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# Cornerstone Antiques moves, literally, to a new foundation

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The Vinton Farmers' Market and Stage usually draw a crowd for special events, like Mingle at the Market concerts, Fall Festival, or Market Saturdays, but on November 19, the crowd at the corner of Walnut and Lee Avenues was there to see a truly incredible sight—the structural relocation of the former Cornerstone Antiques building to a new foundation, just feet away.

Frank and Janine Stone were the owners of the Cornerstone Antiques business for about 40 years, and known as beloved educators throughout the valley—who also loved antiques.

They purchased the building (originally a residence built in 1939) from the Claude St.Clair family. Upon retirement, the Stones sold it to The Wilkinson Group, Inc., led by developer Dale Wilkinson, who had a vision for downtown Vinton.

It took an enormous crane and some very knowledgeable, painstaking, unflappable workers, but the building was moved with no damage and in a relatively short amount of time—after weeks of preparation.

The process involved goes something like this—digging out the original foundation to get underneath the building and support the bottom plate with steel beams,

cutting holes in the steel to place strapping on the beams, placing a spreader bar on the roof, lifting straight up, guiding the structure onto the new foundation with a lead rope, and gently setting it down on the newly built foundation.

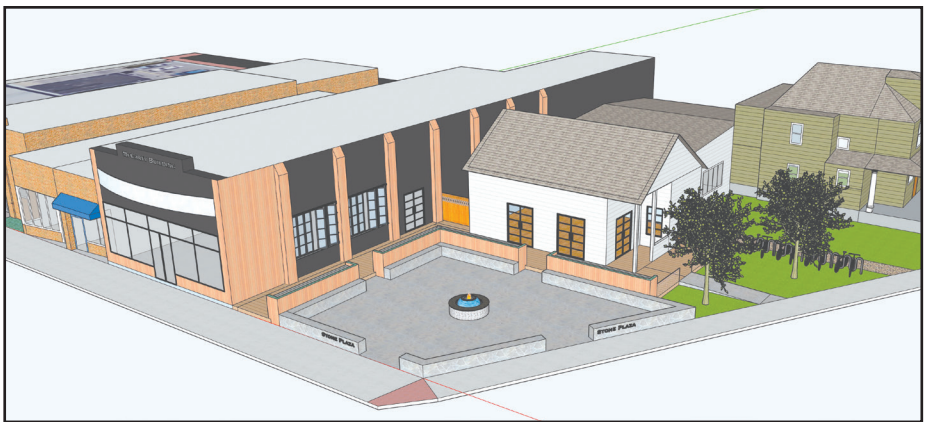
Vinton Assistant Planning and Zoning Director Nathan McClung explained that “a zoning permit was necessary to verify the new setbacks of the relocated structure and a commercial building permit in order for the new foundation, structural plans, mechanicals, etc., to be inspected and approved.”

On November 20, welders and crane

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Workers guide Cornerstone Antiques to its new foundation. PHOTO BY DEBBIE ADAMS



The Wilkinson Group's vision for a corner of downtown Vinton involves preserving the past. GRAPHIC COURTESY OF THE WILKINSON GROUP, INC.

# Town Council signs contract for construction of Vinton hotel, police officers recognized

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According to Vinton Mayor Brad Grose, actions taken at the Vinton Town Council meeting on November 19 were “historic.” After a public hearing, council voted unanimously to sign a contract with KARA Hospitality, LLC to bring a new hotel to Vinton.

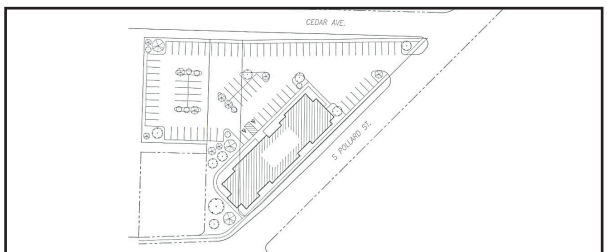
The town purchased six parcels of property (about two acres) in 2018 and 2019 within, and adjacent to, the intersection of Virginia Avenue, South Pollard

Street, Cedar Avenue, and 1st Street for the purpose of recruiting a hotel to be constructed on the site.

The town completed Phase I and Phase II environmental assessments on the parcels, demolished existing structures on the property, conducted several hotel market studies, and established a conceptual site plan for the site.

The Covid pandemic stalled those plans, but intensified efforts over recent months led to the issuance

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GRAPHIC COURTESY TOWN OF VINTON  
Very preliminary drawing of Vinton/East County Hotel Project



Officer Jason Call received a Certificate of Commendation from Vinton Town Council for his actions during Hurricane Helene. Pictured left to right are Deputy Chief Tim Lawless, Officer Call, and Police Chief Fabricio Drumond.



Officer Jesse Dibble was promoted to the rank of corporal at the Town Council meeting. Pictured left to right are Dep. Chief Lawless, Corporal Dibble, and Chief Drumond.



PHOTOS BY DEBBIE ADAMS  
Officer Grant Shepherd was promoted to the rank of corporal. Pictured left to right are Dep. Chief Lawless, Cpl. Shepherd, his wife Madeline and their son, and Chief Drumond.



PHOTOS BY DEBBIE ADAMS  
Gary Duerk plays “Taps” at the dedication ceremony for Vinton’s Field of Honor.

# Vinton dedicates Field of Honor to town’s heroes

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On November 13, the Town of Vinton held a ceremony dedicating the first Field of Honor on the front lawn of the Vinton War Memorial honoring veterans

and active military personnel. Veterans and their family members attended the ceremony.

The program opened with remarks from Mandy Adkins, Vinton’s Director

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# Spoil your pet at Wag ‘N Wash

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Wag ‘N Wash, a local pet store designed to “spoil your pet,” is opening soon in a prime location on Orange Avenue in Roanoke, just a couple of

doors down from Planet Fitness. David Dantzler and his wife Alyce are part of an ownership group (all from the Roanoke area) bringing the franchise to the area.

Dantzler worked for 31 years in retail for

Kroger before retiring, then as CEO for the Rescue Mission, and now as Director of Feeding Southwest Virginia. He says Wag ‘N Wash gives him the opportunity to

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PHOTOS BY DEBBIE ADAMS  
From left, groomer Barb Odom, Asst. Store Manager Mandy Clark, and owner David Dantzler are busy preparing for the opening of Wag ‘N Wash.



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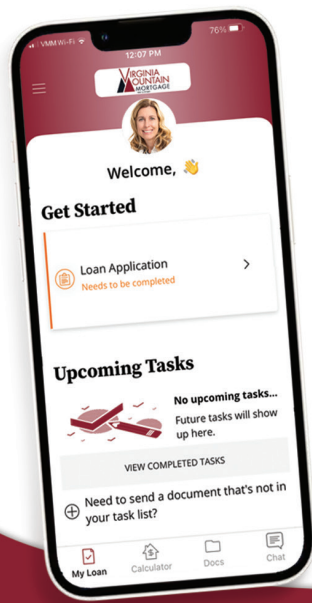
## A man in a tan military uniform with numerous medals on his chest stands in front of a wall. The wall features posters of political figures, including a woman in a blue suit and a woman in a dark uniform. The man is smiling and looking directly at the camera.



A photograph of three men standing side-by-side against a plain, light-colored wall. The man on the left is a police officer in a dark blue uniform with a tactical vest and a name tag that reads 'MAYHEW'. The man in the center is a police officer in a white uniform shirt and dark tie. The man on the right is an older man with glasses, wearing a dark suit jacket over a light-colored checkered shirt.



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# Local high school receives a NASA ‘Moon Tree’

Lord Botetourt High School (LBHS) was recently selected to receive a NASA Moon Tree, a unique opportunity to connect with space exploration. The sweetgum tree arrived to coincide with the school’s celebration of “Moon Week” during the last week of October where students engaged in educational activities centered around space, science, history, and the importance of trees to the environment.

“We jump-started our moon festivities with Mr. Martin and our Air and Space Club,” Lord Botetourt graduate – now science teacher – Caitlin Pannell shared last week. “They set up telescopes the other week to view the super moon, Saturn, and a comet during the LB vs. William Byrd football game. LBHS designated the entire last week of October as Moon Week, which worked out wonderfully since it aligned with Halloween. Classes participated in a door decorating contest revolving around the Moon Tree.”

Pannell applied for the tree in fall 2023 and learned the school would be receiving the tree in August.

“It is a huge honor to be selected as a location for a Moon Tree and we really wanted to celebrate,” Pannell continued. “I am always looking for opportunities for students to learn in new and interesting ways and this seemed like a perfect fit for Botetourt.”

According to a NASA release from last week, its Office of STEM Engagement partnered with U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Forest Service to fly five species of tree seeds aboard Artemis I as part of a national STEM Engagement and Conservation Education initiative. The project builds on the legacy of the original moon trees, which were planted in the 1970s after NASA astronaut Stuart Roosa orbited the moon with tree seeds in his kit.

