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Pollard 107 South restaurant prepares to open in Vinton

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The big topic of conversation in Vinton recently has been “What’s going on at the intersection of Pollard Street and Washington Avenue/Gus Nicks Boulevard?”

The answer—a new restaurant is preparing to open on the corner in the former location of the Star City Playhouse, which closed in 2019. Twin Creeks Brewing Company will be its next-door neighbor.

Demolition was clearly

visible for the first time last week although work on the interior of the building has been underway for a while. In fact, planning for the new restaurant has been in the works since 2020.

Jonathan Pate is the new owner of the building and a partner in the new business which will be called “Pollard 107 South.” He is also an owner at Cast Plates and Pints in the Cave Spring area as well as at local Awful Arthur restaurants

throughout the valley.

Pate says they have taken their time with the design plans and with the demolition. In fact, he has done some of the demolition work himself.

Lionberger Construction is the general contractor and working at top speed on the building, which has been completely gutted. The original wooden and steel ceiling beams are being retained giving the interior an industrial look. The walls will be a mixture of brick,



PHOTO BY DEBBIE ADAMS

A new restaurant will be opening early next year in downtown Vinton in the former location of Star City Playhouse at 107 South Pollard Street. From left, owner Jonathan Pate, Vinton Community Programs Director Chasity Barbour, and Town Manager Pete Peters toured the site on October 7.

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PHOTO BY ALLISON FINNEY

Fred Finney opened Drum & Fife Restaurant in downtown Vinton in 1966. His wife Liz managed the restaurant and was the bookkeeper until it closed.

Remembering Vinton businessman who had dreams, made them come true, and helped change the face of Vinton

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Frederick W. “Fred” Finney - August 15, 1935-October 13, 2018

Frederick “Fred” Finney moved his family to Vinton in 1975, but his influence was felt in the town long before that.

“Fred was a very determined man who believed in himself,” says his wife, Mary Elizabeth “Liz” Bousman. “He had dreams and made them come true.” In making those dreams come true, he helped change the face of Vinton.

Finney moved to Roanoke in

the ’60s. He grew up in Norfolk and came to Southwest Virginia as a student at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (VPI, now Virginia Tech). He met his wife Liz in Roanoke back in the days when young men from VPI would come to the city on weekends. She was working in Roanoke and taking night classes at National Business College.

He graduated from Virginia Tech with the Class of 1957 as a member of the Corps of Cadets, which allowed him to be commissioned into the United

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Vinton Fall Festival returns for 20th year

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If it’s October, it’s time for the annual Vinton Fall Festival. October 8 was the date for this year’s event, and fall was definitely in the air. Although the day started off a little breezy, the skies were beautiful and free of rain for crowds of visitors strolling the downtown streets, many accompanied by the family dog or parrot.

The day started early at 7 a.m. with an “All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast” hosted by the Vinton Breakfast Lions Club at the VFW Post on Lee Avenue. Students from the William Byrd High School Leo Club, which is a community service organization sponsored by the Lions, served up the pancakes, syrup, sausage, juice, and coffee, assisted by WBHS Principal Tammy Newcomb and Assistant Principal Travis Anderson.

There were also WBHS students volunteering at the Vinton History Museum Holiday Shoppe, earning community service hours, while helping with the crowd and sales. The Thrasher Quilters had their handmade quilts on display and for sale in the museum’s Memory Pergola.

The aroma of Tinker

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Vinton Fall Festival 2022 kicked off with the traditional Vinton Breakfast Lions Club All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast, cooked and served here by William Byrd High School Principal Tammy Newcomb and Assistant Principal Travis Anderson. Many students from the Leo Club, a community service organization sponsored by the Lions, also assisted.



PHOTOS BY DEBBIE ADAMS

The Fame All-Star Cheer teams performed on the Municipal Stage at the Vinton Fall Festival.

