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**New Eagle Scout Oliver Lacy with his mother and stepfather, Kasey and Trevor Bratton**

## Oliver Lacy earns Scouting's highest rank, Eagle Scout

**Debbie Adams**  
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Oliver Lacy, a member of Vinton Scout Troop 235, has been awarded the highest rank possible in Scouting— that of Eagle Scout. Only 4% of those who enter Scouting achieve this distinction. His Court of Honor ceremony was held on May 24 at the Scout building at Thrasher Memorial United Methodist Church with fellow Scouts, Scout leaders, family, and friends attending the celebration. Scoutmaster Steve Thrasher opened and guided the ceremony. Lacy was reminded by his Scout leaders of the five obligations of an Eagle Scout— to live honorably; to be loyal to family, friends, Scout leaders, school, and nation; to be courageous, not only physically but by standing up for what is right; to be cheerful; and to serve others.

To become an Eagle Scout, you are required:

- To be active in your troop and patrol for at least six months as a Life Scout
- To demonstrate Scout spirit by living out the Scout Oath and Scout Law in your everyday life
- To earn 21 merit badges, including the 13 required (First Aid, Citizenship in the Community, Citizenship in the Nation, Citizenship in the World, Communication, Cooking, Personal Fitness, Emergency Preparedness or Lifesaving, Environmental Science of Sustainability, Personal Management, Swimming or Hiking or Cycling, Camping, Family Life, and Citizenship in Society. (Lacy has earned 26 merit badges thus far.)
- To plan, develop, and lead others in carrying out a service project worthy of

See **Lacy**, page 9

## Celebrate the founding of Vinton and America with 'Land and Liberty: The Vinton Story'



**The cast of the one-act play "Land and Liberty: The Vinton Story" includes, from left: front row, James Gabello, Blake Hill, KJ Geo, and Luke Dillon; back row, Ellie Rosine, Melissa Hagen, Kelli Hobson, and Madeline Bedrosian.**

How many small towns the size of Vinton have their own plays written about their founding? Thanks to writer/director/actor/minister David Walton, Vinton now does. It's a work of historical fiction, "Land and Liberty: The Vinton Story" written and produced just in time for the celebration of the 250th anniversary of America.

The play was commissioned by the Vinton Historical Society. The historical work is based on a 1781 land grant by then Governor of Virginia Thomas Jefferson to two local men, Christian Vineyard and William Tabler. The land they were granted was among the first to be



**"Land and Liberty" Director/Writer David Walton with Assistant Director Donna Proctor**

settled within properties that nowadays include the Town of Vinton. Walton says, "The play imagines conversations between historically accurate characters during two important moments in history. The

goal is to dramatize the anxious pursuit of and the importance of land ownership in the creation of a new nation. Since it specifically addresses the early settlers of the Town

See **Land**, page 8



**Abby Maldonado and Liam Thepsimuong were awarded the Levi Freeman Award during the William Byrd Middle School Eighth Grade Awards Assembly on May 28—the highest honor the school bestows. Pictured left to right are Assistant Principal Abby Barnes, Abby Maldonado, Liam Thepsimuong, and counselor Samantha Wallace.**

## WBMS celebrates end of school year with annual Eighth Grade Awards Assembly

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The 2025-2026 school year comes to a close in Roanoke County this week with graduation on May 27 and the last day of school on May 28. William Byrd Middle School held the traditional Eighth Grade Awards Assembly on May 22 to recognize students moving up to the next level with a farewell from WBMS Principal Katie Hutchison and a welcome to the Class of 2030 from WBHS Principal Even Noell. He was their principal when they arrived at the middle school three years ago. The highest honor of the year went to Abby Maldonado and Liam Thepsimuong who were awarded the Levi Freeman Award given in memory

of Levi Freeman, a fellow eighth grader whose life was cut tragically short after a diagnosis of bone cancer. He would have been a 2020 graduate of WBHS. The award is presented each year to two students who, in the opinion of the faculty, "best embody the characteristics of kindness, compassion, honesty, tolerance, and the willingness to do the right thing even when it's not popular." According to Hutchison, "Abby demonstrates these qualities each day through her compassion, friendly personality, and willingness to help others. She knows no stranger and consistently goes out of her way to support classmates in need."

Abby's friends and family describe

See **Assembly**, page 7

## WBHS students inducted into Mu Alpha Theta Mathematics Honor Society



**William Byrd High School Mu Alpha Theta Mathematics Honor Society inducted students for its inaugural year. Pictured left to right are sponsor Shayna Hastings, Braeden Booth, Levi Whitcomb, Ramsay Stephens, Landon Hollins, Aaden Whitaker, Zane Telsch, Gavin Thornton, Sophie Hoagland, Norah Buck, Allison Phillips, Claire Draper, Marygann Jenkins, David Pham, Alexander Hastings, Matthew Sloane, and Principal Evan Noell.**

Mu Alpha Theta is the National High School and Two-Year College Mathematics Honor Society. Its purpose is to inspire a keen interest in mathematics, encourage academic excellence, and promote the enjoyment of mathematical study. This year marks the inaugural year of the William Byrd High School Chapter. A ceremony was held on May 19 to celebrate the first class of inducted members and the

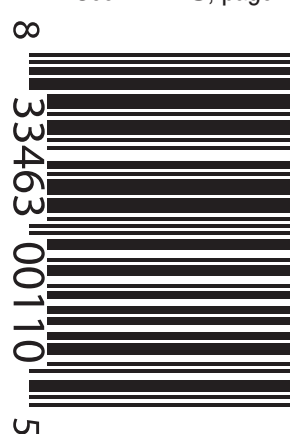
beginning of a tradition that will continue for years to come. "This evening is especially meaningful for our school, as this is the very first year of our Mu Alpha Theta chapter," said Principal Evan Noell. "Together, we have built something new, something that will continue long after tonight. "Because this is our inaugural year, this group of students is unique. For the first and only

time, every member of our chapter is being inducted together. That makes this ceremony not just a recognition of achievement, but the beginning of a tradition. "It took time and persistence to reach this point. Our ceremony comes near the end of the school year as we worked through the process of becoming an officially recognized chapter. That journey reflects something important about

mathematics itself— sometimes the best results come after persistence, patience, and a willingness to keep working until everything finally clicks. "We also recognize a moment of transition. Seven of our members will be graduating, taking what they have learned and accomplished here into their next chapter. Our underclassmen will carry this chapter forward, building on what has been started here and

continuing to grow this organization in the years ahead. "To all of our inductees, your presence here represents not only strong academic achievement, but curiosity, perseverance, and a willingness to take on challenges. These are qualities that extend far beyond the classroom. "And to our families, friends, and faculty— thank you for your support. Whether you've helped with homework,

encouraged late- See **WBHS**, page 4



# Vinton Police/BoomTown Crossfit partner for Murph Challenge on Memorial Day

Several members of the Vinton Police Department, along with their families, participated in "The Murph," a challenging Memorial Day workout dedicated to the memory of Lt. Michael P. Murphy, a U.S. Navy SEAL who was killed in action in Afghanistan in 2005. Lt. Murphy was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor for his heroic actions and sacrifice during Operation Red Wings.

The Murph Challenge is more than just a test of physical strength and endurance, it is a powerful reminder of service, sacrifice, resilience, and unity. Officers and their families tackled this demanding workout with determination and pride while honoring the brave men and women who gave their lives in service to their country.

BoomTown CrossFit partnered with

the Vinton Police for the event, which is held annually on Memorial Day across the nation. The Challenge pays tribute to the fallen and, at the same time, allows individuals to test their mental and physical strength.

