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Vinton Police awarded re-accreditation with perfect score

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The Vinton Police Department was recognized at the Vinton Town Council meeting on October 4 for receiving re-accreditation for the fifth consecutive time from the Virginia Law Enforcement Professional Standards Commission (VLEP-SC). Police departments in Virginia are re-accredited for four-year terms, so that means the Vinton Police have received this award from

the Commonwealth of Virginia for the past 20 years. Since 2002, the Vinton Police Department has operated at the highest standard. This time the department received a perfect report on the evaluation.

Vinton Police Chief Fabricio Drumond expressed his pride in the officers in his department for this accomplishment. He commended Officer Brandon Hill, who has served as both accredi-

tation manager and records manager for the department through the process this time.

Deputy Chief Tim Lawless described to council the purpose of re-accreditation, the process police departments must go through, and the value of that recognition to the community. Re-accreditation symbolizes an in-depth review of the entire operations, organization, management, and administration of a police



PHOTO BY DEBBIE ADAMS

The Vinton Police Department was recognized at the Vinton Town Council meeting on October 4 for receiving re-accreditation through the Virginia Law Enforcement Professional Standards Commission. Accepting the award are (left to right) Chief Fabricio Drumond, Officer Brandon Hill, who is the accreditation and records manager for the department, and Deputy Chief Tim Lawless.

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Dr. Ray Allen lived a life beyond expectations

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The Rev. Dr. Ray Allen, 84, passed away on September 27, 2022.

He served as an ordained minister for over 62 years, including almost two years as interim pastor at Vinton Baptist Church. In 2014, I interviewed Dr. Allen when he had just published his autobiography, "My Racket—How it Worked Out," one of several books he authored. In it, he detailed the phenomenal story of his life's journey—"a life beyond expectations."

Allen grew up in poverty in Central and Southwest Virginia. He shared that his childhood experiences "hardly equipped me for success." His father died in a lumber accident when he was not quite a year old. He was raised by his mother and stepfather, one of 10 children.

He described himself as a "poor student" in high school, a terrible speller, paralyzed by stage fright to such an extent that he would refuse to recite in class—not an auspicious beginning for someone who would grow up to become a military instructor, a pastor, an author, and a member of international mission teams.

Allen credited two fortuitous

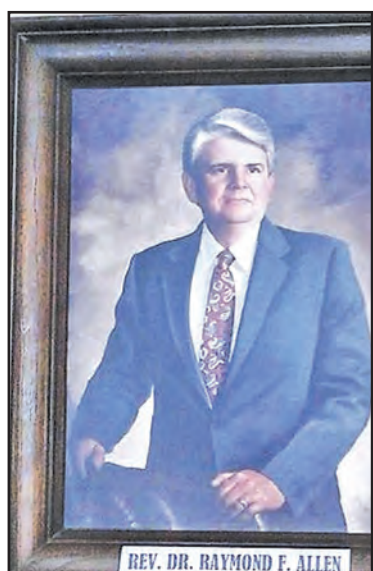


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The Rev. Dr. Ray Allen was a co-founder of the India Baptist Theological Seminary, along with Dr. Bill Ross and Rev. Dr. Kunjumon Chacko. His portrait hangs in the Dr. Ray Allen Library there.

circumstances in his life with turning his world around—meeting his wife, Ann Cobb, and enlisting in the United States Army. He described his wife in the book as "the first person I ever knew who loved me and saw potential in me."

He says his teachers in high school assumed he would remain

See Dr. Ray Allen, page 6



Jaylen Smith competed in the 2022 ISCA East Coast Open Water Festival at Smith Mountain Lake—one of only two 9-year-olds in the one-mile open swim competition event.

Nine-year-old Jaylen Smith competes in SML one-mile open swim

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Jaylen Smith, 9, of Blue Ridge recently competed in the 2022 ISCA East Coast Open Water Festival at Smith Mountain Lake. The event was held the weekend of September 24 and 25. Jaylen competed in the one-mile open swim event individually, not as part of a swim team. This was her first ever open swim and she completed the race in under an hour.



PHOTOS SUBMITTED BY KRISTEN SMITH

According to her mother, Kristen Rawlings Smith, Jaylen has been swimming since the fall of 2019.

"She ended up missing a portion of that season due to having her tonsils out, getting the flu, and then Covid hit and shut everything down. She has been swimming competitively since then, but she really got serious about swimming during the summer of 2021 because it was the first time that she'd been able to swim consistently. She's been interested

in open water swim since she first learned about it during the Summer Olympics last year.

"I had looked into open water swims around the area, but many have age limits and don't allow kids her age to swim. When I saw this event and saw the minimum age was 7, she immediately wanted to participate."

"There was a half-mile swim option available, but Jaylen wanted to commit

See Jaylen Smith, page 5

Lighthouse Christian Academy students gather for first 'See You at the Pole'



PHOTO BY DEBBIE ADAMS

Students at Lighthouse Christian Academy in Vinton gathered for "See You at the Pole" on September 28.

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Students, teachers, and families gathered at the flag poles at Lighthouse Christian Academy in Vinton on September 28 for "See You at the Pole."

Students around the world have been gathering for 32 years on the fourth Wednesday in September to pray for their schools, families, churches, communities, and nation. The student-initiated and student-led tradition began in 1990 in Burleson, Texas, with 10 students praying at their school and now millions around the world participate in the global event. In fact, on

September 28, students prayed in every time zone over the course of 24 hours.

School administrator Kathy Barton shared some of the history of the event, then the students pledged allegiance to the Bible, the Christian flag, and the flag of the United States of America.

Lighthouse Bible Church Pastor Jay Richards led the students in a devotion and a time of prayer. He spoke to the students about finding God all around them every day, and about the power of and need for prayer.

This was the first "See You at the Pole" for newly opened Lighthouse

Christian Academy that is located at and affiliated with Lighthouse Bible Church on Washington Avenue in Vinton, near William Byrd.

"Aflame" from Romans 12:11-12 was chosen as the international theme for the 2022 "See You at the Pole": 10 Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another; 11 not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; 12 rejoicing in hope, patient[c] in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer; 13 distributing to the needs of the saints, given[d] to hospitality.

The organization's website states that "See You at the Pole" brings students together to intercede for their leaders, schools, and families, asking God to bring moral and spiritual awakening to their schools and countries. This year students were encouraged to "never let the flame in your heart go out. Keep it alive—pray."



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, Oct. 6

Town of Vinton: Window Display contest in downtown Vinton for Fall Festival and Downtown Trick or Treat. Prizes will be awarded—Grand, People’s Choice, and Most Creative. Email angie@vintonchamber.com for more information.

Vinton Library: Vinton Book Club discusses “The Personal Librarian” at 3 p.m. Celebrate all things Alice in Wonderland at Mad Hatter Day from 4 to 6 p.m. with Alice-themed crafts, snacks, and a showing of he classic animated Disney film on the patio.

Charles R. Hill Community Center: Free Tai Chi Class from 9-9:45 a.m. Cards, 10:15 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 7

William Byrd High School: The William Byrd High School Terriers play the Cave Spring Knights at Cave Spring. The football game begins at 7 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 8

Vinton Fall Festival: Downtown Vinton 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Vinton History Museum: The Vinton History Museum will hold a “Holiday Shoppe” with gift baskets, holiday décor and gift items on the museum lawn during

Fall Festival. All proceeds go towards operation and maintenance of the museum. The Thrasher Quilters will also be at the museum with a Quilt Sale. All quilts are made at home by their quilters and either tied by hand or machine quilted. There are many sizes to choose from. The museum is located at the corner of Jackson Avenue and Maple Street in downtown Vinton.

Rocktoberfest: The fun will continue after Fall Festival at Twin Creeks Brewing Company, from 3 p.m. to 10 p.m., featuring Jason and the Pinschers, the Karlee Raye Band, and Munsey’s Smoke Shack with German specials, 111 South Pollard Street.