Susan Lewis Music Studio students take the stage at Fall Festival



PHOTO BY DEBBIE ADAMS

Eleven students from the Susan Lewis Music Studio performed at the 2022 Vinton Fall Festival. Shown are (from left): front, Brent Saunders, Emily Mower, Ryleigh Woolwine, Aubri Kessler, and Nolan Ferguson; back row, Trey Saunders, Heather Saunders, Paul Sealey, Abby Shelton, Mandy Morris, and Kelly Ronan, with teacher Susan Lewis.

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Entertainment was abundant at the 2022 Vinton Fall Festival on October 8 with shows on two stages at the Municipal Building and the Vinton Farmers’ Market.

Highlights of this year’s festival were performances by 11 students from the Susan Lewis Music Studio (ages elementary school to adult) who wowed the crowd on the Vinton Municipal Building stage.

Lewis told those in attendance that she has been teaching piano and voice in the Roanoke

Valley for 32 years and is always eager to showcase the talents of her students for the community.

Performers included:

- Nolan Ferguson, age 9, singing “You Raise Me Up”
- Ryleigh Woolwine, a 10-year-old in the fifth grade at Colonial Elementary, singing “Goodness of God”
- Aubri Kessler, age 10, performing “No One” by Alicia Keys
- Brent Saunders, age 12, singing “Tim McGraw” by Taylor Swift
- Emily Mower, a 12-year-old seventh grader, performing “What I’ve Been Looking For” from “High

School Musical”

- Heather Saunders, an adult student, singing “Once Upon a Time” from “Descendants 3”
- Kelly Ronan, an adult student performing “If I Had You” by Adam Lambert
- Trey Saunders, a senior at Lord Botetourt High School, singing “Diggin’ Up Bones” by Randy Travis, while accompanying himself on the guitar
- Mandy Morris, an adult student performing “I Try to Think About Elvis” by Patty Loveless
- Paul Sealey, a junior at Hidden Valley High School, singing “Forest for the Trees” by The Spitfire Grill
- Abby Shelton, an adult student currently performing in the Showtimers production of “Dracula Rides Again,” singing “Watch What Happens” from “Newsies”

Check out other performances by Susan Lewis Music Studio students on Facebook and YouTube.

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VINTON BUSINESS OF THE WEEK

Jerry's Restaurant is now open under new ownership at 1340 Washington Avenue in Vinton. Renee Guimarro purchased the restaurant from previous owner Jerry Lamb in June 2022. Lamb first opened the Vinton restaurant in 2004. It was previously a Lendy's location.

The restaurant is a fixture in Vinton, famous for its sausage poofs, its huge made-from-scratch biscuits, homemade strawberry jam (which Lamb continues to prepare), fried and mashed potatoes, meatloaf, and lunch platters. Breakfast is served all day long.

Rella Carr, who has been with Jerry's for 13 years, is the front of

the house manager. She says the name of the restaurant did not change with new ownership—they wanted to keep everything the same, including the Americana décor and the name. Lamb gathered all the vintage pieces on display on the shelves and the walls of the restaurant from yard and consignment sales through

the years, in addition to gifts he received from others.

In recent months, Jerry's Restaurant became the set for scenes from the movie "Never Give Up" produced by ReelWorks Studios and the film department at Liberty University. The location manager for the film came across photos of Jerry's online.

The production was looking for a nostalgic setting from the 1970s and '80s and Jerry's fit the bill.

Jerry's Restaurant is currently open from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday.

The Facebook page is under design. For information, call 540-343-4400.



Jerry's Restaurant in Vinton has changed ownership. The new owner is Renee Guimarro, shown with the made-from-scratch biscuits Jerry's is famous for.



Rella Carr has been with Jerry's Restaurant for 13 years. She points out a menu from the Lendy's Restaurant which was located on the site years ago.



Jerry's Restaurant is located at 1340 Washington Avenue in Vinton.

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Fall Festival

from page 1

Mountain Kettle Korn wafted through the air. There were approximately 90 food and craft vendors with their wares on display, featuring everything from jewelry to soaps and candles, woodworking, fall and Christmas crafts, apple butter, baked goods, and fishing lures.