Roosa, the command module pilot for 1971’s Apollo 14 mission and a former USDA Forest Service smoke jumper, carried tree seeds into lunar orbit. The Apollo 14 Moon Trees were grown into seedlings by the USDA Forest Service and eventually disseminated to national monuments and dignitaries around the world, with a large

number distributed as part of the nation’s bicentennial event.

In a nod to the legacy of Apollo 14, and a celebration of the future of space exploration with NASA’s Artemis Program, a “new generation” of Moon Tree seeds traveled into lunar orbit aboard the Orion spacecraft in 2022. The seeds travelled thousands of miles beyond the moon, spending about four weeks in space before returning to Earth.

The Artemis I Moon Trees, rooted in the legacy of the original Moon Trees flown by Roosa during Apollo 14, journeyed 270,000 miles from Earth aboard the Orion spacecraft. A diverse array of tree species, including sycamores, sweet gums, Douglas firs, loblolly pines, and giant sequoias, were flown around the surface of the moon. The first batch of seedlings will ship to almost 50 institutions across 48 contiguous U.S. states.

Some of the Lord Botetourt Moon Week door decoration concepts included: space exploration, myths and legends about the moon, Greek mythology of Artemis and Orion (names of the mission and ship the seeds went on),

lunar phases, and moon references in music and pop culture. Teachers incorporated moon themes into lessons such as reading stories about moon myths in Spanish or analyzing data to see if there is a relationship between moon phases and crimes– turns out there isn’t.

Through NASA’s Office of STEM Engagement (OSTEM) and NASA’s Artifact Module, museums, universities, federal agencies, including NASA Field Centers, and K-12 serving organizations were invited to apply for ownership of a Moon Tree seedling.

“The biggest part of the application was setting up a plan to incorporate the Moon Tree in a variety of learning experiences for the school,” said Pannell. “I feel like we did a good job with that at Lord Botetourt; a lot of teachers got on board with the theme.

“I also created mini-STEM (Science Technology Engineering and Math) stations for teachers to bring classes to throughout the week which included tree identification, using natural materials in art, crater formation, egg drop contests, nocturnal animals, and engineering structures,” Pannell added.



PHOTO COURTESY OF LBHS  
**Lord Botetourt science teacher Caitlin Panell holds the school’s Moon Tree that arrived recently from NASA. Pannell previously taught at William Byrd High School.**

“We even had a Moon Walk dance competition during lunch. The entire school really got on board with the theme, and it has inspired students to be curious and creative. We will also be doing some STEM activities with our elementary students in the spring involving the Moon Tree.”

The sweet gum tree has been planted at the school and a celebration in

welcoming the Moon Tree to Botetourt is planned for spring 2025.

Pannell previously taught at William Byrd High School, where she met her husband, James, an instructor and coach. She teaches Biology and Earth Science, mainly to freshmen and sophomores at LBHS.

- Vinton Messenger staff report

# Mount Pleasant Elementary wins top VBOE award



GRAPHIC COURTESY OF RCPS

Five Roanoke County schools, including Mount Pleasant Elementary School, have earned top awards from the Virginia Board of Education.

On October 24, the Virginia Board of Education recognized 141 schools for their high achievement and continued improvement as part of its Exemplar School Recognition Program.

The recognized schools include 92 schools earning the Board of Education Highest Achievement Award and 49 schools earning the Board of Education Continuous Improvement Award.

The Highest Achievement Award is based on performance during the 2023-2024 school year and the Continuous Improvement Award uses 2023-2024 and prior school years.

Five schools in Roanoke County Public Schools earned the Highest Achievement Award:

- Mount Pleasant Elementary
- Back Creek Elementary
- Cave Spring High
- Fort Lewis Elementary
- Hidden Valley High

“This honor reflects the dedication and hard work of our students, teachers, staff, and families in making these schools a model of excellence,” said Dr. Ken Nicely, superintendent of Roanoke County Public Schools.

“This recognition affirms our commitment to fostering a climate

where every student can thrive and achieve to their highest potential. It also highlights our schools’ ongoing efforts to close achievement gaps, improve student outcomes, and maintain a strong focus on both academic performance and student well-being. We are immensely proud of this achievement, and we will continue to strive for excellence across all our schools,” Dr. Nicely added.

“The board is thrilled to recognize and celebrate the 141 schools who have earned this year’s top achievement,” said Board of Education President Grace Turner Creasey. “We applaud their commitment to excellence and high-quality education. Congratulations to all the Virginia educators, parents, and communities supporting these schools in achieving at the highest level.”

“Being recognized in the Exemplar School Recognition Program is a direct reflection of a school’s commitment to high performance and increasing excellence,” said Superintendent of Public Instruction Lisa Coons. “I am proud of each of the 141 schools that have been recognized, and I commend each school’s leadership, educators, students, and community for earning this achievement.”

- Submitted by RCPS

# OBITUARY

## Jacobs, Artist A.

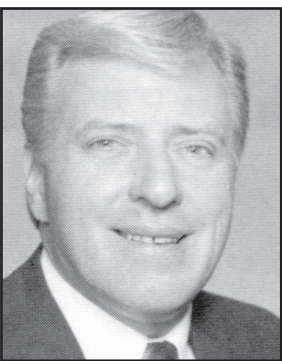
May 15, 1943 – November 7, 2024  
Artist A. “Artie” Jacobs, 81, was born on May 15, 1943, in Roanoke to Gorman and Mary Jacobs.

He passed away on Thursday, November 7, 2024, at Carilion Roanoke Memorial Hospital following a long illness.

He was a life-long member of Belmont Christian Church in Roanoke. Artie loved his church family and appreciated all of their support during his illness.

Artie retired from Appalachian Power Company and was a member of the Masons, Shriners, and the T-Bird Club.

Artie loved cars and NASCAR. He loved going to NASCAR races, especially Daytona, and showing his white ’57 T-Bird, Cougar convertible and Mustang. His love for Fords included helping the Woods Brothers on their race team.

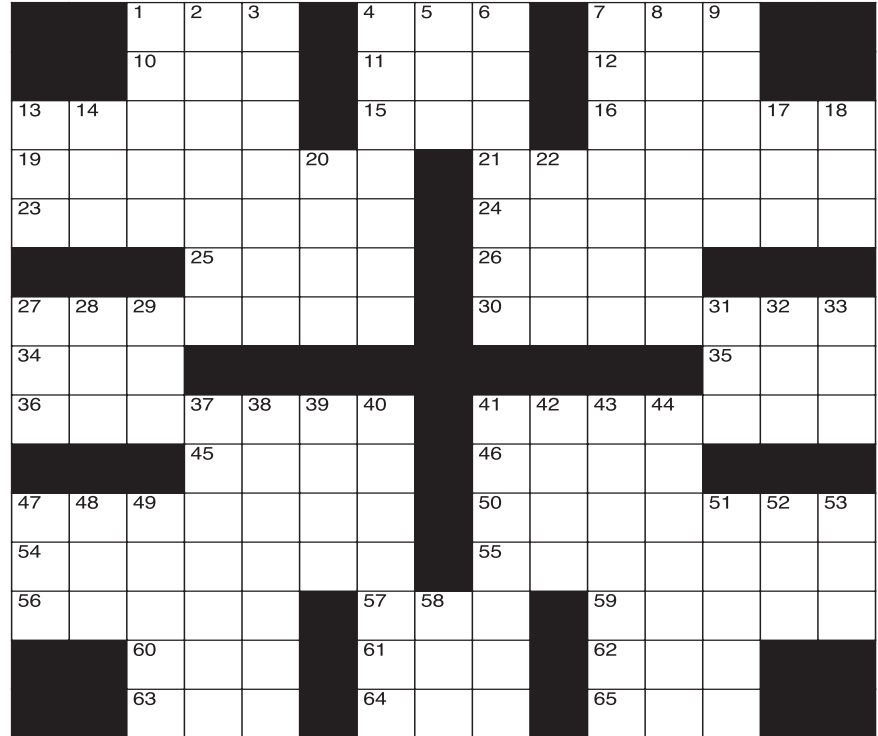


Surviving are many cousins and close friends. Included are “brothers by choice,” Sonny and Jan Arrington, Sonny’s wife, Bertie, and daughters, Tracy Arrington Blanchard and Tiffany Arrington. Special friends include Bobby Rich, Bill VanName, Charlie Chattin, Rodney McNeil, and Marshall Clarkson.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 p.m. on Thursday, November 14, 2024, at Oakey’s Vinton Chapel with Pastor Catina Martin officiating. Burial followed in Mountain View Cemetery in Vinton. Friends called at Oakey’s Vinton Chapel from 2 to 6 p.m. on Wednesday, November 13.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial donations to the Shriners Hospitals for Children. Condolences may be shared with his family by visiting www.Oakeys.com.

