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The congregation at Thrasher Memorial UMC on Washington Avenue in Vinton surrounded the church in the annual Prayer Circle, held on Sept. 10.

Thrasher Memorial UMC continues annual Prayer Circle tradition

The congregation at Thrasher Memorial United Methodist Church in Vinton gathered to pray for the church, the community, and the world with the annual Prayer Circle around the church on the morning of September 10. The Prayer Circle is a tradition which began at Thrasher in September 2014 with the Thrasher Memorial UMC Prayer Ministry Team.

Participants surrounded the church, joined hands, and faced inward at first, praying silently for Thrasher's ministries, its staff, its members, and its missions.

After five minutes, the church bell tolled, and the circle turned to face outward, praying for the community in Vinton and the world at large, especially for those affected by natural disasters in the United States and abroad.



The congregation turns inward towards the church (here) to pray for the church and its ministries, and then faced outward (photo above) praying for the community and the world.

PHOTOS BY DEBBIE ADAMS

Coffey earns Eagle Scout rank, Scouting's highest honor



IMAGE COURTESY OF TOM COFFEY

Alex Coffey of Vinton recently earned his Eagle Scout rank, Scouting's highest honor. He is a member of Troop 584 that meets at Bonsack UMC.

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Methodist Church. His Eagle Scout Award Ceremony was held at the end of August. He has also been selected to the prestigious Order of the Arrow, the BSA honor society.

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Alex Coffey of Vinton has earned Scouting's highest honor—the rank of Eagle Scout. He is a member of Troop 584 based in Bonsack, meeting weekly at Bonsack United

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Permanent speed limit changes coming soon on Gus Nicks Blvd.

We're Making Updates to Gus Nicks Blvd!

Beginning October 2, 2023 the existing 25 MPH zone on Gus Nicks Blvd. is being extended

Where Extending the existing 25 MPH from Garthright Bridge on Washington Ave. to Town limits on Gus Nicks Blvd.

What New pavement striping, 25 MPH signs and Reduced Speed Ahead signs

Why ✓ Increased activity from fully-occupied Billy Byrd apartments, Gish Mill, Glade Creek Greenway, Vinyard Park and new and expanded downtown businesses

- ✓ Increased pedestrian and vehicle safety
- ✓ Better connectivity and access to surrounding amenities

Beginning October 2, 2023

SLOW DOWN on Gus Nicks Blvd.

the existing 25 MPH zone on Gus Nicks Blvd. is being extended to make the corridor safer for pedestrians, vehicles and anyone enjoying Vinton's amenities!

- Existing 25 MPH zone
- 25 MPH zone extension beginning October 2, 2023

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The Town of Vinton is growing rapidly, especially the downtown area, and as a result the town is instituting some new traffic patterns beginning October 2 to accommodate that growth.

The Billy Byrd apartments are now fully occupied. Construction is set to begin soon on the Gish Mill redevelopment project. The Glade Creek Greenway is continuing to

expand, along with Vinyard Park athletic events—not to mention the new Pollard 107 South restaurant, new businesses at Vinyard Station, booming business at Pok-E-Joe's, and the addition of the Twin Creeks Outdoor Music Pavilion, with more to come.

Beginning on October 2, the existing 25 MPH speed limit zone on Washington Avenue will be extended from Garthright

Bridge to the town limits to make the corridor safer for motorists, pedestrians, residents, businesses, and visitors.

The town is asking drivers to begin acclimating themselves to the new speed limit during the month of September. Signage of all types and striping have been, and will be, put in place to help illustrate the boundaries of the zone.

Submitted by Town of Vinton

Chris's Coffee & Custard features local artists with 'Art at Chris's'



PHOTO COURTESY OF ALLYSON GOIN

Chris's Custard & Coffee features local artist (and William Byrd High School art teacher) Allyson Goin in "Art with Chris's" during September and October. Her works include wood burning and acrylics.

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or pastry or coffee/cappuccino, you can also feast your eyes on the artwork decorating the walls—currently featuring William Byrd High School art teacher Allyson Goin. Several pieces of her work are on display and on sale at Chris's during September and October.

"Art at Chris's" is an art show partnership/fundraiser that benefits both local artists and the young adult employees of Chris's Coffee & Custard.

Chris's, established by Beth Woodrum and her son, Chris, opened in March 2021 to create job opportunities for those

If you haven't had a dish or cone of frozen custard from Chris's Coffee & Custard on 9th Street in Roanoke, it's time to stop by for a fantastic treat. While you are enjoying your dessert or sandwich

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DAR opens 2023-24 year in a new location, with induction of new members



The Roanoke Valley Chapter National Society Daughters of the American Revolution inducted three new members at their meeting on Sept. 9. Pictured left to right are Registrar Janice Taylor, new members Kathryn Phillips, Lynn Thompson, and Sheila Campbell, with Regent Cindy Higgins.



PHOTOS BY DEBBIE ADAMS

Several members of the Roanoke Valley Chapter NSDAR presented a certificate of appreciation and Trex bench to the Rev. James Davis and St. Timothy Evangelical Lutheran Church in Vinton, thanking them for the meeting space they have provided to the DAR for over 20 years. Pictured left to right are Sheila Campbell, Janice Taylor, Diane Goode, Regent Cindy Higgins, Rev. James Davis, Sharon Menzies, Lisa Gascoyne, Heather Menzies, Shannon Campbell, and Sabra Breslin.

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The Roanoke Valley Chapter National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR) began the new 2023-24 year in a new location. The organization, founded in 1967, has been meeting at St. Timothy Evangelical Lutheran Church on Hardy Road in Vinton for over 20 years, but has outgrown the meeting space. They will now be meeting just across the street at Campbell Memorial Presbyterian Church in a larger space on the second Saturday of most months from September through May.

The chapter also kicked off the year with three new members— Kathryn Phillips, Sheila Campbell, and Lynn Thompson—inducted by DAR Regent Cindy Higgins and Registrar Janice Taylor.

Higgins announced the awards presented to the Roanoke Valley Chapter NSDAR at the District VII meeting in

July at the Vinton War Memorial:

- Blue Ribbon for Chapter Achievement Awards (51-100 Members)
- Chapter Book Club Award
- Certificate for Donations to Hindman Settlement School
- Certificate for Viewing DAR Schools Videos on DAR School Committee Webpage
- Certificate for Collection of 3000 pounds of Plastic for Town Benches
- Outstanding Community Support Through Community Conservation to Provide six Community Benches
- 1st Place Tie with Botetourt County - Highest Number of Coupons Clipped for Active Duty Military Overseas
- Certificate for “Adopt A Service Member”
- Certificate for Appreciation of Support of Children of the American Revolution (C.A.R.)

Higgins received an individual award from The National Volunteer Information Specialist Committee, Eastern Division, for Outstanding Use of Technology.

Vice Regent Shannon Campbell presented a September history moment on the “Mighty Mo,” a United States Navy battleship—the USS Missouri—which was the site of the Japanese surrender on Sept. 2, 1945. It was also famous for winning eight battle stars during World War II and the Korean War. The ship now serves as a Museum Ship at Pearl Harbor, anchored near the USS Arizona.

