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Dixon named William Byrd Top Terrier

William Byrd High School senior Heidi Dixon has received the single highest honor bestowed on a student at Byrd— she was named Top Terrier for the 2026-2027 school year. Students and faculty select one student who represents the qualities of a Terrier—a champion. The Top Terrier exemplifies the qualities of integrity, loyalty, and courage of character, and serves as a role model for everyone. This person is the one you think of immediately when you think of School Pride.

As Principal Evan Noell said, being nominated for the honor is an award in itself. Other nominees were Sarah Nguyen, Gavin Thornton, Thomas Purcell, Maggie Zimmerman, and Addison Collins.

Dixon is the daughter of Lori and Chris Dixon. Her accomplishments include serving as captain of the WBHS volleyball team, a member of



Heidi Dixon has been named the WBHS Top Terrier for the 2026-2027 school year. Pictured left to right are: WBHS Principal Evan Noell, mother Lori Dixon, Heidi Dixon, father Chris Dixon, two of her siblings Kelly and Michael Dixon, with the Terrier Mascot.

William Byrd softball (second team All-District) and basketball teams (second team All-District), a member of the national champion Vinton Phoenix Wood 16U Fastpitch softball team, an honor roll student consistently in AP courses, a Junior Marshal, a member of the Homecoming Court her junior year, and Terrier of the Month (three times).

She is a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, the Student Advisory Council, DECA, Young Life, and the Leo Club. In the community, she volunteers at Vinton Baptist Church (in Vacation Bible School, Kids Camp, and the Praise Band). She baby- and pet-sits, works at Treetop Quest at Explore Park, coaches and umpires. She just committed to

play softball next year at the University of Lynchburg. “I love my school and I’m proud to be a Terrier of William Byrd High School,” Dixon said.

The Top Terrier presentation was made on August 21 at the first William Byrd pep rally of the year.

Dog Pound leaders for the year were also introduced, Bella Trumble and Riley Slusher. The Marching Terriers band performed, along with the William Byrd cheerleaders. Student athletes from fall sports teams (football, cheer, band, golf, cross country, and volleyball) were recognized.

- Vinton Messenger staff report



New faculty and staff at WBHS include, from left: seated, Danny Cruft and Brian Bartley; standing, Samantha Webb, Carrington Jones, Jennifer Carr-Batts, Brittany Conner, Rachel Francois Braussen, and Sarah Ferguson (not pictured, Dr. Tim Spence, Stephanie Benne, Emily Duhon, and Dr. Krystle Lowe).

William Byrd High School welcomes new faculty and staff

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William Byrd High School has introduced several new faculty and staff members for the 2026-2027 school year. Jennifer Carr-Batts, Carrington Jones, Brian Bartley, Emily Duhon, Samantha Webb, Dr. Krystle Lowe, Danny Cruft, Dr. Tim Spence, Brittany Conner, Rachel Francois, Stephanie Benne, and Sara Ferguson.

Jennifer Carr-Batts is the new bookkeeper at Byrd. She is originally from Moneta and a graduate of Staunton River High School. She previously worked in Bedford County Public Schools as a bookkeeper. She has 20 plus years of banking experience and decided to return to the field of education. WBHS is close to her home. In fact, she has lived near the Vinton area the majority of her life.

She enjoys camping with her husband, Todd, and son, Logan. She also enjoys reading and trips to the beach. She is a volleyball coach at Staunton River High School.

Carrington Jones is working as a Counseling Office administrative assistant. She is originally from Durham,

N.C., but grew up in the Bedford/Vinton area. She is a graduate of WBHS. She is starting her fifth year at William Byrd.

“This will be my first year as the Counseling Office administrative assistant. When I first started at William Byrd High School, I helped in the Counseling Office and quickly learned this was the area I wanted to work in long term.

“An opening for a teaching assistant became available at William Byrd High School, I applied and started the same year my oldest daughter began ninth grade. I was able to watch her attend and graduate from the same high school I did!”

She has family in the Vinton area and has stayed here to raise her two daughters. She will be sponsoring the Help Save the Next Girl Chapter and Club.

