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Scouts observe Veterans Day with Flag Retirement Ceremony

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The Great Valley District, Blue Ridge Mountains Council BSA sponsored a Flag Retirement Ceremony in observance of Veterans Day, recognizing the United States as "The Home of the Free, Because of the Brave."

The event was organized by Jimmy Doran III, a former Roanoke County firefighter/paramedic/training officer and held at the Charles Hill Community Center on the grounds of the Vinton War Memorial on Nov. 10.

Scout troops from Vinton, Roanoke, Salem, and Blacksburg joined together to prepare flags "no longer fit to display" for incineration. The United States Flag Code states: "The flag, when it



BY DEBBIE ADAMS
Jimmy Doran, organizer of the Great Valley District, Blue Ridge Mountains Council BSA, prepares to retire an American flag.

is in such condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem of display, should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning." The ceremony included the playing of the national

anthem, the Pledge of Allegiance, the recitation of the Scout Oath and Scout Law, and remarks from Doran, Vinton Mayor Brad

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PHOTO BY DEBBIE ADAMS
The Town of Vinton, the Vinton Police Department, and Queen City Rucking 22 held their first annual Ruck March on Nov. 11 in observance of Veterans Day 2023.

Vinton sponsors Ruck March to observe Veterans Day, raise funds for Boulder Crest Foundation

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The Vinton Police Department, the Town of Vinton, and Queen City Rucking 22 (QCR22) sponsored their first Ruck March in the town on Veterans Day, Nov. 11. The plan

is for this to become an annual event. Vinton Police Officer Jesse Dibble is a co-founder of Queen City Rucking 22 and proposed and facilitated the Nov. 11 event in Vinton.

The purpose of the Ruck March

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Town of Vinton honors veterans in its ranks

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The Town of Vinton honored its employees who have served or are serving in the military with a veterans' luncheon on November 8 at the new Town Annex.

Town employees who have served in the Armed Services include Vinton Mayor Brad Grose, Chief of Police Fabricio Drumond, Public Works employees Kevin Orange and Jimmy Brown, Police Sgt. Brandon Alterio, Officer Jesse Dibble, Officer Douglas Aune, Jr., and Officer Sean Patrick McKittrick.

Mayor Grose served in the U.S. Army from 1966 to 1968 during the Vietnam era, stationed in Korea, achieving the rank of Sergeant E-5. He worked as an electronics technician and in tech/supply. Grose was elected to Vinton Town Council in 2000 and has served the town as mayor since 2004.

Jimmy Brown served stateside in the Marine Corps for three years. He has worked in the Vinton Public Works Department since November 2, 2020, and holds the position of Chief Mechanic.

Kevin Orange served in the U.S. Army from 1982 through 1986 with the rank of E-4. He was in light infantry and stationed in Georgia and Kentucky. He

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PHOTO BY DEBBIE ADAMS
The Town of Vinton held a luncheon on Nov. 8 to honor its employees who are veterans of the Armed Services. Shown left to right are Police Officer Jesse Dibble (US Navy), Police Chief Fabricio Drumond (US Marine Corps), Mayor Brad Grose (US Army), and Officer Douglas Aune, Jr., (US Air Force). Not pictured are Public Works employees Kevin Orange and Jimmy Brown, Police Sgt. Brandon Alterio, and Officer Sean McKittrick.

Pollard 107 South celebrates grand opening

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Vinton's newest restaurant – Pollard 107 South – held its official grand opening and ribbon cutting on Nov. 9.

Co-owners Jonathan Pate and Todd Lancaster welcomed the Vinton Area Chamber of Commerce, town officials, town staff, and the public to their celebration.

Pate noted that the town has been very supportive in the somewhat lengthy process that brought them to downtown Vinton. He commented during the renovation stage that he chose Vinton as the site of his

new venture because he loves "working with towns like Vinton who are clearly pro-business and eager to bring new retail, restaurants, and businesses to the area and truly make you feel appreciated."

Vinton Mayor Brad Grose and Vinton Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Angie Chewning welcomed Pate and Lancaster in turn and thanked them for choosing Vinton. The mayor said that the citizens of the town have been asking for years for more restaurants and that has now become a reality with Vinton's booming economic development, especially in the downtown area.

Pate and Lancaster

are not new to the restaurant business. They are also partners in Awful Arthur's Seafood Company restaurants in Roanoke and Salem and Cast Plates & Pints in the Cave Spring area.

Pollard 107 South is located at one of the gateways into Vinton – at the corner of South Pollard and Washington Avenue/Gus Nicks Boulevard in downtown Vinton, just across the street from Vinyard Station. Patrons may enter on Pollard or through the back entrance of the building.

The building has housed many businesses over the years – Gus Nicks Furniture, Sam's Variety Store, an antique mall, and most recently



PHOTO BY DEBBIE ADAMS
Pollard 107 South officially opened on Nov. 9 with a ribbon cutting with the Vinton Area Chamber of Commerce. Co-owners are Jonathan Pate (with scissors) and Todd Lancaster (with ribbon). They were joined by a host of guests, Vinton Mayor Brad Grose (next to Lancaster) and Vinton Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Angie Chewning (far left).

the Star City Playhouse. site. Pollard 107 South is the Pate completely gutted first restaurant on the the building during

preconstruction, doing much of the work himself. The restaurant features three separate dining areas, one with tables and booths, one with a steel bar and high-topped tables, plus an outdoor patio (with a gorgeous firepit and wrought iron railing).

The interior has an "industrial feel" with exposed high-ceilinged duct work and an "open air atmosphere"

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The Navy Cadets from WBHS performed a Flag Folding Ceremony for residents of Brandon Oaks to commemorate Veterans Day. Cadets Beth McFalls and Mason Truslow fold the flag while Cadet Jordan Davila explains the steps in folding the flag correctly.



Cadets Leighann Wood and Alexis Short performed the national anthem at the Veterans Day ceremony.



From left, Color Guard Cadets Lenorah Garcia, Trevor Robinson, Noah Nicely, and Mason Perdue presented the colors.

