coordinator Julie Tucei**

She and her husband Brian have been married for 20 years and have several "Furkids." Tucei is passionate about animals (especially horses). Her hobbies include caring for and trail riding with her horse RC Ramah (age 22), walking and spending time with her dogs Pippin and Lily (ages 13 and 3), and caring for her Senegal parrot, Kazuri (age 18). She has been collecting Breyer horse and animal models since the mid-1990s and now has about 1,200 models in her collection. Not surprisingly, another hobby is going to flea markets, antique stores, thrift stores, and yard sales looking for Breyer models. Not only does Tucei serve the Town of Vinton; she serves the entire community by making the public aware of pets available for adoption from the Regional Center for Animal Care and Protection (RCACP) by posting Vinton's Pets of the Week. "The members of the Town of Vinton Planning and Zoning Department are some of the unsung heroes of our town staff," said Vinton Mayor Brad Grose. "The Planning Department is the first point of contact for many important daily functions such as zoning questions and permits. In addition, the department performs many crucial functions such as grant application and administration, future land use planning, code enforcement and various other duties. We appreciate our valuable employees like Julie Tucei."

The Town of Vinton and The Vinton Messenger are partnering to put the spotlight on Town of Vinton employees during the month of their birthdays. The town is proud to have these individuals on staff and want to make the community aware of who is "behind the scenes" making the town look great and operate so successfully. Julie Stewart Tucei is the Planning and Zoning Coordinator for the Town of Vinton. She has worked for the town since September 2, 1997, recently celebrating her 25th anniversary. She is a graduate of Lord Botetourt High School, earned her Associate degree in Office Systems Technology

from Virginia Western Community College and has a Certified Administrative Professional (CAP) designation. Prior to working for the town, Tucei worked as a property management secretary for MKB Realtors and then as secretary and body shop estimator at Valley Cadillac Olds BMW. She is usually the first face visitors see when they walk in the door of Planning and Zoning and the first voice they hear on the phone. She answers their questions about maps, property, permits, and the GIS system. She also has administrative duties for the town's website. She enjoys spending time with her family and friends.



# William Byrd Middle School recognizes Staff Member of the Week – Christy Hepinstall

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

Last week's award went to teacher Christy Hepinstall, who teaches accelerated math classes. The students said they like her love of math and "she's like a mom" to them. With the Staff Member of the Week Award, Coach Ryan Hutchison is fulfilling a promise made to his late mentor, Coach Yuhas,

to honor a staff member for their guidance, support, and 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."



WBMS Staff Member of the Week Christy Hepinstall

PHOTO COURTESY OF WBMS

# Roanoke Valley DAR hosts dynamic performance by Rhiannon Cire

The Roanoke Valley Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution held the first meeting of the 2022-2023 year on September 10 at St. Timothy's Lutheran Church in Vinton. The meeting opened with a powerful and poignant performance by Rhiannon Cire on the White Rose, a secret German anti-Nazi group formed in 1942 in Germany. The group advocated nonviolent resistance in opposing the Nazi regime. Founders Hans Scholl, Willi Graf, and Alexander Schmorell observed the murder of Jewish civilians by SS troops on the Eastern Front and when they returned to Munich, joined with other students to discuss their opposition to the Nazis. The students published their beliefs in a series of leaflets named "the White Rose." The leaflets (eventually five in number) were mailed to individuals throughout Germany. Each leaflet ended with the message, "We ask that you copy this document, making as many carbon copies as possible, and pass it on." Recipients were asked to recall the old adage, "Pay attention or pay the consequences." One leaflet stated that

