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William Byrd High School welcomed several new teachers and staff members for the 2023-2024 school year. Shown front row (left to right) are Cassie Powell, Andrea Stevens, Marissa Kopera, and Lauren Pomeroy; back row, Junius Pannell, Briona Hurt, Kinley Moore, Katy Nance, Dan Faubel, and Aaron Book. Shenan Lovern and Isabelle Cimala are not pictured.

## William Byrd High School welcomes new faculty and staff

**Debbie Adams**  
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William Byrd High School has welcomed several new faculty and staff members for the 2023-2024 school year – Aaron Book, Isabelle Cimala, Dan Faubel, Briona Hurt, Marissa Kopera, Shenan Lovern, Kinley Moore, Cassie Powell, Andrea Stevens, Katy Nance, Lauren Pomeroy, and Junius Panell.

**Aaron Book** is teaching 12th grade AP Government and Politics and 12th grade Virginia and U.S. Government at William Byrd High School and 6th grade US History 1 at William Byrd Middle School. He is originally from Pennsylvania. He earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in History and Politics from Ithaca College in New York and his Master's degree in Education at Virginia Tech.

Book is a proud Navy veteran. He has been working in the field of education for 23 years.

He recently moved to the Roanoke area. He has been teaching at Tunstall

High School in Pittsylvania County for the past seven years.

**Isabelle Cimala** is teaching at both Cave Spring and William Byrd High Schools. She teaches all levels of Latin. She is originally from Bloomington, Ill. She earned her undergraduate degree from the University of Alabama and her Master's in Classics from the University of Virginia.

Her hobbies are "anything Classics-related," along with hiking and reading.

**Dan Faubel** is teaching biology and ecology at William Byrd High School and 6th grade science at William Byrd and Hidden Valley Middle Schools. He is originally from Pennsylvania but spent the past 12 years in Florida.

He earned his BSED in biology from West Chester University and his MS in classroom technology from Wilkes University. He has been an educator for 16 years.

"I chose to teach science to help

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## Youth Rec league teams recognized at William Byrd football game on Sept. 1



PHOTO BY DEBBIE ADAMS

Members of Youth Rec League cheer, soccer, and football teams were introduced prior to the William Byrd game on Sept. 1. They then lined the field to welcome the Byrd players.

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It was "Youth Night" at the William Byrd High School football game on Sept. 1 – an annual event. Children and youth who are cheerleaders or on a soccer, flag football, or tackle football team paraded on the track in front of the grandstands, waving to their families and the crowd as their names were announced.

Cheerleading teams recognized included: Biddy 8U: Aspen Barnett, ZaeLeigh Dalton, Adalyn Divers, Michelle Edmonds, Carsynn Hazlewood, Serenity Henritze, Kayleigh McAllister, Raelynn McClure, McKynzie Morris,

Hannah Nunn, Kate Rivers, Keira Saccocci, Miranda Smith, and Adahleena Stoneburger. Coaches are Aaliyah Edmonds and Crystal Rivers.

Pee-Wee 10U: Aliana Burwell, Madelynn Carico, Llauren Conner, Paloma Dominguez, Ayvin Drake, Maebie Dugenske, Audrey Ferguson, Isabelle Gregory, Asher Haddon, Gia Henderson, Kaidence Justis, Harper Mitchell, Laken Musselwhite, Harleigh Nute, Bailey Rutherford, Christabel Sigler, Lillian Thomas, Ila Thompson, Alaina Trusclair, and Ella Turman. Coaches are Megan Trusclair, Jessica Turman, and Maria Akers.

Little League 12U: Christiana Divers, Korrina Kish, Bentley Palmer, Mariah Pohlman, Myranda Terry, Arabella Weden, Lakyn Wendell, Angelia Witcher, and Lynnix Morris. Coaches are Amanda Lewis and Jordan Palmer.

Soccer teams recognized included: U8 Panthers: Chance West, Leah St. Clair, Jayce Clifton, Ben Davidson, Jackson Murrill, Camden Godec, Aubrie Wertz, Norah Tatum, Jayden Lewis, and Bennett Weeks with Coaches Ryan Clifton and Keith Davidson.

U8 Raging Rhinos: Niko Brisco, Liam

See **Youth**, page 6

## Vinton Police Dept. introduces Military Appreciation patrol vehicle

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The Vinton Police Department has unveiled an eye-catching, attention-getting, newly decorated Military Appreciation patrol vehicle as a salute to veterans.

"The Military Appreciation patrol vehicle was designed by Officer J. Dibble, a military veteran who is now a part of our police department," said Vinton Police Chief Fabricio Drumond. "Officer Dibble also runs a non-profit organization that directly benefits military service members with the struggles of mental health and suicide.

"Our car proudly displays the High Ground Veterans Monument, a monument that honors past and current Vinton and Roanoke County service members and those who paid the ultimate



PHOTO BY DEBBIE ADAMS

The Vinton Police Dept. has a new Military Appreciation patrol vehicle, wrapped by Sun Solutions of Vinton. One side of the vehicle features the High Ground Monument at the Vinton War Memorial, which honors past and current service members.

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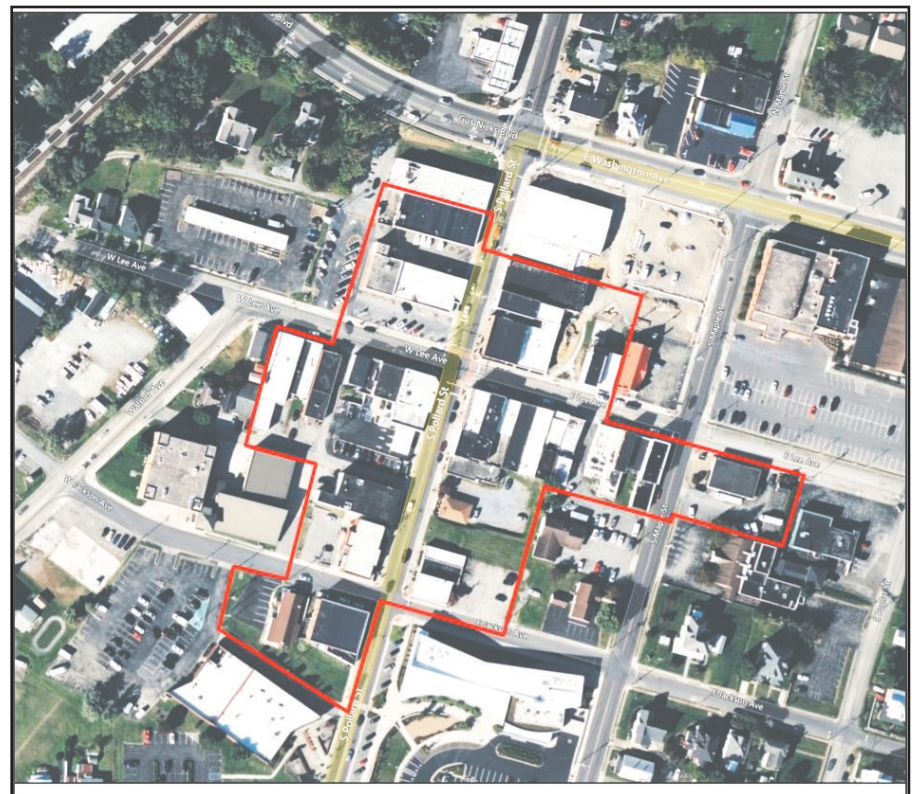
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# Vinton receives preliminary eligibility approval for Downtown Historic District



Title: Vinton Downtown Historic District Date: 8/10/2023 IMAGE COURTESY OF TOWN OF VINTON

## The proposed Historic District boundaries in downtown Vinton

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According to Vinton Town Manager Pete Peters, the town has been notified that its Preliminary Information Form for historic districts has been approved

by the Virginia Department of Historic Resources (DHR) and the process will now proceed to the State Review Board on Sept. 21.

The DHR Preliminary Information

See **Preliminary**, page 5

# Vinton announces permanent transportation updates on Washington Ave./Gus Nicks Blvd.



PHOTO COURTESY OF RVTV  
**A new speed limit will take effect in Vinton on Oct. 2 reducing the speed limit to 25 mph from Garthright Bridge to the town limits entering Roanoke City.**

According to Vinton Town Manager Pete Peters, the Town of Vinton is growing and in order to be proactive, town leaders and the Vinton Police are making some transportation upgrades in anticipation of that growth.