Member Sharon Menzies announced that the annual Blankets for Veterans project is underway. The fringe has been cut for 21 blankets, which DAR members will tie during their October meeting. The blankets will be presented to veterans in the Roanoke Valley on Valentine’s Day 2024.

Menzies also reported

on the Trex bench recycling project which has resulted in the donation by the Trex Corporation of at least seven benches to the Town of Vinton and other local groups chosen by the DAR. The DAR partnered with the Town of Vinton, Food Lion, and PFG to collect thousands of pounds of soft plastic recyclables (500 pounds earns one bench). Several of the benches have or will be placed on the local greenway. The project is ongoing.

Sheila Campbell informed members of a new project this year—walking/riding in the Roanoke Veteran’s Day Parade on November 11. In past years, the DAR chapter has participated by gathering as a group to watch the parade at the Market Building in downtown Roanoke, but this year, they have elected to actively join the parade itself. There will be room for 14-16 to ride on a trailer, some dressed in Colonial outfits, with a banner of their individual



PHOTO BY CINDY HIGGINS

The Roanoke Valley Chapter NSDAR has presented an America 250 plaque to the Wilderness Road Regional Museum in Newbern, which will be dedicated on Sept. 24.

Patriots on display—“Honoring our Patriots Past and Present.” Others will walk beside the float.

Registrar Janice Taylor shared details of the DAR America 250 Patriot’s plaque dedication scheduled for Sunday, Sept. 24, at 3 p.m. at the Wilderness Road Regional Museum in Newbern. The Roanoke Chapter took on the project to fulfill

a National DAR goal of placing markers in advance of the celebration of the nation’s upcoming 250th birthday.

In an invitation issued for the dedication ceremony, Taylor said, “This dedication is designed to raise appreciation amongst current and future generations of Americans

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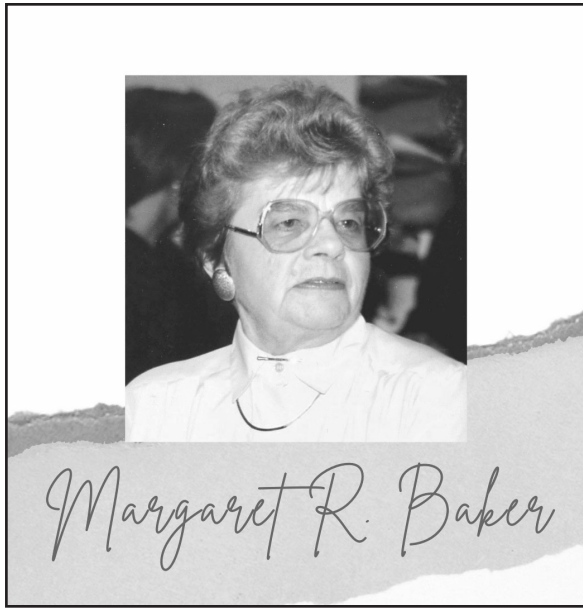
We are so sorry we had to cancel Mingle at the Market last weekend. With the weather looking iffy, and all the moving parts, we felt it was best to make that decision. We are trying to reschedule the event. Join us at our next Mingle on September 23 with 5 Shades of Grey.

The Margaret R. Baker Charitable Foundation, Inc., has announced "A Star Filled Weekend" with three fundraising events taking place in Roanoke on Saturday, Sept. 30 and Sunday, Oct. 1, including a visit from the new CEO of Miss America, Robin Fleming. Proceeds will provide scholarships for young women and men in Virginia.

First up is a "Crown Showcase"—Forever Miss Virginia's Anniversary Celebration and Show at 7 p.m. at the Dumas Center in Roanoke.

Barbara Guthrie Lay, Miss Virginia 1958, is celebrating her 65th anniversary of winning the Miss Virginia crown. Barbara is the first Miss Martinsville to win the title. She enjoyed a successful career as a model, author, speaker, and entrepreneur which she fully credits the Miss Virginia title with giving her. A few years ago, she made international headlines when she was diagnosed with Covid 19 and was pronounced dead. A few minutes later, Barbara shocked the medical community when she came back to life. She and her husband, Tony, declare that it was a miracle healing.

Kylene Barker McNeill, Miss Virginia 1978 and Miss America 1979, is celebrating her 45th anniversary of becoming Miss Virginia



Margaret R. Baker PHOTO COURTESY ANGIE CHEWNING

and then being the first Miss Virginia to win the Miss America Competition. Kylene's career included stints as a fashion correspondent on the NBC's Today Show, ownership of a fashion boutique in Florida, author, and an international

spokesperson for many national corporations, among other successful positions.

Miss Virginia and Miss Virginia's Teen titleholders will be joining Roanoke's Lowell Hill to perform during this special evening of entertainment. They include Jeanie Smith VandeLinde, Roanoke's Miss Virginia 1970; Terri Bartlett Osborne, Miss Virginia 1977; Beverly Cooke Young, Miss Virginia 1982; Nancy Glisson Lucy, Miss Virginia 1993 and 4th runner-up to Miss America 1994; Kelli Quick, Miss Virginia 1997 and a Miss America non-finalist talent award winner; Meghan Shanley, Miss Virginia 2001; Courtney Garrett Coburn, Miss Virginia 2014 and 1st runner-up to Miss America 2015; Roanoke's Isabella Jesse, Miss Virginia's

Outstanding Teen 2017; Ayana Johnson, Miss Virginia's 2022 Outstanding Teen; and Victoria Chuah, Miss Virginia 2022. The current Miss Virginia, Katie Rose, will also participate in the event.

On Sunday, Oct. 1 at 11:30 a.m. there will be a brunch at the Shenandoah Club in Roanoke—"Ladies Who Launch"—with a Q/A session with the CEO of Miss America, Robin Fleming.

Later that afternoon, at 4:30 p.m., there will be "A Star Filled Evening" with Fox News Sunday Host and Miss Virginia 1990, Shannon Bream; Camille Schrier, Miss Virginia 2019/Miss America 2020; and Kylene Barker McNeill, Miss Virginia 1978/Miss America 1979 at Rockledge on Mill Mountain, the home of Doctors Nancy and Kevin Dye.

For more information contact Mark Schreier, President of the Margaret R. Baker Charitable

Foundation, at (540) 797-8791. www.margaretbaker.org.

Vinton Public Works Dept. issues monthly report for August

The Vinton Public Works Department monthly report for August 2023 indicates that 66 work orders were completed during the month. Over 309 tons of Municipal Waste and Wood Waste were collected, along with 48 tons of Residential Waste and Wood Waste. Staff collected 59 tires during the quarterly event. Over four tons of curbside recycling was collected.

As for Fleet Maintenance, during August, five police vehicles were serviced, along with four Public Works Light and Medium Duty Vehicles, and six Public Works heavy duty vehicles. State Inspections were completed on four vehicles. Maintenance work was completed on eleven public works vehicles and trailers.