"since Poland was conquered, three hundred thousand Jews have been murdered in that country in the most bestial manner imaginable—a crime that cannot be compared with any other in the history of mankind." The White Rose advocated for passive resistance to overthrow National Socialism. Suggestions for how to accomplish this included sabotage of armament factories and other businesses vital to the war effort. The group also began painting graffiti on buildings in Munich. The students came to the attention of the Gestapo, who caught them throwing leaflets from a classroom building and arrested them. The Scholls were quickly tried and beheaded. Graf and Schmorell were executed months later. Cire used the meeting room as her stage and took on several different roles (with subtle voice and costume changes and different props) in the presentation—one, a Nazi, another Sophie Scholl, the sister of Hans. She originally prepared her White Rose presentation during her senior year at Liberty High School for a History Day Program. Students each year were given a theme and were able to

choose a topic to research and then develop a presentation for. The theme that year was "Taking a Stand in History." She advanced to state and national competitions with her presentation and now makes it available for middle and high school students studying the World War II era. Teachers or organizations interested in having her appear may get in touch with her through her Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/rhiannon.cire>. Cire graduated from the University of Lynchburg with a degree in art and continues her interests in debate and forensics. Cindy Higgins, Regent of the Roanoke Valley Chapter DAR, continued the meeting with news of the park bench the group has received for their participation in a community recycling project through the Trex Corporation. The goal was to collect 500 pounds of soft plastics and films; the group, in collaboration with the town, PFG, and Food Lion, far exceeded their goal. The plan is to place the bench somewhere in the town, most likely on a greenway trail. More benches are to be delivered in the future.

Higgins also reminded members that September 17-23 is commemorated as Constitution Week annually throughout the United States beginning in 1955. "The celebration's goals are threefold: to encourage the study of the historical events that led to the framing of the Constitution in September 1787; to remind the public that the Constitution is the basis of America's great heritage and the foundation for its way of life; and to emphasize U.S. citizens' responsibility to protect, defend and preserve the U.S. Constitution." DAR member Sharon Menzies displayed a new chapter banner, which she and her husband Gordon designed, and which was printed by Sun Solutions in Vinton. Jennifer Conner introduced her Patriot for the America 250! Project. Members of the DAR must establish lineage to a Patriot of the American Revolution and have been sharing the stories of their individual Patriots. Her Patriot was Johann Peter Groseclose Sr., who was born in 1730 in Germany near the French border. He migrated to America in 1750 on the ship Royal Union. He received patents

for 150 acres of land in 1753 and by 1755 he was listed as a taxpayer in Lancaster County, Pa. In America, he met and married Mary Ott, who was born in Switzerland and migrated to America in 1743 at the age of 11. Mary and Peter had a total of seven children and 50 grandchildren. According to research completed by Conner, "the Groseclose family was very patriotic and loved their new country." Peter Groseclose Sr. entered the Revolutionary War in 1777 alongside his son Johann Peter Groseclose Jr., who fought in the Battle of Bunker Hill, and reportedly lost an arm in the Battle of Brandywine. Conner noted that there is a Revolutionary War Memorial in Smyth County with the name "Peter Groseclose" displayed. After the war, the Groseclose family moved to Ceres, in Bland County, Va. Patrick Henry signed land grants for both Peter, Sr., and Peter, Jr. A family log home built in 1793 still stands today. Ceres was named after the Goddess of Agriculture by a Groseclose descendant who established a post office there in 1879. An interesting fact about the Groseclose family—de-

scendant Henry Groseclose was the co-founder of the Future Farmers of Virginia organization, which eventually became the Future Farmers of America. The DAR group discussed joining with other chapters in the area to sponsor a Children of the American Revolution (CAR) Chapter for children and young adults up to 22 years of age. The Roanoke Valley Chapter, always dedicated to the needs of veterans, will be tying fleece blankets at the October meeting for distribution. In past years, the blankets have been given to the VA Hospital and the Virginia Veterans Care Center. DAR is one of the largest patriotic women's organizations in the world, with 190,000 members in approximately 3,000 chapters across the country and several foreign countries. DAR members promote historic preservation, education and patriotism via commemorative events, scholarships and educational initiatives, citizenship programs, service to veterans, meaningful community service and more. For additional information about DAR and its mission, visit [www.dar.org](http://www.dar.org).



Rhiannon Cire presented a program on the White Rose—a student anti-Nazi group during World War II—at the DAR meeting on September 10.



