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William Byrd honors 1963-64 Terrier football team



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William Byrd High School 1963-1964 football team members celebrated their 60th anniversary at the football game on August 25 and were recognized at half-time. Pictured left to right are Bobby Sboray, Jerry McMillian, Paul Barnard, Michael Craddock, Jim Brogan, David Bates, Coach Norm Lineburg, George Morehead, Richard Brogan, Jimbo Sell, Elliot Foutz, Robert Price, Otis Dowdy, and Ray Hatcher.

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William Byrd High School will be celebrating its 100th anniversary this school year. There have been various events scheduled to

commemorate the anniversary, including a host of class reunions.

On August 25, the 1963-1964 Terrier football team held its own reunion and was recognized at the first football game of the season on the occasion of the team's 60th

anniversary. This team continues to be the highest-rated football team in the 100-year history of WBHS football. Their final ranking was No. 2 in the state.

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The William Byrd High School Class of 1983 celebrated their 40th class reunion at the new Pollard 107 South restaurant in Vinton on Aug. 26.

William Byrd Class of 1983 celebrates 40th reunion at new Pollard 107 South restaurant

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The William Byrd High School Class of 1983 was treated to one of the first glimpses and the tastes at the new Pollard 107 South restaurant slated to open in early September in downtown Vinton. The building is complete, inspected, and fully staffed – it is just waiting on an ABC license to open for regular business.

The class reunion on August 26, and another private party with the William Byrd Class of 1978 the night before, gave owner Jonathan Pate and his staff the opportunity to work out some of the kinks with a soft opening before the much-anticipated formal opening.

Class of 1983 alum Allison Finney and a reunion committee put together the plans for the weekend that focused on downtown Vinton and its new businesses. They spent Thursday evening at Twin Creeks Brewing Company next door, followed by Pollard 107 South on Saturday afternoon and evening. Then, reluctant to stop celebrating, they moved the party on over to the Mingle at the Market concert afterwards.

As far as venues go, this was one of the best in the history of their reunions which are scheduled every 10 years. Their 10th reunion was at the Holiday Inn Tanglewood; their 20th reunion was at the Patrick Henry Hotel; and their 30th was at 202 in Roanoke. Some of those reunions included Friday nights at the Aqua-Net Swim Club, owned by the Finney family. The Class of 1983 has finally made it back to their home turf. Alum Karly Summers came all the way from Sacramento, Calif.

Pollard 107 South is located at the corner of South Pollard Street and Gus Nicks Boulevard at one of the gateways to Vinton. Over the years, it has housed Gus Nicks Furniture, Sam's Variety Store, an antique

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Vinton Breakfast Lions install officers, induct new members at annual dinner

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The Vinton Breakfast Lions Club installed new officers for 2023-2024 at their annual Awards Dinner on August 24.

Those officers, installed by Lion Hal Mabe, include President Jeff Mason, 1st Vice President Zach McCarty, 2nd Vice President Justin Fix, Secretary Gary Myers, Treasurer Bob Benninger, Tail Twister Zach McCarty, Lion Tamer Keith Lafferty, Lions Club International Federation (LCIF) Club Coordinator Gary Myers, and Past President Hal Mabe. (The Lion Tamer is in charge of setting up meetings and greeting members and guests. The



PHOTO BY DEBBIE ADAMS

The Vinton Breakfast Lions Club gathered for the annual Awards Dinner on August 24 at the Vinton Moose Lodge. The Lions are well-known throughout the area for their dedicated service to the community, carrying out their motto, "We Serve."

Tail Twister is charged with setting a mood of harmony, fellowship, fun, and enthusiasm in the club and

assisting with fundraising.) Board members were recognized. Those with one year left to serve on their

term are Jeff Stovall, Richard Goad, Sam Cundiff, Joel

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Herman L. Horn Elementary welcomes new faculty and staff

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Herman L. Horn Elementary School in Vinton has welcomed several new faculty and staff members for the 2023-2024 school year: Jensen Chrisley, Bille Jo Waddell, Stephanie Galliher, Jennifer Lollie, Paxton Sutphin, Lindsay Landis, Amber Swal, Elizabeth Moser, Tony Musarra, Mat Parrish, Samantha Goldsborough, Brandy Doss, Sandra DeLong, and Rachel Schlick.

Jensen Chrisley is teaching preschool at HLH this year. She grew up in Roanoke



PHOTO BY DEBBIE ADAMS

Herman L. Horn Elementary has welcomed several new teachers and staff members for the 2023-2024 school year. Pictured left to right are Jennifer Lollie, Samantha Goldsborough, Amber Swal, Lindsay Landis, Brandy Doss, Mat Parrish, Sandra DeLong, Billie Jo Waddell, Rachel Schlick, Stephanie Galliher, Tony Musarra, and Elizabeth Moser. (Not pictured, Paxton Sutphin)

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Pollard 107 South includes two dining areas – one with tables and booths, the other with a steel bar and high-top tables.

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Five Dollar Shake was the featured band at the August 26 Mingle at the Market in Vinton.

Mingle concert season continues strong, three left to go in 2023

The 2023 Mingle at the Market concert series continued on August 26 with the band Five Dollar Shake, another huge crowd, even more dancing in the street, cooperative weather, and great food from Mountain Grille and D.G. Ice.

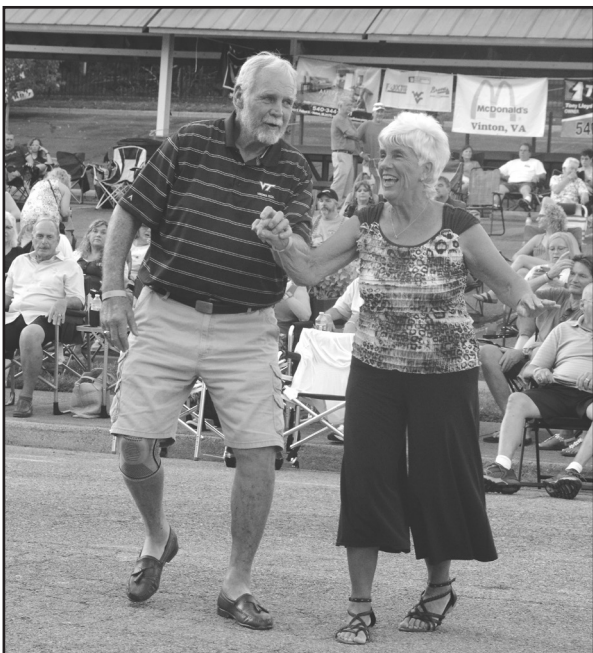
The Mingle concerts are sponsored by the Vinton Area Chamber of Commerce led by Executive Director Angie Chewing and President Jason Boothe, with volunteers making sure everything runs smoothly.

Several employees from the Town of Vinton, including Community Programs Director Chasity Barbour and daughter Skylour Stultz, Public Works Director Bo Herndon and Jason Davison, and Vinton Mayor Brad Grose assisted in the beverage garden. The WBHS football team helped with set up and clean-up even though the players had been up late the night before defeating Liberty in the first game of the season.

Sponsors for Mingle at the Market include Alcova Mortgage, Jason Boothe Realtor, Coastal Insurance Planning, MemberOne, PFG, Mountain View Real Estate, Fox Radio 910, ServPro, Winters Storage, Bank of Botetourt, the Vinton War Memorial, Blue Ridge Beverage, The Vinton Messenger, Vertex Signs, Magnets USA, Lotz Vinton Chapel, Carilion Clinic, TL Electric, HomeTrust Bank, the Town of Vinton, Vinton McDonald's, Roanoke



A huge crowd came out to Mingle to enjoy the music and the dancing on Lee Avenue, including the William Byrd High School Class of 1983, celebrating their 40-year class reunion at the Pollard 107 South restaurant and Mingle.



