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Hurd and Patrick named 2022 WBHS Homecoming Queen and King

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William Byrd High School seniors Olivia Hurd and Justin Patrick were crowned as 2022 Homecoming Queen and King during a half-time ceremony at the football game on October 14.

Hurd is the daughter of Chris and Taressa Hurd. She is captain of the indoor track, outdoor track, and lacrosse teams at Byrd and a member of the SCA and Beta Club.

Patrick is the son of Ginny Lynn and Keith

Patrick. He is a member of the SCA and Terrier TV and has attended the Burton Center for Arts and Technology for four years.

Members of the Homecoming Court are nominated by their classmates (freshmen nominate freshmen, etc.) with the entire student body and staff voting online to select the Homecoming King and Queen from the senior candidates. Nominees introduced themselves to the student body via video on Terrier TV before the voting begins.

Seniors on the Homecoming Court and candidates for Homecoming King and Queen, in addition to Justin Patrick and Olivia Hurd, were Taylor Davis (daughter of David and Ginger Davis), Bre Hodges (daughter of Angie and Tim Hodges), Rachel White (daughter of Chris and April White), Jaiden Childress (son of Dawn Childress), Shane Heldenbrand (son of Stephanie Blankenship and Andy Heldenbrand), and Dylan



PHOTO BY DEBBIE ADAMS

William Byrd High School seniors Justin Patrick and Olivia Hurd were crowned 2022 Homecoming King and Queen during a half-time ceremony at the Homecoming game on October 14. Shown left to right are: WBHS Principal Tammy Newcomb, the Terrier Mascot, Homecoming King Justin Patrick, Homecoming Queen Olivia Hurd with crown bearer Logan Bredenkamp, and last year's Homecoming Queen Madison Tuck with flower girl Riley Decoster.

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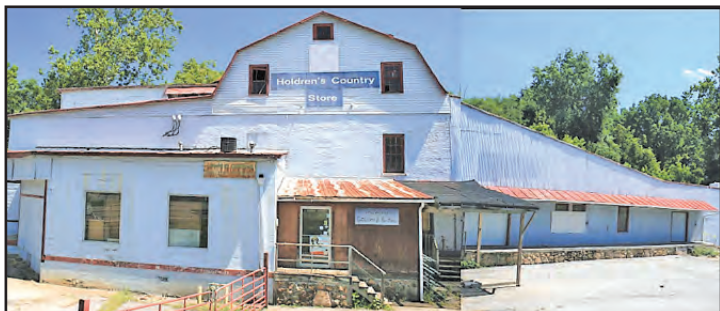


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The main topic at the Vinton Town Council meeting on October 18 was the Gish Mill Redevelopment Project, which is moving forward.

Gish Mill Redevelopment Project moving forward, Town Council approves amended incentives

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At its meeting on October 18, Vinton Town Council approved two requests from Town Manager Pete Peters that will allow the Gish Mill Redevelopment Project to move forward. The first request was for council authorization to execute an Amended Performance Agreement between the town, the Roanoke County Economic Development Authority and Gish Mill Davii, LLC, the developers who signed a contract of sale with the town on April 8, 2020.

The second request was for council authorization to execute a Construction Loan and an IRF Loan between the town, the Roanoke County EDA, and Gish Mill Davii, LLC.

responded with a project that would convert the historic property into mixed use development. (The property will accommodate a restaurant, along with retail and lodging uses.) The contract of sale was subsequently signed on April 8, 2020.

In Fall 2020 the town was awarded grant funds in the amount of \$250,000 from the Department of Historic Resources (DHR) and the Emergency Supplemental Historic Preservation Fund for repair and stabilization work and \$468,750 from the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) and the Industrial Revitalization Fund (IRF) in the form of a loan. The property has been designated on both the Virginia and National Historic Registers.

Peters' presentation included a brief timeline of the history of the project. In October 2015, the Town of Vinton purchased the Gish Mill property on Gus Nicks Boulevard for \$126,000 with two objectives in mind: to rehabilitate and preserve the town's founding structure (the mill appears on the Town Seal) and to create a leasable space for employment and new revenue generation.

The years 2016-2018 were spent in various planning exercises and environmental assessments using grant programs.

In June 2021, the town approved a Performance Agreement providing financial incentives with developers Gish Mill Davii, LLC, also approved by the Roanoke County EDA.

Since January 2022, the project has utilized \$250,000 of the DHR resources to stabilize the creek bank, solidify and shore up the foundation, and repaint much of the visible historic brick. The town was required to maintain ownership of the structure until the preservation grant was concluded.

In 2019, the town issued a Request for Proposal to which Gish Mish Davii, LLC,

During this time, the developers were finalizing construction level design docu-

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Playing field at William Byrd's Patterson Stadium named in honor of Coach Jeff Highfill

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The Roanoke County School Board formally approved naming the playing field at Robert A. Patterson Stadium in honor of long-time Coach Jeff Highfill at the meeting on October 13.

Highfill coached football at William Byrd for 38 years from 1981 through the 2018 season. He also started the soccer program at Byrd in 1982 and taught math in RCPS for 35 years.

documents which were presented to the School Board by WBHS Principal Tammy Newcomb at a work session on October 4, along with a letter from Dale Foster, who coached Highfill at Andrew Lewis High School and recommended him for the head coaching position at Byrd in 1981.

Former Roanoke County School Superintendent Bayse Wilson and WBHS Principal Bob Patterson (now deceased) 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.

At the work session, 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.

At the School Board meeting on October 13, Newcomb spoke of Coach Highfill as a "long-time teacher, coach, and friend of William Byrd High School." She commented on his 657 total wins, 48 championships, and 32 Coach of the Year Awards, all stemming from the "hard work, dedication, and passion for supporting student athletes at Byrd." She recommended the coach "without hesitation" for the recognition.

Coach Walthall described Highfill as a "quality human being, a family man, and someone I would like my son to play for if I had a son."

Former Superintendent

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PHOTO BY DEBBIE ADAMS

The football playing field at William Byrd High School's Robert A. Patterson Stadium now bears the name of Coach Jefferson Highfill.

Vinton's annual Downtown Trick or Treat coming up on Oct. 27

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Each year the Town of Vinton, the Vinton Area Chamber of Commerce, and local merchants and organizations sponsor Downtown Trick or Treat for the area's families.

This year the event is scheduled for Thursday, October 27, from 3 to 5 p.m. It's not just for children; everyone is invited to come in costume.

Many downtown businesses will be handing out treats on their doorsteps— with many of the owners and their employees in costume with their storefronts decorated. Corridor businesses, churches, and civic organizations also set up tables at the Vinton Municipal Building each year.

Several roads will be closed in the downtown area from 2-5:30 p.m. including:

Pollard Street from Washington Avenue to Jefferson


Avenue Lee Avenue from Maple Street to Jackson Avenue Cleveland Avenue from 1st Street to Maple Street

Downtown Trick or Treating is a tradition that spans the decades in Vinton.

The rain date for this year's Downtown Trick or Treat is October 31.


Contact Vinton Community Programs Director Chasity Barbour at Cbarbour@vintonva.gov or call 540-983-0645 for more information or if you are a business or organization who would like to participate in the event.

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Hughes (son of Barbara and Tim Hughes).

Juniors on the Homecoming Court this year include Emmerson Abshire (daughter of Greg and Becca Abshire), Karli Stephenson (daughter of Chris Stephenson and Michelle Mullins), Makayla Price (daughter of Martin Price), Wyatte Bailey (son of Jeremy and Angela Bailey), Joshua Stores (son of Allison Poindexter and George Stores), Israel Hairston (son of Keerie Hairston and Chris Hairston), and Landyn French (son of Thomas and Shari French).

Sophomore members of the Homecoming Court for 2022 included Jada Johnson (daughter of Tony Johnson and Coleen Johnson), Isabella Posadas (daughter of Peter and Luisa Posadas), Ethan Powell (son of Jeff and Kellie

Powell) and Dawson Brinkley (son of Todd Brinkley and Stacie Brinkley).

Members of this year's Homecoming Court representing the Freshmen Class include Addison Clark (daughter of Allen and Sharon Clark) and Tyson Brady (son of Barry and Stephanie Brady).

Homecoming Court members were escorted to center field by a parent, grandmother, godmother, or brother this year for the crowning of the king and queen by WBHS Principal Tammy Newcomb, assisted by last year's Homecoming Queen Madison Tuck, flower girl Riley Decoster, and crown bearer Logan Bredenkamp. (Riley is the 3-year-old daughter of Katie and Andrew Decoster. Logan is 6 years old and the son of Katie and Ben Bredenkamp.)

The names of the king and queen were kept secret until the final moment.

Homecoming festivities this year also included four days of Spirit Week at William Byrd, including Little Miss/Mr. Monday, Tailgate Tuesday, West Coast Wednesday, and Class Colors Thursday, along with White Out Friday on the night of the game since schools were closed on October 14 for a teacher workday.

