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Rec league teams recognized at William Byrd football game

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Friday, September 16, was “Rec Night” at the William Byrd High School football game. This is an annual event. Children and youth who are cheerleaders or on soccer, flag football, or tackle football teams, parade in front of the grandstands, waving to their families and the crowd as their names are announced. This year, the teams took the field afterward to welcome the Terriers football players with the traditional “Hum” spirit song, followed by the National Anthem performed by the

Marching Terriers and the Pledge of Allegiance. The following soccer teams were recognized: U8 Vinton Comets: Benjamin Davidson, Axton Kelley, Remington Chewing, Hank Regal, Luciana Rossello, Carson Epps, Cason Grubb, Gracie Havens, Maya Jones, Cora Partsch, Remy Lowe, Tucker Lafferty, Lucas Romeo, and Charlie Ralph, coached by Morgan Romeo, Todd Lowe, and Justin Havens. U8 Vinton Grasshoppers: Gia Henderson, Bristol Hershel, Olivia Summers,

Kloey Garcia, Londyn Terrell, Mina Holdren, Emma Mikesell, Lucy Bernard, Emery Staples, Eli Smith, Jaxon Snyder, Colton Gordon, Jayden Lewis, and Odin McKinney, coached by Mike Terrell. U10 Boys Vinton Strikers: Hunter Havens, Cael Sink, Michael Ensminger, Walker Herald, Nicholas Alatorre, Weston LaBrie, Zeke Pack, Grayson Webb, Jase Jennelle, Ja’Lyn Harrison, Jude Failes, Alexander Shepherd, Kristian Schullt, coached by Head Coach Justin Havens and Assistant



PHOTO BY DEBBIE ADAMS
Vinton Rec League teams were recognized prior to the Terriers football game on September 16. These young athletes are from the 8U Terriers tackle football team.

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Band, sports, community help William Byrd student overcome obstacles

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If you spend too much time watching the news, you may conclude that there aren’t many really good people left in the world. I beg to differ. There are hard-working students with loving, supportive families, teachers who care deeply, and communities who rally around when there are challenges to overcome.

Case in point—Cadin Byrd, a senior at William Byrd High School, Class of 2023. Cadin has navigated his way through some serious challenges in his life with fortitude and determination, along with support from his parents, dedicated teachers, and a soccer coach and team at Roanoke College. According to his mother, Terra Byrd, “Cadin has overcome many battles in life, but he doesn’t let that stop him; he has fought through every single one. Cadin and his twin sister Braelyn were born three months early and spent three months in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) fighting for



PHOTO BY DEBBIE ADAMS
Marching Terriers percussionist Cadin Byrd (on left) and WBHS Director of Bands Dan Plybon in the stands before the game on September 16.

their lives.” “In second grade, Cadin was diagnosed with Spastic Diplegia, which is extremely tight hamstrings,” his mother says. “He used to wear braces on his legs but was able to come out of them in ninth grade because he was doing so well. Although his legs have improved, they still get tired easily and hurt after spending long hours on them.” That didn’t stop Cadin from wanting to join the marching band at William Byrd High School. (He be-

gan playing trombone in sixth grade with much encouragement from Denise Aspell, Director of Bands at William Byrd Middle School) “Cadin expressed an interest in being a part of the marching band as an 8th grade student,” said Dan Plybon, Director of Bands at WBHS. “We felt that, given his physical challenges, the front ensemble would be a good place for him to participate.” Plybon and Marc Hinkle, another WBHS teacher with a music back-

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PHOTO BY DEBBIE ADAMS
The congregation at Thrasher Memorial United Methodist Church on Washington Avenue in Vinton held their annual Prayer Circle on September 18, encircling the church to pray for the church, the community, and the world at large.

Thrasher Memorial UMC gathers in annual Prayer Circle

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The congregation at Thrasher Memorial United Methodist Church in Vinton gathered to pray for the church, the community, and the world with their annual Prayer Circle on the morning of September 18. Thrasher has three services on Sunday mornings at 8:00, 9:00, and 11 a.m. Members of all three services assembled mid-morning to form the circle around the church’s exterior. Participants surrounded the church and faced inward at first, praying silently for its ministries, staff, members, and missions. At the tolling of a bell five minutes later, they turned outward towards the community to pray for their neighbors, the Vinton community, schools, workplaces, first responders, the sick and needy, those who embrace other

religions, the state, the nation, and the world at large. The Prayer Circle became a tradition in September 2014 with the Thrasher Memorial UMC Prayer Ministry Team. The event is brief, but the church hopes to make a significant impact through the power of prayer in these challenging times. “What a joy to experience my first prayer circle at Thrasher Memorial UMC on September 18,” said Thrasher’s new Lead Pastor John Hemming. “I am thankful to the church’s Prayer Ministry Team for organizing the event. We prayed for the ministry and mission of the church. We prayed for the community, asking God for the strength to offer Christ to others in all we say and do. Come, Holy Spirit, make us more like Jesus. Holy God, help us bring your kingdom on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.”



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William Henry Booth of Vinton was the lead electrician when the Mill Mountain Star was built and lit in 1949. A plaque at the base of the star honors his contribution, surrounded by boxwoods transplanted from the family home in Vinton.

Who knew—William Booth of Vinton wired the Mill Mountain Star

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The next time you visit the Mill Mountain Star, stop and look at the plaque honoring William Henry Booth, the lead electrician when the star was constructed back in 1949. Booth and his wife Mildred lived on Bowman Street in Vinton for about 50 years. Booth worked for Jefferson Electric Company in Roanoke, awarded the job of wiring the star, built by Kinsey Sign Company with assistance from Roanoke Iron and Bridge Works. Kinsey designed and erected the star; Roanoke Iron and Bridge Works designed the steel structure.

