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The William Byrd football team gathers for a team photo with the Blue Ridge District championship trophy after defeating Northside Friday night. The Terriers finished the regular season with a 5-0 BRD record and a 9-1 overall record, earning the second seed for the Region 3D playoffs.

Terriers are Blue Ridge champs, open playoffs at home Saturday

Brian Hoffman
Sports Editor

The William Byrd football team is in the playoffs for the first time since 2019 and Blue Ridge District champs for

the first time since 2016. The Terriers beat Northside, 35-22, at Northside last Friday to clinch the BRD title.

The Terriers had clinched a playoff spot a month ago, as the top eight teams in Region 3D make the field.

When they beat William Fleming and Lord Botetourt in back-to-back games the first two weeks of October that put them in the driver's seat in the district race, and all but assured them a top two seed for the playoffs. However, they still

had to beat Franklin County, Staunton River and Northside to claim the district title outright, and they finished the job Friday.

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PHOTO BY DEBBIE ADAMS

William Byrd Terriers of the Month for October include (from left): front row, teachers Barbara McGrath, Lauren Pearson, and Mary Jean Sullivan; back row, students Caden McReynolds, Sarah Nguyen, Sydney Nichols, Jack Hinkle, and Nathan Short, and teacher Dan Plybon.

William Byrd recognizes Terriers of the Month for October

William Byrd High School has announced the Terriers of the Month for October. The school is partnering with Alcovia Mortgage this year to recognize students and staff who "are doing great things in and out of the classroom."

All WBHS students and staff are encouraged to nominate individuals who they believe exhibit the "Terrier Way" (being safe, respectful, and responsible and embodying the best of WBHS). Eight students and four teachers are chosen each month. Each Terrier of the Month receives a T-shirt designed by the Graphic Design classes at the high school.

Student Terriers of the Month for October are:

Jocelyn Hartman is a junior who was nominated for being kind and helpful. The teacher who nominated Jocelyn said, "She works hard during class and at home to create the most incredibly meaningful projects. When she is done with her work, she is always willing to

help other students. Jocelyn always has a smile and a positive attitude...and is a pleasure to teach."

Luke Hemming is a junior who was nominated for always following the Terrier Way by being safe, respectful, and responsible. The teacher who nominated Luke said, "He's considerate, easy going, a hard worker, and mature...every class, he arrives on time and is ready to give his best effort with a smile."

Jack Hinkle is a senior who was nominated for his kindness and spirit of generosity. The teacher who nominated him said, "Jack is in my study hall and is always willing to help others with their work...he's a sweet kid who never talks down to his peers and is always willing to lend a helping hand."

Caden McReynolds is a freshman who was nominated for his courage and willingness to help others. The staff member who nominated Caden said,

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Vinton First Aid Crew celebrating 84th anniversary

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The Vinton First Aid Crew (VFAC) was established in 1939. This year members are celebrating the 84th anniversary of dedicated service to the Town of Vinton and outlying Roanoke, Bedford, Franklin, and Botetourt counties.

The VFAC was founded as the result of an incident at Vinton Baptist Church in 1939 when someone fainted during the worship service, and the congregation rushed to give aid.

According to "Roanoke County Fire and Rescue: A Reflection of 150 years," on October 5, 1939, 17 men with a strong desire to help their friends and neighbors in need met in the basement of Vinton Baptist and officially established the Vinton First Aid Crew, Inc. It was one of the first 10 volunteer first aid organizations in Virginia.

Their stated goals were "to save life, administer first aid, and teach safety."

The minutes from their first meeting indicate that "members of the Advanced First Aid Class of Vinton, under the direction of O.P. Schilling, took the examination to complete requirements for the Advanced Certificate.



COURTESY OF MITCH VAUGHAN

Aubrey Vaughan, Lifetime Member of the Vinton First Aid Crew

All members satisfactorily passed the examination. Discussion was held concerning the formation of a First Aid Crew in Vinton and was favorably considered." Officers elected were H.L. Horn, president, C.G. Burrows, vice president, G.C. Crockett, legal advisor, and Dr. N.A. Beeton, medical advisor. Guy Gearhart volunteered to serve as chief.

According to the Fire and Rescue history, "Their beginnings were humble. Members relied on their personal vehicles and a 1934 panel truck, a donated first aid kit, and a few pieces of homemade equipment."

Their equipment initially consisted of two life jackets, one stretcher,

three hot water bottles, two blankets, and two lanterns.

The crew received its first "real" piece of equipment on December 2, 1939 – an H&H inhalator donated by Sam Oakey of Oakey's Funeral Service. A year later the crew acquired a V-8 Ford panel delivery truck which allowed them to answer calls and carry more equipment.

Members had to pass the standard Red Cross First Aid tests, be able to swim, and preferably be qualified as Senior Red Cross Life Savers.

Aubrey Vaughan of Vinton joined the crew in 1954. He is now a Lifetime VFAC member. At age 92, he and fellow member Sydney Myers are the elders of the organization.

Over the years, several members of Vaughan's family have served as well – his son Mitch and Mitch's late wife, Cindy; his granddaughter Anna and her husband Brandan; and Cindy's late father, Jim Perdue. Vaughan's wife Elsie

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William Byrd Middle School holds annual Staff Halloween Costume Contest

The annual Staff Halloween Costume Contest is a huge deal at William Byrd Middle School. The staff goes all out to win the trophy and entertain the students.

This year's contestants included:

Denise Aspell (Director of Bands) as "Travis Kelce's #1 Fan"

Science Department: Kimberly Sarver, Mr. Close, Heather Hall, Erin O'Donnell, Christian Johansen, and Alexis Parrish as "Toy Story: Science Adventures!"

Matt Bartley (Choir Director) as "Jack Black is in the house—here comes Bowser!"

Seventh grade math department: Ashley Stultz, Jennifer Cain, Jill Meacham, Nicole David, Lynae Young, Brandy Helton (Office), and

Michelle Yamatani (STC) as "Teachers Traveling on the Terrier Tower of Terror!"

Eighth grade teachers Tara Smith, Kayla Mitchell, Carli Barnett, Jamie Nichols, Karai Simpson, Scott Whitehead, Erica Rosser, Ashley Pothier, Helen Riddle, Kyle Chambers, and Robert Cronauer as "T-Swift ERAS"

Chris Roakes (7th grade math) and Ben Watts (7th grade history) as "Teacher Swap—Roakes and Watts"

The 7th grade English department: Tracy Addison, Traci Wren, Mcario del Castillo, Olivia Body, Mickaella Porterfield, Ms. Pernot, Ryan Hutchison (Tech Ed), and Michelle Watts (SP Coordinator) as the "Fantastic Plastic Squad"

The Minions emceed the contest, including Gloria Harris, Allyse Dunlop, Leslie Jordan (from counseling), Tiffany Adams (attendance), bookkeeper Tracey Hilliard, and Terra Byrd (IA).

First Place went to the "Fantastic Plastic Squad"

Second Place, "T-Swift ERAS"

Third Place: "Jack Black...here comes Bowser!"

Fourth Place: "Toy Story: Science Edition"

Fifth Place: "Terrier Tower of Terror"

Principal Evan Noell appeared as Gru; Assistant Principal Katherine Hutchison as Edith; and Assistant Principal Abby Barnes as Agnes.

Submitted by Gloria Harris, WBMS



Principal Evan Noell (far right) presents the first place trophy to the Fantastic Plastic Squad.



Choir Director Matt Bartley takes third place in the WBMS Halloween Costume Contest.



WBMS Band Director Denise Aspell competes as "Travis Kelce's #1 Fan."



Second place winners were the "T-Swift ERAS"



The Terrier Tower of Terror won fifth place in the annual costume contest.



The Minions emceed the costume contest.

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Roanoke Valley Resource Authority appoints new CEO

The Board of Directors of the Roanoke Valley Resource Authority (RVRA) has announced the appointment of Jon Adam Lanford as its new Chief Executive Officer (CEO). He has over 20 years of local government management experience and is currently an assistant county administrator in Botetourt County. In that role he supervises the Departments of Parks and Recreation and Facilities and Maintenance and serves as a project manager for various capital projects, including utility extensions, locally administered VDOT projects and the replacement of the Botetourt County Circuit Courthouse in Fincastle.

Lanford will succeed Dan Miles, who is retiring after 16-1/2 years in the RVRA CEO position.

The Roanoke Valley Resource Authority is the regional solid waste management organization serving residents and businesses of the Cities of Roanoke and Salem, Roanoke County, and the Town of Vinton.

It operates the Tinker Creek Transfer Station in the City of Roanoke, the Salem Transfer Station in the City of Salem, and the Smith Gap Landfill, processing approximately 250,000 tons of regional solid waste annually. The CEO is responsible for directing the staff and operations of the authority and reports to a nine-member board of directors made up of representatives of the four member localities.

At its meeting on October 25th the RVRA Board of Directors approved an employment agreement with Lanford.

Board Chair Rebecca Owens said, "We are pleased to have found someone with diverse experience in local government management, public works, and capital project management and who is familiar with the Roanoke Valley and its localities. The board was also impressed by his

past successes with regional initiatives. We look forward to working with Jon to improve services to the regional partners, their citizens and businesses, and to strengthening the long-term financial sustainability of the authority."