## CROSSWORD PUZZLE



- CLUES ACROSS  
1. Defunct airline  
41. Decadent dessert  
45. Aquatic plant  
7. A team’s best pitcher  
10. Unit of liquid capacity  
11. It comes before two  
12. Male child  
13. Type of wheat  
15. One’s mother  
16. Upper side of an organism  
19. United is one  
21. Extraction process  
23. A being with lesser divine status  
24. People living together in a community  
25. Luxury automaker  
26. This (Spanish)  
27. Semitic language  
30. Period for a defined purpose  
34. Wander aimlessly in search of pleasure  
35. Up in the air (abbr.)
36. American marsupial  
41. Decadent dessert  
45. Aquatic plant  
46. About aviation  
47. Summer footwear  
50. Rugged mountain ranges  
54. With tin  
55. Cut on the surface of a hard object  
56. Wrapped in cloth  
57. Defensive nuclear weapon  
59. “American Idol” contestant Clay  
60. Midway between east and southeast  
61. Court decision — v. Wade  
62. Born of  
63. Soviet Socialist Republic  
64. Actress —Margaret  
65. Not even
- CLUES DOWN  
1. Heat unit  
2. — Faulkner, American writer  
3. Guatemalan town  
4. Of funny things  
5. Actress — de Armas  
6. Agents of one’s downfall  
7. Takes forcibly  
8. Body lice  
9. Large nest of a bird of prey  
13. Unhappy  
14. Popular holiday dessert  
17. Habitual drunkard  
18. Used of a number or amount not specified  
20. Complications  
22. Fail to win  
27. Before the present  
28. Musical genre  
29. Flurry  
31. 007’s creator
32. Indiana Pacer Toppin  
33. Midway between north and northeast  
37. Feeling  
38. Damage another’s reputation  
39. Mottled citrus fruit  
40. Beauty product  
41. They man first, second and third  
42. Harness  
43. Herb  
44. Expressed concern  
47. Mississippi scientific area (abbr.)  
48. Consumed  
49. Nostrils  
51. Gathered fallen leaves  
52. Express good wishes  
53. Monetary unit of Brunei  
58. Japanese Buddhist festival



# Illuminights opens Nov. 23 at Explore Park

Tickets are now on sale for Roanoke County's annual Illuminights Winter Walk of Lights at Explore Park. There will be 32 operating nights between Nov. 23 and Dec. 30.

Brighten your nights and explore your holiday spirit through a dazzling world of over 650,000 lights. Travel down the half-mile wooded path while taking in the sights and sounds of the season. Visitors will experience new displays, trail enhancements, and family activities.

While you're there, shop for artisan crafts, roast marshmallows around the campfire, and enjoy additional family activities on select nights. Santa will be visiting on December 1-5, 10-12 and 16-19 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Illuminights is a dog-friendly event and dogs are allowed on the Walk of Lights Trail and Explore Park while they are on a leash.

All proceeds from Illuminights go to support the valuable missions of Center in the Square and Explore Park.

Explore Park and Center in the Square have partnered with Kroger to offer a canned food drive again this year at Illuminights. Items will be collected each night at the Illuminights Walk of Lights entrance, and all donations

will benefit The Agape Center Vinton-Roanoke.

Tickets may be purchased online, by phone, or in-person in advance (no walk-ups are available on operating nights) at:

- Public Service Center, 1206 Kessler Mill Road (M-F, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.)
- Brambleton Center, 3738 Brambleton Avenue (M-F, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.)
- Center in the Square Box Office, 1 Market Square (Tu-Sat, 9:45 a.m.-4:45 p.m., Sun, 12:45 p.m.-4:45 p.m)

For more information and to purchase tickets, visit <https://www.roanokecountyparks.com/545/Illuminights>.

Illuminights tickets are non-refundable, and all ticket purchases are final. If you need to transfer your ticket to another operating night with availability, call the Explore Park Visitor Center at 540-427-1800 or Roanoke County Parks, Recreation and Tourism at 540-387-6078, Ext. 0.



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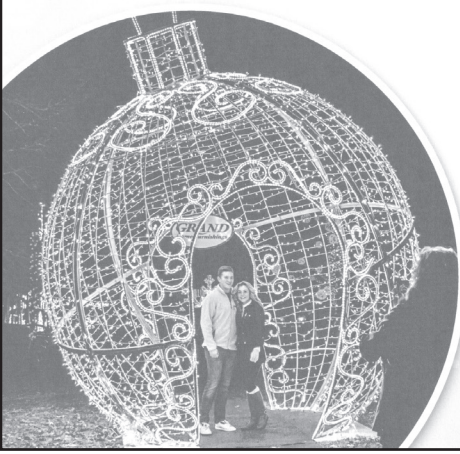
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## From the Pulpit

### Practical Faith – James 1:26-27

We are studying the Book of James at Lynn Haven Baptist Church. In James 1:26-27, we read about our faith and our relationships. True faith is shown in how we live and treat others. It's not just about going to church or saying the right words. It's about our actions and our hearts. One key sign of genuine faith is how we control our words. If we can't keep a tight rein on our tongues, our faith is not as strong as we think. Speaking kindly and truthfully is important in showing our love for God and others. Another sign of true faith is caring for those in need. When we show kindness and help those in need, we are living out our faith in a real and meaningful way. Finally, true faith means staying pure in a world full of temptations. It's easy to get caught up in things that are not pleasing to God. We need to keep our hearts and minds focused on Him, avoiding things that lead us away from His path. Let's strive to have a faith that shows in our actions. Speak with kindness, help those in need, and stay pure in your walk with God. Ask Him for strength and guidance to live out your faith every day. By doing so, you will honor God and be a true reflection of His love.

By Pastor Bryan Crouch,  
Lynn Haven Baptist Church

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**VINTON BAPTIST CHURCH** - 219 Washington Avenue, Vinton. Rev. Dr. Travis Russell, 343-7685. Sunday Services (year-round): Sunday School 9:15 AM, Morning Worship 10:30 AM; Wednesday Services (during the school year): Worship, Bible Study, Children's Choirs & Youth Ministry 6:15 PM.

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**CHURCH OF CHRIST VINTON** - 2107 Feather Road, Vinton. Terry Hodge, Minister, 540-890-1170. Sunday Bible Study 9:45 a.m., Sunday Morning Service 10:45 a.m., Wednesday Bible Study 10 a.m.

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**EVANGEL CHURCH** - 2330 Hardy Road, Vinton (corner of Hardy Road and

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

**LUTHERAN**

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**NAZARENE**

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# VINTON

## Perfect



A sleeping infant seems so close to heaven...resting with a peace that is near perfect. As he sleeps so soundly, could he be dreaming of the angels he's just left behind as he begins the journey of life?

A newborn has a soul not yet flawed by human frailty, a soul innocent and pure. A newborn has perfect trust that he will be loved and cared for. What faith!

As you worship God this week, do so with the faith of a newborn, perfect and pure. "O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! ...From the lips of children and infants you have ordained praise" (Psalm 8:1-2). You can trust that your father in Heaven will love and care for you!

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## WORSHIP DIRECTORY

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Worship 11:00am; Communion 1st Sundays; 2nd Sunday Session; Monday Noon Bible Study; Tuesdays & Thursdays Stretch Class 9:00am; 1st Tuesdays Deacons; Wednesday Choir 7:00pm; Monday Girl Scouts 7:00pm; 3rd Saturday Men's Breakfast 8:00am. Rev. Jonathan Moelker, pastor

**UNITED METHODIST**

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

**WESLEYAN**

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

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## Wag ‘N Wash

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bring all of his worlds together—”feeding people and feeding pets.”

Dantzler (who seems to have trouble staying retired) says he and a business partner kept tossing around the idea of the Wag ‘N Wash. “For some crazy reason” he missed retail; plus, he and his family love animals, pets, and fostering.

Realizing that pet ownership is rapidly expanding for those with and without children, they decided last January to go for it and open the business. It has been a night and weekend project in the months since and now they are ready to open their doors.

Wag ‘N Wash is a national franchise with some 28 stores across the country. They describe themselves as “a caring for pets from head to tail” as a full-service grooming salon, self-serve pet wash, and retailer of high-quality pet foods, treats, toys, and pet care essentials. Their goal is to become a store which offers high

quality service to those they will consider neighbors, not just customers.

Their plans are for a grand opening celebration in January, with some soft opening events coming up soon. The Roanoke franchise plans to hire 15 full- and part-time employees, including three groomers. Greg Hogston, another Kroger veteran, will manage the 3,800-square-foot store. Mandy Clark, who has been involved in pet retail and pet rescue for 20 years, is the assistant store manager.

Dantzler and his family lived in the Bonsack area for many years. His children are all graduates of William Byrd High School. Daughter Haley Harris is currently the athletic trainer for the William Byrd Terriers football team.

He has already become involved with the community as a member of the Vinton Chamber of Commerce and the Roanoke Regional Chamber. In October, Wag ‘N Wash sponsored the immensely popular

Doggie Costume Contest at the Vinton Fall Festival.

The Dantzlers have fostered pets for the SPCA and other rescue organizations throughout the years. They plan to encourage others to foster, rescue, and adopt, by partnering with the RCACP, St. Francis of Assisi, and other pet organizations. Wag ‘N Wash will also accept donations for rescue and adoption organizations from customers to be split between local groups. They plan to utilize their front sidewalk to host many adoption events.

At this point contractors are installing grooming stations, partitions, and shelves. Employees are busy stocking those shelves.