There were 11 instances of Storm Drain repair and maintenance, with 66 feet of storm drain pipe installed. Staff completed three pothole and shoulder repairs, using 7.5 tons of asphalt.

The grounds crew completed tree, brush, and mowing maintenance of right-of-ways, pesticide sprayings of right-of-ways, and maintenance of alley tree and vegetation.

Work orders were completed involving sign and signal repair and pavement marking.

Staff set up for three special events, and completed 17 utility markings, with 40 hours spent on watering trees and

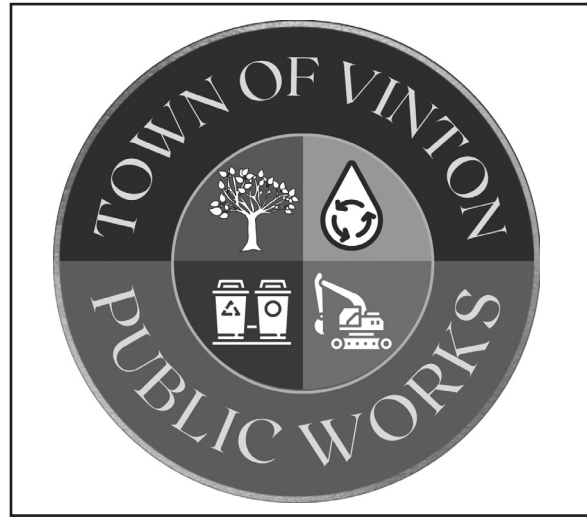


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flowers throughout the town.

In other Vinton Public Works news, Town Manager Pete Peters says Roanoke County is planning to relocate the recycling station from William Byrd Middle School to the athletic fields below the Billy Byrd apartments in late September. The recycling containers will be patrolled and emptied daily by Roanoke County Staff. Roanoke County will also be paving the access road near the athletic fields and for the bus lot and fuel center.

VDOT has issued an IFB for their FY24 paving cycle that includes the Full-Depth Reclamation (FDR) project for Mountain View Road. Construction is anticipated in Spring/Summer 2024.

The Town's 2023 paving cycle (\$1.5M) has been delayed by the contractor to October/November, with some segments potentially being pushed to spring 2024.

The Public Works staff has completed a substantial right-of-

way cutback project to remove trees, brush, and overgrowth along Gus Nicks Boulevard near Garthright Bridge. This will help with visibility entering into the Town and assist with the speed reduction campaign.

Cleveland Avenue pavement striping is expected to be completed on September 12 and 13. Staff is replacing street signs along Cleveland Ave. in conjunction with street striping and pedestrian accommodations.

Public Works has also been working to expand the dumpster pad at Farmers Market to meet demand from increased activity from the Mingles concerts, Twin Creeks Brewing Company, and Pollard 107 South.

Staff will be providing a second ADA parking space on Lee Avenue near the Dogwood Restaurant to meet citizen/visitor requests.

Staff continues to repair sinkholes throughout Vinton as result of failing pipes and the heavy rainstorm that occurred on July 23.

Submitted by Town of Vinton

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with special needs. It has recently expanded to include a food truck for special events.

Woodrum says she has been blessed with three awesome sons, including Chris who has Down Syndrome. When he was nearing graduation from Cave Spring High School, she had a dream to create opportunities for Chris and others in the community with special needs for gainful and meaningful employment.

Their business empowers individuals with intellectual, developmental, and physical disabilities through social, communication, and vocational skills training, especially those young adults who have "aged-out" of school. Woodrum says that having a job helps build self-esteem.

On their business's website, Woodrum says, "Our

most significant goal is to make a positive change in a person's life. Having a job and receiving a paycheck will give them a sense of dignity, purpose, and belonging, and help develop independence. These individuals with special God-given gifts, talents and abilities will definitely create positive changes in our customers and our community!"

As for the local artists who display their work at Chris's, they too benefit from the new art show program. They receive 70% of the proceeds from the sale; the remaining 30% is a donation to Lov/ABLE Services/Chris's Coffee & Custard.

In planning the art shows, Chris's suggested art prices limited to \$100. Artists who would like to participate submit images of their work and a brief bio. When they are accepted, their artwork is installed,

titled, and priced. Customers may purchase pieces of art by cash or check. As their works are sold, the artists are able to replenish their displays.

Goin says she was tagged by a friend on Facebook about the art show opportunity.

"I looked into what Chris's what doing, and I sent an email and applied to the person in charge," Goin says. "I was asked about displaying for the months of September and October.

"I wanted to participate for two reasons: I wanted to challenge myself by creating my own artwork and putting it on display (and for sale) for others to see. I also felt it was a wonderful opportunity to be a part of raising funds for a great organization.

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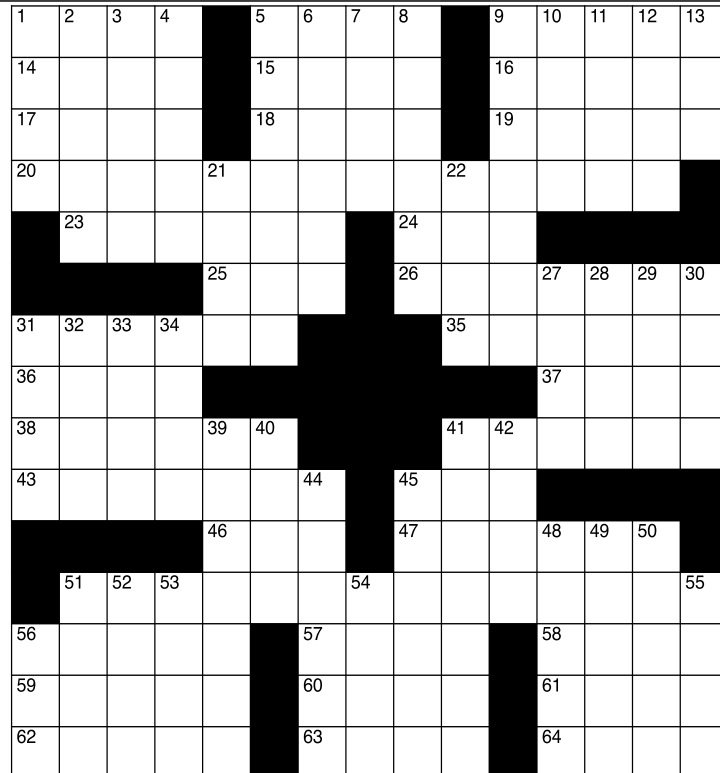
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- Approves food
- Golf ball supports
- Pearl Harbor actress Rue
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- Cancer detecting smear

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Roanoke Valley CROP Walk scheduled for Oct. 8

The Roanoke Valley CROP Hunger Walk celebrates 40 years as the leading Roanoke Valley walk event that brings together all members of our community including young and old, all faiths and walks of life for a common goal: to end hunger, one step at a time.

Walkers and sponsors of walkers are encouraged to participate. The one-

mile and four-mile walks start at First Evangelical Presbyterian Church on October 8 at 2 p.m. There will be a "CROP Rockers" area on site for folks with mobility issues.