Brian Bartley is a Special Education teacher at Byrd, co-teaching geometry this year. He attended WBHS himself, graduating in 2006.

He earned his BA in communication from Virginia Tech in 2010 and received his teaching licensure from Old

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New faculty and staff arrive at Mount Pleasant Elementary

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Mount Pleasant Elementary School has welcomed six new faculty and staff members for the 2026-2027 school year. They are Christina Clifton, Maegan Burnette, Deborah Bowman, Jack Routt, Jillian Welsh, and T.J. Spradlin.

Christina Clifton is the new school nurse at Mount Pleasant. She is originally from Lexington and a graduate of Parry McCluer High School. She earned her BSN from James Madison University and her MSN from Radford University.

This is her 10th year as a school nurse. She made a switch from Roanoke City to Roanoke County and says she feels “very fortunate to have the opportunity to be a part of the Mount Pleasant team.”

“School nursing is my passion because I enjoy making a difference in the health of the community,” she said.

Her daughter is a student at William Byrd.

Maegan Burnette is working as the Speech Language pathologist at MPE. She is from Vinton and a graduate of William Byrd High School. Her parents lived in Vinton.

She graduated from Radford University with her bachelor’s and master’s in Communication Science and Disorders. This is her first year working in education.

She completed her externship at Mount Pleasant in the spring and decided to apply for a position with Roanoke County Schools.

“I chose speech pathology to help people communicate to increase their social participation

with their loved ones,” she said.

In her spare time, she enjoys embroidery, sewing, and traveling.

Deborah Bowman is teaching second grade. She earned her Bachelor of Education at the University of Virginia at Wise and is currently working on her Master’s in Education. She has been an educator since 2014.

“My four children are grown now, and I see my kids every day in these students. I always give 150%, because that is what I would want my kids to have gotten. I love kindergarten through second grade because I feel like these are the foundational years and if you can give them that strong start they will succeed,” she said.

She took a long-term

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New faculty and staff at Mount Pleasant Elementary include (from left) Jack Routt, Christina Clifton, Deborah Bowman, and T.J. Spradlin (not pictured, Jillian Welsh and Maegan Burnette).



Scenes from Dog Days of Summer and Rounds for Hounds at the Lancerlot

Lancerlot treats canine pets to annual Dog Days of Summer

Vinton canines had their day at the seventh annual “Dog Days of Summer” celebration at the Lancerlot Sports Complex on the afternoon of August 22. Dogs could cool off with their owners in the outdoor pool or at the ice rink at this free community event.

Lancerlot Manager Kathleen Sink says that when this event began in 2019, they selected on a late August date because the outdoor pool would be closing with schools reopening so cleaning up

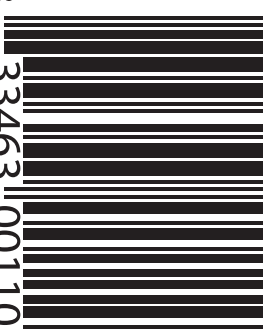
the water wouldn’t be a problem.

Saturday also marked the second annual Rounds for Hounds upstairs on the third floor of the Lot in the Modern Gladiators martial arts school. This year Modern Gladiators held an open Spar/Roll Day (strike or grapple) event— no referees, low intensity, and time to network with other martial arts students or potential students. The \$5 entry fee (or dog food donations) went to local animal shelters.

Last year, coach Antwon Curtis was able to deliver checks for about

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Vinton Hotel opening soon

As the Vinton Hotel is getting closer to opening (hopefully in October), citizens are asking where the entrance is going to be to the hotel which is located at the intersection of Pollard Street, Cedar Avenue, and Virginia Avenue.

Town Manager Pete Peters says, “There are two entrances approved for the hotel, one on Cedar Avenue and one on South Pollard. This project required two entrances to the site for emergency vehicles (firetrucks).

“The entrance on Pollard was moved as far as possible from the Pollard/Virginia traffic signal to reduce conflict and is a substantial improvement from the two previous ‘open entrances’ that were there when it was a garage/car lot and the small retail store at the end.

