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## Terriers celebrate current and past students, and third win in a row

**Debbie Adams**  
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The William Byrd High School Terriers won their third football game in a row on Sept. 13, defeating the Christiansburg Demons 33-0.

The WBHS football players were not the only ones recognized at this first home game. Camden Thepsimuong, a football and tennis player at Byrd, was present for the game and recognized in his battle against bone cancer. He was diagnosed this summer with osteosarcoma and is undergoing treatment at a hospital in North Carolina. Members of the football team, the cheerleading squad, the student Dog Pound, and many others in the crowd wore yellow in his honor, as he supported them from the sidelines.

The WBHS Leo Club, a service organization, invited those in attendance to write cards for Cam to read during his chemotherapy treatments and provided the supplies.

Karen Jackson, the first African American member of the William Byrd Marching Band back in the 1973-74 school year (they were then known as the Tootin' Terriers), was introduced and

performed the national anthem.

According to Jackson, she was raised on Raleigh Avenue, one of the only integrated streets in Vinton, and received her early education at Craig Avenue Elementary School. A few years later at Roland E. Cook Elementary, she discovered her great love for music. Before her sixth-grade year at William Byrd Intermediate School, her mother purchased her first flute. She studied music for three years under the direction of Joe Spigel. It was at this time that people began taking notice of her singing voice. She joined her first band, singing vocals, around the age of 14.

During the 1973-74 school year as a freshman at WBHS, Jackson took the field with the marching band as the first African American to march and perform at Byrd under the direction of Dr. Stephen King. She also played piccolo in the concert band.

Her high school years were met with a little more turbulence as the community struggled with the depths of the Civil Rights Movement. She would only remain in the band one additional year,

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PHOTO BY SUZANNE WITCHER

William Byrd student Camden Thepsimuong, who is battling bone cancer, was able to attend the game and cheer on his teammates from the sidelines. Pictured left to right are Zachary Camden, Camden Thepsimuong, and Dominic Hayslett.



Karen Jackson performed the national anthem at the Sept. 13 game. She was the first African American member of the marching band back in 1973-1974.



PHOTOS BY DEBBIE ADAMS

Those who attended the Terriers game were invited to make cards for Cam Thepsimuong during his chemotherapy treatments.

## Vinton Historical Society sponsoring first book-signing by Dr. Kimberly Horn

Vinton native and Virginia Tech professor Dr. Kimberly Horn is launching her debut book on the power of friendship for well-being. She and the Vinton Historical Society will host her first signing of *Friends Matter, for Life* at the Vinton History Museum on Wednesday, Sept. 25, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Horn is currently a professor and research psychologist at Virginia Tech. She brings nearly 30 years of experience in promoting healthier, happier lives through her work. Her career has been dedicated to understanding the choices people make about their health, with a special focus on how social and human connections are at the heart of well-being. Her groundbreaking research spans topics such as addiction, mental health, physical activity, and nutrition, earning her recognition both locally and internationally.

Praised for her engaging and compassionate approach, Horn has shared her insights in settings ranging from intimate town hall discussions to



PHOTO COURTESY OF DR. KIMBERLY HORN

Dr. Kimberly Horn will be launching her book *“Friends Matter, for Life”* at the Vinton History Museum on Sept. 25.

global conferences. Now, with her debut book, *“Friends Matter, for Life,”* she focuses on a timely issue – the loneliness crisis and its profound impact on public health.

She highlights friendship as a crucial yet sometimes challenging avenue for social connection, offering readers guidance on how to foster and appreciate these meaningful relationships.

In celebration of her book launch, Horn is excited to bring her first book

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PHOTO BY DEBBIE ADAMS

The congregation at Thrasher Memorial UMC on Washington Avenue in Vinton surrounded the church in the annual Prayer Circle, held on Sept. 15.

## Thrasher Memorial UMC surrounds church in annual Prayer Circle

The congregation at Thrasher Memorial United Methodist Church in Vinton “stepped outside and encircled the church” on the morning of

September 15, to give thanks and pray for the church, their pastors and their families, the congregation, the staff, the local community, the nation, and the world.

The Chapel Bell was rung three times – when the congregation first faced the church to pray, when they turned

See **Prayer**, page 6

## Vinton Town Council recognizes heroic actions of police officers



PHOTO BY DEBBIE ADAMS

Vinton Police Officers Jesse Dibble and Grant Shepherd were presented with the Lifesaving Award for their actions in saving the life of an infant. Pictured left to right are Deputy Chief Tim Lawless, Officer Jesse Dibble, Officer Grant Shepherd, and Chief Fabricio Drumond.

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Vinton Town Council members recognized the heroic actions of two of its police officers at their council meeting on Sept. 17.

According to Vinton Police Chief Fabricio Drumond, Officers Jesse Dibble and Grant Shepherd were dispatched to a scream for help call. Dispatch was unable to give any context to responding officers because of a frantic caller. Initial information was that there was “lots of screaming in the background,” calls for

help, and the potential that someone was either bleeding or not breathing. Eventually enough information was gathered to understand that an infant was unresponsive and not breathing. The call came in at 12:21. Officer Dibble arrived on the scene at 12:23; Shepherd, soon after.

Upon arrival, the officers were met by a family in distress. Despite the chaos, the officers were immediate with their priorities and acted on the problem at hand, an 18-month-old not breathing. Dibble was handed the child by a family member and

administered life-saving procedures immediately. Shepherd aided Dibble by holding the child in a more advantageous position. As a result, the infant regained consciousness and began breathing on her own.

“Throughout an officer’s career, they will be called upon many times as a result of life-changing scenarios,” Drumond said. “They are expected to maintain composure, remain calm, and deal with the situation they are presented with tact, humility, and more importantly, resolve

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# PEOPLE, PLACES AND THINGS

By Angie Chewning

Many thanks to our sponsors, vendors, bands, and, of course, everyone who came out to support Mingle at the Market on Saturday!

Congrats to Allyson Goins, art teacher at William Byrd High School. Her artwork was chosen to be a part of the "50th Anniversary Roanoker Magazine Art Show." All of the pieces chosen to be in the show will be on display for the next year in the Noel Taylor building downtown. Congrats to those that won awards. They were well deserved.



The artwork of William Byrd High School art teacher Allyson Goins was chosen as part of the "50th Anniversary Roanoker Magazine Art Show."



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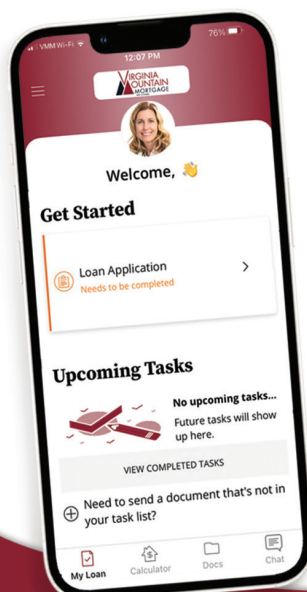
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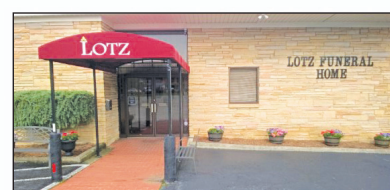
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# Vinton WorldTrekks invite you to travel the world

The Vinton WorldTrekks are a group of people who “love to travel the world together.” Their international adventures started when a group of William Byrd High School students asked their instructor, Cherry Bell Damasco-Farrington, to take them on a field trip to Spain to learn more about Spanish culture.