Vinton Public Library: Regional Center for Animal Care and Protection (RCACP) Adoption Fair during Fall Festival, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Earthworks Studio will be open during the Vinton Fall Festival, with works by several local artists on sale including some made from local trees that have been repurposed. They are located at 228 South Pollard Street.

Monday, Oct. 10

Vinton Library: Riley Ginger with the Better Business Bureau will be giving a presentation at 11 a.m. on Identity Theft; learn how to best prevent your identity

from being stolen and what to do if it happens to you. Teens are invited to Teen Anime Club from 6 to 7 p.m. Please register to watch anime, discuss your favorite shows and manga, and eats snacks. Prizes will be awarded for (optional) cosplay.

Charles R. Hill Community Center: Music Jam 3-5:30 p.m. All are welcome to participate or just watch and listen.

Tuesday, Oct. 11
Charles R. Hill Community Center: Line dancing classes: 10 a.m. Beginner’s Plus class, 11:30 a.m. Beginner’s Class, 6 p.m. Advanced line dancing.

Vinton Library: Open Bridge will be meeting from 1 to 4 p.m. Register for Junior Makers which meets from 4-5 p.m.

Roanoke County Board of Supervisors Meeting: 3 p.m. at the Roanoke County Administration Center on Bernard Drive near Tanglewood.

Wednesday, Oct. 12

Vinton Library: Vintage Horror Movie night at 6 p.m. showing “Hocus Pocus.” Also, the “As the Page Turns Book Club: will discuss “The Magnolia Place” at 2 p.m.

Future Events in Vinton:

Roanoke County Schools: Closed for Teacher Workday on Friday, Oct. 14. Next School Board meeting on Oct. 13 at 6 p.m.

VINTON HISTORY

A Lazy Susan is a turntable (rotating tray) placed on a table or countertop to aid in distributing food without having to pass it all around. Although they are common in Chinese restaurants, the Lazy Susan is a Western invention.

The Lazy Susan, formerly known as a “dumb-waiter” originates from England and is dated backto the 18th century. The device was called “dumb” because it did its job in perfect silence. It may have become popular at a time when household servants were in declining supply.

In the absence of maids or footmen to refill wine goblets and deliver condiments, diners were forced to reach across the table or interrupt conversation with “pass the pimientos please,” theLos Angeles Times explained.

According to a great many Americans, the ideas for a Lazy Susan came from Thomas Jefferson.

He had a daughter who grew impatient waiting for the food platters to be passed around. Thus, the Lazy Susan was born.

One of the thousands of items on display donated by area residents to the Vinton History Museum is a Lazy Susan given

as a Golden Wedding gift on December 21, 1936, to Calvin and Julia Muse Wood. They were married on December 21, 1886, in the Bonsack community of Roanoke County. Calvin was son of Samuel

and Amanda Gish Wood. Julia was daughter of William Henry and Alice Gish Muse.

Submitted by Judy Cunningham, Executive Director of the Vinton History Museum



PHOTO BY JUDY CUNNINGHAM

This Lazy Susan was given to Calvin and Julia Muse Wood on their 50th wedding anniversary on December 21, 1936. They were married on December 21, 1886, in the Bonsack community of Roanoke County.

William Byrd Middle School Staff Member of the Week

Each week the William Byrd Middle School football team is honoring a staff member at the school 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 the athletes selected Ashley Stultz as

the Staff Member of the Week. As a 7th grade math teacher, the athletes noted Stultz’s encouraging nature in the classroom, along with her leadership ability in and outside the classroom.

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.”

Submitted by William Byrd Middle School



Math teacher Ashley Stultz

PHOTO COURTESY OF WILLIAM BYRD MIDDLE SCHOOL

CHURCH NEWS

Belmont Christian reschedules annual Craft Fair

Belmont Christian Church will be hosting its 3rd Annual Outdoor Craft and Vendor Fair, on Saturday, October 8 from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m., postponed due to the hurricane. The church is located at 1101 Jamison Ave, S.E. in Roanoke.

They have new vendors this year as well as favorites from the last two years—34 in all. 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, and Louise Allen’s Handmade soaps and 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.

Blue Ridge Baptist sponsors Blood Drive

Blue Ridge Baptist Church is sponsoring their 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.

Lighthouse Bible Church hosts Mystery Dinner Theatre to raise funds for new school

Lighthouse Bible Church will be hosting an interactive murder mystery dinner show, “Just Desserts” on October 14 (7 p.m.) and 15 (6 p.m.) to raise funds for their new school—Lighthouse Christian Academy. Tickets are \$40 and include a three-course meal of an appetizer, either sliced turkey or roast beef, a “delectable” dessert—and the show. For more information visit: thelighthousebiblechurch.com/ or call the church office at 540-890-3304.

Churches unite for Good News Club afterschool program

Garden City Baptist Church is hosting the Good News Club every Thursday afternoon from 2:30 to 4:00 p.m.

through Oct. 27. The church is located at 3536 Garden City Boulevard in Roanoke. Other churches supporting the program include Brookhill Baptist, Clearbrook Baptist, and Garden City Bible Fellowship.

Children will enjoy snacks, music, games, and interactive Bible lessons.

The Good News Club is a program of the Child Evangelism Fellowship, sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ with children every day.

Information on registration is available at 540-344-8696.

Thrasher Memorial United Methodist Church to participate in Crop Walk

Members of Thrasher Memorial UMC invite the community to participate with them in the annual Roanoke Valley CROP Hunger Walk on Sunday, October 9, at 2 p.m. The walk begins at First Evangelical Presbyterian Church located at 2101 South Jefferson Street in Roanoke, near Roanoke Memorial Hospital. You may register online at www.crophungerwalk.org. “Help end hunger one step at a time.”

Pianist David Nevue to perform at Campbell Memorial Presbyterian, CMPC hosts craft fair

Pianist/composer/storyteller David Nevue will be performing in concert at Campbell Memorial Presbyterian Church in Vinton on Sunday, October 9 at 3 p.m. He is an award-winning, nationally recognized artist whose music can be heard on Spotify, Pandora, Amazon Music, Apple Music, Alexa, YouTube, or virtually anywhere you can listen to music.

The concert is free and open to the community. A love offering will be taken.

Campbell Memorial will also be hosting a Fall Craft Show on Saturday, Oct. 29 from 9 a.m. tl 2 p.m. in the church fellowship hall. They are still accepting crafters for this event. Please call the church at 540-343-1842 for information.

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

Please submit announcements for Church News to dadams@mainstreet-newspapers.com or call 540-473-2741.

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OBITUARY

Olive, John Edward

January 20, 1934 – October 1, 2022

John Edward Olive, 88, originally from Roanoke, Ga., for the past 45 years, passed away peacefully on Saturday, October 1, 2022.

John served in the United States Air Force, worked for Equifax in sales for 27 years, then owned his real estate business, Olive-Wood Properties, with his beloved wife of 67 years, Emily Wood Olive. He was a beloved father who had an impact on everyone he met.

He is survived by his son, Tim and his wife, Denise; brothers-in-law, Jack Wood and Gene Leslie; sister-in-law, Jeanette Olive; and wonderful nephews and nieces, Paul Olive, Pam Olive Gold,



David Olive (Sherri), Jane Shepherd-Yasler (David), Forrest Lavinder (Ilene), Elaine Lavinder, Steve Thrasher (Becky), Richard Thrasher, Donna Thrasher Jacobs, Charlotte Leslie Carver (Larry), Greg Leslie (Vikki), Laura Gross Wilkinson (David) and Tom Gross (Kelly).

Visitation will be held from 6 until 8 p.m. on Friday, October 7, 2022, at Oakey's Vinton Chapel. The funeral service will be conducted at 2 p.m. on Saturday, October 8, at the funeral home. Interment will follow in Mountain View Cemetery. Online condolences may be made at www.Oakeys.com. Arrangements are by Oakey's Funeral Service – Vinton Chapel (540) 982-2221.

Bank of Botetourt Joins ABA and Banks Across U.S. for #BanksNeverAskThat Anti-Phishing Campaign

America's banks are joining forces in a coordinated, industry-wide campaign to protect consumers during National Cybersecurity Awareness Month.