According to the City of Roanoke, the Roanoke Star was initially created to be a seasonal Christmas decoration shining over the city during the holiday shopping season. The Roanoke Merchants Association sponsored the project, and the star was supposed to be dismantled in 1950 after the holiday season. Instead, it still stands some 73 years later and has become a “regional icon” and popular tourist attraction. An application for placement on the National Register of Historic Places explains further, “During the prosperous years after World War 11, the Merchants Association began thinking of ideas for decorations--

something elaborate that would put Roanoke on the map and increase trade in the city. Although nobody knows whose idea it was, Roanoke’s Christmas Street committee is credited with the idea to build a huge neon star on top of Mill Mountain to tie in with the then-existing multi-colored stars on the downtown streets. It was decided that the star would be financed through contributions made by downtown merchants. The final cost of the project reached a little over \$27,000.” Now, it’s priceless. The application continues, “The citizens of Roanoke quickly fell in love with the giant neon Star and demanded that it remain

illuminated every night of the year, and not just at Christmas, as was its original intent. Since 1949, the star has been painted, turned off, turned red, studied, argued over, suggested for removal, criticized, voted the number one ‘visitors attraction’ and ‘the place to take your mom,’ loved, worshipped, and adored, and is turned on every night until midnight. For many Roanoke Valley residents, it is the symbol of being home, and for all, it is the symbol of Roanoke.” The star was so popular that it received nationwide attention, including coverage in Life Magazine and the newspapers of New York, Washington, Detroit, Memphis, Savannah, and even Australia. The Mill Mountain Star is the most prominent free-standing, manufactured illuminated metal star in the world, visible 60 miles from Roanoke in the air. Roanoke became known as the “Star City of the South” after the star was first lit. As for the specifics, the

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William Byrd Middle School recognizes Staff Member of the Week—Traci Addison

Each week the William Byrd Middle School football team honors a staff member selected and voted on by the players. The recipient is presented with the #88 jersey to pay homage to 1988 when WBMS was built. The staff member has the jersey for a day to wear on gameday and for display.

Last week the athletes selected English teacher Traci Addison as the Staff Member of the Week. The athletes noted Mrs. Addison's enthusiasm for English and her flair for bringing reading material to life.

Addison received the Roanoke County Schools' prestigious "Green Apple Award" for new teachers during the past school year.

With the Staff Member of the Week Award, Coach Ryan Hutchison is fulfilling a promise made to his late mentor, Coach Marty 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 English teacher Traci Anderson

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Double Feature concert set for September 24 Mingle at the Market

The Mingle at the Market concert on Saturday, September 24, will be another double-feature presentation—two bands for the price of one. The Eric Wayne Band and the Travis Reigh Band will perform on the HomeTrust stage at the Vinton Farmers' Market. Reigh will be opening the show beginning at 6 p.m.

The Eric Wayne Band says they developed their signature southern sound through Country, Rock n' Roll, and Southern Rock roots.

Travis Reigh is an "on the rise" singer and songwriter from Southwest Virginia known for his "captivating blend of country, folk, and rock." His grandparents, renowned country artists Art and Helen Hall, inspired him. He began to play music at an early age to cope when his mother and brother were both deployed overseas after 9/11.

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 Munsey's Smoke Shack. The volunteers assisting with this Mingle and giving back to the community are from Trinity Landscaping.

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.

Sponsors for this year's Mingle at the Market concerts include Oakey's, Coastal Insurance Planning, MemberOne, PFG, Mountain View Real Estate, Fox Radio 910, ServPro, Winters Storage, Bank of Botetourt, the Vinton War Memorial, Blue Ridge Beverage, the Greenway Boothe Real Estate Team, Roanoke County, HomeTrust Bank, the Town of Vinton, Food Lion, the Vinton Messenger, Farmburguesa, Vertex Signs, Magnets USA, Cox, Carilion Clinic, Mayor Brad Grose, and KP Strategies.



Travis Reigh will be performing at Vinton's Mingle at the Market concert on September 24.



The Eric Wayne Band will be featured at the Mingle at the Market concert in Vinton on September 24.

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Vinton Patrol Officer Jesse Dibble

The Town of Vinton and The Vinton Messenger partner to put a spotlight on Town of Vinton employees during the month of their birthdays. The town is proud to have these individuals on staff and wants to make the community aware of who is "behind the scenes," making the town operate successfully.

The spotlight this week is on Patrol Officer Jesse Dibble. He was sworn in as a member of the Vinton Police Department in May 2022.

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

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

He has a long history of public service, joining the Orange County Rescue Squad at age 14 as a junior squad member and running calls until he joined the Navy.

Dibble is the founder and

Director of the (Master Sergeant) George A. Bannar, Jr., Scholarship. Bannar was a high school friend killed in action in 2013 as a Special Forces Medic. The \$1000 scholarship is awarded annually to graduating JROTC cadets at Orange County High School.

He is also the co-founder and vice president of the "Queen City Rucking for 22," a veteran and first responder-based non-profit designed to align veterans and first responders with outreach programs to reduce veteran and first responder suicides.

Dibble enjoys spending time with his 11-year-old daughter and kayaking, hiking, and fishing.

"The Vinton Police Department continues to make us proud every day by providing excellent, exceedingly professional service for all the citizens of our town," said Vinton Mayor Brad Grose. "The VPD is fully accredited, which means the leadership and the officers maintain an extremely high level of integrity and operational excellence. The members of the Police Department are not only well-trained and well-equipped, but they also truly care about the citizens of Vinton. Our officers have heard numerous stories going above and beyond their duty requirements. The Town of Vinton is a better, quieter, safer place because of the dedicated professionals in the Vinton Police Department like Officer Dibble."

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Pianist/composer/storyteller David Nevue in concert at Campbell Presbyterian

Pianist/composer/storyteller David Nevue will perform in concert on Sunday, October 9, at Campbell Memorial Presbyterian Church in Vinton. The show begins at 3 p.m. and is open to the public.

Nevue will play his most famous works, personal favorites, and unique arrangements of popular hymns. He is an award-winning, internationally recognized artist whose piano music can be heard on Spotify, Pandora, Amazon Music,

Apple Music, Alexa, YouTube, or virtually anywhere you can listen to music.