Lisa Gascoyne, Sharon Menzies, and Regent Cindy Higgins (left to right) displayed the new Roanoke Valley DAR Chapter banner at their meeting on September 10. The banner was designed by Menzies and her husband, Gordon, and printed by Sun Solutions.



The DAR has received a bench from the Trex Corporation as the result of a successful recycling program with the DAR, the Town of Vinton, PFG, and Food Lion. The bench will be placed on an area greenway trail.

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- Pittsburgh University
- Scorched
- Potato state (abbr.)
- Anger
- Suitable for use as food
- To wipe out, obliterate
- Used of unskilled work, esp. domestic
- Loose earth, soil
- Petrol container
- Great (60's slang)
- Conditions of balance
- Foes
- Sec. of Energy Steven
- 6th day (abbr.)
- Without qualification or exception
- Sarah's title
- Leisurely stroll
- Austr. Army History Unit
- Bowfin genus
- S.A. mountain chain
- \_\_\_ Scott Case 1857
- Mound
- Springfield, IL candy founder
- Frambesia
- Reduced price event

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- The Sator-\_\_\_ Square
- Light purplish-blue
- Plants of the genus Cassia
- Shelf unit for ornaments
- Live in
- Arthur \_\_\_, Wimbledon champion
- A thwarting and distressing obstruction
- Cut off from others
- Tree trunk outgrowth
- Tower used for storing silage
- Br. public boys school
- \_\_\_ Ling mountain range
- \_\_\_ Clapton, musician
- Mild yellow Dutch cheese
- Peruvian province
- Diagonal cut of cloth
- A narrow path or road
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- Granular old snow
- Rt. angle cleaving tool
- Irreducible material
- Oldest (man-made rayon fiber)
- Affirmative! (slang)
- Burial cloths
- Surface layer of grass & roots
- Not shaky
- Kidney-shaped nut
- Nursemaids in India
- Alkali bee genus
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# Vinton Wesleyan invites public to Homecoming celebration

Vinton Wesleyan Church will celebrate its 88th Homecoming on Sunday, September 18, at 10 a.m. Special music will be given by Joyce Rodriguez, Denis Looney, and Howard McVey.

A press release said: God has used Vinton Wesleyan Church to reach adults, teens, and children for Christ for many years.

It all began 88 years ago, in August 1934, with a heart to see the people of Vinton reached with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The Rev. Clyde Dooley held a tent meeting in downtown Vinton. Just a few weeks later, the church was born.

The Rev. James E. Kraus was called to shepherd the congregation with 14 charter members meeting in the Old White Storefront on Lee Avenue.

Through their faithfulness and sacrifice, the congregation soon moved to the "basement" church on the corner of Jefferson and Poplar. In order to reach more people for Christ, the original facility has expanded to the beautiful facility it is today.

Over the decades, under the leadership of 11 godly pastors, the church has continued to reach the people of Vinton with the Gospel message. Originally known

as the Pilgrim Holiness Church, upon the merger with the Wesleyan Methodist Denomination in 1968, the name was changed to Vinton Wesleyan Church.

Those who have gone before have left us a legacy of love, labor, sacrifice and prayer. Today, the goal is to continue that legacy as members do their part to expand His kingdom by... Loving God...Loving People...and Making Disciples.

The public is invited to the celebration. Vinton Wesleyan is located at 246 Jefferson Avenue in downtown Vinton across from the Roland E. Cook Lofts.



PHOTO BY DEBBIE ADAMS

Vinton Wesleyan Church in Vinton invites the community to the 88th anniversary celebration on Sunday, September 18 at 10 a.m.

# SWVA Pride hosting Pride Fest at War Memorial

Southwest Virginia Pride, Inc. is hosting the inaugural Pride Fest 2022 at the Vinton War Memorial from noon to 6 p.m. on Saturday, September 17.

Southwest Virginia Pride, Inc. is a new legal nonprofit located in Roanoke, dedicated to serv-

ing the needs of the LGBTQAI+ community all year long. They strive to do this through educational programs, major events, fundraising, outreach, and advocacy, and also by providing platforms for visibility, and supporting the work of many com-

munity organizations and local businesses within Southwest Virginia and beyond.