Bank of Botetourt joined the American Bankers Association and banks across the nation to promote an industry-wide campaign educating consumers about the persistent threat of phishing scams. The FTC estimates that consumers lost \$5.8 billion to phishing and other fraud in 2021, an increase of more than 70% compared to 2020. To combat phishing, the #BanksNeverAskThat campaign uses attention-grabbing humor and other engaging content to empower consumers to identify bogus bank communications asking for sensitive information like their passwords and social security numbers.

"We are pleased to partner with the ABA on this campaign to help bring awareness to our customers regarding the threats of identity theft," said G. Lyn Hayth, III, BoB President & CEO. "Protecting our customers and equipping them with the information to help protect themselves is extremely important."

"Phishing attempts are at an all-time high and scammers are targeting consumers from every direction—by text, phone and email," said Paul Benda, senior vice president, operational risk and cybersecurity at ABA. "Education and awareness are key to helping consumers spot a scam, and with help from participating banks like Bank of Botetourt, we're able to reach bank customers across the country so they can stay one step

ahead of the scammers."

Bank of Botetourt, along with more than 1,000 banks from across the U.S. and ABA, kicked off this year's updated campaign on Oct. 3 to mark the beginning of National Cybersecurity Awareness Month. Throughout the month Bank of Botetourt will share eye-catching and engaging short videos and consumer tips on social media and in bank branches designed to highlight common phishing schemes. Because cybersecurity education and fraud awareness can often be dull and forgettable to many consumers, the campaign is designed to be bright and bold with a bit of comedy.

"Do you prefer boxers or briefs? Do you believe in aliens?" one of the campaign's animated GIFs asks social media users. "Banks would never ask you these questions. Here's another question a real bank would never ask: We've spotted some unusual activity on your account; can you please verify your username and password?"

The campaign's short videos offer similarly ridiculous scenarios like wallpapering a room with cash, roasting marshmallows over a cash fire and recycling cash on garbage day. Consumers are directed to BanksNeverAskThat.com where they will find an interactive game, videos, phishing red flags, tips, and FAQs.

For more information about phishing scams and how to stop fraudsters in their tracks, visit www.BanksNeverAskThat.com.

Something for everyone coming up at the Vinton Fall Festival

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Vinton's annual Fall Festival is scheduled for Saturday, October 8 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the streets of downtown Vinton. The annual festival is sponsored by the Vinton Area Chamber of Commerce and presented by MemberOne.

The festival once again features a variety of entertainment—"something for everyone," says Chamber Executive Director Angie Chewning. There's a Kid's Zone in the parking lot at Vinton Baptist Church, along with craft and food vendors up and down Pollard and Maple Streets and Lee and Jackson Avenues.

The entertainment will be on two stages, both at the Municipal Building and the Vinton Farmers' Market.

The schedule for the Vinton Farmers' Market Stage includes:

10:30 a.m. Mish Moves Dance Company

11:30 a.m. Defy Gravity

12:30 to 1 p.m. Pet Costume Contest

The schedule for the Vinton Municipal Building Stage includes:

10:30 a.m. Fame All-Star Cheer

11 a.m. Virginia Legacy All-Star Cheer

12-1:30 p.m. Susan Lewis Music Studio

1:30-2:30 p.m. Floyd Ward

The Vinton Breakfast Lions Club will be holding their annual All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast for Fall Festival that morning, beginning at 7 a.m., at the VFW

building on Lee Avenue in downtown Vinton—one of their main fundraisers each year which enables them to meet many community needs.

As always, the streets of Vinton will be filled with food and craft vendors.

Several streets in downtown Vinton will be closed from 6 a.m. to 5 p.m. to allow the Festival to take place:

Pollard Street will be closed from Washington Avenue to Cleveland Avenue

Maple Street will be closed from Washington Avenue to Cleveland Avenue

Lee Avenue will be closed from Poplar Street to Jackson Avenue near the Fire Station

If you have energy left after Fall Festival or just want to relax and recoup, Twin Creeks Brewing Company on Pollard is hosting "Rocktoberfest" with music from Jason and the Pinschers and the Karlee Raye Band on the MKB stage. That's from 3 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Sponsors of the Vinton Fall Festival include Oakey's Funeral Home, 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 Communications, Carilion Clinic, Mayor Brad Grose, and KP Strategies.



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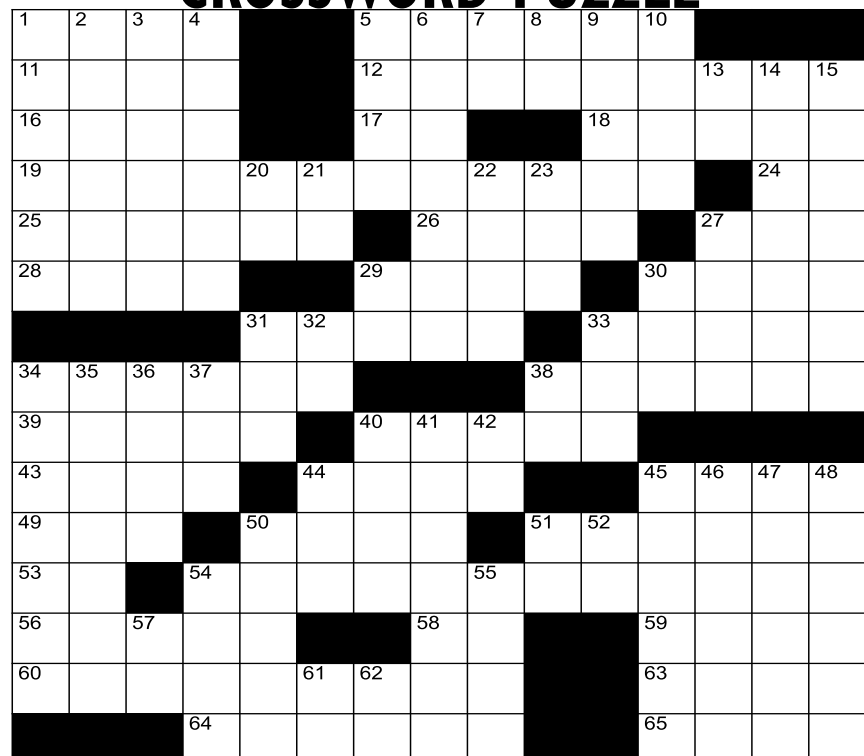


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1. Leg shank

5. A way to recognize

11. "VeggieTales" character

12. Getting out of by cunning

16. Mythological mountain

17. Atomic #18

19. Viscous liquid

20. 2010 Denzel film

24. 12th star in a constellation

25. Made better

26. Pouches

27. Nervous twitch

28. This (Spanish)

29. Tennis legend Bjorn

30. Hand (Spanish)

31. Afrikaans

33. Int'l interpreters organization (abbr.)

34. Treated with kid gloves

38. Leaseholder

39. Frogs, toads, tree toads

40. Popular dance

43. Sailing maneuver: tack & _

44. Indicates speed of rotation (abbr.)

45. Mark

49. Health insurance

50. Custom clothing brand

51. One who makes suits

53. Execute or perform

54. Degree of pleasantness when tasting

56. Equal to roughly 5.6 bushels

58. Blood group

59. Imaginary line

60. Hopeless

63. Darken

64. Spoke

65. Work units

CLUES DOWN

1. A way to fit out

2. Football carries

3. Force out

4. Maintaining equilibrium

5. Sealed with a kiss

6. Type of container

7. Hollywood

8. We

9. Small freshwater ducks

10. Norse personification of old age

13. Says who you are

14. Candidate

15. Sugar found in honey and sweet fruits

20. Defunct language (abbr.)

21. Take too much

22. Iranian province

23. Records electric currents

27. _ and feathers

29. Beloved Mr. T character

30. More (Spanish)

31. Beverage

32. Promotional material

33. Green vegetable

34. National capital

35. To any further extent

36. Swollen, inflamed lymph node

37. Anger

38. Pound

40. Popular Yugo

41. Salt of acetic acid

42. Millihenry

44. Israeli city _ Aviv

45. Make wider

46. Drink containing medicine

47. Acknowledging

48. Private, romantic rendezvous

50. Calvary sword

51. Disease of the lungs

52. 2001 Spielberg film

54. Fleeshy, watery fruit

55. In one's chambers

57. Set of information (abbr.)

61. Dorm employee

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Soar into Fall at Explore Park's Treetop Quest! The aerial adventure and zipline course is open weekends from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. through October 30. Strap on a headlamp and soar through the trees at night on Saturday, October 29 for the final Twilight Zipline event of 2022. Register at ExplorePark.org.