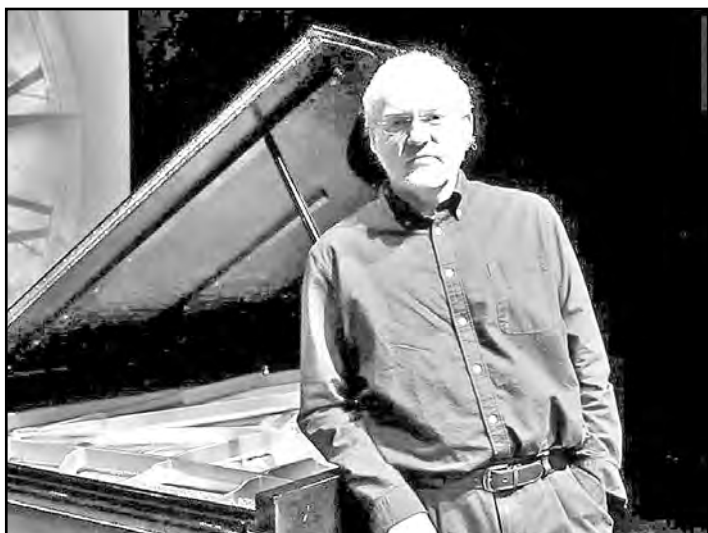
Nevue has released 17 albums of his original piano works and arrangements, including two “Piano Album of the Year” winners. His latest album, “In the Soft Light of Grace,” debuted at # 1 for his genre on iTunes and Amazon and made it into the Top 5 on Billboard charts.

For more information on Nevue, visit his website at

<https://www.davidnevue.com/> or his Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/davidnevuepiano>. If you want to listen to some of the most beautiful and serene piano music you have ever heard, visit <https://www.davidnevue.com/listen.htm>.

This is a free concert, but a love offering will be taken.

Campbell Memorial is located at 1130 Hardy Road, next to W. E. Cundiff Elementary School.



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Renowned pianist/composer/storyteller David Nevue will be performing in concert at Campbell Memorial Presbyterian Church in Vinton on October 9.

Cadin Byrd

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PHOTO BY DEBBIE ADAMS

Cadin Byrd performing during the half-time show at William Byrd. Cadin plays percussion (drums, cymbals, tambourine) in the marching band and trombone in the concert and symphonic bands.

ground, taught him how to play drums, afterschool.

“Cadin excelled immediately with the drums and cymbals!” Plybon says. “He has a great sense of timing that all percussion players must have in order to play well. Cadin displays a natural ability in the percussion section, and we have been so happy with him there. He continues to play the trombone in concert and symphonic band, but the front ensemble has been the best fit for him with marching band.”

“Cadin worked very hard with Mr. Plybon to learn the basics of percussion, and I got to work with him and the percussion section during marching band practices many times,” Aspell said. “I noticed how much Cadin enjoyed it and made a great group of friends there, too. It was great seeing how much his smile shined through especially during performances! We are so proud of him and love his family!”

That’s not the only challenge Cadin has overcome. His mother says that in 6th grade, Cadin was diagnosed with Hodgkin’s Lymphoma cancer.

“That is when we were introduced to the Team Impact program and Roanoke College,” Byrd says.

Team Impact is a national non-profit organization that matches children facing serious illness and/or disability with college sports teams, creating a long-term, life-changing experience for everyone involved.

Byrd says the family didn’t connect with Roanoke College until

Team Impact placed Cadin on their soccer team. However, “Cadin and our family have always been huge soccer fans. He is a Barcelona fan due to his favorite soccer player, Lionel Messi.”

“The coaches and past and present players are like family and continue to stay in our lives,” Byrd says. “Our family looks forward to going to every game. Head Coach Ryan Pflugrad is a wonderful person and looks at Cadin like his own son. Cadin has all of the jerseys and gear, just like all the other players on the team. Also, an award named after him hangs in the men’s locker room at Roanoke College. It’s the Most Valued Player Award, known as the Cadin Byrd Award.”

Pflugrad and the entire soccer program welcomed Cadin as the newest Maroon in September 2017 when he formally signed with the team. He had just gotten his hair back in and finished chemo. He was still doing radiation treatments for cancer that was left.

“Cadin was just a young man when he first joined the team. He was going through treatments and the stress that involves, but he has always maintained a positive attitude and great resilience, despite challenges he faced. He reminds us to have gratitude and not take anything for granted.”

“One of most special moments in my life and the lives of his soccer teammates was when Cadin announced to the team that he was cancer-free,” Pflugrad said. “We have been excited to work with him in the Team Impact pro-



Cadin Byrd officially signed with the Roanoke College Maroons soccer team in 2017 through Team Impact. Shown (left to right) are Roanoke College soccer Coach Ryan Pflugrad, twin sister Braelyn, father Eric Byrd, Cadin Byrd, mother Terra Byrd, and brother Dristin.

gram. We would have welcomed him anyway, but it was even more special because Cadin absolutely loves soccer and has so much knowledge about the sport.”

“Cadin is a special person to be around. He is a ‘man of few words,’ but I have watched him grow and mature and watched his great qualities develop exponentially. I can hardly believe he is a senior in high school. I am excited for his future and hope he comes to Roanoke College and remains ‘in and around the soccer program.’”

Byrd says, “Cadin and his twin sister are seniors this year, and after graduation, they both plan to attend Roanoke College. The school is very dear to our family.”

Coach Pflugrad says Cadin’s family is always thanking him and the soccer team for their impact on Cadin’s life, “but we thank them because Cadin has probably had a bigger impact on us than we have had on him.”

Former soccer player Sam Rauf was on the Maroons team with Cadin. In a blog entitled “What. A. Moment,” Rauf shared some of his thoughts about Cadin joining the team. “My favorite experience was not scoring a game-winning goal, beating school rivals, or even our team’s trip to Barcelona. Even though all those things were amazing, I got to experience something that went far beyond the game of soccer in meeting a then 11-year-old boy named Cadin.”