Their hours will be Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

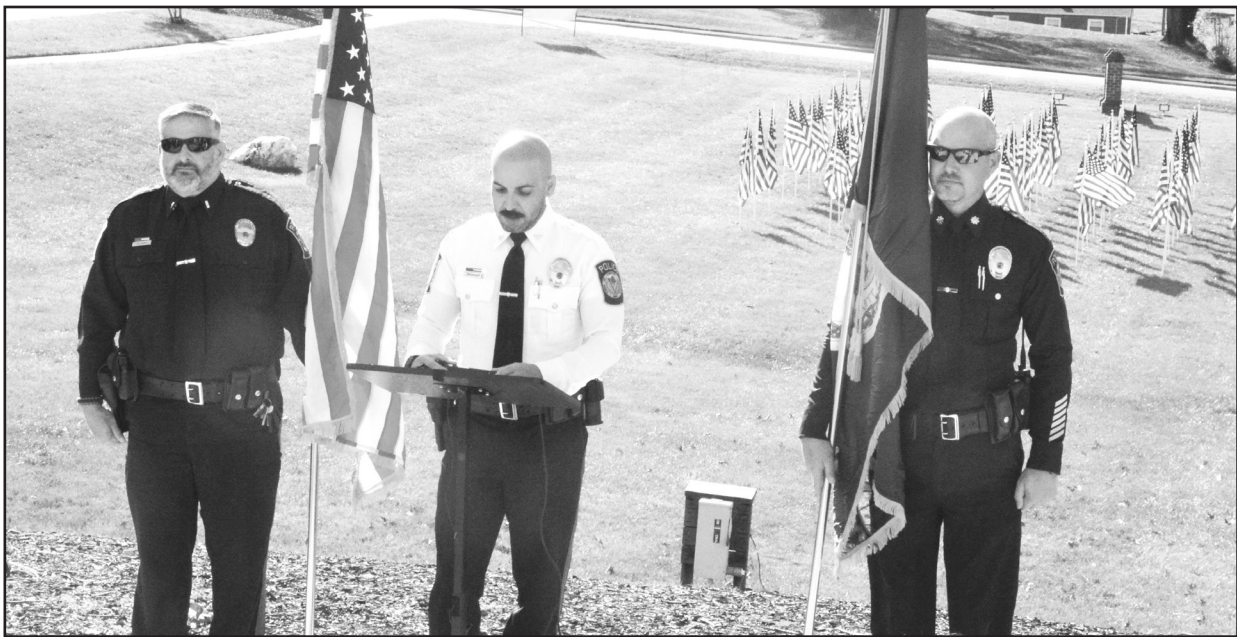
Follow Wag ‘N Wash on Facebook; visit the website at wagnwash.com; or call 540-924-9274 for more information, updates, and the grand opening date.



PHOTO BY DEBBIE ADAMS  
**Crews continue to ready the store for a grand opening celebration.**

## Field

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**Vinton Police Chief Fabricio Drumond (center) was the guest speaker at the inaugural Field of Honor event. He is pictured with Lt. Scott Hurt (left) and Deputy Police Chief Tim Lawless.**



PHOTOS BY DEBBIE ADAMS  
**Jason and Nicole Boothe dedicated an American flag on the Field of Honor to their son-in-law, U.S. Army Capt. Collin Rice.**

of Cultural Placemaking and Events, followed by the entrance of the Color Guard and Presentation of Colors, a welcome and opening prayer from Vinton Mayor Brad Grose, the Pledge of Allegiance, and the National Anthem.

Vinton Police Chief Fabricio Drumond delivered a stirring “Veteran’s Tribute Address.”

“For those of you in attendance, from our community members to our residents, our veterans, civic groups, and families, we proudly present this Field of Honor as a show of gratitude, that hopefully captures our deep-rooted and patriotic love we have for the great nation we are blessed to live in and to the people who stand up to defend it.

“To our veterans and service members, while a ‘thank you’ can seem mechanical at times, we’ll continue to say it; but with us, in our town, with today’s presentation of the Field of Honor, we commence on our path to put our ‘thank you’ into action.

“Thank you for your service to our nation. It is a commitment to something greater than ourselves, a pledge to protect our freedoms, and a determination to serve our nation and its people. Thank you for putting your lives on hold so others could live theirs. Each of you veterans are global ambassadors of what it means to have hope and change. Our nation can live without fear every day because of our American servicemen and women from current to past.

“To our beloved families, sacrifice comes at a cost to you all – a sacrifice that can sometimes go unnoticed. While our soldiers, sailors, airmen, guardians, and Marines serve, you endure sleepless nights, endless worry, and the crushing

loneliness of their absence, and, of course, the uncertainty of their return. American military families from coast to coast and abroad show incredible strength and resilience. Thank you for giving us the very best our country has to offer.

“The principles of freedom, justice, and equal opportunity have been the guiding lights of our nation since its founding. These ideals are the bedrock of our great nation, and they inspire us to strive for a better future for all. Our nation, since inception, is a tapestry woven from the diverse threads of different cultures, backgrounds, and beliefs, creating a rich and prosperous society that many dream to come to. This diversity is our strength, and it is a testament to the enduring spirit of America.

“Our American way of life comes with a heavy price, and as President Ronald Reagan stated in a radio address to the nation in 1983, ‘Veterans know better than anyone else the price of freedom, for they’ve suffered the scars of war. Each time our nation is called upon, the best has come forward to defend our nation.’

“From the past to modern day, those veterans were everyday Americans. They are our farmers, our teachers, our service workers, our laborers, our truck drivers, and people from all walks of life, united by their love for their land and their unwavering commitment to freedom.

“From our first veterans who stood united against oppression, armed not just with weapons, but with the unwavering belief that all people are entitled to liberty and justice. Those pioneers dreamed of a nation where every individual could

live freely, pursue their passions, and contribute to the common good.

“But as we all know, the freedoms we cherish do not come without cost. We owe a debt of gratitude to our veterans – those who have served in the armed forces, who have put their lives on the line to defend our American way of life. They are heroes in the truest sense, embodying the values of courage, sacrifice, and commitment. Whether in times of war or peace, these brave individuals have answered the call to serve, often at great personal sacrifice. Many have faced unimaginable challenges and returned home changed forever.

“So, as you look at each flag today in the Field of Honor, carefully woven into each American flag is the sacrifice of love of country from each and every veteran.

“From inception to today, the story of America is truly one of a kind – a narrative of simple origins, fueled by unwavering faith and daring aspirations, founded on an idea, a set of beliefs, set forth by our Creator. Our nation’s most treasured documents provide the blueprint for freedom, prosperity, and the pursuit of dreams, guided by faith in our Almighty Creator. Behind those documents is a group of Americans who have stood up to defend those very ideals.

“It’s the American service members who dons their uniform, not for glory, but for the single principle of a love of service and the preservation of a free democracy. It is the service member who preserves the sanctity of life in foreign lands, and it is the selfless sacrifice and the final actions of many patriots that solidify that there is no greater calling than to serve others in a time of need.

Our American military is called to foreign lands not to conquer, but to liberate. An attempt to give a troubled nation and its people an opportunity to live free of oppression, free to express, and emboldened to dream, of a better life.

“Those that choose to attack our homeland and our American way of life will never prevail because we, the American people, cannot be broken. Tragedies only fuel the American spirit and illustrate the proof of American resilience and the determination for a better world. You, the American veteran, are living proof of those American ideals. To our veterans: you step up, you serve, you never let America down. Our duty as Americans is to never lose our sense of gratitude to your sacrifice.”

Donna Collins, Director of Human Resources/Risk Management, read the list of veterans who were honored by family and friends with placement of a flag on the Field of Honor. In this inaugural year, about 40 flags were purchased with another 60 placed by the town. She closed by reading the poem “Freedom Isn’t Free.”

Gary Duerk closed the Field of Honor ceremony with the playing of “Taps.” Guests were then able to walk among the flags on the Field of Honor to locate the flag dedicated in honor of their veteran.

The Field of Honor display was envisioned by the Town of Vinton’s Veterans Outreach Committee and installed by a team from Vinton Public Works and Community Programs. The town hopes to double the number of flags next year. Proceeds go to local VFW Post 4522. Flags are given to those who purchased them once the event ends.

# Celebrating The Town of VINTON!

The Town of Vinton, a community nestled in the Blue Ridge Mountains, welcomes you to our community. Vinton, a town rich with history, has over the years found itself to be one of a few communities that continue to relish the past by offering an environment of a comfortable lifestyle with the feeling of being a part of a large community family. The town, with its proximity to the Blue Ridge Parkway and Smith Mountain Lake, provides many opportunities for those who wish to stop and shop at our local farmers market or one of our unique specialty shops.

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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# Mount Pleasant Lions host Native American Chief Ren Herdman

**Debbie Adams**  
*dadams@ourvalley.org*

Native American descendant Ren Herdman was the guest speaker at the Mount Pleasant Lions Club on November 5. She grew up in Southwest Virginia and is a graduate of William Byrd High School and a member of the Central Appalachian Cherokee Tribe (CAC). She has spent years studying and documenting Native American sites throughout the Central Appalachian region and across the country. She also speaks as a Native American educator on the local tribes that were present in the Central Appalachian region, as well as tribes that were present in other parts of the country.

