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# Vinton welcomes delegation from Roanoke County’s Sister City in Poland

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Roanoke County welcomed a delegation from its Sister City, Opole, Poland, on Sunday, October 6. The group will be spending the week touring the Roanoke Valley and meeting with several of the county’s departments. The goal is to provide them with a comprehensive view of the county, as well as the region. A delegation from Opole last visited Roanoke County in 2010. The 2024 visit has been a collaborative partnership facilitated by the Roanoke Valley Sister Cities organization.

This year’s guests included Arkadiusz Wiśniewski, Mayor of Opole; Maciej Wujec, Deputy Mayor of Opole; Łukasz Sowada, Councillor (former chairman of Opole City Council); Łukasz Śmierciak, director of the Department of Promotion; and Maciej Wróbel, Department of Culture, Tourism and International Cooperation.

One of their first stops (after a bench dedication at Explore Park with Vinton Board of Supervisors representative Tammy Shepherd) was at the Vinton Municipal Building on October 7 to meet with Vinton Mayor Brad Grose, Town Manager Pete Peters, Police Chief Fabricio Drumond, Deputy Chief Tim Lawless, and Finance Director/Treasurer Andrew Keen.

Peters introduced Mayor Grose, noting that he has served as mayor for 20 years and prior to that on Town Council and the Planning Commission.

Mayor Grose welcomed the honored guests while



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**A delegation from Roanoke County’s Sister City, Opole, Poland, met with leaders of the Town of Vinton on October 7 to “to gain new perspectives and insights into the inner workings of a local government in a different country.”**

boasting a bit about his pride in the town and its “great citizens.”

Peters delivered a presentation on the Town of Vinton and its government, mentioning that the town has a manager/council form of government with 69 employees. Vinton’s 8,000 citizens occupy three square miles.

He gave a brief description of the town’s history—

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**Four WBHS seniors were selected as speakers for the Beta Club induction ceremony. They were (from left) Wyatt Bowles, Emma Rupe, Nathan Rogers, and Josephine Taylor.**

## Beta Club honor society inducts 74 William Byrd seniors

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The William Byrd High School Beta Club inducted 74 new members into the honor society at a ceremony at the school on October 7. This is the 64th year that WBHS has welcomed new members into the Beta Club, which was chartered in 1960.

WBHS Principal Travis Anderson welcomed students and their guests to the induction ceremony and noted the requirements for becoming part of the “prestigious organization.” Rising seniors must have a grade point average of 3.75 or higher. In addition, they must be willing to serve their communities by completing at least 10 hours of community service throughout their senior year.

The main objectives of Beta Club are “to set an example for the entire student body and to promote the four pillars of achievement, character, leadership, and service.”

Four Beta Club members then reviewed the four pillars of the National Beta organization and shared the importance of each.

Senior Wyatt Bowles

spoke about the first pillar of Beta – achievement. “Achievement, clearly defined, is a result gained by effort. By being invited to become a Beta member, we’ve already accomplished a great achievement, but it shouldn’t stop now. Maintaining one’s membership requires dedication and a focus on daily accomplishments. Betas are encouraged to stay motivated in order to maintain success within this pillar. Challenge yourself, Betas: set goals, overcome obstacles, continually improve, and do your best both academically and beyond.”

Emma Rupe described the second pillar of Beta – character. “When Dr. John W. Harris founded National Beta in 1934, he set out to create an organization that helped students learn to make a life for themselves. He knew that an individual of moral character, who understood charity, cooperation, honesty, responsibility, and humility, would be able to move forward in life with the skills needed to work with others and give back to

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## William Byrd High School announces September Terriers of the Month

William Byrd High School is continuing its tradition of naming Terriers of the Month for each month of the school year. Eight students and four teachers/staff members were chosen in September.

All WBHS students and staff may nominate individuals who they believe exhibit the “Terrier Way” (being safe, respectful, responsible, and embodying the best of WBHS).

Last year ALCOVA Mortgage in Vinton and its branch manager Matt Crizer (a WBHS graduate) wanted “to sponsor or help the school in some way with honoring students and teachers who are doing great things in and out of the classroom.”

Crizer suggested creating Terrier of the Month T-shirts for those honored (to be purchased by ALCOVA) and asked art/graphic design teacher Alicia Spangler to work with her classes to create potential designs. She started a competition among her students; the top 10 designs were selected by Spangler and the school administration, and then voted on by the student body. Art classes at Byrd will be creating a new Terrier of the Month T-shirt for the 2024-2025 school year.

The following students were chosen as Terriers of the Month for September:

**Morgan Odum** is a junior who was nominated for her positive attitude and strong work ethic. The teacher who nominated Morgan said, [she] “is such a delight to be around! She is personable, friendly,



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**William Byrd High School Terriers of the Month for September include (front row) teachers Will Satterfield and Dionne Nichols; second row Angel Thomas, third row (l to r) Ava Ashworth and Bridgette Wray; top row, Morgan Odum and Heidi Dixon.**

and so respectful. She asks great questions and is so genuinely grateful for the help. I hope Morgan picks a really cool job where she gets to help people... I think

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**FALL FESTIVAL**  
 VINTON AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

**Saturday, October 12, 2024**  
**10:00AM-4:00PM**  
**Downtown Vinton**

**Food & Craft Vendors**  
**Entertainment on 2 stages:**  
**Farmer's Market Stage:**  
 10:30-11:30 am Mishes Moves  
 11:30-12:30 am FAME  
 12:30-1p Pet Costume Contest  
 1:00pm Floyd Ward  
**Municipal Building Stage:**  
 10:00-10:30 am -Lancerlot  
 11 am - TBA  
 1-1:30 pm- Va Legacy All-Star Cheer

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 Vinton History Museum Holiday Shoppe' 10-4pm  
 Twin Creeks Rocktoberfest 3:30pm-9:30pm

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## See you at the Vinton Fall Festival on October 12

The annual Vinton Fall Festival, sponsored by the Vinton Area Chamber of Commerce, is coming up this weekend on Saturday, October 12, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the downtown area. Admission is free.

Actually, the festival kicks off even earlier at 7 a.m. (until 11 a.m.) with the traditional Vinton Breakfast Lions Club Pancake Breakfast in a new location this year in the gymnasium at Vinton Baptist Church.

Pancakes are “all you can eat,” and the proceeds go to the numerous community projects the Lions adopt each year. Breakfast includes pancakes, a side of sausage, along with juice and coffee. The cost is \$7 for adults; \$4 for children ages 6 to 12; children under 6 eat for free; take out or dine in.

This year’s festival will feature live entertainment on the Farmers’ Market Stage and Municipal Building Stage, over 150 vendors lining the streets (food, craft, and business), a Kids Zone, a petting zoo, and a Pet Costume Contest.

The Vinton History Museum will be hosting the annual Holiday Shoppe from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. with an always awesome selection of holiday items for all holidays, including décor, gifts, and items for entertaining. All proceeds from the Holiday Shoppe are for operations and maintenance of the Vinton History Museum.

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# Town Council, Planning Commission discuss Vinton’s next 25 years

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Vinton Town Council and Planning Commission met in a joint session on October 1 to discuss plans for Vinton’s next 25 years.

They received an update from Mike Callahan, president of 3TP Ventures and the project manager for development of the Vinton 2050 Comprehensive Plan. 3TP is a consulting firm focused on community building and economic development projects, selected by a bidding process in April 2024.

According to the town, the Comprehensive Plan is a guiding document for growth, development, preservation, and investment in the Town of Vinton. It sets a vision for the future, and steps for getting there.

It includes a future town-wide land use plan to identify appropriate areas for residential, commercial, mixed-use, and industrial development and areas to be preserved for parks and open space. The plan will also identify future public investments, such as major street improvements, new sidewalks and greenway trails, new parks, and community infrastructure needs such as stormwater facilities.

The Code of Virginia requires local governments to review their Comprehensive Plans every five years. The current Vinton Comprehensive Plan was adopted in 2004 with a few amendments adopted since then. Updating the plan will help ensure that it remains relevant and sets a course for addressing the town’s current needs and future

aspirations.

Once 3TP was awarded the contract, a site visit followed, then one-on-one listening sessions with Town Council and Planning Commission members. A citizens’ advisory committee was set up to provide input and feedback. 3TP gathered and reviewed mountains of data on the town and the region to help identify key projects and policies to include in the Vinton 2050 Plan.

They kicked off the project publicly at the Vinton Dogwood Festival on April 27, raising awareness and asking for public input on what matters most to people in Vinton and what needs should be addressed over the next 25 years.

3TP then developed a summary covering the town’s history and identifying community assets and strengths and completed a community needs assessment on topics such as transportation, environment and land use, recreation and quality of life, downtown and economic development, housing and neighborhood revitalization, community facilities and services, and others.

There was an online community questionnaire available for citizens through September about the town’s assets, challenges, and opportunities for the future. The Advisory Committee continued to meet.

The joint session with Town Council and Planning Commission marked the mid-point of the project with Callahan sharing the findings of 3TP so far and asking for input from the two groups. Town Council members at the

meeting included Mayor Brad Grose, Vice Mayor Mike Stovall, and Council members Sabrina McCarty, Laurie Mullins, and Keith Liles. Planning Commission members were Liles, Dave Jones, Bob Benninger and Jonathan McCoy.

Based on surveys and meetings, Callahan said that Vinton has “so many assets” that its citizens love—the downtown area, the events, schools, greenways, and neighborhoods. The town has become a hub for outdoor recreation in the area with its proximity to the Blue Ridge Parkway, Explore Park, the greenways, blueways, and rec/travel sports fields.

Vinton has finally become what Council member Keith Liles likes to describe as a “to” place, not a “through” place.