William Byrd Navy Cadets honor veterans at Brandon Oaks

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Cadets from the William Byrd High School Navy National Defense Cadet Corps (NNDCC) honored veterans at Brandon Oaks in a Veterans Day program on Nov. 10.

The cadets presented the colors, performed the national anthem, presented the history of Veterans Day, and conducted a Flag Folding Ceremony during the event.

In opening the program, Brandon Oaks Arts and Education Director Tresa Walko thanked “all those among us who, despite the risk and sacrifice, raised their hand to serve and defend this beautiful country – our veterans, active-duty service members, guardsmen, and reservists. Your service has helped keep our country and its citizens safe and free.”

She asked for a moment of silence “to remember and honor the fallen, prisoners of war, those missing in action and those who have served and are serving this great nation’s armed services today and to acknowledge those families of service members and veterans who help shoulder the weight of war and the burdens of sacrifice. To the mothers, fathers, spouses and children of our military men and women – thank you. Your love, support and resilience are the backbone of this nation, and that must never be forgotten.”

Walko introduced the guest speaker of the day, orthopedic surgeon Dr.

George Henning, who served as a captain in the U.S. Medical Corps during the Vietnam era. He received the Army Commendation Medal in 1966 and told the audience that he owed much to the Army – a life-changing experience. He also spoke of the destructiveness and medical trauma of war, especially given the advancement in weapons. Many of the veterans he was speaking to at Brandon Oaks were also of the Vietnam era.

Henning is a native of Roanoke and a graduate of VMI. He was a member of the ROTC at VMI and was commissioned as a second lieutenant.

Henning called the roll of residents of Brandon Oaks who served in the different branches of the military and asked them to stand, if possible.

Walko then introduced the WBHS cadets and their instructor, Senior Chief David Perrin, USN (retired). Cadets participating in the program included Units Cadet Senior Chief Jamey Umberger and Cadets Noah Nicely, Alexis Cook, Beth McFalls, Mason Truslow, Jordan Davila, Leighann Wood, Alexis Short, Lenorah Garcia, Trevor Robinson, Mason Perdue, and Charles West.

Umberger continued the ceremony by thanking the veterans present for their service and by reading the history of Veterans Day.

“When Francis Scott Key wrote ‘Star Spangled Banner’ almost 200 years ago, he called America, ‘the land of the free and the home of the brave,’” said Umberger. “Those words are as



PHOTOS BY DEBBIE ADAMS

The William Byrd High School Navy National Defense Cadet Corps honored veterans at Brandon Oaks with a special ceremony on Nov. 10. Pictured are (from left): front row, Cadets Alexis Cook, Leighann Wood, Beth McFalls, Alexis Short, Cadet Senior Chief Jamey Umberger, Cadet Lenorah Garcia, and Naval Science Instructor, Senior Chief David Perrin, USN (ret); back row, Cadets Mason Truslow, Jordan Davila, Mason Perdue, guest speaker Dr. George Henning, and Cadets Charles West, Noah Nicely, Trevor Robinson.

true today as they were then.

“Throughout this nation’s history, America’s soldiers, sailors, airmen, marines, and coast guardsmen have bravely answered the call to defend our freedom, to aid our friends and allies, and to turn back aggressors. We can never fully repay our debt of gratitude to the more than 650,000 American service members who died in battle or the 1.4 million who were wounded. We can, however, recognize and thank the 25 million veterans still living today.

“These words are inscribed on the Korean War Memorial in Washington, D.C., ‘Our nation honors her sons and daughters who answered the call to defend a country they never knew and a people they never met.’ Those words apply equally to many of our World War I, World War II, Vietnam War, and Gulf War veterans.

“They apply to today’s active-duty service members – tomorrow’s veterans – who are helping maintain peace throughout the world.

“This afternoon, on behalf of all the cadets, it is our privilege to say, ‘thank you’ and to let you know that we appreciate you for your service and honor you for your sacrifices. The price of freedom is high. We cannot afford to forget those willing to pay it.”

Veterans Day (originally known as Armistice Day) is a federal holiday in the United States observed annually on Nov. 11 for honoring military veterans who served in the United States Armed Forces. Major hostilities of World War I were formally ended at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918 when the Armistice with Germany went into effect. Armistice Day was renamed

Veterans Day in 1954.

Veterans Day is observed on Nov. 11 no matter which day of the week it falls on. It is a day which honors America’s veterans for their patriotism and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good.

Cadets McFalls, Truslow, and Davila conducted the Flag Folding Ceremony, which involves folding the flag 13 times. The first fold honors the 13 original colonies and our forefathers; the second fold, the men who died in the War for Independence; the third fold, the men who fell in the War of 1812; the fourth fold, the brave soldiers on both sides of the Civil War; the fifth fold, those who shed their blood in the Great War; the sixth fold, those who died in World War II; the seventh fold, the First Marine Division in Korea; the eighth fold, those who died in Vietnam; the ninth fold, those who lost their lives on Sept. 11; the 10th fold, for emergency personnel and first responders; the 11th fold for God, parents, and families; the 12th fold, for men and women of the Armed Forces, the Arsenal of Democracy, and the Hammer of Freedom; the 13th fold, for freedom, because without freedom there is no honor.

“Without honor, we are not Americans,” Davila said. “When the flag is completely folded, it takes on the appearance of a cocked hat, reminding us of soldiers who served under George Washington and Captain John Paul Jones who were faithfully followed by their comrades and shipmates in the Armed Forces of the United States...preserving for us the rights, privileges, and freedoms we enjoy today.”

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Remembering Bruce Mayer, 1949-2023

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Vinton attorney Bruce Mayer passed away in August. His family and friends held a celebration of his life on Nov. 3 at the Charles Hill Community Center in Vinton. And what a full life it was!

He was a man of kindness and humor and dedication to family, community, and country. He never seemed to meet a stranger.