There was a powder puff

football game midweek and a pep rally at the end of the school day on October 13, where the Junior Class was awarded the Spirit Stick for their enthusiastic participation throughout the week's events.

Other highlights of Homecoming on October 14 included a performance of this season's band competition program, "Ready or Not," prior to the game by the Marching Terriers band. Ca-

detts from the National Naval Defense Cadet Corps presented the colors during the National Anthem and Pledge of Allegiance. Cadets included: Cadet Trevor Robinson (William Byrd), Cadet William Sloane (Cave Spring), Cadet Dominick Hayslett (William Byrd), Cadet Zackery Charles (Northside).

The grand finale came on Saturday, October 15, with the Homecoming Dance in the school gym.



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The newly formed National Naval Defense Cadet Corps formed the Color Guard for the October 14 game. Shown left to right are Cadet Trevor Robinson (William Byrd High School), Cadet William Sloane (Cave Spring), Cadet Dominick Hayslett (WB), and Cadet Zackery Charles (Northside).



Girls on the 2022 William Byrd High School Homecoming Court included (left to right): senior Taylor Davis, senior Bre Hodges, senior Olivia Hurd, senior Rachel White, junior Emmerson Abshire, junior Karli Stephenson, junior Makayla Price, sophomore Jada Johnson, sophomore Isabella Posadas and freshman Addison Clark.



PHOTO S COURTESY OF WILLIAM BYRD HIGH SCHOOL

Boys on the 2022 William Byrd High School Homecoming Court include (left to right): freshman Tyson Brady, sophomore Ethan Powell, sophomore Dawson Brinkley, junior Wyatte Bailey, junior Josh Stores, junior Israel Hairston, junior Landyn French, senior Jaiden Childress, senior Shane Heldenbrand, and senior Dylan Hughes. Justin Patrick is not pictured.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, Oct. 20

Vinton Library: "Wonder Time" from 11 a.m. to noon, fun STEM and sensory activity for ages 2-5.

Friday, Oct. 21

William Byrd High School: The William Byrd High School Terriers play Staunton River at Staunton River High School, 7 p.m.

Roanoke County: Second Half Real Estate Tax Bills will be mailed on October 21

Saturday, Oct. 22

Vinton Public Library: Adult Pumpkin Painting at 2:30 p.m.

Saturday morning cartoons, 10:30 to noon.

Monday, Oct. 24

Vinton Library: Teen Gaming from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 25

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 1 to 4 p.m.

Roanoke County: Board of Supervisors meeting, Central Administration office, 3-7 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 26

Vinton Library: Vintage Horror Movie night at 6 p.m. showing Alfred Hitchcock's "The Birds," on the patio, weather permitting. LEGO play from 4 to 5 p.m.

Future Events in Vinton and the surrounding areas:

Downtown Vinton Trick or Treat, Thursday, October 27, 3 to 5 p.m., partial road closure 2--5:30. William Byrd High School: Blue Ridge Band Festival, Saturday, Oct. 29 beginning at 11 a.m.

Explore Park: Spooktacular Saturday, Oct. 29, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The day will feature expanded, spooky activities including pumpkin carving, marshmallow roasting, a costume contest, Treetop Quest, Treetop Twilight Zipline, environmental education activities and more. Roanoke County Library will have pumpkin painting, stuffed animal pet adoption, and pet library cards.

Town of Vinton: Annual leaf collection in the Town of Vinton begins on Nov. 7 and continues through Dec. 16.

Election Day: November 8
Veterans Day: The Blue Ridge Mountains Council Boy Scouts of America will be commemorating

Veterans Day on Friday, November 11, with a Flag Retirement at the Vinton War Memorial High Ground Monument at 5:30 p.m.

Medicare 101 Changes for 2023: On November 16 at 1:30 p.m., Shannon Abell, AARP Community Ambassador, will be presenting new information on Medicare changes for 2023. He will be speaking in the sanctuary at Thrasher Memorial United Methodist Church located at 707 East Washington Avenue in Vinton. This is an information session presented by Abell annually. No products are offered or sold at this event.

Please submit Upcoming Community News announcements to dadams@mainstreetnewspapers.com or call 540-473-2741.

PEOPLE, PLACES AND THINGS



PHOTO COURTESY OF BOOTIE CHEWNING

The Reunion Committee for the William Byrd High School Class of 1961 Class Reunion is pictured (left to right): Berkley Lucas, Lynn Ellen McCutchen Meredith, Billy Bolster, Carolyn Hodges Campbell, Marshall Murray, Brenda Holland Mitchell, and Jim Patton. Esther Parks Wray and Judy Pennington Kelley were unable to attend.

Angie &
Bootie Chewning

The William Byrd Class of 1961 held their 61st High School Class Reunion at Montano's on Saturday, October 15. Members of the Reunion Committee who planned the event were Berkley Lucas, Lynn Ellen McCutchen Meredith, Billy Bolster, Carolyn Hodges Campbell, Marshall Murray, Brenda Holland Mitchell, Jim Patton, Esther Parks Wray, and Judy Pennington Kelley. They reportedly had a fantastic time.

Congratulations to the 2022 WBHS Homecoming Court members and to this year's King Justin Patrick and Queen Olivia Hurd.

Vinton's Downtown Trick or Treating will be on Thursday, October 27, from 3-5 p.m. If your business is interested in participating, call Chasity Barbour for more

information at 540-983-0645.

Bring the kids to have some Halloween fun! Reminder: downtown Vinton roads will close from 2 'til 5:30 p.m. including Pollard Street from Washington to Jefferson, Lee Avenue from Maple to Jackson and Cleveland from 1st Street to Maple.

The Halloween Dance Party for the Developmentally Disabled will be at the American Legion Post 3, located at 710 Apperson Drive in Salem, on Thursday, October 27 from 7 to 9 p.m. with music by DJ Joey and featuring caricature artist Kyle Edgell and Beetlejuice Impersonator Billy Nauert and his hearse.

Admission is free and so are the refreshments. Costumes are not required for attendance. The event is sponsored by the GFWC Toteria Woman's Club & SRO, now in their 45th year. For more information call Richard at 540-815-1905.

The Vinton Chamber is accepting Christmas Parade applications. Visit the website www.vintonchamber.com for more information or call the office 540-343-1364.

Leaf collection begins Nov. 7 in Town of Vinton

The Town of Vinton Public Works Department will begin its annual leaf collection on Tuesday, November 7, and end on Friday, December 16.

Leaves should be raked no closer than one foot and no further than five feet from the back of the curb or edge of the street located in front of the residence.

Do not place leaves in the street or gutter as this may cause rainwater to pond and leaves to wash into the roadway creating hazards and obstructing traffic.

Sticks, limbs, rocks, and other debris

should not be included in the leaves as these items can clog and damage the equipment.

Leaves must be raked to the proper location by 7 a.m. Leaves should not be put out too early and should not block sidewalks.

Bagged leaves will be collected weekly on the resident's regular bulk collection day. Weather and equipment breakdown issues can cause delays.

Call 983-0646 if further information is needed.

Submitted by Town of Vinton Public Works

RECIPE

Pumpkin Cake

From the kitchen of Patti VonPloennies

- 2 cups sugar
- 2 cups sifted flour
- 2 tsp. cinnamon
- 2 tsp. baking soda
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 4 eggs (large or extra-large)
- 1 cup oil (I use canola)
- 2 cups pumpkin (one #303 can)
- 1 tsp. vanilla

Mix eggs and sugar in large mixing bowl. Beat well. Add oil. Sift flour, cinnamon, baking soda and salt together and add to mixing bowl. Beat well, then add pumpkin and vanilla flavoring and mix well, but do not overbeat. Bake in tube or bundt pan that has been greased and floured or sprayed with baking spray.

Bake 1 hour at 350 degrees. (Since ov-

ens vary, test with toothpick at 50 minutes, and check to see if cake has pulled away from sides of pan.) Cool about 10 minutes in pan, then turn onto a plate to complete cooling.

Cream Cheese Frosting

- 8-ounce package cream cheese
- 1 stick unsalted butter (not margarine)
- 1 box confectioners' sugar
- 2 tsp. vanilla flavoring

Cream the cream cheese and butter together until well mixed. Add confectioners' sugar and beat until blended. Add flavoring and beat until blended. Frost cake after it has completely cooled.

This recipe was given to me in the early '70s by a little old guy named Roy Brooks. Roy baked for us all the time and was once described as "being like someone's grandmother!"

VINTON HISTORY

In architecture, a corbel is a structural piece of stone, wood or metal jutting from a wall to carry a super-incumbent weight. The technique of corbelling, where rows of corbels deeply keyed inside a wall support a projecting wall, has been used since New Stone Age times.

The word "corbel" derives its name from the Latin Corvus, meaning "crow." The first corbels were actually the decorative ends of wooden roof support beams.