Beginning Oct. 2, the existing 25 mph zone on Washington Avenue will be extended from Garthright Bridge to the town limits entering Roanoke City to make the corridor safer for residents, businesses, and visitors.

The area continues to grow with fully occupied Billy Byrd apartments,

the redevelopment of Gish Mill into a variety of businesses, the expansion of the Glade Creek Greenway, the increasing number of athletic events at Vinyard Park, and new and expanded downtown businesses. The new outdoor music pavilion at Twin Creeks, the new Pollard 107 South restaurant, Pok-E-Joe's, and other businesses in Vinyard Station have led to increased traffic in the area.

Vinton Deputy Chief Tim Lawless says the new speed limit takes effect in October, but the town is asking drivers to begin

acclimating themselves to the new speed during the month of September. Signage and striping will be put in place to help illustrate the boundaries of the zone. Signage will remain covered until Oct. 2 when the change in speed limits becomes official. There will be message boards as well as advertising the changes.

"Thank you for helping grow Vinton into the community we see today, and we appreciate your part in keeping it safe for everyone," Peters said.

Courtesy of Town of Vinton and RVTV



The RCACP sponsored a Pet Adoption event at the Vinton Farmers' Market as part of the Dog Day Storytime on the Stage on Sept. 9.

# Vinton Farmers' Market event puts the focus on cute canines and kitties

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The Vinton Farmers' Market, the Roanoke County Library, the Boys and Girls Clubs of Southwest Virginia, the Regional Center for Animal Care and Protection (RCACP), Field of Dreams Dog Training, and Canny K9 Companions partnered at the market on Sept. 2 to put the focus on dogs (and cats) and the children who love them.



PHOTOS BY DEBBIE ADAMS  
**Field of Dreams Dog Training put on an exhibition during the Dog Day Storytime event.**

See **Cute**, page 8

# WBMS honors Teacher of the Week – Scott Whitehead



PHOTO COURTESY OF WBMS  
**WBMS Teacher of the Week Scott Whitehead**

Each week, the William Byrd Middle School football team is honoring a staff member selected by and voted on by the players as Teacher of the Week.

This week's Teacher of the Week

is math teacher Scott Whitehead.

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, Mr. Whitehead, for being a mentor and father figure!"

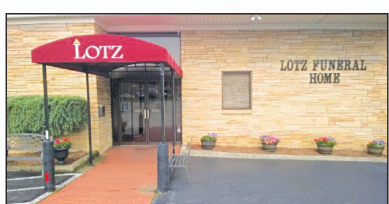
Submitted by WBMS Head Football Coach Ryan Hutchison

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# Vinton Wesleyan to celebrate 89th Homecoming on Sept. 17

Vinton Wesleyan Church will be celebrating its 89th Homecoming on Sunday, Sept. 17. There will be a 9 a.m. Prayer Rally, Sunday School at 9:30 a.m., and a Worship Service at 10:30 a.m.

Special music will be given by Anette Lloyd, Cody Rader, the Sanctuary Choir, the Ladies Quartet, and the Children's Choir.

God has used Vinton Wesleyan Church to reach adults, teens, and children for Christ for many years. It all began 89 years ago, in August 1934, with a heart to see the people of Vinton reached with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The Rev. Clyde Dooley held a tent meeting in downtown Vinton. Just a few weeks later, the church was born.

The Rev. James E. Kraus was called to shepherd the congregation with 14 charter members meeting in the Old White Storefront on

Lee Avenue.

Through faithfulness and sacrifice, the congregation soon moved to the "basement" church on the corner of Jefferson and Poplar. To reach more people for Christ, the original facility has expanded to the beautiful facility it is today.

Over the decades, under the leadership of 11 pastors, the church has continued to reach the people of Vinton with the gospel message. Originally known as the Pilgrim Holiness Church, upon the merger with the Wesleyan Methodist denomination in 1968, the name was changed to Vinton Wesleyan Church. God...Loving People... and Making Disciples.

The public is invited to attend the 10:30 a.m. celebration.

Submitted by Vinton Wesleyan Church



# FROM THE PULPIT

## The Sermon on the Mount, The Beatitudes

**Pastor Bryan Crouch**  
*Lynn Haven Baptist Church*

The Sermon on the Mount can be found in Matthew 5-7. It is the first public sermon given by Jesus. This incredible sermon begins with a series of "Blessed are those who" statements. The final two statements of the "beatitudes" tell us that the persecuted, insulted, lied about and those that endure all kinds of evil because of their righteousness will receive the Kingdom of God.

In fact, Matthew 5:12 tells us, "Rejoice and be glad (when

these things happen to you), because great is your reward in heaven."

James 1:2-3 tells us, "Consider pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know the testing of your faith produces perseverance."

The word "perseverance" is a very interesting term here. It gives the idea of producing the grit, spunk, and tenacity the Christian needs to battle through the trials God allows in our life. The bigger the trial, the more grit, spunk, and tenacity we carry with us into the

next opportunity for spiritual growth.

Trials are opportunities for us to become more like Christ following the trial than we were before the trial happened. That is reason for joy and celebration!

God loves us all too much to leave us in the sinful state we find ourselves in every day. Spiritual growth happens through trials in our life, studying of the Scriptures and obedience to commands of Christ. Let's focus on being more like Christ tomorrow than we were today!

# September is Library Card Sign-up Month

September is Library Card Sign-up Month. From borrowing books, ebooks, and museum passes to getting homework help, learning new skills, or attending story time, a library card helps you do more of what you enjoy.

Get a library card and dive into a new hobby. Use your library card to tinker in a maker space and spark your creativity.

A library card is your most important tool – it's elemental, really – and everyone should have one! Find out more at rocolibrary.org. New card holders will get a goodie bag throughout the month of September at any Roanoke County Public Library location.

*Submitted by Roanoke County Library*

# Mt. Pleasant Library plans busy September

Mt. Pleasant Library has many activities scheduled for the month of September.

"Book Chat: Read & Recommend" is coming up on Tuesday, Sept. 12, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Join them each month for a new informal type of book group who will discuss the books they've read recently and books they want to read. Refreshments will be provided. This book club is for adults.

Jammie Time Storytime is scheduled for Thursdays (Sept. 14, 21, and 28) from 6 to 6:30 p.m. at the library. Be sure to register online for this "just before bedtime activity to practice early literacy skills, enjoy activities, and listen to stories." Little ones are encouraged to wear their PJ's.

Jr. Makers is a monthly club for ages 4-10. Each month a new STEM concept is explored, and the participants get the opportunity to perform their own experiments or create STEM-related projects. This activity is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 16, from 11 a.m. to noon.

"Teen Book Chat: Made to Order" will meet on Tuesday, Sept. 19, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. This event is described as "Book club made your way. Check out last month's selections, share a bit about your favorite reads, and enjoy some snacks."

"Coding Cupcakes" is scheduled for

Monday, Sept. 25, from 6 to 7 p.m. Teens are invited to meet for some coding projects on different tech devices and learn about tools to continue practicing after the program ends. "No coding experience—no problem." Activities will be available for beginners as well as intermediate coders. Celebrate your accomplishments with cupcakes at the end."

Another teen program, "Introduction to VR" is set for Thursday, Sept. 28 from 5 to 6 p.m. Register online if you are curious about Virtual Reality and want to experience VR gaming and other apps.

Also, register online for "Paint Pouring for Adults." Make a beautiful piece of art using the paint pouring technique on Saturday, Sept. 30 from noon to 1 p.m.

To register online for library programs, sign up at rocolibrary.org.

Mt. Pleasant Library is located at 2918 Jae Valley Road, just across from the fire station.

Hours are:

Monday: 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Tuesday: 2-8 p.m.

Wednesday: 2-6 p.m.

Thursday: 2-8 p.m.

Friday: 1-5 p.m.

Saturday: 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Call 540-777-8760 for more information.

*Submitted by Mt. Pleasant Library*

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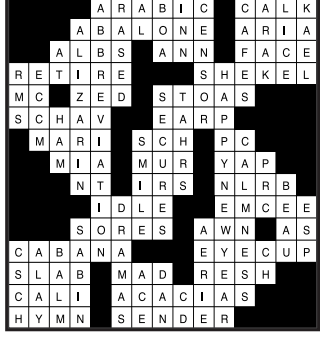
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### God Meant It

Read Ezekiel 5:1 through 7:27

"Emma! Liam! Have you even started your homework?" Sheryl had given strict instructions to her children to complete their homework or they wouldn't be going skating later. "Looks like we won't be going skating tonight. You'll be doing homework instead."