Herdman is multi-talented. Her first mention in The Vinton Messenger was in 1996 with a feature article on her stunt work in a Jean Claude Van Dam movie “Sudden Death.” She was a radio broadcaster for Vinton station WKBA, for Q99 and K92, then the

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Native American Chief Ren Herdman was the guest speaker at the Nov. 5 Mount Pleasant Lions Club meeting. Pictured left to right are Lion Mike Ferguson, Cherokee Princess Aleni Garcia, Chief Ren Herdman, Ashes Dearing, and Lion Anne Ferguson.



Multi-talented Ren Herdman appeared in The Vinton Messenger in 1996 in an article on her stunt work for a Jean Claud Van Dam movie and her career in broadcasting.

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of a Request for Proposals in August 2024. Two formal proposals to develop a hotel at the site were received. The town’s Economic Development Committee chose KARA Hospitality and directed staff to negotiate acceptable terms with the company.

A Contract of Sale for the property with KARA Hospitality has been agreed to in principle and will include a due diligence period through June 30, 2025, that will include the approval of a performance agreement with the town (development incentive grants), finalizing building plans, making site improvements, and securing a hotel franchise for the property.

Council also approved a resolution authorizing the town manager to execute the Performance Agreement between the Town of Vinton, the Roanoke County Economic Development Authority (EDA) and KARA Hospitality for the purpose of developing an Extended Stay America Premium hotel on the parcels, to be known as the Vinton/East County Hotel Project.

Under terms of the Performance Agreement, KARA has agreed to a minimum investment of \$12 million for the development of the hotel, to create and maintain at least 10 new full-time jobs at the hotel, and to generate \$100,000 in

increased transient occupancy tax revenue per year for the town.

In turn, the town and EDA will provide an Economic Development Incentive Grant to encourage the hotel project and pay the amount of the grant to KARA Hospitality over a five-year period. Commencing on the first anniversary of the opening date of the hotel, and continuing thereafter on each anniversary day of the opening date for five consecutive years (for a total of five annual payments), the town will pay to the Authority and the Authority will pay to KARA a grant in the amount of \$100,000; provided that the amount of the grant will be reduced by the amount of any shortfall the company has in achieving its annual Transient Occupancy Tax Revenue Target for each respective year.

Mayor Grose earnestly thanked Town Manager Pete Peters and staff for diligently pursuing this project for several years, despite the many obstacles they encountered.

The council meeting included many recognitions and awards for local businesses and staff.

Economic Development Specialist Marshall Stanley recognized Vinton restaurants who received Best Dining Awards in the annual Roanoker Magazine competition: the Dogwood Restaurant,

Macado’s, New York Pizza, Our Daily Bread, Pok-E-Joe’s, Pollard 107 South, and RND Coffee. Owner Cory Welch accepted the award for Pok-E-Joe’s; Jes Curtin represented RND Coffee.

Vinton Human Resource/Risk Management Director Donna Collins recognized Town of Vinton employees who are veterans, including Mayor Brad Grose, Police Chief Fabricio Drumond, Cpl. Jesse Dibble, Public Works Chief Mechanic Jimmy Brown, Officer Sean McKittrick, and Officer Jacob Miller. She commended the veterans for their honor, sacrifice, resilience, courage, and discipline. She also recognized military families for those same traits. Flags were dedicated to each veteran employed by the town and placed on the inaugural Field of Honor at the Vinton War Memorial. She noted that the event raised over \$1,100 for Vinton VFW Post 4522 and will continue next year. Veterans were also honored at a town luncheon last week.

Town Council recognized Collins and Community Programs Manager Amanda Payne for their hard work leading to Vinton being recognized as a “Top Performer” Commemorative Partner by the U.S. Department of Defense. To achieve this recognition an organization must host five or

more events honoring Vietnam veterans and their families. This rare honor goes to only 15 percent of the more than 13,000 organizations participating.

Police Chief Drumond recognized several Vinton officers during the meeting. Officer Jesse Dibble was promoted to the rank of corporal, pinned by his mother. Officer Grant Shepherd was also promoted to corporal, accompanied by his wife and infant son.

Sgt. Brandon Alterio and Sgt. Jeremy Shrewsbury received Certificates of Commendation for completing the strenuous FBI-Leeda Trilogy Series in leadership.

Officer Jason Call was commended for his actions on September 27, 2024, during Hurricane Helene. On that date, Officer Call brought his chainsaw to work to clear blocked roadways and removed downed trees, performing far “above and beyond” his job requirements. Drumond commended him for his “tremendous attitude and exemplary qualities” which demonstrate his care for the community.

Public Works Director Bo Herndon updated council on topics and projects discussed at the November Public Works meeting. Two citizen issues were dealt with—complaints about motorists speeding on Ruddell Road and those ignoring stop signs at the intersection of 5th

and Cedar. Ruddell Road has recently been striped, and the town anticipates installation of speed limit signs. The town is in discussion with VDOT over the 5th and Cedar intersection and possible remedies.

He also reported that the traffic signal destroyed in an accident at PFG will be replaced by mid-December. Efforts continue to replace street signs throughout the town. The Midway community is complete; currently, crews are working on the Bali Hai/Bush Farms area; next up will be Dillon Woods and Briarcliff.

The town anticipates the completion of repair work which has closed Niagara Road by mid-December or early January. The new utility line is in service; the Western Virginia Water Authority is now in the process of abandoning the old line.

Treasurer/Finance Director Andrew Keen presented September and October financial reports for council’s approval. He noted that revenues continue to exceed expectations (including consumer-based meals, cigarette, pari-mutuel, and state sales taxes) while expenditures are lower than anticipated. He mentioned the upcoming renovations to the Vinton War Memorial, which will require its closure for about a year, are expected to cost about \$2 million.



Sgt. Brandon Alterio and Sgt. Jeremy Shrewsbury received Certificates of Commendation for completing the FBI-Leeda Trilogy Series in leadership. Pictured left to right are Dep. Chief Tim Lawless, Sgt. Alterio, Sgt. Shrewsbury, and Chief Drumond.



Human Resources/Risk Management Director Donna Collins and Community Programs Manager Amanda Payne accepted the “Top Performer” Vietnam Commemorative Partner Award for the town from the U.S. Dept. of Defense. Pictured left to right are Amanda Payne, Mayor Brad Grose, and Donna Collins.



Town of Vinton employees who are also veterans were honored by the presentation of flags. Pictured left to right are Cpl. Dibble, Sgt. Alterio, Chief Drumond, and Grose. Not pictured are Chief Mechanic Jimmy Brown, Officer Sean McKittrick, and Officer Jacob Miller.



Several Vinton restaurants received Dining Awards from the Roanoker Magazine and were recognized by Economic Development Specialist Marshall Stanley. Pictured left to right are Mayor Brad Grose, Jes Curtin representing RND Coffee, Cory Welch, owner of Pok-E-Joe’s, and Marshall Stanley.

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Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code§§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316.20-104 Case No. **CL24-415** VIRGINIA:IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE COUNTY OF BOTETOURT COUNTY OF BOTETOURT, VIRGINIA, a Political Subdivision of the Commonwealth of Virginia, AND TOWN OF BUCHANAN, VIRGINIA, a Political Subdivision of the Commonwealth of Virginia, Complainant, v. WELDON E. ALEXANDER, ET AL., Respondents(s) ORDER OF PUBLICATION The object of this suit is to enforce the lien of the Complainant, County of Botetourt, Virginia, for delinquent real estate taxes against certain real property located in the County of Botetourt, Virginia, described as follows: Tax Map No. 53-39 Account No. 20807 All that certain tract or parcel of land, lying and being in the Buchanan Magisterial District, Botetourt County, Virginia, containing 2.5 acres, more or less. And being the remaining portion of the same property conveyed to Weldon E. Alexander and Rosa M. Alexander, husband and wife, as tenants by the entirety with the right of survivorship, from Paul J. McCormick, widower, and Weldon E. Alexander and Rosa M. Alexnader, husband and wife, by Deed of Correction dated May 30, 1978, in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Botetourt County, Virginia, in Deed Book 243, at Page 804. This description is made subject to all easements, conditions, agreements, restrictions, and reservations of record which affect the property herein described including but not limited to those recorded in Deed Book 243, at Page 412, Deed Book 243, at Page 410, and Deed Book 178, at Page 814. IT APPEARING that an Affidavit has been made and filed stating the due diligence has been used, without effect, to ascertain the identity and location of certain parties to be served, that the last known addresses for the Respondents herein are as follows: Weldon E. Alexander, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is P.O. Box 1035, Buchanan, Virginia, 24066; Rosa M. Weldon, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address 676 Arcadia Road, Buchanan, Virginia 24066; Timothy E. Alexander, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is 1527 N. Princeton Drive, Covington, Virginia 24426; Linda D. McCormick, whose last known address is 802 W Ridgeway Street, Apt. 400, Clifton Forge, Virginia 24422; and that any officers, heirs, devisees, and successors in title of the Respondent named herein are made parties Respondent to this action individually and/or by the general description of Parties Unknown, it is hereby