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County, and RVTV. Three concerts remain for the 2023 season – Fuzzy Logic on September 9, Five Shades of Gray on September 23, and Gypsy Nix & Shattered Glass on October 7.

Bonsack/Blue Ridge Ruritan Club donates Beanie Babies to Vinton firefighters and police for use in crisis situations

The Bonsack/Blue Ridge Ruritan Club recently made a donation of Beanie Babies to Roanoke County Fire and Rescue Station 2 in Vinton and the Vinton Police Department for them to hand out to children during crisis situations.

The club has been serving Eastern Roanoke and South Botetourt Counties for over 70 years— since 1952. The organization has been instrumental in the transitioning of a rural community to a suburban one (connecting what is now East Ruritan and West Ruritan Roads, installing streetlights, and the building of a school, fire station, and library).

The Ruritans' stated objective is to continue to meet the community's needs. The club sponsors blood drives, awards a scholarship to a graduating senior at William Byrd High School, and places flags on military graves on patriotic holidays.

Visit the Facebook page for more information.

Submitted by Bonsack/Blue Ridge Ruritan Club



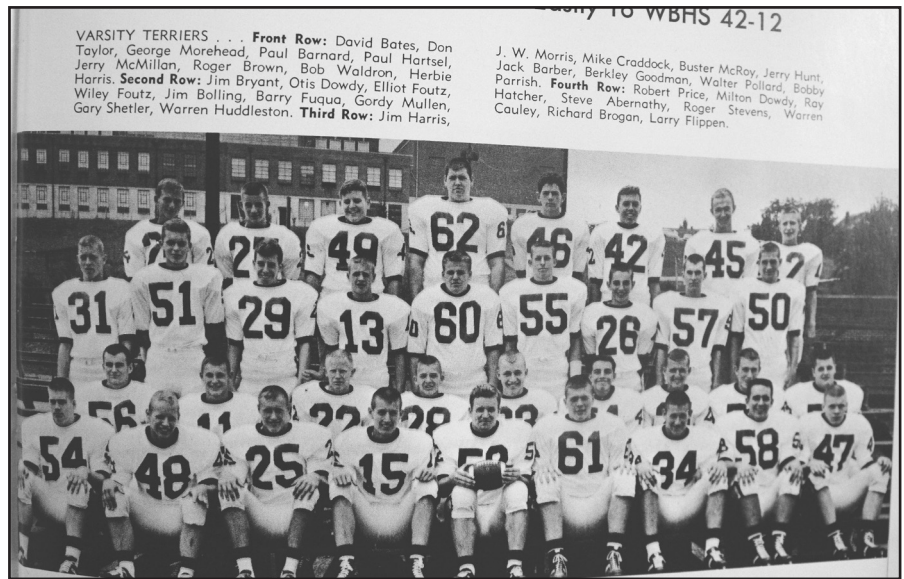
From left, Bonsack/Blue Ridge Ruritan Club member Danny Washburn presents Beanie Babies to Cpl. Brandon Charlton, Sgt. Todd Bailey, Det. Justin Baker, and Officer Andrew Hagy of the Vinton Police Department. These stuffed toys will be given to children who need comfort in crisis situations.



COURTESY OF BONSACK/BLUE RIDGE RURITANS

Ruritan Danny Washburn presents Beanie Babies to Firefighter/Medics Legans and McCleese of the Vinton Fire and Rescue Dept.

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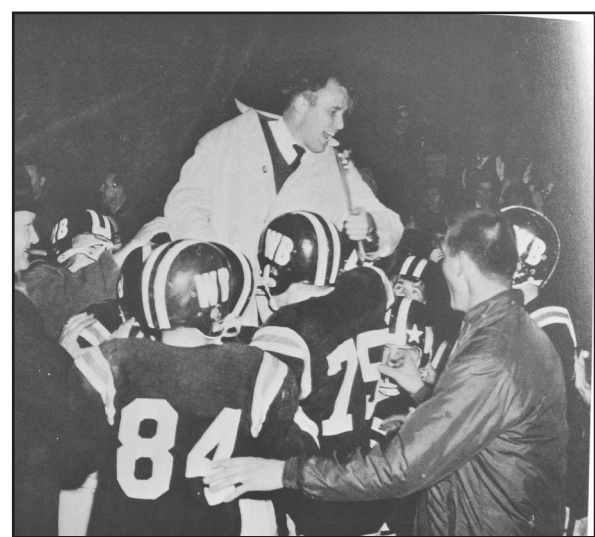


The 1963-1964 William Byrd football team during the 1963 season.

Several members of the team and their beloved coach, Norm Lineburg, met at the game, sat together in the stands, and were recognized during a half-time ceremony led by Principal Tammy Newcomb.

Attendees included Paul Barnard, David Bates, Jim Brogan, Richard Brogan, Michael Craddock, Otis Dowdy, Elliott Foutz, Wally Foutz, Ray Hatcher, Warren Huddleston, Jerry Hunt, Jerry McMillian, George Morehead, Gordon Mullins, Robert Price, Jimbo Sell, and Bobby Sboray.

Nine players from the 1963-64 team played on two Blue Ridge District Championship teams. Four players earned All Blue Ridge District First Team honors. Six players earned All City-County



PHOTOS COURTESY OF WBHS BLACK SWAN YEARBOOK

Coach Norm Lineburg was carried off the field by his players after winning the District Championship against Martinsville. According to the yearbook photo, "The Terriers rejoiced."

on the first two teams. Seven players from the team went on to play college football.

Coach Lineburg is the only WBHS football coach to be named to the Virginia and National High School Football Coaches Hall of Fame.

Mountain State Oral & Facial Surgery offers 'Same Day Smile' implants

Mountain State Oral & Facial Surgery (MSOFS) is now offering same-day dental implants at its nine regional offices in West Virginia, Virginia and Kentucky, including its Vinton location.

The 3-D printing "Same Day Smile" technology is the first of its kind in the region. MSOFS expert staff are available for appointments five days a week for the patients' convenience.

Dr. Jack Krajekian, Board Certified Oral and Facial Surgeon at MSOFS, said "Dental implants replace your missing teeth and restore the functionality of your mouth and teeth. Unlike standard dental implants that take several appointments to restore your smile, we place dental implants in a single visit," he said. "This innovation is a huge step forward in technology and provides the convenience and affordability our patients deserve."

Local patients among the first to experience the new same-day dental service offered their perspectives. One commented, "I received



PHOTO COURTESY OF MSOFS

Same Day Smile technology in use at MSOFS.

full implants – top and bottom. The folks at Mountain State walked me through the whole procedure and told me what to expect. They did the 3-D scans, printed and inserted my teeth all in the same day. What surprised me was how quick and easy the whole thing was. The best part of the experience was the hospitality of all of the Mountain State staff. I am very pleased with the service, and I would recommend it to my friends and family. It has simply changed my life significantly."

Another said "I cannot believe it. They feel like real teeth. Actually, better than my real teeth! The fact that it only took a day, and they feel this good is amazing to me." Both patients cited the multiple benefits of the same-day dental implants: convenience, affordability, certified and licensed staff, and restored confidence with a new smile.

For more information about "Same Day Smile" services at MSOFS visit <https://mtstateoms.com/same-day-smile>.