The children exclaimed, "Please, Mom, let us go. That's not fair!"

"And they will know that I am the Lord; I did not threaten in vain to bring this calamity on them" (Ezekiel 6:10).

Like Sheryl, God had a purpose in His instructions to Judah.

He gave them wonderful promises. Peace and safety would be theirs if they followed Him. He also gave stern warnings. If they ignored Him, destruction would come.

The people acted in disobedience and did what was evil. As a result, God sent them into exile. Even today God does not speak in vain. If we listen to Him, we will receive blessings. If we run to rebellion, we will fall into judgment. Live in such a way as to receive His blessings.

Prayer Suggestion: Dear Lord, I will believe what You have said.

Quicklook: Ezekiel 6:9-11

VA 24016. A spiritual event is held on the 2nd Sunday of each month at 10:30 a.m. Since contracting COVID-19 may still be possible, please take the health steps that are best for you. It is appreciated that by attending you are taking responsibility for your own health. Visit [www.eck-va.org](http://www.eck-va.org), [www.meetup.com/Roanoke-Spiritual-Experiences](http://www.meetup.com/Roanoke-Spiritual-Experiences) \* Group\* or call 540-353-5365 for other Eckankar programs and for more information about how the teachings of Eckankar can lead you to spiritual freedom.

### FOURSQUARE

**EVANGEL CHURCH** - 2330 Hardy Road, Vinton (corner of Hardy Road and Feather Road), 540-982-3694, [www.evangel4sq.com](http://www.evangel4sq.com), Pastor Tim Wright. Worship Service Sunday, 10AM. Bible Study Wednesday 11AM-12PM.

### LUTHERAN

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

### NAZARENE

**FIRST CHURCH OF NAZARENE**, 728 Highland Ave., SE, Roanoke, Virginia. 342-4003. Sunday Morning Wor-

ship 10:30 a.m., Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Wednesday Night Bible Study 7 p.m.

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### UNITED METHODIST

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

### WESLEYAN

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

See more online at [www.vintonmessenger.com](http://www.vintonmessenger.com)

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PHOTO BY DEBBIE ADAMS

**The Town of Vinton's application for Historic District status grew out of a desire to move the Cundiff's Drugs sign back to its original location on Pollard Street.**

Form constitutes an application for preliminary consideration of a historic district for eligibility for the Virginia Landmarks Register and the National Register of Historic Places.

This project grew out of the desire to relocate the historic Cundiff's Drugs store sign to its original location in downtown Vinton.

Virginia State Code says, "It shall be unlawful for any place of business which is not a pharmacy to advertise or to have upon it or in it as a sign the words, 'pharmacy,' 'pharmacist,' 'apothecary,' 'drugstore,' 'druggist,' 'drugs,' 'medicine store,' 'drug sundries,' 'prescriptions filled' or any like words indicating that drugs are compounded or sold or prescriptions filled.

"Upon consultation with the Department of Historic Resources, the Board may grant an exception from this section for such signage on an historic building that formerly housed a drugstore or pharmacy if that building is individually listed as a Virginia Historic Landmark, a contributing property in a Virginia Historic Landmark District, or determined to be

eligible for listing by the Department of Historic Resources, provided that the signage relates to the historic character of the building."

"It's our intent that the overlay district will help to relocate the Cundiff's Drug Store sign to its original location on South Pollard," Peters said in announcing the approval. "We are also hopeful that by achieving the historic designation, we'll have cleared the first step in eligible properties being cleared for Historic Tax Credits that could assist with future rehabilitation projects – similar to Roland E. Cook and Billy Byrd."

Once state approval is gained, the town plans a public information meeting in Vinton to introduce the project to the community and then get to work on the survey and National Register nomination.

Peters emphasizes, "This program will not adversely affect property ownership or dictate development of privately owned property."

Being named as a historic district is mainly an honorific recognition, explained Alison Blanton, Architectural Historian and Senior Preservation Fellow at Hill Studio who has completed

numerous National Register nominations. Hill Studio has been a frequent partner with the Town of Vinton on projects of a historical nature, most especially Roland E. Cook and Gish Mill.

Blanton notes that acquiring historic district status puts no restrictions on property or property rights. "You can still paint your building purple, tear it down, etc., but the designation does provide benefits in addition to historic tax credits.

Being named as a historic district, "puts Vinton on the map and recognizes its historical significance; it attracts tourists and indicates that the town is a place of character and identity."

Historic designation may even mitigate the negative impacts of federally funded projects on historic properties such as road building, utility installation, and other projects since the impact must be taken into consideration.

According to the preliminary information form, the proposed Vinton Downtown Historic District is approximately seven acres located at the northwest end of

**See Historic, page 7**

## VINTON HISTORY: SEWING BASKETS

Before mass-produced clothing became affordable, sewing was a way of life for people around the globe. Even at a young age, women were required to master complicated sewing skills and most had a basket designed to hold their sewing tools. They were both attractive and durable and of various sizes to keep all of a woman's sewing tools, as well as a little bit of her handiwork.

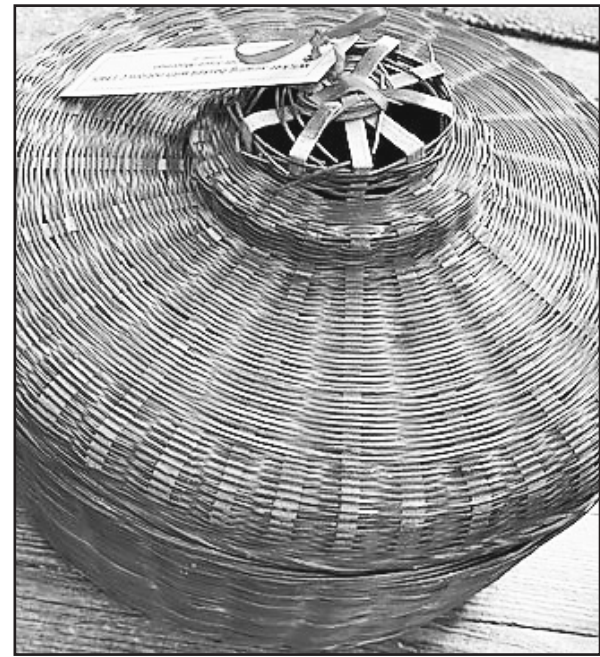
Tools and notions like needles, pins, scissors, buttons, hooks, and eyes were wrapped tight to prevent them from rusting. Delicate colored threads were protected from light and air with brown paper.

Sewing implements included different types of shears and scissors, a pin cushion and needle emery, a jar of beeswax, and a folding measure or measuring tape. Pictured are sewing

baskets of the 1940s from Odessa Moorman's family donated by Joyce Moorman. See these lovely baskets along with thousands of other artifacts at the Vinton History Museum, 210 East Jackson Avenue in

downtown Vinton, open Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and every first Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

*Submitted by Judy Cunningham, Executive Director, Vinton History Museum*



**Sewing baskets donated to the Vinton History Museum by Joyce Moorman.**



PHOTOS BY JUDY CUNNINGHAM

## Welcome from page 1

promote scientific literacy in society," Faubel said.

He enjoys playing golf, camping, hiking, and "building things with my bare hands."

**Briona Hurt** is teaching English 10 and English 12 at William Byrd High School. She is a Special Education co-teacher. She was "born and raised" in Vinton and is a graduate of WBHS. She earned her Bachelor of Science in Health and Human Performance: Exercise Science from Ferrum College. This is her first year of teaching.

"I worked as an Instructional Assistant last year at Byrd and worked with SPED and saw the difference the program made for the students, and it really encouraged me to want to be a part of that difference," Hurt says.

As for her interests outside of school, "I love to travel and spend time with my family and my two dogs."

She will be coaching basketball, volleyball, and track at WBHS.

**Marissa Kopera** is teaching at both William Byrd and Hidden Valley High Schools. She teaches two different marketing classes—Advanced Marketing to seniors at WBHS, and Marketing with sophomores-through seniors at HVHS. She grew up in Vinton and graduated from William Byrd High School. She earned her degree in Management, Human Resources from Virginia Tech. This is her first year of teaching.