This will be their biggest fundraiser event with over 80 vendors, plus entertainment, a family zone, a petting zoo, food trucks and much more. There is

no admission fee.

SWVA Pride invites the community to come out for a day of fun while helping support the local pride community.

To top off the day, the organization will also be hosting an After Party at Rosie's Gaming

Emporium in Vinton afterwards. There will be food, drinks, a DJ, and entertainment. There is zero admission for this event as well.

The after party will start at 8 p.m. and continues through 1 a.m. The after party is a 21 and up event.

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## PEOPLE, PLACES AND THINGS

### Angie Chewning

Filling in for Bootie

Page Stovall Lovern and mom, Patsy Stovall, traveled north just a bit for the wedding of one of Page's college roommates. They graduated college 10 years ago and celebrating the final roommate getting married and being all together one last time before their next adventure.

Many thanks to everyone who understood us cancelling Saturday's Mingle at the Market due to weather. We will try to reschedule! Remember our last scheduled Mingle of the Season will be September 24 with the Eric Wayne Band and Travis Reigh.

The Chamber is now accepting vendors for the Vinton Fall Festival on Saturday Oct 8. For more information call 540-343-1364 or visit our website www.vintonchamber.com.



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Page Stovall Lovern (on left) traveled north for the wedding of her college roommate.

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Read Ezekiel 47:1 through 48:35

Many old Western movies show parched travelers, desperate for water. Their boots shuffle in the dust, their legs give way. Finally, they see water in the distance. One cowboy runs up, cupping his hands into the watering hole, but his companion stops him short. Soon, we realize why. The camera pans the watering hole. There are no living things—not one sign of life. A skeleton or two reinforce the scene. Stagnant water brings death.

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"Swarms of living creatures will live wherever the river flows. There will be large numbers of fish, because this water flows there and makes the salt water fresh; so where the river flows everything will live" (Ezekiel 47:9).

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# Breakfast Lions from page 1

founder of Lions Club International, this award is our way of recognizing a fellow Lion who has shown a commitment to serve our club and our community," President Hal Mabe said. "You serve because there is a need and God blessed you with the ability and willingness to do what the majority of others don't do—and that's to give of your time and talents.

"There are over 476,000 Melvin Jones recipients worldwide," Mabe noted. "A donation of \$1000 in the name of the recipient is made to the Lions Club International Foundation as this is one of their critical funding sources for sustainability.

"We, as the Vinton Breakfast Lions Club, gave our first Melvin Jones Award back in 1993 to the founder of our club and our first president, Wallace Cundiff. Wallace was an amazing Lion and someone who was an example of what it means to serve others first."

Mabe noted that Gary Myers had been a member of the club since 2014. "He started getting involved helping with service projects almost right away and showed he was willing to help and that he really cared about those in need. He is also busy at his church and since he retired, he continues to add more work to his plate, yet he always finds time to

ride his bike and draw up plans for building homes.

"Lion Gary has served our club as LCIF Coordinator, Foundation Secretary, Service Chairperson, and for several years as club secretary. He does an outstanding job coordinating the local Bland Music Foundation Competition for the Breakfast Lions each year. Congratulations."

Denny Dickens has been a Lion since 2007. He served as president of the Vinton Host Lions Club in 2011, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2018, and 2020. When the Host Lions dissolved, Dickens joined the Breakfast Lions and continues to serve through their club.

"Lion Denny Dickens is one of the leaders in the district in conducting vision screenings in our schools," Mabe said. "During the 2021-22 Lions Year, District 24C won an award from Lions Kid Sight—Vision First. The district was ranked third in the United States for the total number of vision screenings conducted, thanks in large part to Denny.

"That says a lot to win national recognition for the work you do, and your focus on this project lets us know it will always be done and done correctly," Mabe said. "We are proud to recognize you today," with the Melvin Jones Fellow Award.