Bruce practiced law in Vinton and the surrounding areas beginning in 1982, but he generously gave his time to the community in many other capacities as well. Just in Vinton, Bruce served on the Vinton Area Chamber of Commerce (twice as president), as president of the Dogwood Festival in 1995, president of the Vinton Luncheon Lions Club, and chairman of the Vinton Planning Commission. He was an integral part of the community and owned several pieces of property in downtown Vinton and served on many boards as a result.

In addition to his law practice, he served over the years as town attorney for the Town of New Castle, as Roanoke County's assistant county administrator. He served at one time as president of the Salem/Roanoke County Bar Association. Bruce was also appointed by the Governor of Virginia to the Virginia State

Milk Commission as a consumer member, and served as executive director of the Virginia Piedmont Planning Commission.

He majored in history at Virginia Tech and then continued his education with a master's degree in Regional Planning from Penn State University and earned his JD from the University of Virginia School of Law.

Bruce was a member of the Corps of Cadets at Virginia Tech and did his basic training in boot camp in Pennsylvania, where he was trained to be a platoon leader. He was destined for duty in Vietnam or Germany when President Nixon called a halt to the deployment of troops. He served on active duty at Fort Knox during the Vietnam era and then in the Reserves. He was discharged as a captain.

Four generations of his family served their country in the United States Army. Mayer shared their experiences with the students at William Byrd High School during a Veterans Day meet-and-greet event several years ago.

His step-grandfather served in World War I, his father in World War II, and his son in Afghanistan. One of his father's duties was running telephone lines which enabled the Nuremberg trials to take place.

He shared with the Byrd students that at one point, his training involved helicopter



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Bruce Mayer was an active member of the Vinton Area Chamber of Commerce over the years, serving on the board of directors and two terms as president.



Bruce Mayer and friends celebrating Halloween at Downtown Trick-or-Treat.



Bruce Mayer and his wife Marlene loved their farm and sharing their animals with children at the Vinton Fall



Bruce Mayer loved history and participating in historical re-enactments.

flights into a simulated Vietnamese combat situation, in a fictitious village complete with real Vietnamese refugees, their children, pigs, chickens, huts, and a booby-trapped trail.

He also told the students that he was

never in combat and never shot at, but he did what his country asked him to do.

His interests were many, varied, and often unique. He loved telling stories. He played the bass fiddle. He loved history and participated in re-enactments as

a member of the 2nd Virginia Cavalry, Co. C; he had roles as extras in the movies "Gettysburg" and "Gore Vidal's Lincoln."

Bruce loved farm life. He and his wife raised cows, chickens, ducks, guineas, and dogs. For many years, they would

bring a mini-petting zoo to the Vinton Fall Festival so children could feed and interact with the animals.

Bruce is survived by his wife, Marlene, daughters Julie Mayer and Amanda Mayer, son Brandon, and five grandsons.



Bruce Mayer talking with students and veterans at William Byrd on Veterans Day.



Bruce Mayer served as president of the Vinton Luncheon Lions Club.

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1. Clip a small piece

5. Enter forcibly

11. Southwestern Native American tribe

12. Helps you smell better

16. Sun or solar disk

17. Low frequency

18. Former Houston football player

19. Federal crime

24. Home to Boston (abbr.)

25. Approval

26. Those who fight an establishment (abbr.)

27. ___ student, learns healing

28. Indian groomer of horses

29. Line where two pieces meet

30. One might be brief

31. Type of sword

33. Knife for fruits or vegetables

34. Stinkhorns

38. Stroke

39. Industrial process for producing ammonia

40. Sir ___ Newton

43. Wild goat

44. Muslim ruler

45. Scottish ancestor

49. Hat

50. Horse mackerel

51. Alcoholic accompaniment

53. Tech department course

54. Manifesting approval

56. Upper bract of grass

58. Of I

59. Large wading bird

60. Military prisons

63. Famed American cartoonist

64. Rise

65. Greek God of war and courage

4. The finger farthest from the thumb

5. Not moving

6. Sports official

7. Water purification process (abbr.)

8. University of Dayton

9. Indo-Malaysian evergreens

10. High schoolers' math course

13. Yankovic is a weird one

14. Adversaries

15. Merchandisers

20. Radioactive metal (abbr.)

21. Atomic #52

22. The back

23. One-time computer giant

27. Female of a horse

29. Football's big game (abbr.)

30. Single

31. Vehicle Lens Reflex

32. It's becoming more prevalent

33. Political action committee

34. Makes lightbulbs

35. Natural home of an animal

36. In bed

37. Superman villain

38. The Golden State

40. One who leads prayers in a mosque

41. They accompany a leader

42. Atomic #18

44. Electronic countermeasures

45. The appearance of something

46. Connecting line on a map

47. Deep red color

48. Secret affairs

50. Drenches

51. Contains music

52. Expression of surprise

54. Intestinal pouches

55. Where birds are born

57. ___ and behold

61. Cools your home

62. The First State



The former William Byrd High School

PHOTO BY DEBBIE ADAMS

William Byrd Class of 1952 plans reunion

A reunion for the William Byrd High School Class of 1952 is being planned. We need to get a headcount of people who will be attending as we have not been able to reach all members. Any

members that have not been contacted need to call Eunice Wright at 540-427-4490 or Joyce Richardson Powell at 540-566-4709 as soon as possible. The reunion will be at Macado's Restaurant

in Vinton on Saturday, December 2, at 2:30 p.m.

If you should have any questions, contact Sherry McPeak at 540-798-2766.

Submitted by Sherry McPeak, Class of 1952

Honors

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has worked in the Vinton Public Works Department since July 11, 2005.

Police Chief Fabricio Drumond served in the United States Marine Corps from 2002 to 2006. He earned the rank of Sergeant, E-5, and was stationed in Camp Lejeune, N.C., and trained as an assault man. He was deployed to Africa, Cuba, Iraq, and Afghanistan. He has been employed by the Town of Vinton since 2009 and was appointed chief of police in December 2020.

Sgt. Brandon Alterio served in the U.S. Air Force from 2008-2014 and reached the rank of Staff Sergeant. He joined the Vinton Police Department in March 2019.