The Murph Workout includes a 1-mile run, 100 pull-ups, 200 push-ups, 300 squats, and another 1-mile run. Participants may complete the workout with or without a 20-pound weighted vest, mimicking the body armor Lt. Murphy wore during his final mission.

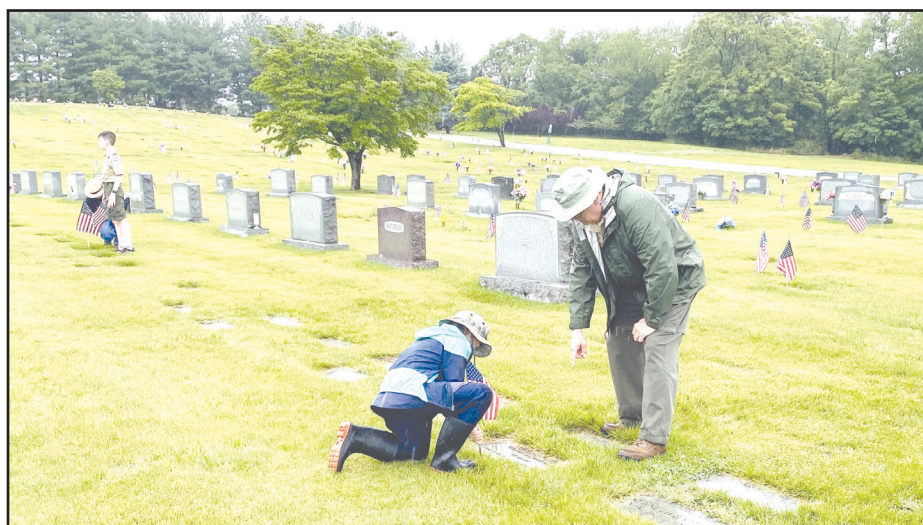
After the workout, guests were invited to enjoy a community cookout, served by the Vinton Police Department.

BoomTown CrossFit is located at 703 Tinker Avenue in Vinton.

-Submitted by Vinton Police Dept.



Members of the Vinton Police Department and their families participated in the Memorial Day Murph Challenge, partnering with BoomTown CrossFit. PHOTO COURTESY OF VINTON POLICE



Scouts and leaders marked the graves with American flags.

# Local Scouts place flags at Mountain View Cemetery

Scouts from Pack and Troop 235 in Vinton and 584 in Bonsack planted flags on the graves of veterans in Mountain View Cemetery in Vinton on May 23 in observance of Memorial Day. Despite the cold and rainy weather, the Scouts carried out their tradition and saluted the veterans laid to rest in the cemetery afterwards.

The flag observance has become an annual event for area Scouts, beginning around 2015. The Scouts also place flags on the graves for Veterans Day in

November each year. While Memorial Day is dedicated to remembering and honoring military personnel who have died in service to their country and Veterans Day recognizes the service of all of America's veterans, whether they are still living or have passed away, the Scouts honor all twice each year.

The Scouts and their leaders walked the cemetery looking for graves marked to indicate a veteran was buried there. While newer grave

markers generally indicate who is a veteran, and even their branch and rank, many of the older graves do not. According to the Military Graves section of findagrave.org, hundreds of veterans are buried at Mountain View.

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

-Submitted by Scoutmaster Steve Thrasher



Scouts salute veterans buried in Mountain View Cemetery once they planted flags on their graves. PHOTOS BY SCOUTMASTER STEVE THRASHER

# William Byrd Class of 2026 celebrates end of school year

The William Byrd High Class of 2026 spent their final days as high school students celebrating their accomplishments, memories and traditions from elementary school through graduation practice.

On May 21, seniors started out the day on the football field with "Senior Sunrise" followed by breakfast together in the Senior Cafeteria.

Dressed in their caps (some decorated) and gowns, they next boarded buses for a trip down memory lane to their former elementary schools (Bonsack, Mount Pleasant, Herman L. Horn, or W.E. Cundiff) and then returned to campus for a senior walk through William Byrd Middle School, remembering how far they have come. Then it was back to WBHS for the Senior Assembly and viewing of the Senior Video.

Approximately 76 graduating seniors

visited W.E. Cundiff Elementary School, where they were greeted by Principal Ashley McCallum and some of their former teachers, counselors, and staff members. McCallum led the students through the halls of the building, which has undergone extensive renovations and additions since they were students in 2019.

There were many joyful reunions and some tears in reuniting with their instructors from their earliest school days. Some teachers had even saved letters written by the students at the end of their fifth grade year. Former WEC first grade teacher Kayla Booth made the trip from Fort Lewis Elementary to say farewell to her very first class of "firsties."

The end of the year activities also included mandatory graduation practice and an afternoon of "Senior Recess."

-Vinton Messenger staff report

# Vinton History Museum closings during June cargo lift construction



Rendering of the ADA lift to be installed at the Vinton History Museum. PHOTO COURTESY OF VINTON HISTORY MUSEUM

The June "First Saturday" event scheduled for June 6 at the Vinton History Museum has been cancelled due to upcoming construction of the ADA lift.

The Museum Office will be open regular hours (10 a.m.-2 p.m., Monday, Wednesday, Friday) through Friday, June 12. After that date, the museum will be closed until further notice due to preparation for, and construction of, the ADA lift.

The installation of the much-needed lift will not only enhance accessibility for visitors but also significantly benefit the dedicated museum volunteers, many of whom are retired and among the senior population. By providing them with improved access to the second floor, the project will create an

environment for volunteers to actively participate in museum activities, share their expertise, install new exhibits, and engage in meaningful interactions with visitors. The lift will also enhance safety protocols and instill a sense of civic pride in the community.

Tours of the museum are not available until the construction is completed.

The "First Saturday" event scheduled for July 4 has been cancelled for observance of Independence Day.

Email info@vintonhistorymuseum.org and the Vinton History Museum phone messages at 540-342-8634 will be checked occasionally.

-Submitted by Vinton History Museum

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Former WEC teacher Kayla Booth came from Fort Lewis Elementary to say goodbye to her first-ever class of students.



WBHS students visited their former elementary school, W.E. Cundiff, on Senior Day.



Some WBHS seniors decorated their caps for graduation. PHOTOS BY DEBBIE ADAMS

# SENIOR CENTER SCENE

That clickity-clack noise you hear when you enter the Charles Hill Community Center/Senior Center on Monday mornings is the Vinton Seniors playing Mexican Train Dominos. This group meets at 9:45 every Monday morning and plays until they finish their last game sometime around 1:30 p.m.

All the dominos are large print numbers instead of little tiny dots. Each person is given a wooden tray to hold the dominos so that you can see them all without holding them in your hand or trying not to knock them over when they are set up on edge on the table in front of each player. A considerable improvement in overall ease of play as far as this senior is concerned!

The way Mexican Train is set up anyone who comes in knows that they will be able to play as the game can be played with as little as three people, and there are enough games to accommodate up to four tables of six players. If you are a late-comer, you still will be able to play because the game itself is divided into 12 segments and you just start with whatever segment the group is playing at that time. Yes, they do keep score, but there are some good-natured comments from holders of numerous dominos as the calculators from their phones get passed around.

So, mixed in with the clickity-clack is laughter and a good mix of comradery! Players can bring lunch or snacks and a beverage to eat while playing or during a break. A refrigerator, bottle filler and microwave are on-site. The Mexican Train Domino Group is looking for new players, and they are happy to teach you this easy to learn game.

June will be busy at the Charles Hill Community Center/Senior Center with more of our ongoing senior classes and activities.