“Placing an entrance on Virginia (one of Vinton’s main gateways) was not permitted for obvious reasons, and an entrance to the west wasn’t possible due to the Wells Fargo Bank.”

Pollard was closed recently for completion of a Stormwater Improvement Project. The hotel inquired as to whether it could use that closure to their advantage for pouring sidewalks and curbs.



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Vinton Hotel site plan indicates two entrances to the hotel, one on Cedar and one on Pollard.

AEP also completed a project at the intersection at the same time to remove a pole and the Western Virginia Water Authority worked on underground lines (some antiquated) which needed attention.

~ Vinton Messenger staff report



By Molly Meador
Vinton Library Senior Assistant

It may not feel like it outside yet, but fall is fast approaching, and the new school year is already under way. We’ve got plenty of fun things happening at the library this month to help you get in the swing of the new season.

We are celebrating 50 years of plant swapping at the Vinton Library. We recently discovered a photo from a Plant Swap we held in 1976, so we thought we’d have an extra one this year to commemorate the tradition on Saturday, September 12 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Bring a plant in a container (preferably labeled!) and exchange it for a plant someone else has brought.

On Monday, September 28 from 11 a.m.-12 p.m., we’re here to help you learn about Creating a Letter on a Computer*. Whether it’s personal or business, if you want to learn how to write and format your own letters on a computer, we will teach you the steps.

All Abilities Club* will meet on Friday, September 11 from 11 a.m.-12 p.m. This month we’ll be playing some fun games. Alternate activities are also provided based on needs. (For group registrations of three or more, please call 540-857-5043.)

Creations and Temptations* will be on Saturday, September 12 from 3-4 p.m. This month we will make a cute little candy apple shelf sitter.

Discover the joy of playing the ukulele in this friendly, hands-on Beginner Ukulele Workshop* on Saturday, September 19 from 3-4 p.m. Learn basic chords, strumming patterns, and a few easy songs to get you started. No musical experience required— just bring your enthusiasm

and curiosity. You’re encouraged to bring your own ukulele, if possible, but the library does have a limited number available on a first-come, first-served basis for checkout with your library card.

This month the Vinton Book Club* will discuss “This Tender Land” by William Kent Krueger on Thursday, September 3 from 3-4 p.m. The As the Page Turns Book Club* will discuss “The Frozen River” by Ariel Lawhon on Wednesday, September 9 from 2-3 p.m.

Be sure to check out our awesome ongoing adult programs:

- Open Bridge meets every Tuesday from 1-4 p.m.
- DMV Connect will be here Wednesday, September 23 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. (closed from 12:30-1:30 p.m. for lunch)
- The Roanoke Valley Dulcimers meet Saturday, September 19 from 10:15 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

We will have Discovery Time* (ages 2-5) on Thursday, September 10 from 11 a.m.-12 p.m. This month, engage in alphabet fun with “hidden letters” watercolor resist painting and sensory bins. Junior Makers* (ages 5-10) will be on Wednesday, September 16 from 4-5 p.m. This month we’ll draw with Tale-Bot and create spirograph art using snap circuits! Art Aficionados* (ages 6-11) will meet on Wednesday, September 23 from 4-5 p.m. to learn all about Caravaggio and make their own art project using the artist as inspiration.

Our fall story time session begins on Tuesday, September 8. Please note that our Tuesday Toddler Storytime

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Senior Center Scene

By Judy Gruber

Have you always wanted to learn a musical instrument but were convinced that it would be too hard or take too long to learn? You have the opportunity to learn to play the Native American Flute at the Charles Hill Community Center/Senior Center on five Monday nights in November with Steve (Cheveyo) Garay. Steve plays the Native American Flute to honor his Native American roots. He is pastor at Oakview Church of God and the Tai Chi and Cane Defense instructor at the center.

The Native American Flute is simpler to play than the typical school band flute, and the sound that it makes is considered to be calming and meditative. Each participant in Steve Garay’s class will receive their own flute, a workbook, and five hours of class time. Classes will start on Monday night, November 2, and follow on November 9, 16, 23, and 30 from 6 to 7 p.m.