Explore Park will be hosting Spooktacular Saturday on October 29 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The day will feature expanded, spooky activities including:

- Pumpkin Carving, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- Costume Contest, 3 p.m. - 4 p.m.
- Climbing Tower, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- Food Trucks, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- Marshmallow Roasting, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- Visitor Center Activities, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- Face painting, crafts, guessing games
- Environmental Education, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- Owls & Opossums Live Presentation, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Call the Visitor Center at (540) 427-1800 for more information.

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at Explore Park



Saturday, October 29
10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

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 Treetop Quest	10 AM - 4 PM	
 Climbing Tower	10 AM - 3 PM	
 Food Trucks	10 AM - 4 PM	
 Marshmallow Roasting	10 AM - 4 PM	
 Face Painting, Crafts & Guessing Games	10 AM - 4 PM	
 Environmental Education	10 AM - 4 PM	
 Owls & Opossums presentation	11 AM - 1 PM	

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RECIPE

Zucchini Relish

Ingredients:
10 cups zucchini (about 4 large)
4 cups onion
1 sweet red pepper
1 green pepper
5 Tbsp. salt
2 and 1/2 cups vinegar
1 tsp. celery seed
4 cups sugar
1 tsp. nutmeg
1 Tbsp. dry mustard
1 Tbsp. turmeric
1 and 1/2 Tbsp. black pepper
1 Tbsp. cornstarch

Grind zucchini, onion, red pepper, and green pepper. Add salt and let stand 8 hours or overnight. Wash and drain well in colander. Measure the vinegar, sugar, nutmeg, dry mustard, turmeric, celery seeds, and black pepper into a pan. Bring to a boil and add zucchini mixture. Cook for 20 minutes. Add cornstarch. Cook 10 more minutes. Pour into hot jars and seal. Yields 3 and 1/2 pints.

From the kitchen of Kathryn Sowers

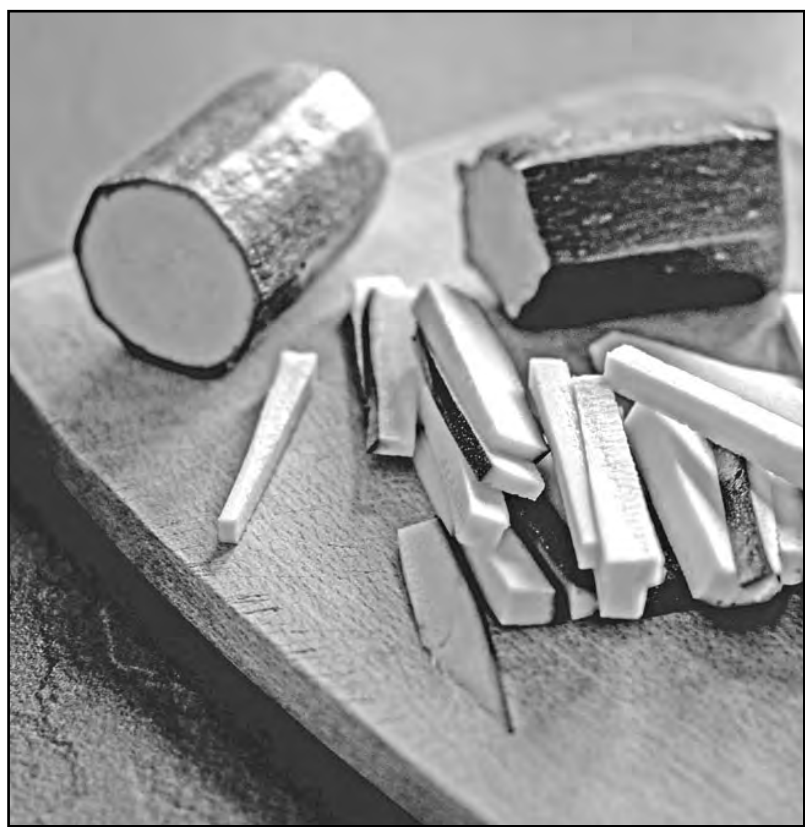


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CHURCH OF CHRIST VINTON - 2107 Feather Road, Vinton. Terry Hodge, Minister, 540-890-1170. Sunday Bible Study 9:45 a.m., Sunday

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Worship Directory

Almighty God

Read Genesis 40:1 through 41:57

Joseph spent two years in a dungeon after interpreting the dreams of Pharaoh's cupbearer. Joseph had asked this man to mention him to the king upon being reinstated, but, as each day dragged on, no communication came from the Pharaoh. When Pharaoh had a dream and told it to all his wise men, no one could interpret it. The cupbearer finally remembered Joseph and told Pharaoh about him.

So Pharaoh sent for Joseph, and he was quickly brought from the dungeon. When he had shaved and changed his clothes, he came before Pharaoh (Genesis 41:14).

Joseph was going to be taken into the presence of the nation's highest ruler. His first order of business was to make himself presentable. His prison clothing and his haggard appearance were hardly appropriate to stand before royalty. Joseph prepared to see the king, honoring the authority and majesty of Pharaoh.

We have the privilege of an audience at any time with our King, Jesus Christ. May we never forget His majesty or approach Him with less than honor and adoration.

Thought for Today: Consider the majesty of God.

Quicklook: Genesis 41:1-14

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 Su.ndays; 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.

School Board considers naming football field for Highfill, adding Parent /Teacher Conference Day

Debbie Adams
dadams@ourvalley.org

At the Roanoke County School Board work session on October 4, members heard a recommendation to name the football playing field at William Byrd High School after retired Coach Jeff Highfill. A committee of stakeholders representing the school made the recommendation. The stadium would still be named the Robert A. Patterson Stadium after the late Principal Bob Patterson, but the playing field would be named for Highfill.

The stakeholders followed School Board policy in making the request. The policy provides that “school facilities (i.e. individual portions of schools, such as gymnasiums, auditoriums, libraries, and athletic fields) may be named for individuals who have made a significant contribution to the school or community. School facilities may be named for individuals, living or deceased, who have not been actively employed by the school division within the previous year.”

WBHS Principal Tammy Newcomb presented a packet of supporting documents and a letter from the stakeholders, led by Dale Foster, to the School Board. Foster coached Highfill at Andrew Lewis High School and highly recommended him for the position as head coach at William Byrd in 1981.

Former Roanoke County School Superintendent Bayse Wilson and Bob Patterson both supported naming the field in Highfill’s honor and approached present School Superintendent Dr. Ken Nicely with their recommendation in 2018. Every athletic director at WBHS since 1977 also signed the letter of support: David Blevins, Jane Layman, Gary Walthall, Crystal Whorley, and Jason Taylor.

Newcomb noted that the honor is not based on a win/loss record, but on what an individual has done for students, the school, and the community. Highfill coached football at William Byrd from 1981 through the 2018 season. Many people do

not know that he also started the soccer program at Byrd in 1982 and taught math in the school system for 34 years. He still attends ammost every Byrd game.

Highfill is known as a “man of few words” so he was asked if he would accept the honor and agreed. A committee was formed to go through the naming process, which is now complete.

School Board member Tim Greenway expressed his support for the recommendation, noting Highfill’s character and impact on students and the community. “Bob Patterson’s recommendation says multitudes,” Greenway commented.

Action will be taken on this recommendation at the regular School Board meeting on October 13.

