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Horn, Peters face off in Roanoke County Commissioner of the Revenue race

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Incumbent Nancy Horn, a Democrat, is facing Republican Jason Peters in the upcoming election for Roanoke County Commissioner of the Revenue.

Horn was raised in Botetourt County on 600-acre farm.

"I still have an internal clock to arise at 4:30 a.m. and work until 9 p.m. either at my office or on the five acres I own in Bonsack, cleaning—or my favorite pastime — baking my special pound cake and sharing with friends, shut-ins and family," Horn says.

"After high school graduation, I worked for Norfolk & Western (now Norfolk Southern) and attended National Business College. Marriage moved me to Florida, and I was hired by the Tampa Division of Honeywell as a Data Processing supervisor. I returned to Roanoke and self-employed as secretary-treasurer of my own company for 20 years."

That business was a heating and air-conditioning firm in Vinton.

When that business closed, Horn was appointed by Commissioner of the Revenue Wayne Compton

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Democrat Nancy Horn.

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Republican Jason Peters.

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Lowe's Hero's program makes improvements at M.A. Banks Park

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Each year through 2026, Lowe's will partner with non-profits to complete nearly 1,800 community impact projects through the Lowe's Hero's program. Every Lowe's store is involved. This year, the Town of Vinton was selected to receive funding through Lowe's Hero's for improvements at M.A. Banks Park. The town worked with the Bonsack Lowe's on Challenger Avenue.

According to Lowe's, "As a home improvement company, Lowe's is uniquely suited to contribute to specific areas where it can make the biggest, most positive impact. That's why the company is focusing its philanthropic giving efforts in two areas it knows best: housing and skilled trades."

"Each project receives financial support and/or products — along with volunteer support from Lowe's red vest associates — to make physical improvements that help local nonprofit organizations continue to make meaningful impact in their communities."

"The M.A. Banks Park/Lowe's Hero's project is a great example of the many wonderful things that are occurring in the Town of Vinton," Vinton Mayor Brad Grose said upon completion of the project. "Lowe's Home Improvement approached the town in search of a project that would allow them to give back to the



PHOTO BY DEBBIE ADAMS

The Lowe's Hero's program selected M.A. Banks Park in Vinton for their community improvement project in 2023. Bonsack Lowe's Store Manager Lisa Ratcliffe (front, second from left) and Vinton Mayor Brad Grose (front, second from right) kicked off the event on Oct 17, along with some of the 21 volunteers who participated over the two-day event.

community in a genuinely meaningful way. The Town of Vinton staff, along with the Roanoke County Parks, Recreation and Tourism Department and the crew from Lowe's combined to make an awesome team!

"The improvements and repairs made by this team have truly been a blessing, and we are very grateful for

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Aphrodite Salon opens in Vinyard Station

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Aphrodite Salon & Spa has opened at Vinyard Station in downtown Vinton at 108 South Pollard Street. The new business is owned by Brittany Marie Davis. Her manager (and nail specialist) is Kim Holcomb. They met when both were working at Polished salon in downtown Roanoke, where Davis was the manager.

Although she has worked in management, this is the first business Davis has owned herself. The grand opening was on August 15.

She chose the name "Aphrodite Salon and Spa" because "Aphrodite is the goddess of Love and Beauty" and she hopes everyone leaves



Aphrodite Salon & Spa has opened at 108 South Pollard Street in downtown Vinton, next door to RND Coffee.

her salon "feeling like a goddess."

Davis was born in the Roanoke area, but grew up in Greenup, Ky., (near Huntington, W.Va.), where her parents owned a restaurant. She visited

family here (grandfather and uncle) in the summers and "loved it here."

She trained at a cosmetology school in Kentucky and then completed an apprenticeship in Radford.

She decided she wanted to open her business in the Roanoke area and relocated. She had a vision of what she wanted her salon to look like and 108 South Pollard was perfect. When she first saw the



PHOTOS BY DEBBIE ADAMS

Brittany Davis is the owner of the new Aphrodite Salon & Spa in downtown Vinton, located in Vinyard Station.

interior of the building, which was basically walls, floor, and bowstring truss ceilings, at the time, she knew she could turn it into her "dream salon." Hill Studio and Greg Rhodes, of Construction

Unlimited, turned her dream into reality in the planning and build-out, including the unique and trendy "pedicure spa benches."

She was also thrilled with the downtown Vinton location, just booming with new businesses and drawing crowds.

Aphrodite Salon is located at Vinyard Station, just next door to RND Coffee and Pok-E-Joe's BBQ restaurant and across the street from Twin Creeks Brewing Company and the Pollard 107 South

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Barbour completes VWMLI program

Chasity Barbour, Community Programs Director from the Town of Vinton, recently completed the Virginia Women's Municipal Leadership Institute (VWMLI), a partnership between Virginia Women Leading Government and the Virginia Tech Roanoke Center to provide women aspiring to become local government leaders with connections, content, tools, and opportunities to further develop their skills and broaden their network.

Through this program, Barbour and 24 other high potential women from across the commonwealth attended sessions designed to develop both their skills and confidence to pursue positions as community leaders.

In Virginia, only 17% of top local government appointed chief administrative officials are held by women, according to diversity dashboard.org. To institute coordinator Bonnie Svrcek, the first female city manager of Lynchburg before her retirement in 2020, that number is unacceptable.

"It is critical for communities to have leadership that reflects the demographic of their towns, cities, and counties," Svrcek said. "Inclusive leadership makes for better decision-making and therefore stronger communities. In the private sector, research has shown that companies with mixed-gender leadership have better profit margins. There is no doubt that mixed-gender leadership



Chasity Barbour

PHOTO COURTESY OF CHASITY BARBOUR

in local government leadership yields stronger communities."

The women participated in eight monthly gatherings, alternating between virtual and in-person sessions around the state. Virginia Tech faculty members and other experts presented workshops on topics incorporating both technical duties such as budgeting and "soft skills" such as public speaking and life as an executive woman in local government.

"I now cannot imagine my career without the network of these 25 wonderful, growth-minded women that are out here 'boots on the ground' putting the Virginia Women Leading Government on the map," Barbour said. "This program has fueled my soul and given me the courage I needed to have the confidence to go face the challenges!"

"The institute is a perfect example of the ways the Roanoke Center and the university's

other Commonwealth Campus Centers located in Richmond, Abingdon, and Newport News connect their communities with university resources," said Scott Weimer, executive director of Roanoke Regional Initiatives. "The Virginia Women's Municipal Leadership Institute is developing a new generation of leaders who are poised to enhance local government across the commonwealth with a wealth of diverse perspectives and skills," he said. "Through this program, we're helping these leaders and the communities they serve achieve their full potential."

Applications for the institute's 2024 cohort will be accepted later this year, with sessions running from March to October. For more information, contact Bonnie Svrcek at bsvrcek@gmail.com.

Submitted by Bonnie Svrcek, Virginia Women's Municipal Leadership Institute

FROM THE PULPIT:

THE LIFE OF JOSEPH, PART 2

Pastor Bryan Crouch
Lynn Haven Baptist Church

One of the main reasons I enjoy the story of Joseph is that there is no biblical evidence that at any time during his life journey (trials and all) did he ever complain about the situation he found himself in.

It is my opinion that Joseph knew and trusted beyond a shadow of doubt that God is control of absolutely everything and has purpose behind it. Joseph lived his life in this manner.

He was sold by his brothers for 20 shekels of silver and taken to a market in Egypt to be sold as a slave. God was

using this as a step in getting Joseph where He wanted/needed him the most. Potiphar, one of Pharaoh's officials, bought Joseph.