DJ Mac McCadden will provide music and encouragement for all participants. Light snacks and water will be available.

Register as a team or individual at <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2023/event/roanokeva>.

Contact Janet Chisom for walk materials (packets, stickers, fliers, posters, inserts), janet.chisom@salempres.org or 540-389-3881.

All participants will receive a 40th anniversary year t-shirt designed by Russell Chu. The fundraising goal for the walk is \$21,000.

Vinton History Museum 'Collectibles, Vintage and Holiday Sale'

The Vinton History Museum, as part of the Vinton Fall Festival, is conducting a "Collectibles, Vintage, and Holiday Sale" on the lawn of the Vinton History Museum beginning at 10 a.m. on October 7.

A variety of collectibles, woven baskets, dolls, decorating items, crystal, china, stoneware, jewelry, miniatures, holiday decorations, Memory Pergola bricks, and much

more will be available for purchase.

All proceeds will benefit the various Vinton History Museum operation and maintenance.

The items were generously donated by friends of the Vinton Historical Society.

The Vinton History Museum is located at 210 E. Jackson Ave. For more information email info@vintonhistorymuseum.org or (540)342-8634.

Vinton Wesleyan Church welcomes new Music Director Anette Lloyd

Vinton Wesleyan Church welcomes Anette Lloyd to their staff as Worship Leader/Music Director. Anette grew up in Roanoke. She is a graduate of William Fleming High School.

She received her Bachelor's Degree in Fine Arts with a Minor in Secondary Education from Roanoke College in 2006. She is a licensed K-12 Visual Arts teacher in the state of Virginia. She is currently an art teacher at William Fleming High School.

Anette began singing regularly in church at the age of 3. She began playing the piano regularly for church at age 14. She played the cello at age 11 and played in the Roanoke Junior Strings and then Roanoke Youth Symphony through 12th grade. She has taken private voice lessons throughout high school and college. She has also had lead roles in various musicals with Showtimers Community and Logos Theatrics theatre companies.

She has performed



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Anette Lloyd has been named as the new Worship Leader/Music Director at Vinton Wesleyan Church.

the national anthem at various Salem Red Sox games, as well as the Roanoke Railyard Dawgs and Virginia Tech ice hockey games.

Anette has a love for church music ministry. She has held Worship Leader/Music Director positions in several churches in the Roanoke area. She has experience in organizing worship teams and praise bands.

In her spare time, she enjoys spending time with her husband Mark and daughter Katie.

Vinton Wesleyan and Anette are excited for this new season of music ministry.

Vinton Wesleyan Church is located at 246 East Jefferson Ave., Vinton.

Submitted by Joyce Rodriguez, Vinton Wesleyan Church

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Living Water

Read Ezekiel 47:1 through 48:35

Many old Western movies show parched travelers, desperate for water. Their boots shuffle in the dust, their legs give way. Finally, they see water in the distance. One cowboy runs up, cupping his hands into the watering hole, but his companion stops him short. Soon, we realize why. The camera pans the watering hole. There are no living things—not one sign of life. A skeleton or two reinforce the scene. Stagnant water brings death.

By contrast, where water is flowing, life thrives. This water can quench, refresh, and sustain the thirst of a weary traveler.

"Swarms of living creatures will live wherever the river flows. There will be large numbers of fish, because this water flows there and makes the salt water fresh; so where the river flows everything will live" (Ezekiel 47:9).

Feeling fatigued? Parched? Are our souls thirsty for a drink? Or maybe you're fine. Whatever the case, we can kneel, cup our hands in prayer, and soak up the satisfying, living water God provides.

Challenge for Today: Immerse yourself in God's living water today.

Quicklook: Ezekiel 47:1-12

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, 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.

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Pride Fest 2023 scheduled for Sept. 16 at Vinton War Memorial

The second annual Pride Fest is set for Saturday, Sept. 16, at the Vinton War Memorial from noon until 6 p.m. Activities will include live entertainment (music and dancing), inspiring speakers, a family zone, carnival rides, a petting zoo, food trucks, a vendor marketplace, and more. RCACP (Regional Center for Animal Care and Protection) and Angels of Assisi will be on hand for a pet adoption event.

Organizers invite the community to join them for a “vibrant celebration of love, diversity, and equality. Get ready for a day filled with joy, empowerment, and community as we come together to honor and embrace the LGBTQ+ community and our allies. Engage in meaningful conversations, forge new connections, and support local businesses and organizations dedicated to

promoting inclusivity and acceptance.

“Our festival is a safe and welcoming space for everyone, where love knows no boundaries and differences are celebrated. Let’s stand together in solidarity and celebrate the vibrant tapestry of our LGBTQ+ community. Together, we can create a future where love and acceptance thrive.”

The Pride Fest “Building a Better Future” event is sponsored by non-profit Southwest Virginia Pride.

Platinum sponsors for Pride Fest 2023 are Pumpnickel Pickle catering and Kroger; Winter’s Storage is the gold sponsor; silver sponsors include Truist, C.P.U.S. Mail, Park Chapel, and Rosie’s Gaming Emporium. Bronze sponsors are Ridge View Bank, Tito’s Handmade Vodka, Virginia Rural Health Association, UUCR, Lotz, and

the Commonwealth Coach and Trolley Museum. Crystal sponsors include Carilion Clinic, Andrew Christian, the Next Door Realty Group, and the Roanoke Diversity Center. Community Partners are the Council of Community Services, the Drop-In Center, Flowers by Eddie, and Park Chapel.

Gates open at 11:30 a.m. There is no charge for admission.

Complimentary shuttle services will be available to and from the festival grounds at selected parking areas, including River Park Shopping Center on Bypass Road. The expected attendance based on last year’s turnout is 8,000-10,000 with 100 paid vendors.

Visit <https://www.facebook.com/swvapride> for updates.

Submitted by Southwest Virginia Pride

DAR from page 2

Soldier Experience: Alfred E. “Dixie” Caldwell

- Enlisted March 7, 1942
- Deployed to Italy
- Reported captured December 15, 1944
- He remembered getting up at dawn and being sent on the train to work and coming back at dark. Rations were potato peelings and cabbage. At that time, the situation in Germany had deteriorated to where even the camp officers were eating the same rations. He wrote several letters to his eldest daughter Sylvia.
- Discharged October 30, 1945
- Following the war, he returned home and continued to work for the highway department completing 38 years of service.



IMAGE COURTESY OF SUSAN DOYLE

DAR Historian Susan Doyle presented a program on the World War II Stalag VII A Prisoner of War camp in Germany where her grandfather, Alfred “Dixie” Crawford, was held for over a year.

of our Patriots’ sacrifice for their benefit. Our hope is that this marker will become a source of pride for this community to celebrate the brave Patriots who founded our nation and a reminder of the importance of emulating their conviction, courage, and cooperation toward national unity.”