In other business, the School Board heard a recommendation that November 1 be changed on the school calendar to a Parent/Teacher Conference Day. Assistant Superintendent of Administration Dr. Rhonda Stegall noted that prior to 2019 and the pandemic, there were designated days for in-person parent/teacher conferences in addition to “as needed” conferences.

The county school system is seeking to help parents re-connect with the schools. Parents were surveyed to determine if a significant number of parents wished to return to designated days for in-person conferences.

Over 1,700 responded and 60% said they would like to have a designated day. That led to the staff recommendation that November 1 become a non-student Parent/Teacher Conference Day during normal teacher contract hours. Teachers will still be available for conferences on other days and by phone or video conference.

Schools will also be closed on November 8 for Election Day, which will continue to be a paid workday for which staff will continue to log parent contacts. February 13 would also become a Parent/Teacher Conference Day.

This item will be placed on the Consent Agenda for approval on October 13.

PEOPLE, PLACES AND THINGS

Mom enjoyed catching up with Matthew Schreier during his recent visit back home to Roanoke. We’ve known Matthew and his dad, Mark, since Matthew was in elementary school. Matthew grew up helping his dad with the Miss Roanoke Valley and Miss Virginia pageants.

A Roanoke native, Matthew studied Fashion Merchandising at Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond before moving to Chicago in January of 2020. He started his career at The Home Depot in Mundelein, Ill., to gain the necessary retail experience for a career in the fashion industry.

After Home Depot, he accepted a position at Club Monaco, in Bucktown Chicago, as a full-time Key Holder where he trained associates, opened and closed the store, executed visual merchandising, and operated as interim

Angie
Chewning

Filling in for Bootie

store manager for two months.

In July, he was recruited by Burberry in downtown Chicago to join the sales team as a Service Lead for women and children. He says luxury retail is so much different than fast fashion.

“People come in prepared to spend \$5,000 on a new coat and handbag. Most of them pay with cash.”

His time in Chicago has been full of learning experiences— especially when he was nearly mugged on a bus after work one night.

Matthew attributes his success to God as he believes God has kept him safe and secure.

He continues to help

his dad with the Miss Virginia production. He was here in June and plans to come home again next year.

Many, many thanks to everyone who reached out and wished me a Happy Birthday last week, and all those that celebrated “Septangie” with me this month. The texts, messages, gifts, and calls meant so much to me!

Don’t forget the Vinton Fall Festival on Saturday, Oct. 8 from 10-4. It will be a day full of fun, with something for everyone. There will be many food and craft vendors, a kids zone, petting zoo, and entertainment on two stages.

The Vinton Breakfast Lions will be serving all you can eat pancakes at the VFW on Lee Avenue. Once the Festival ends, Twin Creeks Brewing Co. will be sponsoring Rocktoberfest from 3 to 10 p.m.



Bootie Chewning enjoyed a visit from Matthew Schreier. SUBMITTED BY ANGIE CHEWNING

William Byrd High School wants to share alumni memories for documentary

William Byrd High School’s Byrd Society and Theatre Department, in collaboration with the WBHS History Club, are working together to create a documentary on the history

of Vinton High School/ William Byrd High School.

Students and teachers are seeking individuals who have video or film footage and/or photos of the school’s construc-

tion periods, activities, sports, and events from the 1920s to the present day.

If you have materials that the school can use with this project, contact Carol Lyn Webster

(cwebster@rcps.us) or call 540-890-3090.

Students would also like to interview alumni from different decades. If you are interested in being part of this documentary, please contact

Webster.

Students plan to create a short eight-minute film for the Virginia High School League’s Film Festival this spring, and a longer documentary to premiere at the

dedication ceremonies of the most recent renovations of William Byrd High School.

Submitted by Carol Lyn Webster, Theatre Arts Chair at WBHS

SPOTLIGHT ON TOWN STAFF



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE TOWN OF VINTON
Tyler Beard, Vinton Public Works

This week’s Spotlight is on Town of Vinton Public Works employee Tyler Beard. He has been working for the town for over six years since April 2016. His position is Equipment Operator 2.

Beard has a wife and four sons. He spends his spare time in Street Ministry, spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ.

“The Vinton Public Works Department touches the lives of thousands of people every day in a very professional manner,” says Mayor Brad Grose. “The dedicated individuals in the department enhance the quality of life in Vinton by

maintaining all the systems that provide safety, convenience, recreation, and a pleasing appearance in our town. We are truly blessed to have such skilled, devoted people in the Vinton Public Works Department.”

The Town of Vinton and The Vinton Messenger have united to “Spotlight the Town of Vinton Staff” during their birthday months. The town is proud to have these employees like Tyler Beard on staff and wants the community to see who is behind the scenes making the town look great and operate efficiently.

- The Vinton Messenger

From the Pulpit

Roadblocks

In September, Lead Pastor John Hemming and Associate Pastor Seong-Jae Jo at Thrasher Memorial United Methodist Church shared a sermon series on roadblocks which could distract someone from becoming closer to God including time, money, partiality/favoritism, and tongues.

“Language is a tool to communicate, not to criticize, judge, and blame,” Pastor Jo said. “However, we often use the tongue to attack others. My tongue could easily turn into a sword. We need to carefully pay attention to how we are using our tongues. Are we using them to praise the Lord and proclaim the Gospel or to kill others by words?”

“God has given some of us the gift of the Spirit, speaking in tongues. What that does is to focus

our prayers on God’s will, not ours, because the Spirit reigns and supervises what we say and pray. Basically, we need to surrender ourselves and our egos, and simply prioritize our lives for God and God’s Kingdom, until Jesus makes earth into heaven and heaven into earth.

“Let us break any roadblocks that keep us from coming to God and then prioritize our lives for God.”

Submitted by Pastor Seong-Jae Jo, Thrasher Memorial UMC

Jaylen Smith

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to the one-mile swim. She was one of only two 9-year-old and under swimmers that swam the one-mile open swim.

“She was excited but never nervous or anxious, even though all of us on shore were a little uneasy seeing her swim out of our sight, even with binoculars.

“She completed the swim in 45:08 and we’re so proud of her,” Smith said. “Jaylen said it was harder than she expected (she swims at least a mile at every practice, which is an hour and 15 minutes long). Because of the current and waves, you can’t stop, because you can’t put your feet down/touch, and you can’t see the lines (T’s) like in a pool. Watching for the buoys is more challenging because they’re so far away from you as you’re swimming towards them.”

Smith says that neither she, nor her husband Eric, competed in swimming—“Jaylen’s a first generation swimmer.”

“She is currently swimming

for the Y,” Smith said. “She’s on the VABR (Virginia Blue Ridge) Riptides team. She originally swam for Star City Aquatics Team (SCAT) which is year-round and the Vinton Area Swim Team (VAST) which is summer swim only through the RVAA (Roanoke Valley Aquatic Association) under Coach Bobby Braaten, through the Lancelot.”

When that program closed in August 2021, Jaylen moved to the Gators with Coach Braaten; however, he was not her coach there. Last summer he coached summer swim for the RVAA at Limestone Park in Buchanan and they drove all the way there to swim with him. When he switched to coaching at the YMCA, they followed him there for year-round swim.

“We primarily go to the Botetourt Y, but we do try to follow Bobby as much as possible and often times switch between the Kirk and Botetourt Y’s to have

him as Jaylen’s coach,” Smith said. “The Salem, Kirk, and Botetourt Y are all part of the VABR Riptides, and you can go between all three facilities, while under the same team.”

There were several activities during the two-day event—a 5K paddleboard race, a 5K swim race, a Splash and Dash race, a half-mile open swim race, and the one-mile open swim. The one-mile course that Jaylen swam consisted of a mile loop marked with large colored buoys. The water temperature was expected to be between 78 and 80 degrees during the race with a water depth of 0 to 60 feet. There were safety boats monitoring the course with lifeguards on location and the Smith Mountain Lake Rescue Squad on site.