Damasco-Farrington has traveled to the Philippines, Canada, Mexico, Ireland, Scotland, England, France, Greece, Italy, Spain, Morocco, Gibraltar, Germany, Austria, Switzerland, and Liechtenstein. She says, “Each adventure has proven that there is just so much to see and learn about the world around us. Even though each country varies in language, history, and culture, there are still so many things to tie us all together.”

Two more WBHS instructors have since joined the team, English teacher Dionne Nichols and English/Theatre teacher Ashley Satterfield. Their hope is to create exciting trips for students offering them valuable educational and experiential opportunities and exposing them to cultures different from their own.

Nichols has traveled to Holland, Germany, Switzerland, Liechtenstein, France, England, Mexico, Italy, Ireland, Scotland, and Austria. She hopes to someday travel to Australia and the Scandinavian countries, where she has some ancestry. Her experiences with EF Tours began when she was a senior in high school and traveled to Europe.

Nichols says that travelers are able to “develop a global perspective and to discover across barriers that people are so much alike.”

Satterfield has traveled to Mexico, Puerto Rico, French Polynesia, Italy, Spain, Senegal, The Gambia, and the Dominican Republic. She is looking forward to exploring more of Europe in the future. Eventually, she would like to travel to Morocco, Vietnam, and American Samoa. She is a strong believer that not all learning happens in the classroom and some of the biggest growth comes from traveling and experiencing other cultures.

This past July Damasco-Farrington and Nichols led a tour group of about 50 on an 11-day trip to Japan. Participants included former and current students and their family members and friends from all over the region.

Having found the trip “awesome,” the Trekkers were anxious to begin planning more trips for the future.

As a first step, the three teachers held an informational meeting at the Vinton Library on Sept. 4 with students who might be interested in touring Europe – either Austria, Germany, and Switzerland

in 2025 or Scotland in 2026.

Other meetings are being held around the county to provide information on trips to Paris, Strasbourg, and Lyon in 2025, Belize in 2025, Rome and Athens in 2025, the Capitals of Scandinavia in 2026, and South Korea in 2027.

Satterfield will be leading the 10-day tour to Austria, Germany, and Switzerland which leaves in mid-July 2025. Nichols will be the group leader for the trip to Scotland in July 2026.

During the information session, the teachers talked about the benefits of international travel, the itinerary of each trip, what’s included in the price, safety, travel documents and requirements, deadlines, and how to sign up.

The trips are arranged through EF Tours, their accredited educational partners, who have been in business for about 55 years and offer tours “everywhere,” except disaster areas, Damasco-Farrington says.

The advantages of EF are that they provide “it all or almost all” for one price – round trip airfare, hotels, breakfast and dinner each day, a 24/7 tour director, all transportation, local guides, guided sight-seeing, entrance to landmarks and attractions, and access to a safety and accident response team in their travel package, at group rates.

Almost everything is taken care of except for passports, baggage fees, tips, snacks, and one meal each day.

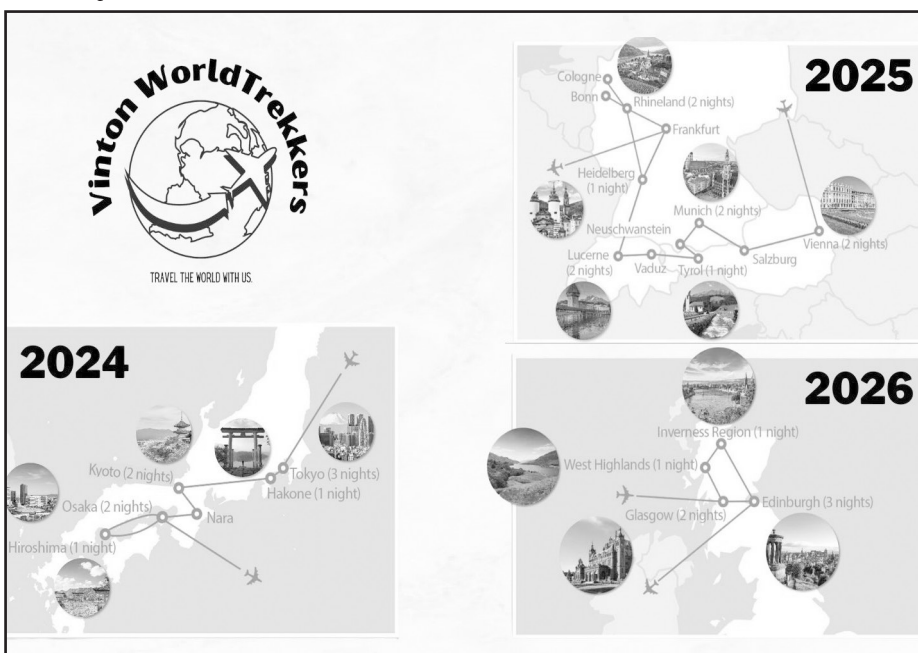
The William Byrd teachers say you “come home changed. You grow a new mindset from facing new challenges. You develop a world perspective and expand your world view. You learn about yourself and may even develop skills to impact the world.”

You can even opt to receive high school and college credits for your travels.

Scholarships are available to help with travel expenses. Tours are reasonably priced. Check the Vinton WorldTrekks Facebook page for costs for specific tours.

The tour to Austria, Germany, and Switzerland begins in Vienna with tours of Parliament, City Hall, the Ringstrasse boulevards, Schonbrunn Palace (where Marie Antoinette spent her childhood), a classical music performance in a concert hall, and an authentic Wiener Schnitzel dinner. The tour moves on to Salzburg and medieval Munich, then a visit to the Dachau concentration camp. You visit a Bavarian castle, see the Swiss Alps and Lake Lucerne, followed by traveling along the Black Forest to Heidelberg.

The 2026 “Stories of Scotland” tour begins in Glasgow, with a visit to the National Bagpipe Center, then moving on to the West Highlands region and Doune Castle. There’s a train excursion through the Scottish Highlands and then



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**Vinton WorldTrekks’ itineraries for 2024 (Japan), 2025 (Germany, Austria, Switzerland), and 2026 (Scotland)**

it’s on to Inverness with a cruise on the Loch Ness, and finally Edinburgh and its castle.

Several other county and city schools work with the EF program as well.

For more information on the Vinton WorldTrekks and upcoming tours, visit their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/VintonWorldTrekks/>.

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The Vinton WorldTrekks will be meeting at the Vinton Library on Sept. 25 to discuss their planned trip to South Korea in 2027. Register on their Facebook page.

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## Gasoline Alley and Filthy Souls rock it out in downtown Vinton

The Mingle at the Market concert series, sponsored by the Vinton Area Chamber of Commerce, is winding down for the 2024 season, with only one concert left to come on Sept. 28. The end of summer didn’t dampen the enthusiasm and attendance for the Sept. 14

concert which featured two bands – Gasoline Alley and Filthy Souls. Filthy Souls got the evening started. The band includes Mark Stegall, Jim Lewis, Adam Rutledge, Jason Weeks, and Brett Fulghum and plays Southern rock. Gasoline Alley is a five-

piece, Roanoke-based, rock band that has been performing together since 1999. The band specializes

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The Filthy Souls band opened the Mingle at the Market concert on Sept. 14.