The deadline to sign up is October 1. The cost is \$125 (half is due to reserve a spot in the class). Visit <https://cheveyoleatherworks.net/> events to register.

The Downsizers Club meets on the first Wednesday of the month. That is September 2, starting at 10 and ending at 11:30 a.m. They will continue to cover what to do with old photographs, collectables, and family mementos, giving hints and resources.

The Downsizing Donation and Resource Fair will be held Friday, September 25 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the

Charles Hill Community Center/Senior Center. The object is to bring local organizations and resources together in one place so that people can learn where items may be donated, reused, recycled, sold, preserved, or responsibly handled. This is a “not to be missed” event!

The next Happy Hearts Dance is Saturday, September 12 from 7 to 10 p.m. 3DT Band will be playing and concessions are available. Admission is \$10 per person at the door at Charles R. Hill Community Center/Senior Center.

New at the center is a Puzzle Exchange – you can take a puzzle or bring a puzzle and exchange it for a different one.

The parking lot at the Vinton War Memorial and Charles R. Hill Community Center will be repaved during September. While an exact date is not determined, the paving will impact access to the facilities and the scheduled senior programs.

Residents are encouraged to follow the Vinton Charles R. Hill Community Center on Facebook or check the Town of Vinton Calendar at <https://www.vintonva.gov/> for the most updated news on new programs, program cancelations, and special events. Participants can also call the office at 540-983-0645 to confirm if any programs have been canceled. Your patience and flexibility are appreciated.

Our weekly activities are as follows:

- Mexican Train
- Dominos meets on Mondays from 9:45 a.m. to 1:45 p.m.
- Music Jam

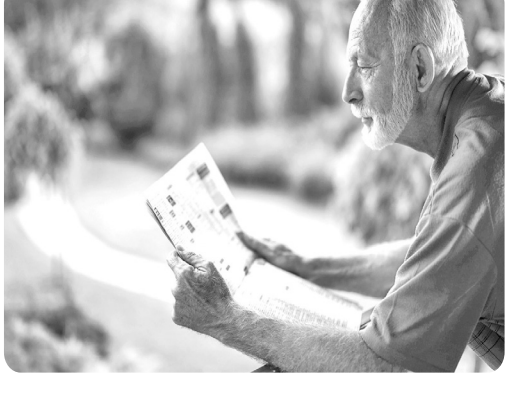
meets at 2 p.m. till 5:30 p.m. every Monday. If you play an instrument or want to sing along, or just like to listen to live music, this informal get-together is just what you are looking for.

- Defensive Cane and Tai Chi meet at 5:30 till 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.
- On Tuesdays, the Senior Center has Line Dancing Classes for Beginners from 11:30 a.m. till 12:30 p.m. and Advanced Beginners Class at 10 till 11 a.m. Advanced Line Dancing will be on hold until further notice.
- Hand and Foot Canasta meets on Tuesdays from 1 till 5 p.m. and on Thursdays at 10 a.m. till 2 p.m.
- Senior Tai Chi meets every Thursday from 9 till 9:45 a.m. 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, a seated version of the routine is available.

All Vinton senior programs listed take place at the Charles R. Hill Community Center/Senior Center at 820 E. Washington Avenue, 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 or call 540-983-0645.

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RCPS reminds fans about Stadium Rules as football season begins

This Friday, high school teams in Roanoke County will kick off the 2026 football season.

All fans are asked to adhere to the following rules when attending any RCPS event:

- Enter only through designated gates
- No re-entry. Once you leave the stadium, re-entry is not permitted.
- Clear bags only. All bags are subject to inspection (www.rcps.us/ clearbag for more information).

- No outside food or drinks. Concessions are available inside the stadium.
- Elementary and middle school students must be accompanied by an adult at all times.
- Show respect to players, coaches, officials, and fellow spectators.
- Dispose of trash in the proper

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FILE PHOTO

Altec and Varney combine for \$600K contribution to RCPS Campaign for Excellence

Roanoke County Public Schools (RCPS) announced this week that Altec Industries and Varney Electric have made independent contributions totaling more than half a million dollars to the RCPS Campaign for Excellence.