Kids were jumping and sliding in the bouncy houses and feeding donkeys, goats, and sheep at the Little Critters Petting Zoo.

Local entertainment was featured on not just one, but two stages—at the Municipal Building and at the Vinton Farmers' Market.

Mish Moves Dance Company put on a spectacular performance of dance and acrobatics at the Vinton Farmers' Market stage, followed by students from Defy Gravity.

All-Star Cheer and Virginia Legacy All-Star Cheer were on stage at the Municipal Building. Students from the Susan Lewis Music Studio performed at the Municipal Building, followed by the Floyd Ward dancers with tap dance routines.

"Lexi" took first place in the annual Pet Costume Contest, sponsored by Vinton's Pawsh Salon for Dogs at the Farmers' Market, dressed in "Country Chic." Her owner is Sharon Doss.

Second place went to Maggie, the "Spirited Puppy," and third place to NOVA, dressed as a UPS delivery person. The emcee for the event was Erin Clark of Pawsh Salon. Judges were martial artist Christopher Thompson (who also performed during the day), along with Sharon Sowers and Danielle Napier from Pawsh.

This is the second year Pawsh has sponsored the contest.

The Regional Center for Animal Care and Protection (RCACP) offered dog and cat adoptions in the library parking lot.

Many of the downtown stores and the Earthworks Pottery Gallery were open for business. Downtown Vinton restaurants were packed. Several churches and organizations served up hot dogs with all the "fixins."

Festivities continued in Vinton through 10 p.m. with Rocktoberfest at Twin Creeks Brewing Company following Fall Festival.

Now in its 20th year, the Vinton Fall Festival is sponsored by the Vinton Area Chamber of Commerce, in conjunction with the Town of Vinton. Other sponsors include Oakey's Funeral Home,

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Fall Festival represents months of hard work by Vinton Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Angie Chewning, Chamber Executive Assistant Kathryn Sowers, President Jason Peters, and Town of Vinton Community Programs Director Chasity Barbour, with special assistance from the Vinton Public Works Department and Vinton Police—all dedicated to keeping the festival tradition alive and thriving.



Lexi, owned by Sharon Doss, was the winner of the 2022 Fall Festival Pet Costume Contest.

PHOTO BY CHASITY BARBOUR



Eric Potter of Hardy thrilled the crowds at the Vinton Fall Festival by bringing along his 16-year-old Ruby Macaw, Kassi.



Heather Saunders performed with the Susan Lewis Music Studio, singing "Once Upon a Time."



The Mish Moves Dance Company performed on the Vinton Farmers' Market Stage for Fall Festival 2022.



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brick veneer, and stone. There will be a bar, a pool table, high-topped tables, and a regular dining area.

The restaurant will front on Pollard Street with a 1000-sq.-ft. covered patio with glass garage doors to bring in the light. There will be more glass garage doors and another 1400-sq.-ft patio with wrought iron railing on the side of the building facing Gus Nicks Boulevard— with a fire pit.

Pate plans for the restaurant to open its doors in early 2023. The restaurant will be open 7 days a week from 11 a.m. to midnight for lunch and dinner. He says the restaurant will seat about 125-150 customers.

Pate is keeping the specifics of the menu to himself for except for the fact that Vintonites will no longer have to leave town to find a steak— he has three different steaks on the Pollard 107 South menu.

He estimates that about

30 full- and part-time workers will be employed.

Parking will not be an issue— spaces are plentiful and increasing in downtown Vinton. Some parking will be available just behind the building, as well as spaces at the Vinton Farmers' Market, at RND Coffee, Vinton Baptist, along downtown streets, and—next spring—at the new downtown Vinton parking lot being built behind the Farmers' Market (formerly McClung Lumber).

Pate says he chose Vinton as the site of his new venture because he loves “working with towns like Vinton who are clearly pro-business and eager to bring new retail, restaurants, and businesses to the area and truly make you feel appreciated.” He says working with Town Manager Pete Peters and Community Programs Director Chasity Barbour has been “awesome.”