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# Early, in-person voting begins Sept. 20 for local and federal elections

Early, in-person voting begins this Friday, Sept. 20, for candidates in Town of Vinton, Roanoke County, and federal elections. Election Day is November 5, 2024.

Vinton voters in the North and South Vinton precincts will be voting for the offices of mayor and Town Council. Incumbent Mayor Brad Grose is running unopposed. Incumbent council members Laurie Mullins and Keith Liles are also running unopposed.

Voters in Vinton Magisterial Districts (North and South Vinton, North and South Lindenwood, Bonsack, and Mount Pleasant) will be voting for their Board of Supervisors representative. Republican Tammy Shepherd is running unopposed in a Special

Election for a term which ends on December 31, 2025. The Special Election is the result of former Supervisor Jason Peters being elected Roanoke County Commissioner of the Revenue in last year's election, with Shepherd appointed by the Board of Supervisors to serve in his place until the Special Election is held.

Candidates on the ballot for President of the United States and their Vice Presidents are Democrats Kamala Harris/Tim Walz, Republicans Donald Trump/J.D. Vance, Green Party candidates Jill Stein/Rudolph Ware III, Libertarian Party candidates Chase Oliver/Mike ter Maat, Independents Claudia De la Cruz/Karina Garcia, and Independents Cornel West/Melina Abdullah.

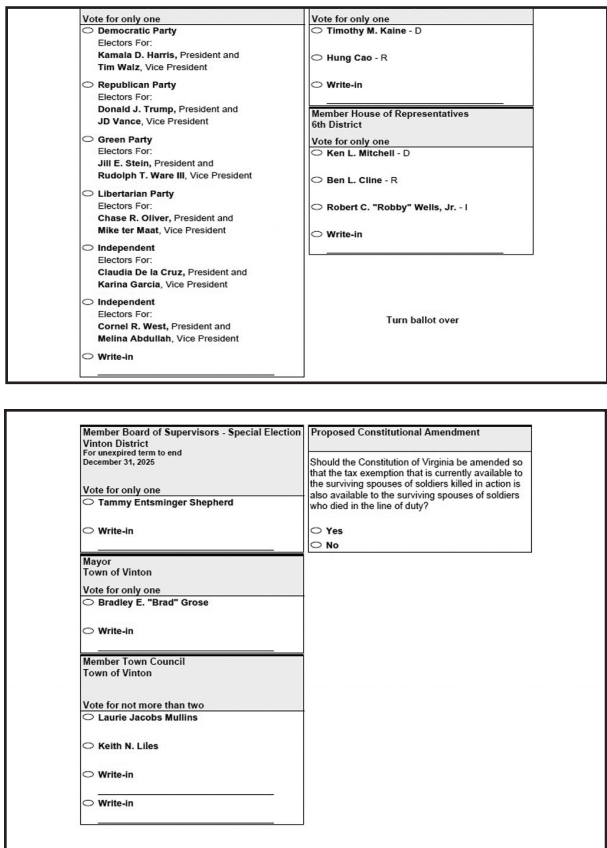
Candidates for the United States Senate are Democrat Tim Kaine and Republican Hung Cao.

Candidates for the House of Representatives representing the 6th District are Democrat Ken Mitchell, Republican Ben Cline, and Independent Robby Wells, Jr.

Voters may write-in candidates who are not on the ballot.

Voters in all Roanoke County Magisterial Districts will be voting on an amendment to the Constitution of Virginia which would extend the tax exemption currently available to spouses of soldiers killed in action to include spouses of soldiers who died in the line of duty (as determined by the U.S. Dept. of Defense).

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## Sample Ballots for Vinton precincts

# DAR celebrates Constitution Week

The Roanoke Valley Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution met on Sept. 14 at Campbell Memorial Presbyterian Church to kick off a new year of activities.

One of their traditional September events is the celebration of the founding of America during Constitution Week from September 17-23.

The Town of Vinton issued a proclamation at the council meeting on Sept. 17, recognizing National Constitution Week and the local DAR chapter. The proclamation notes that 2024 marks the 237th anniversary of the drafting of the Constitution of the United States by the Constitutional Convention.

According to the National DAR website, "The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution urges Americans to reflect on the United States Constitution during this month's annual

observance in honor of this foundational document of national governance.

"The DAR initiated the observance in 1955, when the service organization petitioned the U.S. Congress to dedicate September 17-23 of each year to the commemoration of Constitution Week. Congress adopted the resolution, and on August 2, 1956, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed it into Public Law. The celebration's goals are threefold: to encourage the study of the historical events that led to the framing of the Constitution in September 1787; to remind the public that the Constitution is the basis of America's great heritage and the foundation for its way of life; and to emphasize U.S. citizens' responsibility to protect, defend and preserve the U.S. Constitution."

"We are so proud DAR led the way in making Constitution Week an

official commemoration and our members enthusiastically promote the celebration annually in communities across the country by erecting community displays, sponsoring municipal proclamations, ringing bells and staging programs to raise awareness of the Constitution's tenets and importance," said DAR President General Pamela Rouse Wright. "We encourage all citizens to join us in celebrating this powerful document that is so important to American history and to reflect on the impact the Constitution has had on the lives of American citizens past and present."

"DAR has been the foremost advocate for the awareness, promotion and celebration of Constitution Week. The annual observance provides innumerable opportunities for educational initiatives and community outreach, two mission areas of crucial importance to



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**New member Dawn Ehlenfeldt was installed at the DAR meeting on Sept. 14. Pictured left to right are Regent Cindy Higgins, Ehlenfeldt, Diane Goode, and Janice Taylor.**

the National Society. By fostering knowledge of, and appreciation for, the Constitution and the inalienable rights it affords to all Americans, DAR helps to keep alive the memory of the men and women who secured our nation's foundational liberties."

One of the largest patriotic women's organizations in the world, DAR has 190,000 members in approximately 3,000 chapters across the country and several

foreign countries. DAR members promote historic preservation, education and patriotism via commemorative events, scholarships and educational initiatives, citizenship programs, service to veterans, meaningful community service and more.

The Roanoke Valley Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution meets at Campbell Memorial on Hardy Road in Vinton on the second Saturday of most months

between September and May.

A new DAR member, Dawn Ehlenfeldt, was installed at the Sept. 14 meeting.

Member Susan Doyle presented a program on the "Stalag VIIA Memorial in Moosburg, Germany."

For additional information about DAR and its relevant mission, visit [www.dar.org](http://www.dar.org).

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Solomon decided it was time to build a temple for God. So, four hundred eighty years after the Israelites left Egypt, Solomon began construction on the temple. He finished it just seven years later. It was beautiful—made of stone, carved wood, and a lot of

"If you follow my decrees, observe my laws and keep all my commands and obey them, I will fulfill through you the promise I gave to David your father. And I will live among the Israelites and will not abandon my people Israel" (1 Kings 6:12-13).

God values obedience above all other virtues. That is how we show God we love Him. In return for our obedience, God blesses us and will not forsake us.

Thought for Today: Blessing will come from God when you obey His rules.

Quicklook: 1 Kings 6:11-14

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**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.