Callahan noted that citizens and stakeholders believe the town has many assets and opportunities to build on, including its authentic downtown, its connected greenways with room to expand, outdoor recreation assets, upcoming transportation improvements, connection to the regional water system, emergence as a destination, a “welcoming community feel,” consistent and effective leadership and relationships, and quality local government services. “People want to live here and they give Vinton high marks for its services.”

He presented statistical data and the findings of the needs assessment in several areas:

- Transportation goals—citizens want safer streets for all users and reduced traffic congestion

- Land Use and Environmental goals—citizens want to maintain the small town feel and stable neighborhoods and to improve water quality in Vinton’s streams, creeks, and the Roanoke River

- Recreation and Quality of Life goals—citizens want to expand and connect the town’s greenways and trails and walking connections to public parks

- Downtown and Economic Development goals—citizens want more employers and jobs in Vinton, along with redevelopment of aging commercial centers

- Housing and Neighborhood Revitalization goals—citizens listed supporting renovation of older homes as the top priority in this category

In the joint meeting there was discussion of declining household size, the need for housing for an aging population, financial assistance for housing renovations, regional solutions for homelessness, more affordable and accessible housing, more starter homes, and even the “loneliness epidemic” across the nation and its relationship to housing.

Dave Jones mentioned the highly successful Porter’s Haven housing for aging citizens in Vinton who want to remain independent but have difficulty maintaining their homes. Apparently, there is a lack of funding for helping senior citizens to renovate homes, unlike rural Roanoke County and urban Roanoke.

Members also discussed statistics revealed in the study that most homes in



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Vinton were built before 1980 (50% between 1960 and 1970); the vacancy rate for housing here hovers at around 0%; the population of Vinton remains relatively stable at around 8,000; 58% of the Town of Vinton is zoned as low- to medium-density residential; income growth in Vinton has outpaced the region; there are over 600 homebased businesses within Vinton’s corporate limits; and the trend is toward more owner-occupied homes rather than rentals.

Those who responded to the survey would like more trees and impervious surfaces in downtown Vinton and more pocket parks. Some suggested adding more housing (apartments) above first floor businesses downtown.

Concern was expressed over streambank erosion along Glade Creek, invasive species of plants along the greenways which need to be removed and replaced with native species, and upsizing the stormwater drainage system.

The consensus was that the town needs to “build on what we are doing well.”

The next step in the process is “visioning” by generating ideas and making decisions based on the


information obtained. The update process for the Vinton 2050 Comprehensive Plan is anticipated to be completed in May 2025.

If the past is any indication, the updated plan will play a large role in the decisions and budgets made by Vinton Town Council in the next 25 years.

The 2004-2024 Comprehensive Plan came up with five core issues to be addressed: gateway entrance/corridor improvements; housing and neighborhood preservation; greenways/parks and recreation/youth centers; economic development; and downtown redevelopment. It would be difficult to find a council meeting in recent history which did not address at least one of those core issues.

The Advisory Committee for Vinton 2050 is meeting again this week to begin the visioning process, focusing on long-term strategies for land use and development in Vinton. The community will have the opportunity to provide more input on the Vinton 2050 Plan at a community meeting at the Vinton War Memorial in November. A draft document will soon be available online at [www.vintonva.gov](http://www.vintonva.gov).

## William Byrd Leo Club partners with Mount Pleasant Lions in roadside clean-up



Virginia Department of Transportation

**Walnut Avenue**  
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**Find out** about a project to provide pedestrian improvements and designated bicycle lanes on the section of Walnut Avenue in Vinton from just west of 4th Street to just west of 1st Street. This project will connect with other completed projects to improve pedestrian and bicycle access between the City of Roanoke and the Vinton Farmers’ Market.

The project will provide sidewalks, a crosswalk at 2nd Street, handicapped ramps and pedestrian lighting. Approximately 1,600 linear feet of new sidewalk will be constructed on the north side of Walnut Avenue and about 700 linear feet of new sidewalk will be added the south side.

In addition, pavement markings will be added to designate about 1,600 feet of bike lanes along Walnut Avenue. Curb and gutter and drainage improvements are also included in the project.

**Review** the project information and National Environmental Policy Act document in the form of a Programmatic Categorical Exclusion at VDOT’s Salem District Office located at 731 Harrison Avenue in Salem, 540-387-5353 1-800-FOR-ROAD, or TTY/TDD 711. Please call ahead to ensure the availability of appropriate personnel to answer your questions.

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PHOTO COURTESY OF LISA STOVER

**Several members of the William Byrd High School Leo Club partnered with the Mount Pleasant Lions Club for a roadside clean-up project on October 5. Pictured left to right are Lisa Stover, Kenady Leonard, Jayden Niday, Caleb Brunk, Landon Sarver, Olivia Bush, Shannon Robers, and Tim Robers.**

“Oh, my aching back and hamstrings—well, at least for some of us,” was the comment from Mount Pleasant Lions Club member Mike Ferguson, after partnering with the William Byrd Leos for the Lions’ semi-annual roadside clean-up project.

On October 5, five members of the William Byrd Leo Club service organization, their leaders, and several members of the Lions Club, met at the Lions Club building in Mount Pleasant, then headed out to nearby Sterling Road.

Leos participating were Caleb Brunk, Olivia Bush, Kenady Leonard, Jayden Niday, and Landon Sarver, along with their two faculty sponsors, Lisa Stover and Tim Robers, and club supporter, Shannon Roberts.

The Leo Club is the student

version of the regular Lions Club, and the motto of all Lions is “We Serve,” so in keeping with that slogan the Leos perform several service projects during the year. They give back to their community and learn about civic responsibility at the same time. Some of the Byrd Leos live in the Mount Pleasant area.

On Saturday at 10 a.m., the Leos and the Lions scoured both sides of Sterling Road, picking up 17 bags of trash, mainly beverage cans/bottles, fast-food cups and wrappers, and Styrofoam containers.

The bright orange trash bags and fluorescent safety vests were provided by VDOT as a part of their Adopt-A-Highway effort. Roanoke County Supervisor Tammy Shepherd assisted by having Roanoke County Police Officer Mundy present in his cruiser

to “chill” traffic speed on the somewhat narrow road.

According to Ferguson, the Mount Pleasant Lions were “very appreciative to have the young backs and legs helping the oldsters in the cleanup. Pizza and soft drinks in the Lions meeting hall afterward was the only reward for the Leos, other than the good feeling of a job well done. As a side benefit the Leos learned, or at least were exposed to, a couple of Lions’ songs and a slew of ‘Dad jokes.’ All in all, a good day for everyone involved.”

According to Stover, as an ongoing environmental initiative, the WBHS Leo Club will be partnering with William Byrd Middle School eighth graders in the near future to help clean up Vinton’s greenways.

*Submitted by Lion Mike Ferguson and Leo Club Sponsor Lisa Stover*

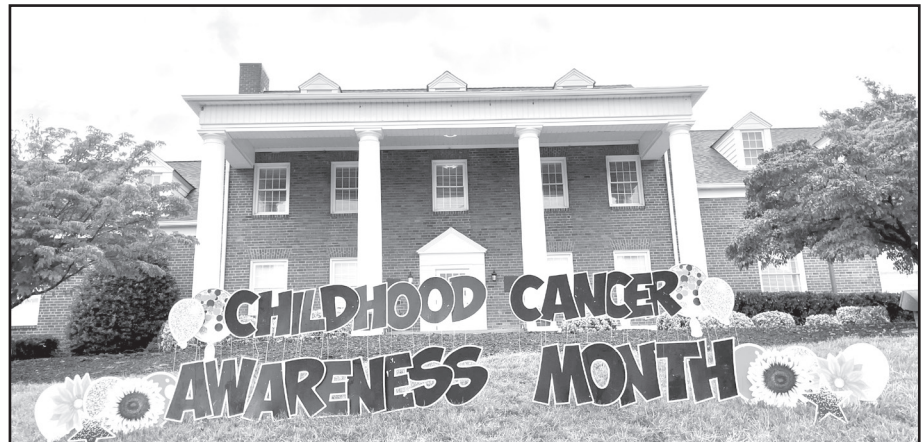
## Vinton’s new refuse truck

Vinton’s new refuse truck has arrived. The town will be retiring the oldest of its three refuse trucks. According to Town Manager Pete Peters, the town tries to buy a new refuse truck every six years, along with a street sweeper and large bulk truck. The streetsweeper will be coming up next in two years, a bulk truck in four years, and another trash truck in six years. This refuse truck was funded by the CIP account at a cost of \$320,000. ~ *Vinton Messenger staff report*



PHOTO BY DEBBIE ADAMS





The Town of Vinton raised awareness of childhood cancer with a sign on the front lawn of the Vinton War Memorial in September.

## Mayor’s Report for October 2024

The Vinton Mayor’s Report for October includes numerous upcoming events:

- Oct. 12 Vinton Fall Festival 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Oct. 14 Town offices closed for Columbus Day
- Oct. 15 Town Council meeting at the Municipal Building at 6 p.m.
- Oct. 16 Town hosts Virginia Rural Planning Caucus
- Oct. 26 Triple events at the Vinton War Memorial—Shred It, Kroger flu vaccine clinic, and Drug Take Back Day
- Oct. 31 Town Leadership Retreat
- Nov. 4 Blood Drive at the Vinton War Memorial
- Nov. 5 Town Council meeting cancelled due to Election Day

The Vinton Police Department is recruiting officers. Three more are needed to be fully staffed. The VPD has received four additional speed enforcement warning flashing signs with grant funding.

Public Works reports a flashing yellow arrow has been installed at Virginia/ Pollard and is operational.