God blesses those who are His and are obedient to His calling/leading. Genesis 39:2-4 tells us, "2, The Lord was with Joseph so that he prospered... 3, When his master saw that the Lord was with him and that the Lord gave him success in everything he did, 4, Joseph found favor in his eyes and became his attendant. Potiphar put him in charge of his household, and he entrusted to his care everything he owned." Being in God's favor and being blessed by Him is an incredible experience!

Vinton Wesleyan Church hosting annual Trunk-or-Treat

Vinton Wesleyan Church will be holding the annual Trunk-or-Treat event on Sunday, October 29, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. It will be held in the back parking lot of the church, next to Cleveland Avenue.

Children and their parents from the community are invited to this family event. Vinton Wesleyan Church offers ministry opportunities for the family each Sunday – Prayer Time at 9 a.m., Sunday School (all ages) at 9:30 a.m., worship at 10:30 a.m. and a Sunday evening program at 6 p.m.

Vinton Wesleyan Church is located at 246 East Jefferson Avenue.
Submitted by Joyce Rodriguez, Vinton Wesleyan Church

Hebert named new Senior Library Assistant for Youth Services

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Kennah Hebert has been named the new Senior Library Assistant for Youth Services at the Vinton Library. She grew up in the Vinton area, graduated from William Byrd, and spent a lot of time at the Vinton Library when it was located on Washington Avenue. She went on to graduate from Hollins University with a B.A. in Studio Art this past May.

"Before starting my position at the Vinton Library, I worked at the South County Library part-time in the Children's Department," Hebert said.

She was previously an assistant preschool teacher as well.

"At the Vinton Library, I work with both children and teens. I develop programs for children and teens that



Kennah Hebert.

PHOTO BY DEBBIE ADAMS

are specific to the Vinton Library and collaborate with the Youth Services SLA's at the other Roanoke County library branches to provide systemwide programming such as Story Time for babies, toddlers, and preschoolers, and Teen Book Clubs.

"I enjoy painting and drawing, reading (of course), and rock climbing in my spare time.

"I'm excited to foster the same kind of excitement about being in the library for children and teens that I felt growing up!"

Thrasher Memorial welcomes new Director of Children's Ministry

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Thrasher Memorial United Methodist Church has a new Director of Children's Ministry – Karen Hemming.

Hemming is originally from Lynchburg. She earned her undergraduate degree in Psychology from the College of William and Mary, where she met her husband, John.

"I have always had a passion for helping kids as they grow," Hemming said. "This desire led me to George Mason where I received my Master's degree in early childhood education. Over the course of my education and work in early intervention I developed a strong desire to support families, as a whole, in addition to their children.

"Now, I'm a mom of three, two in high school and one in elementary, embarking on this new adventure. I can't say I ever expected God to call me to children's ministry, but it all seems to fit in this time and this place.

"I am so excited to pour into the children and families here at



Karen Hemming

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Thrasher, and I am praying I will help them experience a taste of God's great love for them."

Her duties as Director of Children's Ministry include facilitating Thrasher Kids, a program which offers relevant Bible lessons, reinforced by games and crafts that help teach the same points. Thrasher Kids is available for infants up to 5th graders during the 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. worship services and during Sunday School at

10 a.m. School-age kids have an opportunity to join the Mission of the Month as well.

"Beyond this, my desire is to provide as many opportunities as I can for our kids to be involved in worship, including music," Hemming said.

"In addition to overseeing Thrasher Kids, I am prayerfully discerning new ways to offer fun family events to help strengthen and connect our families. A Parents' Night Out is coming in December."

PEOPLE, PLACES AND THINGS

By Angie Chewning

What a beautiful day for a wedding! October 14 was the day. It started off pretty dreary, but when there is love in the air, all things are possible.

The skies cleared up and Tori and Josh Barker said their "I do's." The Pavilion at Blackwater was the perfect setting for the day.

Parents of the bride are Mindy Campbell and Jeremiah Slusher. Groom's parents are Kim and Dale Barker.

The bridal party included Brittany Bennett, Jensen Beckner, Cassidy Hill, Rachel Palmer, Abbey Haldeman, Danielle Ingram, Kelsi Wright, Adri Gaylor, Taylor

Asberry, Jeremy Bennett, Willie, Bryce Mullen, Isaac McCormick, Matt Daniels, Wesley Palmer, and Dylan Nackle.

I was honored to be a part of their special day.

Join us at Vinton Baptist Church Friday, October 27, between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. to help build the playground representing a partnership between Vinton Baptist Church, the Boys and Girls Clubs of Southwest Virginia, KABOOM!, and the Virginia Foundation for Healthy Youth.

Seventy-five volunteers are needed. Here's the schedule for the day:

- 6:30 a.m. - Team Leaders arrive
- 8:00 a.m. - Volunteers arrive and register
- 8:30 a.m. - Kick-off ceremony
- 2:30 p.m. - Ribbon-cutting ceremony

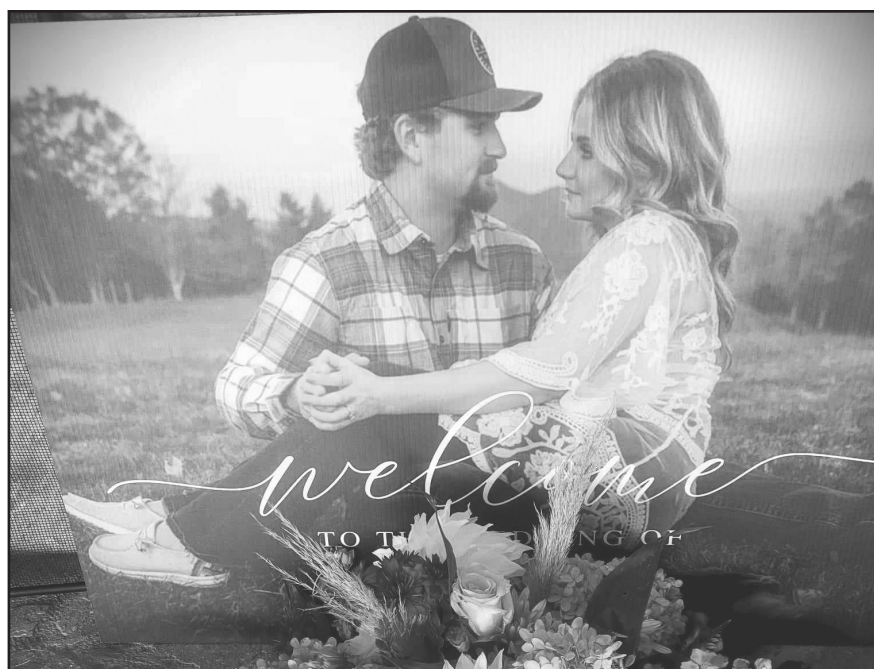


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Congratulations to Josh and Tori Barker, married on October 14.

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Drug Take Back Day scheduled for October 28 in Vinton

The Vinton Police Department is once again sponsoring Drug Take Back Day on October 28 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Vinton Kroger on Hardy Road.

This is an opportunity to turn in unneeded or expired medication for safe disposal - "Keep them safe; clean them out; take them back."

No needles or sharps are accepted.

According to the DEA, which founded the twice-yearly event, "The drug overdose epidemic in the United States is a clear and present public health, public safety, and national security threat. DEA's National Prescription Drug Take Back Day reflects DEA's commitment to Americans' safety and health, encouraging the public to remove unneeded medications from their homes as a measure of preventing medication misuse and opioid addiction from ever starting. Too often unused prescription drugs find their way

IMAGE COURTESY OF VPD

into the wrong hands.

"DEA is committed to making our communities safer and healthier, and we can do this by reducing overdoses and overdose deaths. While the community does its part to turn in unneeded medications and remove them from potential

harm, we are doing our part to further reduce drug-related violence."