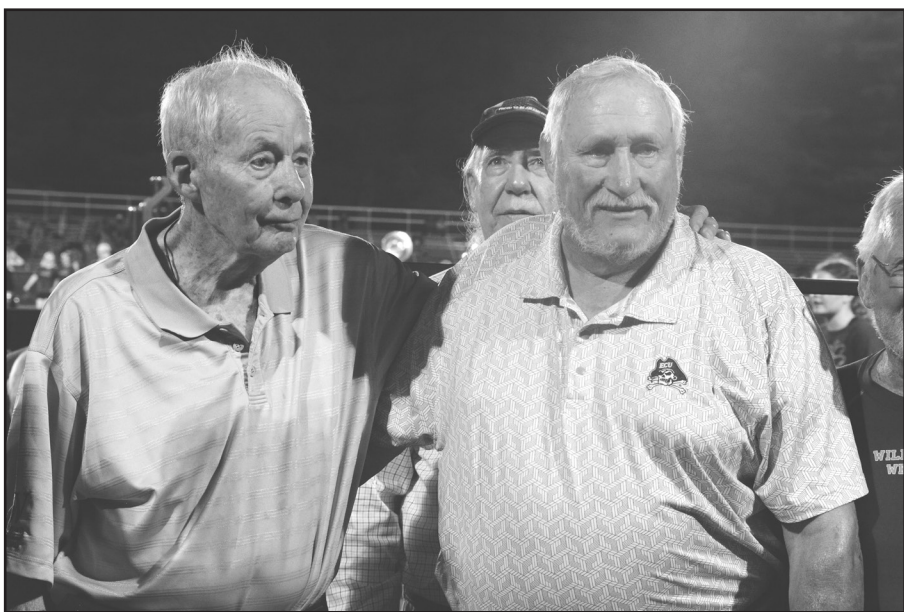


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Coach Norm Lineburg (left) and former halfback George Morehead.

PEOPLE, PLACES AND THINGS

By Angie Chewning

Wow! Another Mingle at the Market on the HomeTrust Bank Stage in the books and what a great one it was. Once again, we are very happy! There are so many great events going on around the area almost every night, we are so honored that you choose to come spend time with us IN Vinton.

Many thanks to Mountain Grille, DG ICE, Defy Gravity parents and cheerleaders for all their help. Chasity Barbour, Bo

Herndon, Skylour Shultz, Tracy Powers, Jason Davison – we got slammed at the beverage tent – Sarah Welfare and Brad Grose.

Thank you to the WBHS Class of '83 for celebrating your reunion with us. Thank you \$5 Shake for always entertaining us, and, of course, thank you to everyone who chose to come to our event. We are overwhelmed by the support. Three more to go!

Mark your calendar for the next one Sept. 9 –The Fuzz is Back. Fuzzy Logic will keep us dancing all night. Ferguson Family Provisions and Hangry Sweet & Savory Pancakes will be there to

keep your belly full and, of course, Blue Ridge Beverage will keep our drinks cold.

Thank you to the Reunion Committee that made the WBHS Class of '83 Reunion a huge success. It isn't my class (it's Greg's) but it was a good time. Thank you, Twin Creeks and Pollard 107 South for their hospitality on Friday and Saturday nights. Lots of folks came from all over. It was good to catch up.

The Vinton Chamber is hosting a Fall Golf Tournament on Sunday, September 17. For more info call 540-343-1364 or visit our website at www.vintonchamber.com.

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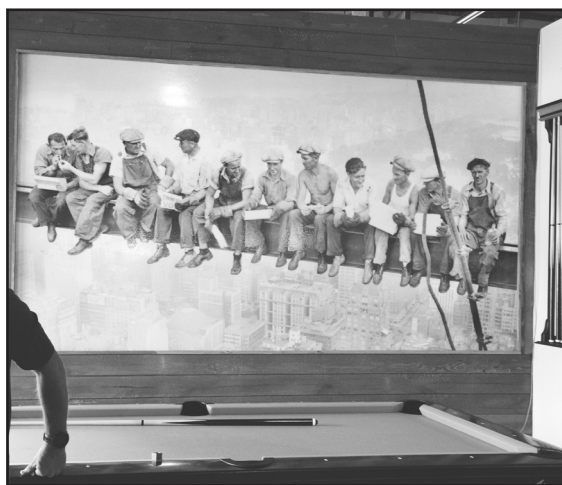


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The iconic "Lunch Atop a Skyscraper" is one of the iconic artworks at Pollard 107 South.

mall, and most recently the Star City Playhouse – but never a restaurant. The consensus is that in 1983 when this group graduated, the property was occupied by Sam's Variety Store.

Pate completely gutted and renovated the property, and the results are impressive, even stunning. The interior has an industrial feel and an open-air atmosphere with tall, tall ceilings, gorgeous tile, unique lighting, colors reminiscent of steel, and glass garage doors leading to an outdoor patio with a firepit.

The artwork is iconic. Possibly the most memorable is the photograph "Lunch Atop a Skyscraper" showing ironworkers 850 feet in the air on a girder in 1932 during the Great Depression as they took a break from construction of Rockefeller Center. It hangs over the pool table at Pollard 107 South.

There are two dining areas inside; one with booth and table seating, the other with a steel bar, high-topped tables, and big screen TVs and the pool table.

The patio happens to be adjacent to the new Twin Creeks Creekbank Music Pavilion stage so that outdoor diners will be able to enjoy the music from that venue. The exterior also features a wall-wrap mural displaying the highlights of Vinton and welcoming visitors to the area.

Their menu is straightforward, not one of those five-page overwhelming types, but with an impressive variety of dishes. Appetizers (From the Start) include a pound of wings, chicken tenders, steak nachos, hummus, Buffalo chicken dip, coconut shrimp, lobster rolls, and fried banana peppers. "From the Garden" includes tempura tofu bites, garden, Caesar, and spinach salads, Rataouille, Orecchiette (Little ears pasta), and Creamy Mushrooms with gnocchi.

The "From the Barn" section offers American, Steakhouse, Bacon Blue, Bacon Jam and Veggie burgers, along with cheesesteak, chicken Philly, and Caribbean Tuna subs.

"From the Pasture" features an 8 oz. filet, a 14 oz. ribeye, a 12 oz. New York Strip, an 8 oz. sirloin, and "The Braveheart," a 26 oz. Black Angus Porterhouse for two. There is also grilled teriyaki chicken.

And for seafood lovers, "From the Sea" offers scallops, shrimp and grits, maple-glazed salmon, Ahi tuna steaks, and fish and chips.

Sides include all the regulars plus grits and Smoked Gouda Mac and Cheese.

Pate expects to hire about 40-45 employees. His managers are Shannon Stinnette, Josh Murray, and Meredith D'Angelo. Hours initially will be from 4 p.m. to 11 p.m. six days a week, with plans to expand hours once they are settled in. In their opening days, the dining room will be by reservation only, with the bar/patio first come/first serve.

He and neighbors Twin Creeks and Pok-E-Joe's across the street have some plans for shared events in the future.

Pate says he chose Vinton as the site of his new venture (he is also a partner in the valley's Awful Arthur restaurants and Cast Plates and Pints in Cave Spring) 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."

By all accounts, the Class of 1983 thoroughly enjoyed their weekend-long reunion and their time spent downtown InVinton.



PHOTO COURTESY OF ANGIE CHEWNING

The William Byrd High School Class of 1983 celebrated its 40th reunion at Twin Creeks on August 25 and Pollard 107 South on August 26.

Lions

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Lytton, Eric Mills, and John Berry. Board members with two years left in their terms are Dave Jones, Anthony Conner, Keith Lafferty, Steve Haldren, John Dyer, and Chris McCarty.

Lion Eric Mills, Past District Governor, inducted five new Lions members: Gwynne Myers (sponsored by Gary Myers), Steve Newcomb (sponsored by Tammy Newcomb), Terrence Kelly (sponsored by Sam Cundiff), Ryan Mason (sponsored by Jeff Mason), and William Perrin (sponsored by Eric Mills).

Mills pointed out the diversity in Vinton Breakfast Lions Club membership with members of all ages and occupations and including both men and women.

Attendance pins were presented to several members with 100% attendance at Lions Club meetings in the past year. A Membership Key was presented to Tammy Newcomb for recruiting new members.

Mabe received a plaque for his "exceptional service" as Past President.