Altec is contributing \$350,000 and Varney is contributing \$250,000. Both contributions will be made over the next five years.

“Helping our students get to their future careers as efficiently as possible is important work and the Campaign for Excellence is one way the schools are collaborating with business and industry to make it happen,” said Jason Suhr, director of Career and Technical Education (CTE) for RCPS.

“The new Roanoke County Career and Technology Center will provide industry-level instruction in the skilled trades that aligns with the workforce required by many regional businesses, some of whom have already contributed to the campaign. We are proud that Varney and Altec have committed to partnering with us.”

The Campaign for Excellence is a capital campaign to provide additional opportunities for students such as scholarships for RCCTC graduates pursuing careers that will help fill the current workforce shortage in many high-demand industries, including health care, HVAC, skilled trades and more.

Construction of the \$80 million center began in September 2024. Once completed in January 2027, RCCTC will provide more than 125,000 square feet of state-of-the-art instructional space. The new CTE center will replace the current Burton Center for Arts & Technology (BCAT) in Salem.

BCAT is home to a Governor’s STEM Academy and award-winning programs in many industries including engineering, motorsports/welding, mass communication/graphic design, culinary arts, building trades, mechatronics/robotics, health sciences, cybersecurity, and more. Students from all five Roanoke County high schools learn marketable skills for post-graduation employment and further education in multiple fields.

“We are so thankful for the support from our community, including great companies like Altec and Varney,” said Dr. Jamie Soltis, RCPS superintendent. “CTE instruction is a critical component of how we teach our students key skills. We need to be proactive to ensure that, as our instruction evolves, we have industry-level equipment and tools, so our graduates will be Opportunity Ready – properly prepared to enter the workforce after graduation.”

- Submitted by RCPS

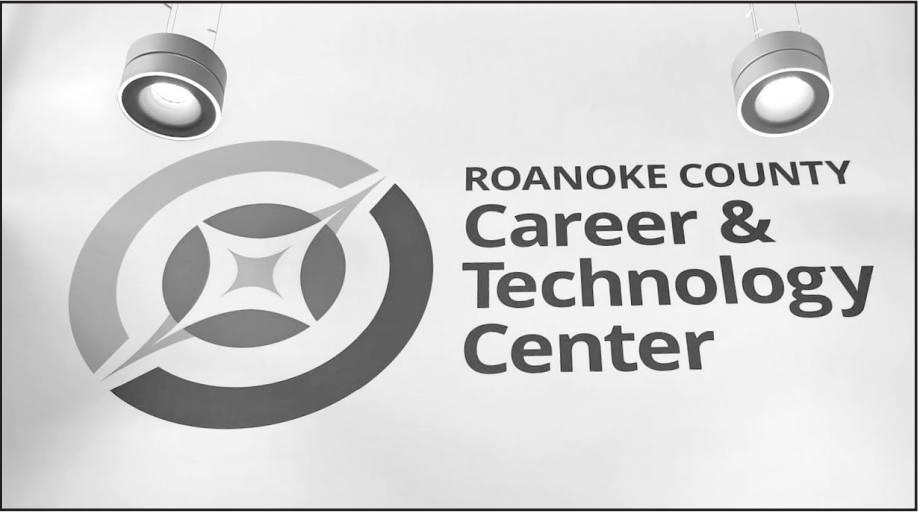


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Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over campaign launches across the Commonwealth

Virginia officials have launched the Commonwealth’s 25th anniversary drunk driving enforcement and public awareness effort, Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over. Beginning August 19 and continuing through the Labor Day holiday weekend, the 2026 version of the Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over campaign features 111 Virginia law enforcement agencies conducting 665 individual saturation patrols and 58 sobriety checkpoints across the Commonwealth.

“Virginia has made major strides in combating impaired driving over the last 25 years, and the Commonwealth’s Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over campaign has been central to that progress,” said Virginia Secretary of Transportation Nick Donohue. “However, every drunk driving death, injury, crash and arrest is 100% preventable and preventing them requires all of us to do our part. Whether it’s planning a safe ride home if your plans include alcohol, reporting suspected impaired drivers, or simply buckling up, every action helps make Virginia’s roads safer.”