“Our first interactions with Cadin and his family came as he underwent the recruiting process, which included an official visit

and tour of the college, an introduction to meet all the players, getting hooked up with some gear, and signing a letter of intent in front of the whole program,” Rauf said.

“Throughout his battles, Cadin had received a signed hat from Lionel Messi [a member of the Barcelona team] as an incredible gesture since Barcelona is Cadin’s favorite soccer team. I had thought celebrities such as Messi or other professional athletes giving back would be the only ones who could really impact someone in Cadin’s situation. I extremely underestimated the effect Cadin joining our team was going to have on me and how much impact the team was going to have on him.”

“As the season went on, Cadin’s presence became more and more mutually beneficial. He became the closest thing I have to a little brother. We had an awesome secret handshake; we would celebrate goals in practice; he would lead the team out on the field for our home games; he even traveled with us to some away games, and his family would invite us over to his house to play video games.” (The coach and team also traveled to Vinton to see Cadin perform with the Marching Terriers.)

Rauf says, “seeing Cadin became the best part of my and the team’s day. All of a sudden, this complete stranger, who was 7-10 years younger than the team, started to have an immense impact on all of us. Seeing him as he was going through his treatment brought inspiration to us to have zero excuses. If Cadin could go through

everything he was and still come to practices and games to be with us, we had no reason to complain about tough classes we had or how late we were getting back to campus after a game.”

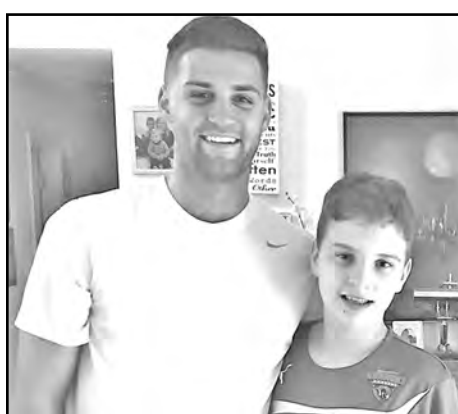
“Cadin would wear his Roanoke gear to his school, and his mom would always tell us how excited he was to come join us in whatever we were doing. Luckily, our experience with Cadin did not stop there. There is nothing that gives me goosebumps as quickly as remembering the day Cadin walked into our locker room and told us he was cancer free!”

“Getting to see that massive smile on his face and the relief his family had after getting to know them so well so quickly made everything soccer-related completely minuscule.”

The impact of the team on Cadin was immense as well. “As one of the last surgeries Cadin was going to have, he needed to get a port taken out by his heart that was used for injections of his treatment. On the day of his surgery, Cadin was rocking a Roanoke College soccer jersey so we could be with him. I think that says it all.”

Terra Byrd says band and soccer have become a big part of Cadin’s life, and “he enjoys every second of it. Everyone who comes in contact with him says that he has the best smile and attitude. I have had band kids tell me that when they see and talk to Cadin, it makes their day better.”

See, good people are out there meeting challenges and helping others beat challenges.



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Cadin Byrd with former Roanoke College soccer player Sam Rauf.

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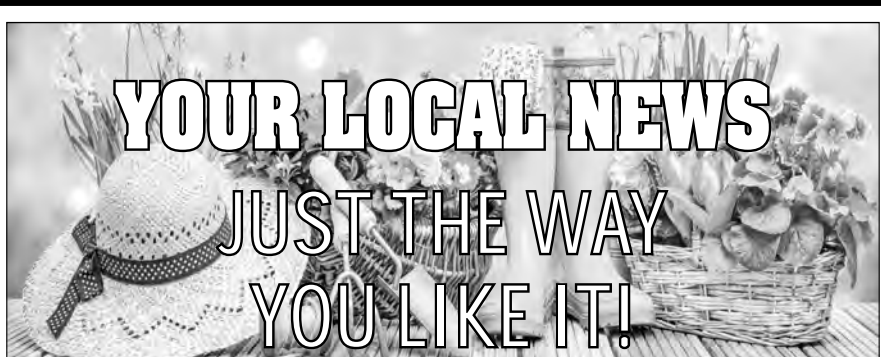
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Blue Ridge Baptist sponsors Blood Drive

Blue Ridge Baptist Church is sponsoring its Third Annual Blood Drive on Wednesday, October 12, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. The church is located at 2410 Hardy Road in Vinton, near the Blue Ridge Parkway overpass. Please consider donating to this important cause. There is an urgent need for blood—the Gift of Life.

You can sign up on the app, call the Red Cross, or just walk in on the day of the event. Visit <https://www.redcross.org/local/virginia.html> for more information.

Belmont Christian Church hosting annual Craft Fair

Belmont Christian Church will host its 3rd Annual Outdoor Craft and Vendor Fair on Saturday, October 1, from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m.

They have new vendors this year and favorites from the last two years. Those currently registered are Granny Bean's Confectionary, Mimi's Fidget Aprons, Scentsy, Paparazzi, Color Street Nails, Bee Wraps by Eva, Red Bird Ranch, Kiwi Jewelry, Louise Allen's Hand-made soaps, waxes--with so many more participants this year. Items include resin art and jewelry, wood crafts, wreaths, food, women's and children's accessories, face painting, and other various crafts.

The church is located at 1101 Jamison Ave,

S.E. Should it rain that day, the rain date will be October 8. Belmont

Christian asks you, "Please come and check out what our vendors have to offer."



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Belmont Christian Church is holding their annual Craft and Vendor sale on October 1. Members of the Belmont Christian Church Craft Committee show a few of the items that the committee has been working on for their booth at the 3rd Annual Belmont Christian Church Craft Show, (left to right) Barbara Brace, Chairman; Wanda Law, Vicki Newburn, Sharon Reed and Dorenda Plunkett.

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Angie Chewing

Filling in for Bootie

It was a PAWTY for sure! A special little lady—Kennedy Barker-- turned one. She is the daughter of Josh Barker and Tori Slusher.