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**Deputy Chief Tim Lawless introduced Vinton's newest police officer, Jake Miller, to Vinton Town Council. Pictured left to right are Lawless, Miller, and Chief Drumond.**



**Officer Will Holland was recognized for completing his Crime Prevention Specialist Certification. Pictured left to right are Deputy Chief Tim Lawless, Officer Holland, and Chief Drumond.**



PHOTOS BY DEBBIE ADAMS

**Vinton's Asst. Planner Fayula Gordon (left) was presented her certificate for completing the Virginia Chapter of the American Planning Association Leadership Development Program by Planning and Zoning Director Anita McMillan.**

the problem to the best of their ability. In this case, their actions completely reshaped the result of that call.

"The actions illustrated by these officers are beyond exemplary. Officer Dibble and Officer Shepherd exhibited the highest standard of excellence and compassion and treated a child as if it was their own. People like them make the world a better and safer place, through their unwavering devotion to our community, our citizens, and our children."

They were presented with the Lifesaving Award.

Deputy Chief Tim Lawless introduced the newest member of the Vinton Police Department – Officer Jake Miller. He is a graduate of Glenvar High School. He served in the United States Air Force from 2004-2008 and then moved back home. Miller worked at the Salem Police Department for 12-1/2 years in various positions – patrol officer, detective, detective supervisor, and services supervisor. He earned his master's degree from Liberty University, and graduated from the Virginia Department of Forensic Science Academy and the National Criminal Justice Command College.

He and his wife Ashley have two daughters, Claire, 10, and Campbell, 7. They enjoy outdoor activities. Miller says that the most important thing in his life is "being a dad." He was pinned by his daughters.

Chief Drumond also recognized Officer Will Holland for earning his Crime Prevention Specialist Certification, a designation recognized by the Department of Criminal Justice Services. He completed 40 hours of training (theory and practice of crime prevention, personal safety, crime prevention through environmental design, and conducting security assessments) and 80 additional hours in community policing, school safety and security, youth and family violence, public speaking, and drug abuse prevention.

Officer Holland said, "When local businesses, citizens, community groups, and government agencies engage with each other, we develop a positive lasting relationship and become active partners in safeguarding our neighborhoods. This teamwork creates a network of well-educated and vigilant eyes and ears that can only enhance the effectiveness of curbing crimes."

Town Council presented a proclamation declaring September 17-23 as Constitution Week to Shannon and Sheila Campbell from the Roanoke Valley Chapter DAR.

Planning and Zoning Director Anita McMillan recognized Assistant Planner Fayula Gordon for completing the six-month Virginia Chapter of the American Planning Association Leadership

Development Program, sponsored by the Virginia Chapter of the American Planning Association.

Program participants engage in intensive conversations with instructors during three-hour monthly meetings in Richmond, and complete outside assignments shadowing and interviewing a leader they admire.

Andrew Hopewell, Virginia Chapter president, noted that Gordon's "commitment and dedication to the class was admirable and speaks to her desire to improve her skill set and offer citizens of Vinton the utmost service. She represented herself and the Town of Vinton in a manner of which they should be proud."

McMillan also acknowledged Roanoke County's Virginia Association of Counties (VACo) 2024 Achievement Award for the Town of Vinton Stormwater Outfall Management Application Program. The application was built by Roanoke County's Information Technology GIS Team in collaboration with town personnel.

During the Citizens' Comment part of the meeting, several citizens spoke against the rumored abortion clinic coming to Vinton – Phil Buchy, Barry Witt, Ann Russell, and Carmel Flippen.

Public Works Director Bo Herndon updated council on several projects, including sign replacement throughout the

town, installation of traffic signal lights, and paving. He noted that the WVWA sewer line replacement on Niagara Road is 20% complete, with 60 feet of pipe and two manholes installed. The project is complicated by the depth of the repairs (30 feet). He discussed working with VDOT on a plan to rebuild 3rd Street. His best news was that the new refuse truck is in Roanoke and will be delivered to Vinton next week.

Finance Director Andrew Keen presented the latest financial report, commenting that sales, meals, and parimutuel taxes are exceeding budget expectations for the fiscal year thus far. The opening of two new food service establishments, Marco's Pizza and Panda Bobo, will only increase those revenues. He reported the town is earning \$50,000 a month from interest on the CIP fund. He also informed council that a grant has been received for \$42,000 toward the cargo/personnel lift project at the Vinton History Museum. Current fundraising by the Vinton Historical Society and the grant will put contributions at over \$100,000.

Council held a public hearing, then adopted an amendment to Vinton's FY 2024-2025 budget which will appropriate funding for various operational and capital expenditures. According to

Deputy Town Manager Cody Sexton, this is customary at the end of each fiscal year. Funds totaling \$462,000 will be used for police equipment, the Wolf Creek restroom facilities, and the multi-generational park to be located on a site behind the Vinton War Memorial. This is "old money" being rolled over to the new fiscal year.

Council adopted a resolution accepting the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation's Recreational Trails Program funds in the amount of \$177,217 and appropriating \$44,304 in town funds (a 20% match) for the Wolf Creek Greenway Accessible Restroom Facility, a project to be completed in Spring 2025.

Council voted to enter a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Roanoke County for the county to serve as the Virginia Erosion and Stormwater Management Program Authority for the town, an arrangement which has been in place since 1984.

Town Manager Pete Peters thanked town staff for a successful Pink Warrior Walk to raise money for breast cancer treatment and research, which attracted 207 participants and raised \$7,000 in its first year. He especially thanked Town Clerk/Administrative Manager Antonia Arias-Magallon and council members Laurie Mullins and Sabrina McCarty for their part in organizing the event.

## Congress cuts Meals on Wheels funding nationwide; you can help

Because the United States Congress cut Meals on Wheels funding nationwide, 50 fewer seniors are being fed in Southwest Virginia.

The purpose of the Meals on Wheels program is to deliver a hot, nutritious lunch to homebound senior citizens Monday through Friday. (Each meal supplies one-third of the Daily Dietary Reference Intake.)

The program is cost effective and helps seniors to be able to live independently and age in place by keeping them out of hospitals, nursing homes, and assisted living facilities. Plus it provides much-needed socialization with the volunteer who delivers the meals each weekday (and a wellness check).

According to Livewell, "Investing in Meals on Wheels programs through federal funding can lead to substantial cost savings within the healthcare system. By ensuring that seniors receive proper nutrition, these programs help prevent malnutrition-related health conditions and hospitalizations. Adequate nutrition also supports faster recovery and better disease management for seniors, reducing overall healthcare costs."

Local Office on Aging (LOA) President and CEO Ron Boyd says the Roanoke-area Meals on Wheels program was serving about 525 clients, but due to lack of federal funding,

that has now been cut down to about 475 participants. While needs have increased, funding unfortunately has not. September 30 marks the end of extra, pandemic-related funding for Meals on Wheels. As the number of those in need increases, many seniors will now be placed on a waiting list. Rising food costs have only accentuated the problem.

The LOA runs the Meals on Wheels program in the Fifth Planning District of Virginia, which includes Roanoke, Botetourt, Craig and Alleghany counties, as well as Roanoke City, Salem and Covington.

Meals on Wheels is available to those ages 60 and over who are residents of the Fifth Planning District. To qualify, they must be unable to prepare a nutritious mid-day meal with no one available, or willing, to prepare the meal for them. Spouses and disabled dependents, regardless of age, may also qualify.

The population in the district 65 years of age or older is higher than the average in Virginia and across the nation. By the 2030s, there will be more people 65 and older than 18 and younger.