National Take Back Day results from April 2023 include participation by 4,497 law enforcement agencies at 4,955 collection sites. Approximately 332 tons of drugs were collected.

Mount Pleasant Fire Dept. Auxiliary to host Veterans Day breakfast to 'Honor Heroes'

The Mount Pleasant Fire Dept. Auxiliary will host a Veterans Day breakfast on Saturday, November 11, from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Veterans eat free; for others, \$5 a plate. Both young and old are invited to attend.

The menu includes pancakes, eggs, sausage, bacon, coffee, and orange juice.

The auxiliary is sponsoring the breakfast to "honor all our heroes. Just a small thank you for our community veterans of the military. Come out and help us thank our veterans for their service and sacrifice!"

The breakfast will be held at the fire station at 2909 community in Pleasant Library. Jae Valley Road in Roanoke, across the -Vinton Messenger road from the Mount Pleasant Staff Report

IMAGE COURTESY OF MPFD AUXILIARY

Town of Vinton sponsoring public paper shredding event Saturday

The Town of Vinton is sponsoring a public paper shredding event on Saturday, October 28 in the rear parking lot at the Vinton Municipal Building, 311 South Pollard Street in downtown Vinton.

This is a drive-through event from 9 a.m. to noon. The limit is four boxes of paper per vehicle. Personal documents, tax documents, and more may be shredded.

Other sponsors include the Vinton Police Department, Vinton Public Works, We Recycle, and Commonwealth Document Management.

The Roanoke Valley SPCA will have a booth at the event as well, accepting donations. The RVSPCA is a community resource that provides pet adoption, retention, and education services in Virginia's Blue Ridge.

For more items and specifics, check out the

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Roanoke Valley SPCA's Amazon and Chewy wish list at <https://rvspca.org/DONATE/WISH-LIST-ITEMS/>.

For more information

on the paper shredding event, call Antonia Arias at 540-983-0607.

Submitted by Town of Vinton

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Lindsey Wray McClure of HomeTrust bank checks out the pedicure bench at Aphrodite during a Vinton Chamber of Commerce networking event before hours. She is pictured with owner Brittany Davis.

restaurant. Parking is readily available behind Pok-E-Joe's and accessible via a walkway to Pollard Street. More downtown parking is being added by spring.

Davis said their focus is on nails at Aphrodite -- manicures and pedicures, including health and cleanliness. The current specialty is CND Shellac manicures and pedicures. They also offer classic, Plexi-gel and Gel-x manicures. Take a look at their nail art on Facebook.

Tuesdays are known as "Toesdays,"

with 10% off pedicure prices. In addition to mani's and pedi's, Aphrodite also offers lash extensions, and facial and body waxing.

Hours are Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 to 5; closed Sunday and Monday.

For more information or to make an appointment, visit www.Aphroditesalonandspa.com or the Facebook page, email Brittany@aphroditesalonandspa.com or call 540-566-3411.

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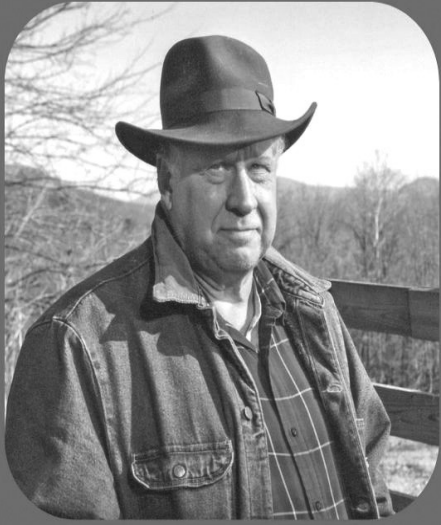
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 29. Tubular steel column
 32. Database management system
 36. Similar
 38. Providing no shelter or sustenance
 40. Death
 43. What a sheep did
 44. Midcentury Asian battle-ground
 45. Horizontal passage into a mine
 46. Mortified
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to fill the position of Tax Compliance Deputy. When he passed away, she was appointed to fill his position and then elected as commissioner in 2001.

"I have loved my position," Horn says and has served for 22 years.

"I have two children, a son and a daughter, and they are not very political. One precious and loving granddaughter recently graduated from Alabama University and is employed in Atlanta, Ga.

"I have a great staff of 12 and five have earned their designation as Master Deputy Commissioner of the Revenue as required by the Weldon Cooper Center at University of Virginia. Seven of my staff are working to complete their certification.

"In 1998 I received my Master Deputy Certification and in July of 2006 I received my Master Commissioner of the Revenue Certification.

"My job requires enforcing title 58.1 Code of Virginia and abiding by the DMV Code of Virginia Title 46, and sometimes supporting the Virginia Constitution."

She administers the tax relief program, the food and beverage program, transient occupancy tax, short-term rentals, bank franchise tax, and admission tax; makes all recordations to real estate, assesses vehicles as well as business personal property and business license tax; and processes state income tax including screening, correcting, and input to state computers.

Horn says she encourages online filing and has a "great IT Department to support the function."

"I pledge to the citizens of Roanoke County fair and equitable assessment in compliance with state and local codes," Horn states.

Jason Peters is a lifelong resident of East Roanoke County and a 1994 graduate of William Byrd High School.

He is vice president for First Citizens Bank, where he has been employed for 23 years. He has been a member of the Roanoke County Board of Supervisors for 10 years, serving the Vinton Magisterial District.

He serves as a volunteer and president of the Vinton First Aid Crew where he has been a member for 31 years. Peters also serves as co-chair of the Vinton/Roanoke County "High Ground" Veterans Monument at the Vinton War Memorial.

Peters says he is "pro-taxpayer," and he is running on a platform for "modernization and removing red tape."

"Serving as a current member of the Board of Supervisors, I see firsthand the need to have a strong commissioner who is engaged with the board," Peters says. "I plan to build that bond with the Board of Supervisors."

"During my time on the Board of Supervisors, one of my main focuses has been economic development. Due to COVID, many businesses had to change the way they do business, and the county needs to adapt. We need to remove barriers to improve the relationship between the county and businesses. As I have campaigned throughout the county, I've heard of many situations where businesses and citizens felt they could be better served. I plan to accomplish that through streamlining technology and improving intergovernmental communications. The commissioner's office should be a resource to the community."

"It is an honor to serve the Vinton District on the Board of Supervisors and together we have accomplished so much over the past 10 years, through the Vinton revitalization (Roland E. Cook, old William Byrd, Macado's, Vinyard Station, etc.), Explore Park, and Route 460 improvements. I would like to take that experience and serve all of Roanoke County."

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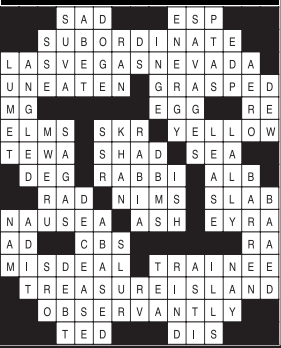
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Thought for Today: When we cry, so many times God cries with us.

Quicklook: Luke 7:11-17

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Chief Drumond presents quarterly police report to Town Council

Vinton Police Chief Fabricio presented the quarterly police report July through September to Vinton Town Council at its meeting on October 17. He described the report as a “snapshot” and brief summary of the department’s activities during the first quarter of the fiscal year.

There were 4,161 calls for service to the police department during those three months, with 342 reports written. Police officers made 991 traffic stops which resulted in 627 traffic summonses being issued, as not all stops were actionable.

There were 104 traffic accidents in the quarter. The police handled 14 cases involving drugs and made seven DUI arrests.