Lanford received a Bachelor of Science degree in Environmental Science from Ferrum College. In the early years of his career, he served in the Botetourt County Department of Public Works and had various technical roles with the Virginia Department of Health and the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation. He served as the county engineer and then concurrently as the director of Public Works in Alleghany County for five years. In 2008 Lanford was appointed as the assistant county administrator of Alleghany County, a position that he held for eight years. He then served as Alleghany County administrator from 2016 to 2021 when he took his current position in Botetourt County.

He shared these thoughts on his appointment, "I am honored and excited to have this opportunity to serve as the next Chief Executive Officer of the Roanoke Valley Resource Authority. I have a strong commitment to providing regional solutions that benefit our communities and this is a core mission of the RVRA. I look forward to working with the board and staff, along with the governing bodies of the partner localities, to strengthen the authority to meet new challenges and continue to provide excellent solid waste management services to our region."

Lanford will assume his duties as Chief Executive Officer of the Roanoke Valley Resource Authority on November 13.

Submitted by Vinton Town Manager Pete Peters

Submit your community news and photos to vintonmessenger@ourvalley.org.



Scouts and their leaders from Troop 235 gathered at Mountain View Cemetery on Nov. 4 to plant flags on the graves of military veterans in observance of Veterans Day. Shown left to right are Bradley Martin, Johnathan Teague, Assistant Scoutmaster John Frasca, Royce Apple, and Franklin Apple.

Scouts plant flags at Mountain View Cemetery in observance of Veterans Day this weekend

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Each November, local Scouts plant American flags on the graves at Mountain View Cemetery in observance of Veterans Day, honoring military veterans in all branches of the armed forces. Each May, they plant flags on Memorial Day to honor and mourn those who sacrificed their lives in service to the country.

This year was no exception; the tradition continues. Scouts and their leaders from Troop 235 gathered early on a chilly morning and armed with containers of flags and metal hole punchers, searched the cemetery for gravestones which indicated service in the armed forces – at Mountain

View, that amounts to hundreds of graves.

Scout leaders say this flag planting activity provides a lesson in citizenship and patriotism for the Scouts. Patriotism, citizenship, and community service are core elements of the Scout experience.

Scout leaders present for the event on Nov. 4 included Assistant District Commissioner for the BSA Great Valley District, Blue Ridge Mountains Council Richard Cohen, along with Assistant Scoutmaster John Frasca, Assistant Scoutmaster Ryan Apple, and Troopmaster Greg Leslie of BSA Troop 235. Scouts participating included Tenderfoot Bradley Martin, Life Scout Johnathan Teague, Life Scout Royce Apple, and 2nd Class Scout Franklin Apple.



PHOTO BY DEBBIE ADAMS

Scout Bradley Martin and Asst. Scoutmaster John Frasca plant flags on the graves of veterans at Mountain View Cemetery.

Jason Peters elected as Roanoke County Commissioner of the Revenue

Unofficial results from Tuesday's election indicate that Republican Jason Peters of Vinton has been elected to serve as the next Roanoke County Commissioner of the Revenue with 53.65% of the vote (15,653 votes), defeating incumbent Democrat Nancy Horn, who received 45.96% of the votes cast (13,409). Horn has served as Commissioner of the Revenue since 2001.

Peters is a lifelong resident of East Roanoke County and a 1994 graduate of William Byrd High School. He has been employed with First Citizens Bank for 23 years. He has volunteered with the Vinton First Aid Crew for 31 years and

is currently president of the crew.

Peters has represented the Vinton Magisterial District on the Roanoke County Board of Supervisors for the past 10 years. In that capacity, he has worked with the Town of Vinton on many economic development projects such as the Roland E. Cook Lofts, Macado's, Vinyard Station, Explore Park, the redevelopment of the old William Byrd High School into the Billy Byrd apartments, and Route 460 improvements.

"I am very thankful to the citizens of Roanoke County for giving me this opportunity to serve as your next Commissioner of the Revenue," Peters said. "I



COURTESY OF JASON PETERS

Jason Peters

look forward to working with citizens and businesses in Roanoke County to make the Commissioner's Office a true resource to our community."

-Vinton Messenger staff report

PEOPLE, PLACES AND THINGS

By Angie Chewning

The Vinton Chamber wants to invite businesses and residents to Paint our Town Christmas! We want Vinton to be a Christmas light destination. Light up your neighborhoods, your business, your cars, have a neighborhood competition.

Let's have some fun with this – let's LIGHT IT UP!

Let me know if your neighborhoods have lights up and we will share.

Put the Vinton Christmas Parade on your calendar for Nov. 30 at 7 p.m. and the Santa Christmas Crawl for Dec. 12, beginning at 5:30 throughout the town.

The GFWC Southeastern Region Annual Meeting was held November 3-5 in Huntington, W.Va.

Traveling to the meeting and representing three Blue Ridge District clubs were Camilla Cabaniss, Carolyn Williams-Mills, Kathryn Sowers, and Marlene Wine. They received an education in

My favorite color is Christmas Lights

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The meetings included business, speakers and workshops on Domestic Violence Prevention, International Clubs, Leadership, Membership, and Legislation, just to name a few. Many new projects and programs will be explored by the clubs. Look out for new projects and events coming soon to a town near you. FYI, Elvis

visited us.

Congratulations to Kat Pascal, co-owner of Farmburguesa and founder of the Roanoke Latinas Network, who is being honored at this year's Junior Achievement SW Virginia Business Hall of Fame as Social Entrepreneur of the Year. Thank you for all that you have done for the Roanoke Valley!

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1. Army legal branch
4. Dekagram
7. Underwater ship
10. 6th Jewish month
12. ___ lang syne, good old days
14. European money
15. Remover of an apple's center
17. The content of cognition
18. Bleats
19. "1836 siege" of U.S.
20. Inquiries
22. Bottled gas
23. Dutch painter Gerrit
25. An invasion or hostile attack
28. Misbeliever
31. South American Indiana
32. Bone cavities

CLUES DOWN

33. Hound sounds
34. Turtle carapace
39. Wash or flow against
40. Cross a threshold
41. Pitch symbol
42. About lizards
45. Treat with contempt
48. Million barrels per day (abbr.)
49. Place to sleep
51. Harsh criticism or disapproval
54. Wipe out recorded information
56. Pesetas
58. Pitcher Hershiser
59. Pronouncements
60. Dodge truck model
61. A coniferous tree
62. Ludicrously false statement
63. Lyric poem

64. Determine the sum
65. Fixed in one's purpose

CLUES DOWN

1. Mexican wattle & daub hut
2. ___ Green; playwright
3. Building for autos
4. Rum and lime or lemon juice
5. Two spiral-horned African antelopes
6. Jubilant delight
7. Cyclic
8. Fiddler crabs
9. Vehicle carrying many passengers
11. Dream sleep
13. Afghan Persian language
16. Gnawing small mammal
18. B1 deficiency disease
21. Not out
24. Chancellor Von Bismarck
26. RCO group of atoms

27. Cony
29. Makes a gas less dense
30. Instances of disease
34. A story
35. Surmounted
36. Counterfoil
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The camera was initially marketed for children, but it soon caught on with older audiences. This camera model captured images such as the iceberg that sunk the Titanic as well as the Titanic survivors aboard the RMS Carpathia.

This camera model



PHOTO BY JUDY CUNNINGHAM

This is one of several cameras on display at the Vinton History Museum.

was also frequently taken to the front lines by WW1 soldiers.

Several Brownie camera models are part of the Vinton History Museum's camera collection, which houses many milestones of photography and video.

Everyone is invited to check out the camera collection and thousands

of other artifacts at the museum, located at 210 East Jackson Street in downtown Vinton, open 10 a.m. 'til 2 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, and the first Saturday of each month.

Submitted by Judy Cunningham, Vinton History Museum Executive Director

OBITUARIES

Jones, Doris Pauline Carey

Doris Pauline Carey Jones, 97, of Vinton, passed away peacefully at home on Friday, October 27, 2023.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Gene Jones, and grandchildren, Kristine Jones and Robert Jones.

Surviving are her children, Terry Morale (Richard), Will Jones, Tom Jones (Michael Horne), Jeff Jones, and J Alan Jones (Irene); grandchildren, Stephanie (Dan), Greg (Ashley), Miranda (Jack), Jacob, Andrew, Carey, J Alan, Alana, Ciera, Brannon, and Kelly; great-grandchildren, Juliana, Jonathan, Blake, Addilyn, Spencer, Kaleb, Ronan, and Armand; sister, Peggy Carey Clark; and a multitude of loving and much-loved nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, and friends.



Doris was born in Hooversville, Pa., and graduated from Johnstown High School. When she was young, Doris taught herself to play the mandolin and how to sew. In her 40s, Doris learned to sculpt in clay and work with pouring her own porcelain ceramics. In her 70s, she taught herself piano and to play basketball. At 90, she wrote her first book. Doris loved to garden and walk. She loved the mountains. Doris also sang in the choir at St. Andrews Catholic Church for

many years.

The family would like to thank specific Hospice staff, Mary Heath, (RN) and Valerie Agee (CNA); chaplains, Melton Johnson and Caroline Stanfill; as well as MSW, Sarah Pomar; and Massage Therapist, Penny Gardner.