There are Meals on Wheels plans across the country which are managed by organizations like the LOA. The Older Americans Act, which was passed in 1965, is the

source of most of the funding the LOA receives.

Amendments to the act in 1973 introduced the concept of a network of aging agencies. The act called for each governor to designate a "state unit on aging" to receive and administer Older Americans Act funds. The Virginia Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services (DARS) designates "area agencies on aging" to receive these funds. LOA is one of 25 in the Commonwealth so designated, and one of 5,000 community-based senior nutrition programs nationwide.

The government funds are supplemented locally with fund-raising, grants, and recipient donations – including proceeds from the LOA's annual Let's Give Lunch fundraiser each June.

You can help with your monetary donations and/or by volunteering to assist with the Meals on Wheels program. To make a donation, visit <https://loaa.org/get-involved/ways-to-give/>. To learn more about volunteering, visit <https://loaa.org/get-involved/volunteer-opportunities/>.

You might also consider contacting your representative in Congress about funding cuts at <https://www.house.gov/> or your senator at <https://www.senate.gov/>.

- Vinton Messenger staff report

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If festivals are your interest, the Vinton area hosts several festivals throughout the year from the Vinton Dogwood Festival to the Vinton

Fall Festival. Each festival offers its own unique atmosphere. When you are away from home it's always nice to feel as if you never left.

The Town of Vinton provides small town character with urban services and amenities located nearby. The small town atmosphere is characterized by a low crime rate; small, locally, and regionally owned businesses; and moderately priced homes. Views of the mountains and Blue Ridge Parkway abound.

Vinton represents the ideal type of community, small enough to provide a feeling of belonging, yet progressive enough to provide the facilities, services, and conveniences that are necessary to make a community feel like home to its citizens.

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# Mingle

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**Mingle at the Market concerts always include dancing in the streets.**

in playing note-for-note covers of classic tunes by AC/DC, Led Zeppelin, Ted Nugent, Ozzy Osborne, and others.

Mingle concerts aren't just about the live music. They are family-friendly events, and the Chamber always comes up with special activities for the kids. This Mingle added Par Golf to the summer's dancing in the streets, over-sized lawn games, bouncy houses, face-painting, and more. Food vendors were Food on the Go and Get Glazed, along with Blue Ridge Beverage.

Sponsors for this year's Mingle at the Market concerts include Mountain View Real Estate, First Citizens Bank, Rosie's Gaming Emporium, Jamie McCadden with Edward Jones, HomeTrust Bank, MemberOne, Goosehead Insurance, RVTV3, the Vinton McDonald's, Bank of Botetourt, ALCOVA Mortgage, Blue Ridge Beverage, the Town of Vinton, Roanoke County, Coastal Insurance Planning, Neely's Accounting, Magnets USA, Oakey's, Fox 910 Radio, the Boothe Bell Real Estate Team, ServPro, Vertex Signs, and The Vinton Messenger.

The final Mingle of the year on Sept. 28 will feature Big Daddy Ray and Andy Nicely.

*- Vinton Messenger staff report*



**The Sept. 14 Mingle family activities included Par Golf.** PHOTOS BY DEBBIE ADAMS

# Prayer

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outward toward the community, then ending with a final ring.

Thrasher continued the emphasis on community that afternoon with a "Sharing Sweet Jesus" ice cream social for their neighbors, with games, treats, crafts, and prayers.

The Prayer Circle is a tradition which began at Thrasher in September 2014 with the Thrasher Memorial UMC Prayer Ministry Team.

*- Vinton Messenger staff report*

# Book-signing

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signing to her hometown of Vinton. The Vinton Historical Society and Dr. Horn invite the community to join her in this special moment, as she shares her passion for the transformative power of friendship and connection.

Eileen Drage O'Reilly, former president of the National Press, said, "One of the most crucial skills you need as an adult is to know how to make new friends; yet nobody teaches you that. Until now. Dr. Kimberly Horn has the science-backed strategies you need for making real, lasting adult friendships."

New York Times best-selling author Mel Robbins has commented that "In Friends Matter, for Life," Kimberly Horn masterfully addresses how crucial friendships are to health, offering a heartfelt, actionable guide to combating loneliness and nurturing the connections vital to our well-being."

Newspaper columnist, author, and television commentator, Dr. Leana Wen notes that "Kimberly Horn's book couldn't come at a better time. We're facing what many are calling a global epidemic of loneliness and isolation. She reminds us that there are different types of friendships, all of which are important for us to nurture and not take for granted. She gives us leave to mourn, but also to release ourselves from those relationships that have become toxic. And she couches her suggestions within an actionable framework, coupled with forward-looking positive scenarios and introspective, reflective exercises."

Dr. Horn is a graduate of William Byrd High School and the daughter of Carolyn Hodges Campbell of Vinton.

Light refreshments will be provided by the Vinton Historical Society.

*- Vinton Messenger staff report*

# Terriers

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**Representatives from the Vinton Kroger presented a check for \$1,000 to WBHS Principal Travis Anderson in support of programs at Byrd.**

but during her entire five years of study, she never experienced a racial slur, nor any unpleasant surroundings. As she looks back, "The band at William Byrd provided the greatest sense of camaraderie" she would ever experience in life. She also attributed her singing success to the band as she was fortunate enough to study voice. Her vocal coach credits the development of her voice directly to playing the flute.

Jackson went on to sing lead vocals with a couple of other bands in the area and was invited to sing at the State Democratic Convention held in Roanoke at the Civic Center. She also appeared in the musical "Henry Street" and other shows in the Roanoke Valley.

Her daughter, Cheyenne, also played the flute in the band at WBMS and was chosen to sing a solo at her WBHS graduation in 2015. Jackson continues to share her vocal talents most Sunday mornings with the Mass Choir of Pilgrim Baptist Church."

The Marching Terriers, led by Band Director Dan Plybon, and Jackson performed the national anthem while cadets from the Navy National Cadet Defense Corps raised the American flag above the scoreboard.

After the first quarter of play, representatives



**The Marching Terriers performed their program "Reign" during half-time.** PHOTOS BY DEBBIE ADAMS

from the Vinton Kroger presented a check for \$1,000 to WBHS. Kroger is known as a "proud partner of local high school football," supporting the school, the Town of Vinton, and the surrounding community. Kroger's front-end manager, Jennifer Schult, and Assistant Store Leader Katie Ewing presented the check to William Byrd Principal Travis Anderson.

Throughout the football season, Kroger hosts football-themed events at their stores with free snacks, giveaways, activities, and more. Recently, it sponsored a Peanut Butter Drive for the community. Each year the store contributes to the WBHS After Prom and the Marching Band, as well as to Herman L. Horn, W.E. Cundiff, Bonsack, and Mount Pleasant Elementary Schools in a variety of ways.

At half time, the Marching Terriers performed their program for this year, entitled "Reign." The band is led by Corps Commander Braeden Booth and Drum Major Becca Radford. Horn Line captains are Josh Allen and Dixie Venable; Percussion captains are Braedan Booth and Kayleigh Taylor; Color Guard captain is Genna Paul.

Band staff, in addition to Plybon, includes Assistant Director Jordan Downing, Color Guard Instructor Jenny Swortzel, and Percussion Instructor Kathryn Santello.