Wood corbels are fashioned from unfinished poplar, pine, and maple, among others.

Pictured is a wooden roof corbel on display at the Vinton History Museum from Vinton's Norfolk and Western Passenger Railroad Station. Also pictured is the Vinton Depot— an impressive sight early in the century— showing the decorative corbels. The corbel was donated to the Vinton History Museum by Loomis Wirt.

Submitted by Judy Cunningham, Vinton History Museum Executive Director



PHOTO BY JUDY CUNNINGHAM

This corbel is on display at the Vinton History Museum, an artifact from the Norfolk & Western Passenger Railroad Station in Vinton, donated by Loomis Wirt.

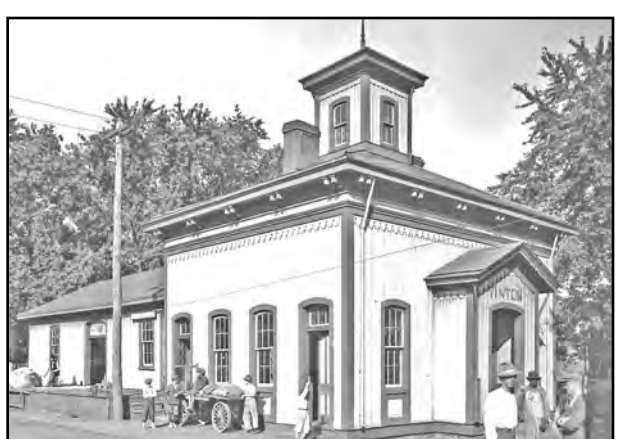


PHOTO VINTON HISTORY MUSEUM ARCHIVES

The Norfolk & Western Passenger Railroad Station in Vinton.

CHURCH NEWS

Campbell Memorial hosts craft fair

Campbell Memorial Presbyterian Church will also be hosting a Fall Craft Show on Saturday, Oct. 29 from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. in the church fellowship hall. The church is 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.

Thrasher Memorial United Methodist Church to host Trunk or Treat on October 30

Thrasher Memorial UMC invites the community to participate in their annual Trunk or Treat event on Sunday, Oct. 30 at 3:30 p.m. in the church's lower parking lot. There will also be live music by Humble Praise, kids' activities, and the Vinton Police Department will be on hand cooking hot dogs. Thrasher Memorial

is located at 707 East Washington Avenue in downtown Vinton.

Vinton Baptist sponsors Christmas Craft & Vendor Fair

On Sunday, December 4, from 1:00 until 4:00 p.m., Vinton Baptist Church will host a craft & vendor fair in their gym to raise funds for summer camps. Over 20 vendors, many offering unique, one-of-a-kind items have signed up, along with several local representatives of nationally recognized brands. The proceeds of concessions and gift-wrapping service will offset expenses for summer camp for youth and preteens. Vendor applications are still being accepted. Contact whitney@vintonbaptistchurch.org for more information.

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

OBITUARY

Sage, Ruth R.

Ruth R. Sage, 97, of Vinton, passed away peacefully with the Lord on Wednesday, October 12, 2022.

She was born on February 3, 1925, in Premier, W.Va., to the late Virgil M. Roberson and Audrey B. Handy. In addition to her parents, she was also preceded in death by her husband, Odell "Pete" Sage; a daughter, Teresa Ruth Lineberry; and a sister, Mildred Dillon.

Surviving children are Chris Lineberry, Jane Assaid (David) and Ann Schooley (Charlie); grandchildren, Mark Lineberry (Heather), Travis Lineberry, Jonathan Assaid (May), Rebecca Tunnell (Ryan), Ashley Burke, and Benjamin Keaton; seven great-grandchildren; and a number of nieces and nephews.

Ruth loved her church and God. She volunteered weekly preparing the bulletins for Sunday. As an active member of the United Methodist Women (UMW), serving was her passion. She made turbans for the American Cancer Society, quilts for the Roanoke Rescue Mission and dresses sent to Haiti. She was involved in many other com-



munity outreach services.

After 20 years of service, she retired from Heironimus as a sales consultant. Family was important to her. She loved Sunday dinners, cooking and preparing meals for any occasion for the family to be together. She loved us. She enjoyed music, flowers, and gardening as well. Ruth will always be remembered for the joy and laughter she brought to others.

Her family wants to especially thank all the staff at Heritage Roanoke for surrounding her with their care and love for "Ruthie" and to Hospice for her comfort care.

The family received friends from 2 to 4 p.m. and from 6 until 8 p.m. on Friday, October 14, at Oakey's Vinton Chapel. A Celebration of Life was held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, October 15 at Thrasher Memorial United Methodist Church in Vinton. Burial was in Mountain View Cemetery in Vinton.

Memorial donations may be given to Thrasher Memorial United Methodist Church and UMW. Online condolences may be expressed to the family at www.Oakeys.com, (540) 982-2221.

SPOTLIGHT ON TOWN STAFF



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE TOWN OF VINTON
Vinton Assistant Town Manager/Treasurer Cody Sexton

This week's Spotlight is on Vinton's Assistant Town Manager/Town Treasurer Cody Sexton. He has been employed by the Town of Vinton since May 3, 2021.

"Given all that he has accomplished and assisted with to move the town forward, it's pretty hard to believe that Cody has only been on the job since May of 2021," said Vinton Town Manager Pete Peters. "Cody currently oversees the Public Works and Finance Departments, although his work is present all across the organization and beyond. Perhaps the two most significant items that have benefited from Cody's presence were his direct involvement in the Utility System Transfer to the Western Virginia Water Authority and his efforts to serve as Interim Finance Director and Town Treasurer while we searched for a replacement in a very competitive job market.

"There were so many aspects of the Utility System transfer, that in some cases it felt as if that is all we worked on for nearly a year. However, Cody was unfazed through it all. It didn't matter if it was operational, financial or personnel-

related, he attacked each aspect of the transition with the same determination to get us to the finish line. It's not every day that you go through such a significant change within your organization; he was the key reason we were able to pull it off in less than a year and in a way that I believe has been seamless to the customer.

"And if that weren't enough, after [Vinton Treasurer/Finance Director] Anne Cantrell announced her departure in January of 2022 to take another position in the Town of Bedford, Cody graciously stepped in to accept the role of Interim Finance Director/Town Treasurer," Peters said. "In those capacities, not only did he manage to deliver a balanced operational budget for Council adoption, he also helped to establish one of the most robust capital improvement budgets in the town's history, helped to recruit new Finance Director Andrew Keen, and has been helping him to get acclimated to his new position since he joined the team in June.

"With all this being said, Cody is just an all-around great person to be around;

and we are lucky to have him on our team. He has a subtle, yet hilarious, sense of humor, absolutely loves working in local government, and carefully balances being extremely intelligent with being a practical person at the same time."

Prior to coming to the Town of Vinton, Sexton served for seven years as the Assistant to the County Administrator in Botetourt County and before that was an analyst for Stafford County in Northern Virginia.

Sexton holds a Master of Public Administration degree and a Graduate Certificate in Local Government Management from Virginia Tech. He also has a Bachelor of Arts degree from Roanoke College.

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

From the Pulpit

"Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things,

and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow, I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal, but I press on to lay hold of that for which Christ has laid hold of me (Philippians 3:7-12)."

One of the things that fills my pockets these days are the bacon-flavored treats that we are constantly giving Ozzie as we train him to obey basic commands. Out of all the treats and toys we have tried to use for training purposes, these treats are clearly his favorite. They have been amazingly persuasive in getting him to sit, come, and stop nipping everyone's legs as they walk by. He and I have also had a few "Come to Jesus" moments that have helped with the biting, too.

Despite Ozzie's love for these bacon-flavored treats, he often settles for rocks when we take him for walks. No matter how hard we try to show him that obediently dropping the stray rocks he finds along the way will lead to delicious treats, he constantly chooses rocks over treats. Despite the fact that these rocks are damaging to his teeth, incapable of being properly digested, or providing the nutrients he needs to grow healthy and strong, he often settles for the rocks.

In today's passage, Paul encourages Christians living in Philippi to choose the heavenly gains of Christ over the earthly gains of the Roman Empire. Contrasting the sharpness of his tone in his letters to the churches in Corinth and Galatia, Paul was proud of the Church of Philippi for their generosity in supporting his ministry and commitment to continue meeting together despite opposition. However, he was also aware of their tendency to get so distracted keeping the Jewish laws that opposed the Gentiles or chasing after the prosperity offered by the Roman Empire that they

would forget the heavenly call of Christ on their lives. In order to address it, he reminds them of all of the losses he had accrued and sufferings he had faced because of his commitment to Christ. Though difficult, he reminded them that all of the earthly gains he gave up were nothing but "rocks" in comparison to Christ's heavenly promise of "attain[ing] the resurrection from the dead."