Barbour sees Pollard 107 South as “another

piece to the puzzle” of a reinvigorated downtown Vinton.

The building was pre-

viously owned by attorney Bruce Mayer. Over the years, it has been home to the Gus Nicks

Furniture Store, Sam's Variety Store, and an antique mall, before Star City Playhouse opened

there in 2017. But this will be the first restaurant at this site at a very visible intersection in Vinton.



COURTESY OF THE TOWN OF VINTON

Owner Jonathan Pate has spent a great deal of time in the design of the new restaurant. These are the current architectural renderings for the project.



The interior of the new Pollard 107 South restaurant has been completely gutted for renovations.



Glass garage doors will be installed on the front and side of the restaurant to bring in light. PHOTOS BY DEBBIE ADAMS

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Nancy and her husband couldn't imagine ever

letting go of their only child. So it came as a shock when Davy began sensing a call from God to become an Air Force pilot. A military career was the last thing his parents would have chosen. Yet, when they sought the Lord's guidance, He confirmed the call. By faith, they released Davy to God's will out of gratitude for His gift of a child.

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Mount Pleasant Lions back in the swing of things

Submitted by Lion Mike Ferguson

During the months of September and October the Mount Pleasant Lions have performed hearing screenings at several local elementary schools— Crystal Spring, Grandin Court, Wasena, and Fallon Park in the City of Roanoke— and vision screenings at Mountain View and Mount Pleasant Elementary Schools in Roanoke County.

At each Roanoke City school, kids from pre-k, kindergarten, first grade and third grade were screened using a device called an audiometer which is attached to a set of headphones. Each student's hearing was tested at different frequencies and different intensity levels, and any child having difficulty was then referred to the school speech and hearing specialist for follow up.

In the Roanoke County schools, the vision of children in the same grade levels (K, first, and third) was tested using SPOT machines. These remarkable, non-contact devices can detect up to five different eye abnormalities. The child is seated about three feet from the hand-held camera-like instrument, and if he or she can focus on the lens, which has colored lights, for about 5 seconds, a stylized printout can be made noting any problems. On average, about 90% of the kids have no issues; where a concern is raised, the child is seen by the school nurse for an additional evaluation.

While the Mount Pleasant Lions have been carrying out vision screenings for about eight or nine years, this is their first year doing hearing tests.

The screening volunteers included Lions Anne and Mike Ferguson, Brenda and Pat Musselwhite, Kenny Price, and Tommy Moore. They all agreed that it was good to get back to a semblance of normalcy with the screenings, after having missed a couple of years due to the pandemic. The school nurses, speech and hearing specialists, staff, and administrators at the schools likewise were pleased to have the help.

On Tuesday October 4, the Mount Pleasant Lions Club was privileged to have as their guest speaker Lion Andre Peery, who is a member of the Roanoke Valley Breakfast Lions Club which in 1977 became the first integrated Lions Club in Virginia. Lion Peery is this year serving as 2nd Vice District Governor of Lions District 24-C. The District, which stretches from Forest, near Lynchburg, west out to Jonesville in Lee County, and from the West Virginia line to the North Carolina line, includes 56 different Lions Clubs.

Due to the distances involved, this year's District Governor Connie Saunders, who is a member of the Bluefield Lions Club, has assigned the Roanoke area clubs to the 2nd Vice District Governor for in-person visits.

Lion Peery outlined the goals

set for this year for the District and brought the good news that the Lions have received a grant for a pilot program featuring TV ads about Lions and what they do. He commended the Mount Pleasant Club on its service work in the community and urged all members to focus on recruiting new members. His obvious enthusiasm was infectious and appreciated by all in attendance.

As an added benefit of the Vice District Governor's visit, he presented to Lion Janet West, the long-time secretary of the club, a Melvin Jones Award. This award is the highest honor a club can bestow on a member, and it was well deserved and overdue.

One of Lion Janet's favorite comments is "Just saying" and she accepted the award with her usual low-key nonchalance while the rest of the club members were "Just saying" congratulations.