Lion Chris McCarty was named "Lion of the Year." He was chosen for this honor for "best typifying the spirit of the Vinton Breakfast Lions Club. He inspires other members to do more." He is known as a "bundle of energy" who has served three terms as president of the Vinton club and is currently the Zone chairman. He also received the Senior Master Key and Medallion for his recruitment of new members. He was described as a "relentless recruiter" for the Lions Club and has been influential in its growth to the third largest in the district.

McCarty thanked the members for the awards, saying, "The Lions Club is my passion and always will be."

Chevrons were awarded for years of service to Denny Dickens (15 years), Chris McCarty (20 years), Jeff Stovall (20 years), and Dave Jones (35 years).

Mabe recognized those with perfect attendance at Breakfast Lions Club meetings, then presented the Past President's Plaque to John Dyer.

A special award was announced for Lion Eric Mills for "exceptional leadership and devoted service." He filled the role of District Governor last year while still remaining active in the Vinton club.

Myers recognized Lions Daniel and Dennis Hayes of the D. Hayes Company for their efforts in building a ramp requested by William Byrd High School special needs teacher Amy Boush for an area child with a rare disease. Myers applauded the men for working quickly to have the ramp ready within three days. Lion Eric Mills worked with the Lions of Virginia to obtain funding for the project in a very short time.

Lions Clubs International is the world's largest service club organization with 1.4 million members in 46,000 clubs in 210 countries. They were initially recognized for their service to individuals who are blind or visually impaired, charged by Helen Keller to become "knights of the blind" to "crusade against darkness," in 1925. Lions now collect and recycle eyeglasses for distribution in developing countries year-round as one of their major projects.

That commitment has grown to include a vast number of other service projects by the Lions. It is estimated that Lions Clubs donate \$449 million and 76 million hours in volunteering each year.

The local Breakfast Lions are known throughout the community for their kindness and generosity

benefiting Vinton area residents. They sponsor a variety of fundraisers each year including:

- Presenting four \$1,000 scholarships to William Byrd High School seniors
- Presenting two \$1,000 scholarships to students at Staunton River High School through the Ryan Chambers Scholarship program
- Presenting one \$1,500 Leo Club Scholarship to a WBHS senior
- Shopping for clothes and toys for 18-20 needy children in Vinton area schools at Christmas
- Funding eye exams, eye surgery, and eyeglasses for needy area children and adults along with funding for sight research and conservation
- Completing special needs projects for Vinton area needy families
- Funding bus stops for the Vinton area
- Constructing a picnic shelter at Herman L. Horn Elementary
- Supporting Diabetes Awareness, Disaster Relief, the Bland Music Scholarship Program, and the Lions International Peace Contest through the state and Lions International
- Providing local school children with extra clothing, school supplies, snacks and refreshments, and school project needs



Denny Dickens (on left) and Gary Myers received the highest recognition among Lions—the Melvin Jones Fellow Award.



Lion Chris McCarty (on left) was named Lion of the Year by the Vinton Breakfast Lions Club and received the Senior Master Key for recruitment efforts from President Hal Mabe.



PHOTOS BY DEBBIE ADAMS  
New Vinton Breakfast Lions Club officers installed at the awards dinner included (left to right) 2nd Vice President William Moseley, President Hal Mabe, Secretary Gary Myers, Treasurer Bob Benninger, and 1st Vice President Jeff Mason.

# First Home Football Game from page 1



The Terrier Mascot leads the Pledge of Allegiance before the game.



The Marching Terriers performed their halftime show "Ready of Not" about the joys of childhood.

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Latriva Pierce is the Marching Terriers Drum Major for 2022.



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The William Byrd cheerleaders and Dog Pound kept spirits up during the game.

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Adult leadership of the band includes Band Director Dan Plybon, Assistant Band Director Jordan Downing, Percussion Instructor Kaylan Rowe, and Color Guard Instructor Jenny Swartzel.

The Terriers' next game is at home on September 16 against Bassett High School.