The officers completed 735 security checks for residents, schools, and businesses. The department offers an enhanced service to residents who complete an online form asking law enforcement to check their property while they are out of town.

From July through September, the Criminal Investigations Division handled 15 felony criminal cases. Seven remain under investigation; three are pending results from the forensics lab and indictments from the Roanoke County Commonwealth Attorney’s Office; one case has been cleared, and four cases have been inactivated. Six search warrants, one court order, and one subpoena were obtained

during the first quarter.

Animal Control handled 37 cases involving animal ordinances, one attacking an animal, two attacking people, 10 barking dogs, 33 calls involving wildlife, 17 involving animal cruelty, three dead animals in the road, 25 dogs at large, four livestock violations, three cases involving neglect, three snake calls, 19 stray animals, and nine involving code enforcement.

As for records management, 285 warrants were entered into the Records Management System, along with 627 summonses. There were 13 weapons permit checks, 121 Freedom of Information requests, 108 officer subpoenas processed, and 38 criminal histories checked.

The Vinton Police Department participated in many community events during the quarter. On July 4, it was “all hands on deck,” according to Chief Drumond, for the annual Four on the 4th race benefiting the Boys and Girls Clubs of Southwest Virginia that morning and the Fourth of July Celebration at the Vinton War Memorial in the evening. Several officers participated in the race. Officers and other department personnel participated in the Beast Lake 5K and Obstacle Course at Smith Mountain Lake.

Officers were on hand for all Mingle at the Market concerts July-September.

Community Resource Officer Will Holland hosted “Climb in a

Cop Car” for children at the Vinton Farmers’ Market. He is the Program Coordinator for the regional TRIAD program focusing on senior adults, as well. Several officers assisted with the Summer Reading Program kick-off at the Vinton Library, including grilling hot dogs.

The department sponsored a well-attended and highly successful National Night Out at the Vinton War Memorial/Community Center to informally meet with town residents. The officers took part in the Ogilvie Challenge at the Cardinal Police Academy, which honors the ultimate sacrifice by Covington Police Officer Caleb Ogilvie.

In September, Vinton police participated in the Career Quest for middle-schoolers at the Berglund Center, the Senior Luncheon for the New Vision Pioneers, and a TRIAD program at Friendship Manor.

Trainings during the quarter included: Taser Recertification, Officer-Involved Shootings Investigations, School Resource Officer, Impaired Driver, and Forensic Science. (The department supplements the county School Resource Officer at W.E. Cundiff and Herman L. Horn Elementary Schools.)

Chief Drumond discussed grants the department has applied for and received that they were able to utilize during the first quarter of the year – the Traffic Enforcement Overtime grant through the DMV, the LOLE Block Grant and

the ARPA LE Grant. Through these grants, the department has been able to do shotgun conversions, purchase holsters, supplemental lighting, and sights, add individually assigned riot gear (the chief hopes this will sit on the shelf gathering dust), purchase the TRU-NARC test for drug substances, purchase a Star City Task Force vehicle, purchase Bike Patrol uniforms and equipment, and add fitness equipment and a small fitness area for town and police department employees.

Drumond described the Military Appreciation Patrol Vehicle, designed by Officer Jesse Dibble, a military veteran who is now part of the department. The car wrap not only shows appreciation for veterans and first responders, it creates an awareness of the veterans’ Crisis Hotline, displaying contact information.

Dibble spoke about an upcoming event on November 11 for Veterans Day. The Vinton police are partnering with the Town of Vinton, Rosie’s Gaming Emporium, and the Queen City Rucking 22 organization to sponsor a Ruck March in Vinton that day. Proceeds benefit the Boulder Crest Foundation, the home of Post Traumatic Growth (PTG). It offers life-changing programs free of charge to members of the military, veterans, and first responder communities and their families.

Register for the Ruck March at <https://runsignup.com/Race/VA/Vinton/VintonRuck>.

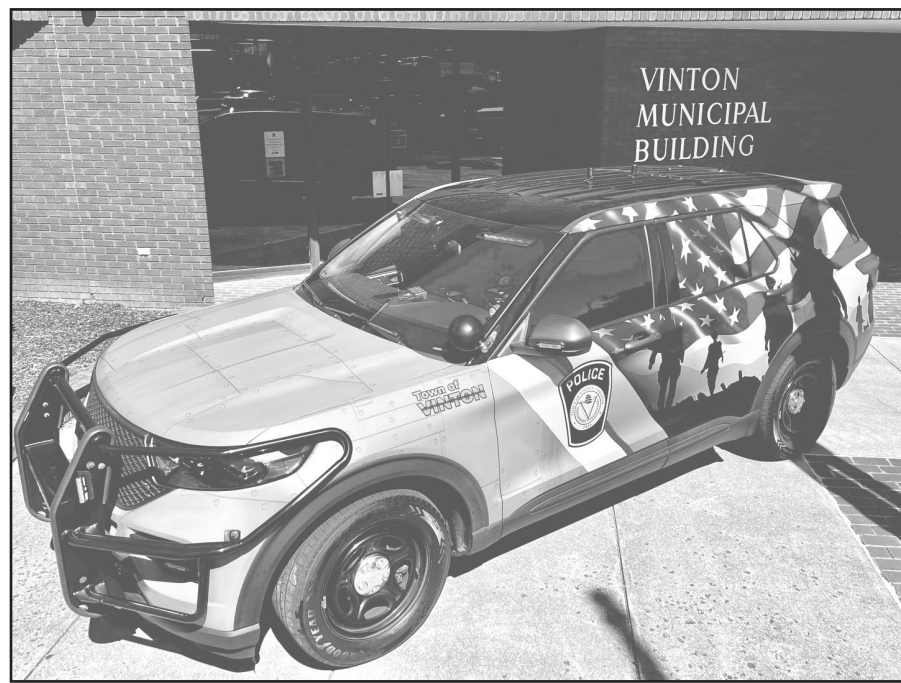


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The addition of the new Military Appreciation Vehicle, designed by Vinton Police Officer Jesse Dibble, was included in the first quarter report.



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Lowe’s Hero’s from page 1



Vinton Mayor Brad Grose and Lowe’s Store Manager Lisa Ratcliffe discuss the Lowe’s Hero’s project for M.A. Banks Park.



Volunteers in the Lowe’s Hero’s program painted the entrance sign and kicked off landscaping at the park.



Fence posts were replaced in the parking area during the park improvement project.

the effort of those involved in the project. They made a difference in our community. It was very impressive to witness the excitement and enthusiasm displayed by everyone involved in the project.

“The M.A. Banks Park is a wonderful community facility that is used on a very frequent basis. I am convinced that the improvements will be greatly appreciated by everyone who has an opportunity to visit the park.

“Thank you, Town of Vinton staff, Roanoke County Parks and Tourism and the team from Lowe’s Home Improvement for the meaningful, long-lasting contribution to our community!”

The local Hero’s project in Vinton kicked off on the morning of October 17 with remarks from Store Manager Lisa Ratcliffe and Mayor Grose.

Ratcliffe commented that every Lowe’s store does a Hero’s project with a mission of giving back to the community, usually through beautification and revitalization projects. Generally, the projects are completed between September and Veterans Day in November. The budget for the M.A. Banks project was \$3,000. Twenty-one volunteers spent two eight-hour days completing seven mini-projects at the park, which is located on Craig Avenue.

“Our goal is to deliver the best experience possible for the community,” Ratcliffe said. “Our motto is ‘Leave it better than we found it.’”

She began talking with Vinton Town Manager Pete Peters about a Hero’s project for Vinton nearly two years ago. A new multi-generational park at the Vinton War Memorial is just in the planning stages, so the town thought it would be in its best interests to make some needed updates at M.A. Banks Park, which is very well used.