The family will receive friends from 5 until 7 p.m. on Thursday, November 9, 2023, at Oakey's Vinton Chapel. A Mass of Christian Burial will be conducted at 12 noon on Friday, November 10, 2023, at St. Andrew's Catholic Church with the Rev. Fr. Kevin Segerblom officiating. Interment will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday, November 13, 2023, at the Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery in Dublin, Va. Online condolences may be shared with the family at www.Oakeys.com.

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FROM THE PULPIT

The Life of Joseph, Week 4

We are expected to live out the attitude of Christ no matter our situation. Joseph lived this out daily most of his life. By the end of Genesis 39 Joseph is in the king's prison. However, verses 20-21 tell us, "But while Joseph was there in prison, the Lord was with him; he showed him kindness and granted him favor in the eyes of the prison ward."

When we are walking with the Lord, step-in-step with the Holy Spirit, we can experience the same things Joseph experienced. The Lord's favor is a mighty thing in our lives and unexplainable to those that have never experienced it.

The prison guard placed Joseph in charge of all the other prisoners

in the king's prison. Joseph was responsible for everything that happened in the prison. The warden paid no attention to anything under Joseph's care (v.23) "because the Lord was with Joseph and gave him success in whatever he did."

I think that some believers in Jesus Christ do not think that God truly wants the best for them and that He wants this life to be difficult to prove how faithful we are to Him. This is not true.

We tend to get in God's way when He trying to do good in and through us - often because we don't recognize when God is trying to work in our life. Let's try to do better in letting God work in our life the way He wants to work.

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SPREAD THE WORD
Read John 12:1 through 13:38

A large banner in the church parking lot announced, "Food Giveaway on Saturday." Sharon saw the banner as she drove by on her way to work. Just five years earlier, as a single mother of two, she had received two bags of groceries from the same church. This gift enabled her to get through a tough time after her husband deserted her. More importantly, it opened her heart to the message of Christ.

Now a growing Christian, Sharon takes time to tell others about the church's food giveaway and about the greatest gift of all: Jesus.

The crowd that was with him when he called Lazarus from the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to spread the word (John 12:17).

Those who saw Jesus raise Lazarus from the dead just couldn't keep quiet. They kept talking about the miracle and generating interest in those who heard. The story of how Jesus has touched one person's life has the power to touch other people's lives.

Prayer Suggestion: Jesus, help me to spread the word about You boldly today.

Quicklook: John 12:17-19

If you would like to see your church services listed here in the Vinton Messenger contact Tucker Frye at 540-473-2741 or email tfrye@ourvalley.org

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

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

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

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

PRESBYTERIAN
CAMPBELL MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1130 Hardy Rd, Vinton, VA, 540-343-1842; cmcp2verizon.net Sunday school 9:45am, Worship 11:00am; Communion 1st Su.ndays; 2nd Sunday Session; Monday Noon Bible Study; Tuesdays & Thursdays Stretch Class 9:00am; 1st Tuesdays Deacons; Wednesday Choir 7:00pm; Monday Girl Scouts 7:00pm; 3rd Saturday Men's Breakfast 8:00am. Rev. Jonathan Moelker, pastor

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

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

Scheid receives Roanoke Valley Greenways Gorge Award

Janet Scheid of Vinton has received the 2023 William N. Gorge Award for Outstanding Contributions to Roanoke Valley Greenways.

This is an annual award presented to groups or individuals who have had a significant impact on the local greenways. It is named for pediatrician Dr. Bill Gorge, who for decades helped “design, construct, and maintain” the greenway system, including the greenways in Vinton. He founded the Pathfinders for Greenways Mid-Week Crew, often seen working on the greenway trails in Vinton.

According to Greenway Coordinator Frank McGuire, “The selection committee chose to recognize Janet for her role in facilitating a smooth transition from

the founding coordinator of the Greenway Commission, Liz Belcher, to myself.

“Janet led the search committee that oversaw the hiring process and was the chair of the executive committee for the last two years. She was exceedingly generous with her time, introducing me around to staff and elected officials across the region, and served as an important sounding board for developing various communications and plans for the commission. Her knowledge and experience were critical in helping move the commission into this new era.”

The award was presented at the 23rd annual Greenway Volunteer Picnic held on Oct. 8 at Twin Creeks Brewing Company in Vinton.

Scheid previously served on Vinton Town Council and now is a citizen representative for the Town



COURTESY OF ROANOKE GREENWAY

Janet Scheid receives the Roanoke Valley Greenways William N. Gorge Award from Roanoke Greenways Coordinator Frank McGuire.

of Vinton on the Greenway Commission. She is well known throughout the region for her environmental advocacy and her ardent support for the Roanoke greenways.

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Terriers

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“He snapped into action during a very dangerous situation to help provide support and assistance to a student in need.”

Sarah Nguyen is a freshman who was nominated for her work ethic, intelligence, and willingness to help others. The teacher who nominated Sarah said, “Sarah is quick to help her friends when they don’t understand a topic...she’s extremely respectful and a joy to have in the classroom!”

Sydney Nichols is a freshman who was nominated for his willingness to help others. The teacher who nominated him said, “Sydney is always willing to help his classmates with their work when he is finished. Even if he isn’t finished, if a student needs help, he will pause his work to help another friend. He never puts his peers down but lifts them up and is a joy in class.”

Nathan Short is a junior who was nominated for his willingness to help others. The teacher who nominated Nathan said, “He doesn’t hesitate to help me clean up...and he does it in a quiet way without saying anything to anyone so that the rest of the class is led by his actions...Nathan is polite and respectful and just a pleasure to have in the room.”

Ian Vest is a senior and member of the football and lacrosse teams. Ian was nominated for his positive attitude and the respect he shows toward teachers and staff. The teacher who nominated him said, “He makes me smile and improves my mood with his positivity... he will always say hello and greet staff in and outside of school.”

Teachers chosen as Terrier of the Month for October are:

Barbara McGrath teaches AP Biology. The students who nominated her highlighted her caring and thoughtful nature in working with students. As one student said, “She is one of the most

caring teachers I have had the chance to learn from...she takes the time to learn about each student as an individual and does whatever it takes to make class a stress-free environment.” Or as another student simply put it, “She is very intent on making sure students succeed, with a heart for her students and their success.”

Lauren Pearson teaches Algebra I and Advanced Geometry. The students who nominated her highlighted her kindness and willingness to always help her students. One student said, “Ms. Pearson is always kind to students...she always makes sure everyone is okay.” Another student simply said, “She really cares about the well-being of students.”

Dan Plybon teaches Concert, Jazz, and Symphonic Band and coaches the Marching Band. The students who nominated him highlighted his work ethic and commitment towards his students. As one student said, “He works extremely hard to make sure his students are happy with what they play in band...he also puts in so much effort to make sure the marching band has fun, while getting work done.” Another student said, “He gives us valuable life lessons instead of just teaching us what we need to know.”

Mary Jean Sullivan teaches Economics and Personal Finance. The students who nominated her highlighted her positivity and ability to make class fun. One student said, “She genuinely tries to relate to all students in class...even when the class gets chaotic, she tries to teach in a fun and resolving manner that no one else can replicate... she’s the sweetest person, too!”

Congratulations, October Terriers of the Month!

Submitted by WBHS Assistant Principal Phillip Martin

Keen appointed town treasurer

Vinton Finance Director Andrew Keen has been appointed by Town Council to take on the added role of town treasurer.

He was hired in June 2022 to serve as finance director upon the resignation of former Finance Director/Treasurer Anne Cantrell. At that time, Keen was also appointed as deputy town treasurer to prepare for the role of treasurer. Assistant Town Manager Cody Sexton has held the role of town treasurer in the months since. Keen’s appointment as treasurer, replacing Sexton, took effect on Nov. 1.

Before coming to Vinton, Keen served as the Budget and Finance

manager at Blue Ridge Behavioral Healthcare. He has extensive experience in budget development, contract and reporting management, procurement management and payroll processing.

Prior to that position, he worked in operations at Lawrence Transportation in Botetourt County with responsibility for planning and logistics for the flatbed fleet division.

He was raised in Smyth County in Southwest Virginia and graduated from Marion Senior High School. He earned his bachelor’s degree from Radford University with a major in and a minor in Political Science.

Keen recently completed his Graduate Certificate

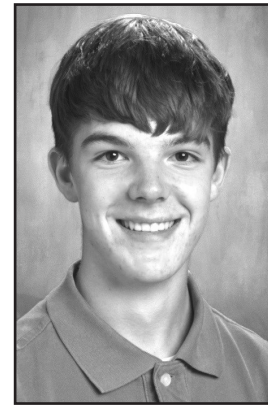


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Vinton’s Finance Director/Town Treasurer Andrew Keen.

in Local Government Management program at Virginia Tech (with a 4.0 GPA). The rigorous program trains future leaders in local government administration.

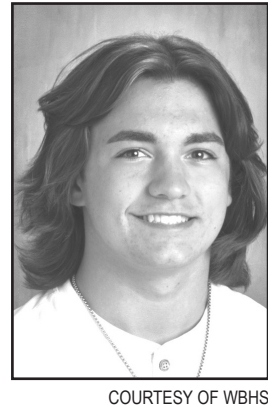
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Terrier of the Month Luke Hemming



Terrier of the Month Jocelyn Hartman



Terrier of the Month Ian Vest

William Byrd High School announces honor rolls for first nine weeks

William Byrd High School has announced the names of students who excelled to make the A and A-B Honor Rolls for the first nine weeks of the 2023-24 school year.