The PAWTY was at the home of Dale (Bop) Barker. So many friends and family came out to celebrate, including Kim Barker (Gigi), Mindy Campbell (Mimi), Jimmy Bartley, Granddad Jeremiah Slusher from Florida, Aunt Abbey Halderman and Colton, Aunt Katie Halderman, Reggie and Aubrey, and Trey Toliver. Great grand's in from Floyd included the Slusher's and the Ingram's, the Gaylor's, the Bennett's, Cassidy Hill, Olivia Adams,

Nancy Mastry, Me (Angie), the Morris's, the Weeks', Rachel and Wesley Palmer, the Wingo's, Bryce Mullen, Katie Corrao, Jensen Roberts, and Tyler Becknor. I am sure there were some others I am missing, but it was a great turnout!

Valerie, Kyle, and Cade Hendricks attended the VA Tech game last Saturday to visit with freshman son Chase. He is loving his new home away from home. Momma, on the other hand, might not be as happy. Lol. While at the VT game, Drake and Hannah, who were also there, got to meet up for a visit.

This is just a reminder of this week's Mingle at the Market featuring the Eric Wayne Band and guest Travis Reigh on stage and with food truck Munsey's Smoke Shack.

Fall Festival is coming

up in just a couple of weeks on October 8 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in downtown Vinton and at the Vinton Farmers' Market. There will

be food and craft vendors, entertainment on two stages, children's activities, and a Pet Costume Contest—something for everyone.

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Kennedy Barker celebrates her first birthday.

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VINTON BAPTIST CHURCH - 219 Washington Ave., Vinton, Virginia. 343-7685. Rev. Travis Russell. Sunday Services: Contemporary Service 8:45 a.m., Sunday School 9:50 a.m., Traditional Service 11:00 a.m., Wednesday Services: Family Dinner: 5:30 p.m., Bible Study 6:15 p.m., Children's Ministries 6:15 p.m., Youth Ministry 6:30 p.m. www.vintonbaptistchurch.org.
CHRISTIAN CHURCH
BELMONT CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST), 1101 Jamison Ave. SE, Roanoke, VA 24013, 540-343-7502, Worship Services every Sunday at 11:00AM, Pastor Terry Brace. We look forward to seeing you this Sunday!
CHURCH OF CHRIST
DALE RIDGE CHURCH OF CHRIST - 7165 Cloverdale Rd., Roanoke, 24019; beside the Boteourt Athletic Club. Leave message 992-4385. Sunday Bible Study, 9:30 a.m., Worship, 10:30 a.m., Wednesday Bible Study, 6 p.m. Please come visit us in person or get to know about us first by visiting our web page: daleridgechurchofchrist.net. Updated each week with a new sermon by Mike Mazzalongo, four minutes of video showing our nearly six acres of land and our beautiful, functional inside facilities, articles, events, news from Christian sources around the world and here locally plus much, much more. See how many ways Dale Ridge is "Reaching Out There" to the Roanoke Valley with the "Good News of Jesus. By clicking on "visit us virtually" real time access to our Worship services is available via your computer, a tablet or smartphone: Just follow the instructions. We believe in the inspired Word of God which is as relevant today as it was when it was written. We believe the Holy Spirit is a gift to every Christian upon their response to the Gospel as demonstrated by the 3000 obedient souls in (Acts 2:38). We believe Jesus is the only author of our salvation. (Acts 4:12) Have you been looking for a church family that is progressive, outside the box thinkers, led by the Holy Spirit into all truth. (John 16:13). You will know we are His disciples by our love for one another. (John 13:35) Real time contact thru our website via email.
CHURCH OF CHRIST VINTON - 2107 Feather Road, Vinton. Terry Hodge, Minister, 540-890-1170. Sunday Bible Study 9:45 a.m., Sunday

Vinton

Worship Directory

Obeying God

Read 1 Kings 4:1 through 6:38

King Solomon was so wise that kings all over the world heard about Him and sent their people to listen to him. Solomon wrote many songs and proverbs. He knew a lot about animals and plants. He also wrote the Book of Ecclesiastes, which teaches us that knowing and pleasing God are more important than being wise.

Solomon decided it was time to build a temple for God. So, four hundred eighty years after the Israelites left Egypt, Solomon began construction on the temple. He finished it just seven years later. It was beautiful—made of stone, carved wood, and a lot of

gold. God made a promise to Solomon:

"If you follow my decrees, observe my laws and keep all my commands and obey them, I will fulfill through you the promise I gave to David your father. And I will live among the Israelites and will not abandon my people Israel" (1 Kings 6:12–13).

God values obedience above all other virtues. That is how we show God we love Him. In return for our obedience, God blesses us and will not forsake us.

Thought for Today: Blessing will come from God when you obey His rules.

Quicklook: 1 Kings 6:11–14

If you would like to see your church services listed here in the Vinton Messenger contact Tucker Frye at 540-473-2741 or email tfrye@ourvalley.org

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

ECKANKAR
ECKANKAR, THE PATH OF SPIRITUAL FREEDOM, is located at 1420 3rd St. SW, Roanoke, VA 24016. However, due to COVID-19, the Light & Sound Services and other ECK programs are currently available online through Zoom. Visit www.eck-va.org for program listings, www.meetup.com/Roanoke-Spiritual-Experiences-Group, or call 540-353-5365 and leave a message. We will return your call. Also visit www.eckankar.org for more information about how the teachings of Eckankar lead you to spiritual freedom.

FOURSQUARE
EVANGEL CHURCH - 2360 Hardy Road, Vinton, (corner of Hardy Road and Feather Road), 982-3694. Pastor-Tim Wright. Sunday, 10 AM - Worship Service, SuperChurch for Children; Wednesday 6:30-8PM - AWANA Clubs for ages 3-5th grade, Adult Bible Study.

LUTHERAN
ST. TIMOTHY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH, "The Church Under The Cross", 1201 Hardy Rd, Vinton VA 24179, Pastor, Rev. Dr. James B. Davis (540) 342- 1715, Sunday School 10:00am, Worship 11:00am, sttimothy1201@verizon.net.