Instrumental soloists for the show were Dixie Venable, Josh Allen, and Levi Whitcomb. Color Guard soloists were Genna Paul and Emily Clinebell.

The Terriers football team gave the William Byrd cheerleaders, Dog Pound members, and spectators lots to cheer about throughout the game. The next game is scheduled at home against Bassett on Sept. 20. It's Homecoming weekend.

To contribute to Cam Thepsimuong's GoFund me page and help his family with lodging and transportation expenses, visit <https://gofund.me/f0d7164c>.

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**Legals - Botetourt County****Order of Publication**

Commonwealth of Virginia  
 VA Code§§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316.20-104  
 Case No. **CL24-231**  
 VIRGINIA:  
 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BOTETOURT COUNTY

SPECIALIZED LOAN SERVICING LLC  
 Plaintiff(s),  
 v.  
 ESTATE OF WANDA P. MCKINNEY  
 and  
 UNKNOWN HEIRS OF WANDA P. MCKINNEY  
 Defendant(s).  
 Case No.: CL24-231  
 ORDER OF PUBLICATION

Petitioner, Commonwealth Trustees, LLC ("Commonwealth"), by counsel, and upon its Affidavit of Order of Publication requesting an Order of Publication, and IT APPEARING that the object of this suit is quiet title to the property located at 222 Cove Mountain Road, Buchanan, Virginia 24066 ("Subject Property"); and  
 IT APPEARING that Wanda P. McKinney, the record owner of the Property, is

**Legals - Botetourt County**

deceased and no estate has been opened or List of Heirs or Real Estate Affidavit filed in the land records of this Court; and

IT APPEARING that due diligence has been used to locate Defendants Estate of Wanda P. McKinney or the Unknown Heirs of Wanda P. McKinney ("McKinney Parties Unknown"); and IT APPEARING that the last known address for Wanda P. McKinney is 222 Cove Mountain Road, Buchanan, Virginia 24066; and

IT APPEARING that it is timely and appropriate that this Court enter an Order allowing for service upon the Defendants be completed pursuant to Virginia Code §8.01-316 by Order of Publication in a newspaper with general circulation in and published in and approved by the Circuit Court for Botetourt, Virginia, and it is therefore,

ADJUDGED, ORDERED AND DECREED that an ORDER OF PUBLICATION, be and hereby is to be published in *The Fincastle Herald* once a week for four successive weeks in order to perfect service upon Defendants Estate of Wanda P. McKinney and the Unknown Heirs of Wanda P. McKinney; and it is further

ADJUDGED, ORDERED AND DECREED that all Defendants be placed on notice that a Petition is pending in the Circuit Court of Botetourt, Virginia, namely *Specialized Loan Servicing UC v. Estate of Wanda P. McKinney, et al.*, to quiet title to the property located at 222 Cove Mountain Road, Buchanan, Virginia 24066; and it is further

ADJUDGED, ORDERED AND DECREED, that McKinney Parties Unknown must on or before the 18th day of October, 2024, make known to this Court any objection they may have to the Complaint, and claim any defenses to the pending action otherwise an order will be entered in favor of Plaintiff, and it is further

ADJUDGED, ORDERED AND DECREED that the Clerk of this Court send notice of this service to Defendants Estate of Wanda P. McKinney and Unknown Heirs of Wanda P. McKinney at the last known address of Wanda P. McKinney, 222 Cove Mountain Road, Buchanan, Virginia 24066; and it is further

ADJUDGED, ORDERED AND DECREED that *The Fincastle Herald* shall file an affidavit of publication with the Clerk of this Court attesting to the dates of publication, attesting that the notice was published at least once a week for four successive weeks.

Dated this 8th day of August, 2024,  
 Joel R Branscom,  
 Judge of the Botetourt County Circuit Court

We ask for this:  
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**Legals - Town of New Castle****Order of Publication**

Commonwealth of Virginia  
 VA Code§§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316.20-104  
 Case No. **CL17000170-01**

**VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CRAIG COUNTY IN RE: MICHAEL L. CRAWFORD**  
**4356 Craig Valley Drive**  
**New Castle, Virginia**  
**24127**  
*Respondent.*  
**CASE NO.:CL17000170-01**  
**ORDER OF PUBLICATION**

The object of this suit is to appoint a guardian and conservator to care for the person and estate of the Respondent. **And, based on an affidavit filed herein, the Court finds that there exists sufficient grounds for causing service of process by publication.**

It is ORDERED that any and all unknown relatives

**Legals - Town of New Castle**

who have any interest in this matter to appear at the above-named Court on or before the 12th day of November, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. to do whatever is necessary to protect their interests.

It is further ORDERED that this Order of Publication be published once a week for four consecutive weeks in The New Castle Record, Salem, Virginia, and that a copy hereof be posted on the front door of the Courthouse.

Certificate of Publication should be sent to this Court and billed to **Mark C. Popovich, Esq., Counsel for Craig County Department of Social Services, whose mailing address is Guynn Waddell, P.C., 415 S. College Avenue, Salem, Virginia 24153.**

ENTERED THIS: 30<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2024  
**Sharon P. Oliver, Clerk**

I ASK FOR THIS:  
**Mark C. Popovich (VSB#46414)**  
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**TRUSTEE'S SALE**  
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In execution of a Deed of Trust in the original principal amount of \$88,000.00 dated

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**Notice is hereby given to all interested persons that the Council of the City of Salem, at its regular meeting on Monday, October 7, 2024, at 6:30 p.m., in Council Chambers, 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 the following request relative to the CODE OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA:

1. Consider amending Chapter 106 – Zoning, Article II - District Regulations, Section 106-214 – Highway Business District, Section 106-214.2(B)(5) – permitted uses;  
 Article III - Use and Design Standards, Section 106-310 – Commercial Uses, Section 106-310.25; Article VI - Definitions and Use Types, Section 106-600 – Definitions, Section 106-602.9 - Commercial Use Types, of the CODE OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA, pertaining to retail sales, smoke shops.

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, 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

**NOTICE OF OCTOBER 15, 2024 MEETING DATE CHANGE**

Notice is hereby given to all interested persons that the Council of the City of Salem, has rescheduled their October 15, 2024 regular Council meeting date to October 7, 2024. The meeting on October 7, 2024,

**Legals - City of Salem**

will be at 6:30 p.m., in Council Chambers, City Hall, 114 N. Broad Street, Salem, Virginia. Attached is Resolution 1482 as required by Virginia Code Section 15.2-1416.B.

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA  
 H. Robert Light  
 Clerk of Salem City Council

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA, September 9, 2024:

RESOLUTION 1482 WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Salem wishes to change the date of a regular Council meeting; and WHEREAS, section 15.2-1416 requires such change be made by resolution of the local governing body; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA, that Salem City Council's regular October 15, 2024 meeting is changed to October 7, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. and will be held in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 114 North Broad Street, Salem, Virginia. Upon a call for an aye and a nay vote, The same stood as follows: H. Hunter Holliday- Aye William D. Jones - Absent Byron Randolph Foley - Aye James W. Wallace, III – Aye Renee F. Turk -Aye

ATTEST:

H. Robert Light  
 Clerk of Council  
 City of Salem, VA

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

Pursuant to Section 22.1-29.1 of the Code of Virginia, as amended to date, notice is hereby given that the Council of the City of Salem will hold a public hearing at 6:30 p.m., October 7, 2024, in Council Chambers, City Hall, 114 North Broad Street, Salem, Virginia, to receive views of citizens within the Salem School District regarding the appointment to fill the expiring terms ending 12/31/2024 of

two members on the City of Salem School Board. All candidates seeking appointment must submit a letter of interest and résumé to the Deputy Clerk of Council. Submissions are requested by noon on Friday, October 4, 2024, however in all cases must be submitted prior to the closing of this public hearing. Candidates may be interviewed individually by City Council.