The Project Outside Grant has been

completed which enhances the Wolf Creek Greenway and Tinker Creek Canoe Launch parking lots. This project has significantly enhanced recreational opportunities for the community by improving access to the Canoe Launch and Greenway. The upgrades provide safer, more convenient parking and reduce environmental impact through improved drainage, using recycled milling instead of traditional paving. These enhancements have encouraged greater participation in outdoor activities, promoting health and wellness. Additionally, the project supports eco-tourism by attracting more visitors to enjoy the area’s natural beauty.

Ruddell Road will be striped in the coming months with center yellow and white shoulders to reduce lane width and hopefully reduce speeds.

In August, Public Works crews collected 328.32 tons of municipal and wood waste and 51.25 tons of residential and wood waste. As for recycling, 2.24 tons of recyclable materials were collected curbside. Quarterly tire collections totaled 72 tires. The streetsweeper cleaned 335 miles of roadway, collecting 23.4



PHOTOS COURTESY TOWN OF VINTON

**The Project Outside Grant project has been completed, enhancing the Tinker Creek Canoe Launch parking lot.**

tons of debris. Public Works staff also retrieved 11 shopping carts discarded by residents.

In Economic Development, staff members attended a State Finance Subcommittee meeting to review HHR funding across the state.

The town has so far received two proposals for the Vinton Hotel and, according to Town Manager Pete Peters, expects to be “moving dirt” on the project by spring.

The Gish Mill Renovation Project has begun in earnest with interior stabilization work now underway.

Environmental Phase I assessments have been completed for the fire properties in downtown Vinton through EPA grant funding. Geotechnical work is underway, also funded by an EPA grant. The town will begin re-grading and seeding the site and remove the

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## From the Pulpit

**By Pastor Bryan Crouch,  
Lynn Haven Baptist Church**

*Practical Faith –  
James 1:13-16*

We are studying the Book of James at Lynn Haven Baptist Church. In James 1:13-16 the topic is temptation. Temptation is something we all face. It’s important to remember that when we are tempted, it’s not from God. God never tries to make us do wrong things. Instead, temptation comes from our own desires. Our desires can lead us down the wrong path if we’re not careful. It starts with a small thought

or feeling, but if we let it grow, it can lead to sin. And sin, when it grows, can lead to serious consequences in our lives.

Imagine a fisherman using bait to catch a fish. The fish sees the bait and wants it, not realizing there’s a hook inside. Temptation is like that bait. It looks good at first, but it can trap us and pull us away from God. To resist temptation, we need to stay close to God. Pray and ask Him for

strength. Read the Bible and keep His words in your heart. When you feel tempted, remember that God is with you and can help you overcome it. It’s also helpful to be honest with yourself about your weaknesses. Avoid situations where you might be tempted and surround yourself with people who encourage you to do what’s right. Stay strong, trust in God, and remember that He always provides a way out of temptation.

## PEOPLE, PLACES AND THINGS



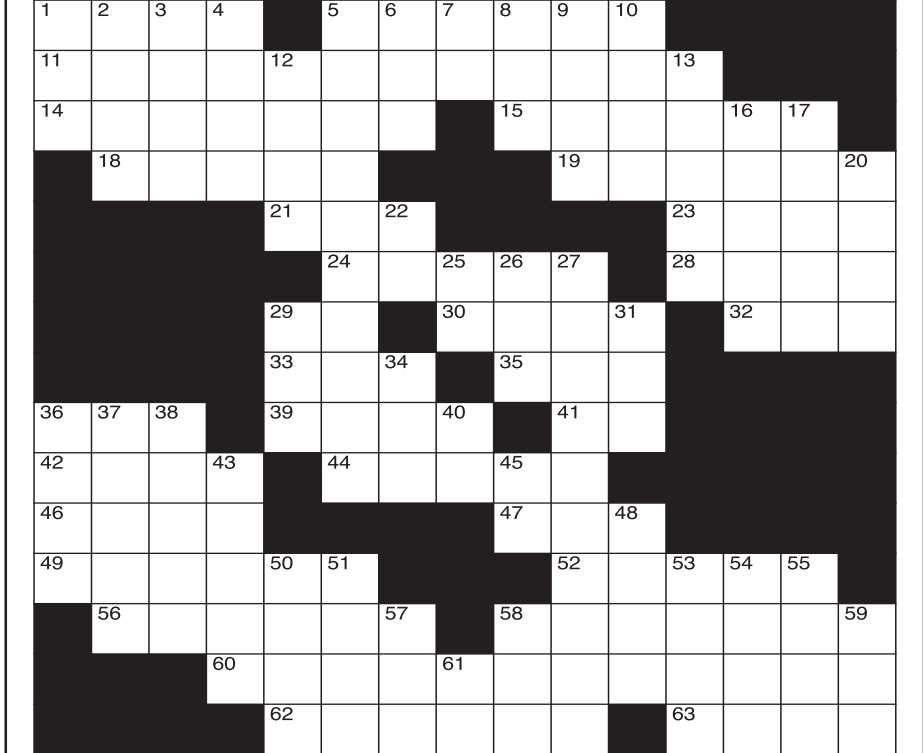
*By Angie Chewing*

Such a great weekend! Drake, Hannah, and I visited Cydney and family this past weekend. Friday night on the way to Concord, we stopped in Clemmons to watch Kellen play three baseball games. Wow, it’s amazing the talent some of these nine-year-olds have. Saturday of course we did a little shopping and then on to Kellen’s football game. Again, talent! As we headed back on Sunday, Cydney was headed to Asheville to be

on patrol on midnight shift to secure businesses and residents in and around the Village. Prayers to all!

Don’t forget to come to the Vinton Fall Festival on Saturday, Oct. 12. We have over 150 vendors, a petting zoo, pony rides, bounce houses, food trucks, entertainment on two stages and much more! Then after the festival, on the Creekbank at Twin Creeks will be Rocktoberfest . The weather is looking beautiful – join us for a fun-filled day IN Vinton!

## CROSSWORD PUZZLE



CLUES ACROSS	36. Science-based students organization (abbr.)	4. Genus of clams	34. White clerical vestment
1. Flat-topped hill	39. Feels ill	5. Fear of heights	36. Popular musical awards show
5. Move upward	41. Indicates position	6. What some tell their dog	37. Bumpkins
11. Admiration	42. Beverage containers	7. The Golden State	38. One who acts on another's behalf
14. It's useful for serving food	44. Assists	8. When you expect to get there	40. Direction
15. Kidnap	46. Science accreditation organization (abbr.)	9. Pointed ends	43. Look at with fixed eyes
18. One of the Greek Muses	47. Purpose	10. Extinct flightless bird	45. One who helps professors (abbr.)
19. A type of media	49. Group of elected officials	12. Feeds	48. A large number of
21. Sunscreen rating	52. Hebrew prophet	13. Nape of neck	50. Type of powder
23. Former Michigan coach Brady	56. They help you drink in WW2	16. Descendant	51. Large jug
24. German town devastated in WW2	58. Lawmaker	17. Small boats found in Turkey	53. ___ Christian Anderson, children's author
28. Gasteyer and Ortiz are two	60. Charitable	20. To avoid the risk of	54. American state
29. Leave	62. Doctrines	22. Athlete with no contract (abbr.)	55. Muslim inhabitant of the Philippines
30. Forearm bone	63. Footwear	25. 13th letter of the Greek alphabet	57. Witness
32. Very fast airplane	CLUES DOWN	26. Brew	58. Landscapers lay it
33. Helps little firms	1. Where wrestlers work	27. Feeling of anxiety	59. Type of bread
35. Defunct economic organization	2. Duelling sword	29. Young girls group	61. Of I
	3. Practice fight	31. Perform on stage	



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Please submit your resume along with completing an employment application and submit to Monroe Health Center, ATTN: Stephanie Aliff, Human Resource Director, P.O. Box 590, Union, WV 24983. You can download an application by visiting our website at [www.monroehealthcenters.com](http://www.monroehealthcenters.com) We value diversity in experiences and background. Monroe Health Center is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Open until filled.



# Vinton District Supervisor Shepherd visits Mount Pleasant Lions Club with updates

By Mount Pleasant Lion  
Mike Ferguson

Tammy Shepherd, Roanoke County supervisor for the Vinton Magisterial District, was the guest speaker for the Mount Pleasant Lions Club at its regular 7 p.m. meeting on October 1. She told the members her story of how and why she came to be appointed to fill the unexpired term of Jason Peters, who had been elected as the Commissioner of Revenue for the county, and that upon discovering how much she liked the

job, decided to run for the position. She is a “people person,” enjoys meeting and talking with the folks in the Vinton District and then trying to assist in clearing out any problems they might have with county government.

As to the Mount Pleasant community specifically, which is in the Vinton District, she noted that a second recycling bin trailer has been promised for the Mount Pleasant Library parking lot, due to the extensive use of the original trailer. Further, that parking lot is slated for the paving

of a path for handicapped/wheelchair patrons who presently have difficulty traversing the gravel surface. Also, a defunct streetlight at the corner of Jae Valley Road and Mayfield Drive has been repaired after appropriate encouragement to APCo.

The biggest news concerning the community is the replacement of the venerable Mount Pleasant Fire and Rescue building. The county’s current forecast is that the new building will be erected in 2031. Shepherd said she would do everything she

could to speed up that timeline.

Copies of the Draft PLAN 200, prepared by county planners for the upcoming 200th year celebration of the formation of Roanoke County, were distributed.

The county was formed mostly out of Botetourt County in 1838. The PLAN summary highlights Mount Pleasant areas’ demographics, facilities and resources, which include the Blue Ridge Parkway running through the community, Explore Park, and the Ballyhack Golf

Course. Other recreational areas include the soccer/baseball/softball fields located at the elementary school, the Mayflower Hills Park Disc Golf Course and the Back Creek kayak/canoe entry point at Jae Valley Park at the foot of Windy Gap Mountain.