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Left, Byrd's Ella Ashworth gets a dig in last week's match at Glenvar. Right, Terran Brown goes up for a spike.

PHOTOS BY JIM & REGINA DEVINNEY

## Terriers host four team volleyball tournament Saturday

The William Byrd volleyball team will host their annual "Diggin' at the Dog Pound" tournament this Saturday, beginning at 9 am and running through the early evening. There will be a total of eight matches, all at the William Byrd High School gym.

There will be four teams competing for the championship as Roanoke Catholic, Magna Vista and Floyd County join the Terriers for a day of volleyball. The four teams will play a round robin of matches, then be seeded one through four. The third and fourth place teams will play for third place at approximately 4:30 pm, with the one and two seeds playing for the championship at 5:15 pm.

Byrd will open the day with a 9 pm match against Roanoke Catholic. The Terriers are scheduled to play Floyd County at 11:30 pm and Magna Vista at 2 pm. All times are approximate due to uncertainty over the length of matches.

The jayvee team hosted the same schools for a jayvee tournament last Saturday. The Byrd jayvees won their three pools matches but lost to Magna Vista in the championship match, 25-13 and 25-23.

The Byrd varsity played at William Fleming on Tuesday and evened their record at 3-3 with a three set win, 25-7, 25-11 and 25-9. The Terriers had a big day behind the service line with 28 aces in the match, as Raelyn Lancaster and Payton Hall had six aces each. Ella Ashworth and Eva Brown had four aces each and Kate Bryant and Emily Tuck laid down three aces apiece.

Terran Brown led the Terriers with nine kills and setter Carsyn Kotz dished out 13 assists.

Next week the Terriers will travel to Lord Botetourt for a Blue Ridge District match on Tuesday, then host Staunton River a week from today.

**DIGGIN' AT THE DOG POUND**  
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Match	Home Team	Visiting Team	Time
1	WILLIAM BYRD	ROANOKE CATH	9:00
2	MAGNA VISTA	FLOYD CO	10:15
3	WILLIAM BYRD	FLOYD CO	11:30
4	ROANOKE CATH	MAGNA VISTA	12:45
5	WILLIAM BYRD	MAGNA VISTA	2:00
6	FLOYD CO	ROANOKE CATH	3:15
7	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place Team	4 <sup>th</sup> Place Team	4:30
8	1 <sup>st</sup> Place Team	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place Team	5:15

## BRD golf tournament is Monday

Blue Hills Golf Course in Roanoke County will be the site of the Blue Ridge District golf tournament next Monday, September 19. The first tee time is at 12:19 pm.

The final round of the regular season BRD tour was played at Mariner's Landing on Tuesday and it was the closest round yet of the six sites. The district schools played nine holes with Franklin County shooting 160, Northside shooting 161, William Byrd taking third at 163 and Lord Botetourt finishing fourth with a 164 as just five shots separated the top four teams. Staunton River shot 214 and William Fleming didn't field a full squad.

Medalist at Mariner's Landing was Ashton Harper of Lord Botetourt, who carded an even par 36. Byrd's Clayton Gilmore was just one stroke back at 37, his best round of the season, while Michael Pankey of Northside was third with a 39. Harper's round gave him season medalist honors with Nick Crawford of Northside coming in second. Gilmore finished fifth in the season individual standings among 39 golfers who participated in at least one match.

Also scoring for Byrd on Tuesday were Nathan Carter at 38, Madeline Cunningham at 43 and Kobe Turner at 45. Andrew Kiker and Colin Murtaugh also played but weren't in the top four, with both shooting 47.

For the season, Byrd golfers were 16th through 21st in the overall individual standings with Carter finishing 16th and followed by Evan Mullen, Turner, Cunningham, Kiker and Maddox Wolfe. Murtaugh was 27th on the season.

Byrd is looking to continue the strong play Monday in the district tournament, which will be held on their home course at Blue Hills.

"I think we will play well with the momentum we're gaining and the knowledge of Blue Hills," said coach Tyler Goodman.



Byrd's Madeline Cunningham tees off at Mariner's Landing on Tuesday.