At the next club meeting, on November 1, Shannon Abell, who is a Community Educator with the Virginia Association of Area Agencies on Aging, will be the featured speaker. He is expected to talk about current and developing issues in the Medicare and Medicaid programs along with the costs of supplemental insurance. Members of the public are invited to what promises to be an informative meeting. Anyone interested in attending, may call Club President Anne Ferguson, at 540-330-4276 for further information.



Members of the Mount Pleasant Lions Club have been volunteering their time to conduct vision and hearing screenings in several Roanoke City and County elementary schools. Shown left to right are Anne Ferguson, Brenda Musselwhite, Pat Musselwhite, Tommy Moore and Mike Ferguson, who were conducting a hearing screening at Fallon Park Elementary.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF MOUNT PLEASANT LIONS
Lion Janet West receives the Melvin Jones Award from 2nd Vice District Governor Andre Peery.

PEOPLE, PLACES AND THINGS



The Keaton family has moved back from Nashville and stopped by the Vinton Area Chamber of Commerce booth at Fall Festival to visit Bootie (seated). Shown left to right standing are Gina, Chris and Maddi Keaton with Doug Cash.

From Angie: Another Fall Festival is in the books, celebrating our 20th year, and I couldn't be prouder of the team we have— their dedication, their commitment to our town. We have the best team. Kathryn Sowers and I could not do what we do alone.

Many thanks to our Board of Directors, the Town of Vinton, the Vinton Police Department, the town's Public Works Department (these guys are right there with us all day and even later). The day starts early and ends late.

Thanks to Chasity Barbour, Vinton Community Programs Director, for working hand in hand with me on just about everything.

Many thanks to our sponsors, our vendors, our downtown restaurants (we didn't have food

Angie Chewning

Filling in for Bootie

trucks this year) but they handled it like champs. Many thanks to our downtown businesses that participated in the festival. We hope it was a good day for you (you are why we do this).

Many folks don't know that the Fall Festival was started some 20 years ago to bring business back downtown after the roads and sidewalks were torn up and replaced— kind of to show off the new work. People liked the festival and it continued. We are so glad it did. We love to carry on a tradition started many years ago.

From Bootie: I loved

getting out again and had a great time at the Fall Festival, seeing so many people I haven't seen for so long. Thanks to all that stopped by and gave me a hug. It really made me feel like old times. I miss seeing people.

A special group I haven't seen in ages is back here from Nashville—the one and only Chris Keaton and his family. Love them and it's great to have them back. Thanks, Angie, for letting me hang out at the Chamber tent. Congratulations to the three amigos, Kathryn Sowers, Angie, and Chasity Barbour who worked hard getting the festival together— 5 a.m. makes for a long day. Well done!

A reminder: Downtown Trick or Treating will be held on Thursday, Oct. 27 from 3-5 p.m. Bring all the kiddies!



PHOTOS BY DEBBIE ADAMS

From left, Vinton Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Assistant Kathryn Sowers, Vinton Community Programs Director Chasity Barbour, and Chamber Executive Director Angie Chewning lead the team that organizes and produces the Vinton Fall Festival— and most other special events in the town.

OBITUARY

Leftwich, James W., Jr.

James W. Leftwich Jr. passed away peacefully September 26, 2022.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Mary and James Leftwich Sr. Jim is survived by his devoted wife of 56 years, Judith Nylander; his daughters, Kathleen Savas (Paul); Kirsten Sutherlin (William); grandchildren, Alexis, Annika and "Thor" Sutherlin; his sister, Priscilla; brother, Timothy (Clara); and host of nieces and nephews.



He graduated from East Carolina University. After graduating, he joined the Marine Corps and served during the Vietnam War where he earned a Bronze Star with a "V" for Valor. He retired from Reynolds Metals after 32 years. His greatest joy was his family.

"His life was gentle; and the elements so mixed in him, that nature might stand up and say to all the world, this was a man."