NAZARENE
FIRST CHURCH OF NAZARENE, 728 Highland Ave., SE, Roanoke, Virginia. 342-4003. Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 a.m., Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Wednesday Night Bible Study 7 p.m.

PRESBYTERIAN
CAMPBELL MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1130 Hardy Rd, Vinton, VA, 540-343-1842; cmpc2verizon.net Sunday school 9:45am, Worship 11:00am; Communion 1st Sundays; 2nd Sunday Session; Monday Noon Bible Study; Tuesdays & Thursdays Stretch Class 9:00am; 1st Tuesdays Deacons; Wednesday Choir 7:00pm; Monday Girl Scouts 7:00pm; 3rd Saturday Men's Breakfast 8:00am. Rev. Jonathan Moelker, pastor

UNITED METHODIST
THREE OAKS FELLOWSHIP UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - 1026 Gravel Hill Road, Vinton, Va. 540-512-8070. Pastor: Rev. Dr. Rob Colwell. Sunday School - 9:45 a.m., Worship 11 a.m.

WESLEYAN
VINTON WESLEYAN CHURCH - 246 E. Jefferson Ave. Pastor Ricardo Rodriguez, 345-3385; Sunday Worship Service 11:00 AM and 6:00 PM. Sunday School for all ages, 10:00 AM, Wednesday Night Life Ministries - Children - Awana; G-5 Youth Ministry; Adult Bible Study 6:30 PM.

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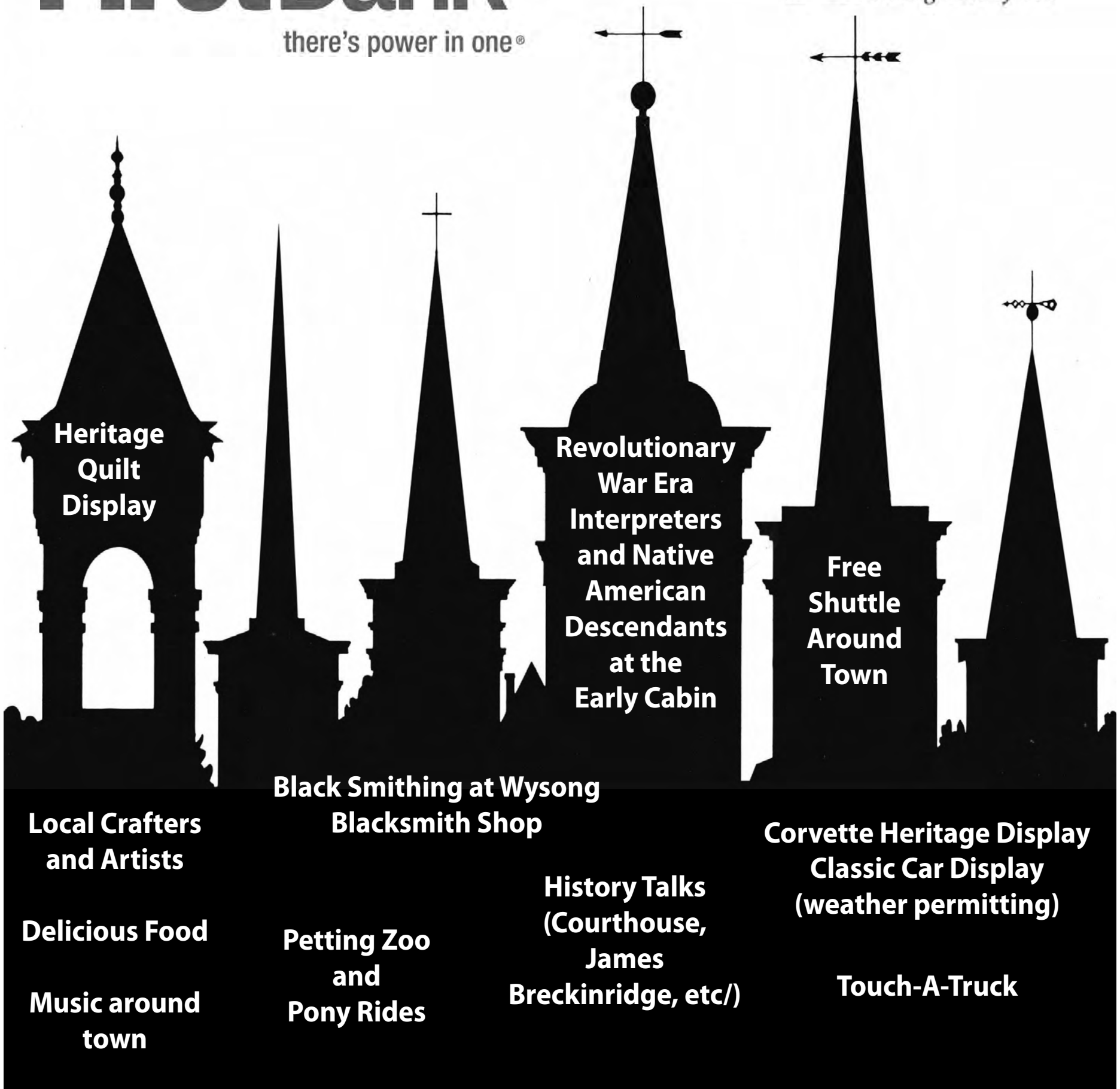
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Legals - Botetourt County

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code Ann. §§ 8.01-316, -317 **Case No. CL21-610** Botetourt County Circuit Court Commonwealth of Virginia in re **Wilmington Savings Fund FSB, et al v. Andrew L. Lawson, et al.** The object of this suit is to: rescind the September 16, 2020 foreclosure sale of 47 Garfield Lane, Roanoke, Virginia. It is ORDERED that: Any/All Heirs of HAZEL A. LAWSON appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before September 28, 2022. Signed Tommy L. Moore, Clerk on this day August 16th, 2022.