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## Middle School coaches pay tribute to mentor

The William Byrd Middle School football team played host to Andrew Lewis last Thursday at Patterson Stadium. The Terriers lost the game but it was a special day for Byrd coach Ryan Hutchison, right, and Lewis coach Brian Hooker. Both had coached with Marty Yugas at Salem High, who passed away earlier this year. Hutchison doffed his cap and both teams held a moment of silence for Yugas before Byrd's first offensive series. Left, Byrd quarterback David Foster looks for a receiver and, above, Byrd defenders swam to the ball. The Terriers will be back home today to host Northside at 5 pm.

PHOTOS BY BRIAN HOFFMAN





Senior Caleb Thompson leads the Byrd football team onto the field prior to last week's home opener at Patterson Stadium.

PHOTO BY SUZANNE WITCHER

## Dog and Cat fight Friday in Vinton

The William Byrd football team is hoping to get back on the horse this week after a loss to Christiansburg last Friday. A talented team of Blue Demons dampened the spirits of a large crowd for Byrd's home opener by shutting out the Terriers, 41-0.

Byrd is back home this Friday to take on Bassett High. The Bengals, like Byrd, are 1-2 after three games. They opened with losses to two strong teams, 21-17 against Franklin County and 35-14 against Liberty Christian Academy, before picking up their first win last Friday. The Bengals put a hurtin' on Dan River at Ed Bassett Stadium, 63-7.

"They are our third opponent in row that made a playoff run last year," said Byrd coach Brad Lutz. "They have great team speed and get a lot of different skill players involved to the offensive production. Their quarterback is a highly recruited athlete and he is able to beat teams in the running game and passing game. On defense, they pressure their opponents a lot and tackle very well."

The Terriers will have to turn it up a notch after last week's game with Christiansburg. The Demons held Byrd to minus yards rushing and just 63 yards total for the game. Christiansburg had 14 first downs to just two for Byrd, but it wasn't for lack of effort by the home team.

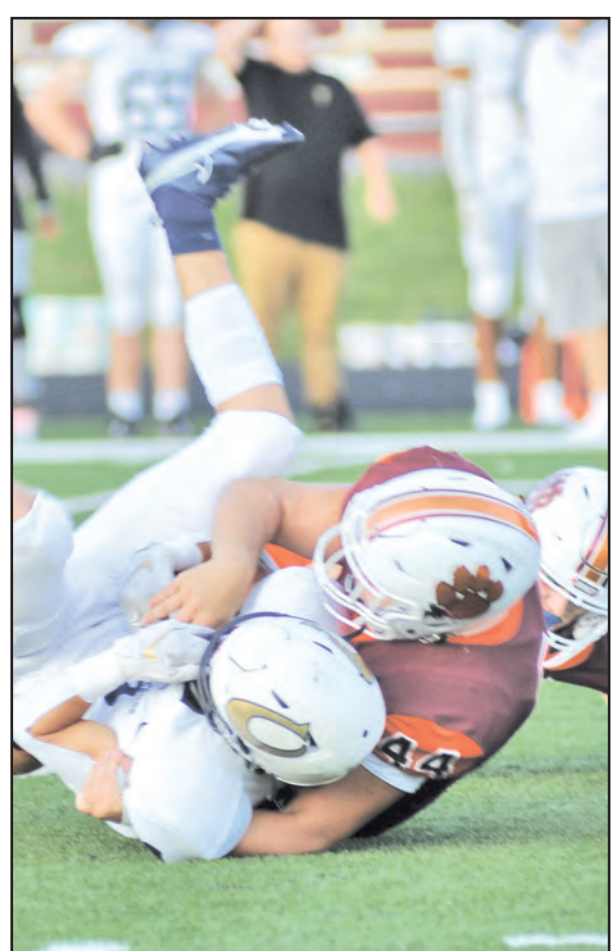
"Our team fought for four quarters against another playoff caliber team," said Lutz. "We are struggling with injuries, so we were able to get a lot of players in the game to contribute. Our staff was very pleased with the defense. While the score doesn't indicate it, our defense played well for most of the game. We were thankful to be home again, and the support from the home crowd and the Dog Pound was outstanding."