A HONOR ROLL

12th grade: Benjamin Abbott, Luke Abbott, Dakota Adams, Sarah Addo, Erin Adkins, Olaedo Anyanwu, Wyatte Bailey, A’Mari Banks, A’Mont Banks, Jayla Barger, Sylvia Bautista, Jaslyn Bibby, Xachary Brogan, Eva Brown, Terran Brown, Cody Burkett, Abigail Bush, Cindel Camper, Zachary Claybrook, Alexis Cook, Emily Cook, Jordan Crowell, Curtis Dillon, Elizabeth Dixon, Aiden Dogan, Lee Doss, Sali Doura, Mandolin Draper, Carter Dullaghan, Phoenix Eanes, Seth Elmore, Kadence Fernatt, Makayla Flack, Noah Franks, Dexter Gaines, Elliott Gaines, David Gaspar Cabrera, Claire Glover, Leigha Graham Martin, Benjamin Guertin, Joshua Hardy, Britton Harnish, Adam Harris, Kaliyah Harris, Sawyer Harris, Donald Hodges, Aiden Hundley, Makenna Jacobsen, Zachary James, Emma Kageals, John Kiker, Bryden King, Gretchen Kinney, Javier Kyle, Kyra Lane, Camden LaPrad, Thaddeus Lilley, Andrew Lindsay, Christian Lovern, Katelyn Lucas, Payton Martin, Steven Matar, Allyson Mavredes, Emma Miller, Nathan Miller, Abigail Moats, Madison Montgomery, Aiden Moore, Tyler Morrison, Andrew Murphy, Tracy Nguyen, Kallie Niday, Hannah O’Brien, Camden Perdue, Isaiah Rider, Hunter Roberts, Kimberly Saunders, Braedon Scroggs, Dominic Smith, Emily Sowers, Samantha Start, Karli Stephenson, Emily Tuck, Jovie Underwood, Alexis Ware, Tyler Webster, Trenton West, Madison White, Meghan White, Brooke Wimmer, Thomas Wood, Griffin Yakob, Elizabeth Young

11th Grade: Ava Ashworth, Kassius Ayres, Thomas Bibby III, Isaiah Board, Carson Bramble, Brooke Brant, Hunter Butterworth, Graylen Castleberry, Devin Clark, Caleb Cole, Erika Coon, Evan Copening, Jordan Davila, Nevach Davila, Hayden Davis, Abigail Day, Graysen Divers, Caleb Dogan, Alejandro Dooley, Camryn Dullaghan, Skylar Fitzgerald, Mykiah Garrison, Lacie Gibson, Emily Glass, Kendall Gordon, Ethan Haston, Luke Hemming, Hannan Janney, Jada Johnson, Lillian Johnson, Mallory Johnson, Sara Lang, Kendall Lecas, Nathaniel Lynn, Kaylee Makuch, Landon Martin, Emma Matthews, Zachary McAllister, Jake Moore, Noah Nicely, William Obenchain, Grace Onwi, Eliza Otey, Genevieve Paul, Mason Perdue, Madelyn Pittman, Marcyala Poindexter, Ethan Powell, Meera Raichura, Elizabeth Reid, Sean Rickman, Elyse Rider, Cesar Rodriguez-Muniz, Emma Rupe, Vanessa Sattah, Gregory Stiltner, William Thompson, Camden West, Grace Woodcock, Virginia Yonce

10th Grade: Joshua Abbott, Joshua Allen, Andrew Bartley, Olivia Basham, Ainsley Bolen, Sawyer Bolen, Braedon Booth, Emily Bowden, Sophia Brown, Caleb Brunk, Kaylin Bumgarner, Olivia Bustamante, Addison Clark, Asher Claybrook, Ashton Dillon, Nevach Edwards, Hailie Garst, Samuel Geist, Chloe Gill, Sofia Gonzalez, Keegan Harnish, Tyler Harris, Jaden Holmes, Taylor Jacobsen, Macabe James, Cary Jones, Brooke Justus, Abbie Kidd, Tatianna Kubik, Carter

Leonard, Elizabeth Martinez, Casi Matthews, Ryan McIntyre, Nathaniel Muncy, Jayden Niday, Kaydon Nolan, Lillian Perez, Bethany Pittenger, Gabrielle Romeo, Kyle Saccoci, Samantha Slocum, Ethan Sutton, Jillian Sylvester Johnson, Annabelle Teague, Zane Vasser, Dixie Venable, Lucy Whitenack, Noah Williams, Darin Witcher, Lennon Wright, Peyton Wright

9th Grade: Eleanor Ball, Aubrey Blewett, Christopher Boyd, Nate Buck, Addison Collins, Fallon Davis, Colter Dean, Emmalee Dodson, Yonathan Fernandez-Alvarez, Gabriel Flinchum, Brittany Garcia, Aaron Hemming, Cole Johnston, Britton Jordan, Elijah Loan, Olivia Long, Olivia Lorek, Emma Milliron, Tyler Minnix, Elena Mullen, Sarah Nguyen, Sydney Nichols, Carly Norton, Kendall Norton, Josten Pimlott, Nathanael Reed, Luke Richardson, Abigail Saritelli, Willow Seth, Aubrey Sink, Zane Telsch, Anna Teruel, Gavin Thornton, McKayla Tingler, Sydney Tuck, Kalen Watkins, Heidi Wienke, Maggie Zimmerman

A-B HONOR ROLL

12th Grade: Brayden Andrews, Brooklyn Arven, Noah Austin, Ashley Begasse, Lillian Betterton, Caitlin Bishop, Kaylee Blackwell, Titus Blalock, Natalie Blevins, Sydney Blewett, Alexandra Bonilla, Beau Brady, Jocelyn Brigdon, Kathryn Bryant, Sydney Bunce, Dylan Burkett, Ian Burnett, Dylan Callahan, Nathan Carter, Hernan Cataneo’Luna, Alexandra Chaney, Alexis Christensen, Tyler Ciafardini, Staceyjo Cook, William Cox, Caden Cunningham, Madelyn Davis, Carter Dillon, Dominic Dulak, Landon Dyess, Aidan Eline, Avery Fay, Isaac Fedor, Samantha Flippen, Lance Freedle, Landyn French, James Glover, Israel Hairston, Reid Hanson, Teca Hash, Autumn Hicks, Jack Hinkle, Taryn Hodges, Lance Hollins, Matthew Klugas, Alexis LaBarbera, Haley Lecas, Brandon Leftwich, Reagan Lilley, Marissa Loback, Dameon Lowe, Andrew Maxell, Adam Megdadi, Gracie Mick, Cooper Minnix, Sean Minnix, Kaylee Mitchell, Tanner Montgomery, Donald Mullins, Jr., Jenny Nguyen, Brycen Nielsen, Nicole Posadas, Makayla Price, Justin Rickard, Sandy Scott, Benjamin Sink, Jesse Smith, Melinda Smith, Kellar Spraker, Addisyn St.Clair, Finley Stephens, Johnathan Teague, Kayli Thompson, Kenny Trang, Chloe Varney, Demarion Williams, Maddox Wolfe, Grayson Workman, Dakota Wright

11th Grade: Cyrus Adams, Bakr Alkaradi, Natalie Altice, Blake Anderson, Layla Bannister, Christian Barrette, Logan Beavers, Carson Bivens, Isaiah Blevins, Wyatt Bowles, Dawson Brinkley, Torin Bundy, Maurice Burnette, Daniel Butterworth, Barry Cheatwood, Ryan Cole, Jr., Emma Craddock, Anthony Davis, Skylar Edwards, Frank English, McKinley FiGart, Emily Fisher, Jude Foster, Carson Gill, Landon Haithcock, Macie Hall, Aidan Hardy, Abigail Haroulakis, Jocelyn Hartman, Nathan Hiemstra, Megan Higgins, Tristan Hirtz, Sophie Holcomb, Christopher Jackson, Allie Jamison, Kristin Kochendarfer, Raelyn Lancaster, McKenzie Lee, Max Livingston, Zoey Mann, Ryan Markham, Samantha Martin, Aldahir Martinez Garcia, Jenna Matthews, Peyton Miller, Abigail Mosher, Sean Overbay, Ellawyn Pagan, Christian Parker, Ethan

Pekala, Isabella Posadas, Savannah Powell, Becca Radford, Blake Richardson, Curtis Roberts, Nathan Rogers, Nathan Rowland, Johnathan Rozenboom, Jr., Reid Ruble, Robert Sankbeil, Landon Sarver, Nathan Short, Benjamin Singh, Luke Skelton, Zheniya Staples, Kevin Stultz, Josephine Taylor, Kayleigh Taylor, Chloe Underwood-Agee, Sarah Wilcox, Carson Wood, Dakota Woznik, Mary Wray, Shawn Young, Jr.