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BOTETOURT COUNTY IN RE: ESTATE OF NANCY LEE LIPES NICELY, DECEASED NOTICE

Having been requested to do so by David Spigle, attorney for the executrix of the estate of Nancy Lee Lipés Nicely, Deceased, and in accordance with Section 64.2-550 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as

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amended, all creditors of Nancy Lee Lipés Nicely, and all persons in any way interested in her estate are hereby notified that I have fixed the 19th day of October, 2022 at 9 o'clock a.m., at my office at 13 South Roanoke Street, Fincastle, Virginia as the time and place for determining an account of the debts and demands against said Nancy Lee Lipés Nicely or her estate, the priorities among them, and the names of the persons to whom they are due. All creditors of Nancy Lee Lipés Nicely, deceased, and persons interested in her estate should appear at the time and place named, or any other time or place to which the proceedings may be adjourned, and protect their interest. Given under my hand this the 16th day of September, 2022. Malcolm McL. Doubles Commissioner of Accounts

Legals - City of Radford

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF RADFORD, VIRGINIA

Notice is hereby given, the Radford City Council will hold a public hearing on September 26, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers located at 10 Robertson Street, Radford, Virginia. Pursuant to Code of Virginia, Title 15.2, Article 2 Section 15.2-2006 et seq., the purpose of the public hearing it to receive comments regarding a request from Clarence E. Sowers, Trustees to vacate a portion of an unimproved public right of way area identified as a 20' Alley located near the intersection of Oakland Ave. and Elmwood St. The request contains a total area of approximately .08 acre. Copies of the application, together with the plat of the property to be vacated, are available for review in the City Manager's Office located at 10 Robertson Street.

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The Virginia Department of Transportation invites heavy equipment owners to sign up for the rental of their equipment with operators for SNOW & ICE REMOVAL purposes in Salem Residency which includes the counties of Roanoke, Botetourt and Craig during the winter of 2022-2023. Price per hour shall include operators, fuel, tire chains, supplies and required insurance. VDOT will need dump trucks, pickups with plows, motorgraders, backhoes, dozers, track loaders, tractors, rubber-tire loaders and farm tractors. All equipment shall be equipped for night work and be in good mechanical condition to ensure a safe and dependable 24/7 operation. VDOT reserves the right to determine acceptability of equipment size and condition for the task. Contractors submitting prices meeting the requirements of the Agreement may be contracted with and may be eligible to receive a mobilization payment and a minimum guaranteed payment for the season.

Contractors must submit their application on the electronic M7B bidding site at <https://www.plow4va.com/>. All new and returning Contractors must be active in the Virginia eProcurement Portal (eVA) in order to do business with the Commonwealth of Virginia (<https://eva.virginia.gov>).

Applications received by 7:00 PM on Friday October 7, 2022 may be eligible for a mobilization bonus. See the

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EVA posting for additional information, including contract requirements.

Questions can be directed to the Salem Residency from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM Monday – Friday. Phone: 540-387-5497. Email: SalemDistrictSnow@vdot.virginia.gov

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Sandlot Football

Patterson Stadium in Vinton was the site of four sandlot football games last Saturday on a beautiful late summer day. Above left, the Vinton Terriers 8-U team takes the field prior to a game with Salem. Right, Vinton quarterback Ashby Bernard fakes a handoff and takes off around end for a long TD run. No scores are kept at this age but it wasn't hard to surmise the Vinton boys were in the end zone more often on this day.

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Byrd's Clayton Gilmore earned first team All-Blue Ridge District honors in golf.

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Gilmore, WB 3rd in BRD golf Region 3D tournament is at Draper Valley next week

Senior Clayton Gilmore shot a four-over-par 75 to finish third individually and lead the William Byrd golf team to a third place finish in the Blue Ridge District golf tournament Monday at the Blue Hills golf course in Roanoke County. Lord Botetourt won the team championship and Cavalier senior Ashton Harper was medalist with a 69.

The Cavaliers, who finished second to Franklin County during the regular season, beat the Eagles by 14 strokes. Botetourt shot a team score of 309 to 323 for Franklin County and Byrd was third at 330, followed by Northside at 363 and Staunton River at 428. William Fleming did not field a full team.

Harper, a senior who will play at Virginia Tech next year, won individual honors by five strokes as Franklin County's Sam Fansler was second with a 74, followed by Gilmore at 75. Also scoring for the Terriers were Nathan Carter and Kobe Turner with 84 each and Maddox Wolfe at 87. Evan Mullen shot 89 and Madeline Cunningham had a 92.

"I'm proud of Clayton for earning first team all-district," said Byrd coach Tyler Goodman. "We also had strong performances from Kobe Turner and Nathan Carter."

Next up for the Terriers is the Region 3D tournament at Draper Valley on Tuesday, September 27, in Pulaski County. The top two teams and three individuals not on those teams will advance to the state tournament.



Runners are off and heading across campus at the start of last week's "Byrd 400" fund-raising event.

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Runners cover 638 miles in "Byrd 400"

The William Byrd cross country team participated in the "Byrd 400" last Thursday around the high school and surrounding trails. The event is an annual fund raiser for the team.

Team members and others who opted to participate completed a total of 638 miles, and 338 were by runners on the team. Reagan Lilley was the top runner with 20.6 miles completed while Claire Glover ran 14.68. Top middle school runners were Colton Sotherden with 12 miles and Elanna Mullen with 11. Mark Mailhot, a teacher, was the top "friend" with 18.79 miles.

"I love this day," said Byrd coach Eric Royal. "We get together

and the kids run more miles than they think they can run and there is a healthy competition between them, not wanting their teammate to run farther. Great bond."

The team returns to inter-scholastic action to this Saturday when the Terriers participate in the Allegheny Invitational at the Jackson River Sports Complex in Covington. Racing starts at 9:30 am with the middle school boys, followed by the middle school girls at 10 am. The varsity races begin with the boys at 10:30 am and the girls at 11:15 am, and there will be a combined jayvee race at noon.



Hokies host WVU tonight

Left, Virginia Tech's Dax Hollifield directs the defense in the Hokies' 27-7 win over Wofford at Lane Stadium last Saturday. Right, freshman Bryce Duke scores his first touchdown as a Hokie. Tech will be back in action tonight for a nationally televised game on ESPN as they host West Virginia with the "Black Diamond Trophy" on the line.