Officer Jesse Dibble served in the United States Navy from 1994-1996. He was sworn in as a member of the Vinton Police Department in May 2022. He is the founder and director of the Master Sergeant George A. Bannar Jr. Scholarship. Bannar was a high school friend killed in action in 2013, as a Special Forces Medic. The \$1,000 scholarship is awarded annually in his memory to graduating JROTC cadets at Orange County High School.

Dibble is also co-founder and vice president of the "Queen City Rucking for 22," a veterans and first responders-based non-profit designed to align veterans and first responders with outreach programs to reduce veteran and first responder suicides.

Officer Aune enlisted in the United States Air Force in August 2003 and recently completed a 20-year career. He achieved the rank of E-7 and held the

primary specialty of Cryptologic Analyst and Reporter. In his career, Officer Aune was stationed in various capacities such as the Surveillance and Warning Center Supervisor of the 324th Intelligence Squadron at Hickman Air Force Base, Hawaii. He also served as the National Security Agency (NSA) representative to the National Military Command Center, Pentagon. He served as the Planning, Exercise, and Training manager of the Joint Special Operations Command for the Department of Defense, the Department Chief for the 497th Operations Support Squadron, Langley Air Force Base, and the training and tactics subject matter expert for the 480th Intelligence Surveillance and Reconnaissance Wing, Langley Air Force Base. He finished his career as a Deputy Senior Enlisted Advisor and Section Chief, Joint Staff, Pentagon. Aune joined the Vinton Police Department in September 2023.

Officer McKittrick is a veteran of the United States Navy where he obtained the rank of Petty Officer 3rd Class. He then served as a 9780-Service Supply Handler. He is the recipient of the National Defense Service Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, and the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, to name a few. He joined the Vinton Police Department in September 2023.

The veterans' luncheon was organized by Human Resources and Risk Management Director Donna Collins.

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Many of the Psalms are full of praise to God. We sometimes visualize David as peacefully strumming a harp as he quietly watches a flock of sheep grazing on a grassy slope. Psalm 13 presents a different picture.

David apparently had doubts, troubling thoughts, and enemies. Things did not always go well for him. In the first part of this psalm, David, in authentic transparency, expressed some real concerns. He apparently had enemies who were getting a little too close for comfort. The amazing part is how, in spite of the chaos around him, David made a decision to trust God.

But I trust in your unfailing love; my heart rejoices in your salvation (Psalm 13:5).

Everything does not always go well for us either. We face challenges that seem overwhelming, and we do not always see a clear path through the jungle of everyday life. But God is our Source of help, and we can trust Him to get us through!

Prayer Suggestion: Father, I do not feel up to the task that is before me at times, but I have decided that I will trust You.

Quicklook: Psalm 13:1-6

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

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

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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.

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

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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.

FROM THE PULPIT

The Life of Joseph, Week 5

God tends to put people in our lives just when we need them, or they need us. Joseph had been placed in charge of the king's prison (Genesis 39) and "the Lord was with Joseph" in everything he did. But God had much bigger plans for Joseph... enter the cupbearer and the baker (Genesis 40). The cupbearer and the baker had upset the king at one point and were thrown in the same prison Joseph oversaw. After some time, they both had dreams on the same night, but did not understand them. "Luckily," "It just so happens," "Just by coincidence," (said with a great deal of sarcasm) Joseph had experience with dreams and interpreting them. Joseph did just that for the two men and

it all came true. The cupbearer was restored to his original post with the king... the baker not so much. Joseph asked the cupbearer to not forget him. TWO YEARS LATER the king had two dreams and no one in his kingdom could interpret them. "Luckily," the cupbearer heard about it and told the king about Joseph. Joseph was able to tell the king what his dreams meant, and Egypt was saved from a horrible famine. Genesis 41:41 tells us that the king placed Joseph in charge of "the whole land of Egypt." Joseph had been separated from his family for 13 years by this point. Reminds me of Isaiah 55:8-9, which reminds us that God's ways, His thoughts, are much higher than ours. Just trust Him.

Scouts

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Grose, Vinton Police Chief Fabricio Drumond, and Vinton Troop 235 Scoutmaster Brian Cook.

For this ceremony, drug incinerators which reach temperatures of over 500 degrees were used, rather than the traditional burn barrel. According to Doran, the incinerators work well when retiring flags and don't emit the fumes that burn barrels do.

He said that over three truckloads of flags had been donated for this retirement ceremony, including some enormous ones from the Blacksburg troop. After the Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day Flag Retirement at the Vinton Farmers' Market last year, Doran said the donations were so plentiful that he burned flags for three days afterwards at his home.

Mayor Grose said that it was quite an honor to attend the ceremony honoring one of the most important symbols of the nation, which is recognized the world around. The mayor is a veteran of the Vietnam era, when he served in the United States Army.

Guest speaker Vinton Police Chief Fabricio Drumond is also a veteran, having served in the Marine Corps in Afghanistan, Iraq, Djibouti, and in Cuba.

In his comments, Drumond explained that he is an immigrant, originally from Brazil, and eternally grateful to the United States of America where he grew up - "a country I will be forever indebted to."

"Our flag is symbolic of everything good in a nation," Drumond said. "The American flag is a symbol of prosperity and a source of pride that captures American liberty. There is no greater global symbol that is instantly recognizable as a representation of freedom, values, and hard work. I am very proud that you have chosen the sacred duty of retiring our colors with the dignity and honor that the national symbol deserves."

"What makes our flag extraordinarily exceptional is that it is deep-rooted in the foundation, culture, and faith of our nation. Beyond the walls of our nation, our flag is erected in many countries throughout the world during crises and protests. Citizens of those nations



Troops were on hand from Vinton, Blacksburg, Salem, and Roanoke for the Flag Retirement Ceremony. Pictured left to right are Jimmy Doran, guest speaker Vinton Mayor Brad Grose, a BSA troop member, Vinton Scoutmaster for Troop 235 Brian Cook, and guest speaker Vinton Police Chief Fabricio Drumond.

will waive our flags to their government in protest of their own practices.