Music Jam meets from 2-5:30 p.m. every Monday. If you play an instrument or want to sing along or just like to listen to live music, this informal get-together is just what you are looking for.

Defensive Cane and Tai Chi meet from 5:30-6:30 p.m. every Monday during spring and through the fall. Steve Garay is presently teaching the 24 Tai Chi Form, one of the most popular forms in the world. He also reviews all previously taught forms including Cane Defense principles and routine.

The Senior Center has Line Dancing Classes for Beginners from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; Advanced Beginners Class from 10-11 a.m.; and Advanced Line Dancing is from 5:30-7 p.m.

Hand and Foot Canasta meet on Tuesdays from 1-5 p.m. and on Thursdays

from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Senior Tai Chi meets every Thursday from 9 a.m.-9:45. In this ongoing class you will learn the gentlest form of tai chi that is structured for improving balance and appropriate for arthritis. For those that have difficulty standing, we offer a seated version of the routine.

The next meeting of the Downsizers Club is the first Wednesday of the month, June 3, from 10 a.m. until noon. This is a meeting designed to help you gently and confidently declutter your home, one step at a time.

The Happy Hearts Dance has been cancelled for June.

All Vinton Senior Programs mentioned take place at the Charles R. Hill Community Center/Senior Center at 820 E. Washington Avenue in Vinton, and are at no charge unless a fee is stated in the description. If you have questions regarding senior programs, contact Amanda through e-mail at [apayne@vintonva.gov](mailto:apayne@vintonva.gov) or call 540-983-0645. You can also follow the Vinton Charles R. Hill Community Center on Facebook for the most updated news on new programs, program cancellations, and special events.

- Submitted by Judy Gruber

# PEOPLE, PLACES AND THINGS

## Dooley-Dupree Wedding

Chuck and Marlene Dooley, of Vinton, announce the marriage of their son, Colin Everette Dooley, to Baylen Alixandra Dupree on Saturday, May 9, 2026. Colin is a 2019 graduate from William Byrd High School and entered the USAF in 2020. He is a Senior Airman in the United States Air Force Honor Guard / Body Bearer and a recent real estate agent. Baylen is a social media influencer, reality TV personality, and Tourette syndrome advocate.

The Dooleys said the afternoon ceremony "was breathtaking and filled with happy tears and sunshine. It was also joyful, vibrant, and incredibly colorful! Colleen Heath, sister of the groom, was one of the bridesmaids. We want to congratulate the couple and wish them a lifetime filled with love, laughter, and endless adventures together as they begin this exciting new chapter."



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# OBITUARY

## Hanshaw, Maricia Andrea

Maricia Andrea Hanshaw, 62, Vinton; her son, Cody Hanshaw of Vinton, was called home to the Lord on April 30, 2026, following a courageous battle with cancer.



She was preceded in death by her older brother, Mark Harvell; her father, R.D. Andrews; and many loving aunts and uncles.

Left to cherish her memory are Cody Hanshaw of other cousins.

her son, Cody Hanshaw II of Vinton; her daughter, Kristy (Coty) Bandy of Vinton; a loving grandchild; her mother, Kathryn Harvell of Greensboro, North Carolina; her niece Anastasia Harvell of North Carolina; her cousins Barbra (James) Decker and Theresa Rohling of New York and many

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### FINDING STRENGTH IN GOD

Read 1 Samuel 27:1 through 31:13

David was greatly distressed because the men were talking of stoning him; each one was bitter in spirit because of his sons and daughters. But David found strength in the Lord his God (1 Samuel 30:6).

David and his men, just arriving home from battle, discovered that the enemy had kidnapped their families. His men were distraught, and they wanted someone to blame. David, their leader, was the obvious scapegoat, and they discussed taking revenge on him.

David, grieved at his own family's disappearance, now faced betrayals and accusations from his friends. Here, at an extremely low point, David did what always works. He turned to God and found strength in Him.

Exactly how David found strength in God is displayed throughout his psalms. David remembered God's promises, and more so, he reminded himself of who God is: his Rock of refuge; his compassionate, gentle Father; his faithful Provider; his all-wise Teacher, and so much more. As David turned to God, he gained the strength to rally his men on a rescue mission.

Prayer for Today: Father, please help me turn to You for strength in all things.

Quicklook: 1 Samuel 30: 3-8, 18-19

**If you would like to see your church services listed here in the Vinton Messenger contact Tucker Frye at Cell: (540) 389-9355 [tfrye@ourvalley.org](mailto:tfrye@ourvalley.org)**

# Beyond Books

By Vinton Library Assistant Molly Meador

June is finally here and that means it's time for our Summer Reading Program! This year's theme is "Unearth a Story," and we'll be having all kinds of history and archaeology-based programs for all ages all summer long.

Summer Reading will run from June 1 through August 1; you can sign up online or swing by the library to pick up a paper log. Log just seven days of reading (for any amount of time) to claim your completion prize! More information can be found on our website.

Be sure to join us for our Summer Reading Kickoff Party on Wednesday, June 10, from 12-2 p.m. to sign up for the program and enjoy crafts, activities, a roving magic show by Geoff Marsh, balloon animals by John Bryant, and hot dogs provided by the Vinton Police Department.

Catch a break from the late spring sun to watch the Steven Spielberg classic "Jurassic Park" on Wednesday, June 3, from 1-3 p.m. Then, after that sparks your latent interest in learning more about all that goes into the discovery and uncovering of Earth's ancient history, you can come to an Introduction to Archaeology\* for adults on Monday, June 8, from 6-7 p.m.

QR codes are everywhere these days. If you are interested in learning more

about these Quick Response codes, come to QR Codes Explained\* on Thursday, June 11, from 2-3 p.m.

The All Abilities Club\* will meet on Friday, June 12, from 10:30-11:30 a.m. This month we'll make masterpieces with paint pouring. Alternate activities are also provided based on needs. (For group registrations of three or more, call 540-857-5043.)

The next Creations and Temptations\* is on Saturday, June 20, from 3-4 p.m. We'll be creating cute cork birdhouse stakes to decorate your plants or patio!

This month the Vinton Book Club\* will discuss "Crow Mary" by Kathleen Grissom on Thursday, June 4, from 3-4 p.m. The As the Page Turns Book Club\* will discuss "James" by Percival Everett on Wednesday, June 10, from 2-3 p.m.

Be sure to check out the awesome ongoing adult programs:

- Open Bridge meets every Tuesday from 1-4 p.m.

- The Roanoke Valley Dulcimers meet Saturday, June 20, from 10:15 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

- The Vinton Writers Group\* meets on Thursday, June 25, from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Try science experiments without instructions at our Science Without Guidance\* program for teens on Monday, June 15, from

5-6 p.m. Everyone will be given a limited time to achieve the desired result with a collection of various mysterious materials. Can you work faster than your peers to solve the science mystery first?

Come to Dinosaur Sensory Play\* (ages 2-5) on Thursday, June 4, from 11 a.m.-12 p.m. Play with dinos while using multiple senses to help develop fine motor skills, language development, and creativity. We'll also have a Lego Dino Rumble\* (grades K-5) on Thursday, June 18, from 3-4 p.m. Create and share dinosaur-themed Lego masterpieces. All participants will be entered into a drawing for Lego-themed prizes.

The Mill Mountain Theatre\* will be here on Thursday, June 25, from 10-11 a.m. Come enjoy this special performance featuring everybody's favorite guitar-playing cat as he takes his buddy Jimmy Biddle on a global adventure in this crowd-pleasing musical based on the hit book series, Pete the Cat.