PHOTOS BY SUZANNE WITCHER



Above left, Byrd senior Luis Hernandez presents the United States flag to the “Dog Pound” prior to last Friday’s game. Above right, John Kiker(#9), Maurice Burnette (#62) and Jonathan Rosser(#66) combine on a tackle. Below, Cyrus Adams (#54) makes a block while Hernandez (#61) and Nick Bustamante (#50) look for someone to hit as Lane Shoemaker hands off to DeShannon Reed.

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Terriers have week off after loss to Bassett

football last Friday night. Bassett took a 42-21 win at Patterson Stadium in Vinton.

Byrd had a one point lead at half time in this “dog and cat” fight. The Bengals took an early lead on a 63 yard pass play and held a 7-0 edge after the first quarter. However, Byrd battled back on a two yard run by DeShannon Reed and a six yard pass play from Isaiah Hairston to John Kiker to take a 14-7 lead, with Bricen Lancaster converting both extra point kicks. Bassett scored another TD before the half but Byrd blocked the conversion attempt and the Terriers held a 14-13 lead at intermission.

The Bengals regained the lead in the third quarter on a 29 yard TD pass and had a successful two-point conversion for a 21-14 lead. Not to be denied, Byrd bounced back and tied the game at 21-21 on a five yard run by Reed and that’s how it stood after three quarters.

Unfortunately for the Terriers, Bassett finished strong. The Bengals scored on a 34 yard pass to take the lead, then a 33 yard “pick six” interception put the Byrdmen in a hole. Bassett punched in one more TD for insurance and bussed home with a hard fought win.

“The 4th quarter was the turning point in the game,” said Byrd coach Brad Lutz. “Our offense played well, but turned the ball over in the fourth quarter and that led to points and good field position for Bassett.”

Reed finished with 73 yards rushing on 24 carries and Lane Shoemaker had 36 yards rushing while completing six of 11 passes for another 50 yards. Hairston was two for two passing as Kiker and Alex Dunn had two receptions apiece for the Terriers.

On defense Kiker led the team with 14 tackles while Jahdai English and Dexter Gaines had five each. Wyatt Bailey had an interception that set up a Byrd touchdown.

The loss dropped the Terriers to 1-3 on the season,



all against non-district teams. Byrd has a bye this week before a game at Cave Spring on September 30, followed by five straight Blue Ridge District games.

“Our next opponent(Cave Spring) is currently 3-1, so we are going to use this week to get a jump on preparing for them,” said Lutz. “We are also hoping to get a few of our guys healthy. We were without three starters last week. Christiansburg and Bassett are two very good football teams and they exposed a few things we need to work on this week, so we will focus on cleaning up mistakes.”

The bye comes at a bittersweet time for the Terriers. They can use a week off, but would like to get back in the saddle after a tough loss.

“Open weeks have benefits and disadvantages,” said Lutz. “After coming off a disappointing loss to Bassett our team is anxious to get back on the field to play again, but we will benefit from a week off to focus on mistakes that we made last week.”

Coach Lutz has seen improvement in the team in the first four weeks and is anxious to see what the rest of the season holds.

“Defensively, we are playing with more confidence,” said. “We have rotated a lot of players on defense, so we are building some much needed depth. This is also creating competition within our team, and we have benefitted from that. Our players are playing harder in practice and in the games.

“Offensively, we are getting more players involved in our offensive production. Two freshmen have stepped up big as DeShannon Reed and Alex Dunn have taken advantage of game reps this season. We are also relying on an offensive line that includes three sophomores.”

The junior varsity lost a 20-18 heartbreaker to Bassett last week. The jayvees are also off this week, returning September 29 with a home game against Cave Spring. The middle school Terriers will host Read Mountain today at 5 pm at Patterson Stadium.

Byrd girls dig in for four wins at the Dog Pound

The William Byrd volleyball team only lost one set in four matches as they claimed the “Diggin’ at the Dog Pound” tournament championship last Saturday at William Byrd High School. The Terriers picked up four wins on the day in the annual tournament for varsity teams.

“I’m so proud of the girls for their hard work, dedication and grit,” said Byrd coach Allison Thornton. “Lots of games and a long day, but they really pulled together and it was so fun to watch.”

Byrd opened the round robin with a 25-7, 25-12 win over Roanoke Catholic in the first match of the day at 9 am. The followed with a 25-17, 25-17 win over Floyd, then earned a spot in the championship match by defeating Magna Vista, 25-22, 25-12. That set up a rematch with Floyd for the championship at 5:15 pm and the Buffaloes jumped to an early lead with a 25-22 win in the first set. However, the Byrd girls regrouped and won the next two, 25-16 and 15-10 to take first place in the tournament.

Byrd’s Terran Brown finished the four matches with a team high 32 kills. Carsyn Kotz had 53 assists and six aces while Raelyn Lancaster had a great all-around day with 22 kills and 33 service attempts at 97 percent for the day. Ella Ashworth had eight aces and 23 digs and Emily Tuck finished with 39 digs.

After a couple days rest the Terriers were right back at it Tuesday with a Blue Ridge District match at Lord Botetourt. Byrd dropped to 7-4 on the season and 1-1 in the BRD with a three-set loss to LB, 25-22, 25-17 and

25-14.

Kotz had 24 assists and three aces in this one while Lancaster had eight kills and three blocks. Brown led the net play with 12 kills and Ella Ashworth had 24 digs.

The girls are back home tonight to host Staunton River in a district match and it’s “Tiny Terrier Night.” The girls who attended the summer camp are invited to attend and will be introduced at the match.

“They’re the future of our program,” said Thornton.



Diggin’ the Terriers

Left, Byrd’s Raelyn Lancaster serves one up at Saturday’s “Diggin’ at the Dog Pound” volleyball tournament at William Byrd High School. Above, Ava Ashworth goes low for a dig and, right, Terran Brown goes high for a spike. Terran had 32 kills on the day.

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