Jaylen is the daughter of Kristen and Eric Smith. Kristen is the Children’s Director at Thrasher Memorial United Methodist Church in Vinton.

Be sure to ‘Like’ the Vinton Messenger on Facebook.

Dr. Ray Allen

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Dr. Ray Allen and his wife Ann on a mission trip to India.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF CRANWELL FAMILY

Dr. Allen was known as an avid fisherman. In fact, a fish was on display as part of his funeral.

Vinton Police

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department. The Virginia Sheriffs’ Association, the Virginia Association of Chiefs of Police and the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) make up the VLEPSC. Executive board members consisting of active sheriffs and chiefs of police establish professional standards and administer the accreditation process by which Virginia agencies can be systematically measured, evaluated, and updated. The Commission’s goals include increasing the effectiveness, professionalism, and efficiency of law enforcement agencies in the Commonwealth; promoting cooperation among all components in the criminal justice

in Burley Hollow in Amherst County where he spent his teenage years and “cut pulpwood.” The exception was his chemistry teacher who believed Allen could be a successful student at Virginia Tech. Poverty and the resulting inability to pay tuition ended that dream after just one quarter.

With few choices available, Allen enlisted in the Army in 1956 and discovered that he indeed had “potential,” and a great deal of it.

Allen said he had always been mechanically inclined. When his stepfather tore equipment apart, Allen was able to reassemble the parts. He says he overhauled his first engine when he was about 12 years old. The Army quickly became aware of his skills from his high scores on a mechanics test and sent him off to helicopter mechanics school. He advanced rapidly and, much to his surprise, overcame his stage fright and became an instructor in aviation school.

He and Ann secretly married on a three-day pass from the Army since her family believed he “would never amount to much.” He was 19 at the time. She became an elementary school media specialist. He left the Army after his three years of enlistment were up in 1959 and began working for Sears.

The Allens both recognized it was only a matter of time before he would answer God’s call for him to enter the ministry. Although his childhood was unconventional, he had attended church regularly and was baptized in the Big Piney River at age 15.

He quickly advanced through the ranks at Sears to become a man-

ager. Meanwhile, he had become a Sunday School teacher and thought perhaps that would suffice; but his wife pressed him to pursue his real dream.

Allen said “miracles unfolded” which allowed him to pursue a degree in Philosophy and Religion at the University of Richmond and then his Master’s in Divinity from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He earned his doctorate in Divinity from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1976.

Allen says, “At strategic times in my life, God put people in my life who affirmed me. Over and over again God opened doors for me.”

The Allens’ first church was Wise Baptist Church, in the heart of coal country, where he accepted a position in August of 1965. By that time, the couple had two children.

In 1970 they accepted a position at Cosby Memorial Baptist Church in Richmond during the volatile years when schools were integrating in Virginia. Allen says that he learned at Cosby that “the church could make a difference if, rather than being judgmental, it tried to serve and reconcile people to what was happening.”

In 1974, the Allens accepted the call to Blacksburg Baptist Church where he remained as pastor for 20 years. There he hired Dr. Bill Ross as youth minister, who later came to Vinton as pastor of Vinton Baptist Church. At the funeral, Ross said that Allen had mentored him throughout his life and “gave opportunities to so many people.”

Allen wrote his first book, “How to be a Christian, Happy and Successful,” during his years in

Blacksburg. His family insisted that he spend the royalties on a bass boat, and he began to indulge his passion for fishing which began at age 5 with “a willow pole and a bent straight pin.”

Allen says the book ended up in the hands of Indian pastor Kunjamon Chacko, when a friend distributed copies on a mission trip to India. He received invitations to visit and speak there, but had “no interest in going there. I threw all the letters in the trash.”

He soon received a call from Chacko, who had read the book and wanted to learn more about his understanding of Christianity.

Allen replied that he was “not an evangelist, but a busy pastor with no interest in going to India.”

“We need a pastor to come,” said Chacko. “A pastor loves people and does not care about the crowd. An evangelist loves the crowd but does not care about the people.”

Allen was fairly adamant about not going but promised to prayerfully consider a visit. He was eventually convinced to go by colleagues and Blacksburg businessmen who offered to fund the trip, not just to India, but around the world. He eventually traveled to India many times, and also to Panama, Hungary and Bulgaria, Hong Kong, Thailand, and Macau. He led teams that included medical professionals, agricultural and animal science professors, construction and plumbing masters, as well as other dedicated workers.

He became one of the founders of the India Baptist Theological Seminary, where the library was named after him (the Dr. Ray Allen Library) and the

India Precious Children’s Village.

A coffee shop manager in India asked for a copy of his book. On Allen’s next trip to India, he was invited to the man’s home for tea and noticed that he had hung a picture of Jesus beside the four other gods he worshiped. The next time Allen returned to India, only the picture of Jesus remained.

The Allens retired in 1995 with plans to travel the country in their RV. Their travels, speaking engagements, and interim mission trips allowed him to fish for Peacock bass in Panama, and for trout, halibut, and salmon in Alaska.

In fact, one mission project grew out of the Panama fishing trip: native pastors were having to row from island to island to preach, and the mission project enabled them to purchase outboard motors to make their trips easier.

Dr. Allen is survived by his wife of 65 years, Ann Cobb Allen; his three children, Ann Cranwell (Dean), Ray Allen, Jr. (Melinda) and Katie Forbish (Larry); five grandchildren, Michael Cranwell, Becca Ormont, Katelyn Forbish, Jennifer Allen, and Matthew Allen, and three great-grandchildren.

In his obituary, his children noted, “Our father was a man of many titles, Reverend, Doctor, missionary, counselor, humanitarian, speaker, author, husband, father, grandfather, and expert angler. He shared God and Jesus, his stories, and his wisdom with family and friends, and was proud of his many roles in life. Yet, he often shared with us that of all the titles he had or earned in his life, his favorites were Daddy and Granddaddy.”

system; ensuring the appropriate level of training for law enforcement personnel; and promoting public confidence in law enforcement. Accreditation, in conjunction with the philosophy of community policing, commits the agency to a broad range of programs (such as crime prevention) that directly benefit the public.

The morale of the agency is enhanced by increasing the employees’ confidence in the effectiveness and efficiency of their own agency. Operations become more streamlined and consistent. Accreditation policies address officer safety issues and provide for adequate training and equipment of the officers. Accreditation is a coveted award that symbolizes professionalism, excellence, and competence.

The accreditation process is ongoing. Officer Hill was in charge of 191 files that would be reviewed. Over the course of the four-year term that adds up to 764 files maintained.

Chief Drumond called Officer Hill a “valuable asset to our team” and said, “we are lucky to have him here.”

Hill is also a Senior Assessor and travels throughout the state evaluating other agencies. He commended the officers in his department for their professionalism, especially during the

time that the evaluation team was here assessing the department. He named Corporal Dustin Bray, in particular, for the impression he made on the evaluators during a “ride-along” which included questions about every aspect of the department.

Town Manager Pete Peters called the perfect re-accreditation score “remarkable.”

Chief Drumond introduced a new police program, “Honoring the Fallen,” sponsored by the First Responders Children’s Foundation to provide “financial support to children who have lost a parent in the line of duty and families enduring significant hardship due to tragic circumstances.”

If you see unshaven police officers in Vinton during the month of October, they are part of fundraising for this project which Lt. Michael Caldwell and Lt. Scott Hurt will be heading up.

In other action, Vinton Director of Community Programs Chasity Barbour updated council on various upcoming events and on the marketing outreach of her department.

She and Vinton Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Angie Chewning have caught the public eye with their comical YouTube broadcasts on individual businesses in—“All Things Vinton.”

Barbour mentioned several programs at the Vinton War Memorial recently including “Career Quest” which exposes students to different trades—like the hospitality industry. In this session, seventh graders learned to set a formal table in the ballroom. The War Memorial is not just for weddings

and parties anymore; a host of conferences and meetings are scheduled there as well.

She talked about leadership groups she has joined and eventually led, a growth mindset course she has been taking through Ferrum, and seminars and networking programs she has participated in which have broadened connections for the town.