Speaking of cats... Caturday\* is back! Kids can come in and practice their reading skills while also socializing cats from RCACP before they are adopted on Saturday, June 13, from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

The summer storytime session begins on Tuesday, June 23. You can bring your little ones to Toddler Storytime\* (ages 18-36 months) either on Tuesdays from 11:30 a.m.-12 p.m. or on Wednesdays from 10:30-11 a.m. or come to Preschool Storytime\* (ages 3-5) on Wednesdays from 11:30 a.m.-12 p.m.

Don't forget about ongoing and recurring youth programs:

- Teen Volunteer Group will be on Thursday, June 4, and Tuesday, June 16, from 5-6 p.m.

- Teen Writers Group\* meets Tuesday, June 2, from 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Please note that the library will be closing early at 5 p.m. on Thursday, June 18, and will be closed on Friday, June 19, for the Juneteenth holiday.

As always, be sure to register for and check out all the programs RCPL has to offer across the county online at [www.rocolibrary.org](http://www.rocolibrary.org).

\*All programs denoted with an asterisk require prior registration to reserve a spot. Call or visit the library or check out the events on the website to register.



New GFWC Woman's Club officers were installed by Camilla Cabaniss, Blue Ridge District president (left). Pictured left to right are Secretary Vicki Newburn, President Carol Guilliams, Co-1st Vice Presidents Kathryn Sowers and Mary Kay Brown, 2nd Vice President Jane Banton, and Treasurer Judy Banik.

## GFWC Woman's Club installs new officers, awards scholarship

The GFWC Woman's Club of Vinton members held their annual officer installation meeting at Olive Garden on May 19 to elect new officers, award a scholarship to William Byrd student Mallory Peroulas, and to acknowledge several district and state awards of their own.

Officers chosen for 2026-2027 are President Carol Guilliams, Co-1st Vice Presidents Kathryn Sowers and Mary Kay Brown, 2nd Vice President Jane Banton, Secretary Vicki Newburn, and Treasurer Judy Banik. Guilliams' theme is "The Little Engine That Could," so each officer received a train whistle as part of the installation.

Guests for the installation dinner were Mallory Peroulas and her mother, Missy, and longtime member Sharon Gibson, who now lives in Florida.

The local Vinton Chapter received several district awards at the recent Spring Blue Ridge District meeting, including the special Marlene Wine Education Award which comes with a cash prize to be used for local



PHOTOS COURTESY OF KATHRYN SOWERS  
The GFWC Woman's Club of Vinton awarded a scholarship to William Byrd student Mallory Peroulas.

education projects. The club also won first place in the Small Club Category in Education and Libraries, Environment, Leadership, Health and Wellness, Fundraising, Civic Engagement and Outreach, and Arts & Crafts. It won second place in Membership.

-Submitted by Kathryn Sowers

## WBHS from page 1



PHOTO COURTESY OF SHAYNA HASTINGS  
Current Mu Alpha Theta President Braeden Booth (left) passes the gavel to next year's president, Gavin Thornton.

night studying, or simply listened to explanations of problems you may or may not have fully understood, you've played an important role in these students' success. It is truly an honor to celebrate this milestone with you and to officially begin what we know will be a lasting and meaningful tradition at our school.

Geometry instructor Shayna Hastings, who is the sponsor of the chapter, recognized the officers for the WBHS Mu Alpha Theta Chapter.

"As a brand-new chapter, these students didn't just step into leadership roles—they helped build this organization from the ground up. That takes initiative, responsibility, and a willingness to figure things out along the way... which, as we know, is a very mathematical skill."

- Braeden Booth, President
- Sarah Nguyen, Vice President
- Jayden Niday, Secretary
- Brooke Justus, Treasurer
- Gavin Thornton, Academic Outreach Director
- Matt Sloane, Senior Representative
- Alexis Short, Junior Representative
- Levi Whitcomb, Sophomore Representative
- Claire Draper, Freshman Representative

Booth addressed the candidates for induction into Mu Alpha Theta.

"It is an honor to be selected for membership in an organization with more than 2,100 chapters across the United States and around the world. Each of you has met the requirements for membership through your dedication and achievement in mathematics. The purpose of Mu Alpha Theta is to inspire a deeper interest in mathematics. This year, as part of our very first chapter, our members have already begun making an impact beyond the classroom. We are proud to have launched a peer tutoring program, providing support to fellow students in our school community. This reflects what Mu Alpha Theta is truly about— not only excelling in mathematics but in using those skills to help others succeed."

Four inductees reflected on the "History and Impact of Mathematics," including Sophie Hoagland, Allison Phillips, Norah Buck, and Zane Telsch.

"Membership in Mu Alpha Theta is an honor earned through dedication, perseverance, and excellence in mathematics," said Hastings.

To become a member of Mu Alpha Theta, a student must have completed the equivalent of two years of college preparatory mathematics, including algebra and/or geometry, and have completed or be enrolled in a third year of college preparatory mathematics. They must also have at least a 3.0 GPA.

Noell recognized underclassmen inductees: Tayler Austin, Eleanor Ball Logan Blevins, Madelyn Brown, Nate Buck, Norah Buck, Olivia Bush, Heidi Dixon, Claire Draper, Michal Hamlar, Sophie Hoagland, Landon Hollins, Marygann Jenkins, Naleigh Lewis, Elena Mullen, Sarah Nguyen, Kendall Norton, Giovanni Pandolfini, David Pham, Allison Phillips, Mia Pippin, Janya Rosborough, Alexis Short, Aubrey Sink, Ramsey Stephens, Zane Telsch, Gavin Thornton, McKayla Tingler, Jacey Weddle, Aaden Whitaker, Levi Whitcomb, Heidi Wienke, and Hendrix Wright.

Graduating members of the inaugural chapter were also recognized: Braeden Booth, Asher Claybrook, Alexander Hastings, Brooke Justus, Jayden Niday, Carlee Partleton, and Matthew Sloane.

Hastings then administered the pledge: "I pledge to uphold the standards of Mu Alpha Theta, to strive for excellence in mathematics, and to use my knowledge to contribute positively to my school and community."

New officers were announced for 2026-2027 and the gavel was passed to transfer leadership:

- President – Gavin Thornton
- Vice President – Zane Telsch
- Secretary – Levi Whitcomb
- Treasurer – Ethan Hastings
- Senior Representative – Allison Phillips
- Junior Representative – Norah Buck

"To all of our members, we are proud of your accomplishments and excited to see the impact you will continue to make both inside and outside the classroom," Hastings said.