10th Grade: Noelah Addo, Kyndall Agee, Royce Apple, Ashley Arven, Blake Austin, Zachary Bailey, Ceiliann Baldwin, Aiden Barton, Kelsey Bell, Tyson Brady, Jacob Bray, Abigail Brigdon, Kendra Brunk, Austin Bumgarner, Jenna Bunce, Marissa Camper, Lily Carrell, Sydney Coles, Bladimir Cortes’Martinez, Jacob Courtemanche, Matilyn Cox, Bianca DeMelo, Evelyn Dickason, Emma Dooley, Isabella Dudley, Jaelyn English, Kaden Falu, Paul Ferreebe, Katelynn Franks, Elizabeth Gheen, Kevin Green, Jr., Ryleigh Grubb, Rileigh Hackett, Keegan Harold, Alexander Hastings, Luke Helton, Jason Hernandez’Lemus, Brooke Hershel, Gabin Hilliker, Kaleigh Hobbs, Owen Humphreys, Ryan Hurler, David Hutsonpillar, Lauren Johnson, Tate Kotz, Shelby Krawczyk, Carleigh Leonard, Kenady Leonard, Kennedy Lohrmann, Kayla Lovern, Juan Maldonado, Collin Mills, Anya Moore, Hunter Moseley, Miley Moses, Charlotte Mullen, Lindsay Murtaugh, Emily Ngo, Cason Nichols, Gabriella Norris, Morgan Odum, Carlee Partleton, Sienna Perdue, Mallory Peroulas, Leila Pichardo, Makiya Price, Meisha Robinson, Justyn Rozenboom, Keith Schult, Jr., Makenzie Scott, Napiray Sierra’Prin, Mitchell Sigafos, Jarrett Smith, Kylynd Spence, Kaeleigh Swan, Evan Tabor, Oakley Wilkerson, Emma Williams, Skylar Williams, Aaron Wood

9th Grade: Alyssa Abdelhadi, Brennon Agee, Cristabella Banks, Lauren Baringer, Erica Barton, Ava Betterton, Alanah Bonnell, Raegan Bowman, Madelyn Brown, Sage Brown, Lane Brunk, Autumn Bryant, Ashlyn Cain, Hudson Cain, Ryeli Catalan, Victoria Chang Leon, Emily Clinebell, Chase Daugherty, Alexis Davis, Alyssa Dennis, Carina Dibenetto, Heidi Dixon, Hannah Eakin, Colten Fore, David Foster, Clarissa Gill, Alexis Hall, Lanaiya Hardy, Caiden Harnish, Jeremiah Harper, Brihanna Harris, Emmalee Harris, Khloe Hart, Braedyn Henritze, Sophie Hoagland, Austin Hornady, Christopher Hurd, II, Levi Johnson, Lukas Johnson, Evelyn Jones, Stella Jones, Joel Kinney, Arianna Krista, Austin Kroner, Isabella Lane, John Lasecki, Vincent Liu, Charley Lord, Joseph Madonna, Bradley Martin, Mia Martin, Ella McCoy, Jackson McCoy, Haleigh Myers, Giovanni Pandolfini, Brody Parrish, Jeremy Paul, Sebastian Perdomo, Allison Phillips, Amari Poindexter, Genevieve Price, Thomas Purcell, Bruce Robinson, Colin Rodgers, Janya Rosborough, Nathaniel Rucker, Jonah Schofield, Riley Slusher, Elliott Smith, Colton Sotherden, Riley Spradlin, Tarren Staten, Ramsey Stephens, Hayden Sutphin, Zane Taylor, Lauren Toney, Izabella Trumble, Breanna Wallace, Owen Webb, Whitney Werle, Connor Whitehead, Justin Williams, Makaylah Witt, Aiden Wright



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Legals - Botetourt County

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 17 KNOLLWOOD DRIVE, TROUTVILLE, VA 24175.

In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated August 1, 2003, in the original principal amount of \$111,000.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Botetourt County, Virginia, in Book 0000 at Page 0167 as Instrument No. 0307051 . The undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the front of the Circuit Court building for Botetourt County, Main Street, Fincastle, VA 24090 or any such temporary alternative Circuit Court location designated by the Judges of the Circuit Court on December 4, 2023, at 11:00 AM, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows: ALL THAT CERTAIN TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE COUNTY OF BOTETOURT, STATE OF VIRGINIA, AND MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, TO-WIT: LOT 1, BLOCK 1, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OF SECTION 1, KNOLLWOOD, MADE BY T.P. PARKER AND SON, ENGINEERS AND SURVEYORS, DATED FEBRUARY 2, 1973, OF RECORD IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR BOTETOURT COUNTY, VIRGINIA, IN PLAT BOOK 7, PAGE 76. TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder's deposit of ten percent (10%) of the sale price or ten percent (10%) of the original principal balance of the subject Deed of Trust, whichever is lower, in the form of cash or certified funds payable to the Substitute Trustee must be present at the time of the sale. The balance of the purchase price will be due within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Purchaser's deposit may be forfeited to Trustee. Time is of the essence. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser may, if provided by the terms of the Trustee's Memorandum of Foreclosure Sale, be entitled to a \$50 cancellation fee from the Substitute Trustee, but shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. A form copy of the Trustee's memorandum of foreclosure sale and contract to purchase real property is available for viewing at www.bwvsales.com. Additional terms, if any, to be announced at the sale and the Purchaser may be given the option to execute the contract of sale electronically. This is a communication from a debt collector and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. The sale is subject to seller confirmation. Substitute Trustee: Equity Trustees, LLC, 8100 Three Chopt Road, Suite 240, Richmond, VA 23229. For more information contact: BWV Law Group, LLC, attorneys for Equity Trustees, LLC, 6003 Executive Blvd, Suite 101, Rockville, MD 20852, 301-961-6555, website: www.bwvsales.com. VA-208643-6.

ABC NOTICE

Santa Rita LLC., trading as Lentini's, 1396 Roanoke Road, Daleville, VA. 24083.

The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) AUTHORITY for a Retail Restaurant or Caterer Application- Restaurant, Wine, Beer, Consumed On and Off Premises license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages.

Nasim Faltas, Owner.

NOTE: Objections to the issuance of this license must be submitted to ABC no later than 30 days from the publishing date of the first of two required newspaper legal notices. Objections should be registered at www.abc.virginia.gov or 800-552-3200.

Legals - Botetourt County

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED TAX-EXEMPT BOND FINANCING OF THE VIRGINIA SMALL BUSINESS FINANCING AUTHORITY

Notice is hereby given that the Virginia Small Business Financing Authority (the "Authority") will hold a public hearing on the application of Virginia Baptist Homes, Inc. (d/b/a LifeSpire of Virginia), a Virginia nonstock corporation (the "Borrower"), whose address is 3961 Stillman Parkway, Glen Allen, Virginia 23060, requesting the Authority to issue, pursuant to the Virginia Small Business Financing Act, Article 7, Chapter 22, Title 2.2, Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended (the "Act"), up to \$215,000,000 of the Authority's tax-exempt bonds (the "Bonds"), in one or more series from time to time. The Bonds are expected to be issued as qualified 501(c)(3) bonds as defined in Section 145 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. The Borrower and its affiliated organizations operate five senior living communities in Virginia.

The Authority will loan the proceeds of the Bonds to the Borrower:
(1) To finance and refinance the costs of designing, developing, constructing and equipping approximately 33 independent living units in a "hybrid home" independent living development comprised of approximately three, three-story apartment structures (built on top of a related parking structure), and related parking structures and amenities, all located on the campus of the Lakewood Retirement Community, which is located in and around 1900 Lauderdale Drive, Henrico, Virginia 23238. The maximum amount of Bonds expected to be issued for this component of the financing is \$45,000,000.

(2) To finance and refinance the costs of designing, developing, constructing and equipping (i) approximately 33 independent living units in a "hybrid home" independent living development and related structures comprised of approximately three, three-story structures, located on the campus of a senior living community called the Chesapeake, which is located in and around 955 Harpersville Road, Newport News, Virginia 23601, (ii) roof and HVAC replacement and renovation at existing structures on the Chesapeake campus, and (iii) other renovations and reconstruction within the existing structures on the Chesapeake campus. The maximum amount of Bonds expected to be issued for this component of the financing is \$50,000,000.

(3) To finance and refinance the costs of designing, developing, constructing and equipping (i) approximately 18 independent living units in a cottage-style independent living development comprised of approximately 18, up to 3-story structures and related parking and amenities located on the campus of a senior living community called The Glebe, which is located in and around 200 The Glebe Boulevard, Daleville, Virginia 24083 (which is in Botetourt County), and (ii) an expansion of one or more existing structures on The Glebe's campus to expand and improve the dining and community facilities. The maximum amount of Bonds expected to be issued for this component of the financing is \$30,000,000.

(4) To finance and refinance the costs of designing, developing, constructing and equipping (i) approximately 40 independent living units in both a cottage-style and "hybrid home" independent living developments and 20 memory care units comprised of approximately 22, up to three-story structures located on the campus of a senior living community called The Summit, which is located in and around 1400 Enterprise Drive, Lynchburg, Virginia 24502, and (ii) the renovation and expansion of one or more existing structures for the purpose of expanding and improving the dining, fitness and community facilities of The Summit. The maximum amount of Bonds expected to be issued for this component of the financing is \$90,000,000.

(5) To finance, if and as needed, other capital projects at the facilities listed above, amounts required for reserves, working capital, capitalized interest, costs of issuance and other financing

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expenses related to the issuance of the Bonds. (collectively (1) through (5), the "Plan of Finance") The public hearing, which may be continued or adjourned, will be held at 12:00 o'clock p.m. on Tuesday, November 14, 2023, before the Authority or its designee, at 101 N. 14th Street, 11th Floor, Richmond, Virginia 23219.