"I was a long-term substitute last year and I fell in love with teaching!" Kopera says. "I ran into my former principal, Mrs. Newcomb, who asked me if I needed a job for the remainder of the school year last year. From there, I heard about full-time openings from former teachers and applied."

She will be one of the DECA sponsors at WBHS and HVHS.

**Shenan Lovern** is teaching Math 8 and Algebra I at William Byrd Middle School and William Byrd High School. She grew up in Roanoke County, graduated from WBHS, and has lived in Vinton most of her adult life. She earned her Bachelor of Science degree from Longwood University and her Master's in Education and Administration from the University of Virginia.

This is her 19th year in education – 11 years in Franklin County, six years in Roanoke City, and one year with Virtual Virginia.

"I love MATH!" Lovern says. "I enjoy showing students that everyone can be successful in math.

Those 'I got it, Ms. Lovern,' moments are the best!"

She is excited to be in Roanoke County and on the same schedule as her daughter who is a seventh grader at William Byrd Middle.

"I love doing arts and crafts with my daughter," Lovern says. "I enjoy making floral arrangements and wedding flowers for family and friends."

**Kinley Moore** is teaching Algebra 1 to ninth graders at WBHS as a Special Education co-teacher. She is from Vinton and a graduate of William Byrd. She earned her degree in Special Education K-12 Adapted and General Curriculum from James Madison University. She has worked for one year as a long-term and permanent substitute teacher and then was offered her current position.

"I started substituting at William Byrd Middle School and High School and really enjoyed being back in the county where I graduated from," Moore says.

Moore says she loves to "do anything outdoors, traveling, and music."

She will be coaching cross country and track and field at WBHS.

**Cassie Powell** is a first-year Special Education teacher at William Byrd and a co-teacher for Earth Science. She is from Vinton and a graduate of WBHS in 2017. She earned her Bachelor's degree in Sports Management and her Master of Education degree in Curriculum and Instruction from the University of Lynchburg. This is her first year in teaching.

"I went back to school for my Master's in Education and found a passion for education," Powell says. "I originally applied for a Marketing teacher's position in Roanoke County and was offered the Special Education position for this school year.

"I played college softball and plan to assist with the varsity softball program this upcoming school season, along with coaching a 12U softball travel team. My free time in the spring will be spent at the softball field or with family and friends. My little sister and cousin both play softball at the University of Lynchburg. This is their senior year. So, I plan to attend as many games as possible."

Powell will be assisting with William Byrd varsity softball for the upcoming school season.

**Andrea Stevens** is teaching at William Byrd and Hidden Valley High schools – CTE classes, digital

photography, robotics, CAD, and electronics – "I love hands-on learning experiences."

She is originally from Philadelphia and graduated from WHS there. She is a graduate of Temple University.

The "amazing staff" at both WBHS and HVHS urged her to apply for her position.

"I love running and will be assistant cross country coach for HVHS. I have three high school students in the county, and I have an adorable French bulldog."

**Katy Nance** "was at William Byrd Middle for five years and am thrilled to be continuing as a Terrier at the high school. I will have last names starting with S-Z." She is originally from outside Philadelphia. She earned her Master's degree in Education from Wake Forest University.

"My daughter, a 2019 WBHS alum, graduated from the University of Virginia this year with a degree in Cognitive Science. She is working at the Developmental Neuroanalytics Lab at the University of Virginia where she is continuing her undergraduate research. My son, a 2022 alum of WBHS, just completed the first year at Virginia Commonwealth University. My husband, Wes, is Commonwealth's Attorney for Bedford County. I love spending time outside with my two pitbulls, Frank and Moe."

Nance will be continuing as the hurdle coach at WBHS.

**Lauren Pomeroy** will be working with all grade levels at WBHS as the LIFE Counselor, doing individual counseling, group counseling, and providing support to students."

She is originally from Roanoke and a graduate of Cave Spring High School. She received her Bachelor's degree at James Madison University and her Master's in Counseling at Virginia Tech. She has spent the past five years working in school mental health.

"I am a licensed counselor and absolutely love being able to provide my services to students while they are at school," Pomeroy says.

"I enjoy playing soccer, being active, and doing anything with my husband and our yellow lab, Ike."

Teacher **Junius Pannell** is working with seniors this year at William Byrd High School and will continue coaching indoor and outdoor track & field.

# Youth from page 1

Brisco, Jackson Wiegand, Mayson Hazlewood, Bronson Powers, Gaven Brisco, Nathan Schmidt, Hope Thompson, Malaysia Brown, and William "Booka" Lester. Coaches are Jeff Wiegand, Samantha Bailey, and Jeremy Thompson.

U10 Ladybugs with Coaches Mike Terrell, Curtis Hetherington, and Brad Greenway: Lucy Bernard, Londyn Terrell, McKenzie Neel, Olivia Heaps, Rylee Lutz, Chloe Hetherington, Carson Greenway, Bayleigh Edberg, and Ava Thornton.

U10 Ladybugs with Coaches William Henderson, Chris Ferris, and Eric Thiel: Abbey Hedrick, Addilynee Thiel, Delaney Blewett, Elizabeth Fraley, Janilla Henderson, Jayda Baldwin, Lucy Lineburg, Madison Pohlman, Makenzie Barton, Marina Mihelcic, Sage Hazlewood, and Skylor Ward.

U10 Wizards: Cooper Kincer, Dylan Jennelle, Miles Tatum, Axton Kelley, Grayson Sumpter, Colton Artrip, Deacon Copper, Mason Buford, Callen Reynolds, Emmett Erickson, Josh Johnson, and Michael Ensminger. Coaches are Seth Reynolds, Brandon Lovejoy, and Stephanie Artrip.

U10 Stars: King Brown, Carson Epps, Aidan Martin, Alexander Warf, Lucas Romeo, Liam Yeatts, Michael McGann, Colby Campbell, Wyatt Dagley, Ryan Fisher, Mason Fields, and Charlie Ralph. Coaches are Morgan Romeo and Devin Yeatts.

U12 Bull Dogs: no roster available  
Flag Football teams recognized include:

7U Bengals: Cason Campbell, Emmett States, William Lester, Hank Regal, Luke Rickerson, Isaiah Thompson, Oliver Haddon, Avery Thompson, and Ari McDaniel. Coaches are Rachael Haddon and Marcus Thompson.

7U Chiefs: Dash Jones, Conner Carter, Rawlings Lyle, Hasten Howell, Remington Chewning, Colton Holdren, Brody Holdren, Kathan Howell, Oliver Widner, and Jamison Poindexter. Coaches are Tyler Holdren and Mark Stegall.

9U Bengals: Riley Compton, Noah Holladay, John Madonna, Mason Bartley, Alexander Shepherd, Tucker Lafferty, Jackson Kendrick, Miles Berry, and Emelia Hebert, with Coaches Erin Berry and Andrea Hebert.

9U Eagles: Hudson Payne, Brantley Falls, Ryhana Haddon, Eli Robertson, Landon Sheridan, Levrett Miller, Riyaan Patel, Parker Russell, and Demitrice David. Coaches are Lincoln Miller and Travis Russell.

13U Chiefs: Bryce Phelps, Cash Woodard, Levi Riddle, Titus Dollahite, Eileen Patton, Gavin Wintz, Kyler Martin, and Cohen Berry with Coaches Dr. Andy Dollahite, James Martin, and Chris Berry.

Tackle football teams included:

8U Terriers: Shane Clinebell, Myles Price, Carter Breeden, Grant Savignac, Isiah Strother, Gunner Shepherd, Lucas Wendell, Cason Grubb, Colton Gordon, Drew Spradlin, Easton Shamblin, Malaki Dunbar, Mason Pelletier, Micah Palmer, William Hicks, and Brock Saucedo.

10U Terriers: Owen Gibson, Ashby Bernard, Landen Nichols, Carter Shamblin, Riggins Hill, Micah Hamlar, Bentley Perdue, Austin Wright, Jaxon Smith, Riley Fuller, Peyton Brooks, Landon Clinebell, Sylar Nute, Hayden McClure, Easton Nicely, Jacoby Weddle, Coulter Doss, Tyler Terry, Tyler Jones, Grayson Underwood, Gabriel Casey, Jace Weddle, Liam Krista, Brylan Shupe, Jace McCoy, Sawyer Hewitt, Ethan Holland, Ayden Rivens, and Grayson Underwood.