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA  
 H. Robert Light  
 Clerk of Salem City Council

**Legals - Montgomery County****Order of Publication**

Commonwealth of Virginia  
 VA Code§§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316.20-104  
 Case No. **CL24000866-00**  
 MONTGOMERY COUNTY Circuit Court, 55 EAST MAIN STREET, SUITE 1, CHRISTIANSBURG, VA 24073  
 Commonwealth of Virginia, *in re* BREANNA VIVIAN ALLEN v. LAWRENCE THOR SEVY. The object of this suit is to: DIVORCE. It is ORDERED that LAWRENCE THOR SEVY appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before OCTOBER 30, 2024. AUGUST 23, 2024 HONORABLE K. MIKE FLEENOR, JR. JUDGE TIFFANY M. COUCH, CLERK

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Commonwealth of Virginia  
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 Case No. **CL24001328-00**  
 MONTGOMERY COUNTY Circuit Court, 55 EAST MAIN STREET, SUITE 1, CHRISTIANSBURG, VA 24073  
 Commonwealth of Virginia, *in re* STUART EVERT EARLY v. DONNA MARIE EARLY The object of this suit is to: DIVORCE. It is ORDERED that DONNA MARIE EARLY appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before NOVEMBER 9, 2024.

SEPTEMBER 6 2024  
 K. MIKE FLEENOR, JR. JUDGE

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Commonwealth of Virginia  
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 Case No. **CL24001343-00**  
 MONTGOMERY COUNTY Circuit Court, 55 EAST MAIN STREET, SUITE 1, CHRISTIANSBURG, VA 24073  
 Commonwealth of Virginia, *in re* GAMALELDIN SHEPL ELKOTT v. TAMICA MAY WEST

**Legals - Montgomery County**

MAY WEST  
 The object of this suit is to: DIVORCE. It is ORDERED that TAMICA MAY WEST appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before OCTOBER 30, 2024.

8/27/2024  
 K. MIKE FLEENOR, JR. JUDGE

**TOWN OF BLACKSBURG - NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS**

BLACKSBURG TOWN COUNCIL will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, September 24, 2024 beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Roger E. Hedgepeth Chambers of the Blacksburg Municipal Building, 300 South Main Street, Blacksburg, regarding the following items:

Zoning Exception Request for Agricultural Use 301 Royal Lane (EXP-24-1): The exception request is to permit an agricultural use in the RR-1 zoning district on a lot that is less than two acres. The subject parcel is approximately one acre, and is located in the Farmview subdivision at the corner of Farmview Drive and Royal Lane. The applicant is requesting to keep one pig and two goats on the property as pets.

All persons affected by or interested in the proposed item above may appear and present their views. After each public hearing, Town Council will consider action on the item. Copies of materials related to the above items are on file and can be obtained in the Office of the Town Clerk, 300 South Main Street, Blacksburg, weekdays between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. For land use matters, copies of applications and all related items may also be found online at [www.blacksburg.gov/publichearings](http://www.blacksburg.gov/publichearings) or reviewed in person at the Blacksburg Planning and Building Department, 400 South Main Street, Blacksburg, Virginia. Individuals with disabilities who require special assistance to attend and participate in this meeting should contact Lorraine Spaulding, Town Clerk at (540) 443-1025 or 443-1000 (voice or TDD).

**TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 208 EASY STREET, CHRISTIANSBURG, VA 24073.**  
 In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated March 12, 2007, in the original principal amount of \$112,000.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Montgomery County, Virginia as Instrument No. 2007003354. The undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the front of the Circuit Court building for Montgomery County, 55 East Main Street, Christiansburg, Virginia, or any such temporary alternative Circuit Court location designated by the Judges of the Circuit Court, on October 25, 2024, at 1:30 PM, 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 WITH ALL IMPROVEMENTS THEREON LYING AND BEING IN THE RINER MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VIRGINIA, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS ALL OF LOT D AND THE FOLLOWING PORTION OF LOT C: BEGINNING AT A STAKE IN THE DIVISION LINE BETWEEN LOT D AND LOT C; THENCE N 49 DEGREES 07' W 57.00 FEET TO A POINT IN THE LINE OF LOT C; THENCE IN A SOUTHEASTERLY DIRECTION 92.3 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO A POINT IN THE LINE OF LOT C ON LOCUST DRIVE; THENCE S 56 DEGREES 10' E 70.94 FEET ALONG THE LINE OF LOCUST DRIVE TO A POINT; THENCE FOLLOWING THE LINE OF LOCUST DRIVE 16.63 FEET TO A POINT CORNER TO LOT D; THENCE N 40 DEGREES 53' E 88.83 FEET TO THE POINT AND PLACE OF BEGINNING PURSUANT TO A PLAT OF SURVEY OF VICKER HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION DATED JUNE 26, 1962, AND RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 4 AND DEED BOOK 242, PAGE 174 RESPECTFULLY OF THE CLERK'S OFFICE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY,

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For more information contact:  
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Applications received by 7:00 PM on Wednesday October 2, 2024 may be eligible for a bonus payment. See the EVA posting for additional information, including contract requirements.

Questions can be directed to the Christiansburg Residency from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM Monday – Friday. Phone: 540-381-7201 Email: [SalemDistrictSnow@vdot.virginia.gov](mailto:SalemDistrictSnow@vdot.virginia.gov)

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## Byrd V'ball

Far left, Byrd's Heidi Dixon goes up for a spike in last week's match at Hidden Valley. Left, Payton Hall keeps the ball alive for the Terriers. Below, Maggie Zimmerman (#10) sets one up for Raelyn Lancaster(#12)

PHOTOS BY JOHN WACHER

## Terriers down Glenvar, will open Blue Ridge schedule next week

The William Byrd girls played host to Glenvar in volleyball Monday and took a three set win to sweep the season series from their Roanoke County rival. The Terriers won 25-18, 25-21 and 25-20 after needing five sets to beat the Highlanders the first time.

"At the beginning of the season we picked up a win but battled five full sets," said Byrd coach Allison Thornton. "On Monday, the ladies started early and picked up the win in just three sets. I am so proud of the hard work the girls put into practice to prepare for a busy week."

This is a big time for the girls as they prepare to open Blue Ridge District play next Tuesday, September 24, with a home match against William Fleming. Byrd was scheduled to host Christiansburg in a non-district match on Wednesday of this week and, next Monday, they host Fleming a day later and take on undefeated Lord Botetourt in a district match in Daleville a week from today.

On Monday in Vinton Graysen Divers had six kills, three aces and two blocks against Glenvar. Heidi Dixon had seven kills and an ace and Ava Ashworth had 17 digs and four aces. Bella Dudley had seven kills while Maggie Zimmerman dished out 27 assists. Kaylee Makuch had 10 digs and Raelyn Lancaster had two blocks.