As required by the Act, the Bonds will not pledge the faith and credit or the taxing power of the Commonwealth of Virginia or any political subdivision thereof, including the Authority, and will be payable solely from revenues derived from the Borrower and pledged therefor. Any person interested in the Plan of Finance, the issuance of the Bonds or the location or purpose of the projects to be financed or refinanced may appear and be heard. A copy of the Borrower's application materials may be inspected by contacting Angela Reese, during regular business hours. VIRGINIA SMALL BUSINESS FINANCING AUTHORITY

Legals - City of Radford

Order of Publication

Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code§§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316, 317, 20-104
Case No. **CL23007009-00**
RADFORD CITY CIRCUIT COURT, 619 SECOND STREET, RADFORD, VA 24141
Commonwealth of Virginia, in re
CHRISTINA NICOLE HAMLIN v. RONALD GLENN HAMLIN
The object of this suit is to: OBTAIN DIVORCE. It is ORDERED that RONALD GLENN HAMLIN appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before DECEMBER 13, 2023, OCTOBER 13, 2023 MELISSA WHITE, DEPUTY CLERK

ABC NOTICE

Shivparam LLC., trading as Duck in Deli, 2307 W. Main St., Radford, VA. 24141-1695.

The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) AUTHORITY for a Convenience Grocery Store license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages.

KUNALSINH VASHI, MEMBER.

NOTE: Objections to the issuance of this license must be submitted to ABC no later than 30 days from the publishing date of the first of two required newspaper legal notices. Objections should be registered at www.abc.virginia.gov or 800-552-3200.

Legals - City of Salem

Notice is hereby given to all interested persons that the City of Salem Planning Commission, at its regular meeting on November 15, 2023, at 7:00 p.m., in the Council

Chambers of City Hall, 114 N. Broad Street, in the City of Salem, Virginia, will hold a public hearing, pursuant to Sections 15.2-2204 and 15.2-2285 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, to consider approval of the following requests relative to the CODE OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA:

1. Consider the request of GKM Properties, LLC, property owner, for the issuance of a Special Exception Permit to allow a two family dwelling on the property located at 800-802 Maryland Avenue (Tax Map # 147 - 2 - 1).
2. Consider amending Chapter 66, Article I, In General, Section 66-7, Nonconforming signs and 66-9, Removal of signs no longer advertising existing bona fide business, of the CODE OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA pertaining to signs.
3. Consider amending Chapter 106, Zoning, Article II District Regulations, Sections 106-208.2, 106-214.2, 106-216.2, and 106-218.2, pertaining to permitted uses; Section 106-216.3 pertaining to site development regulations; Article III Use & Design Standards, section 106-304.21 pertaining to short term rentals; section 106-316.3

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pertaining to accessory uses, residential; Article IV Development Standards, section 106-404 pertaining to parking requirements; section 106-406 miscellaneous provisions pertaining to storage containers; and Article VI Definitions and use types, section 106-600 pertaining to definitions of the CODE OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA.

Copies of the proposed plans, ordinances or amendments may be examined in the Office of Community Development, 21 South Bruffey Street, Salem, Virginia. At said hearing, parties in interest and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard relative to the said requests.

THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA BY: H. Robert Light Deputy Executive Secretary

Legals - Montgomery County

Order of Publication

Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code§§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316, 20-104
Case No. **CL23-1004**
MONTGOMERY COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT, 55 EAST MAIN STREET, SUITE 1, CHRISTIANSBURG, VA 24073
Commonwealth of Virginia, in re THE ESTATE OF CHARLES F. BOWLES, KIMBERLY REED, Plaintiff v. NELVA KOSTRIC Defendant
THIS DAY came Justin Steele, Counsel for Plaintiff, Kimberly Reed, and filed a complaint to probate will for the Estate of Charles F. Bowles and a motion for entry of a default judgement and for other relief, and a hearing will be held in this Court, 55 East Main Street, Suite 1 Christiansburg VA 24073, on Dec 6th, 2023 at 10:00 AM or as soon after as may be heard. NOW, THEREFORE, it is ORDERED that all defendants, unknown heirs and others interested in said Estate appear at the hearing and be heard why the petition and motion for default judgement should not be granted. The Clerk shall send a copy of this order to the Christiansburg News Messenger to be published once a week for four consecutive weeks. Enter the 11th day of October 2023. Robert M. D. Turk, Judge I ask for this: Justin A. Steele III (VSB No. 94358)

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VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY

COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY, VIRGINIA, a Political Subdivision of the Commonwealth of Virginia, Complainant, v. KELLY M. HESLEP, ET AL, Respondent(s). Case No. CL23-1257

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

The object of this suit is to enforce the lien of the Complainant, County of Montgomery, Virginia, for delinquent real estate taxes against certain real property located in the County of Montgomery, Virginia, described as follows:
Tax Map No. 058-A 61 Account No. 008614
All that certain tract or parcel of land, with the improvements thereon and the appurtenances thereunto belonging, situate, lying and being in the Mount Tabor Magisterial District of Montgomery County, Virginia containing 85.69 acres, more or less, further designated as Parcel ID 008614, Tax Map Number 058-A 61. And being a portion of the same real property conveyed to Kelly M. Heslep, from W. L. Underwood and S. E. Underwood, husband and wife, by Deed, dated November 15, 1933 and recorded November 22, 1933 in the Montgomery County Circuit Court Clerk's Office in Deed Book 96 at Page 339. This description is made subject to all easements. Conditions, agreements, restrictions, and reservations of record which affect the property herein described including but not limited to those recorded in Deed Book 119 at Page 358, Deed Book 144 at Page 467, Deed Book 255 at Page 294, Deed Book 255 at Page 299. IT APPEARING that an Affidavit has been made and filed stating that due diligence has been used,

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without effect, to ascertain the identity and location of certain parties to be served, that the last known addresses for the Respondents herein are as follows: Kelly M. Heslep aka Kelly Morris Heslep, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Minnie Aline Heslep, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Lloyd M. Heslep aka Lloyd Morris Heslep, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Donald D. Heslep, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Carl Douglas Heslep, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Kelly Eugene Heslep, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Gary W. Heslep, Sr., who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Gary W. Heslep, Jr., whose last known address is unknown; Pamela Sue Heslep Laprad, whose last known address is 3758 Southway Dr. SW, Apt 69, Roanoke, Virginia 24014; Penny S. Heslep McNabb, whose last known address is 2448 Westover Ave. SW, Roanoke, Virginia 24015; Phoebe S. Heslep Rakes, whose last known address is 8127 Running Deer Ln, Roanoke, Virginia 24019; Peggy Sue Dickson Heslep, whose last known address is 2965 Reesedale Rd, Elliston, Virginia 24087; and that any officers, heirs, devisees, and successors in title of the Respondent named herein are made parties Respondent to this action individually and/or by the general description of Parties Unknown, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties herein and all Parties Unknown and/or whose location cannot be ascertained appear on or before November 23, 2023 in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the County of Montgomery, Virginia, and do what may be necessary to protect their interests in this cause.

Entered on the 23rd day of October, 2023
K. Mike. Fleenor, Jr.

I Ask For This: John A. Rife, Esq. (VSB No. 45805) Jeffrey A. Scharf, Esq. (VSB No. 30591) Mark K. Ames, Esq. (VSB No. 27409) Andrew M. Neville, Esq. (VSB No. 86372) Paul L. LaBarr, Esq. (VSB No. 91609) Gregory L. Haynes, Esq. (VSB No. 37158) Seth R. Konopasek, Esq. (VSB No. 97065) Garrett W. Patton, Esq. (VSB No. 98345) Taxing Authority Consulting Services, PC P.O. Box 31800 Henrico, Virginia 23294-1800 Phone: (804)545-2500 Facsimile: (804)545-2378 TACS No.: 779604

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Legals - Town of Vinton

TOWN OF VINTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

The Town Council of the Town of Vinton, Virginia, hereby gives notice of a public hearing to be held on Tuesday, November 21, at 6:00 p.m. The purpose of the public hearing is to receive public comments concerning the release of a Purchase and Option to Purchase a 3.56-acre tract that is located in the Vinton Industrial Park – at the end of 3rd St (Tax ID 070.08-01-01.07-0000).

Complete details concerning this public hearing, including the draft resolution prepared for Town Council's consideration, are available in the Town Manager's Office, located in the Vinton Municipal Building, 311 South Pollard Street, Vinton, Virginia 24179, by calling (540) 983-0607, or on-line at www.vintonva.gov. Persons requiring special assistance to attend and participate at this public hearing should contact the Town Manager's office at (540) 983-0607. Antonia Arias-Magallon Town Clerk

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was a lifetime member of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Vinton First Aid Crew.

Vaughan says that he was 23 years old when he joined the crew. His son, Mitch, joined when he was just 15 so that he could run with his dad. His granddaughter Anna “grew up at the crew building from the age of two.” There are several other families like them in the VFAC, which has become a family itself, spanning the generations.

He became interested in joining the crew when he worked part-time at Oakey’s Funeral Home in the summers, where his father was employed. In the early years, the First Aid Crew would report to the scenes of accidents, illness, or disasters in their own vehicles (or the panel truck) and tend to the patients but could not transport them for further care – that was up to the funeral homes and their ambulances.

Vaughan grew up in Vinton, graduated from William Byrd High School in 1949, earned his degree in education from the University of Memphis in 1954, and then his master’s degree from the University of Virginia.