Eric Vest, Assistant Director of Parks, Recreation, and Tourism, and Tabby Blaylock, who coordinates volunteers for the department, walked the park with Ratcliffe to assess the improvements needed to bring the project to life.

The mini-projects included replacing the wood on picnic tables underneath the shelter, replacing parking posts and posts on the fence line, painting the entrance



PHOTO BY PETE PETERS

One of the seven mini-projects at M.A. Banks Park was replacing the wood on the picnic tables under the shelter.

sign, kick-starting the landscaping with plants to be added in the spring, replacing wood on the seating benches, making improvements to the horseshoe pit, and pressure washing. Slats are on order for the fencing.

The Western Virginia Water Authority trucked in water for the pressure washing.

Peters expressed his appreciation to Lowe’s and the Hero’s program for their generous donation of time and materials to improve the amenities at M.A. Banks Park.



PHOTOS BY DEBBIE ADAMS

Volunteers make improvements to the well-used horseshoe pit at M.A. Banks Park.

He and Mayor Grose were “particularly impressed with the skill and attention to detail that the Lowe’s team displayed during their time at the park. We are also appreciative to Roanoke County Parks and Recreation who routinely maintain the park and also pitched in on these recent updates. They do a great job in keeping the park clean and well-maintained throughout the year, as they do for all their parks. This is a great example of a meaningful partnership and is what makes our community so special.”



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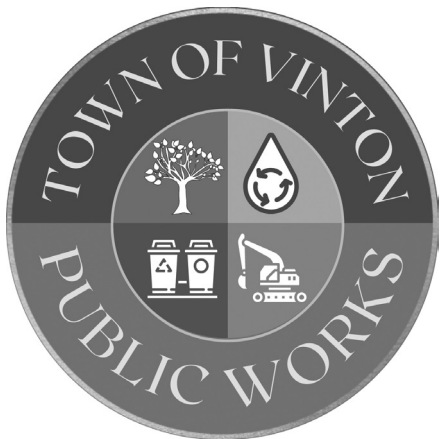
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Vinton Public Works Dept. issues Sept. monthly report



The Vinton Public Works Department has completed the monthly report for September, indicating 55 work orders were completed. During the month, 346.22 tons of Municipal Waste and Wood Waste were collected, along with 33.75 tons of Residential Waste and Wood Waste. Curbside recycling collected 2.51 tons of materials. The Vinton streetsweeper covered 279 miles in September and collected 18.74 tons of debris.

As for Fleet Maintenance during September, nine police vehicles were

serviced, along with five Public Works Light and Medium Duty Vehicles, and ten Public Works heavy duty vehicles. State Inspections were completed on four vehicles. Maintenance work was completed on four public works vehicles and trailers.

Public Works employees completed six work orders involving removal of dead animals. Six new refuse carts and six new recycling bins were delivered.

Crews installed 120 feet of Storm drain pipe, completed four jobs of sign work and signal repair, installed four traffic control devices, and completed 19 orders for utility markings.

Public Works crews were called upon to set up for five special events during September, with the hanging of banners and flags. Four employees participated in the Career Quest for middle school students throughout the region at the Berglund Center on Sept. 26 and 27, bringing along some heavy equipment for exploration and display.

Twenty-eight hours were spent watering flowers and trees. Crews picked up and returned nine shopping carts to stores.

They also delivered and picked up one

town dump truck through the town's Adopt a Truck program in September. Any Vinton resident may schedule the parking of a dump truck at their home overnight so that the resident may load items to be discarded from cleaned out basements, attics, storage sheds, etc., not to include construction materials, brush, or hazardous materials. The truck is dropped off at approximately 3:15 p.m. and picked up the next morning at 7:30 a.m. This service is available to town residents no more than four times per year; it is not available to businesses or commercial enterprises.

A new Public Works Equipment Operator 1 was hired in September.

In other Vinton Public Works news, Town Manager Pete Peters announced that staff and engineers continue to troubleshoot traffic signal issues at Vinyard/Hardy Road and other intersections. Equipment manufacturers and signal timing engineers are studying the system to find errors and re-program timing as necessary.

Survey work is underway at Thrasher Memorial to design the stormwater project in the rear parking area. The town is assisting the church with bidding projects,

selecting contractors, and providing construction management assistance throughout. The town previously offered a \$100,000 ARPA grant to assist with the cost of repair and funds were set aside.

The town's paving schedule has been delayed by the contractor until late October/November with many of the neighborhood segments being delayed until Spring 2024.

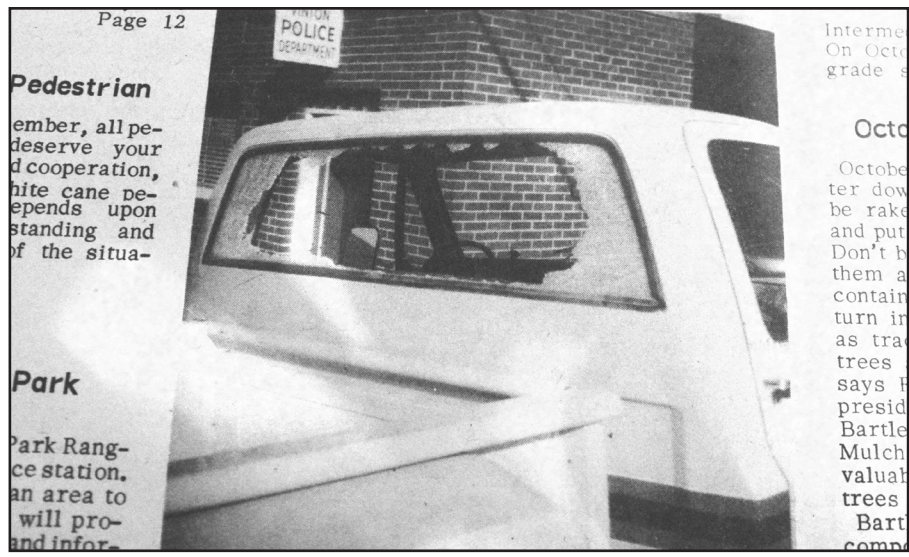
No Parking signs have been installed on Cleveland Avenue and staff has made contact with all residents that are "losing" on-street parking. Public Works will construct two off-street parking options for two homes in the North 500 block. Police will begin issuing tickets for parking violations for the 300 and 400 blocks.

Public Works has completed the dumpster pad at the Farmers' Market for nearby businesses.

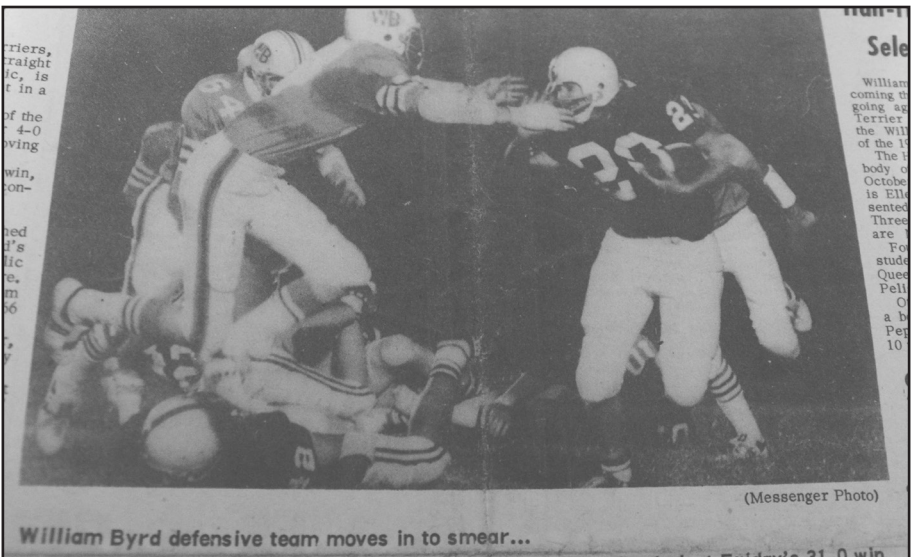
The replacement of the stormwater line that runs through the Cleveland Mart property and follows the alley to Chestnut is almost complete. The upsized line will help meet stormwater flows from Cleveland Avenue and improve rear alley parking access for residents.