With the win the Terriers improved to 3-5 in non-district matches, playing some of the top teams in the area. Last Thursday they lost to undefeated Hidden Valley for the second time. The defending state champion Titans took a three set win at Hidden Valley, 25-12, 25-13 and 25-10.

"We are working hard to keep up the intensity and drive to win in practice," said Thornton. "I love the competitiveness we are seeing in our workouts."



## Vinton loves Football

There's plenty of football to watch in Vinton. Left, Riggins Hill(#16) of the William Byrd Middle School team cuts loose with a pass in last week's loss to Andrew Lewis at Patterson Stadium. Above, a Terrier sandlot player runs down a Glenvar opponent from behind.

PHOTOS BY SUZANNE WITCHER

## Still time to sign up for Little League Challenger golf tournament

The Little League "Challenger" baseball program will put on a fund-raising golf tournament on Saturday, September 28, at the Ashley Plantation County Club.

Little League Challenger is a 501c non-profit division of Little League Baseball that provides boys and girls

ages 4 years of age and older, with mental and/or physical disabilities, the opportunity to experience the fun of playing baseball.

The golf tournament is used to raise much-needed funds for the teams and players. In addition to players the group is seeking help with donated

items to be auctioned off or used for the tournament like water, sodas and snacks or any giveaways to be included in the golf bags for the 250 golfers.

A "flight shotgun start" will get the tournament underway at 1 pm on September 28 and cost is \$90 per golfer or \$360 for a team. It will be

a captain's choice tournament and many prizes will be offered. Also, each golfer receives special tournament complimentary gifts.

To sign up for this very special event please call 540-600-4653. Deadline for registration is Monday, September 23.



PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

# SPORTS

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## Terriers shut out Demons in home opener

### Undefeated Byrdmen will host Bassett for Homecoming Friday

The William Byrd football team remained undefeated and avenged their only loss of the 2023 regular season when they shut out Christiansburg last Friday night. The 33-0 win at Patterson Stadium was the home opener for the Terriers as they improved to 3-0 on the season.

This Friday the Terriers will be home again to take on Bassett in Byrd's Homecoming game. The Bengals are 2-1 with a 41-14 season opening loss to Franklin County followed by two big offensive showings, downing Patrick County, 51-0, and Dan River last Friday, 51-20.

"Bassett is a very talented team that has a lot of team speed and can make explosive plays in all three phases of the game," said Byrd coach Brad Lutz. "I have a lot of respect for Coach (Brandon) Johnson and his staff, and I know they will be well prepared for our game and play really well."

There could be a lot of points scored Friday. . . or not. The Terriers have scored 149 points in their first three games and Bassett has scored 116 points. However, the Terriers have only allowed eight points all year and are working on a string of 10 straight shut-out quarters going back to the second quarter of opening night.

The Terriers were fired up for their home opener last Friday and the defense set the tone with physical play. Justyn Rosenboom and Jonathan Rosser led the team with 10 tackles each and Rosser also had a sack and a fumble recovery. Ethan Haston had eight tackles, Blake Anderson had seven, Jerrett Shepherd had six and Jahdai English had five tackles and a huge interception that resulted from Greg Stiltner pressuring the quarterback in the second quarter. Stiltner had five tackles and three quarterback pressures while Maurice Burnette made a home in the Blue Demon backfield with a sack, two tackles for losses and four quarterback pressures.

"Defensively, our coaches are very pleased with the improvements and

energy that our players are showing each week," said coach Lutz.

The Terriers jumped on Christiansburg early, as quarterback Cannin Lutz threw two TD passes in the first quarter, a 10 yarder to Thomas Purcell and a 13 yarder to Kam McKee. Byrd also got a two-point safety.

Jamez Toler broke off an 88 yard run in the second quarter to put Byrd up 21-0 at the half. Toler scored again on a seven yard run in the third quarter and Shepherd put some icing on the cake with a 21 yard TD run in the fourth. The only thing the Terriers didn't do well was on two point conversion attempts, as they failed to pick up the deuce three straight times following their last three touchdowns.

"Offensively we are producing points, but we are still making a few mistakes that are preventing us from playing to our potential," said Lutz. "That has been a huge emphasis in practice."

Toler had another big game running the ball with 200 yards on 15 carries. Shepherd had 100 yards on eight carries as Byrd's top two ballcarriers combined for 300 yards.

Cannin Lutz completed eight of 16 passing attempts for 105 yards with TDs to Purcell and McKee. Tate Kotz had two catches for 34 yards and Toler had two for 22 stripes.

The Terriers had a big crowd for the game on a beautiful Vinton night. It was their first home appearance after two scrimmages and two games on enemy turf.

"After four straight weeks on the road it was great to be back in front of our home crowd," said Lutz. "Our players and coaches are always thankful for the huge crowds for our home games and the continued support from our community. The environment that our fans create at home gives our players a lot of confidence on the field."

This week another big crowd is expected for Homecoming. Some coaches find that to be a distraction but Lutz doesn't buy it.



Above, Cannin Lutz hands off to Jamez Toler who takes it to the house for a touchdown. Below, Justyn Rozenboom makes the tackle with B.J. Cheatwood(#65) rushing to assist.

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"I don't believe that Homecoming has ever been a distraction," he said. "When our players are at practice or playing in the game, they know that our

goal is winning a football game. They know how important this game is, so I've never been concerned about any potential distractions."



Left, Byrd's Jerrett Shepherd runs for a big gain against Christiansburg. Right, Thomas Purcell scores after taking a pass from Cannin Lutz.

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Hayden Eads tees off at a recent match.

### Last BRD golf match postponed to Monday

The final Blue Ridge District mini-match of the 2024 regular season was postponed by inclement weather on Tuesday and rescheduled for next Monday, September 23. It will be a nine hole match at the Botetourt Golf & Swim Club.

With one match to go Lord Botetourt has the regular season championship locked up with an 85 stroke lead. The Cavaliers have won all five rounds to date and have a team score of 1,207 to 1,292 for second place Franklin County. William Byrd is in third at 1,316, 24 strokes behind the Eagles, but with just nine holes to play on Monday it will more difficult for the Terriers to get to second.

In individual play Alisa Davidova of LB has a healthy lead over second place Nick Messenger of Franklin County. Byrd's top individual is Tyler Chambers who is sixth place with one match to go.

After Monday the Terriers will be practicing for the Region 3D tournament at the Draper Valley course on October 1st.



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Elena Mullen runs for the Byrd team.

### Bruins sweep HV XC meet

The William Byrd cross country team competed in the "Clash with the Titans" on Saturday at Hidden Valley High School with Blacksburg sweeping both the boys' and girls' team titles.

The Byrd boys finished 15th in the meet as Colton Sotherden had the top finish in 40th place at 19:50. The winning time was 16:38 by Spencer Thacker of Hidden Valley. Also scoring for Byrd were Drew Bartley, Riley Slusher, Cole Johnston and Jack Petersen.

Only three girls from Byrd ran in the meet so the Terriers did not have a team score. Lucy Whitenack was 24th in 23:35, Elena Mullen was 32nd and Jenna Petersen was 54th. The winner was Kerrigan Chaney of North Cross in 19:31.

Byrd finished sixth among 14 teams in the boys' middle school race and Carston Dibenedetto finished third overall. Grant Bartley was 19th.

The Terriers were scheduled to have their "Byrd 400" fundraiser on Wednesday of this week but it was postponed until Monday due to inclement weather.