The assembled Lions appreciated Supervisor Shepherd’s information, insights and updates which were presented in an informal, understandable, and brief manner. The Lions then had a short regular business meeting, reviewing finances, upcoming events



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**Vinton District Supervisor Tammy Shepherd**

and projects, and they voted to change the future meeting time to 6 p.m. The meeting then adjourned.

# GFWC Vinton Woman’s Club participates in National Day of Service



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**GFWC Vinton Woman’s Club members (from left) Ardy Kidd, Mary Kay Brown, Vicki Newburn, Camilla Cabaniss, Kathryn Sowers, and Lois Creasy participate in the 2024 National Day of Service.**

The General Federation of Women’s Clubs (GFWC) is united in its dedication to volunteer community service. The GFWC National Day of Service (NDS), launched in 2023, spotlights an area of need in communities across the nation and around to world to bring about positive change.

The 2024 GFWC NDS focuses on food insecurity and hunger. GFWC clubs organize Community Service Programs in their communities to raise public awareness and gather the resources necessary to help those in need. This year over 1,000 clubs have participated in this project.

The GFWC Woman’s Club of Vinton has chosen the Blessing Box at Vinton Baptist Church as the members’ focus. This is their second year to participate in the National Day of Service. The club voted last year to continue giving every month and will continue again this year, not just the one day in September.

This year on the National Day of Service, members collected over \$200 in food items and delivered them to Vinton Baptist, and will continue this every month in 2024.

If anyone would like to contribute, please contact Vinton Baptist Church or Kathryn at the Vinton Chamber of Commerce (540-345-1364).

With more than 60,000 members in GFWC-affiliated clubs in every state, the District of Columbia, and more than a dozen countries, GFWC members work in their own communities to support the arts, preserve natural resources, advance education, promote healthy lifestyles, and encourage civic involvement, issues related to domestic and sexual violence awareness/prevention, and advocating for children.

The local club is also making plans to participate in the “Yellow Tulip Project—Plant a Bulb—Smash the Stigma Around Mental Health.” Yellow tulips represent happiness and hope. In the project, communities come together to plant a “Hope Garden” and talk about mental illness—not suffering alone or feeling ashamed. The goal is to inspire productive conversations about how to combat the rising rates of suicide.


*Submitted by Kathryn Sowers*

# What’s it take to become an EMT?

Have you ever wondered what it takes to become an EMT and what they do? Stop by their “Meet the Crew” open house on October 19 from noon to 4 p.m. This free event is an opportunity to acquire some CPR and First Aid training, as well as just a chance to meet some members, see their equipment, and ask some questions.

The VFAC is hosting a fundraising “Breakfast with Santa” at the station on December 14 from 9 to 11 a.m. Tickets must be purchased in advance on the Eventbrite site at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/vfacs-breakfast-with-santa-tickets-1023021253107?aff=oddtcreator>.

Space is limited so purchase tickets



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To learn more about the Vinton First Aid Crew visit their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/vintonems/>.

*-Submitted by Steve Thrasher, VFAC Vice President and Public Information Officer*

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**Peace in the Chaos**

Read Luke 21:1 through 22:71

Do we ever look at our world and ask, “What happened?” The moral climate seems to have plunged. Sin is rampant. Nuclear war threatens. A bad economy has become the new way of life. And what’s with all these record-breaking natural disasters?

It’s easy to wonder if the end of world is near and become so afraid that we panic.

“When you hear of wars and uprisings, do not be frightened. These things must happen first, but the end will not come right away” (Luke 21:9).

Many times through the past two thousand years, people have panicked over the state of the

world. Jesus had a word for them and for us: “Do not be frightened.”

The world may change, but God is still in control.

Bad times can bring good results. As society disintegrates people tend to turn to God, and revival can occur. Challenges even make believers depend on God more. Our survival plan should be to prepare ourselves spiritually for whatever God brings—in good times or bad.

Challenge for Today: Think of a way to point people to Jesus when they express their fears about the future.

Quicklook: Luke 21:5–18

**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](mailto:tfrye@ourvalley.org)**

Feather Road), 540-982-3694, [www.evangel4sq.com](http://www.evangel4sq.com), Pastor Tim Wright. Worship Service Sunday, 10AM. Bible Study Wednesday 11AM-12PM.

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**ST. TIMOTHY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**, “The Church Under The Cross”, 1201 Hardy Rd, Vinton VA 24179, Pastor, Rev. Dr. James B. Davis (540) 342- 1715, Worship 11:00am, [sttimothy1201@verizon.net](mailto:sttimothy1201@verizon.net).

**NAZARENE**  
**FIRST CHURCH OF NAZARENE**, 728 Highland Ave., SE, Roanoke, Virginia. 342-4003. Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 a.m., Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Wednesday Night Bible Study 7 p.m.

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**CAMPBELL MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**, 1130 Hardy Rd, Vinton, VA, 540-343-1842; [cmcp2verizon.net](http://cmcp2verizon.net) Sunday school 9:45am,

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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.

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## Report

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fencing from the property at the intersection of Pollard Street and Lee Avenue.

Community Development and Programs staff has been working with FEMA to review map updates and its potential impact on regulatory floodplains in the future in Vinton. The town hopes this will lead to a substantial decrease in structures and areas that are within the regulatory floodplain area.

Staff has received the \$177,000 grant for the Wolf Creek restrooms and are working on site preparation and ordering the pre-fab building.

The town raised awareness of childhood cancer in September by changing out to gold exterior light bulbs to “Glow Gold” at town buildings (Vinton Municipal Building, Vinton History Museum, Charles R. Hill Community Center, Vinton Administrative Annex, and Vinton Public Works offices) and displayed a Childhood Cancer Awareness Month sign at the Vinton War Memorial.

Town staff has added information to the Town of Vinton website on the Niagara Road Sewer Line

Replacement Project. The project includes installing six new manholes and 5,000 linear feet of 15-inch sewer main on Niagara Road.

In May 2024, an overflowing manhole upstream resulted in a collapsed sewer main on Niagara Road in Vinton. A sinkhole then developed in the road above the main. Crews spent the first week of June excavating roughly 45 feet deep to find the collapsed pipe between manholes; however, no pipe was found.

Rather than continuing to dig at that extreme depth to find the existing pipe, the decision was made to abandon the search for the pipe as it was determined a large section of that pipe must be deteriorated. Additionally, there were safety concerns about the bank stability if the excavation were to get any wider at that depth.

A temporary solution was provided by the Water Authority crews working on the project. The crew fused about 700 LF of 12-inch HDPE pipe and placed it alongside Niagara Road. The crew cored into the upstream manhole under the road to allow

the wastewater to flow into the fused pipe about 12 feet below the top of the manhole acting as a gravity bypass. This approach alleviated the 4-inch and 6-inch bypass pumps that were running 24/7 and required staff to be present on site. It also allowed Niagara Road to be opened back up to traffic.

The Water Authority’s Field Operations team worked with the Engineering Services Division at the Water Authority throughout June and July to develop a final plan for a permanent solution. Water Authority crews started at the end of August constructing the final sewer line replacement project and once again closed Niagara Road coming from Hardy Road.

Concrete has been poured for two new manholes. A temporary bypass pump operation has been established to make a tie-in to the existing pipe with the installation of another new manhole. Rain has impacted the project’s progress which is about 25% complete.

*- Vinton Messenger staff report*

## Fall Fest

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Entertainment on the Farmers’ Market Stage includes:

- 10:30-11:30 a.m. Mish Moves Dance Co.
- 11:30-12:30 FAME
- 12:30 to 1 p.m. Pet Costume Contest
- 1 p.m. Floyd Ward Dance

Entertainment on the Municipal Building Stage includes:

- 10-10:30 a.m. Lancerlot
- 11 a.m. TBA
- 1 to 1:30 p.m. Virginia Legacy All-Star Cheer

The fun doesn’t end at 4 p.m.

Twin Creeks Brewing Company will once again be hosting Rocktoberfest from 3:30 to 9:30 p.m., with the Phat Boyz Band, Smokin’ Nicks BBQ, and the CCR tribute band, Creedence Clearwater Recital (6:30-9:30).

Sponsors for this year’s Fall Festival include HomeTrust Bank, Rosie’s Gaming Emporium, MemberOne, Boothe Bell Real Estate Team, PFG, Mountain View Real Estate, Servpro, the Vinton McDonald’s, The Vinton Messenger, Fox Radio 910, Jamie McCadden of Edward

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The Kids Zone is sponsored by Verizon, along with a petting zoo by Downhome Creamery, Fire House Skate ‘N Play, plus Bounce Roanoke.

*- Vinton Messenger staff report*



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**The Vinton Breakfast Lions will continue the Pancake Breakfast tradition at this Saturday’s Vinton Fall Festival.**

## Terriers

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**Teacher Travis Welty**



**Emma Young**



**Draven Flinchum**



**Stephen Byars**



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**Teacher Melissa Carr**

she would be great at that!” Morgan’s parents are Stephanie Lincoln and Travis Odum.

**Bridgette Wray** is a junior who was nominated for being respectful and responsible. The teacher who nominated her said, “Bridgette exemplifies what it means to be respectful and responsible. She takes her education seriously, gives her best in the classroom every day, and is willing to learn new things. She has an inquisitive mind and asks great questions! On top of that, she’s quick with a smile and is full of positive energy. Her smile lights up the room! She treats everyone with kindness and respect, compliments others, and is a great listener. I’m so lucky to have Bridgette in my class this year.” Bridgette’s parents are Lois Wray and Rex Dooley.