12U Terriers: Peyton Underwood, Rylan Lewey, Xavier Weeden, Brennan Leary, Ty Cobb, Jr. Hicks, Jacob Bryant, Garren Sutphin, Nate Gray, Jack Clark, Liam Roberts, Jackson Poindexter, Jacob Morris, Ben Amos, Jaden Smith, Cameron Creasy, Trevor Nunn, Colton Cunningham, Landon Morris, Briggs Kotz, Zach Taylor, Wyatt Magill, Josh Hale, Liam Shaw, and Conner Daugherty.

This year, the youth teams took the field after their recognitions to welcome the Terriers football players with the traditional "Hum" spirit song, followed by the presentation of colors by the WBHS Navy National Defense Cadet Corps (made up of Cadets Lenorah Garcia, Trevor Robinson, Noah Nicely, and Mason Perdue), the National Anthem performed by the Marching



The U10 Stars team and Coach Morgan Romeo were introduced at Youth Night.



The Marching Terriers presented their "Mind Over Matter" program during half-time.

Terriers band and the Pledge of Allegiance.

During half-time, the Marching Terriers—in full uniform—presented this season's program, "Mind Over Matter." The band is led by Corps Commander Dillon Colgan and Drum Major Becca Radford. The Horn Line Captains are Devin Colgan and Griffin Yakob. Percussion Captain is Aiden Eline. Color Guard Captain is Anibeth Dixon.

Instrumental soloists included Griffin Yakob, Dagan Miller, Josh Allen, and Dixie Venable. Color Guard soloists were Anibeth Dixon, Chloe Gill, and Emily Atwood.

Dan Plybon continues as Band Director, assisted by Ms. Jordan Downing, Color Guard Instructor Jenny Swartzel, and Percussion Instructor Kaylan Rowe.

The Marching Terriers roster for 2023-2024 includes seniors Devin Colgan, Dillon Colgan, Anibeth Dixon, Aidan Eline, Annika Hoagland, Matthew Klugas, Tyler Morrison, Zepp Shelor, Brooke Wimmer, and Griffin Yakob. Other band members are Renee Abrams, Josh Allen, Emily Atwood, Ceiliann Baldwin, Erica Barton, Aiden

Beasley, Katelyn Bennett, Braeden Booth, Greyson Bradford, Hudson Cain, Pedro Cardenas, Ryeli Catalan, Emily Clinebell, Kayden Creel, Draven Flinchum, Jaxon Fowler, Sam Geist, Chloe Gill, Kyleigh Ginger, Blair Godlesky, Nathaniel Hale, Milo Hart, Aaron Hemming, Sophie Hoagland, Landon Hollins, Austin Hornady, Cary Jones, Matthew Kalb, , Tatianna Kubik, Elizabeth Martinez, Layla Matz, Georgia McCutcheon, Ryan McIntyre, Dagan Miller, Ayden Morrison, Tyler Morrison, Kennedy Moseley, Sydney Nichols, Carlee Partleton, Genna Paul, Jeremy Paul, Becca Radford, Riley Rhine, Keith Schult, Blayke Shively, Zepp Shelor, Ramsay Stephens, Kayleigh Taylor, Zane Telsch, Catherine Underwood, Dixie Venable, Sammara Weaver, Owen Webb, Noah Wheeler, Emma Whitcomb, Levi Whitcomb, Noah Williams, Aaron Wood, Sabrina Wray, and Carsyn Yates.

This year's Band Booster President is Deanna Schuler.

Read the details of the Terriers 47-7 win over Hidden Valley High School in this week's sports pages.



The William Byrd High School Navy National Defense Cadet Corps presented the colors during the national anthem and Pledge of Allegiance. Shown left to right are Cadets Lenorah Garcia, Trevor Robinson, Noah Nicely, and Mason Perdue.



The Byrd cheerleaders and Dog Pound kept the crowd revved up during the game.

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# AARP Fraud Alert: Medicare Data Breach

Last month Medicare announced that one of its contractors had been hacked and the personal information of 612,000 Medicare beneficiaries was stolen. The security breach put Social Security numbers, birth dates, driver's license numbers, health insurance claims, medical history notes, prescription information and other personally identifiable information at risk.

Anyone whose information was compromised in the breach will be notified

by Medicare and offered two years of free credit monitoring. However, even if your data weren't stolen, this incident reminds us all of one stark reality – we have little control over much of our personal data.

So many companies and government entities have our personal data and so many have been hacked in the past that the most practical thing for people to do is assume that your information is out there and take the necessary precautions. Two things you can do to protect

against ID fraud are to check your credit reports regularly for suspicious activity (www.annualcreditreport.com), and be sure that you are using strong and unique passwords for all websites and storing them securely.

Be a fraud fighter! If you can spot a scam, you can stop a scam.

Report scams to local law enforcement. For help from AARP, call 1-877-908-3360 or visit the AARP Fraud Watch Network at www.aarp.org/fraudwatchnetwork. - AARP

# RECIPES OF THE WEEK

## Hawaiian Crockpot Chicken

Here is Pam Vaughan's "go-to recipe" for not just one, but two easy meals.

Ingredients:  
 2 lbs. boneless chicken, cut into chunks  
 3/4 cup crushed pineapple (small can of crushed pineapple will do)  
 1/2 cup soy sauce  
 3/4 cup firmly packed brown sugar  
 Put chicken in the crockpot. Mix other ingredients in a bowl, and then pour over chicken. Cook on low for 6 to 8 hours. Serve over rice.  
 Shred leftovers the next night, and reheat for chicken sandwiches.

# Touch-a-Truck returns to Green Hill Park on Sept. 23



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Touch-A-Truck returns to Roanoke County's Green Hill Park on Sept. 23 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Roanoke County Parks, Recreation, and Tourism invites children to "see, touch, interact with, and learn about dozens of cool vehicles. Look inside, sit inside, and climb all over any of these unusual vehicles and talk to their operators."

Additional favorite activities will involve water, such as Firemen's Foam, water spray, and much more. Food vendors and other special attractions will be on-site. Have a Vehicle &

Want to Participate? Does your business have an amazing vehicle to feature at Touch-A-Truck? Apply at <https://roanokecountyparks.com/FormCenter/Special-Events-24/TouchATruck-Participant-Form-75>. Once your application is received, event staff will review and contact your business / organization.

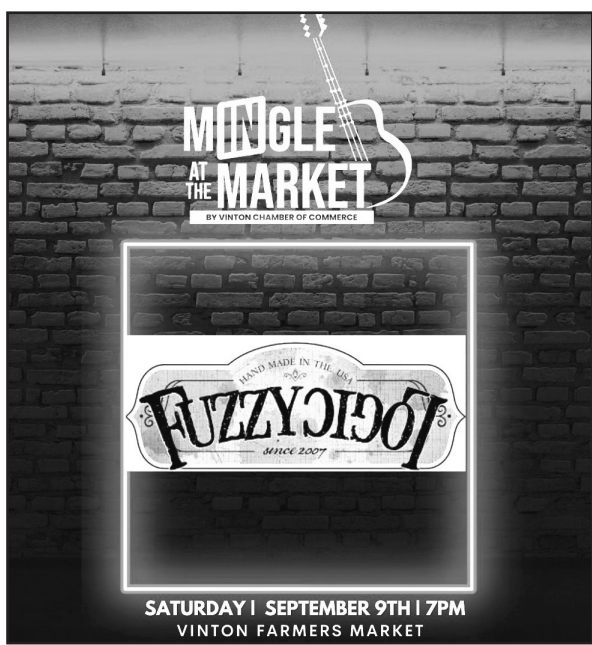
Over 200 vehicles have participated in previous events, including: firetrucks, garbage trucks, race cars, postal cars, back hoes, army cars, small planes, tow trucks, TV trucks, ambulances, school

buses, helicopters, cement mixers, motorcycles, Monster trucks, cherry pickers, snow plows, dump trucks, tractors, police cars, and many more.

Almost any vehicle fits the bill for this event, and we encourage you to bring multiple vehicles. It is important to have someone from your company/organization in attendance to talk about the vehicle and its operation. They will also be in charge of how much access the public is allowed. We look forward to you joining us in this one-of-a-kind community event!