God's people have always been tempted by the rocks in front of them. In the Garden of Eden, Adam and Eve chose one forbidden tree for their rock, over all the fruit in Eden that God had provided. At Sinai, the Israelites chose a golden calf for their rock, over a God who had just parted the Red Sea and saved them from an entire Egyptian army. In Canaan, the Israelites chose an earthly king for their rock (King Saul), over the heavenly king that Samuel promised. In the Garden of Gethsemane, Judas Iscariot chose 30 pieces of silver for his rock, over the salvation promised by the Son of God.

Our rocks may vary, but

our tendency to choose the temporary over the eternal is just as pervasive today as it was then. Despite the fact that these rocks are damaging to our lives and incapable of providing the spiritual nutrients we need to grow healthy and strong, we often settle for far less than what Christ offers. Like Ozzie, we know the treats of our Master are much better, but the rocks in front of us are all too tempting. What are the rocks in your life for which you often settle?

This week, may we take some time to consider these rocks that tempt and distract us from the heavenly treats God has promised. As we do, may we remember Paul's encouragement in the verses that followed: "Brothers and sisters, I do not consider that I have laid hold of it, but one thing I have laid hold of: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal, toward the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus (Philippians 3:13-14)."

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WORDS OF RELIEF
 Read Job 15:1 through 22:30

Justin sat in Caleb's apartment, hoping his big brother could provide some words of encouragement. An official letter from his college had arrived, announcing that Justin was on academic probation. Justin never realized those two words would cause his parents so much pain, anger, and disappointment.

Caleb was frustrated. He knew the sacrifices his parents made so that Justin could attend college. College loans, scholarships, and money did not come easy. His parents worked hard at obtaining all the financial aid they could gather. His dad picked up extra shifts at work to cover the cost of books. Now, to hear that Justin "blew it" was more than Caleb could bear. He wanted to explode, but the Holy Spirit urged him to listen. After several moments, Caleb sat down beside Justin and placed his arm around him. Caleb whispered, "Mind if I pray for you?"

Justin grinned, "Thanks, man. I sure could use it!"

But my mouth would encourage you; comfort from my lips would bring you relief (Job 16:5).

Do your words bring comfort or condemnation?

Challenge for Today: Provide comfort and encouragement to someone close to you.

Quicklook: Job 16:4-6

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Remembering Vinton

50 years ago in October 1972

with the Vinton Historical Society

Debbie Adams
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There was an apparent crime spree in the Town of Vinton in October 1972. Each week's lead story in The Vinton Messenger involved crime in some fashion.

The main story in the October 4 edition in 1972 was "Seventeen Police Officers Conduct Friday Night Raid on Alleged Gambling Spot." The article went on to say that one or more elected Vinton officials might have been among the seven arrested. At the time of the article, the police only had nicknames of some of those involved. The president of the local Teamsters Union was among those arrested.

Chief Clarence Irby led the raid joined by members of the State Police and Roanoke County Sheriff's Department. The investigation had been underway for five months, involving gambling activities taking place in the Swan Restaurant at 105 West Lee Avenue.

Irby said that when he entered the room during the raid, there were five men seated around a card table and \$30 on it. They seized \$420, cards, chips, a gambling table, and other gambling paraphernalia.

Eight of the men were convicted after pleading guilty and fined \$100 each. Court dates for three others were postponed.

Judge James Moyer advised the men, "If you want to play poker, go find another place outside Roanoke County to do it."

That same week, the Vinton Department of Parks and Recreation was advertising a teen dance and a record hop (ages 8-12) at the rec center, baton classes, guitar classes, a Christmas crafts class, and ceramic classes.

The following week of October 11, the Vinton Police and the First Aid Crew were called when a Salem prisoner jumped from the high bridge on the Blue Ridge Parkway, plunging 127 feet to his death. The youth had been arrested earlier in the day for grand larceny. Guard rails were only three feet high.

There was a fire at the newly opened William Byrd High School when a custodian placed some mop heads into a dryer, and they caught fire. Damage was minor.

Thieves broke the front display window at Holdren's in downtown Vinton, using a tire tool and made off with a portable television worth \$155.

The town received a letter from the State

Water Control Board stating that the Vinton sewage treatment plant was seriously overloaded and needed to either provide a means to bypass all excess flow to the Roanoke City treatment plant, send all flow to the Roanoke City treatment plant, or apply additional chemical treatment. Town Manager Don Smith recommended—based on finances—passing the entire flow to the regional plant operated by Roanoke City. Council was left to make a final decision.

The Vinton Dogwood Festival announced its officers for the 1973 festival to be led by president Roger Lee Smith, vice president Steve Brown, treasurer Hildrey Pollard, and secretary Helen Smith.

Roanoke County Schools announced an increase in enrollment to 23,877 while the city was seeing decreases.

The William Byrd Terriers defeated the Addison Bulldogs 27-0 for the third consecutive time.

The headline for the third week of October 1972 indicated that the Vinton Police remained busy with thefts from six local automobiles—the police suspected a group of thieves was stealing tools, tape players, speakers, and tapes.

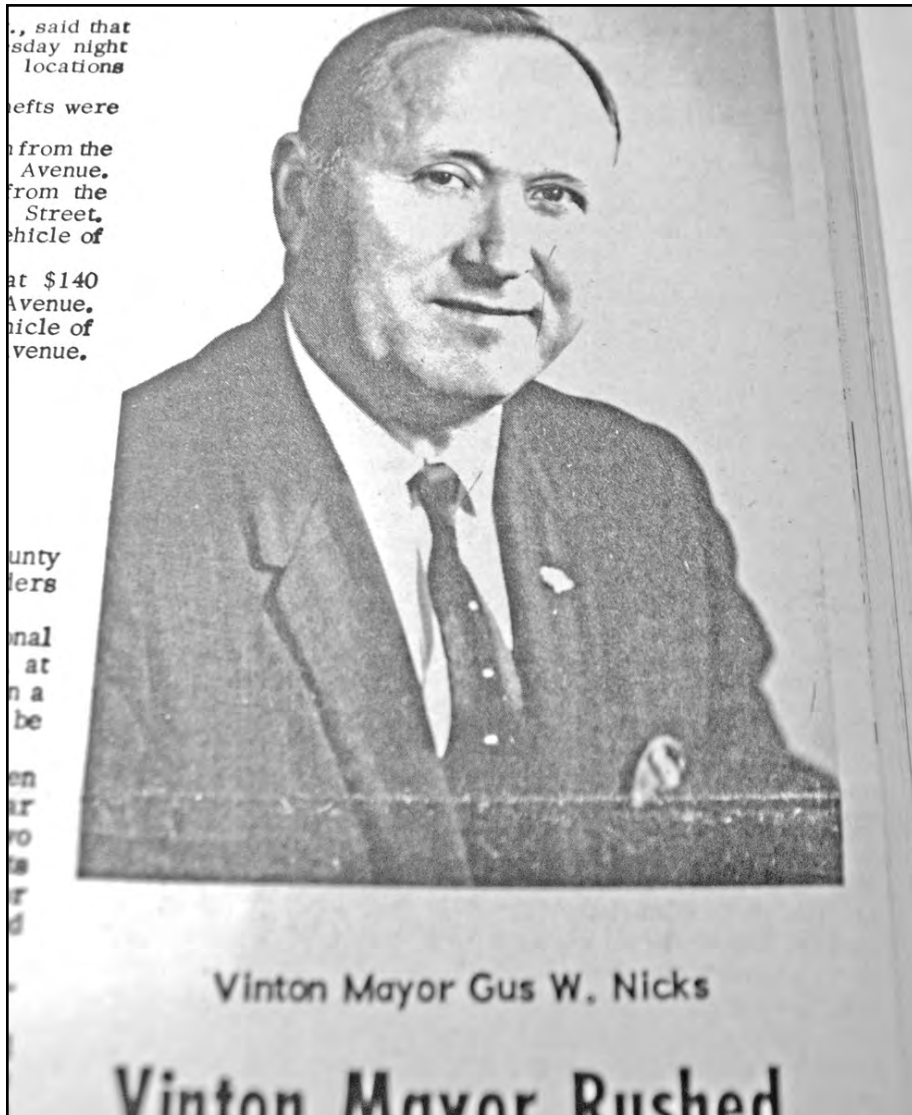
William Byrd was celebrating Homecoming. Principal Bob Patterson crowned Rhonda Jean Kendrick as Homecoming Queen. Cliff Crockett was named "Mr. Touchdown."

Tragically, Vinton Mayor Gus Nicks was rushed to the hospital after suffering a heart attack at his furniture store on East Lee Avenue. He had suffered several heart attacks previously when he was operating a larger store on Pollard Street. He remained in the intensive care unit through the end of the month.

School menus were featuring baked beans and franks, hamburgers, ham biscuits, fish burgers, and oven fried chicken for the last week of October, along with sides of pickled beets and deviled eggs.

Students at William Byrd Intermediate conducted a mock presidential election in which Richard Nixon won 721 votes, while George McGovern garnered 184 votes, and Archie Bunker received one vote.