The museum is located on the Wilderness Road in Newbern, a town established by Patriot Adam Hance. The Wilderness Road was the main wagon road taking settlers westward into Kentucky and beyond.

Higgins displayed a Proclamation from the Town of Vinton designating Sept. 17-23 as Constitution Week. The Proclamation will be read at Town Council on Sept. 19.

DAR Historian Susan Doyle then presented a program on the Stalag VII A Memorial near Munich, Germany, one of the largest World War II Prisoner of War camps, in operation from 1939-1945. Her grandfather, Alfred “Dixie” Caldwell—deployed to Italy—was held as a prisoner of war in this camp for around 13 months. Upon his release, he returned home and worked for the highway department for 38 years. Doyle has been able to visit the camp and shared her experiences and a history of the camp with the chapter.

Prisoner of War camps differed from the notorious concentration camps in Germany in World War II. POW camps housed captured soldiers from among the Allied forces. Over 150,000 soldiers

were interned there over the course of the war between 1939-1945. About 1,000 prisoners died there experiencing extreme overcrowding and desolate accommodations, supply, and sanitary conditions.

The Stalag VII A camp had a reputation of being more humane than others. Doyle said that the American, English, and French troops tended to get better treatment—almost meeting the accords of the Geneva Convention—but others, such as Italian, Yugoslavian, Polish and Russian soldiers didn’t fare as well. American soldiers who were non-white or Jewish were segregated but treated according to the Geneva Convention standards.

The POWs at Stalag VII A formed work units repairing roads, doing construction, working in small businesses and large factories, and in agriculture throughout Germany.

The soldiers were housed in wooden barracks, eating mostly bread and potatoes—or in the worst of times—mashed cabbage and potato peelings.

The camp was liberated in April 1945 without resistance on the same day Germany surrendered.

At the conclusion of the DAR meeting, the group moved across the street to present a certificate of appreciation to St. Timothy’s pastor, the Rev. James Davis, for the years the DAR chapter has used the church as its meeting place. As a surprise for him, they also presented one of the Trex benches to the church.

Coffey from page 1



PHOTO BY JAN FAILLES

As his Eagle Scout Project, Alex Coffey installed new tree identification plaques along the Wolf Creek Greenway and several other locations in Roanoke County.



COURTESY OF TOM COFFEY

Scouting badges earned by Alex Coffey on his journey to Eagle Scout were displayed at the Eagle Scout Award Ceremony.

been Coffey’s Scoutmaster for several years, says, “Alex is an outstanding kid and one of the best Scouts I have ever worked with.”

Coffey graduated from William Byrd High School in the Class of 2023 as a Distinguished Honor Graduate with a GPA of 3.7. He was also an engineering student at the Burton Center for Arts and Technology. He played saxophone in the Jazz Band at Byrd for the past three years. He is now a student at Virginia Western Community College, working towards his Associate Degree in Environmental Science, while also employed at Explore Park, supervising the Zip Line section.

To attain the rank of Eagle Scout, Scouts are required to complete an Eagle Scout project. His project consisted of installing new tree identification plaques along the Roanoke Valley Greenway at various locations, including on the Wolf Creek Greenway behind William Byrd, and also at Explore Park and Oak Grove Park.

Scoutmaster Altice says, “Alex put a lot of effort into designing and installing the markers. He did a great job. I have nothing but praise for him.”

“I have been involved in scouting since I was 7 years old as a Cub Scout,” said Coffey. “Years ago, an Eagle Scout visited Bonsack Elementary where I went to school at the time and handed me a flyer for scouting. He told me to fold it like a tent and put it over the milk in the fridge so that my parents would see it.”

“I wish I could meet the man who unknowingly changed my life. Scouting and the outdoors have been a massive part of my life ever since I began Scouts BSA. From backpacking on mountains through the snow, to whitewater rafting in Fayetteville, the impact scouting has had on my life is irrefutable.

“This summer I spent time working as a commissioner and caving guide for BSA Camp Powhatan. This gave me the opportunity to converse with Scouts and adult leaders from all over the East

Coast. One of the biggest lessons I have learned is to always invest your time in others when given the chance. The people I have talked to and gotten to be around have always been incredibly positive influences on my life.”

Coffey says his Eagle Scout project “was inspired by my years of walking along Wolf Creek; especially during quarantine, as a route to get home after school. I always walked past the old identification posts thinking, ‘I really wish someone would do something about that.’ It especially struck me as important because of William Byrd’s life science classes using the trail for tree identification and some ecology labs.

“An Eagle Scout project takes a considerable amount of planning to complete,” Coffey explained. “Before anything could begin, I had to have my project approved by the beneficiary, which in my case was Roanoke County Parks, Recreation, and Tourism. Originally, I had planned to only rebuild the tree identification posts and clean up the outdoor amphitheater near Stonebridge Park, but after a few calls with the Roanoke Parks & Rec volunteer coordinator, we decided that creating standardized posts and tree identification plaques would be more beneficial to the county. This greatly broadened the scope of my project, but I was extremely excited to have this task assigned to me.

“I sent a few design examples until the beneficiary approved a design, and I fabricated a prototype to be officially approved. My plaques were created through a process called sublimation printing, which is essentially a special kind of ink being heat-pressed onto a material. I had planned to have my designs etched into metal, but sublimation printing was suggested to me by Mr. Shawn Burns at the Burton Center for Arts & Technology. Mr. Burns was an incredible help in my design process and allowed me to use the machines at BCAT for my project. The support I received for this project was overwhelming.

I’ve had many people come up to me while working on my project conveying their appreciation.

“By the end of my project, I had fabricated around 70 plaques with the names and a graphic of individual trees. There are 22 in Wolf Creek, seven in Oak Grove Park, and two at Explore Park. Unfortunately, these signs still don’t entirely cover the wide variety of tree species native to Virginia, but I selected trees I know are most common in our area.

“In Wolf Creek, we dug up old posts and installed 11 new wooden posts. We opted for metal stake posts for other sites so that the addition of new posts would be easier in the future. The standardization of the posts and plaques was especially important.”

Altice said Coffey had a “big crew of friends, family, and fellow Scouts assisting with the installation. He did a great job.”

Once he completes his associate’s degree, Coffey plans to transfer to a four-year college to pursue a degree in environmental design.

“I am not sure exactly where I will find myself, but I plan to continue being involved in scouting locally and nationally,” Coffey said. “Through the Order of the Arrow, scouting’s national camping honor society, I can continue to participate in scouting activities and provide cheerful service at the Blue Ridge Scout Reservation and throughout the world.”