**Stephen Byars** is a freshman who was nominated for his willingness to help others and his eagerness to learn. The staff member who nominated him said, “Stephen is a fantastic student! He is always ready to learn as soon as he walks in the room and stays focused and engaged throughout the entire class. He is always willing to help his classmates and is a wonderful addition to the class.” Stephen’s parents are Sarah and Adam Byars

**Ava Ashworth** is a senior and member of the volleyball team who was nominated for embodying the Terrier

Way. The staff member who nominated her said, “Ava embodies the Terrier Way through leading by example both on and off the court. She shows compassion and kindness towards the students and staff here at the school, and she is one of the most responsible and reliable students in the building.” Ava’s parents are Emilie and Andrew Ashworth.

**Angel Thomas** is a junior who was nominated for being polite and an active participant in class. The teacher who nominated Angel said, “She will often volunteer to read aloud in class and does a nice job sharing her ideas during class discussions.” Angel’s parents are Christina Peters and Chip Thomas.

**Emma Young** is a junior who was nominated for her strong work ethic. The teacher who nominated her said, “Emma is an excellent student. She regularly turns in quality work on time. She brings energy into the classroom. Her positive attitude encourages others. She actively participates, answers questions, and is hard-working. DD is a great example of what the Terrier of the Month should be.” Emma’s mother is Rebecca Saunders; her stepfather is Kevin Saunders.

**Draven Flinchum** is a junior who was nominated for being polite, respectful, and hard-working. The staff member who nominated Draven said, “His work is always neat and meticulous. Draven puts forth his best effort on

every assignment. He is always willing to help his classmates and to respond to questions during class discussions. Draven is an absolute pleasure to have in class!” Draven’s father is Matthew Flinchum.

**Heidi Dixon** is a sophomore who was nominated for embodying what it means to be a Terrier. The staff member who nominated her said, “When I think of what embodies a Terrier, I immediately think of Heidi. She is a great role model and advocate for her fellow students at the school. Her hard work, loyalty, and her commitment to excellence speak for itself through her work as a student-athlete and as a member of our Student Advisory Council.” Heidi’s parents are Lori and Christopher Dixon.

Four William Byrd teachers were also named Terriers of the Month. They are:

**Melissa Carr** teaches College Bound Chemistry, Advanced Chemistry, and AP Chemistry. The students who nominated Ms. Carr highlighted that she makes a difficult subject like Chemistry understandable and relevant. As one student said, “Ms. Carr teaches in a way that makes us as students understand the material we are being taught and to excel above what we are required to learn, and she has no problem with spending extra time to help us. She genuinely wants us to succeed and do well in her class; therefore, she should be recognized

for her dedication and commitment to helping us strive as students and as people in general.”

**Travis Welty** teaches Geometry, Advanced Geometry, and Algebra I. Welty is one of the new teachers this year and has already made a positive impact on the school community. The student who nominated him said it best, “Mr. Welty accommodates students who are having bad days or who are having trouble focusing. He is very understanding and is willing to help individuals understand a topic. He makes geometry very easy to understand.”

**Will Satterfield** teaches Advanced World History II and World History II. The students who nominated him highlighted that he makes an effort to build relationships with students. As one student said, “I wanted to nominate Mr. Satterfield because he always makes an effort to talk to people and has a good work/fun balance.”

**Dionne Nichols** teaches English 12 College Bound and English 12 AP. She provides her students with engaging lessons. As one student said, “Mrs. Nichols always has energy and is ready to teach in an engaging way. She is always positive, and it rubs off on her students; her class is always an excellent start to my day.”

*Submitted by WBHS Assistant Principal Kevin Richardson*

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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.

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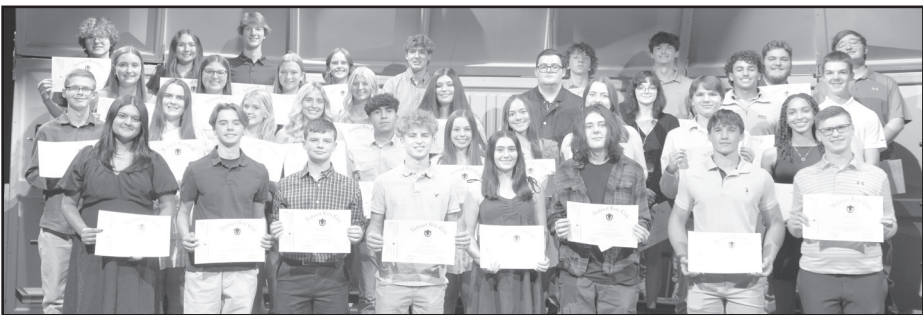
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# Beta Club

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Seventy-four William Byrd High School seniors were inducted into the prestigious Beta Club honor society on October 7.

their community. By emphasizing character as one of the four pillars, we are being prepared for life and empowered to be successful.”

Senior Nathan Rogers talked about the third pillar of Beta – leadership. “Our generation will one day become the leaders of tomorrow. We’ll need to learn how to properly translate vision into reality, to guide our fellow peers in the right direction through effective planning, decision making, communication, and teamwork. But above all, we’ll need patience and a willingness to lead by example. By becoming a Beta, we’re already embarking on a path to learn these skills. Once gained, we’ll be in a unique position to make a difference in our school, community, state, and

beyond.”

Josie Taylor talked about the fourth and final pillar of Beta – service. “Service and leadership are closely tied for Beta members through the demonstration of our motto ‘Let Us Lead by Serving Others.’ The Beta organization’s founder believed that it was not only our duty, but a privilege to serve our community. Through service, may we begin to think of others before ourselves. Betas, I encourage you to make a habit of recognizing needs, big or small, in our school and community, and then to make your fellow members aware of those needs. Together, we will work to address these issues and make an impact on those around us. On behalf of all the new members, I acknowledge

these four fundamental pillars of Beta. We will do our best to demonstrate them as we work to become humble, servant leaders.”

Anderson then called the new Beta Club members to the stage to receive their certificates. Once all students were on stage, he led them in the Beta Pledge: “As a proud member of National Beta, I pledge to be honest and truthful, maintain academic excellence, and conduct myself in an ethical manner. I am dedicated to serving others and contributing to the collective success of my peers.”

Anderson encouraged each new member to “always be a leader, demonstrate good character, work hard in your academic endeavors, and serve others before yourself.”

The William Byrd High

School Beta Club inductees for 2024-2025 are Mario Arias, Ava Ashworth, Kassius Ayres, Christian Barrette, Carson Bivens, Wyatt Bowles, Carson Bramble, Dawson Brinkley, Hunter Butterworth, Erika Coon, Evan Copening, Zahara Davis, Abigail Day, Graysen Divers, Alejandro Dooley, Camryn Dullaghan, McKinley Figart, Emily Fisher, Skylar Fitzgerald, Lacie Gibson, Emily Glass, Kendall Gordon, Payton Hall, Aidan Hardy, Abigail Haroulakis, Ethan Haston, Luke Hemming, Megan Higgins, Sophie Holcomb, Allie Jamison, Hannah Janney, Jada Johnson, Lillian Johnson, Mallory Johnson, Kristin Kochendarfer, Raelyn Lancaster, Sara Lang, Kendall Lecas, Nathaniel

Lynn, Kaylee Makuch, Ryan Markham, Samantha Martin, Aldahir Martinez-Garcia, Emma Matthews, Jenna Matthews, Jake Moore, Grace Onwi, Eliza Otey, Ellawyn Pagan, Christian Parker, Genevieve Paul, Spencer Peters, Madelyn Pittman, Mar cayla Poindexter, Isabella Posadas, Ethan Powell, Becca Radford, Meera Raichura, Blake Richardson, Nathan Rogers, Johnathan Rozenboom, Reid Ruble, Emma Rupe, Vanessa Sattah, Nathan Short, Luke Skelton, Gregory Stiltner, Josephine Taylor, William Thompson, Sarah Wilcox, Carson Wood, Grace Woodcock, Mary Wray, and Virginia Yonce.

This year’s Beta Club sponsors are Carla Hatfield and Brian Butler.

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# Poland

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Opole Mayor Arkadiusz Wiśniewski (right) presented a book on Opole to Vinton Mayor Brad Grose.

founded in the 1700s as a mainly agricultural community– and pointed out Gish Mill on the town’s seal, a historic landmark which is just beginning to undergo a mammoth renovation project.

Peters talked about the town also being part of Roanoke County, albeit more densely populated, and receiving extra services with their own police, public works,

and planning and zoning departments.

He mentioned that the town is bordered by creeks on all sides and is fortunate to be part of the extensive Roanoke Valley greenway system.

He highlighted some of the special events in Vinton– the Dogwood Festival, Fall Festival, Christmas Parade, and 4th of July celebrations.

His presentation included many examples of cooperation and partnership with Roanoke County, which have made possible renovations to two historic schools (Roland E. Cook and William Byrd High School into upscale apartment complexes), an iconic car dealership, a library, restaurants, and a

commercial center.

He emphasized how the town has benefitted from state and national historic designations of properties and the economic partnerships between the town, Roanoke County, and private investors which have led to a booming economy in the town.

Mayor Grose echoed that sentiment, saying, “The partnerships with Roanoke County, the great town staff, and good relationships with the town’s citizens are a big component of Vinton’s success. I am proud of the relationship between town staff, citizens, and our economic partners.”

Members of the delegation had many questions for the mayor and Peters. One concerned the town’s plans for the



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Town Manager Pete Peters and Mayor Brad Grose met with the delegation from Opole, Poland, to discuss how their towns and governments are similar and different.

future. That inquiry gave Grose the opportunity to discuss the town’s comprehensive plan extending through 2050 and now in the mid-planning stage.

The team from Opole had questions about industry and the economy. They were told that Vinton is not a highly industrialized area, nor is Roanoke County, unlike Opole.