Colonial American was paying 4% daily interest on Christmas Club accounts. Mountain Trust Bank was charging 8.39% for a 42-month car loan.



Vinton Mayor Gus Nicks suffered a serious heart attack and was rushed to the hospital in October 1972.



Rhonda Jean Kendrick was crowned Homecoming Queen at William Byrd High School in October 1972.



A Salem prisoner died after leaping from a high bridge on the Blue Ridge Parkway in October 1972. The Vinton First Aid Crew and Vinton police responded to the call.

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- CLUES ACROSS**
- 1. A way to communicate
 - 5. Historic city
 - 9. Not the same
 - 11. Hitting a horse to clear a jump
 - 13. One hurt the Titanic
 - 15. Fine dense cloth
 - 16. Architectural structure
 - 17. Where Serena works
 - 19. Stringed instrument
 - 21. Estimate
 - 22. Where sailors work
 - 23. Popular Terry Pratchett novel
 - 25. Popular slow cooked dish
 - 26. Twisted Sister's Snider
 - 27. "Office Space" actor
 - 29. Put the ball in the net
 - 31. Ancient Greek city in Thrace
 - 33. High school math subject
 - 34. Looked into
 - 36. Rhode Island rebellion
 - 38. A pea is one type
 - 39. You can put it on something
 - 41. Where golfers begin
 - 43. Make a mistake
 - 44. Semitic Sun god
 - 46. Ancient Greek City
 - 48. Beheaded
 - 52. A place to stay
 - 53. Inanely foolish
 - 54. Most unnatural
 - 56. "Dennis" is one
 - 57. Soothes
 - 58. Exam
 - 59. Leaked blood
- CLUES DOWN**
- 1. Triangular bone in lower back
 - 2. Building toy
 - 3. Pointed end of a pen
 - 4. Insect repellent
 - 5. College army
 - 6. Highly spiced stew
 - 7. Exploited
 - 8. Main course
 - 9. A bottle that contains a drug
 - 10. The most worthless part
 - 11. Everyone needs one nowadays
 - 12. Japanese wooden shoe
 - 14. Antelopes
 - 15. A way to cut
 - 18. Brooklyn hoopsters
 - 20. Gradually receded
 - 24. Ripped open
 - 26. College grads get one
 - 28. Amino acid
 - 30. Unruly gathering
 - 32. Legislative body
 - 34. Resembling pigs
 - 35. Russian assembly
 - 37. Take over for
 - 38. Put in advance
 - 40. Satisfy
 - 42. Felt
 - 43. Mild yellow Dutch cheese
 - 45. Witnesses
 - 47. Some build hills
 - 49. de Armas and Gasteyer are two
 - 50. Ancient people of Scotland
 - 51. Cheerless
 - 55. Unwell

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VINTON BUSINESS OF THE WEEK

Smileys Grill and BBQ



Smileys Grill and BBQ owner Andrea Bunni with husband David



PHOTO BY DEBBIE ADAMS

Smileys Grill and BBQ restaurant is located at 129 East Cleveland Avenue in the former location of Teaberry's, next door to Cundiff Drug Store, and across the street from the Vinton Library.



PHOTO COURTESY OF SMILEYS GRILL AND BBQ

Smileys Grill and BBQ offers a huge variety of meals and desserts, like its popular Coconut Cake.

Smileys Grill and BBQ is a small, family-run restaurant located at 129 East Cleveland Avenue in downtown Vinton. Owner Andrea Bunni, who grew up in Vinton, has been working in the restaurant business for 36 years. She is assisted by her husband David and other family members.

The restaurant has been open for about a year, in the former location of Teaberry's, right

next door to Cundiff Drug Store and across the street from the Vinton Library.

Smileys serves home-cooked, Southern-style meals as well as burgers and hot dogs. Some of their specialties include roast beef, meatloaf, chopped steak, and chicken and dumplings.

Bunni says they have just introduced pork chops, which sell out quickly.

Most weekends they offer

smoked meats— ribs, brisket, and chicken.

They are also well-known for their Friday fish— both hand-breaded catfish and hand-battered Fish n' Chips.

Bunni says many of their dishes are from family recipes, like her mother's potato salad.

Just take a look at their Facebook page and you will be drooling, not only for their meals, but their delicious,

made-from-scratch spectacular desserts, especially Coconut Cake, Peanut Butter Pie, cupcakes, German Chocolate Cake, and Carrot Cake, along with Pumpkin Cake and Pumpkin Rolls.

Smileys offers dine-in, take-out, and catering. The restaurant is open Wednesdays and Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., on Fridays and Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. and

on Sundays from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. It is closed on Mondays and Tuesdays.

Smileys is building the catering business, which includes not only parties, but other events such as baby showers, weddings, and meals after bereavement ceremonies.

Visit their Facebook page, Smileys Grill and BBQ, or call 540-890-4515 for more information.

Gish Mill

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ments and pricing the plans with construction contractors.

"The recent inflationary market, materials, labor costs, and interest rate hikes resulted in a funding gap that was previously accounted for when the original Performance Agreement was authorized in the spring of 2021," Peters said.

However, in July 2022, with skyrocketing costs in the construction industry worldwide, the developers approached the town to discuss filling the funding gap necessary to move the project forward. Town

staff and Gish Mill Davii, LLC, came up with updated terms in an Amended Performance Agreement with closing anticipated this month.

"Rather than allow the project to dissolve, town staff and the developers went back to work to find a means for the project to move forward," Peters said.

Those efforts resulted in the Amended Performance Agreement and Loan Agreement presented to council on October 18. As part of the amended financial agreement, the town has agreed to provide a Development Incentive

Grant in the amount of \$398,750 for site work, gateway enhancements, and façade improvements to the structure as well as reimbursement of Utility Connection Fees and various permitting fees.

"The town will also utilize a Construction Loan as the vehicle to provide an additional \$1 million in five equal installments at various stages of construction, with the final payment being made when the property receives an Occupancy Permit," Peters continued.

The loan is designed to be forgiven by one-

tenth each year, as long as each of the performance targets are substantially met, including generating a minimum of \$48,000 in meals tax annually, maintaining 24 full-time employees, and achieving an investment of \$3.6 million in the property. If targets are not substantially met within any of the 10 years, the loan must be paid back in full for that given year.

The IRF loan from the DHCD remains intact and will be repaid to the town at a rate of 2.5% interest.

The renovated property is expected to gener-

ate in excess of \$165,000 in new taxes annually, which will pay back the public investment made to assist with the property.

"While it is the town's intent to provide up-front assistance to move the project forward, the project will return these funds back to the town by way of various future taxes generated on the property," Peters added.

He noted that the project's total cost is approximately \$3.9 million. The developer has secured \$2 million in private lending resulting in just over half of the total investment being held by Gish Mill Davii, LLC— 51% private funding, 49% public funding.

"This is a true public/private partnership," Peters said. "The town has employed this method of using public incentives in working to encourage the redevelopment of underperforming property in the past with such projects as the former library/Macado's, the Roland E. Cook Lofts, the Billy Byrd Apartments, and Vinyard Station.

"The elevated public investment is required due to the age and location of the building," Peters said. "Without public assistance, it's unlikely that a private investor would be motivated to rehab, as they'd likely build elsewhere for less money. The public dollars help buy down the private investment needed to make the project feasible. As the property generates new revenues, it easily pays back the use of public incentives. In the current inflationary market, the current funding structure provides the bulk of the incentive as a loan so the money can be

given up front for construction. The money is paid back through meals, lodging, and real estate taxes."

Peters said that the town is essentially funding the loan from cash reserves that are comprised of remaining ARPA funds and proceeds from the sale of the Utility System. The town is not taking out a loan and then re-lending it to the developers.

"This is an example of leveraging a positive fiscal position and available grant funding to encourage additional private investment, all while saving a neglected, but historic property that otherwise could not be replaced," he said.

Vinton Assistant Planning and Zoning Director Nathan McClung was set to present the two agreements approved by council to the Roanoke County EDA for authorization on October 19. Vinton Town Attorney Jeremy Carroll said there are still moving parts to the agreement that may need to be tweaked.

Developers David Hill and David Trinkie make up Gish Mill Davii, LLC. Hill was present at the council meeting to answer any questions from council. He has played a significant role in previous successful redevelopment projects in the town.

"This new project has been more difficult than all the others, but when it is finished, it will be the best of all," Hill said.

He thanked Town Council and the town staff for their efforts in ensuring that the redevelopment project continues.

Council members thanked Hill for sharing the town's vision and making the investment in Vinton.

In other council news, Peters updated members on the upcoming preventive maintenance to Garthright Bridge which is set to begin on November 7. This will involve some lane closures which the town will announce closer to date.