Like all of the crew members, he had a day job. He not only served the community on the First Aid Crew, he also taught geography to ninth graders, driver’s education, and physical education at William Byrd High School, and was the head coach for basketball and track, and assistant coach for the football team.

Later, he was employed as principal at William Byrd Junior High School, and principal of two elementary schools in North County. He went on to work as Roanoke County Public Schools assistant superintendent with Dr. Bayes Wilson, superintendent.

He and his late wife have been lifetime members at Thrasher Memorial United Methodist Church.

Vaughan recently talked about his years on the VFAC and how things have changed over time. He has served in almost every position with the VFAC over time, including as captain for two years.

The training for crew members when he was an active member included use of the Red Cross Training Manual, practicing at fire crew meetings, and lots of on-the-job training. All of the crew members had their own personal first aid supplies and drove their own vehicles – at least to the Municipal Building when they heard the siren activated there.

One long blast meant that there was a rescue call to respond to; three short blasts indicated a fire call.

Most all of the crew members lived in Vinton, many downtown, and could hear the siren from their homes and “took off running for the First Aid Crew building.” They were on call 24 hours a day.

Eventually the organization was able to add Plectron emergency radio receivers for those who lived in outlying areas, such as Chestnut Mountain or Lindenwood, and couldn’t hear the siren from downtown. The Plectrons were a blessing which allowed those members to respond directly to the scene, saving a lot of time and lives. All members eventually received the Plectrons.

Vaughan says the calls the crew answered generally involved accidents at home or on the job, heart attacks, or basic first aid. Crew members performed basic CPR. Dr. Yost and Dr. Hurt were available to assist in the years Vaughan

was active on the crew.

Vehicles improved over time as well. The crew got a station wagon from Vinton Motors that could hold a cot so they could transport patients themselves, but could still call on the funeral homes (Oakey’s and Lotz). At one time, Vinton Motors and Diamond Chevrolet in Roanoke (now Berglund) alternated years in providing station wagons to the VFAC.

Nowadays, Vaughan says the basic emergency vehicle used by the crew costs over \$300,000, and usually involves grant funding for purchase and equipping.

At one time, the VFAC had boats to rescue victims on the Roanoke River or at Smith Mountain Lake. The boat trailer was built in the Norfolk & Western shops and could haul one boat. Eventually it was modified to haul two.

The citizens of Vinton and the surrounding communities are fortunate indeed to have their own first aid crew. Mitch Vaughan says that only Vinton and Cave Spring have first aid crews in Roanoke County now at a time when volunteerism is declining, and mainly because Vinton has been willing to change with the times and offer flexible scheduling for the members.

Aubrey remembers when the crews used to meet regionally or on a state-wide basis and take part in competitions. Each crew was given a problem/scenario. The Vinton crew won first place at a state competition in Natural Bridge.

The Vinton First Aid Crew has occupied different spaces in downtown Vinton over the years. It started out in a small two-story structure with vehicles on the lower level and meeting rooms and kitchen above. The building was constructed completely by volunteers – along with professional masons, plumbers, and electricians who donated their time.

The VFAC moved to the current building on Jackson Avenue in 2007, a source of pride for the crew and the community.

The Vinton First Aid Crew assists with all types of calls ranging from assisting the fire department with house fires to natural disasters, to car wrecks, to assisting someone who has fallen or needs their vitals checked. The members also offer training and safety classes to the community. They are on hand for virtually every public event from William Byrd football games to the Dogwood Festival.

Few in the community have not been touched in some way by the services of the Vinton First Aid Crew since it was founded 84 years ago. Their motto has long been “Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends,” from John 15:13. Their simple mission is “a Helping Hand for Our Fellow Man.”

Vinton and East Roanoke County citizens especially are grateful to the organization and the individuals like Vaughan who have donated their time and saved so many lives throughout the years.

The VFAC now has over 45 members and is continually recruiting new members.

The organization depends on donations from the community to deliver services, and will soon be mailing out the annual fundraising campaign letters seeking financial support. Be sure to give generously.

More information is available on joining the crew and on making donations at www.vintonems.com.

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This flag retirement ceremony is held in observance of Veterans Day, November 11,

honoring “The Home of the Free Because of the Brave.”

On Nov. 11 at 8: a.m., the Town of Vinton and Vinton Police Department are honored to partner with Queen City Rucking for 22 (QCR22) to host a five-mile Ruck March through town. The march will begin and end at the Vinton War Memorial.

The Ruck mission

is to raise awareness for Veteran and First Responder Suicide Prevention, and funding for Boulder Crest Retreat.

The Mt. Pleasant Fire Dept. Auxiliary will be honoring veterans with a free breakfast at the fire station on Saturday, Nov. 11, from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. Veterans eat free – for all others it’s just \$5 a plate. All are invited to attend.

-Vinton Messenger staff report

Veterans Day Memorial 5 Mile Ruck
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The Town of Vinton and Vinton Police Dept. are sponsoring a Ruck March on Saturday, Nov. 11, beginning at 8:30 a.m.

W.E. Cundiff Elementary School PTA holds its largest fundraiser



PHOTO BY DEBBIE ADAMS

The W.E. Cundiff Elementary School PTA holds its largest fundraiser each fall close to Thanksgiving – selling pies from The Pie Shoppe in Fincastle. This year families purchased a total of 701 homemade pies – sweet, savory, and breakfast – to raise funds for the school. The pies were delivered by The Pie Shoppe, sorted by the PTA, and picked up by families on Nov. 6.



PHOTO BY HANNAH LEWIS



The Vinton First Aid Crew at one time used rescue boats for the Roanoke River and Smith Mountain Lake. This boat trailer was built at the Norfolk & Western shops and later was modified to add a second level for a second boat. The building behind the vehicle is the original First Aid Crew building constructed by volunteers.



COURTESY OF VFAC

Pictured is one of the station wagons used in the early days of the Vinton First Aid Crew.

Two Byrd girls qualify for state Class 3 cross country

The Virginia High School League Class 1, 2 and 3 cross country meets will be held at Green Hill Park in west Roanoke County Saturday and William Byrd will have two girls in the Class 3 meet. Claire Glover and Heidi Wienke both qualified for the state meet with their times in the Region 3D meet in Bristol last week.

The Region 3D meet was held at the three mile Sugar Hollow Park course on November 1. Host Abingdon swept the girls' and boys' team titles while William Byrd's girls were fourth and the boys were eighth.

"The course was three miles rather than the usual 5k that we race," said Byrd coach Kayland Bond. "Overall we had an outstanding day with many fast times. The team's hard training and dedication has paid off and they were able to perform well when it mattered the most."

The top three teams in each race advanced to the state meet as a team, and Abingdon was joined by runner-up Christiansburg and third place Cave Spring as state qualifiers in the girls' meet. Amanda Ferrante of Abingdon was the individual winner in 18:43 as the Falcons took the top three places.

Glover and Wienke both qualified as individuals, as five runners advanced who were not on the top three teams. Claire finished fifth overall with a time of 20:03 while Heidi was 13th in 21:21 and both were named All-Region 3D. Also scoring for the Terriers were Lucy Whitenack in 24th, Grace Woodcock in 29th place and Alexandra Bonilla in 41st. Elena Mullen was 43rd and Elizabeth Dixon was 46th among 65 girls in the race.

In the boys race Abingdon was joined by Cave Spring and Bassett as state qualifying teams. Rives Boltwood of Abingdon was first among 88 boys with a time of 14:55.

Donald Mullins was Byrd's fastest boy across the line with a time of 17:01. That was good for 13th place overall and All-Region recognition but just shy of making the state. Donald was seventh among runners not on a qualifying team with the top five advancing.

Also scoring for Byrd were Reagan Lilley in 37th place, Reid Hanson in 38th, Colton Sotherden in 58th and Riley Slusher in 62nd. Drew Bartley was 69th and Cole Johnston was 73rd.

The two Byrd girls will run in the



PHOTOS BY JON FLEMING

Claire Glover(left) and Heidi Wienke(right) qualified for this Saturday's Class 3 state cross country meet at Green Hill Park.

first of six state races at Green Hill Park this Saturday, with a starting time of 10:30 am. The Class 3 boys will follow, then the Class 2 girls will race at 11:45

am with the boys to follow. The two Class 1 races will conclude the event, beginning with the girls first at 1 pm.



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Sandlot Super Bowl

Above left, Vinton's Briggs Kotz dives for the pylon to score a touchdown in the Terriers' Sandlot Super Bowl 12U championship game at Salem Stadium Saturday. Above, Peyton Underwood(#40) pressures the Cave Spring quarterback. Left, Vinton quarterback Zach Taylor(#1) brings the team to the line on a beautiful Virginia day.

Terriers edged in exciting Sandlot Super Bowl final

The Vinton Terriers U12 football team played in the Sandlot Super Bowl at Salem Stadium last Saturday. Vinton played in the third game of a tripleheader and dropped a 38-24 decision in what was easily the most exciting game of the day.

"It was a tough game," said Vinton coach Cody Underwood. "Anthony (CS coach Aaron) has a good group at Cave and they're well coached."

Saturday's game was tight all the way, with several lead changes and tie scores at 8-8, 16-16 and 24-24. The Terriers struck first when Zach Taylor ran for a two yard TD and Nathaniel Gray kicked a two-point conversion. Cave Spring tied the game at 8-8 and that's how it stood at the half.