Chief Drumond was asked about crime statistics and prevention (notably surveillance cameras). He was able to report that Vinton and the Roanoke Valley have low crime rates. There was some discussion of how the law enforcement hierarchy differs in Vinton and Opole.

The mayor of Opole commented that both his city and Vinton have the same dedication to providing a “high quality

of life” for their citizens.

The delegation, accompanied by Grose and Peters, crossed Pollard Street for a tour of the Vinton Library. They presented the mayor and town manager with Coat of Arms pins from Opole– a thrill for Mayor Grose who loves giving out Vinton pins to visitors and honorees.

Roanoke County entered into the Sister City partnership with Opole, Poland on November 30, 1994. Their purpose was “to create an exchange of cultural and social information for the enrichment of both communities. Additionally, it provided both communities with an opportunity to gain new perspectives and insights into the inner workings of a local government in a different country.”

A delegation from Opole last visited Roanoke County in 2010. This year’s visit has been a collaborative partnership facilitated by the Roanoke Valley Sister Cities organization.

Opole, Poland, has a population of 130,000 and covers an area of approximately 60 square miles. The first traces of the settlement go back to the end of the 8th century. The city is a center of industry, trade, banking, culture, and education. A “500-year flood” in 1997 caused major damage to the city, from which it is steadily recovering.

The Sister Cities International program was founded by President Dwight Eisenhower in 1956. Today, there are over 2,000 partnerships in more than 140 countries.

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The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) AUTHORITY for a Restaurant Wine and Beer, ON and OFF Premises license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages.

Stephanie Wills, Owner  
Michael Ailstock, Owner

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

**ABC NOTICE**

NEW BELGIUM BREWING COMPANY, INC., trading as  
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The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) AUTHORITY for an Industry Winery Application-Consumed license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages.

BRIAN WOLFE, SECRETARY

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**ABC NOTICE**

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Stan Jones, Chairman.

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**Legals - City of Salem**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

Take notice the undersigned will apply to the Council of the City of Salem at a public hearing on October 28, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as may be heard in the Council Chambers of the City of Salem, at 114 North Broad Street, Salem, Virginia, based on an application to permanently dispose of an approximate 1.908 acres of unopened right of way of Glenmore Drive. Glenmore Drive is located off of and bounded on the north by Lynchburg Turnpike. It is bounded on the west by tax parcels 149-2-2 and 149-2-3; on the south by tax parcels 156-2-3 and 156-2-2; on the southeast by tax parcel 155-1-2; and on the east by tax parcels 156-2-1 and 150-2-1.

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**Legals - City of Salem**

**Order of Publication**

Commonwealth of Virginia  
VA Code§§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316.20-104

**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

**Legals - Montgomery County**

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY MONTGOMERY COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER – PURCHASING DEPARTMENT 755 ROANOKE STREET, SUITE 2C CHRISTIANSBURG, VIRGINIA 24073 CAMP CHRISTI STORAGE TANK WATER SYSTEM DESIGN**

Sealed Bids for the construction of the Camp Christi Storage Tank Water System Design project will be received by Montgomery County PSA, in the Montgomery County Purchasing Department, 755 Roanoke Street, Suite 2C, Christiansburg, VA 24073, until 3:00 PM local time on November 13, 2024, at which time the Bids received will be publicly opened and read. The Montgomery County bid number for this project is IFB 25-05.

The work shall include, but shall not be limited to, construction of a 300,000 gallon water storage tank, concrete base, CMU building, access path, stormwater drain lines, and related appurtenances as shown on the Plans and as described in the Contract Documents.

Bids will be received for a single prime Contract. Bids shall be on a unit price basis as indicated in the Bid Form.

The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is: Hurt & Proffitt, 1861 Pratt Drive, Suite 1100, Blacksburg, VA 24060. Drawings and specifications will be available for inspection at the following locations: Hurt & Proffitt, 1861 Pratt Drive, Suite 1100, Blacksburg, VA 24060  
Montgomery County PSA, 755 Roanoke Street, Ste. 21, Christiansburg, VA 24073

DODGE Data, 300 American Metro Boulevard, Suite 185, Hamilton, NJ 08619  
Valley Construction News Plan Room, 426 Campbell Avenue, Roanoke, VA 24016  
Builder's Exchange, 3207 Hermitage Road, Richmond, VA 23227

Copies of the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS may be obtained at the office of Hurt & Proffitt located at 1861 Pratt Drive, Suite 1100, Blacksburg, Virginia 24060 upon payment of \$200 for each set, or downloaded free of charge at <https://www.handp.com/bid-info/>.

A pre-bid conference will be held at 10:00 AM local time on October 22, 2024, in Multi-Purpose Room 1 of the Montgomery County Government Center, 755 Roanoke Street, Christiansburg, VA 24073. Attendance at the pre-bid conference is highly encouraged but is not mandatory.

Bid security shall be furnished in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders.

The Contractor awarded the Contract shall have or obtain a Unique Entity ID from SAM.gov.

Contractor Licensing BIDDER'S attention is invited to the requirements of Section 54.1 of the Code of Virginia pertaining to registration which specifies the following with regard to contractor licensure and registration by definition: "Class A contractors" perform or manage construction, removal, repair, or improvements when (i) the total value referred to in a single contract or project is \$120,000 or more, or (ii) the total value of all such

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construction, removal, repair, or improvements undertaken by such person within any 12-month period is \$750,000 or more. "Class B contractors" perform or manage construction, removal, repair, or improvements when (i) the total value referred to in a single contract or project is \$7,500 or more, but less than \$120,000, or (ii) the total value of all such construction, removal, repair or improvements undertaken by such person within any 12-month period is \$150,000 or more, but less than \$750,000.

The bidder shall place on the outside of the envelope containing the bid and shall place in the bid over his signature whichever of the following notations is appropriate:

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"Licensed Class B Virginia Contractor No. \_\_\_\_\_."  
Owner: Montgomery County Public Service Authority  
By: Chuck Campbell  
Title: PSA Director  
Date: October 9, 2024

**VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY NOTICE OF TAKING PROOF OF DEBTS AND DEMANDS**

At the request of the Executor for the Estate of Lawrence C. Tabor, deceased, as provided by §64.2-550 of the Code of Virginia, I hereby designate 9:00 a.m., on the 22nd day of October, 2024, as the time, and my office located at 104 South Franklin Street, Christiansburg, Virginia, as the place for receiving proof of debts and demands against the estate. Given under my hand this 2nd day of October, 2024.  
Daniel D. Hamrick

Daniel D. Hamrick  
Commissioner of Accounts for Montgomery County  
104 S. Franklin Street  
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**Legals - City of Radford**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF RADFORD, VIRGINIA**

Notice is hereby given, the Radford City Council will hold a public hearing on October 14, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers located at 10 Robertson Street, Radford, Virginia.

Pursuant to Code of Virginia, Title 15.2, Article 2 Section 15.2-2006 et seq., the purpose of the public hearing it to receive comments regarding a request from Nicholas Olinger and Xeng Feng to vacate a portion of an unimproved public right of way identified as an alley located Between Prospect St. and Ninth street. The request contains a total area of approximately .038 acre.

Copies of the application, together with the plat of the property to be vacated, are available for review in the City Manager's Office located at 10 Robertson Street.

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**TRUSTEE SALE OF 1104 West Street, Radford, VA 24141**

In execution of the Deed of Trust dated October 4, 2019, in the original principal amount of \$69,898.00, recorded as Inst. 190000877, assigned as Inst. 202400661, and modified to the amount of \$79,231.42 as Inst. 202300454, in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court for the City of Radford, Virginia, default having occurred in the payment of the indebtedness thereby secured and at the request of the holder of the note, the undersigned, as Substitute Trustees, either of whom may act, will sell at public auction at the front entrance of the Circuit Court for the City of Radford on October 23, 2024, at 11:00 a.m., the property located at the above address and described as Lot 13-A as shown in Plat Book 2, Page 28, Slide 31. TERMS: CASH. PROPERTY SOLD AS IS WITH SPECIAL WARRANTY OF TITLE. A deposit of \$7,000.00 or 10% of the successful bid amount (whichever is lower) will be required immediately of the successful bidder, in cashier's check or certified funds only payable to or signed over to "DOLANREID PLLC, TRUSTEE", balance due within 15 days from date of sale. No personal checks accepted. Sale is subject to post sale confirmation and audit of the status of the loan including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower filed for and obtained bankruptcy protection, entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, or if trustee is unable to complete the sale, or if it is set aside or not fully completed for any reason except purchaser's default, the sale shall be null and void, and the purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. Upon purchaser's default, the deposit shall be forfeited and the property resold at the risk and costs of the defaulting purchaser. Sale is subject to all prior liens, easements, restrictions, covenants, reservations and conditions, if any, of record, as well as inchoate liens and any other matters which would be disclosed by an accurate survey or inspection of the premises. Real estate taxes will be adjusted to the date of sale. All costs of conveyance, deed, examination of title, recording charges, grantor's tax and possession will be at the expense of the purchaser. All risks of casualty immediately pass to the successful bidder. Time is of the essence. Winning bidder must sign a memorandum of sale immediately upon completion of sale. Additional terms may be announced at the time of sale. Trustee's affidavit and a copy of the notice of sale available at the foreclosure sale. The opening bid is not announced until the sale. Current sale status available at [dolanreid.com/foreclosure-sales](http://dolanreid.com/foreclosure-sales). THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

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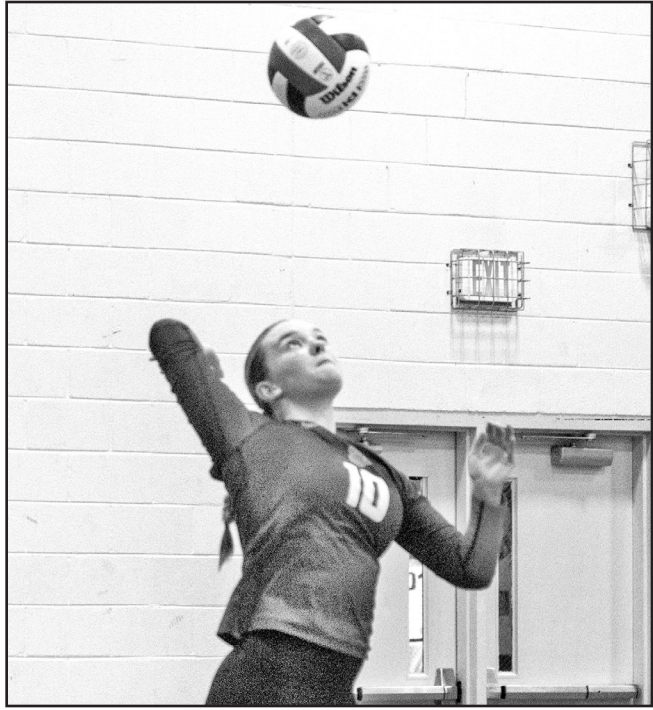
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"I am very proud of these young ladies," said Byrd coach Allison Thornton. "They continue to improve in communication and work ethic. It's exciting to see it all come together."