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ORDERED

that the parties herein and all Parties Unknown and/or whose location cannot be ascertained appear on or before December 23, 2024 in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the County of Botetourt, Virginia, and do what may be necessary to protect their interests in this cause. Entered on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2024 T. Moore, Clerk I Ask For This: John A. rife, Esq. (VSB No. 45805) Jeffrey A Scharf, Esq. (VSB No. 30591) Mark K. Ames, Esq. (VSB No. 27409) Andrew M. Neville, Esq. (VSB No. 86372) Paul L. LaBarr, Esq. (VSB No. 91609) Gregory L. Haynes, Esq. (VSB No. 37158) Seth R. Konopasek, Esq. (VSB No. 97065) Garrett W. Patton, Esq. (VSB No. 98345) Taxing Authority Consulting Services, PC P.O. Box 31800 Henrico, Virginia 23294-1800 Phone: (804) 545-2500 Facsimile (804) 545-2378 TACS No. 924005

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

Timber Ridge, Buchanan, Virginia 24066 Parcel ID No. 31978 Tax Map No. 49-43B BOTETOURT COUNTY, VA In execution of a credit line deed of trust dated December 13, 2019 (the "Deed of Trust"), recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the County of Botetourt, Virginia, as Instrument 190004704, the undersigned substitute Trustees, any or all of whom may act, will offer for sale at the front steps of the Botetourt County Circuit Court Clerk's Office, 5 West Main Street, Fincastle, Virginia 24090-0219, on December 12, 2024, at 12:00 o'clock noon, property located at or near Timber Ridge, Buchanan, Virginia, which property is more particularly described as follows: All of that certain tract or parcel of land designated as New Tract B and containing 5.012 acres, more or less, as more fully shown on that certain "Plat Of The Property of George T. & Lesley N. Kutchman DB 392 PG 420; TM #49-43 Creating New Tract B," dated March 7, 2019 and prepared by Christopher N. McMurry, Land Surveyor, a copy of which is recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Botetourt County, Virginia, in Plat Book 63, Page 31. This sale is subject to all liens, easements, restrictions, conditions, and reservations of record affecting the title to the property hereinabove described, to the extent any of them have priority over the lien of the Deed of Trust. TERMS OF SALE: A bidder's deposit of up to ten percent (10%) of the successful bid in certified funds required (certified or cashier's check made payable to Spilman, Thomas & Battle, PLLC). Settlement within thirty (30) days of sale with balance of purchase price paid in cash. Additional terms may be announced at the time of sale. The successful bidder will be required to execute a Memorandum of Trustee's Sale outlining additional terms of sale and settlement that will be available for review prior to the announcement of sale. Employees, directors and officers of Farm Credit of the Virginias, ACA, and their immediate family and companies in which they have an interest are not eligible under federal regulations to purchase this property at foreclosure. Bryson J. Hunter, Peter M. Pearl, and Jennifer A. Baker, Substitute Trustees For Information Contact: brysonj.hunter@spilmanlaw.com Spilman Thomas & Battle, PLLC P.O. Box 90 Roanoke, Virginia 24002 540-512-1800 Telephone

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NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE OF

4807 Pilot Rd., Pilot, Virginia

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24138 (Montgomery County, Virginia)

In execution of a deed of trust, from JAMES F. PHILLIPS and STEPHANIE A. PHILLIPS, dated January 31, 2007, in the original principal amount of \$64,228.59, recorded in the Clerk's Office of the County of Montgomery, Virginia, as Instrument Number 07001497, Seth E. Twery, P.C. having been appointed Substitute Trustee, pursuant to Appointment of Substitute Trustee dated August 29, 2024, recorded in the aforesaid Clerk's Office as Instrument Number 2024005255, due to default in payment of the debt secured, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in front of the Courthouse for the Circuit Court of Montgomery County, Virginia on the 4th day of December, 2024 at 11:00 a.m., that certain tract of real estate known as 4807 Pilot Rd., Pilot, Virginia 24138 situated in the County of Montgomery, Virginia, more particularly described as follows: All that certain tract or parcel of land, with the improvements thereon and the appurtenances thereunto belonging, situate, lying and being on the southwesterly side of Pilot Road (Virginia Route 615), in the Riner Magisterial District of Montgomery County, Virginia, described as follows: All that tract containing 1.012 acres as shown on the map entitled "PLAT OF SURVEY TO BE CONVEYED TO JAMES F. PHILLIPS AND STEPHANIE A. PHILLIPS," prepared by C.S. Correll, L.S., of Correll Surveying, dated March 24, 1998, Plat #1028, a copy of which map is recorded in the Office of the Clerk, Circuit Court, Montgomery County, Virginia, in Deed Book 1002, at Page 578 and to which map reference is made for a more particular description of the property hereby conveyed. SUBJECT TO the right to use water from the spring and the right to install, maintain and renew a pipe line for the purpose of pumping said water, together. TOGETHER WITH the right of ingress and egress for the purpose of maintaining said pipe line by instrument of record in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Montgomery County, Virginia, in Deed Book 580, Page 639. Included with the sale of the aforesaid real estate is a 2007 Giles Manufactured Home - VIN No. G131470. Sale subject to all conditions, restrictions, reservations and easements, if any of record and now applicable thereto. Terms: At least 10% cash on day of sale; balance due within 30 days. FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Seth E. Twery, Esq. Seth E. Twery, P.C. P.O. Box 185 Lynchburg, VA 24505-0185 (434)845-5285

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Order of Publication

Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code§§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316.20-104 Case No. **CL24001726-00** MONTGOMERY Circuit Court, 55 EAST MAIN STREET, SUITE 1, CHRISTIANSBURG, VA 24073 Commonwealth of Virginia, *in re* ASHLEY MCLEMORE v. COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA The object of this suit is to: MINOR NAME CHANGE FOR RYLAND HALL. It is ORDERED that CHRISTOPHER JOSEPH HALL appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before JANUARY 10, 2025 @1:00PM. K. Mike Fleenor, Judge

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Order of Publication

Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code§§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316.20-104 Case No. **CL24001764-00** MONTGOMERY Circuit Court, 55 EAST MAIN STREET, SUITE 1, CHRISTIANSBURG, VA 24073 Commonwealth of Virginia, *in re* STACEY LYNN MONTOYA v. JOSE CARLOS HERNANDEZ MONTOYA The object of this suit is to: DIVORCE. It is ORDERED that JOSE CARLOS HERNANDEZ MONTOYA appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before JANUARY 13, 2025 @9:00 AM. November 12, 2024 K. Mike Fleenor, Judge

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TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 3025 OLIVER ROAD, ELLISTON, VA 24087.

In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated November 23, 2011, in the original principal amount of \$63,500.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Montgomery County, Virginia as Instrument No. 2011009822. 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 January 6, 2025, at 12:30 PM, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows: THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND, TO-WIT: LOT B, CONTAINING 15.165 ACRES AS SHOWN ON THE SURVEY PLAT FOR AND BEING A FAMILY SUBDIVISION FOR GERALD AND ELAINE M. BAHNKEN AND ROBERT AND CARLA T. BAHNKEN SHOWING NEW LOTS A AND B, CONTAINING 18.619 ACRES TOTAL SURVEYED, LOCATED IN THE MOUNT TABOR MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VIRGINIA, DATED FEBRUARY 28, 2007, PREPARED BY PIERSON ENGINEERING AND SURVEYING, RECORDED IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY VIRGINIA IN PLAT BOOK 27, PAGE 137. SUBJECT, HOWEVER TO AN ACCESS EASEMENT FOR INGRESS AND EGRESS CENTERED OVER THE TWENTY (20) FOOT GRAVEL DRIVE OVER LOT B AS SHOWN ON THE AFORESAID PLAT. SUBJECT TO RESTRICTIONS, RESERVATIONS, EASEMENT, COVENANTS, OIL, GAS OR MINERAL RIGHTS OF RECORD, IF ANY. TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder's deposit of ten percent (10%) of the sale price or ten percent (10%) of the original principal balance of the subject Deed of Trust, whichever is lower, in the form of cash or certified

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funds payable to the Substitute Trustee must be present at the time of the sale. The balance of the purchase price will be due within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Purchaser's deposit may be forfeited to Trustee. Time is of the essence. Substitute Trustee has identified an unreleased security instrument which may be superior to the subject Deed of Trust. Substitute Trustee disclaims any implication that the Property will be sold free and clear of all liens. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser may, if provided by the terms of the Trustee's Memorandum of Foreclosure Sale, be entitled to a \$50 cancellation fee from the Substitute Trustee, but shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. A form copy of the Trustee's memorandum of foreclosure sale and contract to purchase real property is available for viewing at [www.bwvsales.com](http://www.bwvsales.com). Additional terms, if any, to be announced at the sale and the Purchaser may be given the option to execute the contract of sale electronically. This is a communication from a debt collector and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. The sale is subject to seller confirmation. Substitute Trustee: Equity Trustees, LLC, 8100 Three Chopt Road, Suite 240, Richmond, VA 23229. For more information contact: BWV Law Group, LLC, attorneys for Equity Trustees, LLC, 6003 Executive Blvd, Suite 101, Rockville, MD 20852, 301-961-6555, website: [www.bwvsales.com](http://www.bwvsales.com). VA-371303-1.