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Police Chief Drumond presents quarterly report to Town Council

Vinton Police Chief Fabricio Drumond presented the quarterly police report to Vinton Town Council at its meeting on October 18. The report covers the months of July-September 2022. He noted that statistics vary from month to month, typically by season of the year. More people are out and about in warm weather, leading to more reportable incidents.

During the quarter, the Vinton Police received 3,212 calls for service for a variety of reasons with an officer responding in person or by phone.

There were 638 traffic stops with 387 summonses issued; 117 disturbances reported; 142 warrants served; 369 security checks, both residential and business; 352 “suspicious circumstances” reported; and 130 overall arrests.

During the quarter, there were 75 traffic accidents— 59 involving property damage with no personal injuries, 16 involving personal injury.

From July through September, Vinton police recorded 21 cases involving drugs and four DUI arrests.

The Criminal Investigation Division reported several cases, some continuing from prior quarters. Two cases of Obtaining Money by False Pretenses were investigated with one arrest, along with one case of Forgery. Three cases of Grand Larceny (over \$1,000 and including car theft) were investigated with two arrests.

There were four cases of Personal Assault— three active and one unfounded; one active case involving Burglary; three cases involving Malicious Wounding with one arrest and one unfounded; and one Runaway case with the individual safely located.

Cases involving Wildlife topped the list of Animal Control incidents (35), with 13 animal ordinance violations, 18 incidents of reported cruelty, 22 reports of a dog-at-large, six barking dogs, but no bears this time.

Chief Drumond detailed “records management” for the quarter with 271 warrants entered into the Records Management System along with 393 summonses, 31 weapons

permit checks, 87 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests, 103 officer subpoenas processed, and 43 criminal histories checked. The FOIA requests mainly involved insurance companies or citizens seeking accident reports.

The chief also discussed community events the police assisted with, including the Mingle at the Market concerts, the town’s Fourth of July celebration at the Vinton War Memorial, the Pancakes with Police event, National Night Out, the Fallen Officer Ogilvie Challenge, a Noah’s Ark church event, the Vinton Police Promotion ceremony, DMV Traffic Enforcement programs, and CITAC (Crisis Team Intervention Assessment Center) participation which assists citizens experiencing behavioral health emergencies.

Drumond emphasized continuing training for Vinton officers in Criminal Patrol Drug Interdiction, the Virginia School Safety Forum, Radar/Lider and Firearms, homicide investigations, cell phone extraction of data, the Urban

Patrol Rifle, new detective training, forensic training, and Virginia Against Trafficking.

He also explained to council various grants the police department was able to obtain that allowed for the purchase of Riot Cabinets and Police Bikes and paid for Traffic Enforcement and Coronavirus-related overtime.

Over the past quarter, several improvements have been made to the police department offices with the assistance of Public Works Facility/Inventory Manager Tobbie Russeau. They now have a designated storage area, and cell doors were reconfigured. The cells house uniforms, equipment, and other items. The Sally Bay (garage) was also cleaned out and renovated.

Councilman Keith Liles asked Chief Drumond specifically about drug overdoses. The chief reported that there were four overdoses in the past few months, representing a decrease. There remains an ongoing problem throughout the valley with opioids and fentanyl.

Mayor Brad Grose compli-

mented the Vinton police on the “great services” they provide and asked Drumond about the number of security checks over the quarter and how citizens can go about requesting security checks on their property, when they are on vacation, for instance.

Chief Drumond explained that citizens can simply go online at <https://www.vintonva.gov/247/Police-Services> to locate a “Vacation Watch Form” to request services or call the department at 540-983-0617.

The chief also mentioned another rare service provided by the Vinton Police— sending out an officer if you have locked your keys in your vehicle.

The Vinton Police Department is a 27-man agency, with four officers regularly working the day shift (7 a.m. to 7 p.m.), and four officers working the night shift (7 p.m. to 7 a.m.) in each 24-hour period.

Council members commended Chief Drumond and the department for their recent perfect re-accreditation score and for their pro-active policies.

Jeff Highfill

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PHOTO BY DEBBIE ADAMS

The Roanoke County School Board approved naming the football playing field at William Byrd’s Patterson Stadium after long-time Coach Jeff Highfill at their meeting on October 13. Pictured are (from left): front, RCPS Superintendent Bayse Wilson, Coach Highfill and his wife Katie, and School Superintendent Dr. Ken Nicely; back row, School Board Chairman David Linden, Vice Chair Brent Hudson, School Board members Mike Wray, Cheryl Facciani, and Tim Greenway, and Coach Gary Walthall.

Bayse Wilson, now age 90, first hired Highfill to coach at William Byrd and said that “Coach Highfill fulfilled the faith I had in him.”

William Byrd Athletic Director Jason Taylor said that the honor was due to “the man that Jeff Highfill is” not just the coach. He recalled that in his years of working with Highfill, the coach stopped by his office every day and asked “How is your day going? How’s your family? Can I do anything to help you? And meant it.”

Vinton’s School Board

representative Tim Greenway told Highfill, “We are fortunate you are part of our community.” He commented that football was a secondary consideration to “how well you are perceived in our community.”

In remarks after the School Board approved the measure, Highfill turned the credit for his success to others— “life is a team sport.” He thanked all the superintendents, school boards, athletic directors, coaches, assistant coaches, and William Byrd principals

(Patterson, Dr. Richard Turner, and Newcomb) who he worked with over the years who all shared his philosophy of “wanting to win, but in in the right way.”

Highfill said he felt both humbled and grateful for the honor. He thanked the many student athletes who had played on the teams he coached, and their families, for enriching his life. He thanked his family for their support over the years, his son and daughter, and especially his wife Katie— his high school sweetheart.

WBHS encourages the community to celebrate Coach Highfill

Former William Byrd High School football and soccer head coach and teacher Jefferson Highfill will be honored during half-time festivities at the Terriers game on October 28. The football field at Byrd’s Robert A.

Patterson Stadium will be officially named Jefferson W. Highfill Field.

Principal Tammy Newcomb encourages all alumni and others who played for, were coached by, were taught by, taught with, worked with, had

children coached by or taught by, or were otherwise impacted by Highfill to attend the ceremony as he is recognized for over 37 years of service to the school and community as a coach and teacher.

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We'd like you to meet
JUSTIN FIX
 Funeral Director, Vinton Chapel

Justin grew up in Vinton, is a graduate of William Byrd High School and the Commonwealth Institute of Funeral Service. Justin, his wife, Meredith and their puppy, Goose enjoy hiking, camping and spending time with family. Oakeys.com/justin-fix



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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 DUUY 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 DUUY 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

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE, COUNTY OF ONSLOWDISTRICT COURT DIVISION 22 CvD 2016
LORA S. BUTCHER vs. STEVEN BUTCHER
TO: STEVEN BUTCHER
ADDRESS UNKNOWN
TAKE NOTICE that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled action. The nature of relief being sought is as follows: **ABSOLUTE DIVORCE.** You are required to make defense to such pleading not later than November 14, 2022, said date being 40 days from the day of the first publication, and upon your failure to do so, the plaintiff who is seeking relief against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought. This, the 5th day of October, 2022.
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Attorney for Plaintiff
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Jacksonville, NC 28540
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TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 146 HANNAH CIR AKA RR 2 BOX 1482, NEW CASTLE, VA 24127

In execution of a Deed of Trust in the original principal amount of \$165,000.00, with an annual interest rate of 3.000000% dated March 6, 2006, recorded among the land records of the Circuit Court for the COUNTY OF CRAIG as Deed Book 154, Page 537, the undersigned appointed Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction all that property located in the COUNTY OF CRAIG, on the courthouse steps at the front of the Circuit Court building for the County of Craig located at 303 Main Street, New Castle, Virginia on November 15, 2022 at 3:00 PM, the property with improvements to wit: 5.00 ACRE AS DESCRIBED ON PLAT RECORDED IN CLERK'S OFFICE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CRAIG COUNTY, VIRGINIA IN DEED BOOK 135, PAGE 266 Tax Map No. 35-2-2 THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR. TERMS OF

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SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder's deposit of 10% of the sale price, will be required in cash, certified or cashier's check. Settlement within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Trustees may forfeit deposit. Additional terms to be announced at sale. Loan type: Conventional. Reference Number 17-265489. PROFESSIONAL FORECLOSURE CORPORATION OF VIRGINIA, Substitute Trustees, C/O LOGS LEGAL GROUP LLP, 10021 Balls Ford Road, Suite 200, Manassas, Virginia 20109 (703) 449-5800.

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LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Christiansburg Town Council will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, October 25, 2022 at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers of the Christiansburg Town Hall, 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, VA. The purpose is to receive public comments concerning:
1. Street vacation request by the Town of Christiansburg for an ordinance vacating and relocating an approximate 0.200-acre portion of public rights of way, including 0.198 acres of the Patricks Way, NW right of way and 0.002 acres of the Oak Tree Boulevard, NW right of way, located between and connecting the North Franklin Street right of way to the Oak Tree Boulevard, NW right of way (1400 Block of North Franklin Street).
2. Intent by the Town of Christiansburg to take ownership of said 0.200-acre area of land formerly subject to the vacated rights of way. A copy of the application and associated maps may be reviewed in person in the Town Manager's Office, 100 East Main Street, Christiansburg, VA 24073 during normal office hours of 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Contact Andrew Warren, Assistant Town Manager, by phone at (540) 382-6128 ext. 1130 or email at awarren@christiansburg.org with any questions or if you require reasonable accommodations.