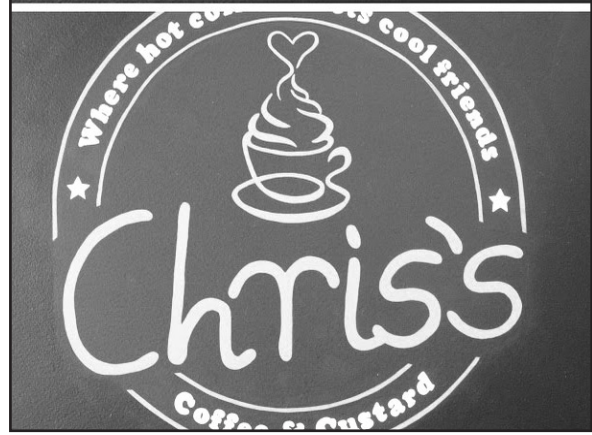
Coffey extends an invitation to others to join scouting. Troop 584 will be hosting an open house on Tuesday, Sept. 19, in the pavilion at Bonsack United Methodist Church from 6:30-8:30 p.m. with “activities, food, and fun!”

Coffey says, Troop 584 has “a boy AND a new girl troop chartered. Boy and girls ages 6-17 are welcome to participate.”

Bonsack UMC is located at 4493 Bonsack Road, NE, in Roanoke.

Tom Coffey and Cindi Coffey are his proud parents.

Artists from page 3



Acrylic dot painting by Allyson Goin on display at Chris's Custard and Coffee.

Allyson M. Goin

I took my first art class in high school and immediately knew I wanted to become an art teacher. My teacher took the time to show me a few simple techniques, I realized I had talent and I hoped with teaching I could show others their hidden talents. I have been in the classroom for twenty-three years, teaching a variety of subjects and levels of art, and also students with special needs. I've always felt teaching students how to express themselves using visual images was necessary since some struggle with finding the right words.

For the last 5 years, I have focused more on creating and selling my artwork. I have also challenged myself to participate in different art competitions, including designing shoes for Vans and painting a violin for the Roanoke Symphony Orchestra. It is important to show my students that I not only teach art but also create my own.

I enjoy working with various mediums: colored pencil, acrylic painting, woodburning, and photography.

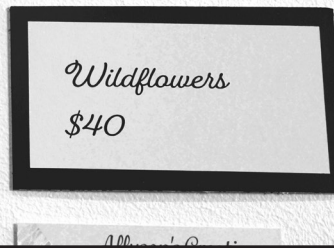
Goin shares the story of her history in art.

"I was blessed to know about Chris's when it was in the planning and early stages, so I have loved watching how the Woodrum family has made such an impact in the community."

Goin says she is challenging herself and her students to take their art out into the community to benefit the community. She, along with WBHS art teachers Denise Sartell and Alicia Spangler and several Byrd students, assisted in painting the outdoor mural by Jon Murrill at Vinton Veterinary Special Services Center last spring. Several of them participated in the 2023 SPCA "Best in Show" art show fundraiser in Roanoke in March, and Goin was selected to participate in the 2023 Painted Violin Project with the Roanoke Symphony Orchestra to raise funds for



Wood burning of wildflowers created by Allyson Goin.



PHOTOS BY DEBBIE ADAMS

music education.

As for "Art at Chris's," Goin says, "I began with 17 pieces and have already had to replace art that has sold. When a piece sells, they contact me so I can bring something new to put in its place."

Her works on display

feature wood burnings, acrylic paintings on wood and canvas, and acrylic dot painting.

For more information on Chris's Coffee & Custard, to view artwork currently on display, or to apply as an artist to display your work, visit their website at <https://www.chrisscoffeeandcustard.com/> and Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/Chrisscoffeeandcustard/>.

To see more of Goin's work, visit her Facebook pages at <https://www.facebook.com/allyson.goin/> and <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100093100539972>.

VINTON HISTORY: The In Memoriam Plaque



PHOTO BY JUDY CUNNINGHAM

This plaque honors William Byrd students killed in action in World War II.

The pictured plaque is in the Vinton History Museum in memory of former William Byrd High School students killed in action during World War II. It was presented to the school in January 1944.

After the new high school was built, the plaque was placed with honor in the Vinton History Museum. The plaque reads:

"IN MEMORIAM WORLD WAR II William Byrd High School Reverses its members who made the Supreme Sacrifice."

The names listed are Harry Blankenship, Douglas Clark, Horace Clark, David Creasy, Raymond Fielder, Cloyse Hall, Ralph Kyle, Fred Long, Hobart McAllister, Don Moody, Frank Nave, Clarence Neighbors,

Gray Newman, James O'Brien, Philip Phlegar, Robert Stump, Shelby Scott, Beverly Smith, Earl Smith, Guy Smith, Douglas Spradlin, Norris Stanley, Edmund Tompkins, Manuel Weeks, Alton Witt, and Maurice Wright.

The plaque hangs in the Military Hall at the Vinton History Museum along with many other military artifacts. The museum has uniforms and artifacts for every branch of service.

Visit the Vinton History Museum, 210 East Jackson Avenue in downtown Vinton-

open Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and every first Saturday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Submitted by Judy Cunningham, Vinton History Museum Executive Director

Early voting begins on Sept. 22 for Nov. 7 General Election

Roanoke County will hold a General Election on Tuesday, November 7, 2023. Registered voters will be choosing among candidates to fill the offices for Clerk of Court, Commissioner of the Revenue, Commonwealth's Attorney, Sheriff, Treasurer, and Directors for Soil and Water Conservation in Roanoke County.

Here are the Roanoke County candidates:

- Clerk of Court**
 - Republican Michael Galliher
- Commissioner of the Revenue**
 - Republican Jason Peters
 - Democrat Nancy Horn
- Commonwealth's Attorney**
 - Republican Brian Holohan
- Sheriff**
 - Republican Eric Orange
- Soil and Water Conservation for the Blue Ridge District (two seats to be filled)**
 - Independent Nick Beasley
 - Independent Roger Holnback
- Treasurer**
 - Republican Kevin Hutchins

Roanoke County residents in the Catawba and Cave Spring Districts will also be voting on candidates for the School Board and Board of Supervisors.

Board of Supervisors—Catawba District

- Republican Martha Hooker

Board of Supervisors—Cave Spring District

- Republican Paul Mahoney

School Board—Catawba District

- Brent Hudson

School Board—Cave Spring District

- Mary Wilson
- Shelley Clemons

Vinton area residents in the North and South Vinton, North and South Lindenwood, and Mount Pleasant precincts will vote for:

Virginia State Senate District 4 (General Assembly)

- Republican David Suetterlein
- Democrat Trish White-Boyd

Virginia House of Delegates District 39

- Republican Will Davis

Registered voters in the Orchards Districts 205 and 401 in the Bonsack area will be voting for:

Virginia State Senate District 3 (General Assembly)

- Republican incumbent Chris Head
- Democrat Jade Harris

Registered voters in Virginia are permitted to cast their ballots early in person beginning 45 days prior to Election Day (Sept. 22) and ending on the Saturday immediately before Election Day (Nov. 4).

No application is required to vote early in person, but please confirm/update your voter registration via the Virginia Department of Elections' Voter Information Portal (click 'Check registration status') prior to visiting the Election office.

- Virginia no longer requires voters to provide an excuse to vote early; any voter who wants to cast their ballot before Election Day is eligible to do so.
- You must provide your name and address and show an acceptable form of ID.
- Curbside voting is available upon request for voters with special needs, illnesses, and who are 65 years of age or older.