-Submitted by Shayna Hastings

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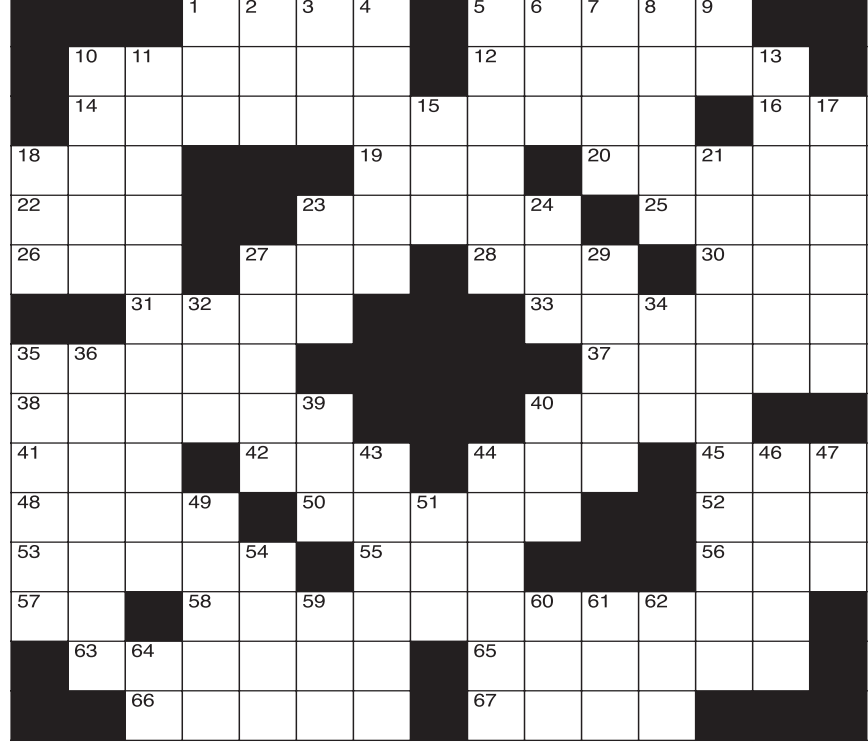
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| <p><b>CLUES ACROSS</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Streetcar</li> <li>Take ___ of it!</li> <li>SW Asia peninsula</li> <li>Beating wings to escape from a perch</li> <li>One who revitalizes</li> <li>Indicates position</li> <li>Dishonorable man</li> <li>Singer King Cole</li> <li>Short-tailed marten</li> <li>One point east (clockwise) of due north</li> <li>The god of the underworld in ancient mythology</li> <li>Dirt</li> <li>Superconducting super collider</li> <li>Not good</li> <li>A way to sink</li> <li>Unwell</li> <li>Follow orders</li> <li>Deep ravine</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Perfumery practice</li> <li>Indian film director Sultan</li> <li>Member of U.S. Navy</li> <li>Wing-like</li> <li>Very fast airplane</li> <li>Slang for cigarette</li> <li>Most cars still need it</li> <li>Political war chest</li> <li>Cools down</li> <li>Diminish toward one end</li> <li>Indigenous person of Thailand</li> <li>Combined</li> <li>Container</li> <li>Expression of satisfaction</li> <li>Thou</li> <li>Return a favor</li> <li>Go over once more</li> <li>Removed</li> <li>"Silence of the ___"</li> <li>Comedian Rogan</li> </ol> | <p><b>CLUES DOWN</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Children's game</li> <li>Relative biological effectiveness (abbr.)</li> <li>Own (Scottish)</li> <li>Female follower of Bacchus</li> <li>Subsides</li> <li>Protects from weather</li> <li>Spanish municipality</li> <li>Supermarket chain</li> <li>Domain name</li> <li>Semitic peoples</li> <li>Designs anew</li> <li>City associated with Jesus</li> <li>Cool!</li> <li>Bank employee</li> <li>Central nervous system</li> <li>Standardized piece of text</li> <li>A type of fever</li> <li>Baglike structure in a plant or animal</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Threaten persistently</li> <li>Aspirations</li> <li>Baby's eating accessory</li> <li>Actress Thurman</li> <li>Turn into bone</li> <li>One who saves you</li> <li>Consume</li> <li>Swiss river</li> <li>A part of a river where the current is very fast</li> <li>Categories</li> <li>Expressed amazement</li> <li>It's important in respiration (abbr.)</li> <li>Greek war dance</li> <li>Bland, semi-liquid food</li> <li>Regard in a specified way</li> <li>Taxi</li> <li>Naturally occurring solid material</li> <li>Feline</li> <li>Post-burning residue</li> <li>Elevated railroad</li> </ol> |
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**TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 2676 DRY VALLEY ROAD, RADFORD, VA 24141.**  
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**TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 1449 LAKERIDGE CIRCLE, TROUTVILLE, VA 24175.**  
In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated January 4, 2006, in the original principal amount of \$175,000.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Botetourt County, Virginia as Instrument No. 060000421. The undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the front of the Circuit Court building for Botetourt County, Main Street, Fincastle, VA 24090, or any such temporary alternative Circuit Court location designated by the Judges of the Circuit Court, on June 25, 2026, at 10:30 AM, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows: ALL THAT CERTAIN LOT OR PARCEL OF LAND, WITH ALL THE APPURTENANCES THEREUNTO BELONGING LYING AND BEING THE COUNTY OF BOTETOURT, STATE OF VIRGINIA, AND MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, TO WIT: BEING LOT 17, BLOCK 5, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OF RAINBOW FOREST, PROPERTY OF, BOTETOURT DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, BOTETOURT COUNTY, VIRGINIA, MADE BY C.B. MALCOLM AND SON, S.C.E.'S, DATED AUGUST 15, 1960 OF RECORD IN TILE CLERK'S OFFICE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BOTETOURT COUNTY, VIRGINIA, IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGE 102. 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

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**Request by Foresight Design Services, Applicant, and Free Clinic of the NRV, Inc., Property Owner, to vacate a five-foot-wide by approximately 800-foot-long portion of a 15-foot-wide public utility easement on property located at 130, 135, and 145 Akers Farm Road NE, identified as Tax Parcel 466 - ((22)) - 4; Parcel ID 100286. Information on the preceding ordinance, the Town's Zoning Map, Zoning Ordinance, and Future Land Use Map may be viewed in the Planning Department, 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, VA 24073-3029 during normal office hours of 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Contact the Planning Department by phone at (540) 382-6120 ext. 1902 or by email at [planning@christiansburg.org](mailto:planning@christiansburg.org) with any questions or if you require reasonable accommodations. Written comments may be sent to the preceding address; please allow adequate mailing time.**

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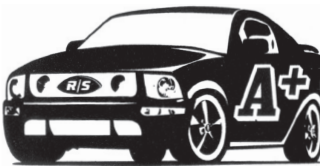


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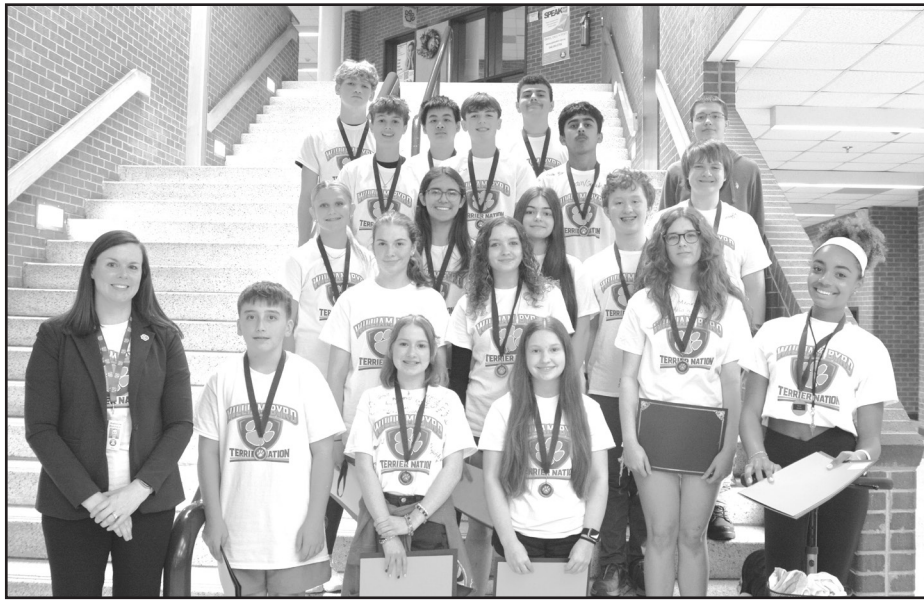


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**Terrier Scholars were recognized at the WBMS Awards ceremony for maintaining All A's during sixth, seventh, and eighth grades. They are pictured with WBMS Principal Katie Hutchison.**

her as "just an awesome girl, kind and loving, high spirited and very positive to be around." She is the daughter of Wilmer Maldonado.