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Above left, the William Byrd girls are off and running in the Blue Ridge Invitational at Greenfield Recreation Park Saturday. Right, the Byrd boys take the gun at Camp Alta Mons in the East Mont Invitational. Below left, Claire Glover runs for the girls in Shawsville and, below right, Olivia Hurd approaches the finish line in her first place effort at Camp Alta Mons.

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Hurd is the Word as Byrd girl wins race

The William Byrd cross country team had a busy week last week as the Terriers competed in two meets. Byrd ran in the East Mont Invitational on Wednesday, then traveled to Daleville for the Blue Ridge Invitational on Saturday.

The East Mont race was held at scenic Camp Alta Mons in Shawsville and Byrd senior Olivia Hurd won the individual title in the girls' race. Olivia finished with a time of 21:15 to outrun runnerup Leah Altizer of Floyd County by 20 seconds. Olivia took the lead just before the one mile mark and stretched the lead over the next 2.1 miles of the 5,000 meter race.

"It was almost perfect conditions and being an out and back course at the turn she could gauge where the competition was," said Byrd coach Eric Royal. "I saw her use race strategies we have talked about for years. Her dedication to cross country has been great to see and it is all coming together for her to finish up her high school career running fast and leaving goals for future runners."

Byrd finished seventh as a team with Floyd County winning the girls race. Also scoring for the Terriers were Claire Glover in 20th place, Lucy Whitenack in 37th, Riley Roth in 38th and Alexandra Bonilla in 45th. There were 63 girls in the race.

The Byrd boys finished sixth at Alta Mons as Salem took the team title. The individual winner was Mason Erchull of Floyd with a time of 18:01 and Byrd's best run was 18:45 by sophomore DeShawn Austin. DeShawn started out strong in the top five through the first half of the race but fell back a bit as the second mile came and went. Then, in the last 800 meters with the finish line in sight, he changed gears and went to passing several runners to take seventh.

"DeShawn Austin ran a very good race," said Royal. "He continues to learn how to race and when it comes together with his raw talent, he for sure will be a runner the competition will not want in the races."

Other scorers for Byrd were Stephen Underwood in 17th, Shaun Gower in 27th, Brayden McCulloch in 44th and Drew Bartley in 47th. There were 64 runners in the boys' race.

Byrd's Elena Mullen, an eighth grader, won the jayvee race in 24:35. Byrd took the top four spots with Mullen, Payton Ramsey, Heidi Wienke and Arianna Krista with Liz Dixon and Megan Higgins finishing seventh and eighth.



"Elena once again has shown she means business," said Royal. "This was her first 5,000 meter race and it was mixed, and she ran faster than most of the boys in the race. She is a gritty runner and loves to compete."

On Saturday the Terriers ran in the Blue Ridge Invitational at the Greenfield Recreation Park in Daleville and it was a big day for the Christiansburg team. The Blue Demons swept the boys' and girls' 5K varsity races as well as the boys' and girls' middle school two mile races.

Byrd's girls took fourth among nine teams and again Hurd led the way. Olivia finished fourth overall with a time of 21:27, a minute and 27 seconds behind the winner, Kerrigan Chaney of North Cross School. Also scoring for Byrd were Glover in 18th place, Bonilla in 40th, Whitenack in 42nd and Bethany Beecher in 50th place. There were 71 girls in the race.

"Claire Glover has been a consistent finisher for us and she also ran a very good race," said Royal. "Alex Bonilla and Lucy Whitenack have been improving all season and we are looking for them to go to the next level of racing."

The boys finished 11th with 92 runners competing. Austin led Byrd with a time of 19:43 for 23rd place. Lawson Mecom of Christiansburg was the individual winner in 17:20 as the Blue Demons had three of the top four finishers.

Gower was next for Byrd in 30th place, and also scoring were Underwood at 43, Reagan Lilley at 63 and Bartley at 73.

"Shaun Gower is starting to understand how to race, just in time for the post season," said Royal. "Stephan Underwood has also been a reliable runner."