The Roanoke County Elections Office is located at 900 Chestnut Street in Vinton. Early in-person voting begins at that office on Friday, Sept. 22, and continues through Friday, Nov. 3, from 8 to 4 p.m. Special Saturday hours are scheduled for Oct. 28 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Nov. 4 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Roanoke County voters may also vote at the Brambleton Center Elections Satellite Office located at 3738 Brambleton Avenue in Roanoke beginning on Monday, Oct. 2, through Friday, Nov. 3 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Special Saturday hours at the Brambleton Center are on Oct. 28 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., and on Nov. 4 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 4, is the last day to vote early in person. After that date, the only option for casting a ballot in person will be at your assigned voting precinct and polling place on Election Day between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.; you will NOT be able to vote at the Vinton or Brambleton office sites on Election Day.



PHOTO BY DEBBIE ADAMS

Yard signs for the November General Election are springing up everywhere. Early voting begins next week on Sept. 22.

*If you have already requested an absentee ballot by mail and decided that you would rather vote early in person instead, please take your unvoted mail-in ballot and all envelopes with you when you go to vote. Failure to do so may mean election officials are only able to offer you a provisional ballot.

*Voters may also vote absentee by mail. The Elections office begins mailing absentee ballots out to voters with valid requests on file 45 days prior to Election Day. They stop mailing absentee ballots out to voters 10 days prior to Election Day. The last batch of absentee ballots goes out by 5:00 p.m. on the 11th day before Election Day.

To apply to vote by mail, visit the Virginia Department of Elections' Voter Information Portal at <https://vote.elections.virginia.gov/VoterInformation> and click "Apply to Vote Absentee by Mail" to submit your application to vote

absentee by mail online.

Virginia's General Assembly removed the "witness signature" requirement for mail-in absentee ballots but added requirements for Year of Birth and the last four digits of your social security number. You still must sign Envelope B.

Your absentee mail-in ballot must be postmarked on or before Election Day and received by the Elections office no later than 12:00 noon on the Friday following Election Day in order to be counted. In order to be counted. Confirm that your absentee ballot application was submitted/received (if returning your application by mail, please remember to allow at least 5-7 business days for it to arrive).


Visit <https://www.roanokecountyva.gov/69/Elections> for more information and to view sample ballots for your precinct.

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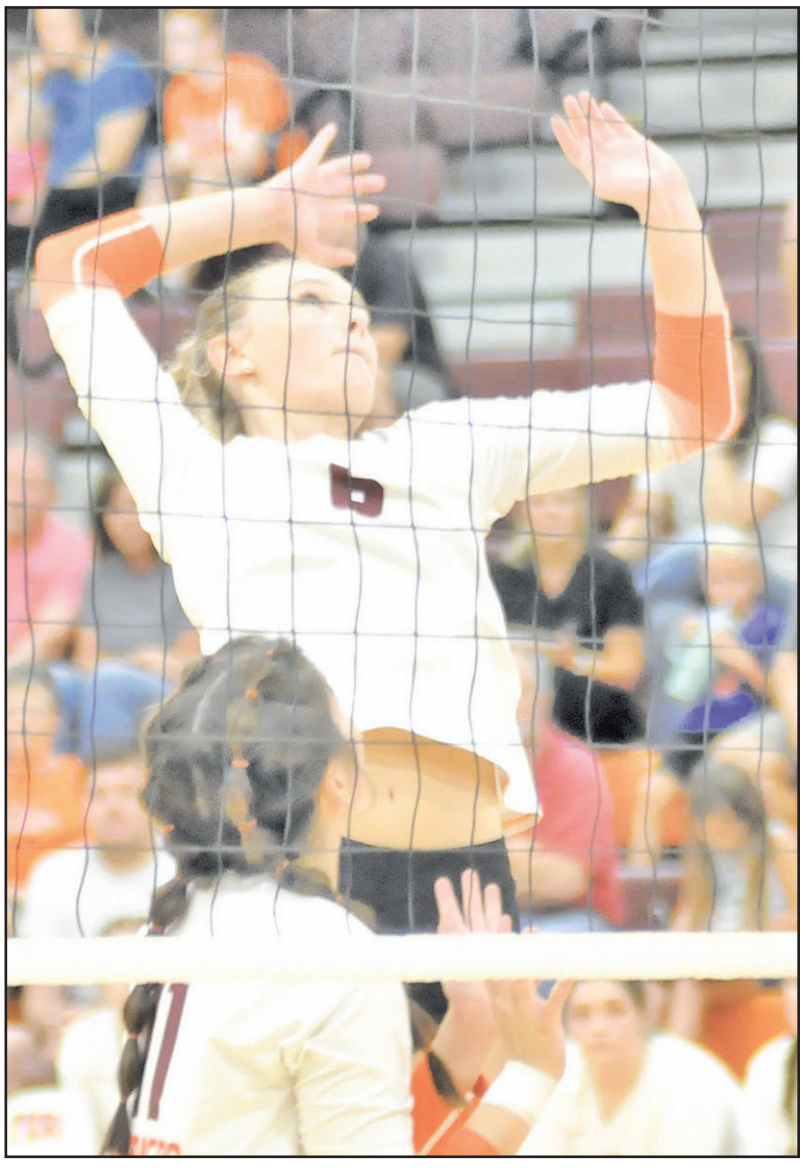
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Above left, Byrd's Bella Dudley goes up for a spike. Right, Kate Bryant(#11) and Raelyn Lancaster(#12) put up a block in last week's match with Hidden Valley. Below left, Emily Tuck digs one out for the Terriers. PHOTOS BY SUZANE WITCHER



Girls drop matches in new digs

The William Byrd girls finally got to play in the renovated school gym last week but the home court advantage wasn't obvious. The Terriers lost their first three home games against some stout competition to fall to 2-6 on the season.

The first match in the Byrd gym was against Liberty on September 6 and the Terriers lost a heart-breaker in five sets. The night started out great for the Byrd girls as they took the first two sets, 25-18 and 25-23. However, the Minutewomen bounced back to win the next two, 25-18 and 25-21, to tie the match and send it into a deciding set to 15. Liberty then won that set, 15-8, to escape with a hard fought victory.

Terran Brown led Byrd with 14 kills against Liberty, adding 15 digs. Maddie Pittman had seven kills and five digs and Raelyn Lancaster had seven kills, four digs and a couple blocks.

A night later Byrd took on a powerful Hidden Valley team in Vinton and the Titans remained undefeated with a three-set win, 25-16, 25-13 and 25-9. Lancaster and Bella Dudley had two kills each against Hidden Valley, who returns most of the girls from a Class 3 state runner-up team in 2022.

On Tuesday of this week a tough schedule continued when Byrd played host to

Glenvar, the 2022 state Class 2 champion. Byrd lost to Glenvar in three sets in a previous match at GHS, but this time the Terriers carried it to five before losing another heart-breaker.