-Vinton Messenger staff report

Remembering Vinton 50 Years ago in October 1973



There was a shoot-out involving Vinton police and thieves in the Briarcliff area in October 1973.



The William Byrd Terriers "smear" Roanoke Catholic.

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In the fall of 1973, the William Byrd Terriers "smeared" Roanoke Catholic in their football game with a score of 31-0, according to The Vinton Messenger sports editor. Coach Don Oakes described the team as the "terror of the Blue Ridge District" with a 4-0 season to that point.

October 5 was Homecoming Night with the Terriers against Altavista. The Homecoming Queen was crowned at half-time. The Homecoming Court was presented to the school in an assembly earlier in the week.

Ellen Kendrick represented the freshman class; Terry Lynn Cundiff and Michelle Young represented the sophomore class; Nancy Sink, Teresa Wray, and Holly Moore were the junior class representatives. Robin Absher, Tammy Pelish, Beth Meador, and Sherry Wray were the senior reps on the court. The student body chose the queen - Sherry Wray. Ricky Bush was named "Mr. Football" at the game.

Other homecoming activities included a bonfire, the traditional Powder Puff football game, and a Friday night dance after the game.

The Terriers "romped past" Altavista 66-8 on Homecoming Night.

In October 1973, Ron Miller took over as new Vinton town manager, succeeding Don Smith, who had resigned. Vinton Mayor Gus Nicks was named vice president of the Fifth District Planning Committee.

There was a mini-crime spree in Vinton that month. Thieves stole \$7,800 in merchandise from the newly opened Vintonite Menswear Shop on Third Street by entering through a beauty shop next door and knocking a hole in the wall. Stolen items included 78 sports coats, 134 pairs of slacks, and 18 sweaters, in addition to shirts, belts, ties, and underwear.

Vinton Police were also investigating a break-in at Cundiff's Drug Store on Pollard Street. A quantity of amphetamines was stolen. Entry was gained by throwing a rock through the glass at the back of the store.

Vinton Police were involved in a shoot-out during a stake-out involving burglars breaking into a residence in the Briarcliff area of Vinton. Three thieves broke in a basement door and ransacked the house, taking an RCA color TV, radio, and record player, all of which they hid on a carport across the street. Police had staked out the house across the street - with the owner's permission, thinking the robbers would return to collect their loot.

The burglars did return in a truck stolen from AEP,

circling the block several times before backing into the driveway and loading the stolen goods. When officers approached, the truck accelerated and attempted to run down one of the police officers, who fired his shotgun at them.

Another officer fired into the side of the truck with a .357 magnum pistol. The first officer then fired into the rear window of the pick-up again with his shotgun. The driver appeared to have been injured but continued to drive onto Lauderdale and the officers fired again with small caliber pistols. The fugitives continued to drive until they abandoned the truck at Lake Drive Surf Club on Niagara Road and jumped from the truck and ran. Officers searched the area but could find no trace of the fugitives. The investigation continued.

It was an election year, and Attorney General Andrew Miller opened his Vinton Democratic campaign headquarters on North Pollard Street. Dick Cranwell was running for House of Delegates representing, Vinton, Roanoke County, and Salem.

Others running for office included a governor's race between Henry Howell and Mills Godwin; the race for attorney general between Andrew Miller (Democrat) and Pat Echols (Republican); the State Senate race between Democrat Harry Michael and Republican John Dalton; and the local House of Delegates race with Richard Cranwell and Edward Kidd, vs. Robert Frank.

Students from Roland E. Cook held an election to choose SCA representatives. Students in fourth and fifth grade selected nominees. The candidates put up campaign posters and made speeches to the student body, who ended up choosing Joe Pollard as president, Timmy Huffman as vice president, and Tammy Maxey as secretary.

Roanoke County reported increased enrollment at the six Vinton area schools - William Byrd High School, 1,100 students; William Byrd Intermediate, 1,030; Roland E. Cook, 374; Hardy Road Elementary, 750; East Vinton, 513; and the prevocational school at the former WB Intermediate School building, 335.

The Terriers continued their football dominance of the Blue Ridge District, winning their sixth straight with a 35-0 victory over Alleghany County. The "roaring, rugged Terriers" continued their winning spree, "trouncing" Staunton River 63-0, and then headed to the Regional AA playoffs on Thanksgiving Day after a "humiliating" win over Lord Botetourt, 59-0.

Local schools were observing National School Lunch Week. In 1973, elementary school lunches cost 40 cents; high school lunches, 45 cents. Vinton

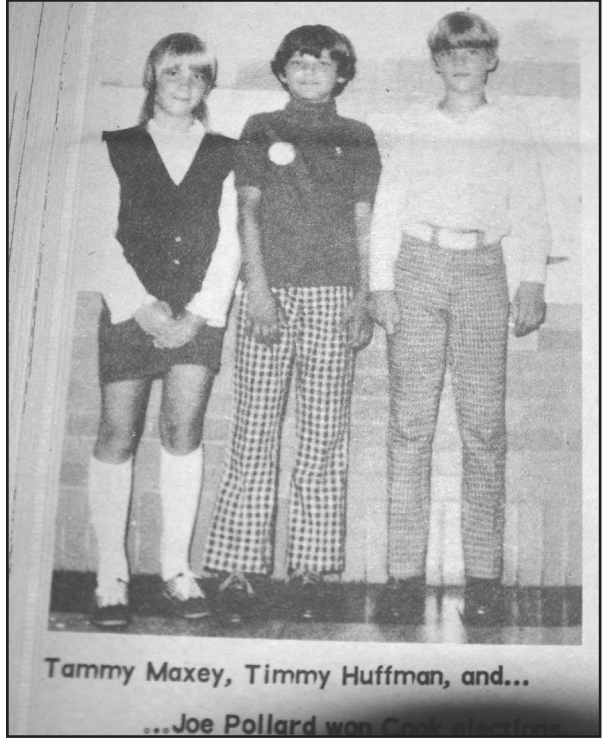
schools were serving 2,600 lunches a day.

The annual fall street paving program was completed in October (delayed from July by weather) with \$77,375 in costs, by Adams Construction Company. The project included 25,850 linear feet of paving and the Recreation Center parking lot.

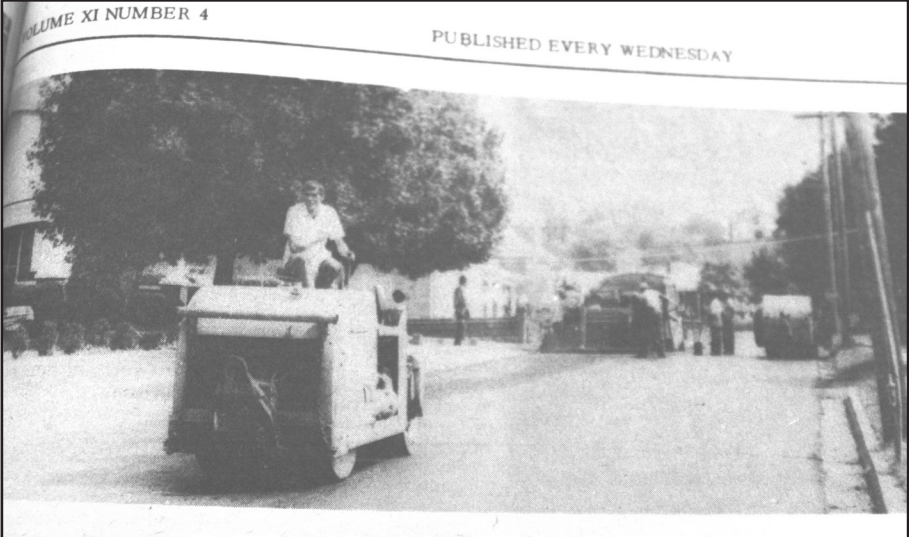
There was a dispute between the Town of Vinton and Roanoke City over an overflow of untreated sewage into the Roanoke River. The city wanted Vinton to pay \$715 which the town was contesting, saying that the Roanoke plant was bypassing the overflow into the river.