Mayor Brad Grose applauded Barbour as a “great representative for the town who clearly enjoys her job.” Town Manager Peters noted that while Barbour is in charge of the “fun events” in town—the festivals, the parades, the special programs—she spends a great deal of time working behind the scenes, with much of that work self-initiated. “She sells the town and seizes opportunities. Her outreach creates new business for the town and awareness of the town. She has a passion for what she does.”

Barbour ended her presentation with her typical positivity, “There’s a whole big world out there and we all should celebrate the small victories.”

Assistant Planning and Zoning Director Nathan McClung briefed council on the town’s annual recertification as a Class 8 Community Rating System (CRS) community—which allows those in the flood plain to receive flood insurance at a 10% policy discount. To receive that rating, a town must implement flood protection policies beyond the minimum.

McClung also briefed council on the Town of Vinton Comprehensive Plan Amendment to Adopt and Incorporate by Reference the 2022

Town of Vinton Route 24 Bike/Pedestrian Plan. The plan has been subject to much review at council meetings and two public meetings and involves street safety improvements.

Council adopted a resolution presented by Planning and Zoning Director Anita McMillan authorizing the town manager to execute current and future agreements and any modifications with VDOT for road system enhancements. This “blanket” approval avoids having to return to Town Council for every agreement and is updated every four years.

Council adopted a resolution approving new Purchasing Policy and Procedures requested by Finance Director Andrew Keen. The town’s current purchasing policy requires Town Council approval for any professional services over \$30,000, while current state code allows administrative decisions to be made up to \$100,000. Town staff has revised the current policy and asked that this threshold be set at \$80,000 for professional services with any items or services greater than these amounts to be brought to Town Council for review and approval.

Keen also presented a report from the Finance Committee, sharing the information that the town has ended the fiscal year “in a tremendous position financially” with \$3.8 million in total cash and \$3.325 million in investments in the General Fund. The Utility Fund is in the process of closing due to the purchase of the town’s water and wastewater systems by the Western Virginia Water Authority in July.

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ORDER OF PUBLICATION
COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
VA CODE § 8.01-316,-317
Case No. 22-409
BOTETOURT COUNTY
Commonwealth of Virginia, in re. KIEU CANH THI PHAM v. TAN DUY THAI
The object of this suit is to: Obtain a decree of divorce pursuant to Virginia Code Section 20-91(9)(a). It is ORDERED that TAN DUY THAI appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before November 3, 2022.

Signed: Tommy L. Moore, Clerk on 9/12/22

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BOTETOURT COUNTY

IN RE: ESTATE OF JOHN T. GARVEY, DECEASED
NOTICE: Having been requested to do so by T.O. Rainey, III, Esq., administrator of the estate of John T. Garvey, Deceased, and in accordance with Section 64.2-550 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, all creditors of John T. Garvey, and all persons in any way interested in his estate are hereby notified that I have fixed the 2nd day of November, 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 John T. Garvey or his estate, the priorities among them, and the names of the persons to whom they are due. All creditors of John T. Garvey, deceased, and persons interested in his 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 27th day of September, 2022.

Malcolm McL. Doubles
Commissioner of Accounts

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VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BOTETOURT COUNTY IN RE: ESTATE OF HOMER LEE KELLEY, DECEASED NOTICE

Having been requested to do so by Brenda S. Smith,

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executrix of the estate of Homer Lee Kelley, Deceased, and in accordance with Section 64.2-550 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, all creditors of Homer Lee Kelley, and all persons in any way interested in his estate are hereby notified that I have fixed the 2nd day of November, 2022 at 10 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 Homer Lee Kelley or his estate, the priorities among them, and the names of the persons to whom they are due. All creditors of Homer Lee Kelley, deceased, and persons interested in his 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 30th day of September, 2022. Malcolm McL. Doubles
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ADDRESS UNKNOWN
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The Terriers put it away in the third period with 14 more unanswered points on a one yard run by Hairston and a 17 yard TD run by freshman DeShannon Reed. Then, in the fourth quarter, Hairston passed to Cooper Minnix for a 31 yard touchdown hookup to put some icing on the cake.

“Our players did a tremendous job of executing in all three phases of the game,” said Lutz. “Offensively, we were able to get numerous players carries, which helped us move the ball consistently. Their defense had only given up 19 points all season, but we were able to score quickly in the first quarter, which built confidence in our players.

“Defensively, our entire group played outstanding. We held them to only one first down in the first half, so it put pressure of them early. On special teams, were able to pin them deep on most drives. Bricen Lancaster had another huge night with three kickoffs in the end zone and made all five of his extra points.”

Hairston finished with 137 yards rushing on 13 carries, an average of over 10 yards per attempt. He was three for six passing for 44 yards and accounted for 181 yards of total offense and four TDs.

Reed rushed for 66 yards on 18 carries and also getting in the mix with two carries each were Davian Hopkins with 13 yards, Alex Dunn with 12 and John Kiker with 10. Minnix had two receptions for 38 yards and Dillon Anderson had one catch for six.

On defense Dustin Richards came up big with 14 tackles, including a sack and four quarterback pressures. Dustin also forced a fumble and recovered a fumble.

Alex Reamey had two sacks among his 13 tackles while Kiker had 11 tackles, and Ian Vest and Jahdai English had nine each. Kiker and Wyattte Bailey had interceptions.

Lutz hopes the momentum carries over into this week’s district opener against Lord Botetourt in Daleville. The Cavaliers have won four in a row after dropping their season opener to E.C. Glass. This week Byrd’s opponent will have advantage of coming off a bye, as LB was able to scout the Byrd-Cave Spring game last Friday with a night off.

“They are a very talented team,” said Lutz. “Their schedule prepares them for big games, and they are coming off an open week that allowed them to have two weeks to prepare for us.”

The first Virginia High School League rankings came out this week and Byrd is ranked ninth in Region 3D with a rating of 16.0. The top eight make the play-offs so a win over LB, who is ranked number one in the region at 22.8, would be a huge boost for the Terriers. Hidden Valley is one spot above Byrd at 16.3 and the Titans have a tough River Ridge District schedule still ahead of them.

Byrd’s jayvee team also beat Cave Spring last week, 20-14. Tonight the jayvees will host LB at 6 pm at Patterson Stadium while the middle school is at Ben Franklin Middle for a 5 pm kickoff.



Top, the Terrier defense celebrates after Wyattte Bailey’s(#10) interception. Above, Ethan Haston(#5) and John Kiker(#9) combine on a tackle. Below, BJ Cheatwood(#65) and Dustin Richards(#44) pave the way for Alex Dunn.

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First place in the BRD is on the line when Terriers host LB tonite

First place will be on the line when Lord Boteourt’s girls come to Vinton for a Blue Ridge District volleyball game tonight.

LB leads the BRD with a 5-0 district record, and the Cavaliers are 10-4 overall. Byrd is a game behind at 4-1 and the Terriers are 11-4 overall. LB won the first meeting in Daleville on September 20 but neither team has lost since.

The Lady Terriers traveled to Northside last Thursday and came home with a win in three sets with scores of 25-23, 25-16 and 25-22. Carsyn Kotz dished out 26 assists and picked up seven digs while Terran Brown had a big night with 14 kills and 21 digs. Ella Ashworth contributed five assists and 18 digs.

On Tuesday the girls played at Abingdon for a non-district match. The girls went down early and spent the day touring Emory & Henry College, and practiced in the Wasps’ facility.

“The trip was a lot of fun and gave the girls the college experience,” said Byrd coach Allison Thornton.

Once the game started the Terriers and Falcons battled to five sets before it was decided. Abingdon won the first set, 26-24, but Byrd rallied to win the next two, 25-13 and 25-21. Abingdon then won another close one

to tie the match, 26-24, but the Terriers won the deciding set to 15 by a 15-10 score. The marathon match assured the Terriers of a late night with a bus ride home of well over two hours.