"Liam demonstrates these qualities through his quiet, yet powerful presence. He is the definition of empathy and has shown incredible strength and character throughout this school year," Hutchison said. According to his parents, Charlene and Anh Thepsimuong, "This award holds a special place for Liam in that his brother, Camden, passed away in December from the same cancer as Levi."

Awards were presented to "Terrier Scholars" who maintained all "A's" during sixth, seventh, and eighth grades: Paige Aremia, Hayden Biggs, Jack Clark, Isabella Cook, Nicole Eggleston, Sadeed Faqiri, Rory Grant, Ethan Hastings, Shelby Hensley, Corbin Holloway, Sophia Jones, Kathryn Linkenhoker, Chance Nguyen, Jackson Price, Georgia Ralph, Annabelle Robtison, Kristian Sattah, Owen Seth, Collyns Terrell, and Matthew Yang. These students were also named to the A Honor Roll for the first three quarters of their eighth grade year.

Highest Achievement Awards were presented in subject areas by teachers:

- English (Canino): Tyler Williamson, Jaxson Lundy, and Matthew Yang
- English (Christian): Ashlyn Mason, Paige Aremia, and McKenzie Moseley
- English (Rosser): Sophia Jones, Rory Grant, and Dorothy Booher
- English (Mitchell): Brayden Hawse and Rose Tial
- Math (Bonta): Jordan Young, Isaac Wood, and Ashnoor Ashnoor
- Math (Martin): Lasen Elkins, Raegan Henritze, and Alaina Robertson
- Math (Nichols): Chance Nguyen, Sophia Jones, and Cashton Nute
- Math (Barnett): Matthew Yang
- Math (Yamatani): Tyler Williamson
- Science (Close): Alaina Robertson, Jaxson Lundy, Sophie Fielder, Charlotte Harper, Rory Grant, and Kenlee Campbell
- Science (Johansen): Maggie Benson, Brayden Hawse, Matthew Yang, Dorothy Booher, Ashnoor Ashnoor, and Chance Nguyen
- Social Studies (Riddle): Raegen Henritze, Alaina Robertson, Cashton Nute, Chance Nguyen, Rory Grant, Charlotte Harper, and Hayden Biggs
- Social Studies (Brodmerkel): Riley Johnson-Church, Abigail Davis, and Brooklynn Scott
- Social Studies (Peters): Matthew Yang and Annabelle Robtison

Students on the A/B Honor Roll through the first semester of their eighth grade year were named as "Presidential Scholars"—Skylar Alderman, Brenner Alterio, Paige Aremia, Ashnoor Ashnoor, Evan Bays, Lydon Beavers, Grayson Bell, Maggie Benson, Cohen Berry, Hayden Biggs, Dorothy Booher, Piper Bouvier, Kenleigh Campbell, Christina Chaney, Kimberly Chittum, Jack Clark, Liam Collins, Isabella Cooke, Tania Cortes-Martinez, Hanna Counts, Pedro Cruz-Quiroz, Kayleigh Davis, Kolbie Davis, Brantley Dodd, Addilyn Dudley, Jordan Dunlap, Naziyah Edmonds, Nicole Eggleston, Adalynn Eubank, Sadeed Faqiri, Grayson Ferguson, Sophie Fielder, Pierce Franks, Brett Gardner, Cadence Gearhart, Brinkley Gonzales, Rory Grant, Benjamin Gurley, Charlotte Harper, Jordan Harris, Ethan Hastings, Madison Haupt, Brayden Hawse, Abbey Hedrick, Raegan Henritze, Shelby Hensley, Chloe Hodges, Corbin Holloway, Jameson Horst, Camden Ingram, Jaciel Torres-Carreon, Colton James, Douglas Jones, Sophia Jones, Korrina Kish, Jayden Lin, Kathryn Linkenhoker, Bryden Lish, Rebecca Louis, Cally Lutz, Ember Lyles, Abigail Maldonado, Annabelle McIntyre, Caiden Meyer, Jacinna Mitchell, Jacob Morris, Maci Morrison, Olivia Morrison, McKenzie Moseley, Chance Nguyen, Trevor Nunn, Dominick Olson, Maddox Overstreet, Cynthia Pena-Rendon, Greylin Peters, Jackson Price, Alexander Pyle, Ava Rader, Georgia Ralph, Liam Roberts, Alaina Robertson, Annabelle Robtison, Jasmin Rodriguez-Munoz, Ashton Royall, Owen Rupe, Kristian Sattah, Brooklyn Scott, Owen Seth, Savannah Shepherd, Allie Smart, Jordan Stanley, Garren Sutphin, Collyns Terrell, Jordin Terry Cabbler, Liam Thepsimuong, Aaliyah Vorst, Brooks Walker, Ryne Walker, SoLynn Walter, William Weden, Danielle Woodcock, and Matthew Yang.

Special Recognitions went to:  
 Lauren Phillips, Virginia General Assembly Senate Page. Each Senate Page is tasked with various job assignments such as staffing committee meetings (in a backup clerk capacity), answering telephone calls, providing basic concierge services and speaking to the public or visiting delegations about their experience and role in the legislative process. The experience is designed to provide a foundation of knowledge for the next generation of administrators, managers, elected officials and civic leaders. Phillips lived in Richmond and attended for about two months.

Rory Grant, who will be attending the Roanoke Valley Governor's School

Civics Bee winners: Caleb Webster, Lasen Elkins, Rory Grant, Bella Cooke, Nicole Eggleston, and Shelby Hensley

Students who will be attending the Burton Center for Arts and Technology:

- Mass communications: Brenner Alterio, Evan Bays, Nicole Eggleston, and William Weden



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**Eighth grader Lauren Phillips served as a Senate Page in the Virginia General Assembly for two months of her eighth grade year. She is pictured with Governor Abigail Spanberger and First Gentleman Adam Spanberger.**

- Engineering: Sadeed Faqiri, Ethan Hastings, Corbin Holloway, Chance Nguyen, and Jackson Price
  - Computer Information Technology: Caiden Meyer
  - Culinary Arts: Shelby Hensley
  - Criminal Justice: Riley Johnson-Church and Jonah Smith
  - Early Childhood Education: Reece Brady, Mackenzie Cole, and Kelsie Fields
  - Game Design & Programming: Grayson Ferguson, McKenzie Moseley, Owen Seth, and Liam Sheridan
  - Mechatronics/Robotics: Madison Haupt, McKenzie Moseley, Ashley Moore, and Olivia Morrison
  - Auto Service: Cadence Gearhart, Jaxin Hardy, Ian Michael Hart, and Caleb Webster
  - Building Trades: Jacob Morris, Owen Rupe, Kristian Sattah, Jaciel Torres-Carreon, and Aiden Worley
  - Welding: Chandler Jeffrey
- WBMS Eighth Grade Ambassadors recognized included: Paige Aremia, Maggie Benson, Christina Chaney, Jack Clark, Tyler Cobb, Liam Collins, Isabella Cooke, Brett Gardner, Brinkley Gonzales, Rory Grant, Charlotte Harper, Abbey Hedrick, Peyson Lamonde, Jayden Lowe, Abby Maldonado, Jackson Price, June Prichard, Liam Roberts, Collyns Terrell, Liam Thepsimuong, Jaciel Torres-Carreon, Peyton Underwood, Aaliyah Vorst, and

Matthew Yang. These students serve as tour guides and mentors to new students.