"Cherish your country. Our nation is a one-of-a-kind union, having grown from 13 colonies to 50 states in a relatively short time. We have enormously diverse cultural customs and more unique characteristics than any other country in the world. Countries may try to imitate us, but it will never be duplicated. Why? Because it is the qualities of every American that shape our nation and represent our flag. Those of you who have had the opportunity to travel to foreign soil can quickly come to terms with just how patriotic and proud Americans are. Neighborhoods throughout the American landscape proudly fly their flags outside their homes - something most nations have been unable to capture. Our flag defines us."

"Our flag has served as a symbol of freedom for over 247 years. For all those years, Americans have stood up to defend our nation. Tomorrow is Veterans Day. As Americans we cherish those who have fought and died to preserve our democracy as our national emblem emboldens our national pride and fortifies the legacy for future generations."

"As Americans, we all have an inherent duty to protect the sovereignty of our nation. Young Americans join organizations and groups like the Boy Scouts that build integrity and character of future leaders of our nation. I thank the Boy Scouts, a rich history organization that paves the road to success, an organization built with a servant's heart. As young adults and the next generation of American leaders, continue to hone your skills, maintain the course, and be loyal to the community you serve. You

are our national treasure. Our future."

Drumond went on to explain the history of the 50-star American flag (the longest tenured American flag), which was designed by a 17-year-old high school student in middle America as a school project in 1958 (not by Betsy Ross).

"An unimpressed teacher gave him a B-minus because there were too many stars," Drumond said. "Then we only had 48 stars. To get a better grade, he was tasked with convincing the U.S. government to use his flag. Two years later, Alaska and Hawaii joined the union. The student got a call from President Eisenhower with great news. His flag was chosen to represent the model flag of the U.S. In this country, despite your age, you can make monumental changes."

"Be grateful for the nation you are blessed to live in. A grateful heart is a foundation of life and a treasure of God. From the moment you raise your head from the pillow to the moment you lay back down to sleep, be grateful for the opportunities afforded to you and the people you have in your lives."

Doran kept adding flags to the incinerators late into the evening and is tentatively planning another flag retirement event next month.



Temperatures reach over 500 degrees in the flag retirement incinerator device.



PHOTOS BY DEBBIE ADAMS

The scouts and leaders prepare an enormous American flag for retirement.



COURTESY OF GORDON MENZIES

Ladies of the Roanoke Valley Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution joined the Roanoke Veterans Parade in costume on Nov. 11.

Local DAR Chapter dresses up for Roanoke's Veterans Day Parade

Debbie Adams
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The Roanoke Valley Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution which meets in Vinton dressed up for the Roanoke Veterans Day Parade on Nov. 11.

The organization usually cheers on marchers, floats, and other entries from a spot near the Market Building in downtown Roanoke, but this year the members decided to get more involved, create their own float, and ride in the parade, dressed in Colonial-era garb.

Member Sheila Campbell facilitated the project and walked ahead of the float carrying their DAR banner.

The local chapter places a great emphasis on community service projects involving veterans and members of the military



PHOTOS BY DEBBIE ADAMS

Members of the DAR Chapter, which meets in Vinton, celebrate Veterans Day.

throughout the year, such as their annual Veterans Day parade, fleece blanket-tying for veterans, donations of clothing to the Veterans Care Center, and sending care packages to deployed members of the

Armed Services.

The chapter meets at Campbell Memorial Presbyterian Church in Vinton on the second Saturdays of most months during the school year.

Pollard

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Pate was aiming for, along with some unique lighting, a striking color scheme, and glass garage doors leading outside to the patio. The owners have chosen some striking artwork, giving the restaurant a "blue collar" feel, and, Pate says, emphasizing man-made achievements like the Empire State Building and the Golden Gate Bridge. They have a pool table.

The outdoor artwork is notable as well with a wall wrap mural (designed by Sun Solutions) on an exterior side wall welcoming one and all to Vinton.

The restaurant occupies about 2,000 square feet inside; 1,400 square feet on the larger patio, and another 1,000 square feet on the front patio.

As for the menu, Mayor Grose mentioned that diners will no longer have to leave Vinton to order a steak at a restaurant - several are on the menu.

Appetizers include wings, chicken tenders, steak nachos, coconut shrimp, fried banana peppers, buffalo chicken dip, hummus, and lobster rolls. There are burgers (bacon jam burgers was last week's specialty), cheese steak subs, chicken Philly's, and Shrimp Po'boys. As for the steak, you can order beef filets, strip, sirloin, ribeye, or a porterhouse for two. If you love seafood, they have scallops, salmon, BBQ shrimp and grits, fish and chips, and Lobster Mac and Cheese.

Although the restaurant fronts on Pollard Street, parking will not be an issue. There is parking at the nearby Vinton Farmer's Market, behind the Post Office, and construction is



The interior of Pollard 107 South with steel-topped bar and metallic tile ceiling



Outdoor patio and fire pit at Pollard 107 South



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Outdoor wall mural above the patio at Pollard 107 South

soon to begin on the Walnut Avenue parking lot behind the Farmers' Market stage. There is parking on the downtown streets and at Vinton Baptist.

Hours of operation are 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Tuesday through

Sunday.

For more details visit the restaurant on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/Pollard107South> or take a look at the menu on the website at <https://www.pollard107south.com>.



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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 Council of the City of Salem,

at its regular meeting on Monday, November 27, 2023, at 6:30 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

Legals - City of Salem

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 1, 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 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.

If approved, Salem City Council intends to adopt the ordinance(s) associated with the above item(s) on first reading, with a second reading of those ordinance(s) at a subsequent meeting. Copies of the proposed plans, ordinances or amendments may be examined in the Office of Community Development, 21 South Bruffey Street,

Legals - City of Salem

Salem, Virginia. At said hearing, parties in interest and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard relative to the said requests.

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA BY: H. Robert Light Clerk of Council

Legals - Montgomery County

Order of Publication

Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code §§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316, 20-104
Case No. CA23000019-00
MONTGOMERY COUNTY Circuit Court, 55 EAST MAIN STREET, SUITE 1, CHRISTIANBURG, VA 24073

Legals - Montgomery County

Commonwealth of Virginia, in re: The Adoption of a Minor Child Under Eighteen Years of Age, to be known as SERITA DANIELLE TICKLE
By: MILDRED ANNE TICKLE, FRED LEE TICKLE, JR.