TOWN OF CHRISTIANSBURG, VIRGINIA THE CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL PERFORMANCE AND EVALUATION REPORT (CAPER)

The Town of Christiansburg, as a recipient of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding, is required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to prepare the 2021 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER). The CAPER is an evaluation and performance report detailing accomplishments toward meeting the goals outlined in the 5-year Consolidated Plan. The CAPER compares the actual performance measures with those measures listed in the 2021 Annual Action Plan. Public Comments will be received through November 15, 2022. **PUBLIC HEARING** Town Council will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, October 25, 2022 at 7:00 PM in the Council Room, Christiansburg Town Hall, 100 E. Main Street to receive comments on Council's intention to adopt the 2021 CDBG CAPER. A

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draft copy of the 2021 CDBG CAPER is available for review ending November 15, 2022 and may be viewed in the Office of the Town Manager, Town of Christiansburg, 100 E. Main Street during normal office hours of 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. In addition, a draft electronic copy is available on the Town's Web Site. Any interested party whose participation in this meeting would require reasonable accommodation of a handicap or language services should contact Andrew Warren at (540) 382-6128 ext. 1130 or by e-mail at awarren@christiansburg.org.

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY IN RE: ESTATE OF VIVIAN W. WILLIAVIS, DECEASED SHOW CAUSE AGAINST DISTRIBUTION ORDER

It appearing that a report of the account of National Bank of Blacksburg, Executor of the Estate of Vivian W. Williams, Deceased, and of the debts and demands against her Estate have been filed in the Clerk's Office, and that six months have elapsed since the qualifications, on Motion of National Bank of Blacksburg, Executor, it is ORDERED that the creditors of, and all others interested in, the Estate to show cause, if any they can, on the 30th day of November, 2022, before this Court at 8:30 a.m., against the payment and delivery of the Estate of Vivian W. Williams, Deceased, to the distributees with or without requiring refunding bonds as the Court prescribes. ENTER this Order this 13th day of October, 2022. SIGNED Robert M.D. Turk, JUDGE

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LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:
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hearing to be held by the Planning Commission on **Thursday, November 3, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.,** and by the Town Council on **Tuesday, November 15, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.,** respectively. The public hearings will be held in the Council Chambers at the Vinton Municipal Building, 311 South Pollard Street, Vinton, Virginia. The Planning Commission will also hold a dinner work session prior to the public hearing in the Council Chambers on November 3, 2022, beginning at 5:15 p.m.

The purpose of the public hearings is to receive comments concerning: An Amendment to the Town of Vinton Comprehensive Plan to Adopt and Incorporate by Reference the Town of Vinton Gap Summary - Route 24 Bike/Ped Plan, May 2022. Further information concerning these public hearings may be obtained in the Planning and Zoning Department located at 311 South Pollard Street, Vinton, VA 24179, (540) 983-0605, between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Interested persons may be heard at the above public hearings. Given under my hand this 17th day of October, 2022. Anita J. McMillan Planning and Zoning Director Secretary, Vinton Planning Commission

NOTICE OF INTENT TO COMPLY WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT.

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SENIORS WIN BYRD POWDER PUFF FOOTBALL GAME

The Senior girls from William Byrd High School defeated their counterparts from the Junior class, 25-13, in the annual Homecoming week "Powder Puff" football game at Patterson Stadium last week. Above, Sydney Blewett of the Junior class carries the ball with Haleigh Vaughan (far left) and Katie Johnson (#23) of the Senior class in hot pursuit. Right, Brooklyn Peters shows why she's such a good softball player as she shows off her arm as quarterback of the Senior team. Below right, Maddie Simmons of the Seniors tries to escape defender Eva Brown, and below left Emma Gordon turns the corner for the Senior team.

PHOTOS BY JIM & REGINA DEVINNEY



Vinton's Jackson is Athlete of the Year for Virginia Commonwealth Games

Vinton's Jacob Jackson has been selected as one of four Athletes of the Year for the 2022 Virginia Commonwealth Games.

Jackson was named the Adult Male Athlete of the Year. Others honored include Michelle Christine of Leesburg as Adult Female Athlete of the Year, Micah Jones of Roanoke as Youth Male Athlete of the Year and Haylee Moore of Oakwood as Youth Female Athlete of the Year. These athletes were selected from the nominees in their category. Nominations are submitted online annually beginning in June and running through August.

Jackson earned a gold medal in Bowling during the 2022 Games. He has been bowling since he was eight years old. Per his nomination, at the Games this year, "Jacob bowled five games of qualifying and averaged 225 per game, then came back the second day and bowled four more games. After nine games of bowling he was in first place and averaged 232 for the nine games. Jacob loves helping youth bowlers with their games and also drills balls in the pro shop at Vinton Bowling Center.

Christine in a triathlete. Youth winners featured Jones in track and field and Moore in girls' basketball.

These athletes were nominated to represent Virginia in the running for National Congress of State Games Athletes of the Year and those winners will be announced in coming weeks.

Dawgs open at home Friday

The Roanoke Rail Yard Dawgs ice hockey team has announced that Sammy Bernard and Adam Vannelli have been released from their training camp agreements, while Hunter Bersani and Jarrad Vroman have joined training camp for the team as they prepare for their season opener against Fayetteville. Opening Night is slated for this Friday and is sponsored by Haley Toyota of Roanoke.

Bersani started this season in training camp with the ECHL's Allen Americans before he was released last Thursday. Prior to his professional career, Bersani played in the NA3HL and EHL primarily, recording

44 goals and 73 assists over 92 games in the NA3HL with the Texas Junior Brahmas from 2016-2018.

Vroman started this season in training camp with the ECHL's Kalamazoo Wings before he was released last Wednesday. The Lincoln Park, Michigan native had played his last three collegiate seasons at Eau-Claire, tallying six goals and nine assists in 63 games played.

Puck drop on Friday is set for 7:05 pm. Season tickets, flex packages, and group tickets are now on sale. Single game tickets and single game parking passes are on sale now online and at the box office.

Adam Ward Preseason Basketball Showcase at Cave Spring Saturday

The Adam Ward Classic Committee will be holding the Adam Ward Preseason Showcase this Saturday, October 22nd, at Cave Spring High School.

The first game will begin at 4 pm and feature the Miller game, scheduled for 6 pm, will feature Massanutten Military Academy against Oak Hill Gold. There will be numerous college recruits in the two games including Elijah Mitchell, formerly of William Fleming High School.

The 2023 Adam Ward Classic basketball games will be played on February 3 and 4 of 2023 at Glenvar and Salem High Schools.

Since 2016, Salem High School, the Western Virginia Basketball Officials Association, and the City of Salem have joined forces to honor the memory of Adam Ward by hosting a basketball classic in his honor. Adam was tragically killed on August 26, 2015, while working as a photojournalist for WDBJ7. The 2007 Salem High School alumnus, who graduated from Virginia Tech in 2011, played

football at Salem High School and was an avid fan and supporter of all types of athletic events his entire life.

"Adam Ward personified the true meaning of a student-athlete," said Grant Smythers, tournament co-founder. "He was a huge sports fan, who loved high school basketball, and the Adam Ward Basketball Classic will highlight some of the best teams in the state of Virginia each season."

The event is being sponsored by various businesses and organizations throughout the Roanoke Valley. The majority of the proceeds from the event will go to the Adam Ward Scholarship Fund that is administered by the Salem Educational Foundation and Alumni Association. To date, the Adam Ward Classic has contributed over \$60,000 dollars to the Adam Ward Scholarship Fund. In addition, the Adam Ward Classic Committee will be making donations to the Make a Wish Foundation and the Special Olympics in Adam's honor.

"The money generated from this event will pro-

vide scholarship opportunities for high school students who were deemed Adam-like during their high school careers," Smythers said. "Salem High School is honored to host such a worthy event for such a special young man."

The top football teams from the Northern and Southern Divisions of the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association (CIAA®), the nation's oldest historically black athletic conference, will face off on Saturday, November 12 at 1 pm when the league hosts the 2022 CIAA Football Championship game at Salem Stadium in Salem, VA.

Advance general admission tickets to the Football Championship are \$15, while day-of-the-event tickets are \$25. Both are available now at Ticketmaster.com. Special rates for students with school IDs will be available the day of the event for \$10. Admission for children ages 7 and under is free. Tickets are also available at the Salem Civic Center Box Office (Monday - Friday: 8 am - 5 pm). Children

8-14 for \$10.