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Notice of Public Hearing

Town of Blacksburg Planning Commission Tuesday, December 3, 2024 Notice is hereby given that the Planning Commission of the Town of Blacksburg will conduct the following public hearing on Tuesday, December 3, 2024 during its meeting beginning at 6:30 PM in the Roger E. Hedgepeth Council Chamber, 300 South Main St, Blacksburg, VA on the following item: RZN-24-3-Clay Street Apartment PRD request from R-5 Transitional Residential to PR Planned Residential at 402 Clay Street SE. Rezone request to permit the construction of two (2) three-story multifamily buildings with a maximum of 72 bedrooms in 42 units (46 bedrooms/acre or 27 units/acre). The buildings contain 30 two-bedroom units and 12 one-bedroom units. Twenty percent (20%) of the units will be income restricted to households earning less than 80% of Area Median Income (AMI) and will be managed through the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development. This area is designated on the Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use map as Medium Density Residential which is defined as up to and including ten dwelling units per acre; or up to 20 bedrooms per acre, whichever is less. The proposed development represents an increase in density above the Future Land Use designation. Zoning Ordinance Amendment (ZOA) #60/ORD #2001-An amendment to amend the text of the Town's Zoning Ordinance to create a new Downtown Northwest zoning district for the area bounded by North Main Street, Turner Street, and Prices Fork Road. In 2019, the Town adopted the Downtown Strategic Plan which identified six sub districts for Downtown including the Downtown Northwest district bounded by North Main Street, Prices Fork Road, and Turner Street NW. The proposed amendment will create a new floating zoning district applicable to the Downtown Northwest area. Creation of a new district does not change existing zoning and property owners would need to rezone to the new district through a public hearing

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process.

The district includes an applicability criteria, permitted use table, definitions specific to the new district, building dimensional standards, building design standards, site development standards, and signage provisions. The district incorporates many new form-based zoning regulations, which have more specificity in building and site design requirements than typically found in traditional zoning districts. Persons affected by or interested in the rezoning and zoning ordinance amendment requests may appear and present their views. After hearing, the Planning Commission may take action. Copies of the applications, staff report and all related items may be found online at [www.blacksburg.gov/public](http://www.blacksburg.gov/public) hearings or reviewed in person at the Blacksburg Planning and Building Department, 400 South Main Street, Blacksburg, Virginia. You may also call the office at (540) 443-1300 for more information. Individuals with disabilities who require special assistance to attend and participate in the public hearing on the above should contact the Planning & Building Department at (540) 443-1300, or (540)-443-1000-TDD.

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Order of Publication

Commonwealth of Virginia VA Code§§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316.20-104 Case No. **CL24007489-00** RADFORD Circuit Court, 619 SECOND STREET, RADFORD, VA 24141 Commonwealth of Virginia, *in re* KEVIN C. LYLE v. UNKNOWN HEIRS OF MARJORIE MILLER LYLE The object of this suit is to: PETITION FOR PROBATE OF LOST WILL. It is ORDERED that UNKNOWN HEIRS appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before JANUARY 7, 2025. ANGEL TURPIN, CHIEF DEPUTY CLERK

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## Byrd girls honored

The All-Region volleyball team for Region 3D was announced this week and two William Byrd girls received honors. Senior Ava Ashworth (left) and junior Isabella Dudley (#6 below) both were deemed Honorable Mention.



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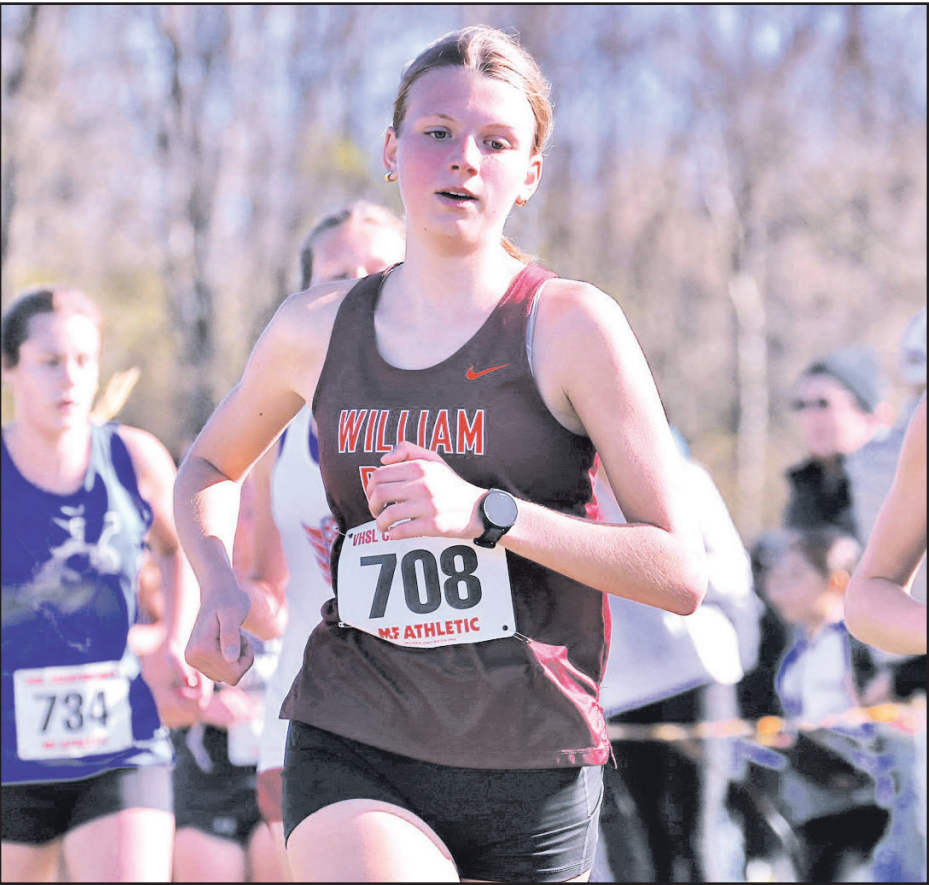


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William Byrd’s Lucy Whitenack runs in the Class 3 state cross country meet at Virginia Tech last Saturday.

## Whitenack runs for Byrd in state 3D cross country

William Byrd’s Lucy Whitenack competed in the Virginia High School League Class 3 state cross country meet last Saturday in Blacksburg. The VHSL Class 1, 2 and 3 state races were held on the 5K Virginia Tech course.

Whitenack, a junior, finished 78th among 133 girls in the race with a time

of 22:52. Samantha Nitzsche of William Monroe High in Stanardsville was the individual winner in 18:03. Spotswood won the girls’ team championship in Class 3. Broadway was the boys’ team champ and Tristan Yoder of Broadway was the individual winner with a time of 15:34.

## Basketball teams scrimmage

The William Byrd basketball teams will have their first scrimmages of the pre-season in the coming week as they prepare for the winter season.

This Saturday both the boys’ and girls’ teams will scrimmage Carroll County in Hillsville. The boys’ varsity and jayvee teams will both scrimmage at 10 am and the girls, both varsity and jayvee, will scrimmage at noon.

Next Tuesday, November 25, the boys have a home scrimmage with Magna Vista. The jayvees will scrimmage the Warriors at 5:30 pm with the varsity to follow.

The girls will scrimmage Magna Vista teams in Ridgeway, with the jayvees at 5:30 pm and the varsity to follow.

Both varsity teams open the regular season on Tuesday, December 3rd, against Christiansburg. The girls will be at Christiansburg and the boys will host the Blue Demons in Vinton.

## Moves

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Cornerstone Antiques moves to a new location/foundation.

## Herdman

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“weather girl” on WSL TV. She went on to become a broadcaster in Pittsburgh, a martial arts instructor, and an author of magazine articles and books. In addition, she is also an ordained chaplain, and an active military member of the State Guard, where she proudly serves as a Warrant Officer.

This past summer, Herdman visited the Vinton History Museum and donated several archaic artifacts to the museum for its collection.

She brought along many artifacts on her visit to the Mount Pleasant Lions, mostly from the Roanoke Valley and along the Roanoke River, including nutcracker rocks, the blade of a gardening hoe, many sizes of grinding stones and pestles, projectile points, scrapers, fleshers, abraders, sewing tools, and pottery chards. She and two members of the CAC who assisted her, Ashes Dearing and Cherokee Princess Aleni Garcia, were dressed in Cherokee regalia.

Herdman talked about blankets and what they meant to Native American tribes, especially during the forced relocation, the Trail of Tears, as a sign

of not just warmth, but of comfort. Part of the CAC mission is giving blankets to local police departments to comfort victims of accidents and crimes. She displayed beads, seeds, shells, and hairpin bones, which were used decoratively by Native Americans, along with shakers and feathers. Feathers, especially eagle feathers, were important in Native American culture because birds “fly closest to the Creator.”