Lion Lisa Stover, who teaches and sponsors the Leo Club at William Byrd High School, was presented with a Leadership Award for her work with the LEO students. The Breakfast Lions sponsor the LEO Club at William Byrd, which is one of the most active chapters in the district. Leo members and Stover participate in almost all local Lions events, including the Christmas Shopping trip, and the Pancake



New officers were installed at the Lions Awards Dinner. Pictured left to right are Secretary Gary Myers, Treasurer Bob Benninger, President Jeff Mason, 1st Vice President Zach McCarty, and 2nd Vice President Justin Fix.



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Five new members were inducted into the Vinton Breakfast Lions Club at the annual banquet. Pictured left to right are Eric Mills, who sponsored William Perrin; Jeff Mason, who sponsored Ryan Mason; Tammy Newcomb, who sponsored Steve Newcomb; Gwynne Myers, who was sponsored by Gary Myers; and Sam Cundiff, who sponsored Terrence Kelly.

Breakfast and Spaghetti Dinner fundraisers.

The special guest speaker at this year's Awards Dinner was District Governor Jean Cook from Wyttheville, who emphasized recruiting new Lions to "provide needed services where we live and make the world a better place

for all. If you weren't here, who would do the things you touch?" she asked. She noted that one of the district goals for the upcoming year is to charter a new Lions Club in the district.

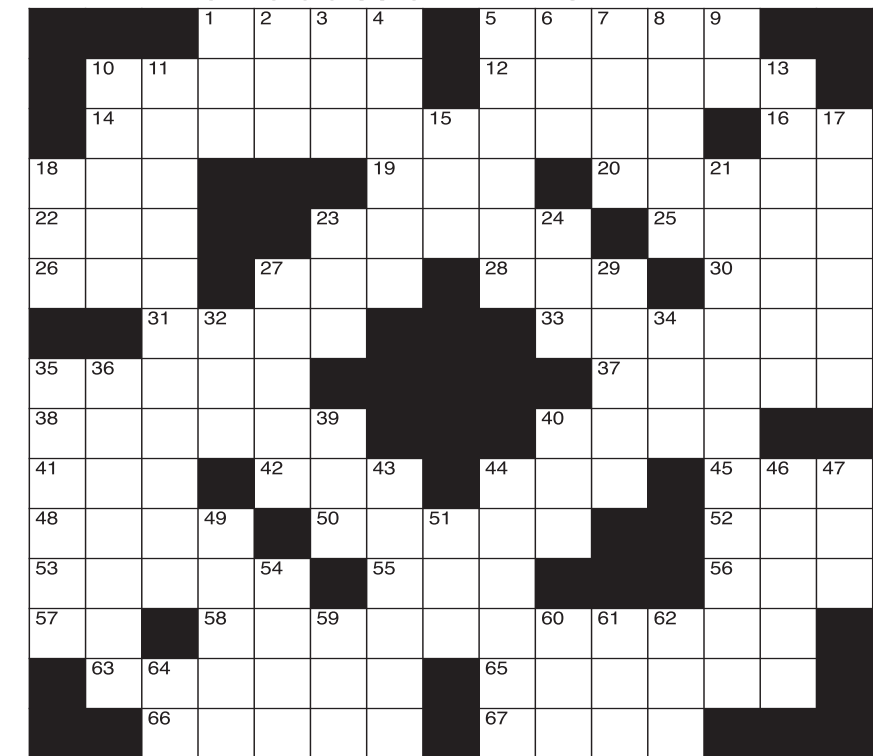
She commended the Vinton Breakfast Lions and the William Byrd High

School LEO Club for their contributions to the community. The LEO Club has over 100 very involved student members.

Cook encouraged the Lions to continue supporting international relief through

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CROSSWORD PUZZLE



- CLUES ACROSS**
- 1. Currency of Guinea
 - 5. Avert something bad
 - 10. Sounds
 - 12. Immediate dangers
 - 14. Legendary Tar Heels coach
 - 16. Californium
 - 18. Work standards government dept. (abbr.)
 - 19. Coastal Scottish town
 - 20. Triangular lower back bones
 - 22. Trouble
 - 23. A way to smile
 - 25. Something that is not what it seems
 - 26. Of she
 - 27. Temporary living quarters
 - 28. Bag-like structure in a plant or animal
 - 30. Indicates near
 - 31. Spiritual leader
 - 33. Soup dish
 - 35. Philippine island
 - 37. No longer fashionable
 - 38. Peaks
 - 40. Alabama football team
 - 41. ___ King Cole
 - 42. Digital audiotape
 - 44. Open trough
 - 45. The woman
 - 48. Cools down
 - 50. Turkic language
 - 52. Body part
 - 53. Pulse steadily
 - 55. Embedded computer hardware company
 - 56. Indicates shape
 - 57. Thou (plural)
 - 58. Odd and remarkable
 - 63. An evening party
 - 65. National capital of Zambia
 - 66. Tantalizes
 - 67. Dark brown or black
- CLUES DOWN**
- 1. Not naturally outgoing
 - 2. Exclamation of pain
 - 3. Polynesian garland of flowers
 - 4. Surrounded by water
 - 5. Church towers
 - 6. Hot beverage
 - 7. Body parts
 - 8. Travel documents
 - 9. Railway
 - 10. Gradually wear away
 - 11. Measuring instrument
 - 13. Minor dust-ups
 - 15. Strongly alkaline solution
 - 17. Extreme scarcity of food
 - 18. Dash
 - 21. Philly culinary specialty
 - 23. Popular lager ___ Adams
 - 24. Snitch
 - 27. Trimmed
 - 29. Greek god of desire
 - 32. Take to the limit
 - 34. Cool!
 - 35. Sound mental health
 - 36. Native American group
 - 39. Test for high schoolers
 - 40. Rocky peak
 - 43. Preferences
 - 44. Bother
 - 46. Call attention to (slang)
 - 47. Snake-like fish
 - 49. Bulgarian capital
 - 51. Don't know when yet
 - 54. Italian Seaport
 - 59. Brooklyn hoopster
 - 60. Where to bathe
 - 61. Equal, prefix
 - 62. Beverage container
 - 64. Denotes openness



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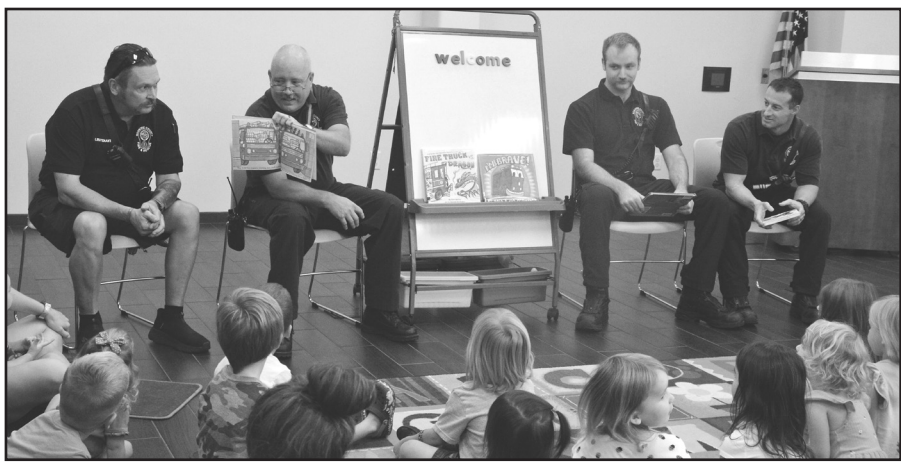


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Firefighters from Roanoke County Fire & Rescue Station 2 in Vinton visited children at the Vinton Library on August 20 for story time. Shown left to right are Lt. Richard Williams, Capt. David Sizemore, Paramedic/Firefighter Forest Kiger, and Firefighter/EMT Justin Smith.