The battle for conference supremacy is among the festivities being held in Virginia's Blue Ridge as the area is also home to both the 2022 CIAA Men's and Women's Cross Country Championship, which takes place on October 27 at Green Hill Park, and the 2022 Volleyball Championship, the semifinals takes place on November 11 and the championship game takes place on November 12 at 6:00 p.m. ET at Salem Civic Center. Tickets to the cross country championship and volleyball championship are free.

CIAA VIP Tickets for the football championship are available for advanced purchase only on Ticketmaster.com. While supplies last, a \$30 upgrade will include FREE VIP reserved park-

ing, one-time entry to CIAA Hospitality Tent sponsored by the City of Salem and a FREE Championship Program. Get this sale while supplies last! You MUST present your Hospitality ticket to gain access for parking and to get into the tent.

Family-friendly activities during the football finale include free tailgating and a fireworks display after the game. The always crowd favorite marching bands and cheerleading squads will also be a part of this year's championship experience. After the contest, fans are encouraged to stay for an extravagant fireworks display and the awards presentation.

Parking is free and fans are encouraged to begin their tailgating festivities at 9:00 a.m. with gates opening at 12 noon.

Tickets now on sale for CIAA championship football game

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Left, Byrd's DeShannon Reed looks to turn the corner as BJ Cheatwood(#65) and Dustin Richards(#44) supply blocks. Right, Ian Vest(#51) and Doniven Davis(#55) pressure Franklin County quarterback Eli Foutz.

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"Battle of Route 24" is for bragging rights, playoff position

It's always a highlight of the season when the William Byrd and Staunton River football teams hook up for the annual "Battle of Route 24." The series renews this Friday when the Terriers travel east to Moneta for what promises to be an exciting Blue Ridge District game.

The two bordering school districts have been traditional rivals for years. Many of the players know each other and it's no secret that the Staunton River kids have this game circled on their calendar. Byrd has been dominant in the series, going 31-10 in the overall series and winning nine of the past 11 games. However, Golden Eagles coach Shaun Leonard has done a good job of instilling life into the program in recent years. He took a team that was winless in 2018, the year before he arrived, and this year the Eagles have a shot at a winning record with a 4-3 mark after seven games.

Byrd coach Brad Lutz arrived at William Byrd the same year Leonard took over at Staunton River and their records are similar. Both have nine wins through last week since coming to their schools. Byrd has made the playoffs once under Lutz while the Eagles have yet to earn a post-season berth under Leonard. And while Brad has seen the rivalry first hand, he tends to focus on the Eagles as just another opponent on a challenging schedule.

"We have played the top teams in our region and played them very close," said Lutz. "Our team emphasizes the importance of focusing on us and this week will be no different. We are focused on improving

this week and getting another step closer to earning an opportunity to get into the playoffs. Our players know this game is important because it is the next one."

The Terriers and Eagles are neck-and-neck in the Region 3D battle to make the playoffs. The top eight earn a spot and this week Staunton River comes in at seven and William Byrd is eight.

This week is a huge game as far as playoff implications. Both teams play William Fleming in the last two weeks of the season while Byrd also has winless Northside while Staunton River still has to play Lord Botetourt, the top-rated team in Region 3D.

Both Byrd and Staunton River have lost close games to Franklin County, the only Class 6 team in the area, in games that could have been a "point bonanza" against a much larger school. Staunton River had Franklin on the ropes before a late score gave the home team a 26-21 win in Rocky Mount on October 7. Byrd played host to Franklin last Friday and led 23-21 heading into the fourth quarter before the visiting Eagles rallied for a 35-23 win.

Franklin scored first last Friday but Byrd answered on a five yard run by DeShannon Reed. Then, after Franklin took a 14-7 lead, Alex Dunn ran the kickoff back 82 yards to tie the score again. However, the Eagles scored on an 80 yard run by Jahylen Lee on the last play of the half after Byrd turned the ball over in the red zone.

Byrd took the lead, 23-21, in the third quarter on a safety and a 36 yard TD run by Israel Hairston. Franklin regained the lead in the fourth quarter on a

short TD run by quarterback Eli Foutz. That was set up when Byrd appeared to have the Eagles stopped deep in their own territory, but Foutz ran from punt formation for a first down that kept Franklin's drive alive. He then threw a late TD pass for some insurance and the Eagles escaped with a hard-fought win.

"For another week, we made improvements in all three phases," said Lutz. "Offensively, our players generated a lot of rushing yards. Our offensive line did really well and allowed us to run the football successfully.

"Defensively, we were able to make a few adjustments at halftime and slow down their running back, who was last year's district player of the year. The defense was able to get points on the scoreboard as well when they got a huge stop early in the third quarter.

"On special teams, we produced another kick-off return for a touchdown, for the second straight week. With that said, we made costly mistakes in all three phases that made it difficult to win the game."

Reed finished with 96 rushing yards on 20 carries and Hairston had 66 yards on 10 attempts. Jahdai English had 13 tackles to lead the Terriers while John Kiker and Lane Shoemaker had a dozen each. Dustin Richards had seven tackles and three quarterback pressures.

With the loss Byrd slipped to 2-5 on the season but the Terriers still control their destiny as far as the playoffs, and a win this week would do a lot to strengthen their position.

Byrd girls beat Franklin County to gain sole possession of 2nd place

The Blue Ridge District volleyball tournament is scheduled to begin on Monday and the William Byrd girls are hoping to have a bye. The Terriers can clinch the second seed in the tournament with a home win tonight against winless William Fleming.

Byrd comes into tonight's match with a 7-2 Blue Ridge District record and a 15-6 overall mark. Their big win in the past week was last Thursday in Rocky Mount when the girls pulled out a five set win over Franklin County. The two were tied for second in the BRD with two district losses each but Byrd gained sole possession of second place with a 25-18, 21-25, 13-25, 25-20 and 15-8 win.

"The girls started out strong, but really picked up their game to finish the last two sets on top," said Byrd coach Allison Thornton.

Terran Brown put down 15 kills and Raelyn Lancaster added 14. Ella Ashworth picked up 30 digs and Carsyn Kotz dished out 43 assists on the night.

On Monday the Terriers traveled to Hidden Valley for a makeup game against a very strong Hidden Valley team. Byrd lost in three, 25-16, 25-18 and 25-15, but it was likely a good opponent to play with the post-season near. Hidden Valley is undefeated and the Byrd girls won't see anyone better next week.

"The girls played hard but fell short," said Thornton. "I was so proud of how hard these ladies fought on Monday night. Hidden Valley is a great team, it only makes us better to compete with teams like that."

Byrd served over 98 percent for the match as Ava Ashworth, Emily Tuck and Brown picked up aces for the Terriers behind the serving line. Alexis Helton put down four kills and picked up six digs.

On Tuesday Byrd hosted Northside for "Senior Night," recognizing Ella Ashworth, Carsyn Kotz, Alexis Helton and Katelin Patrick prior to the match. Then they made it a good night with a three set win, 25-18, 25-10 and 25-23.

Brown led the offense with 12 kills and picked up 16 digs. Kotz dished out 24 assists and Ella Ashworth picked up 20 digs.

If the Terriers can win at home tonight against Fleming, which is likely, they'll have a bye to open the BRD tournament on Monday and a home game on Tuesday for the semifinal round. The championship game is a week from tonight.



Left, Ava Ashworth serves one up for the Terriers. Right Alexis Helton goes high for a spike.

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Greylin Peters of the 10U Terriers runs back an interception at a recent game at Patterson Stadium.

PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Sandlot Quarterfinals are Sat.

The road to the Sandlot Super Bowl has begun with quarterfinal games in all three divisions scheduled for Saturday. Games will be played at three Roanoke County locations.

The 8U teams will be playing at Glenvar High School's Highlander Stadium. The Vinton team, coached by Robert Shepherd, will play Botetourt at 1:30 pm. Other games are scheduled at 9 am, 10:30 am and noon and semifinals will be at Bogle Field, behind Cave Spring Middle School, on October 29.

Vinton has two teams in the 10U playoffs. Jeff Clinebell's team had a play-in game with Franklin County this week, and the winner of that game is scheduled to play top-seeded Cave Spring on Saturday at William Byrd's Patterson Stadium at

1:30 pm. The other Vinton team, coached by Marcus Hill, is the third seed and will play North Roanoke on Saturday at 9 am, also at Patterson Stadium in Vinton. Saturday's 10U winners advance to the semifinals at Glenvar on October 29.

In the 12U division Gary Wheeler's Vinton team is the top seed and will play Salem at 1:30 pm at Bogle Field. Four 12U games will be played at Bogle Saturday with the winners advancing to the semifinals on October 29. If Vinton wins this week they would be playing the Botetourt-Franklin winner at Glenvar in the semis.

Championship Sandlot Super Bowl games for all three divisions are scheduled for Saturday, October 5th at Salem Stadium.