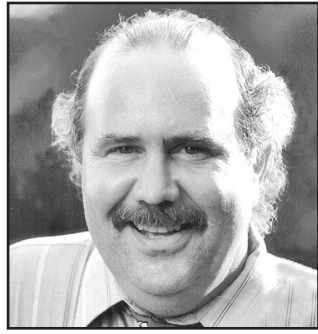
Last Thursday in Moneta the girls played Staunton River and defeated the host Eagles in three sets, 25-17, 25-12 and 25-12. Maggie Zimmerman had 17 assists and four aces for Byrd while Ava Ashworth contributed three aces and 11 digs. The jayvees also won, 25-18, 25-10.

On Tuesday at home the Terriers hosted Northside and beat the Vikings in three, 25-10, 25-23 and 25-19. Bella Dudley had a big night with 11 kills and a block. Kaylee Makuch had 16 assists and seven digs and Maggie Pittman put down four kills. The jayvee won again, 25-13 and 25-11.

Tuesday was also “Tiny Terrier Night” in Vinton as local campers from the summer came to support the team and were recognized as the “future of our program”.

“Our Tiny Terrier camp was for all rising 3rd-6th graders and worked on fundamental skills of volleyball with our JV and Varsity players,” said Thornton. “We had so much fun and loved seeing our campers in the stands.”

The Terriers are now 6-9 overall. Next Tuesday they'll be back home to host undefeated Lord Botetourt, and a week from today the girls go to Franklin County.



*Brian  
Hoffman*

# Talkin' Baseball

Last Monday I was out for a walk while the Braves and Mets were playing that doubleheader to decide who would make the playoffs. The Mets won the first game, to clinch a spot, and the Braves then won the second game to knock the Diamondbacks out.

I continued listening to the post-game show and the Braves, having clinched a spot in the playoffs, were celebrating like they'd won the World Series. They were wolfing down champagne and just having a great time.

My first thought was, is this the best time to be drinking? They were scheduled to open the playoffs about 24 hours later in San Diego, having to fly from Atlanta. Was this the best time to get hammered?

I don't know about you, but I've been hung over a few times and I don't think it would have helped me hit a 97 mile per hour slider later that day. Sure enough, the Braves were shut out in San Diego the next night, then lost the best-of-three a night later to end their season.

I'm not saying the partying had anything to do with that, but if I were Braves manager Brian Snitker I would have made sure the bubbly stayed on ice until the team really won something.

Next we have Pete Rose, who passed away about the time the paper went to press last week. I know he had his faults, but he was one of the best baseball players I've seen since I started watching games as a kid in 1960.

As a Phillies fan, they don't win the 1980 championship without Pete Rose. He was a rascal and he was a gambler, but he was a great teammate and a leader. He played the game like our sandlot coaches told us to play. . .always run, use two hands, never give up.

Should he be in the Hall of Fame? I think that's a moot point now that he's gone. Hall of Fame or not, if you saw him play you knew he was one of the best, and that's all that matters to me.

Last week I was listening to a Brewers playoff game on my MLB app on my phone and was pleased to hear Bob Uecker doing an inning or two on the Milwaukee radio station. Uecker turned 90 in January but he's still fun to listen to and his voice is clear as can be.

You may know “Ueck” was a decent Major League catcher who went on to fame as a broadcaster, late night talk show guest, Mr. Belvedere, TV and movie celebrity and overall baseball promoting good guy. He’s very funny.

Bob Uecker is a guy who played with Hank Aaron and Eddie Mathews when he was coming up and he's still talking baseball, and I think that's great. "It's not like I'm over-exerting myself to do it," he says. "I still enjoy working."

And one more thing. I absolutely HATE seeing advertising on the batting helmets of Major League players. The first time I saw that “STRAUSS” on the helmets in the playoffs it really ticked me off.

I wasn't happy with the advertising on the uniforms, but I accepted it because it was just on the sleeve and not all that big. And, I understand teams have to make money to pay the big salaries in addition to jacking up prices you and I pay for tickets, TV packages and the like.

However, when they start putting advertising on the batting helmets I draw the line. I don't care how much money the Strauss people paid for that the helmets should be off limits. Can you imagine the NFL doing that? (well, maybe)

Next thing you know they'll take that "NY" off the pinstripes and replace it with an Amazon logo.

Banana Ball is making its way to Carilion Clinic Field, home of the Salem Red Sox, in 2025. The Banana Ball World Tour will visit Salem on July 11 & 12 as the Firefighters play Banana Ball against the newest addition by November 1, 2024. Joining the list does not guarantee the opportunity to buy tickets. A random drawing will take place about two months before the event for the chance to purchase available tickets.

Banana Ball is similar to what the Harlem Globetrotters are to basketball. Although the game of Banana Ball is not scripted, it is a highly entertaining show that is a cross between a baseball game and a circus act.

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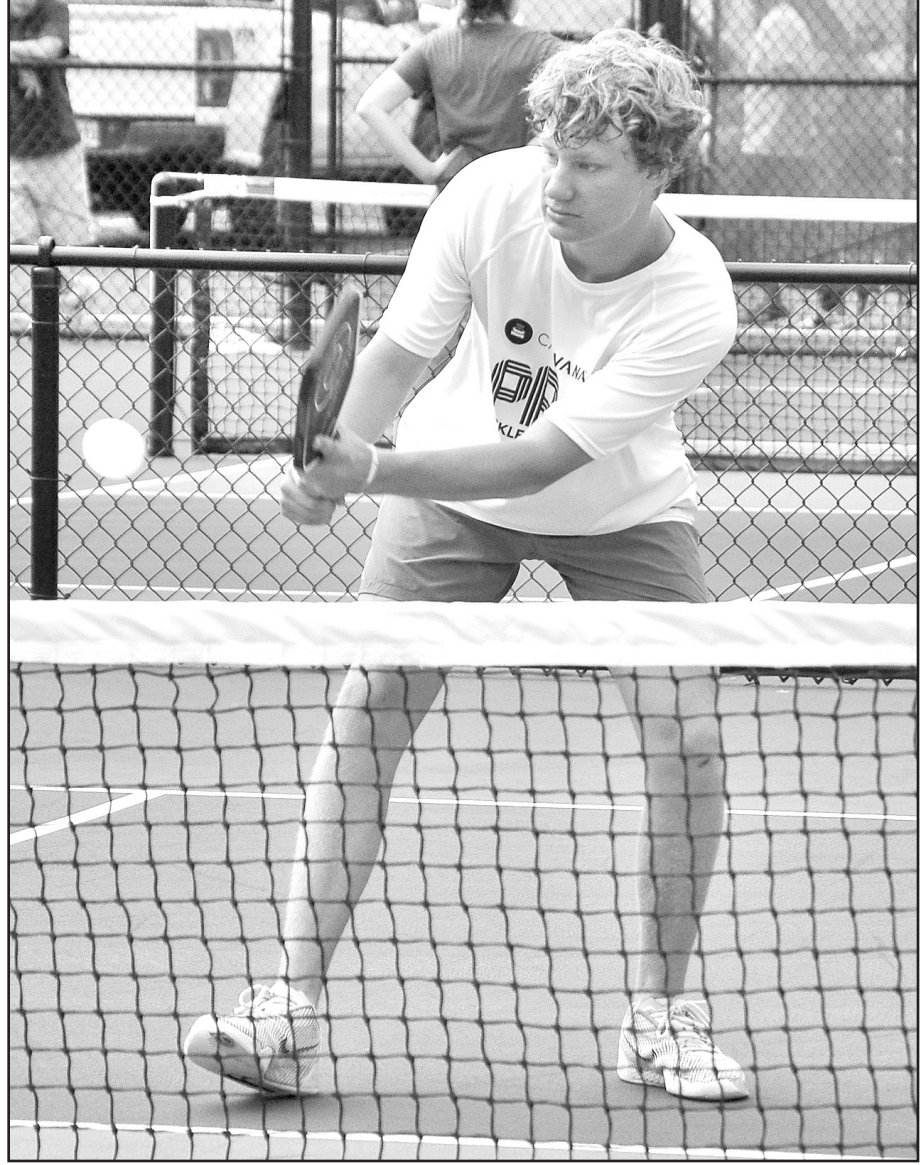


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**William Byrd grad Andrew Kiker is a member of the Pickleball Club. The Byrd and Roanoke Catholic clubs are combining to put on a fundraising tournament on October 26 at the Botetourt Golf Club. Money raised will benefit Byrd club member Camden Thepsimuong, who is battling cancer. See details below.**



# PICKLEBALL PICKLEBALL

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## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26

### AT BOTETOURT GOLF CLUB

This year the Roanoke Catholic Pickleball Club is partnering with the William Byrd Pickleball Club to host a tournament benefiting each school and fellow pickleballer, Camden Thepsimuong. Camden is a member of the William Byrd Pickleball Club currently fighting stage 4 cancer.