The object of this suit is to obtain an adoption of the minor child, Serita Danielle McLemore, by your petitioners, Mildred Anne Tickle and Fred Lee Tickle, Jr., husband and wife. An affidavit having been made and filed, pursuant to Virginia Code § 8.01-316 (1950), as amended, showing that the biological father, Kenneth McLemore (aka Kenneth Lee Sturdivant), despite the exercise of due diligence on behalf of Petitioners, could not be personally served

Legals - Montgomery County

with legal process for this action and his last known address is unknown, though he is known to be residing in and around the Montgomery County, Virginia area.

It is further ORDERED that this Order shall be published once a week for (4) successive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation, serving the Montgomery County, Virginia, the locality of father's last known whereabouts, and contemporaneously posted in a conspicuous location at the Montgomery County Courthouse. Enter this 1 day of November, 2023. Robert M.D. Turk, Judge I ask for this: R. Cord Hall, Esquire, VSB 77637 R. Cord Hall

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Cadets from the William Byrd High School Navy National Defense Cadet Corps assisted with the Veterans Day Breakfast and performed the national anthem.

Mount Pleasant Fire Dept. Auxiliary hosts Veterans Day Breakfast to 'Honor Heroes'

The Mount Pleasant Fire Dept. Auxiliary hosted a Veterans Day Breakfast on Saturday, November 11 to "honor all our heroes. Just a small thank you for our community veterans in the military."

This is the first year for the event which auxiliary members hope to continue each year.

Veterans were invited to eat free with a minimal charge for others. The event was held at the Mount Pleasant Volunteer Fire Dept. on Jae Valley Road with assistance from members of the fire department.

The William Byrd High School Navy National Defense Cadet Corps was on hand to assist with the event – lifting, toting, serving, cleaning up, thanking veterans for their service, and even performing the national anthem.

-Vinton Messenger staff report



1st Lt. Pete DiGregorio from the Mount Pleasant Fire Department prepares pancakes for the Fire Dept. Auxiliary Veterans Day breakfast.



PHOTOS BY DEBBIE ADAMS

The Mount Pleasant Fire Dept. Auxiliary showed their appreciation for the military service of veterans with a breakfast on Veterans Day.

PEOPLE, PLACES AND THINGS



Chewing Fall Classic

COURTESY OF ANGIE CHEWNING

By Angie Chewing

What a beautiful November day, especially to spend it with family! Thank you, cousin Mark and wife Karen Chewing, for hosting the annual Chewing Fall Classic. Mark and Karen moved from California several years ago to be closer to family and what a joy it has been.

Of course, there was food, laughter (and a few tears), and some awesome ancestry information that Karen has been researching (who knew there were four Kings in our family), sharing old pictures and old stories. There were many missing (when there were 12 kids in the Chewing family, there's a lot of us!)

Those celebrating the day with us were Melvin Chewing, daughter Julie Creasy and husband Roger Alvin Chewing, with Alcie Meador and Alvin's son, Timmy, with wife Teresa and girls—Hannah and Hallie—Bill Chewing, friend Shirley, daughter Karen Woods, Bootie with son Greg and me (Angie) with Greg Boitnott, Shirley Chewing and daughters, Kelley Chewing Hambrick and husband Todd, Todd's sister Marissa,

Terri Lynn Chewing and husband Mike Wright, Patti and Keith Thompson, (Keith's mom was Nancy Chewing Thompson), cousin Kathryn Weaver and daughter Quinn Mitchell and sons, Ross and Ewan Mitchell.

Angel tree Angels have landed at the Vinton Chamber office. These are for children of all ages in our Vinton community. If you would like to make someone's Christmas special, please stop by the office at 118 E Lee Ave. or call the office at 540-343-1364 or email angie@vintonchamber.com.

The Vinton Moose Lodge is also collecting non-perishable food items for Vinton families in need for the upcoming holidays. If you would like to make a donation, drop it off at the Vinton Moose Lodge or contact angie@vintonchamber.com.

Don't forget to "LIGHT UP VINTON" with Christmas lights. Let us know if your neighborhood or business is LIT- we want to know!

The Vinton Christmas Paade is Thursday, November 30. Tree Lighting is at 6 p.m. at the Municipal Building and the parade steps off at 7 p.m. The Chamber is still accepting parade entries.

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was to raise awareness for Veteran and First Responder Suicide Prevention, and funding for the Boulder Crest Retreat. The non-profit Boulder Crest Foundation is the home of Post-Traumatic Growth (PTG), which offers life-changing programs free of charge to members of the military, veterans, and first responder communities and their families, ensuring they can live great lives in the aftermath of trauma.

The five-mile trek from the Vinton War Memorial set off at 9 a.m. following the playing of "Thank You for Your Service," the national anthem, and the military anthems from all the branches of the Armed Services along with remarks from Vinton Mayor Brad Grose, Vinton Police Chief Fabricio Drumond, and Officer Dibble (all veterans).

Mayor Grose commented that this first Ruck March was "very exciting" and representative of the respect the Vinton community feels for veterans and first responders, demonstrated by the building of two major veterans' monuments – the Vinton War Memorial and the Vinton/Roanoke County High Ground Monument – in a small community of only 3.2 square miles with the population of 8,200.

He noted that several Town of Vinton employees are

veterans, that veterans are strong citizens who have helped to build this country, and that they are owed a debt of gratitude, especially those who have made the ultimate sacrifice and those who have been injured internally or externally as a result of their service.

Chief Drumond wished a Happy Veterans Day to those in attendance, saying, "Thank you to all of you who have joined and served in the greatest Armed Forces that have ever existed."

"For me, I have the privilege and will always be proud to be associated with the greatest fighting forces in the world," Drumond said. "I am beyond blessed to be able to stand here today. Many Americans sacrificed everything and laid down their lives for the preservation of our constitutional republic. Any American who gives his life in the defense of our nation deserves everlasting memories in our hearts."