Glenvar won the first set Tuesday, 25-17, but Byrd rallied to take the next two, 26-24 and 25-15. The Terriers had a lead in the fourth set before Glenvar rallied to pull it out, 25-20, and even the match. The Highlanders then won the fifth and deciding set, 15-8.

Lancaster had 10 kills, three blocks and a pair of aces against Glenvar. Pittman had eight kills and three blocks and Kate Bryant had 27 assists, 16 digs and three aces.

"We are working hard to get better every day," said Byrd coach Allison Thornton. "Although we have come up short on the scoreboard, these ladies are battling to the last point. It's not where you start, but where you finish. Our goal is to leave the gym every day better than the day before."

The Terriers are off for the rest of the week, returning on Tuesday, September 19, to host Lord Botetourt. That will be their Blue Ridge District opening match against another good team. The Cavaliers are 4-1 after beating a strong Cave Spring team on Monday.

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with eight tackles. Doniven Davis had five tackles while Jahdai English had four tackles, six assists, a forced fumble and a fumble recovery. Jonathan Rosser had a tackle for a loss among three solos and four assists.

On offense Hairston led on the ground with 53 yards on 10 carries and he was also 11 for 20 passing for 153 yards. Dulak had five catches for 70 yards, Cooper Minnix had three for 42 and Brayden Andrews had two receptions for 21 yards.

Now 2-1, the Terriers will try to get back on track this week with a trip to Bassett. The Bengals are off to a 2-1 start as well after opening the season with a 28-24 loss to Class 6 Franklin County. They bounced back with two wins, defeating Patrick County 34-10 and Dan River 35-12. Last season they beat Byrd 42-21 in Vinton, so the Terriers will be out for revenge in what shapes up as a dog and cat fight with the Bengals.

"Bassett is a very talented team that has a roster that includes 20 seniors," said Lutz. "They have a lot of team speed, and they are well coached. They made the final four in the regional playoffs last year, and they're coming off two big wins."

Byrd's jayvees will host Bassett at 6 pm tonight at Patterson Stadium. Last week the jayvees beat Christiansburg, 49-13.



Byrd's Nathan Carter gets ready to tee off before the rain came Monday at Blue Hills. PHOTO BY SUZANNE WITCHER

Rain ppd. golf

It was William Byrd's turn to host a leg of the Blue Ridge District golf tour on Monday but the match was interrupted by a thunderstorm and postponed after a couple holes. The match has been rescheduled for Monday, September 18, at the Blue Hills course and everyone will start over.

The Blue Hills event will be the last of six rounds of regular season play. Northside goes into Monday's round with a 15 stroke lead over Lord Botetourt. Franklin County is third, 40 strokes behind Northside, and Byrd is 57 back in fourth place. Staunton River is buried in fifth and William Fleming does not field a full team.

Monday's match will also determine the district's individual season champion, and the Terriers' Nathan Carter is in a dog fight with Nick Crawford of Northside. Crawford currently leads the district with 111.5 points in the BRD scoring system but Carter is right on his tail at 105.8.

The Terriers will be back in action today when they compete for the Roanoke County championship among county schools. That's scheduled to begin at 1 pm at the Hanging Rock Golf Course in West Roanoke County.



Battle of Unbeatens in Salem today

The William Byrd Middle School football team will take a 4-0 record to Salem today to take on 3-0 Andrew Lewis Middle School. The "Battle of Unbeatens" is scheduled to kick off at 5 pm at Salem Stadium. Here the Terriers take the field to cheers at a recent game. SUBMITTED PHOTO

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Left, Byrd's Jonathan Rosser(#13), Jahdai English(#2) and Braeden Young(#25) close in on a Demon ballcarrier. Right, Dominic Dulak tries to escape a defender.

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Terriers come up short in defensive battle against Christiansburg

The William Byrd football team fell from the ranks of the unbeaten last week but not before battling a strong Christiansburg team to the end. Byrd dropped a 14-10 decision in Christiansburg to a Blue Demon team that won the Region 3D championship last season.

Byrd took the early lead in this game when Bricen Lancaster booted a 23 yard field goal in the first quarter. Christiansburg answered with a TD in the second quarter and the Demons held a 7-3 lead at the half in what was shaping up to be a defensive battle.

The Demons widened their lead to 14-3 in third quarter on a one-yard pass play, but Byrd fired right back when quarterback Israel Hairston hit Dominic Dulak for a 53 yard TD reception to cut the lead to 14-10. Then the lightning struck, literally.

The field was cleared with thunderstorms in the area and Christiansburg

clinging to a four point lead. Byrd coach Brad Lutz used the time to make a few adjustments.

"Our players were playing really well, and we are a more experienced team this year so the players did an outstanding job of staying focused," said Lutz. "That time also allowed us to make a few adjustments on offense and defense, so that was beneficial as well. It didn't affect the game at all. After the delay, our players came out focused and played well afterwards."

When the teams returned the Byrd defense didn't allow another score, but Christiansburg's defense came up big as well and the Demons were able to ride out the four point advantage for a win.

"It was a great high school football game that included both teams trading momentum," said Lutz. "Both defenses played outstanding."

Ethan Haston led the Byrd defense



William Byrd's Cooper Minnix blocks for Israel Hairston at Christiansburg Friday.

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Byrd runners compete in big event at Green Hill Park



William Byrd teammates Alexandra Bonilla (left) and Elizabeth Dixon(#2780) race together during the first mile of the Knights Crossing "Red" race on Saturday at Green Hill Park.

PHOTO BY JON FLEMING

The William Byrd cross country team was among over 100 schools competing in the Knights Crossing event last Saturday. The meet, held at Green Hill Park in west Roanoke County, started with sunny skies but ended with a thunderstorm.

William Byrd competed in the "Red" division for Virginia public schools and out of state teams. The girls finished 23rd among 44 schools while the boys were 50th among 56. Cardinal Gibbons won the girls' team title and Blacksburg was first for the boys.

The girls' Red race included 368 runners and the winner was Hannah Rae Shaffer of Cardina Gibbons with a time of 17:45.9. The boys' race had 454 runners and Monticello's Basil Mathes was the winner at 15:04.3 over the 5,000 meter Green Hill course.

Byrd's best finish was a 63rd place by Claire Glover in the girls' race with a time of 21:24. Heidi Wienke was 139th at 23:14 and other Terriers who scored included Lucy Whitenack in 166th, Elena Mullen in 223rd and Alexandra Bonilla in 256th.

For the boys, Reagan Lilley led the Terriers with a time of 18:31, good for 142nd place. Also scoring were Colton Sotherden at 355,

Drew Bartley at 357 and Vincent Liu at 381. Riley Slusher and Jonah Schofield ran in the "White" race, for public school runners not in the "Red". Slusher ran a time of 21:10 for 115th and Schofield was 129th in 21:17 among 271 runners in the White race.

Byrd also entered boys' and girls' teams in the 4,000 meter middle school races. Alanna Fitzgerald was 136th to lead the Terriers in the girls' race while Carston Dbenedetto was 14th and Grant Bartley was 63rd in the boys' middle school race.

The Terriers are now off until September 23rd when run at Alleghany

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