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## Terriers top Cave Spring

Above left, Jadai English(#2), Justyn Rozenboom(#6), Jerrett Shepherd(#22) and Tate Kotz(#11) combine to make the tackle in the Cave Spring backfield. Above, BJ Cheatwood(#65 left), clears some running room for Jamez Toler. Far left, Jalen Toler(#3) rides shotgun as Cannin Lutz looks to pass and, left, Rozenboom and Blake Anderson(#23) make a stop.



## Undefeated Byrd hosts unbeaten Fleming in BRD showdown Friday

*Terriers are top rated team in Region 3D in first Virginia High School League rankings*

Two undefeated football teams will go head-to-head Friday in a “Battle of Williams” at Robert A. Patterson Stadium. William Byrd will host William Fleming in a Blue Ridge District showdown that is the big game in the Roanoke Valley this week.

Both teams are 5-0 and ranked high in the first Virginia High School League rankings of the season. Byrd is the top-ranked team in Region 3D and the only undefeated team in the region. The Terriers have a rating of 22.8 while 5-1 Carroll County is second at 21.3 and 5-1 Abingdon is third at 20.8. Lord Botetourt is fourth at 20.6 with a 4-1 record.

William Fleming is in Region 5C and one of two unbeaten teams. Matoaca is the top-ranked team at 5-0 with a 28.0 rating and Fleming is second, also 5-0, at 27.2. If Byrd can win Friday night that would be good for a bunch of VHSL points, as Fleming is not only a larger school but figures to win a lot of games, good for “rider” points.

“We are excited about hosting this game,” said Byrd coach Brad Lutz. “With both teams being

undefeated it should be a packed house Friday. Our players and coaches are grateful for the incredible support we get from our community, and we look forward to our home crowd providing a lot of energy for this week’s game.”

Fleming is off to a 5-0 start for the first time since 1997, when coach George “Killer” Miller took them to the state championship game against Hampton. The Colonels have three shutouts and have outscored their five opponents 260-20. Their closest game was a 25-7 win at Salem, their first win over the Spartans since 2002. That was a big win for Fleming coach Nick Leftwich as he’s a Salem High graduate and former Spartan quarterback.

Meanwhile, the Terriers have outscored their five opponents 229-9. They had a string of 15 shutout quarters broken last week when Cave Spring kicked a field goal late in the second quarter of a 47-3 Byrd win. At that, the Terrier defense has allowed just one touchdown in five games.

Byrd dominated last week’s game against Cave

Spring at Bogle Field. Jamez Toler scored four first half touchdowns, including TD runs of 10, one and 13 yards in the first quarter alone.

In the second quarter Byrd dialed up a gadget play that worked as Kam McKee passed to Ethan Haston for an 85 yard score. Jerrett Shepherd then scored on a 59 yard run and Toler added his fourth touchdown on a two-yard run to go up 41-0. The Knights kicked a 41 yard field goal and it was 41-3 at the break.

The clock ran continuously in the second half as Thomas Purcell finished the scoring on a four yard reception from quarterback Cannin Lutz. Connor Whitehead drilled his sixth extra point of the night and Byrd got some subs in the game.

“Our team had success early and often, which allowed us to work on a few things offensively and get all our players quality game reps against their starters,” said coach Lutz.

Cannin Lutz finished 12 for 19 passing for 145 yards and when you add McKee’s pass the Terriers had 230 yards of passing. Purcell had five receptions for 66 yards, Haston had three for 105, Jamez Toler had two catches for 35 and Shepherd had one for nine.

On the ground Jamez Toler had 10 carries for 53 yards and Shepherd had two for 69. Jalen Toler came off the bench to run four times for 19 yards.

On defense Justyn Rozenboom was all over the field with eight tackles, including three sacks and five tackles for losses. He also forced a fumble.

Maurice Burnette had six tackles, including a sack and two tackles for losses. Greg Stiltner and Jahdai English had six tackles each, Blake Anderson had five tackles and a forced fumble and Tate Kotz had an interception.

Byrd’s jayvee team also won last week and they’re also undefeated at 5-0. The jayvees are at Fleming tonight in what’s shaping up as a very exciting week of football.

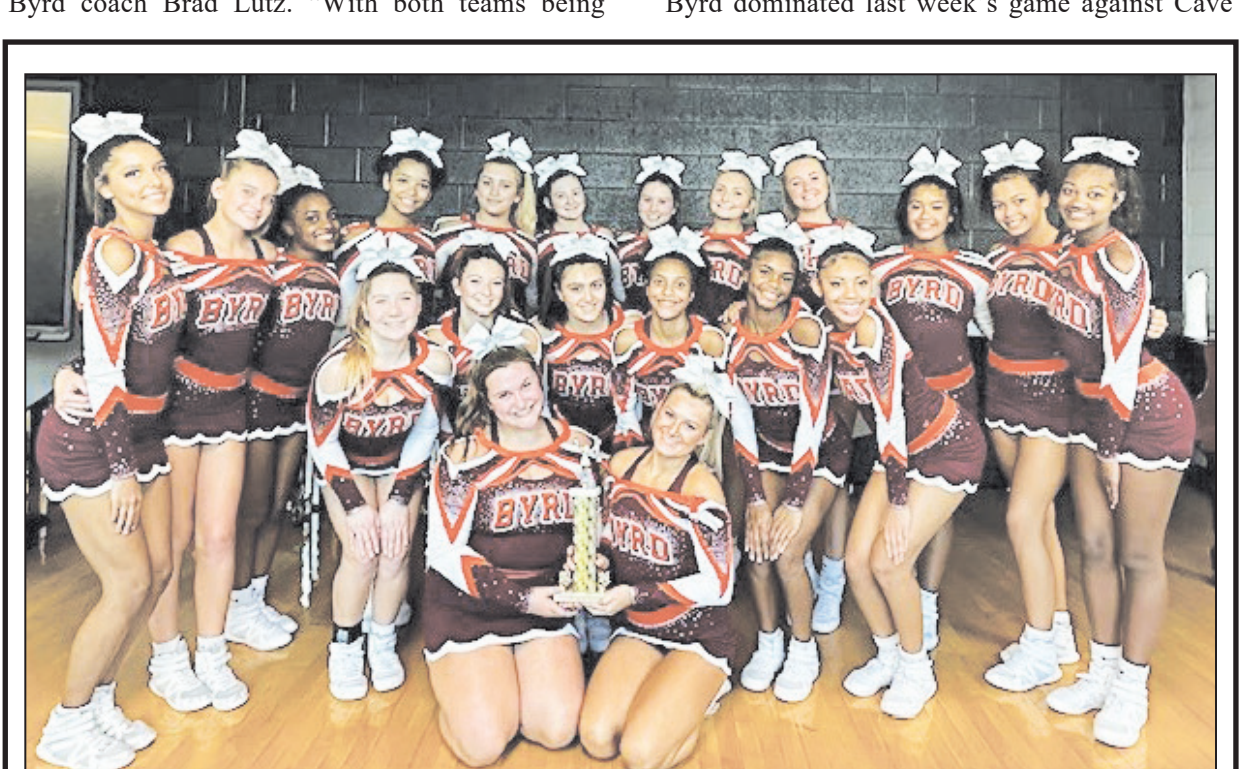


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## Terriers take top prize

The William Byrd competition cheerleading team took first place in the 3A division at the Blue Streak Invitational in Harrisonburg Saturday. The Terriers are back in action this Saturday at Pulaski Middle School for the Cougar Classic, and the rescheduled “Battle at Byrd” will now be held on October 19th.

## Terriers preview district meet course

The William Byrd cross country team got some work in last week as the weather cleared up in the Roanoke Valley. Byrd ran their annual “Byrd 400” last Wednesday, then ran in the Blue Ridge Invitational at the Greenfield Recreation Park in Botetourt County on Saturday.

The Byrd 400 is a fund raiser for the team, with runners taking pledges for how many miles they run around the school area. It was twice postponed by inclement weather before last week’s event.

On Saturday at Greenfield the boys were fifth among nine teams and the girls were sixth of seven. The North Cross boys and Patrick Henry girls were team winners.

Byrd’s first boy across the line was Colton Sotherden, who finished 12th among 75 runners with a time of 20:09. That was a minute and 50 seconds faster than his time from last year in the same race. Eric Duncan of Lord Botetourt was the individual winner in 16:29.

Also scoring for Byrd were Drew Bartley in 24th, Riley Slusher in 47th, Cole Johnston in 55th and Vincent Liu in 58th place.

Lucy Whitenack led the Byrd girls with an eighth place finish in 24:10. Kaitlyn Perkins of North Cross won the race, finishing first among 50 girls with a time of 21:20. Other scorers for Byrd were Elena Mullen in 19th, Bindi Whitenack in 39th, Jacey Weddle in 40th and Sienna Perdue in 44th.

“This meet was a great preview of the course for the Blue Ridge District race that is later this month,” said William Byrd coach Kayland Bond. “The athletes have been working hard and demonstrating their willingness to push themselves in preparation for our upcoming meets and running at this venue again.”

Byrd’s next race will be the VA Showcase event in Mechanicsville on October 19. The middle school team was scheduled to run at Hidden Valley on Wednesday of this week.



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Lucy Whitenack was Byrd’s first finisher, and eighth overall, at the Blue Ridge Invitational at Greenfield.