The second half was a wild shootout. Taylor broke free for a 70 yard score with 7:17 remaining in the third period as Vinton regained the lead at 16-8, only to have shifty Jackson Albert of Cave Spring score on runs of seven and one yards to put the Knights up 24-16 after three quarters.

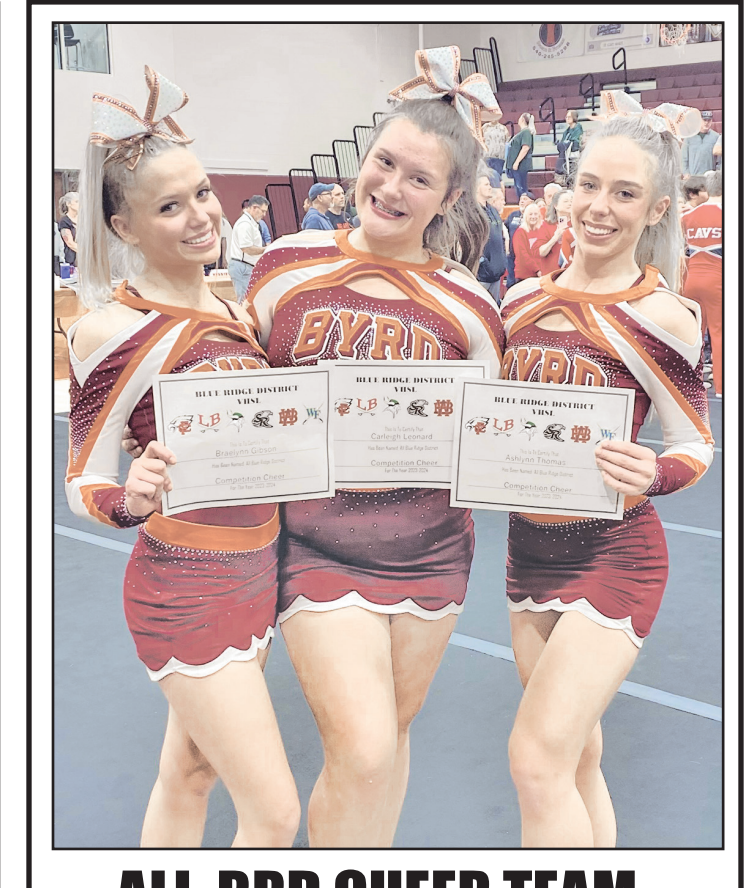
Vinton tied the game again on an 11 yard TD run by Briggs Kotz as Gray's kick made it 24-24. Albert answered with a TD with 1:24 remaining but Cave Spring left the door open with a missed extra point to lead by six, 30-24. However, on the Cave Spring touchdown Taylor was hurt and had to leave the game, putting Vinton's quarterback on the bench. The Knights then sealed it with a "pick six" off a near sack in the final minute for the 38-24 final.

"We played two very physical football teams in seven days and ran out of gas," said Underwood. "I'm looking forward to seeing these boys get in the Byrd program and growing up. Vinton is a special place with a lot of momentum in football right now and that's a testament to Coach (William Byrd High School coach Brad) Lutz' investment."

In the first game of the day Salem beat Cave Spring in the 8U championship, 7-0. Franklin County then dominated the 10U game, beating Salem White by a 30-0 score.



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ALL-BRD CHEER TEAM

Three William Byrd girls were recently named to the All-Blue Ridge District competition cheerleading team. Left to right are Braelynn Gibson, Carleigh Leonard and Ashlynn Thomas.

ALL-REGION

The All-Region 3D volleyball team was announced this week and William Byrd had two girls who were named Honorable Mention, Emily Tuck(left) and Terran Brown(#8).

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Terriers are Blue Ridge District football champs

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"I couldn't be prouder of our players," said Byrd coach Brad Lutz. "Our players have worked very hard, and it was incredible to see them enjoy the hard work pay off. They are a loyal group of young men, and they have really worked hard to make our school and community proud. Our team is only the ninth William Byrd football team to win a district championship, and that accomplishment will bind them together for the rest of their lives."

The next item on the agenda is the Region 3D playoffs, and Byrd will open the eight-team tournament at home this Friday against Pulaski County. The Cougars have a proud tradition of winning football and a community that backs the team. With dwindling numbers at Pulaski County High School the athletic program dropped from Class 4 to Class 3 for the beginning of this school year, and the football team finished 4-6 and is seventh seeded in Region 3D.

"They are an outstanding football team," said Lutz. "They have had a lot of success in all three phases of the game against, arguably, the toughest schedule in our region. They play blue collar football, and they will be a big challenge for our team. Our players are very excited to host them in the first round of the playoffs, so it will be a great playoff game with two good football teams."

The Cougars have five common opponents with Byrd. They beat Hidden Valley, Cave Spring and Northside and lost to Christiansburg and Lord Botetourt. Two of their losses were to Salem and Patrick Henry, who are the top seeds in the Region 4D and Region 5C tournaments, and another was to 9-1 Princeton of West Virginia, a 49-40 shootout in Princeton. Pulaski's other loss was to Graham, the 2022 Class 2 state champion and this year's second seed in the Region 2D tournament with a 9-1 record. Of Pulaski's six losses four were to 9-1 teams and the others were to 8-2 Lord Botetourt and 7-3 Christiansburg, who was last year's Region 3D champion.

Pulaski is coached by Cam Akers, who played for legendary Cougar coach Joel Hicks. Pulaski missed the playoffs in Class 4 for the past two years, but prior to that they were regulars in the post-season, making the field in nine of the 10 previous seasons. They were state champions in 1992 and runners-up in '93 and 2001. They've sent players like former Washington star receiver Gary Clark and Virginia Tech and NFL kicker Shayne Graham to the pros.

Gates will open at 5:45 pm at Patterson Stadium for Friday's 7 pm game. Tickets are \$8 and Virginia High School League approved passes will be accepted. Tickets will be sold on "Ticket Spicket" and at the gate.

The winner of Friday's game will advance to a region semifinal game on November 17 against the winner of a game between third seeded Lord Botetourt and sixth seeded Bassett. If the Terriers advance they will be home again. The other first round games find eighth seeded Staunton River at top-seeded Magna Vista and fifth seeded Abingdon at fourth seeded Christiansburg.

Byrd comes into the playoffs with lots of momentum, riding a seven game winning streak and having run the table in the district. They finished off their best regular season since 2017 with a convincing win at Northside last Friday, pulling away in the second half.

Byrd scored first when Brayden Andrews capped off a first quarter drive with a one yard run and Bricen Lancaster kicked the extra point. However, the Vikings answered when quarterback Angel Rigney found Mykell Harvey on a slant pattern and the speedster broke free for an 80 yard catch and carry TD.

Northside took a 10-7 lead in the second quarter but it was somewhat of a moral victory for the Terriers. The Vikings had the ball first-and-goal at the one and the Byrd defense stoned them three straight times. Northside lined up to try again on fourth down but a penalty moved the ball back five yards and they settled for a 22 yard field goal.

"Our defense has played incredible all season," said Lutz. "They have done a great job of forcing good offenses to kick field goals in the red zone. While we did give up points on that drive, it was a great way for our team to maintain momentum at that point of the game."

Byrd regained the lead just before the half when quarterback Israel Hairston broke free off the right side and sprinted 38 yards for a score. Lancaster's kick gave the Terriers a 14-10 lead at intermission.

The Terriers took control in the third period. On their first series Hairston got loose again and ran 51 yards for a touchdown and a 21-10 lead. Then Walter Barrow scored on a 10 yard run and the Terriers were up 28-10 after three quarters.

"At that point of the game, we needed to establish momentum and give our defense some breathing room," said Lutz. "Our staff was extremely proud of the offense and how well we ran the football."

Northside made it interesting with a fourth quarter score, and failed conversion, to cut the lead to 28-16. However, Hairston made it a three score game with his third TD, on a six yard run, to make it 35-16 and a late score by Northside was inconsequential as the Terriers wrapped up the district championship with a 35-22 win.

The team celebrated on the field following the game amidst cheers from a strong turnout of Terrier students and fans on the visitor's side. It was a crowning moment for a program that saw some lean years prior to this season, and the future looks bright as the jayvees finished undefeated with a 56-6 win over Northside in Vinton last week. The varsity, jayvees and middle school are a combined 27-2 and the season isn't over yet. In fact, some of those jayvees will be suiting up for the varsity in the playoffs.

"We will be dressing a few of our JV players," said Lutz. "We have a talented group of sophomores and freshmen who we feel like could help us in the playoffs on special teams and scout team. It's a great opportunity for them to get varsity reps and experience the regional playoffs."



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Byrd players pose for a photo with the district championship trophy. Left to right are #3 Dom Dulak, #54 Cyrus Adams, #10 Brady Reachy, #56 Julian Pantoja, #7 Brayden Andrews, #11 Cooper Minnix, and #15 Bricen Lancaster.



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Above, Terriers stop the Vikings at the one yard line during a first half goal line stand. Left, Ian Vest wraps up a Northside player in the backfield. Below, Brayden Andrews (#7) follows Graylen Castleberry (#63) for a nice gain. Bottom, Israel Hairston breaks free for a 38 yard touchdown, the first of three scores for the senior quarterback.