# Mingle features Fuzzy Logic on Sept. 9; Southwest Virginia Wildlife Center will collect donations at event

The 2023 Mingle at the Market concert series continues this week on Sept. 9 at the Vinton Farmers' Market featuring the band Fuzzy Logic. The band's music is described as "a high-energy vocal-filled sound unlike any other in Southwest Virginia. With influences from the Eagles to Metallica to Keith Urban, from funk to country to rock or dance, they can bring a little of anything and everything to any event – Groovalistic funky, country-fried rock with Soul."



Gates open at 6:30 p.m. The music starts at 7 p.m. and continues until 10. The charge for admission is \$7. Since this is a family-friendly event, kids under 12 enter free. Bring your ID.

The concerts are sponsored by the Vinton Area Chamber of Commerce. Turnout for this year's concert series has been spectacular, to say the least.

This year's Mingle at the Market sponsors include Alcova Mortgage, Coastal Insurance Planning, MemberOne, PFG, Mountain View Real Estate, Fox Radio 910, ServPro, Winters Storage, Bank of Botetourt, the Vinton

War Memorial, Jason Boothe Realtor, 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 County, and RVTV.

Organizations or individuals interested in volunteering at the Mingle events should contact the Chamber office at 540-343-1364.

To make a donation to the Southwest Virginia Wildlife Center of Roanoke, visit [www.svwawildlifecenter.org](http://www.svwawildlifecenter.org). For more information visit the Facebook page.

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town, encompassing approximately four blocks of commercial buildings constructed from 1900 through the 1980s. The area is bounded by industrial and residential areas and an active railroad line.

Centered around the intersection of South Pollard Street and Lee Avenue, the streets are laid out in a grid pattern with curbs and public sidewalks. The district is generally bound by Walnut Avenue, Washington Avenue, Maple Avenue, and Jackson Avenue.

The one- and two-story buildings in the district post-date the formation of the town in 1884 and are of brick or concrete block construction. Construction has continued into the present as the area continues to function as the commercial hub for the town.

The buildings throughout the district reflect a palette of hybrid commercial styles. Common detailing includes corbelled brickwork, decorative pressed metal cornices, and rockface block facades. While some modifications have occurred over the years, they are generally limited to remodeled storefronts and some contemporary exterior cladding.

The PIF also notes, "On July 2, 2022, a fire occurred at 101 E. Lee Avenue. Due to structural damage from the fire, the building at 101 E. Lee Avenue, along with the buildings at 103 E. Lee Avenue, 107 E. Lee Avenue, and 208 S. Pollard Street have all been demolished and the lots at the southeast corner of E. Lee Avenue and S. Pollard Street are vacant."

The report presents specific details on some buildings in the proposed historic area:

"An early example of vernacular commercial construction is the ca.1900 commercial building at 131 E. Lee Avenue, which houses the Conner Group. One of the earliest buildings in downtown Vinton, this two-story, masonry building features decorative, pressed tin cornices at the parapet and above the storefront. The rockface block walls are laid in a pattern resembling Flemish bond with blocks of varying shapes of block. The central, recessed entrance is flanked by wood-frame storefront windows and transoms. A furniture store and a drugstore historically occupied the building."

Several other buildings within the district feature painted rockface block walls, including the nearby commercial buildings at 129 E. Lee Avenue (Citizen's Upholstery), 118 E. Lee Avenue (Vinton Chamber of Commerce) and 116 E. Lee Avenue (Cyndi's). The ca. 1922 First Baptist Church at 111 W. Jackson Avenue is also constructed of painted rockface blocks, which were handmade by local tradesman, Albert Woods. This church was organized by black congregants in 1883 and the current building replaced an earlier church building on the same site. This rectangular church has a front gable roof and stands on a concrete foundation. The façade is characterized by a projecting entrance bay.

The ca. 1935 building at 100 E. Lee Avenue (Vinton Appliance) is an example of vernacular commercial construction in the second quarter of the 20th century, when growth in Vinton was rapidly accelerating. The large, two-story brick building is sited on a prominent corner lot at E. Lee Avenue and S. Pollard Street. The façade comprises two storefront systems with central, recessed entrances flanked by plate glass windows in aluminum frames. Arched wood pediments with keystones surmount the second-story double-hung sash window openings.

The two buildings at the north end of the district (109 and 111 S. Pollard Street—Twin Creeks), are well-preserved mid-century examples of the Main Street Commercial style. These one-story, masonry buildings are characterized by brick facades, parapeted roofs, recessed entrances, and plate glass storefront windows. The buildings represent the evolution of vernacular commercial construction into the second half of the 20th century.

In summary, the form says, "The Vinton Downtown Historic District appears to be eligible for National Register listing at the local level of significance, under the Commerce criteria with a period of significance of 1884-1965, spanning from the incorporation date of the town through the year immediately following the 1963-1964 annexation, when the last significant development in the district within the last fifty years occurred."

## DONATIONS AT THE MARKET

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### MINGLE AT THE MARKET

Southwest Virginia Wildlife Center of Roanoke is a nonprofit (501(c)3) state and federally licensed veterinary hospital and wildlife rehabilitation facility that offers quality care and veterinary treatment to native wildlife of the Roanoke Valley and all of Southwest Virginia. We are one of the largest wildlife rehabilitation centers in Virginia in terms of animals we treat (2,600+ a year), 1 of 3 wildlife veterinary hospitals in the state that can admit threatened and endangered species, and serve as a regional hub for wildlife in need. Wildlife can't speak for themselves, but making a donation means you can hear their call for help.

The Southwest Virginia Wildlife Center of Roanoke will be at the September 9 Mingle at the Market accepting donations.

For more information and/or to make a donation, please visit [www.svwawildlifecenter.org](http://www.svwawildlifecenter.org) and please be sure to like/follow us on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and Tiktok.

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# Cute

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Children were invited to interact with the dogs and cats at the Dog Day event.



The Boys and Girls Clubs of Southwest Virginia

The day kicked off with storytime on the market stage led by the Vinton Library staff, followed by arts and crafts activities, games, and the opportunity to interact with dogs and cats from the RCACP, Field of Dreams, and Canny K9. Trainers from Field of Dreams and Canny K9 put on an exhibition of well-trained dogs on the market stage.

RCACP also sponsored a Pet Adoption event for several kittens and dogs. Children were encouraged to create scrap fabric and paper toys for the cats to play with in their kennels.

This was a free event, planned and facilitated by Caroline Loveland, Community Programs Coordinator for the Town of Vinton.

Schult's Hot Dogs was on site; vendor spaces were filled with goodies, and Gabby's Produce did brisk business selling both fresh produce and fall flowers.



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# Police

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sacrifice. Our car also pays tribute to all of our military service members, a constant reminder of the men and women serving around the world. That image is wrapped with our nation's flag and the skin of a military aircraft.

"Our focus was on designing a vehicle that our community will be proud of, but it was essential to highlight one crucial part of the design – the mental health of our service members. On the rear of our vehicle, we posted the graphics of the Veterans Crisis Line. We are forever in debt to the many Americans who join our Armed Forces. As Americans, we proudly and patriotically salute every service member of every generation. Our military men and women put it all on the line, and oftentimes, when their tour of duty ends, a struggle can begin. Our nation is a one-of-a-kind union with enormously diverse cultural customs with more unique characteristics than any other country in the world. It is the many qualities of every American that shape our nation. It is our military service members that protect those characteristics and the sovereignty of our nation. We want our vehicle to be a reminder that their service matters, and that they matter."

The Military Appreciation vehicle is not a new vehicle for the department, but part of the fleet. It was wrapped by Sun Solutions of Vinton, owned by Jeff Belcher.

While one side of the vehicle features the High Ground Monument, the other displays military personnel in silhouette surrounded by an American flag with stars charging forward. Officer Dibble says the OD military green powder color was chosen for the vehicle specifically to honor members of the armed services and to



PHOTO BY OFFICER JESSE DIBBLE

The Vinton Military Appreciation vehicle features military personnel in silhouette on one side, surrounded by the American flag with the stars charging forward.

resemble a World War II fighter plane, rivets and all. The windows are part of the design; you can see out, but not in. The rear of the vehicle displays the contact information for the Veterans Crisis Line—"Dial 988, then press 1." The crisis line provides confidential support 24/7/365 days a year to veterans, service members, National Guard and Reserve members, and those who support them. September is Suicide Prevention Month, supported by the Dept. of Veterans Affairs.