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The Vinton Public Library offers a host of programs for individuals of all ages, from infants to the elderly. Two programs offered during the week of August 20 involved the

community especially. On August 23, the library hosted firefighters from Roanoke County Fire & Rescue Station 2 in Vinton – Capt. David Sizemore, Lt. Richard Williams, Paramedic/Firefighter Forest Kiger, and Firefighter/EMT Justin

Smith – for “Storytime with Firefighters.” They were introduced by Brian Clingenpeel, Community Outreach Coordinator for Roanoke County Fire & Rescue.

Three of the firemen
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Beyond Books September

By Molly Meador, Vinton Public Library Assistant

The dog days of summer are ending as fall finally approaches. School is back in session and the air is slowly getting crisper. It's time for all things pumpkin, unpacking our sweaters, enjoying the changing leaves, and coming by the Vinton Library for some of the awesome programs we are offering this month!

Good news for gardeners: whether you are a seasoned professional or you just planted your first garden, the fun doesn't have to stop with the summer. Did you know fall is a great time for planting? It's a great time to plan ahead for your next garden. If you want some beautiful flowers that the pollinators will love next spring, come to our Plant Now for Pollinators Later program on Thursday, September 7 at 6 p.m., to learn from the Roanoke Master Naturalists about what to do in your yard now to get ready.

Time to gear up for another Puzzle Race. If you love jigsaw puzzles and think you can solve a puzzle faster than anyone, register for our puzzle race on Saturday, September 16 from 2-4:30 p.m. Come alone or bring friends and family to compete, limited to 4 to a team. Register now to compete.

Are you on the hunt for a new—or first—job? Then we've got just the thing for you. Come to Job Interview Tips and Etiquette. Sharpen your job interview skills with a presentation and discussion on the best way to present yourself to impress a potential new employer on Wednesday, September 20 from 6-7 p.m.

This month we have lots of fun planned for the Vinton Community Connection every Friday from 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. Join us to connect with adults in your community, each week offers a chance to enjoy activities and programs, grab a cup of free coffee, and spend time with your neighbors. This month we have activities ranging from adult coloring pages and storytime to a performance by the Star City Dulcimer Quartet and fun games. Don't miss it!

The Vinton Book Club will discuss *The Last Thing He Told Me* by Laura Dave on Thursday, September 7 at 3 p.m. and the *As the Page Turns* Book Club will discuss *The Book of Lost Friends* by Lisa Wingate on Wednesday, September 13 at 2 p.m.

Register for this month's Creations and Temptations on Saturday, September 23 from 3-4 p.m. to get decorating for fall with a cute DIY fabric hanging sunflower. Interested in creative writing and getting feedback on your work from other writers in the area? Register for the Vinton Writers Group, meeting on Thursday, September 28 from 5:30-7:30

p.m. You can also drop in for a match of Pick-up Chess on Saturday, September 9 from 1-4 p.m.

Interested in getting your GED? Get ready with GED Classes with Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Region 5 Adult Education starting back up this month every Tuesday and Thursday from 5-7 p.m. Register online at www.regionfiveadulthood.com for these free classes.

Open Bridge meets every Tuesday from 1-4 p.m. The DMV will be here Thursday, September 7 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., closing for lunch from 12:30-1:30 p.m. There will be Medicare 101 on Monday, September 11 at 11 a.m. The Roanoke Valley Dulcimers will meet on Saturday, September 16th from 10:15 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Also, don't miss Saturday Morning Cartoons on the patio every Saturday morning from 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m., weather permitting.

On Saturday, September 2, from 9-10 a.m., join us for Storytime at the Vinton Farmers' Market while you're out buying some locally grown produce. Bring family and friends out on Saturday, September 30 from 2-4 p.m. for fun Yard Games. Drop in to play a variety of fun yard games from cornhole to lawn darts--rain or shine.

Book Chat for middle schoolers will be on Monday, September 18 from 5-6 p.m. and Book Club for high schoolers after that from 6-7 p.m. Enjoy snacks, do a fun activity; talk about what you're reading and get recommendations from others. Registration is required for both programs. Anime Club will be on Monday, September 11 from 6-7 p.m. Register to watch anime, discuss your favorites, and prizes will be rewarded for (optional) cosplay.

Wonder Time (ages 0-5) will be on Thursday, September 14 from 11 a.m.-12 p.m. Register for this month's STEM and sensory activity “All Things Fall,” where we'll find out: will it sink or float? You can also register for Junior Makers (ages 5-10) on Wednesday, September 20 from 4-5 p.m.; this month our STEM experiments will be an adventure “At the Fair”; we'll have dancing, popcorn, marble roller coasters, and mini banjos.

The next storytime session runs from September 13-October 11. Toddler Storytime (ages 18-36 months, but babies are also welcome) will be on Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. Preschool Storytime (ages 3-5 years) will be on Wednesdays at 11:30 a.m. Register online to practice early literacy skills and fun activities for children and caretakers.

Remember to check out all of the RCPL events and register for programs online on our calendar at www.rocolibrary.org.

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Quicklook: Ezekiel 27:26-31

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and graduated from William Byrd High School. She earned her Bachelor of Science degree from James Madison University and is now working towards her Master's in Education. This will be her first year as a full-time teacher; she has been a substitute teacher for two years.

"I worked in preschool for a bit last school year and loved it," Chrisley says. "I enjoyed being with the little ones so much. It is chaotic and you never quite know how each day is going to go, but I think as much as that can be stressful, it is equally exciting to me.

"I had been working as a long-term sub at William Byrd High School. I was given the opportunity to take over for the previous P.E. teacher at Horn. I fell in love with the school while doing that and jumped at any opportunity to be here while subbing. When thinking about teaching long-term and full-time, I prayed I would get to work here."

Chrisley grew up in the Vinton area and attended W.E. Cundiff and Bonsack Elementary Schools, as well as William Byrd Middle and High School.

"It's nice to come back and experience the area in a different phase of life."

Chrisley enjoys traveling, reading, art, and running.

"I have been an assistant soccer coach at William Byrd High School for two years now. I love being involved in the sport I enjoy playing while growing up.

"Fun Fact: I went on a backpacking trip around Europe this summer for a month. Countries I was able to visit and experience included England, Greece, France, Italy, and Switzerland!"

Billie Jo Waddell will be teaching all subjects to second graders this year. She is from Prospect, Va. She earned her Liberal Studies in Elementary Education PreK-6 from Longwood University. She has been teaching for 16 years.

She has now relocated to Roanoke and is happy to be teaching second grade – "my favorite grade in school!"

"Spending time with my family is my favorite thing to do," Waddell says. "I especially love spending time with my daughters, Avery and Emily. I love coaching and playing softball. I enjoy spending time outside and traveling. You can always catch me smiling or laughing – being happy is a way of life!"

Stephanie Galliher is teaching third grade at Herman L. Horn this year. She is originally from Riner, Va., and graduated from Auburn High School. She earned her Bachelor of Science degree from Radford University. She has been teaching for 15 years.

"I am the oldest of four children in my family, so I began helping young children at a very early age with my younger siblings," Galliher says. "I enjoy working with children and helping them succeed in learning new skills and broadening their experiences.

"My children attend Roanoke County Public Schools, and I wanted to be on their schedule to help with more time together and to make things more convenient with extracurricular activities. I applied to Roanoke County Public Schools in February 2023, interviewed with a panel of principals, and then received a call from Mrs. Sandzimier for a follow-up interview for Herman L. Horn, and accepted the position for a third-grade teacher.

"I love to read (almost any genre), but also enjoy painting, drawing, and crafting. I live in Salem with my husband, Michael and our two children, Adelyn and Ronan. I am very excited to begin a new chapter in education with RCPS and look forward to building relationships within the Vinton community through Herman L. Horn."

Jennifer Lollie will be teaching fifth grade at HLH, specifically writing and global studies. She is originally from Michigan. Her family moved to Arizona

when she was 15 years old; she lived there for 35 years until she and her husband came to Virginia in January 2023.