The Terriers are off this week as they prepare for the annual Metro Cross Country race in Blacksburg next Wednesday, October 19.

"As the regular season winds down and we prepare for the post season our runners are looking good to go to Metro, BRD and Region meets with confidence of running fast and knowing they have run their best races," said Royal. "Our motto for this year is keep moving forward and it is showing in our performances."



SANDLOT FOOTBALL

The Sandlot Football playoffs are just about here. Play-in games will be on Tuesday, October 18th, and on Saturday, October 22nd, 8U playoffs will be held at Glenvar High, 10U at William Byrd's Patterson Stadium and 12U at Bogle Field behind Cave Spring Middle School. Highfill Field in Vinton was home to four games last Saturday. Above left, Vinton's Bryson Whorley (#18) pitches the ball to Jaden Smith. Above right, Peyton Underwood(#13) leads Riggins Hill around the end in a thriller against the Botetourt Warriors. Vinton won the 10U game, 26-20, when Hill passed to Jack Clark for a touchdown with 30 seconds remaining. Below right, teammates rush to greet Clark (#19) after the winning score and, below left, 10U cheerleaders pump up the crowd.

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Above left, Byrd's Alex Reamey (#43) dives for a loose ball and, above right, Wyattte Bailey (#10) and Lane Shoemaker (#6) fight for a Lord Botetourt fumble. Below left, Byrd's Dustin Richards tackles LB's Jakari Nicely and, below right, Bricen Lancaster tries an onsidest kick in the closing minutes of the game with Byrd down by seven.

PHOTOS BY SUZANNE WITCHER

Terriers host Eagles in Homecoming game Fri.

Its Homecoming week at William Byrd High School and the Franklin County football team will provide the opposition for Friday's game. The Terriers and Eagles will kick off at 7 pm in the first game at what is now Jeff Highfill Field at Robert A. Patterson Stadium.

The field was named for former coach Highfill at a Roanoke County School Board meeting on Thursday. Jeff concluded his 38 years as head football coach at Byrd in 2018 with a record of 211-184-1. He also won 446 games as a soccer head coach at Byrd over 35 years, giving him 657 wins coaching Terrier athletes with many coming on that field.

It's fitting that the first game on "Highfill Field" will be against Franklin County, because Eagles head coach JR Edwards was one of Byrd's all-time great players and a former varsity assistant for the Terriers. He was a quarterback for Jeff during his playing days and has remained close to Highfill all through the years.

Highfill only coached against Franklin County twice in his 38 years as head coach, splitting the games. The Class 6 Eagles joined the Blue Ridge District in 2019 so now they're on the schedule every year, and Byrd has yet to beat them in three tries as district opponents. Last year Franklin won 41-23 in Rocky Mount.

This year the Eagles are off to a 4-2 start after six games. They've beaten Bassett, Magna Vista, Hidden Valley and Staunton River and lost to two area powers, Salem and Liberty Christian Academy. They gave Salem a score with a 33-32 loss in the second game of the season.

"Franklin County is a good 6A team that has size, speed, and a lot of seniors on the field," said Byrd coach Brad Lutz. "Their running back was last year's Blue Ridge District Offensive Player of the Year and the quarterback is a scholarship player in college. They have some size at receiver, which causes match up problems for some opponents. Their defense is big and they have nine senior starters returning."

The Terriers are coming off one of their best games of the year, even though they lost. Byrd traveled to Daleville last Friday and gave Lord Botetourt, the top ranked team in Region 3D, a real scare before falling 28-21.

"They have a vastly improved football team," said LB coach Jamie Harless of the Terriers. "They'll win several more games and make some noise in the playoffs. They have some tough kids, as usual."

Byrd took the lead in the first quarter on a 13



yard run by freshman DeShannon Reed but the Cavs were back on top by halftime as Jakari Nicely finished off drives with a touchdown run of 17 yards and a 15 yard TD pass to Andrew Gilbert. Byrd tied the game in the third period on an 11 yard TD run by quarterback Israel Hairston and that's how it stood after three quarters as the Terriers took advantage of some LB miscues.