It also displays emblems for all branches of military service—the United States Navy, the United States Army, the United States Marine Corps, the Dept. of the Air Force, and the United States Coast Guard. There is a Vinton Police Dept. seal on both sides of the vehicle and Town of Vinton decals on both sides.

Anyone who comes from, lives in, or visits Vinton knows how much reverence

its citizens feel for the military and especially for Veterans— with the Vinton War Memorial built to honor World War II veterans, the High Ground Monument built to honor all who serve or have served, special observances for Veterans' Day, the establishment of the Navy Cadet Corps at William Byrd High School, and flag planting at the cemetery by local scout troops on Veterans Day and Memorial Day. The new Military Appreciation vehicle is one more reminder of those who have "always stepped forward to answer the nation's call."

Vinton's Human Resource and Risk Management Director Donna Collins is working with other staff members on another project honoring veterans inside the Municipal Building on Pollard Street. A Veterans' Wall is in the works honoring those who have served the country, including plaques and flags of the different branches of



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The rear of the Vinton Military Appreciation vehicle displays information for contacting the Veterans Crisis Line, as well as the emblems of all branches of the armed services.

the service.

She would like to add names of local veterans and military personnel to the interior wall and seeks assistance from the public in doing so.

If you, or a family

member, have served or currently serve and live or have lived in Vinton, and would like to participate, please send the service member's name, rank, date of service and branch of service to Collins, by

Oct. 10, if possible. Mail the information to Donna Collins, 311 South Pollard Street, Vinton, 24179 or email the information to her at [dcollins@vintonva.gov](mailto:dcollins@vintonva.gov). (There is no charge to participate in this project.)






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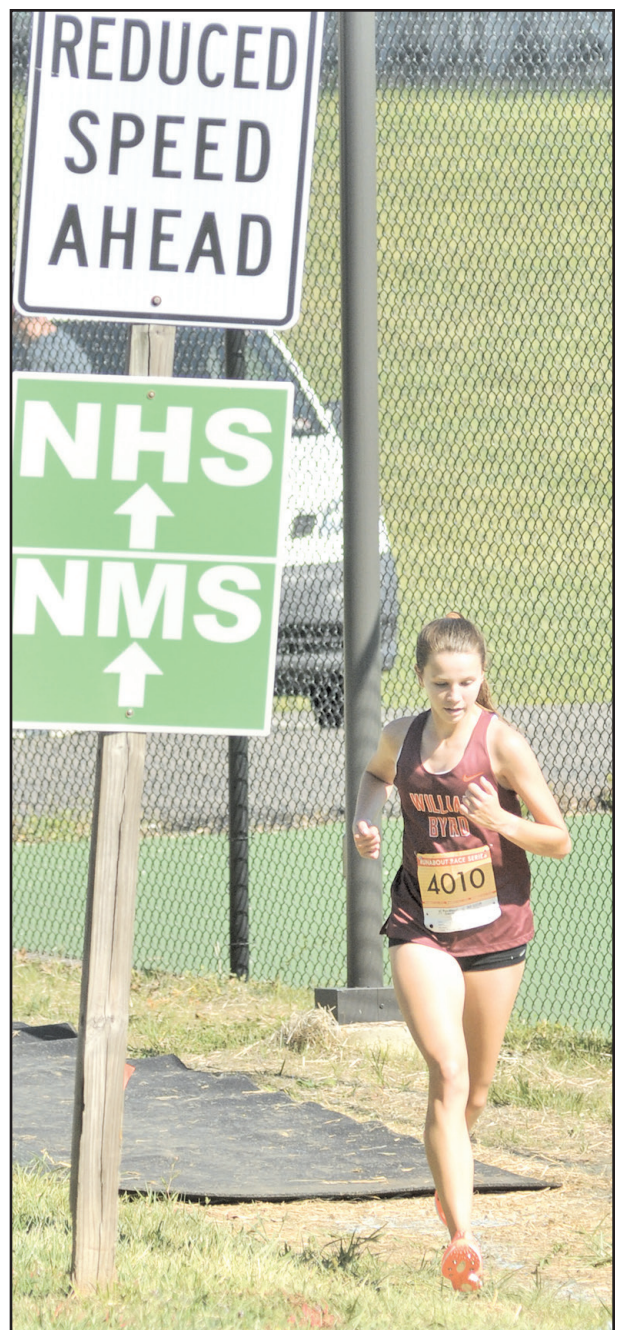
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The Byrd runners competed in the “Viking Invitational” at Northside last Saturday. Above left, Reagan Lilley was the first Byrd boy to finish. Above middle, Liz Dixon gets some encouragement from Byrd boys as she comes down the home stretch and, right, freshman Heidi Wienke doesn’t let the sign stop her from leading the Terrier girls to the finish line.

PHOTOS BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

## Terriers will run in huge meet Saturday

Green Hill Park in west Roanoke County will be the site of the 19th annual Knights Crossing Invitational Saturday, hosted by Cave Spring High School.

This yearly meet is always one of the biggest of the season in the state of Virginia for high school runners from all over. The Knights Crossing has been ranked as the third best invitational in the state according to the web site MileStat. Green Hill Park is a fast course that will once again host the Virginia High School League Class 1, 2 and 3 state championships in November.

“We are very excited about this year’s invitational that currently has 107 high schools and 67 middle school teams attending,” said Cave Spring’s Tommy Maguire, the meet organizer. “This will be our biggest Knights Crossing Cross Country Invitational yet and one of the largest athletic events held in the Roanoke Valley this year. This historic year also looks to be one of the fastest fields in our 19 years of hosting.”

This year’s Knights Crossing event will include

over 3,000 runners with races for schools of all sizes. There are 15 teams traveling from North Carolina, Tennessee, and West Virginia and several teams making the trip from the Richmond and Northern Virginia areas. Every local school will be represented.

The course will open at 7 am and the first race is scheduled to take the gun at 8 am. There are 11 races overall with the last to begin at 2:30 pm.

The William Byrd team warmed up for the Knights Crossing with a run in the Viking Invitational at Northside High School last Saturday morning. The home school “Pacers” team dominated the meet, winning both the girls’ and boys’ championships. The Byrd girls were fifth and the boys were ninth.

Leading the way for the Byrd girls was freshman Heidi Wienke, who finished 13th among 44 finishers with a time of 24:57. That’s a minute and 49 seconds better than her previous best.

Also scoring for the Byrd girls were Grace Woodcock in 27th, Elena Mullen in 28th, Liz Dixon

in 40th and Skylar Fitzgerald in 43rd.

For the boys, Reagan Lilley led the way with a 27th place among 76 runners. Also scoring were Colton Southerden, Vincent Liu, Cole Johnston and Chase Gonzales, and all four set new personal bests including a five minute and 32 second improvement by Liu.

There were also middle school races and the Pacer girls and Blacksburg boys won team championships. Alanna Fitzgerald was 39th to lead the Byrd girls and Cartston DiBenedetto was ninth overall to lead the Terrier boys. Both were running their first cross country meet.

## Golfers will host BRD at Blue Hills

The William Byrd golfers will be the host team when the Blue Ridge District tour comes to Blue Hills next week. The district mini-match will be held on Byrd’s home course on Tuesday, September 12.

This week’s stop in the tour was at Mariners Landing, hosted by Staunton River on

Tuesday, September 5. Northside and Lord Botetourt shot identical scores of 151 over nine holes at the Vikings maintained their 15 stroke lead in the season standings. Northside is now at 1,088 and LB is at 1,103.

Franklin County was third at Mariners Landing with a 158 and the Eagles

held third place at 1,128. Byrd shot a 161 and is fourth overall at 1,145 while Staunton River continues to bring up the rear. The Eagles shot a 192 Tuesday and stand at 1,393 for the season. William Fleming does not have a full team.

“161 is our second best nine hole score of the year,” said Byrd coach Hunter Thompson. “We are close to putting it all together and competing for a top spot in the district.”

Nathan Carter led Byrd with a one-over-par score of 37. Northside’s Nick Crawford shot two-under 34 for medalist honors and that allowed him to inch past Carter for the individual season lead.

Freshman David Foster had Byrd’s next best score at Mariners Landing with a 38, and he’s ninth in the overall standings. Also scoring for the Terriers on Tuesday were Andrew Kiker with a 41 and Tyler Chambers and Landon Haithcock tied for the fourth scoring spot with 45 each.

“We’re looking forward to our home match next Tuesday where we are most comfortable playing,” said Thompson.