Members of the Student Advisory Council were recognized: Cally Lutz and Matthew Yang.

WBMS Science Showcase winners recognized in eighth grade included Brooklynn Scott, Hannah Counts, Rory Grant, Owen Seth, Hayden Biggs, and Brenner Alterio.

County Science Fair Winners: Chance Nguyen and Brenner Alterio

Roanoke County Spelling Bee: Rory Grant  
 Eighth graders who made All-County Band in 2026 were recognized: Hayden Biggs, Ashton Royall, Jordan Stanley, and Matthew Yang.

All-County Band members 2025: Isaac Wood, Isla Beth Baldwin, Aubree Overfelt, Katy Linkenhoker, Lasen Elkins, Madison Haupt, Olivia Morrison, Cashton Nute, Josiah Buck, Emily Thomas, Emma Thomas, Annabelle McIntyre, Maggie Benson, Jordan Dunlap, Keaton Cale, Grayson Bell, Vivian Hunter, Jackson Price, Jordan Stanley, and Cooper Crutchman.

All-District Choir members in 2026 were Dorothy Booher, Jaylynn Williams, and June Prichard.

Noell encouraged the upcoming freshmen to "get involved, don't fall behind, finish the year strong, and remember that life is what you make it."

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7 pm to 10 pm:      **Films** in CommUNITY Church Sanctuary

**SATURDAY JUNE 27**      **Official Convention Day**

9 am to 4 pm:      **Autograph/Vendor area** in Fellowship Hall

Panel and Workshop Room Locations and Times will be marked and shown on a map to be in the handout program booklet.

6pm:      **Banquet** in Fellowship Hall.

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The William Byrd girls pose with the regular season co-championship trophy after last week's tournament championship game at Northside.

PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

## Soccer girls will play Lord Botetourt to open Region 3D tourney

The William Byrd girls' soccer team will open Region 3D play tonight against a familiar opponent. The Terriers will be in Daleville to take on Blue Ridge District rival Lord Botetourt with the kickoff scheduled for 6 pm.

The Byrd girls tied Franklin County for the district regular season championship and beat Lord Botetourt twice during the regular season, 5-1 and 5-3. However, LB gets the higher seed, and a chance to play on their home pitch tonight, due to a better overall record. The Cavaliers are 10-8 and fourth seeded in the tournament while Byrd is 10-9, counting last week's Blue Ridge District tournament games, and the fifth seed.

Lord Botetourt lost to Franklin County in last week's BRD tournament semifinals while Byrd defeated Northside, 4-0, to advance to last Friday's championship game at Jim Hickam Field at Northside High School. Franklin County scored twice in the first half to lead 2-0 at intermission.

Byrd got one back with 17 minutes to go in the game when Mia Martin assisted Maddie Barrette,

cutting the lead to 2-1. However, the Eagles were able to hold on and win the district tournament championship. Byrd finished as Blue Ridge District co-champs and tournament runners-up.

After the championship game the All-Blue Ridge District team was announced and Byrd was well-rep-

resented, including Bella Barrette being named BRD Player of the Year. A midfielder, Bella was joined on the All-District first team by her sister Maddie at midfield, Kendall Ranson at forward and both Mia Martin and Mia Vest on defense. Tyler Austen was a second team at large selection.



Wm. Byrd All-District first team soccer players are, left to right, Player of the Year Bella Barrette, Mia Vest, Mia Martin and Maddie Barrette. Kendall Ranson was also first team but was not at the game.

PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

## Region track meet is at Christiansburg today

The William Byrd track team will be in Christiansburg today for the Region 3D track meet. The first events are scheduled to begin at 10 am.

The Terriers competed in the Blue Ridge District meet at Staunton River High School in Moneta last week. Franklin County swept both the boys' and girls' team titles while Byrd was second to the Eagles in both.

In the girls' meet Lily Perez won the 100 hurdles with a time of 16.21 and was

second in both the long jump and the high jump. Skye Williams won the discus with a toss of 115'9" and took second in the shot put.

Alexia Donahue took second in the pole vault, Lucy Whitenack was fourth in the 1,600 and the Byrd 4x800 relay team won their race with a time of 11:35.67.

For the boys, Titus Beatty won the shot put with a heave of 44'4". Three Terriers tied for first in the pole vault, as Jules Hippeau Coltat, Roman Smith and Ashton

Williamson all cleared nine feet.

James Smith took a second in the 100 meter dash while third places went to Paxton Brown in the high jump, Ryan Carroll in the discus and the 4x800 relay team. Davion Wade took fourth in both the long jump and high jump and Logan Hodges was fourth in the shot put.

Virginia High School League state meets are scheduled for June 5 and 6. The Class 3 and 4 meets are at Liberty University in Lynchburg.

## Lacy

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an Eagle Scout

To appear before a board of review of prominent persons and satisfy them that you have done your best to understand and live up to the Scout Oath and Law, and in all ways, qualify for the Eagle Scout Award

During the ceremony, Lacy received his Eagle Award pin from his mother, Kasey Bratton. He presented pins to his mother, stepfather Trevor Bratton, and his Scout leaders and mentors, Cubmaster and Eagle Scout Committee Chair Greg Leslie and Asst. Scoutmaster Brian Cook.

The community service project required of Eagle Scouts takes months of planning and fundraising by the Scout candidate. Lacy's project was building an information kiosk on the Blackwater River in Franklin County, part of a larger initiative to create a boat launch along Blue Bend Road.

Eagle Scout candidates must raise funding for their projects and serve as leaders in its completion, supervising other Scouts and volunteers in a troop activity as the project advances. When the project is complete, the Scout faces a board of review.

Lacy has been involved in Scouting for about 12 years. He is now graduating from North Cross High School with plans to enter Virginia Tech this fall and study engineering. One of the merit badges he earned along his journey involved nuclear science.

Many Eagle Scouts were present for the ceremony that was led by Scout leaders Steve Thrasher, Greg Leslie, and Brian Cook.

Leslie said, "The Scouts of all nations constitute one of the most wholesome and significant movements in the world's history. You have been judged by the Boy Scouts of America of being worthy of the highest rank in this great movement.

"Your position is one of honor and responsibility. You are a marked man. As an Eagle Scout, you have assumed a solemn obligation to do your duty to God, to country, to your fellow Scouts, and to mankind in general. This is a great undertaking.

"I charge you to undertake your citizenship with a solemn dedication. Be a leader but lead only toward the best. Lift up every task you do and every office you hold to the high level of service to God and to your fellowman. So live and serve that those who know you will be inspired to finer living. We have too many who use their strength and their brains to exploit others and gain selfish ends. I charge you to be among those who dedicate their skills and ability to the common good.

"Build America on the solid foundation of clean living, honest work, unselfish citizenship, and reverence for God and

whatever others may do, you will leave behind a record of which every other Scout may be justly proud.

"As an Eagle Scout, you become a guide to other Scouts of lower rank. You become an example in your community. Your actions are a little more conspicuous and people will expect more of you."

Lacy talked about his years in Scouting and how they have impacted his life. "Over my many years in Scouting, I have learned much that I plan to carry with me. Scouting and my Eagle project have instilled values of leadership, bravery, and courage within me. My time in Scouts has taught me to lead my peers by example and through teaching. This is a skill I have used many times since and one I plan to use in the future. It has taught me to be brave, trying new things and taking leaps of faith. Learning about nuclear science, that was something I never even thought about, but I was brave and chose to learn something new."