She explained the purpose of the popular “dreamcatchers” placed over a child’s or elder’s bed to catch bad dreams.

Herdman explained that the Central Appalachian Cherokee Tribe is a non-profit, community-based educational tribe. Members are descendants of the Cherokee people who once lived in East Tennessee, East Kentucky, Southwest Virginia, parts of North Carolina, and parts of West Virginia. Tribal membership is based on Native American blood quantum and/or family history (oral or documented.)

The purpose of the CAC is “to help support the communities of the Central Appalachian region through

volunteerism and philanthropy, and to keep the memory of members’ ancestors alive.” Many descendants of the Central Appalachian Cherokee assimilated or died before the Indian Removal Act of 1830, as well as before the organization of the Dawes Rolls from 1899-1907. The CAC wants to “remember them, as their life was hard, and their true identity was considered shameful in that time of American history.”

The CAC is not affiliated with any other federally recognized Cherokee tribe; members do not participate in, nor tolerate, American witchcraft or any other form of shamanistic occultism. In fact, Herdman is a Christian.

Herdman serves as the CEO “Chief” of the Central Appalachian Cherokee Tribe, a member of the Wolf Clan. She is multi-ethnic and proud of all the heritage she represents. Like

most Americans on the eastern side of the country, Native American blood quantum isn’t her largest percentage. However, she is well documented to be of Native American descent by both DNA and family history. She also feels that God is calling her to help with Native American causes.

She is the first female to be named CEO “Principal Chief” of the tribe.

At the end of her talk, Herdman answered questions from Lions Club members. One concerned determining Native American heritage, as many families in this area believe they are Native American descendants. DNA “spit” testing appears to be a good starting point for determining ancestry.

For more information on the Central Appalachian Cherokee tribe, visit the website at [www.cacherokeetribe.squarespace.com](http://www.cacherokeetribe.squarespace.com).



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Left, Terriers swarm to the ball to make a tackle in last Friday's win over Staunton River. Making the play are Jonathan Rosser(left) Jahdai English(#2) and Blake Anderson(#23). Right, Ethan Haston bear hugs and Eagle to make a stop.

## Terriers turn the lights out on Staunton River for playoff win

*Byrd will play top-seeded Abingdon on the road in Region 3D semifinal this Friday*

The William Byrd football team played Staunton River for a second time last Friday and scored one less point than in the first meeting. This time, however, they held the Eagles scoreless and 20 was plenty for a 20-0 win.

The Terriers beat the Golden Eagles in overtime, 21-20, on November 1st in Moneta in a game that went down to the final seconds and the final inches of a failed two-point conversion attempt. Last Friday the fourth seeded Byrdmen got to host the fifth seeded Eagles in the first round of the Virginia High School League Region 3D playoffs, and Byrd shut out the visitors at Patterson Stadium. With the win Byrd advances to this week's region semifinal at Abingdon High School.

Certainly playing in Vinton was a benefit, but Byrd coach Brad Lutz and his staff were able to make some adjustments for the second meeting with Staunton River. The result was the fourth shutout of the season for the Terrier defense as Byrd improved to 9-2 on the season.

"While we won the first game against Staunton River, they had success against us on offense and defense," said Lutz. "Offensively, they produced success in the run game, and our defensive staff made a few adjustments that made a huge difference.

Defensively, they created a lot of pressure on our passing game, and our players put in a ton of film and field time to adjust. The extra adjustments and prep paid off, and I believe was the difference in the game."

Byrd jumped on top early this time around. Ethan Haston picked off a pass on Staunton River's first possession and two plays later Cannin Lutz found Tate Kotz for a 42 yard TD pass. The extra point attempt failed but Byrd had a 6-0 lead with less than two minutes gone.

The defense held Staunton River on the ensuing possession and Byrd struck again on a 42 yard TD pass from Lutz to Kam McKee. This time the conversion was good and Byrd led 13-0 in the first quarter.

After a scoreless second period the Terriers put another score on the board in the third quarter. After a brief delay due to a power outage the Terriers lit up the scoreboard with Kotz' second TD reception from Cannin Lutz, this time from 24 yards out. The 20-0 lead was plenty for the Byrd defense as the Terriers closed out a big win.

Lutz completed 10 of 15 passes in the game for 193 yards and three scores. Kotz had five catches for 115 yards and McKee had 53 yards on two receptions. Jerrett Shepherd had 103 yards rushing on 17 carries and Gray Matthews rolled up 58 yards on a dozen

attempts.

The defense was solid as Blake Anderson led with eight tackles and Jahdai English had six. Graylen Castleberry had a huge game with five tackles, including four for losses, and two quarterback pressures. Reliable Maurice Burnette had a tackle for a loss and a pair of QB pressures to go with four tackles. Shepherd and Kotz had four tackles each.

The playoff win was Byrd's fourth in the past two years. Byrd is 21-4 over the past two seasons after going 3-16 the two seasons prior, and you can see the confidence building.

"Confidence is the key ingredient in growing any program or team," said coach Lutz. "Our players have worked very hard and earned an opportunity to compete in the playoffs. We are blessed to have an older group, who has not only had playoff experience, but experienced success in the playoffs. Playing in a game of this magnitude is not new to them, so that is a big advantage for us."

This Friday the Terriers will take on the top-seeded Falcons at Abingdon High. Abingdon is 10-1 and their only loss was to Tennessee High of Bristol, 21-0, the last Friday in September. The only common opponent between the two is Christiansburg, who Byrd beat 33-0 and Abingdon defeated 31-28. Both games were in September one week apart.

"They are the biggest team that we have played this season," said Lutz. "They only have a few players that go both ways, which is a big advantage. They have a lot of team speed and run an offense that limits your offensive possessions. They are very well coached and play extremely hard."

Byrd and Abingdon have never played each other in the history of both schools. The winner will play for the Region 3D championship against the winner of a game between second seeded Magna Vista and third seeded Lord Botetourt. If Byrd wins this week they will be on the road again the day after Thanksgiving, but that shouldn't be a problem. The Terriers are 4-1 in road games this year with their only loss at Lord Botetourt in a game that went to the final seconds before it was decided.

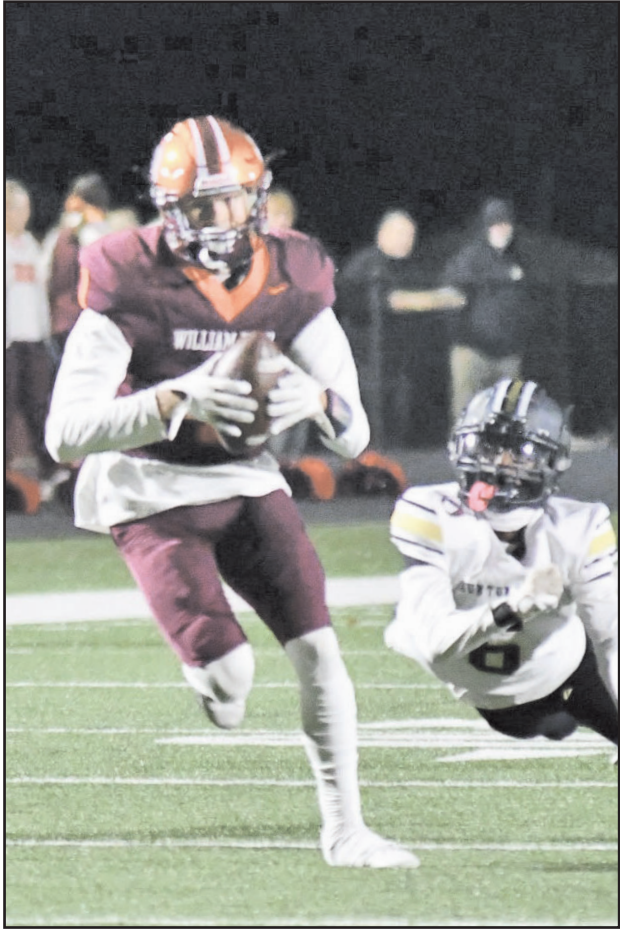
"Our program has a very structured game day routine, so we want to keep that routine this Friday," said Lutz "The extended trip creates a few challenges, but we will adapt. Emory and Henry University is near Abingdon High School, so we're going to stop there and use their facilities to have our normal pre-game snack, walk through and dress for the game."

Coach Lutz knows his way around the E&H campus as his son Bryson, a former Byrd standout, is a junior offensive lineman for the Wasps.



PHOTO BY SUZANNE WITCHER

William Byrd head coach Brad Lutz greets the Terriers as they come off the field. Left to right are Cyrus Adams (#54), Jonathan Rosser (#13), BJ Cheatwood (#65) and Tate Kotz (#11).



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Left, Byrd's Tate Kotz is off and running for a third quarter touchdown after catching a pass from Cannin Lutz. Middle, Kam McKee leaves a Golden Eagles grasping for air as he scores Byrd's first touchdown on a 42 yard pass from Lutz. Right, Cannin hands off to Gray Matthews.