Tyler Chambers studies his shot. PHOTO BY SUZANNE WITCHER



William Byrd Middle School principal Evan Noell(center) holds the weight that will be in Vinton following the Terriers win over Cave Spring in the “Noell Bowl” last week.

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## Middle School football is 4-0

The William Byrd Middle School football team remained undefeated with a 60-0 win over Smith Mountain Lake Christian Academy on Tuesday. The Terriers are now 4-0.

Last week the middle school team took a 20-0 win over previously undefeated Cave Spring Middle School at Bogle Field. The game initiated a new tradition between the two middle schools, started by Byrd coach Ryan Hutchison. The game has been dubbed the “Noell Bowl” in honor of Byrd Middle School principal Evan Noell and his brother, Josh, who is an assistant principal at Cave Spring Middle School. A 45 pound plate will be housed at the winning school each year in honor of the rivalry.

Byrd will play Andrew Lewis Middle School at Salem Stadium a week from today, and that’s shaping up as a big one. Both teams are still undefeated.

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from the two yard line to make it 21-0 with Bricen Lancaster’s extra point kick in the second period.

The Titans answered with their only touchdown on a nine yard pass play to cut the lead to 21-7 at the half. However, Byrd scored three times in the third quarter to put it away. Hairston ran one in from the two, Maurice Burnette took an interception 21 yards to the house and Jamez Toler ran for a score as Byrd led 42-7 after three quarters.

Byrd added a Lancaster 38 yard field goal and a safety on a Jahdai English tackle to finish out the scoring in the fourth period. In addition to the field goal Lancaster is now perfect on 16 extra point attempts.

Statistically, Hairston had a big night with seven carries for 78 yards and he added six pass completions in 11 attempts for 48 more stripes. Andrews had 73 yards rushing on 14 carries, Lane Shoemaker gained 11 on two attempts and Kiker and Toler both scored on their only carries. Cooper Minnix led the receivers with three catches for 31 yards.

On defense Hairston was equally effective with four solo tackles and an interception that he returned 30 yards. In addition to his “pick six” Burnette had three solos, a sack and four quarterback pressures. Ethan Haston and English had three solo tackles each while Jonathan Rosser and English

had two each. Rosser also had a sack, a tackle for a loss and two pass breakups.

“Our players take a lot of pride in our defense,” said Lutz. “We are fortunate to have an older group this year, and they are playing with a lot of confidence. We still have a lot of work to do on defense, but our players are tackling well and playing well together.”

This week the defense will have their work cut out for them as the Terriers travel to Christiansburg for their first road game of the season. The Blue Demons have been equally impressive in their first two games, winning 42-0 over Floyd in their opener and 45-7 at Abingdon last week. Christiansburg was the Region 3D champion under coach Alex Wilkens last year, running up a 10-4 record that included a 41-0 win over Byrd in Vinton.

“They are a big, fast, strong and talented football team,” said Lutz. “A lot of the starters on their team had significant roles on their regional championship team last year.”

The Byrd jayvees also won last week, 54-0, and they’ll be at home tonight to host Christiansburg at 6 pm on Highfill Field. Tomorrow the varsity is hoping to take what has been a big home advantage along with them.

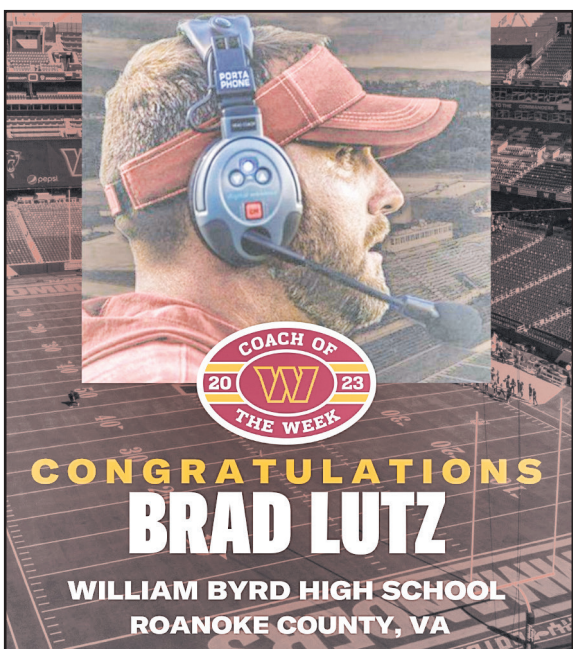
“Our home crowd has been a huge advantage for us the last two weeks,” said Lutz. “I look forward to seeing our fans and the Dog Pound make the trip to Christiansburg on Friday.”

## Lutz is Coach of the Week

William Byrd football coach Brad Lutz has been selected as the Week 2 Coach of the Week by the Washington Commanders Charitable Foundation. Recognition of this award will be showcased on the @CommandersCR social media platforms.

“We want to thank you for your positive leadership and dedication to your student athletes and the Roanoke County Public Schools community,” said Mariah Sakellaris of the Charitable Foundation in a letter to Lutz. “We recognize your passion, dedication, and motivation for your players to be successful in high school and beyond.”

William Byrd High School will receive a \$1,000 grant in honor of Lutz’ selection. Brad will be the guest of the Commanders on the weekend of January 6 when Washington hosts the Dallas Cowboys for a Coach of the Week celebration.



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Above, Byrd quarterback Israel Hairston takes the snap from center Hayden Lish(#60) as linemen Nick Bustamante(#50), BJ Cheatwood(#65) and tight end Elliott Gaines(#12) fire off the line. In the backfield is Lane Shoemaker(#6). Below right, Jerrett Shepherd tackles a Titan ballcarrier. PHOTOS BY SUZANNE WITCHER

## Terriers will have test at C'burg after pounding Titans to go 2-0

The William Byrd football team is making believers among the Roanoke Valley high school gridiron crowd. The Terriers improved to 2-0 on the season with a dominating 47-7 win over Hidden Valley at Vinton's Patterson Stadium last Friday.

In two weeks Byrd has now outscored the opposition 119-7 while putting up big offensive numbers and strong defense. This is the first season Byrd has opened with two wins since 2018.

"Our coaching staff is very happy with the improvements we are seeing on the field," said Byrd coach Brad Lutz. "We're getting a lot of offensive production from our entire team. Ten different players have scored points for us, and that creates a strong commitment and team environment in the huddle and the locker room.

"Defensively, we are getting a lot of players on the field, which has led to a lot of quality depth for our defense. Getting more players involved gives our team even more value, and that leads to the confidence we need to play well as a team. Our coaches are really proud of the young men in our football program."

Last Friday Byrd scored the first three touchdowns of the game to take an early lead. Brayden Andrews and Israel Hairston both ran for five yard TDs in the first quarter as Byrd led 14-0 after 12 minutes. Then John Kiker bulled over

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## Girls will play in renovated Byrd gym this week



Above, Byrd's Terran Brown goes up for a spike in last week's match at Glenvar. Right, Kate Bryant fakes a set and two-hands one over the net. PHOTOS BY BRIAN HOFFMAN



The William Byrd volleyball team will finally get some home games this week. The Terriers are scheduled to host Liberty High and Hidden Valley in the refurbished gymnasium at William Byrd High School.

The gym has received a new floor and paint design as well as upgraded lighting, heating, ventilation and air conditioning. The upgrades were part of the school wide construction project, and the girls played their first five matches, as well as two scrimmages, on enemy floors as the work in the Byrd gym was being completed.

"We're looking forward to getting into our beautiful new gym," said Byrd coach Allison Thornton.

Byrd was scheduled to lift the lid on the new digs Wednesday. That match was originally scheduled for Tuesday, but pushed back a day to make sure everything was ready. Tonight Byrd will host 2022 Class 3 state runnerup Hidden Valley.

Last Thursday at Glenvar the Terriers took on the 2022 Class 2 state champion Highlanders in what is a very challenging non-district schedule. The Byrd girls fell to 2-3 with a three-set loss to the Highlanders, 25-23, 25-15 and 25-23.

Terran Brown led Byrd with eight kills and also had a pair of aces and eight digs. Maddie Pittman and Graysen Divers had six kills each while Kate Bryant dished out 21 assists and had nine digs. Emily Tuck led Byrd with 13 digs and Kaylee Makuch had eight.

Next Tuesday, September 12, a tough schedule continues when Glenvar returns the trip for a match against the Byrd girls in Vinton.







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