Lollie graduated from the University of Arizona in Tucson with a BA in Creative Writing.

"Many years later, I went back to school to pursue my life-long dream of being a teacher and received my teacher certification in Elementary Education through Rio Salado College in Arizona. I have been working in education since 2009. I was an instructional assistant in fifth grade at an arts-based K-8 charter school in Mesa, Az., for 4 years. I then became the teacher in that classroom, and taught 5th grade, all subjects, for six years. After that, I taught English Language Arts in middle school for three years. Before leaving Arizona, I was teaching sixth grade, all subjects. Most recently, I worked as a permanent substitute for Burlington Elementary, and as a long-term substitute at Northside Middle School.

"I love reading, writing, and language," Lollie says. "It is my joy and privilege to help students share their unique point of view and express themselves confidently in their writing.

"Family is very important to me. Last year, my sister, along with her husband and two children, made the move from Arizona to Virginia. We are a close-knit bunch, so our parents soon followed them here, with my husband and me not far behind. I love reading, crafts, going to the movies with my husband, playing cards and board games with my family, and exploring beautiful Roanoke!"

Paxton Sutphin will be working at both Herman L. Horn and W.E. Cundiff Elementary as an ESL teacher. She is from Roanoke originally and graduated from Hidden Valley High School in 2011. Her Bachelor of Science in Liberal Studies with a Concentration in Elementary Education is from Bridgewater College (2015); she earned her M.S. of Curriculum and Instruction from Radford University in 2016. This will be her eighth year in teaching.

"I originally thought that I would be teaching in the classroom at the elementary level, and my advisor from undergrad mentioned getting my endorsement in ESL." Sutphin says. "So, I did those classes in college to make myself more 'marketable' in the job searching process. Once I was applying for jobs in Roanoke County, I came across the ESL job and applied and got the position. I was hired for a middle school ESL teaching position; worked at two middle schools for my first-year teaching and then transitioned to working at a middle and high school. Two years ago, I was asked to take on W.E. Cundiff. After stepping foot into WEC, I knew that elementary kids and learning were tugging at my heart strings, so I asked to be at the elementary level.

"I enjoy working with elementary-aged students and the opportunity came available at this school, so my supervisor asked if I'd be willing to take it on as well as WEC.

"I enjoy traveling with my husband to many places, but especially National Parks. Just this summer, we went to six National Parks! I also referee soccer. From Rec League (U8, lowest age) to Division 1 College soccer."

Lindsay Landis is the school psychologist at Bonsack and Herman L. Horn Elementary and at William Byrd High School. She is from Clifton, Va., and graduated from Robinson High School in Fairfax County. She earned her Bachelor of Science degree from James Madison University and her M.Ed/Ed.S degrees from William and Mary. She has worked for two years as a school psychologist in Norfolk.

She chose her career as a psychologist because "I love the blend of getting to work with students, teachers, parents, and

administrators. It's rewarding to get an up-close look to help uncover strengths and needs to help children reach their potential and have a great school experience. I love helping to foster home-school-community connections."

Landis and her husband, Jon, came to Roanoke 11 years ago to serve in ministry for Roanoke Valley Church and continue that mission. They have two children in Roanoke County schools, one at Hidden Valley Middle School and the other at Green Valley Elementary. The family frequents the Vinyard soccer fields often for their son's Virginia United soccer club.

Amber Swal is the ABA coach (Behavioral Interventionist) at Herman L. Horn. She moved to Virginia from Florida at the end of June. She graduated from Gainesville High School (the same high school that musician Tom Petty attended). She earned her B.S. in Journalism from the University of Florida and her Master of Science in School Counseling from Capella University. She has been working in education for two years.

"I am passionate about wellness, and I believe that one of the best ways to make a positive impact is to help young people cultivate their own wellness," Swal says. "Through my passion for wellness, I found a practice called Non-Violent Communication (NVC). Non-violence refers not only to physical violence but emotional and cognitive violence, as well. Practicing NVC helps me hear the message under the words or actions, and it helps me speak and respond in ways that are more likely to have positive and productive impacts on those around me."

Elizabeth Moser will be the 504 Facilitator and provide Assessment Support at Herman L. Horn, Bonsack, Glen Cove, and W. E. Cundiff Elementary Schools and William Byrd High School. She has a Bachelor of Science degree in Neuroscience from the College of William and Mary and a Master of Library Science degree from Sam Houston State University.

Tony Musarra is an instructional assistant in fourth grade this year at HLH. He is originally from Southern California and a graduate of Roanoke College. He has been involved in the field of education for three years and is especially interested in working with children with learning disabilities. His special interests are traveling (especially internationally), gardening, and bird-watching.

Mat Parrish is working as an instructional assistant for grades K-4 at Herman L. Horn. He is from Vinton and a graduate of William Byrd High School. He is attending Liberty University to obtain his degree. This is his first year working in the field of education.

"I sought this position for two reasons," Parrish says. "I am currently in school for education as teaching is something that

I have wanted to do since high school. I wanted to get my foot in the door with Roanoke County and I saw this as a perfect opportunity. My wife is a science teacher at William Byrd Middle School, and we have a now 9-month-old son. I want to be able to spend as much time with them as possible. Family is a big thing for us. My family lives in Delaware and working in the school system allows for more time to visit.

"I was once a part of the Hive at Horn when I was a young kid. I attended Herman L. Horn all my years of elementary education and wanted to be able to go back and help the students there now.

"I was born and raised in Vinton. I've bounced around a couple different areas in Roanoke, Bedford, and Botetourt but found a way back home here. We are active members at Vinton Baptist Church. My wife and I both help with the youth group at our church to try and help them grow closer to God. Vinton has been a part of me my entire life. There's nowhere I'd rather be than the TOV.

"My wonderful wife, Alexis, and myself have our son Bearett and our two dogs, Sam and Miller. There is nothing I love more than the four of them. All of her family lives here locally and we enjoy spending lots of time with them. As I mentioned before, my family lives in Bethany Beach in Delaware. My favorite things are to visit them, play softball, and fish. We love the outdoors and hanging out with close friends on a regular basis. The church is very important to me and the family, so we like to give back as much time as we can."

Samantha Goldsborough is working with students and the technology for those dealing with hearing loss. She will be serving Herman L. Horn, W.E. Cundiff, Bonsack, Burlington, Mountain View, Mount Pleasant, Back Creek, and Glenvar Elementary Schools, as well as Northside and William Byrd Middle and High schools.

She is originally from Damascus, Md. She earned her Bachelor's degree in Deaf Education and her Master's in Special Education from Radford University. This is her first year of teaching.

Goldsborough completed her student teaching in Roanoke County and "enjoyed it so much that I looked for the opportunity to come work here once I graduated with my degree and teaching license."

"Hearing loss runs in my family, and so growing up with a hard-of-hearing parent, I decided to go into deaf education," Goldsborough says.

Brandy Doss is a new nutrition associate at Herman L. Horn.

Sandra DeLong is also serving as a nutrition associate at HLH this school year.

Rachel Schlick is an instructional assistant in the FAACTS program at Herman L. Horn this year. She comes from Saratoga Springs, N.Y.



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Jensen Chrisley will be teaching preschool this year at Herman L. Horn.

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WBMS honors Teacher of the Week – Lyndsey Partsch

Each week, the William Byrd Middle School football team is honoring a staff member selected and voted on by the players as Teacher of the Week. Physical education teacher Lyndsey Partsch was named as the first Teacher of the Week for the 2023 football season on August 24. The Teacher of the Week is presented with the “88 Jersey” for the week, paying homage to 1988 when William Byrd Middle School was built. “Thank you, Mrs. Partsch, for bringing a positive spirit every day.” Submitted by William Byrd Middle School Head Football Coach Ryan Hutchison

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Lions Club International, such as aid to the victims of the recent fires in Maui. She announced that the District Lions will be adding some new technology to assist their communities. Currently, the Vinton Lions provide vision screenings for private preschools and for public schools at selected grade levels. The Lions plan to purchase a new hearing screening device, the OAE (Otoacoustic Emissions) machine for use with children as well.