Emily Tuck was big for the Terriers against Abingdon with 28 digs and five kills. Brown had

a career high 21 kills and 17 digs and Carsyn Kotz dished out 36 assists. Carsyn needs three assists tonight to give her 1,000 for her career.

Next week Byrd is at Staunton River Tuesday and at Franklin County a week from tonight for Blue Ridge District matches.



Carsyn Kotz, setting one up against Northside last week, is just three assists away from 1,000 for her career.

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Raelyn Lancaster of William Byrd pounds one past a Viking defender in last week’s win at Northside.

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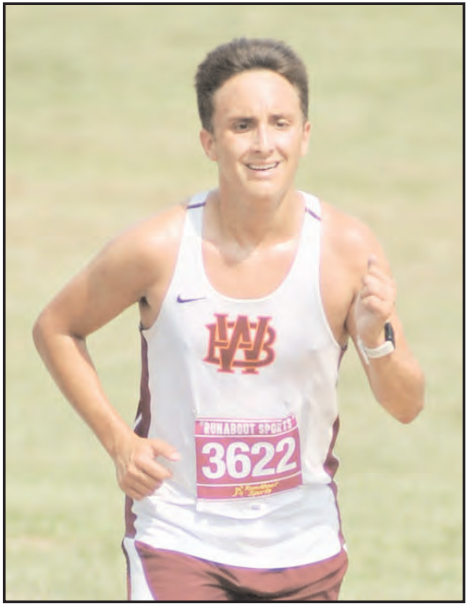
Busy week for Byrd CC team

The William Byrd cross country team will run in the annual “Blue Ridge Invitational” this Saturday on the grounds of the Greenfield Sports Complex in Botetourt County.

The course opens at 8 am with packet pickup at 9 am and an Open 5K race at 9:30 am. Following a coaches meeting the middle school 3K race, with girls and boys combined, will take the gun at 10:30 am. The 5K girls’ varsity race will begin at 11:15 am, followed by the boys 5k varsity at noon. The day will conclude with a combined boys and girls 5K junior varsity race at 12:45 pm.

Lord Botetourt and James River will host the race and also competing will be Byrd, Altavista Combined School, Auburn, Bland County, Carroll County, Christiansburg High School and Middle School, Galax, James Breckenridge Middle School, James Madison Middle School, Jefferson Christian Academy High School and Middle School, John P. Fishwick Middle School, Liberty High of Bedford, Maury River Middle School, North Cross, Roanoke Catholic, Southwest Virginia Academy, William Campbell, William Fleming and Woodrow Wilson Middle School.

The Terriers were also scheduled to run in the Eastern Montgomery Invitational at Camp Alta Mons in Montgomery County on Wednesday of this week.

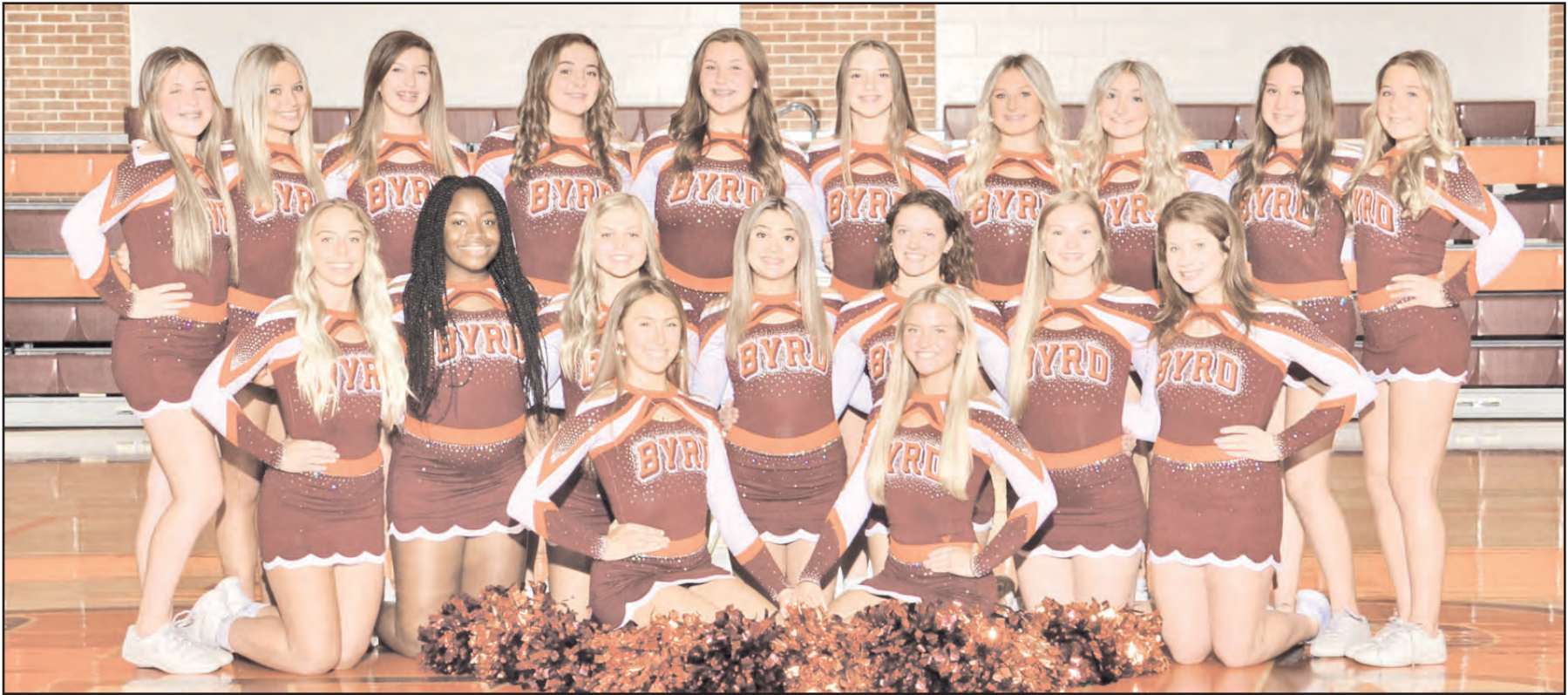


William Byrd’s Reagan Lilley(left) and Riley Roth run in a recent meet.

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Cheer team wins at Waynesboro

The William Byrd competition cheerleading team took first place in a competition in Waynesboro on September 17th. The girls will be back in action this Saturday when they compete in Brentsville. Front Row L to R: captains Sheradyn O’Neill and Casi Carawan. Middle Row: Ashlynn Thomas, Olaedo Anyanwu, Alexis Loughlin, Julie Sattah, Emma Kageals, Brooklyn Arven and Gracie Mick. Back Row: Mattie Cox(no longer on the team), Braelynn Gibson, Miley Moses, Makenzie Scott, Carleigh Leonard, Ashley Arven, Spencer Peters, Lily Carrell, Kelsey Bell and Aubrey Booze. Not Pictured: Vanessa Sattah

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Terriers shut out Knights

A week off was just what the doctor ordered as the William Byrd football team came off their bye week last Friday. The Terriers were hitting on all cylinders as they shut out Cave Spring on a rainy night at Bogle Field, 35-0.

The win lifted the Terriers to 2-3 with five Blue Ridge District games to finish the season, beginning this Friday at Lord Botetourt. Nothing boosts a team’s confidence for the stretch drive like a quality win over a Cave Spring team that was 4-1 and playing at home.

“Our non-district schedule is tough,” said Byrd coach Brad Lutz. “Our last four games have been against highly ranked playoff teams, so for us to get a quality win against a good Cave Spring team is a huge confidence builder for our players. They continue to get better each week, and we played our best football last Friday.”

Byrd got on the board early when quarterback Israel Hairston broke free for a 70 yard TD run. Hairston scored again on a 21 yard run in the second period and the Terriers held a 14-0 lead with the rain coming down on the south Roanoke County stadium.

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Nate Williamson #60, Dustin Richards #44, Alex Reamey #43, Jahdai English #31, and John Kiker #9 combine to make the tackle at Cave Spring Friday.

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