Vinton Town Council was considering adding a new parking lot downtown on West Lee Avenue. The property would need to be graded and graveled.

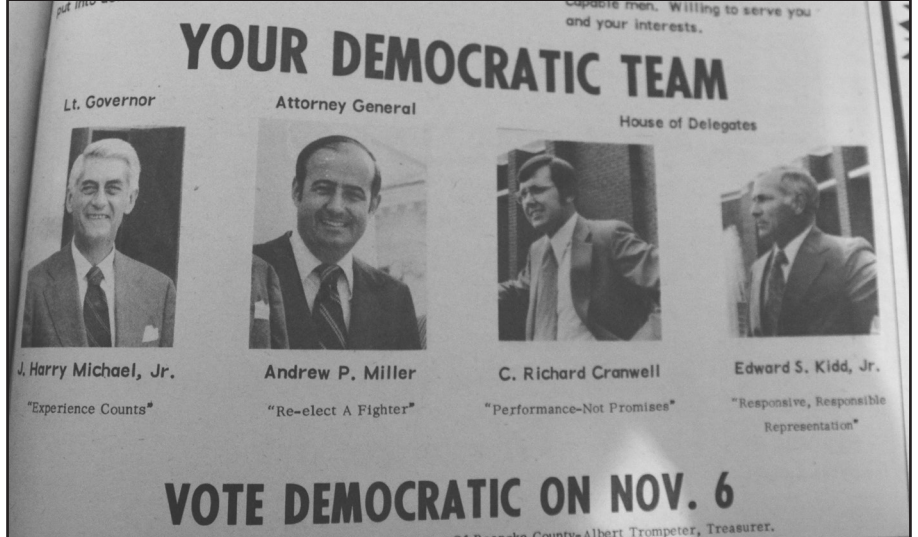
A Fall Festival was held at Lake Drive Plaza in Vinton in October and included three days of activities - a free square dance, 70 vendors, a demonstration of fine arts craftsmanship by the Vinton Jr. Woman's Club, including Ceramic China dolls, basic ceramics, papier maché draped angels, and egg decoration. Sponsors of the festival were the Lake Drive Merchants Association and the Vinton Jr. Woman's Club.



Tammy Maxey, Timmy Huffman, and Sam Pollard won the race for SCA representatives at Roland E. Cook in October 1973.

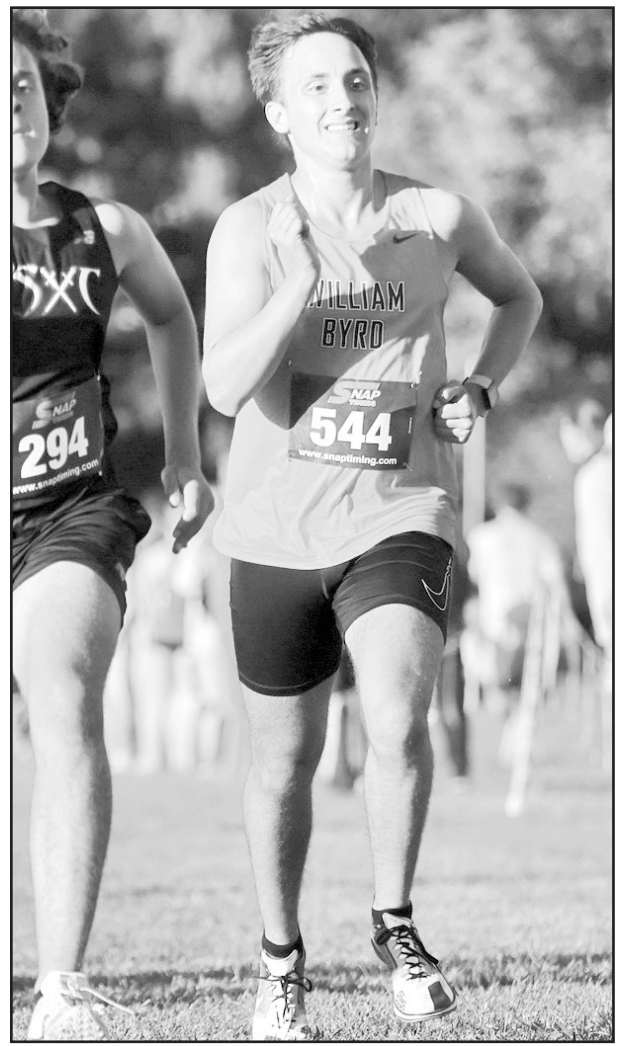


The annual fall paving project was underway in October 1973. The budget was \$77,000; the 2023 paving budget is over \$1 million.



Candidates were campaigning for the Nov. 6, 1973, election.

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Left, William Byrd senior Claire Glover placed 6th at the Metro Invitational hosted by Blacksburg High School. Middle, Donald Mullins placed 20th and, right, Reagan Lilley races to the finish for a 29th place finish.

Five Terriers are All-Blue Ridge in district cross country meet

The William Byrd girls were second and the boys were third in the Blue Ridge District cross country meet on Tuesday. Franklin County won both the girls' and boys' championships on the Greenfield Recreation Park course in Daleville.

"We had a great day," said Byrd coach Kayland Bond. "This team has made great strides this season and we had several course PRs at the district race."

Claire Glover led the girls with a fourth place finish in 22:10 while Heidi Wienke ran seventh and Lucy Whitenack was ninth. All three were named All-Blue Ridge District. The individual winner was Caitlyn Roach of Franklin County in 20:54

For the boys, Donald Mullins was third with a time

of 18:30 and Reagan Lilley took fifth. Both were also named to the All-BRD team. The winning time was 17:08 by Jack Weddle of Staunton River.

Last Wednesday, October 18th, the host Bruins swept the annual Metro Cross Country meet on the Blacksburg High School course. The Byrd girls took fourth among a dozen teams and the boys were 10th among 18.

The Blacksburg girls won with 38 points while Rockbridge County took second with 82. The winning time was 18:22 by Chaney Kerrigan of North Cross, who beat 115 other girls in the field.

Glover led the Byrd girls with a sixth place finish in 21:28. Also scoring for the Terriers were Wienke

in 28th, Whitemack in 34th, Grace Woodcock in 40th and Alexandra Bonilla in 73rd place.

In the boys' race Blacksburg had 61 points to 83 for second place Cave Spring. The winning individual time was 16:36 by Eric Duncan of Roanoke Valley Christian.

There were 159 finishers in the boys' race and Byrd's Mullins finished 20th in 18:05, followed by Lilley in 29th. Also scoring for the Terriers were Reid Hanson in 59th, Colton Sotherden in 107th and Riley Slusher in 114th.

Next up for the Byrd harriers will be the Region 3D meet, scheduled for Sugar Hollow Park in Bristol next Wednesday, November 1st.