Brian Cook read an excerpt from "How to Be a Scout" by adventurer, author, and Chief Ambassador of World Scouting, Bear Grylls, which explains how Scouting changed his life and what it meant to him.

"You only get one shot at life. Make it count. Get out in the sunshine. Get out in the rain. Learn the names of things. Know the trees, the stars, and the people in your street. Learn to say 'thank you' in ten languages.

"Learn how to start a fire and put it out. Make things. Share things. Find out where you fit in and feel happiest. Do what you love. Make other people happy, but make time for yourself, too.

"Brew tea on a mountainside. Drink soup in the rain. Fall asleep smelling of woodsmoke. Find people you like. Find people nothing like you (we learn the most from them.) Dream big and ask for little. If someone shows you how to do something, listen. Practice. Get good. Then pass it on.

"Remember to say thank you. Write them a card.

"Swim in the ocean. Feel the salt on your skin and the wind in your hair. Look up at the stars but keep your feet on the ground. Fall off bicycles and dance on beaches. Sleep on a hillside in a bivvy bag and a woolly hat. Watch the sun rise over the sea. Close gates. Open doors. Be kind to animals and give away your change.

"Help other people. Build them up (it always makes you shine brighter). Eat fruit but save room for the occasional marshmallow (and remember they taste better nearly burnt). Chop enough wood.

"Give yourself some slack. Learn to do things properly. How we do anything is how we do everything. Don't be afraid to make



PHOTOS BY DEBBIE ADAMS

At the Eagle Scout ceremony, pictured left to right, were Steve Thrasher Scoutmaster 235, Brian Cook Assistant Scoutmaster (ASM) 235, Delcan Daly Cubmaster with Pack 23 Northcross School, Earnie Harris ASM 235, Gabe Wilson ASM 235, Franklin Apple, Tim Wortman Unit Commissioner, Oliver Lacy, Bradley Martin, Christian Shank ASM 235 (back), Lachlan Wilson (front), Jerry Thomas (back), Nathaniel Thomas (front), Trent Badgley ASM 235 (back), Henry Badgley (front), and Greg Leslie Committee Chair 235

a fool of yourself. Be good. Be kind. Eat plums. Have fun.

"Stop shopping and start living. Never pass up good advice. Remember what goes around, comes around. Stand up for what you believe in but remember to listen more than you speak. Keep an open mind. Never be afraid to admit you are wrong (people will respect you more for it.).

"Be there when someone needs you and they'll never forget it. Never be

afraid to ask for help. Keep learning; keep smiling; and keep looking to the horizon. That's where the future begins.

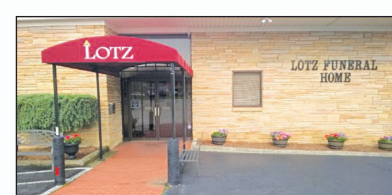
"Most of all, don't count the days. Make the days count. In Scouts, this is what we do. We keep learning. We look after each other. We show courage in the big moments. And the small ones. We know the power of a kind deed. It's why we love to help other people. We have fun. We don't just do badges, we do memories. We do adventures. After all, adventure is a state of mind."

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Left, William Byrd's Kevin Green rushes the ball up the field in last week's region lacrosse game in Blacksburg. Right, Terriers celebrate after clinching their first ever high school playoff win.

PHOTOS BY JON FLEMING

## Byrd lax team is in Salem today with spot in state on the line

When it comes to region lacrosse it all runs through Salem, and the William Byrd team will be running with the Spartans tonight. The Byrd boys are at Salem's Spartan Field for a 6 pm region semi-final game.

There's a lot at stake tonight. Byrd has never beaten Salem, and the Terriers lost to the Spartans during a regular season meeting, 14-3. However, Byrd was without face-off man Justyn Rozenboom, who is also one of the team's leading scorers, in that

game.

Salem is the defending state champion and comes in with a 13-1 record. The Terriers are 8-7 and coming off their first ever playoff win, a 12-9 victory on the road over Blacksburg. The winner of tonight's game clinches a spot in the state tournament and will play for the region championship next Tuesday, June 2nd.

"The team is excited, confident and ready for the challenge ahead," said Byrd coach Kaden West.

Rozenboom led the Terriers in the win over Blacksburg with two goals and five assists, dominating the faceoffs. Justyn won 76 percent of the draws to keep the Terriers in attack mode.

Brothers Morrison and Hendrix Wright combined for six goals and senior Ben Waid also had a big night, finishing with four goals and an assist in the historic win.

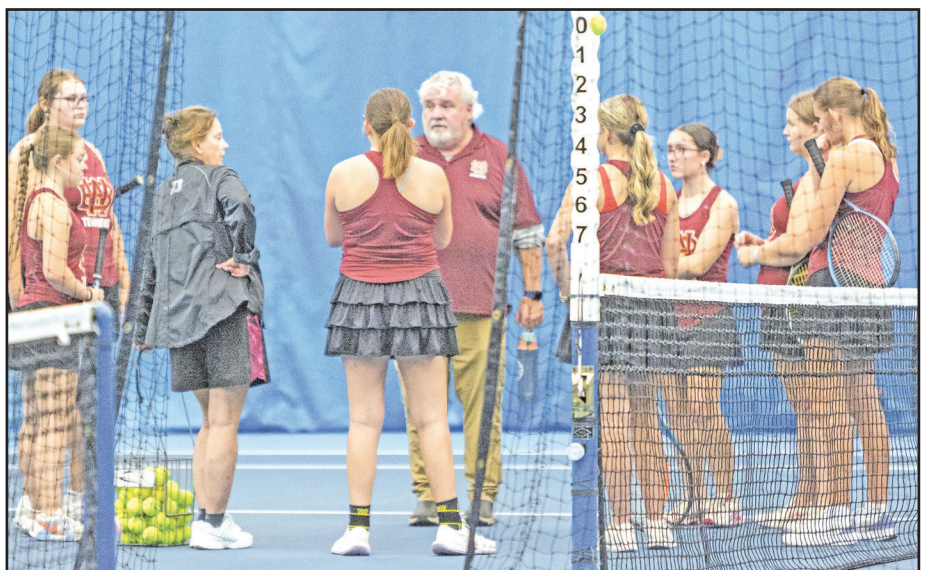
If the Terriers can win tonight it will be their first ever trip to the state tournament.

## Tennis teams will play in singles, doubles in Abingdon this week

The William Byrd boys and girls will be playing in singles and doubles tennis tournaments in Abingdon, beginning today at 10 am.

The girls will be represented by Ainsley Bolen in singles while Brooke Justus and Miley Moses Pinion with combine to play doubles. For the boys, Keith Schult will play in the singles tournament for Byrd and will also play doubles with teammate Sydney Nichols.

Both teams were eliminated from the team tournaments on Tuesday. The girls lost to Lord Botetourt, 5-0, and the boys lost to Cave Spring, also 5-0.



Above, William Byrd girls' tennis coach Randy Bush talks to the girls' prior to Tuesday's match at the Sun Tennis Facility on Starkey Road. Below, Byrd's Avery Chitwood hits a backhand in the match.

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## Spradlin is a National

William Byrd graduate and former Terrier pitcher Gehrig Spradlin has started a new job. Gehrig recently finished his Masters Degree at Southern Illinois University, where he served as the Baseball Strength Coach, and has taken a position with the Major League Baseball Washington Nationals. Spradlin will be one of the Nats' strength coaches this summer, working in West Palm Beach at Washington's spring training complex. He started his job on Monday working with the organization's Rookie League team.