The Vinton Breakfast Lions Club was founded in 1985 and has diligently puts the Lions’ Motto—“We Serve”—in action every year since. The Lions fund eye exams, eye surgery, and eyeglasses for needy area children and adults. They provide four \$1000 scholarships to William Byrd High School seniors, two \$1000 Ryan Chambers Scholarships to Staunton River seniors, and a \$1000 Leo Club Scholarship to a graduating senior at WBHS. Each year during the holidays, they sponsor a Christmas Shopping trip for 18-20 needy children in the Vinton area, purchasing over \$120 per child in clothing and toys.

The Lions have recently financed two bus stops for the Vinton area and a picnic shelter at Herman L. Horn Elementary School.

Tahrough State and Lions International, they support Diabetes Awareness, Disaster Relief, the Lions International Peace Poster Contest, and the Bland Music Scholarship Program for area students each spring.

They also stock the local elementary schools with extra clothing, school supplies, snacks and refreshments, and materials for school projects.

They hold three major fundraisers each year – their annual Drawdown, the Pancake Breakfast on Fall Festival Day, and the Spaghetti Dinner on the evening of the Vinton Christmas Parade.



Gary Myers (center) was chosen by the membership as Lion of the Year. He is shown with Past President Hal Mabe (left) and Lion Chris McCarty.



William Byrd High School LEO Club Advisor Lisa Stover was recognized by the Lions Club for her “exceptional leadership and devoted service.” The Vinton Breakfast Lions sponsor the LEO Club at the high school – a very active chapter.

Over 60 members and guests attended this year’s awards dinner at the Vinton Moose Lodge.

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read storybooks to the overflow crowd of preschoolers who attended with their parents and caregivers. After story time, the children were invited to the parking lot for an up-close visit with a fire engine from the local Vinton station and an explanation of its parts and functions. After viewing the fire truck from all angles, children returned to the library to pick up some stickers and their own fireman’s hat.

On Saturday, August 26, musicians set up on the library’s front patio to entertain passersby during national “Play Music On The Porch Day.” Several members of the Roanoke Valley Dulcimer group, including Kimberly Burnette-Dean, the Vinton Library branch manager, performed for about an hour.

“Play Music On The Porch Day” started out in 2014 as an idea – “What if for one day everything stopped and we all just listened to the music?” The event has continued to grow, spreading to 70 countries around the globe and is scheduled each year for the last Saturday in August.

“Music ties us together like a thread through our hearts,” organizers of the event say.

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Community involvement continues for the library on September 2 with “Dog Day Storytime on the Stage” at the Vinton Farmers’ Market. The free event begins with story time at 9 a.m. followed by free craft activities, demonstrations from Canny K9 Companions, Field of Dreams Dog Training,



The Vinton Library joined the national “Play Music On The Porch” event on August 26, featuring dulcimer music on the front patio.



Vinton firefighters drove their fire truck to the library for show and tell after story time. Here, Lt. Williams explains the controls.

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New cross country coach is product of Terrier program

Northside High School will be the site of a big cross country meet this Saturday and the William Byrd girls' and boys' teams are included.

There will be five races with the middle school girls starting at 8:45 am with a 3K, followed by a 3K for the middle school boys at 9:30 am.

The girls' varsity race is a 5K, and it's scheduled to go off at 10:15 am with the boys' 5K to follow at approximately 10:45 am. The last race of the day is a junior varsity 5K for both boys and girls at 11:30 am.

Byrd has a new coach in Kayland Bond and she has four returning seniors, Claire Glover, Alex Bonilla, Elizabeth Dixon and Reagan Lilley.

"Our veteran seniors are dedicated to the sport and are doing a fantastic job with leading our young team," said Bond.

Freshman Heidi Wienke is a new face for the girls' team with great promise.

"Heidi has been working hard with her summer training and has been crushing the early season workouts," said Bond.

Junior DeShawn Austin, a standout on the indoor and outdoor track teams, is one of the top runners for a young

boys' team.

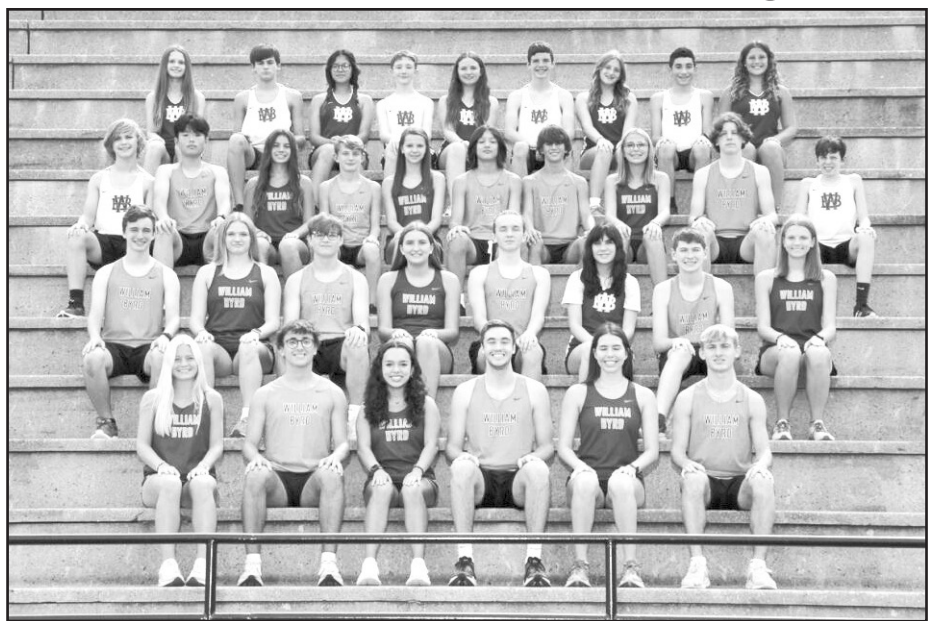
"DeShawn has shown great fitness in the early season, and we are excited to see his progression throughout the season," said Bond. "He has a 5k personal record of 17:43.00 from the 2021 season."

Donald Mullins, who is out for cross country for the first time, had a great outdoor track season, running 2:02.02 in the 800m and 4:38.38 in the 1600m. Another first year distance runner, senior Reid Hanson, has progressed greatly through his first spring outdoor season, running 2:18.28 in the 800m and 5:21.71 in the 1600m.

Bond will be assisted by Kinley Moore and Madison Lane. All the coaches are alumni of the WBHS cross country program who ran for former coach Eric Royal.

"This program has made a positive impact on us, and we have such great memories as former teammates and athletes of William Byrd cross country," said Bond. "We hope to continue Coach Royal's team traditions such as the 'BYRD 400,' which we will have on September 14th where we will collectively run 400 miles as a team with the help of our alumni and friends."

The Terriers opened with their annu-



The 2023 William Byrd Cross Country team.

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al run at Patrick Henry High last week. After Saturday the next big meet is the Knights' Invitational, hosted by Cave Spring, at Green Hill Park in Roanoke County on September 9. It's one of the biggest meets of the season.

"We have a very young team with loads of potential," said Bond. "I'm

excited to watch them progress and grow into experienced runners. My hope for the season is to develop well trained runners and for them to compete to the best of their ability. Most importantly we hope to build a long-lasting team culture that supports friendship and teamwork."



Andrew Kiker hits a drive for the Terriers.

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Golfers shoot season's best, Carter stays in district lead

The Blue Ridge District golf tour took a stop at the Botetourt Golf & Swim Club Monday and William Byrd finished third as a team with their best score of the season. The Terriers shot a nine hole score of 160 as the top four teams finished within 13 strokes of each other.