"It's the American service member who dons their battle uniforms, not for glory, but for the single principle of a love of service and the preservation of a free democracy. It is the service member who preserves the sanctity of life in foreign lands, and it is the selfless sacrifice and final actions of many patriots that solidify that there is no

greater calling than to serve others in time of need.

"To all of you here today – you are all modern-day heroes. If you want to see modern-day heroes, just look around you. They are in our American military installations, in our schools, in our hospitals, our factories, our farms. Everyone has a stake in the American Dream. Americans fill the world with art, music, technology, and innovation. It takes a village. That is what attracts millions of immigrants like me to this nation – the opportunity to be a valuable resource to a nation."

"A m e r i c a n exceptionalism is true. Without American influence, a nation that emboldens free thinkers and is a beacon of what 'free people' are, our world would be in much worse shape. We are not a perfect nation, but many nations benefit from the mere existence of America and the security blanket and prosperity that is unmatched in human history."

Officer Dibble thanked the sponsors who helped make the Vinton Ruck March happen – Rosie's Gaming Emporium, BoomTown CrossFit, and Concrete Pipe and Precast, among others.

Rucking is a form of exercise with roots in military training.



Participants walked a five-mile loop through the town carrying weighted backpacks to raise funds for Boulder Crest Foundation.

It involves walking a set distance while carrying a weight in a backpack. Rucking comes from the word "ruck sack," which is a durable backpack meant for carrying equipment.

Carrying weight in a ruck/backpack during the mission represents the weight many service members carry in the battle against combat stress.

In a regular Ruck March, there are weight standards: if you are under 150 pounds, you carry a 10-lb. weight; if you are over 150 lbs., you carry 20 lbs. With this being the first Ruck March in Vinton, standards were lenient when necessary.

Approximately 30 individuals participated in this first march; some brought their own weighted backpacks; some used the weighted ruck plates available. Several carried full-sized American flags and those of the branches of the military on their loop



PHOTOS BY DEBBIE ADAMS

Some walkers added weighted ruck plates to their backpacks.

around town. Some were veterans; some were law enforcement officers and town employees; some were family members. Some were athletes; some were just

brave souls contributing to a worthy cause.

For more information about Boulder Crest Foundation, visit <https://bouldercrest.org/>.



PHOTOS BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Undefeated Randolph-Macon is back in the NCAA Division III football playoffs and three former William Byrd players are on the roster as the Yellow Jackets prepare to host Christopher Newport in Ashland Saturday. Left to right are El-Amin Shareef(#23), Nick Hale(#35) and Matt Hale(#77).

Byrd alumni will play in NCAA D-III football game

Former teammates will be on opposite sides of the field

Former William Byrd teammates will be on opposite sides of the field Saturday when Randolph-Macon College hosts Christopher Newport University in the first round of the 2023 Division III NCAA Football Championship tournament. The Virginia teams will kick off at Day Field in Ashland.

Three former Byrd players are on the Randolph-Macon team. Twin brothers Nick and Matt Hale, both fifth year seniors, start on offense for the Yellow Jackets. Nick is the tailback and Matt is the center while junior El-Amin Shareef, another Byrd alum, is a reserve running back.

For the captains, former Terrier Logan Baker is a senior defensive back. CNU had a 7-3 season and defeated TCNJ, 27-21, last Friday to win the New Jersey Athletic Conference championship.

Randolph-Macon went 10-0 during the regular season for the second consecutive year, one of 11 teams still undefeated in NCAA Division III. RMC was 7-0 in the Old Dominion Athletic Conference, earning the league's automatic bid to the NCAA Playoffs. The Jackets are participating in the NCAA playoffs in consecutive years for the first time in program history.

RMC and CNU have played twice in the past. The Yellow Jackets won 26-10 in Ashland on Sept. 8, 2001, while the Captains registered a 21-19 victory on Sept. 14, 2002, in Newport News.

Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for youth 12 and under. Tickets must be purchased in advance through Ticket Spicket through the following link: <https://events.ticketspicket.com/agency/278061dd-baf7-435b-b70e-c1aee5a182fa/events/4190d903-c7f2-4052-9fd9-eab6a3c6c434>.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Former Terrier Logan Baker of Christopher Newport holds the New Jersey Athletic Conference championship trophy after the Captains defeated TCNJ last week.



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DAWGS

Left, USMC Sargeant Robert Spangler and Lexi Spangler perform a ceremonial puck drop prior to the Macon Mayhem at Roanoke Rail Yard Dawgs game on Veterans Day Saturday night at the Berglund Center. Right, Brendan Pepe (right in photo) starts a war of his own as he connects with a haymaker in the ensuing game. The Dawgs won the fight and the game, 3-2.

RC hockey team will play Friday at the LancerLot

The Roanoke College club ice hockey team will take on VMI this Friday, November 17, beginning with an 8 pm social. The puck will drop at 8:30 pm for the exhibition game.

The event will be held at the LancerLot in Vinton on 1110 Vinyard Road. Admission is \$5.

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important to score first, and our players did a great job of creating two scores in the first five minutes of the game. A fast start was critical in our success Friday."

Pulaski cut the lead to 21-7 in the second quarter but Byrd answered when Hairston hit Brayden Andrews with an 11 yard TD pass and the Terriers led 28-7 at the half.

The Terriers drew first blood in the second half when Hairston hit Elliott Gaines with a 64 yard TD pass. Then Bricen Lancaster, who was perfect on six extra point kicks on the night, nailed a 29 yard field

goal and the rout was on as Byrd led 38-7 with a quarter to go. The Cougars put two scores on the board in the final period but Byrd was never threatened, as Andrews added another score on a 44 yard run for the 45-21 final.

"Our staff was proud of the offense for remaining balanced, and we had a lot of players involved in the offensive production," said Lutz. "Defensively, we were able to force them to throw the football, and we forced two turnovers. On special teams, we produced four touchbacks on kick-offs, 100 percent on PATs and ran the opening kick-off back for the first score of the game. Our coaches were really

proud of our players and how hard they played."