Among the highlights, Israel Hairston completed three passes to Dominic Dulak for 42 total yards. On defense John Kiker led the team with 10 total tackles while Dexter Gaines had nine, Lane Shoemaker had seven and Jahdai English had six. Maurice Burnette had five tackles and Nate Williamson had four tackles, a quarterback pressure and a pass break up.

The Byrd jayvees lost a tough one to the Demons in Christiansburg.

"It was a great game, and our staff was very proud of how our team played," said Lutz. "Due to injuries on varsity, we have been forced to bring up a few jayvee players so we were able to get some younger players more playing time on jayvee."

The jayvees will play at Bassett today with a 6 pm kickoff time.



### DEEE-FENSE

Above left, Byrd's Braeden Young (#25) makes a tackle in the secondary. Above right, Dustin Richards hog-ties a Blue Demon and, left, Jahdai English (#31) and Jonathan Rosser combine to make a tackle.

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## Terriers run against top talent in Knights Crossing races



Olivia Hurd, left, finished 75th among 299 runners at Green Hill Park. Right, Brayden McCulloch runs the 5,000 meter course.

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Runners of all ages converged on Green Hill Park in west Roanoke County last Saturday for the 18th annual Knights Crossing cross country meet. The event ran from early morning to mid-afternoon under cool and occasionally rainy weather.

William Byrd competed in the "Red" Division, for larger schools. There was also a "Black" Division for smaller schools as well as races for middle school boys and girls, jayvees and an open run for anyone who wanted to participate.

The Byrd boys finished 35th out of 38 teams running in the Red Division. Blacksburg was the team winner with 112 points, followed by Broughton with 125 and Daniel Boone High with 135.

The individual winner in the 5,000 meter race was Conner Rutherford of Blacksburg with a time of 15:08. Byrd's best finish was 207th by sophomore Stephen Underwood in 19:15. Also scoring for the Terriers were Reagan Lilley, Shaun Gower, Brayden McCulloch and Dakota Bell among the 346 boys in the Red race. Drew Bartley and Chase Gonzales did not score but both ran personal best times.

"Stephen and Reagan battled throughout the race to be our top finisher," said Byrd coach Eric Royal. "Both set personal records and we were excited to see them race each other so hard."

For the girls, Byrd finished 33rd among 36 schools entered in the Red Division. Broughton High won with 131 points, just two better than Blacksburg's 133. Doby's Bennett High of Tennessee was third at 155.

The individual winner in the Red race

was Zoie Lamanna of Jefferson Forest, who covered the 5,000 meters in 18:10. Byrd senior Olivia Hurd was 75th among 299 runners with a time of 21:05.

"Olivia continues to lead the way for the Terriers," said Royal. "She ran about 30 seconds faster than last year, which is encouraging for her."

Also scoring for Byrd were Alexandra Bonilla, Riley Roth, Lucy Whitenack and Bethany Beecher. Megan Higgins did not score but ran a personal record.

"We had five personal records set on Saturday," said Royal. "Alex was our second runner and she ran an incredible race, taking minutes off her best time. Alex has been working hard and it is showing."

In the middle school race eighth grade Elena Mullen of William Byrd Middle School ran 4,000 meters in 19:34 to finish 61st among 300 runners. Vanessa Mullen, a sixth grader, had a time of 21:52.

Leading the middle school boys was Colton Sotherden with a time of 18:42. The 4,000 meter distance was a step up over the 3,000 meter middle school race at Northside the week prior.

"I was proud of the boys competing and learning how to race," said Royal. "There were over 300 runners and it can be a bit overwhelming to see that many running at one time."

The team is back in action today for the "BYRD 400", the annual team fundraiser. Anyone who would like to join the team to run at 4 pm today, Thursday, is welcome to do so. The starting point is just behind Patterson Stadium on the campus of William Byrd High School.