Nicely's two yard TD run regained the lead for LB at 21-14 early in the third quarter, and the Cavaliers put an insurance score on the board with Nicely's third touchdown run of the game, this time from 12 yards out. However, Reed ran the kickoff back 98 yards for a touchdown and the Cavs had to kill out the clock to hang on for the win.

Reed led the Byrd rushing attack with 42 yards while Hairston had 48 yards passing and 17 rushing. Cooper Minnix had 25 yards in receptions and Alex Dunn had 17.

On defense Ian Vest had eight total tackles and two quarterback pressures. John Kiker, Dexter Gaines, Nate Williamson and Doniven Davis has seven tackles each and Gaines had a fumble recovery and Davis had a sack.

"We are getting closer," said Lutz. "Our schedule is brutal, but the strength of the schedule is accelerating our progress, because our players are handling it well. Our team is continuing to make improve-

ments each week and our coaches are very proud of their efforts and their commitment to get better at the details. Five of our six games have been against playoff ranked teams, and we have played the three top ranked teams in the region. We are getting closer but this week, we need to finish a game at the end.

The loss dropped Byrd to 2-4 on the season and the Terriers are ninth in the VHSL Region 3D rankings. A big game still looming will be October 21 when they play at Staunton River, as the Eagles are the seventh team in Region 3D, and they could also pick up some big points if they can beat Class 6 Franklin County or Class 5 William Fleming.

"We are playing in bigger games this season," said Lutz. "Our players are learning how to play in a playoff caliber game, and they are showing huge improvements in the process."

As for Homecoming, it's a week most coaches hate due to the distractions. Highfill didn't allow his players to participate in halftime ceremonies after an incident early in his career at Byrd where one of his players was rushing from a convertible to join the second half kickoff team already on the field.

"Our players know this is a big game," said Lutz. "We will not have to compete for their focus. They are student-athletes, so they will enjoy the fun activities for the week, but when Friday night arrives they will be ready to play."



Above, Byrd's Eva Brown(#4) and Alexis Helton(#6) go up for a block against Lord Botetourt last week, and right Emily Tuck throws down a kill. Below, Carsyn Kotz (#12) is honored for her 1,000th assist as brother Briggs, mom Shawna and dad Mitchell joining her.

ACTION PHOTOS BY BRIAN HOFFMAN



Wm. Byrd girls win back-to-back games

The William Byrd volleyball team will be in Rocky Mount tonight for a Blue Ridge District match with Franklin County. The Terriers and Eagles are battling for second place in the district heading down the home stretch of the season.

Lord Botetourt took over sole possession of first place when the Cavaliers defeated Byrd in Vinton last Thursday. LB is still undefeated in district play after downing Byrd in three sets, 25-16, 25-23 and 25-12.

Byrd's Carsyn Kotz picked up her 100th career assist in the first set of the LB match. She needed just three to hit the mark and finished with 11. Terran Brown had five aces and six digs on the night while Ella Ashworth picked up 10 digs. The team also hosted alumni from the Terrier program on this night and recognized over 20 former players at the end of the first set.

The girls came battling back this week with two wins in two nights. On Monday they traveled to Cave Spring for a non-district match and picked up a win in four sets, 25-18, 25-21, 20-25 and 25-18. Raelyn Lancaster had a big night with five aces and 10 kills. Emily Tuck added 10 kills and picked up 14 digs while Brown put down nine kills and had 23 digs.

On Tuesday Byrd was in Moneta to take on Staunton River and the girls picked up a Blue Ridge District win in three sets, 25-11, 25-11 and 25-22. Tuck had 11 digs and Ella Ashworth had 10. Brown led the team with nine kills and Kotz added to her career assist total with 16 more.

With the two wins the Terriers improved to 13-5 overall and they're sitting at 5-2 in the district. Next week Byrd has two home matches, as Northside comes to Vinton on Tuesday and William Fleming is here a week from tonight.