There were a lot of good stats to go around. Hairston was nine for 12 passing for 154 yards and two touchdowns and Israel ran six times for 164 yards and two TDs. Andrews had 87 yards on 11 carries and both a rushing and receiving TD.

Hairston spread the ball around to seven different receivers. Cooper Minnix and Barrows had two receptions each and with one catch were Jerrett Shepherd, Dominic Dulak, Elliott Gaines, Dexter Gaines and Andrews.

On defense Ian Vest and Shepherd had six solo tackles each. John Kiker had five solos, six assists and an interception while Doniven Davis had four solos, four assists and three quarterback pressures. Braeden Young had three solos and three assists and he also had an interception.

The defense will be a key again this week when Byrd hosts Lord Botetourt. The Cavaliers have scored over 40 points seven times this season, including 83 in a win over Blacksburg. While they likely won't have Nicely at quarterback tailback Tristan Overbay rushed for 200 yards last week and Botetourt has a huge offensive line. Byrd knows what to expect, but Lutz noted it is more what his team will do than what the opposition offers.

"Our routine has not changed the entire year," he said. "We've played some really good football teams this season, and we have found success focusing on the details of our team getting better. Our players and coaches have focused more on what we do, and this has allowed us to improve each week."

In Friday's other region semifinal fourth seeded Christiansburg will travel to top-seeded Magna Vista with the winner meeting for the Region 3D championship. If Christiansburg beats Magna Vista Friday then the LB-Byrd winner would be home for that game the weekend after Thanksgiving. The Terriers would like that, as their only loss of the season was in Christiansburg the first week of September and the Byrdmen would like a rematch in Vinton. First, however, will be Friday's home game with Lord Botetourt.

"Our fans and the Dog Pound have created a great home game environment all season," said Lutz. "We are thankful for their support each week and look forward to another packed stadium this week."



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Bricen Lancaster was perfect on six extra points and he also kicked a field goal in Byrd's win over Pulaski.

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Above left, Byrd's Israel Hairston breaks free for a long touchdown run in last Friday's Region 3D win over Pulaski. Right, Jadai English(#2) raises a hand in triumph as Walter Barrows(#40) returns the opening kickoff for a touchdown in Byrd's 45-21 win.

Terriers are home for rematch with LB after dispatching Cougars, 45-21

The game everyone has been looking forward to since October 13 will become reality Friday night when Lord Botetourt comes to Vinton to play William Byrd in football. This time, a trip to the Region 3D championship game is on the line.

The third seeded Cavaliers will take on the second seeded Terriers at 7 pm Friday night at Patterson Stadium in Vinton. It will be a rematch of the October 13 game in Vinton, when Byrd shut out LB, 16-0, to beat the Cavaliers for the first time in seven meetings. That was a signature win for Byrd coach Brad Lutz' program.

"It was a great win for not only our team, but it was a big win for our community," said Lutz after the win. "There is a lot of hard work that goes into

winning football games. Our players are seeing the hard work pay off, and that is giving us a spark moving forward."

Byrd went on to win their last three games and win the Blue Ridge District regular season championship. Botetourt also won their last three and finished second in the district with the one BRD loss, and when the final Region 3D rankings came out at the end of the regular season it was Magna Vista one, Byrd two and LB three, lining up the Terriers and Cavs for a rematch in the eight-team tournament semifinals.

Both teams held serve last week, as Byrd defeated Pulaski County, 45-21, and Botetourt took care of visiting Bassett, 42-10. This week's Botetourt-Byrd

rematch should be a good one, although Botetourt's standout quarterback Jakari Nicely is very questionable to play this week. Jakari watched last week's win on crutches from the LB sideline.

In Vinton, Byrd jumped on the visiting Cougars early. Walter Barrows returned the opening kickoff 89 yards for a touchdown to set the tone, then senior quarterback Israel Hairston scored on runs of eight and 58 yards to put the host Terriers up 21-0 after one quarter.

"Pulaski's run game is as good as anyone we play against, and we spent a lot of practice time preparing for it," said Lutz. "They are capable of controlling the clock and the tempo of the game. It was very

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Left, Byrd's Lane Shoemaker(#6) makes a tackle as teammates Jonathan Rosser(left) and Doniven Davis(#55) move in. Right, Braeden Young has a Cougar by the tail.

William Byrd girls run their best times in biggest meet

Two William Byrd girls competed in the state Class 3 cross country meet at Green Hill Park in west Roanoke County last Saturday. Senior Claire Glover finished 29th and freshman Heidi Wienke was 75th among 103 girls in the race.

"The girls were outstanding on Saturday," said Byrd coach Kayland Bond, a former Terrier runner herself in her first year as head coach.

Glover ended her cross country

career with a new personal record of 19:58, just under 20 minutes for the 5,000 meter race. This was a minute and six seconds improvement from her previous PR earlier this season.

"Claire will move up in our all-time record book as the sixth fastest time in William Byrd High School history," said Bond. "Claire has been a great leader for our team this season and she has been an excellent example of how consistency and dedication pays off."

Wienke also set a new PR on Saturday with a time of 21:51, a minute and two seconds improvement from her previous record.

"It is such an accomplishment to qualify for the state meet as a freshman," said Bond. "I look forward to seeing her continue to grow as an athlete and contribute to the success of the cross country program at William Byrd."

Kiera Lowman of Alleghany won

the race by 24 seconds with a time of 17:39. Western Albemarle was the girls' Class 3 team champion and Maggie Walker won the boys' championship. William Byrd did not have any runners qualify for the boys' state meet.

The Class 1 and 2 races were also held at Green Hill Park Saturday. The Galileo girls and Parry McCluer boys won the Class 1 team championships while the Liberty girls and Lebanon boys prevailed in Class 2.



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Left, William Byrd's Claire Glover(#709) is near the front of a pack of runners in last Saturday's Class 3 state cross country meet at Green Hill Park in Roanoke County. Right, Heidi Wienke(#710) of the Terriers competes in the state race.