Sandlot Super tournament games continue this Saturday

The Sandlot Super Bowl football tournaments are now well underway and games will be played this Saturday in all three divisions. The Tri-County playoffs have tournaments for 8U, 10U and 12U teams, with all championship games scheduled for Salem Stadium on November 4.

In the 12U tournament Vinton will

play at Glenvar's Highlander Stadium this Saturday at 1:30 pm in a semifinal game against Hidden Valley. Vinton is the number one seed and the Terriers received a forfeit win from North Roanoke in the opening round while fifth seeded Hidden Valley beat fourth seeded Salem, 32-0. In the other semifinal second seeded Cave Spring will

take on Botetourt at 2:45 pm.

In the 10U tournament Vinton is the fourth seed and had an opening round bye. Vinton will play at 11 am Saturday at Glenvar against the winner of a first round game between Hidden Valley and Franklin County that was scheduled for Wednesday of this week. Semifinals are next Wednesday, November 1st, at

Northside.

Quarterfinals in the 8U tournament were held at Northside High last Saturday and Vinton fell to Glenvar, 12-6. Other 8U winners were Botetourt, Salem and Cave Spring and they'll have semifinal games Saturday at Bogle Field behind Cave Spring Middle School.



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Left, Mason Pelletier(#45) of the Vinton Terriers 8U team has room to run in last week's game at Northside. Above, the Terrier line fires off the ball.



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Byrd grads play for 9th ranked Jackets

The Randolph-Macon College football team, ranked ninth nationally in the American Football Coaches Association(AFCA) poll, will host Washington & Lee in a big ODAC game in Ashland this Saturday at 1 pm. Randolph-Macon is 7-0 overall and 4-0 in the ODAC while W&L is 6-1 and 4-0 in conference play. Two key members of the Randolph-Macon offense are William Byrd graduates, and twins, Matt and Nick Hale. Matt is the starting center and Nick is the tailback, and both are fifth year seniors. Here Matt(#77 right) opens a hole for Nick(#35) in the Yellowjackets 38-3 win at Bridgewater on October 14.

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Andrews, Shoemaker and Dominic Dulak had one catch each. Andrews also had a good night rushing with 114 yards on 17 carries and Shoemaker had 67 on 13 attempts

as Byrd rushed for over 300 yards against a big Franklin County line.

On defense John Kiker had five solo tackles while Ian Vest had four, two sacks and five quarterback pressures. Doniven Davis had a sack and four QB pressures and the pressure in the pocket resulted

in two interceptions for the Terriers, one each by Hairston and Dexter Gaines. This was the fifth time in eight games the Byrd defense has allowed 10 points or fewer.

The Byrd jayvees also won to remain undefeated, taking a 20-12 win in Vinton. The jayvees are at Staunton River tonight.



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Maurice Burnette(#62) makes a tackle against Franklin County.

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Terriers are first in district, second in region after downing Franklin Co.

The William Byrd Terriers are in the catbird's seat with two weeks to go in the high school football regular season. Byrd is staring at a great chance to win the Blue Ridge District championship and set themselves up for a good seed in the Region 3D tournament.

With Byrd's 18-10 win over Franklin County in Rocky Mount last Friday the Terriers are 7-1 overall and 3-0 in the BRD with the three most formidable foes in the rear view mirror. Byrd has beaten Class 5 William Fleming and Franklin County as well as 6-2 Lord Botetourt, the defending district champ. Still on the schedule are 3-5 Staunton River at home this Friday and 2-6 Northside to end the regular season. You can't take anyone for granted in high school football, but the Terriers have an excellent chance to win both of those games if they continue to play at their current level.

Last week's win over Franklin was huge as far as VHSL points are concerned, as the Terriers got extra points for the Eagles being a Class 5 opponent and rider points for their four wins. With the victory Byrd passed Christiansburg to move into second place in the Region 3D standings, behind only undefeated Magna Vista. The Warriors have a point rating of 27.0 while Byrd is at 25.8, and Magna Vista has games remaining with Halifax, a Class 4 school with a 3-5 record, and Mecklenburg County, another Class 4 who is 2-6.

Most likely the Terriers won't be able to catch Magna Vista without some big time help, but on the other hand Byrd should stay ahead of Christiansburg. The Blue Demons play Salem this week and they've lost their quarterback,



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Above, Byrd's Lane Shoemaker takes the handoff as the offensive line of Elliott Gaines (#12), Nick Bustamante (#50), Cyrus Adams (#54) and Julian Pantoja opens a big hole in last week's win at Franklin County. Left, Brayden Andrews (#7) takes the handoff from Israel Hairston and follows John Kiker (#9) into the end zone for Byrd's first touchdown.

Tanner Evans, for the season. He was the River Ridge District Offensive Player of the Year last season and a big part of the Demons' attack.

Lord Botetourt is currently fourth in the standings but hoping to move up to third with Northside and Franklin still to play. If the standings stay like they are Byrd would open the playoffs at home with seventh-seeded Pulaski County, but a lot can happen in

two weeks. Byrd coach Brad Lutz is certainly not taking Staunton River for granted this Friday, as the Eagles are a bordering school and would like nothing more than to upset a school they consider to be an arch-rival.

"Staunton River is a good team who remains in the playoff hunt," said Lutz. "They are good in all three phases of the game, and have a talented roster. They play a physical brand of foot-

ball, and their players are tough.

"This game is special for many reasons. First, it's Senior Night and that is important to our football program and our football families. Second, this is a huge game in regards to district standings and the playoffs seeding. Both teams are in the playoff hunt, so this game is very important to both teams."

Last Friday in Rocky Mount the Terriers got

off to a slow start as Franklin led 3-0 after the first quarter on a 21 yard field goal. Byrd grabbed the lead by the half, with Brayden Andrews scoring on a five yard run. The extra point attempt failed but Byrd led 6-3.

Lane Shoemaker scored on a one-yard run in the third quarter to make it a two-score game, and this time the extra point kick was blocked. Byrd then got a little breathing room

when Israel Hairston broke loose for a 59 yard TD run. The Terriers went for two and failed, but led 18-3 at that point and were able to hold on despite a 54 yard pass play for a Franklin TD that made the final score 18-10.

Hairston had another big night, running for 140 yards and hitting six of 10 passes for 59. Cooper Minnix had three receptions for 30 yards and

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Volleyball team will open region at Cave Spring Saturday



The William Byrd volleyball team will open Region 3D play this Saturday when they travel to Cave Spring to take on the Knights. The first serve is scheduled for 6 pm.

The Terriers are 9-13 overall as they open region play. This week they made it to the semifinal round of the Blue Ridge District tournament before they were eliminated by second-seeded Franklin County on Tuesday.

Byrd, the third seed, opened the BRD tournament with a three set win over William Fleming on Monday in Vinton, 25-3, 25-6 and 25-4. Kate Bryant served up five aces for the Terriers while Bella Dudley had four kills and Kaylee Makuch had three.

That win earned the girls a trip to Rocky Mount on Tuesday to take on second-seeded Franklin County. The girls started off hot, winning the first set 25-19, but the Eagles regrouped and took the next three for the win, 25-18, 25-14 and 25-19.

"We started off the evening with a lot of energy but we fell short," said Byrd coach Allison Thornton. "The games were close."

Terran Brown had 10 kills to lead the girl at Franklin County, adding six digs and a block. Maddie Pittman had six kills and Dudley had two kills and six blocks.

Lord Botetourt won the other district tournament semifinal, defeating Northside in three sets, and the Cavaliers will host Franklin County tonight at 6 pm in Daleville for the BRD tournament championship.

Left, Byrd's Ava Ashworth serves one up, and right Maddie Pittman goes up for a spike.

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