The match was originally scheduled for 18 holes but shortened to nine due to inclement weather. Northside had the best score with a 149, followed by host Lord Botetourt with 156, Byrd with 160 and Franklin County with 162. Staunton River shot 189 and William Fleming does not have a full team.

Individually, Byrd senior Nathan Carter tied Nick Crawford of Northside for the best score of the day at two-over-par 37. That kept Nathan in the lead in the season race for district individual champion with Crawford remaining second.

Byrd's next best score was a 39 by David Foster, who is eighth in the season standings. Tyler Chambers and Andrew Kiker had 42 each on a dreary day to round out the scoring for the Terriers. Landon Haithcock and Blake Austin also played Monday and shot 47 apiece.

"Nathan shot two over in soggy conditions," said Byrd coach Hunter Thompson. "Everyone was battling the rain for the first few holes."

In the season team race Northside now leads by 15 strokes over Lord Botetourt, 937 to 952. Franklin County is third at 970. Byrd picked up a couple strokes on the Eagles and the Terriers are fourth at 984, and the Byrdmen have yet to take their turn to host at Blue Hills. That will be on September 12.

Next Tuesday, September 5, the district will make a stop at Mariner's Landing, hosted by Staunton River.



Lots of football in Vinton

It was an exciting week on the gridiron as Vinton's Jeff Highfill Field not only was the site for a big high school win but a middle school victory and sandlot action on Saturday. Left, Ke'arion Burch of the Middle School team picks up yardage in the Terriers' 28-0 win over Ben Franklin Middle School last week. Above, Ashby Bernard of Vinton's 10-U recreation team dives over the goal line to score against Glenvar Saturday morning. The middle school will play at Cave Spring's Bogle Field today at 5 pm, followed by a high school jayvee game between the Terriers and Hidden Valley at 7 pm. The jayvees didn't play last week when the officials didn't show for a scheduled game at Liberty.

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Andrews finished with 105 yards rushing on just six carries, averaging 17.5 yards per carry and scoring on 66 percent of his attempts. Hairston passed for 47 yards as the Terriers mostly kept the ball on the ground against the overmatched Minutemen.

The shutout was Byrd's third in their last seven games, as the Terriers shut out Roanoke County rivals Cave Spring and Northside last year. Jonathan Rosser had two tackles, two fumble recoveries, a tackle for a loss and a sack on a big night. Maurice Burnette had five tackles and a fumble recovery, Ian Vest had four tackles and a forced fumble and John Kiker had three tackles.

"It was a great defensive effort," said Byrd coach Brad Lutz.

The game was played before a loud and boisterous crowd at Patterson Stadium, and that added to the atmosphere. Highfill Field can be an intimidating place to play when the crowd gets into the game.

"We are very fortunate to have great fans," said Lutz. "I hope they understand how much energy they bring to our team on Friday night. Also, our Dog Pound brings a tremendous advantage to our game day environment. Playing a home game at William Byrd High School

is a great experience for everyone involved."

The Terriers will be back home again this Friday to play host to Hidden Valley. Byrd lost a heart-breaker to the Titans at Bogle Field last season, 39-36, and the Terriers will have revenge on the minds. Hidden Valley opened the season with a 32-0 loss at William Fleming last week but Lutz isn't taking anything for granted.

"They are a very experienced football team with a lot seniors," he said. "Almost all of their starters return off of a playoff team from last year. They have size in the trenches and a lot of speed on the perimeter. Their quarterback has a strong arm and can stretch the field in the passing game."

The Terriers should be riding high after the opening win, but football coaches know the importance of keeping the momentum going.

"Our coaching staff has been very pleased with the confidence our team is playing with," said Lutz. "They are showing the same confidence in practice and that is equally important. We got off to a very fast start last week, but our entire program knows it will get more difficult each week, so that confidence needs to remain a big part of our identity."



Byrd's Ian Vest(#34) runs down the Liberty quarterback for a loss.

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Left, Byrd's Brayden Andrews stiff-arms a Liberty defender and scores the first TD of the season Friday night, and he would have three more touchdowns in the game. Right, #2 Jahdai English, #6 Lane Shoemaker, #9 John Kiker, #62 Maurice Burnette and #77 Lee Doss tackle the Liberty quarterback in Byrd's shutout win. Below left, Jonathan Rosser makes a tackle in the backfield.

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Terriers win big in season opener

The William Byrd football team got the 2023 season off to a great start with a win over Liberty High last Friday. The Terriers scored 10 touchdowns and shut out the visiting Minutemen at Patterson Stadium in Vinton, 70-0.

The 70 points was the most scored by a William Byrd football team since the Terriers hung 70 on Bassett in 1999, winning that game 70-42 in Vinton. The only time a Byrd team scored more than that in school history was way back in 1931 when the Terriers beat "Valley High" at Leggett Field in Vinton, 72-0. That team was coached by Paul Ahalt, who coached in Vinton from 1930-39. Byrd finished 8-1-1 that season.

Friday's game was over early, as Byrd took a 35-0 lead in the first quarter. Brayden Andrews scored the first two touchdowns on 20 yard runs, followed by an eight yard run by Israel Hairston, a three yard

score by Lane Shoemaker and Andrews' third TD of the quarter on a one yard run. Bricen Lancaster was perfect on all five extra point tries and he would finish the night 10 for 10 on conversion kicks.

Byrd put two more scores on the board in the second quarter on a two yard run by Shoemaker and a 59 yard scamper by Andrews. That made the score 49-0 at the half, assuring a running clock after intermission.

Despite a clock that didn't stop Byrd was able to score three more times against the Minutemen in the second half. Hairston found Jerrett Shepherd for a seven yard TD pass and Jalen Toler ran one in from 10 yards out in the third quarter. The Byrdmen made it an even 70 when Jamez Toler scored on a 20 yard run in the final stanza to close out a historic night for the Terriers.

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Girls hope to have first home match Tuesday

The William Byrd volleyball girls have been the travelling Terriers for the first three weeks of the season but they're hoping that changes next week. The girls plan to host Liberty in their home opener on Tuesday in the newly renovated William Byrd gym.

"Including scrimmages, we've been on a six game travel streak," said coach Allison Thornton. "We're awaiting the finishing touches on our new gym and hope to host next week."

Byrd was scheduled to host Liberty in Vinton on Tuesday of this week but that game had to be moved to Bedford, and Monday's scheduled home game with Hidden Valley was moved out of town as well. The Terriers will play at Glenvar tonight before the anticipated home opener with Liberty next Tuesday.

The Terriers have managed a 2-2 split on enemy floors thus far. After opening with a loss at Cave Spring they swept Magna Vista in Ridgeway last Thursday, 25-20, 25-17 and 25-19.

On Monday Byrd's scheduled home match was moved to Hidden Valley and the Terriers ran into a buzz saw. The 2022 Class 3 state runner-up Titans powered their way to a three set win, 25-16, 25-7 and 25-15.

Raelyn Lancaster led the offense with three kills and an ace at Hidden Valley. Kate Bryant dished out six assists and had seven digs and Emily Tuck had eight digs.

On Tuesday, with less than 24 hours rest and a long bus ride, the girls bounced back to beat Liberty in three sets, 25-22, 25-21 and 26-24. Terran Brown put down eight kills, had two serving aces and picked up seven digs. Maddie Pittman added six kills and four digs and Graysen Divers had five kills, two blocks and a pair of digs.

Tonight's opponent, Glenvar, is the defending Class 2 state champion. However, after getting hit hard by graduation the Highlanders are off to an 0-3 start after having a 38 match win streak snapped in their opener with Giles.

A week from today the Terriers will have a rematch with Hidden Valley, hopefully in Vinton this time.



Above, Byrd's Emily Tuck is ready to dig one out in Monday's match at Hidden Valley. Right, Raelyn Lancaster goes up for a spike against the Titans.

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