To complement the stepped-up law enforcement effort, Virginia’s 2026 Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over operation is deploying a research-based and newly enhanced public awareness program called “What’s the Damage?” First introduced in 2024, the program originally focused on the financial consequences of a drunk driving arrest. The all-new 2026 outreach delivers innovative and creative materials paired with impactful messaging, reminding Virginia motorists that a DUI offense can have consequences far beyond the financial impact, affecting a person’s relationships, friendships and overall quality of life. It also encourages everyone to always plan a safe ride home before drinking. The new 2026 digital creative can be seen at WhatsTheDamage.org.

Since the start of the Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over campaign in 2002, there has been notable progress in reducing drunk driving in Virginia. Alcohol-related traffic crashes have nearly halved (45%), fatalities have decreased by 36%, and injuries have decreased by 42% (2001 vs. 2025, Virginia DMV).

More recently, newly released DMV data from 2025 shows that both alcohol-related crash fatalities and serious injuries decreased significantly from the prior year (22% and 9%, respectively).

“We are encouraged by the decline in recent alcohol-related fatalities and serious injuries, but there is always more work to be done,” said Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) Commissioner Saundra M. Jack, the Governor’s Highway Safety Representative. “Safeguarding lives is central to the DMV’s mission, and the Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over campaign represents a meaningful step forward in our collective effort to foster safer roadways for motorists across Virginia.”

Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over reminds Virginians to get a safe ride home after drinking or face arrest, using public safety messaging and high-visibility enforcement to keep impaired drivers off the road.

The campaign is supported by new data from consumer research company GWI (Global Web Index), which this month surveyed 500 Virginia drivers most likely to drive after drinking: 21 to 35-year-old males. Among other findings, the research showed that while nearly all (89%) of the 21- to 35-year-old male drivers surveyed in Virginia believe it is important to plan for a safe ride home after drinking, only a third (34%) frequently do.

Additionally, Virginia State Police troopers will work through the Labor Day holiday as part of Operation CARE – the Crash Awareness Reduction Effort. CARE is a nationwide, state-sponsored traffic safety program that aims to reduce traffic crashes, fatalities and injuries caused by impaired driving, speeding and failing to use occupant restraints. Virginia State Police’s participation in the program will begin September 4 and run through September 7, 2026.

“With over 100 law enforcement agencies participating throughout the Commonwealth, Virginians will see a significantly stepped-up effort by state and local law enforcement to identify and apprehend impaired drivers through the Labor Day holiday,” said Virginia State Police Superintendent Colonel Jeffrey S. Katz.

Virginia’s Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over campaign is supported by a grant from DMV to the Virginia-based nonprofit Washington Regional Alcohol Program (WRAP).

- Submitted by Virginia DMV

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God Repays

Read Ezekiel 24:1 through 27:36

Why do people sometimes seem to get away with sinning? Does God look away when these evils come against His children?

““Your wealth, merchandise and wares, your mariners, sailors and shipwrights, your merchants and all your soldiers, and everyone else on board will sink into the heart of the sea on the day of your shipwreck”” (Ezekiel 27:27).

When Israel turned away from the Lord, the people became prey for the enemies of God. The nations that attacked Israel assumed God would not judge their sin, but they were mistaken. God watched and recorded every evil deed. A day of accounting was decreed.

In time, Israel's enemies lost wealth, status, and strength. Some even disappeared from the world altogether.

When trials come, Christians should not presume that God is unconcerned with their struggles. He sometimes uses difficulties to discipline and train them for righteousness. As His people wait upon Him, their faith grows.

One day you will be lifted above your trials, and retribution will be given to those who would plunder you.

Prayer Suggestion: Lord, I trust You even now.

Quicklook: Ezekiel 27:26–31

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RECIPE OF THE WEEK

By Debbie Adams

This pie has been given many names— pull-apart pie, mosaic pie, stained glass pie. My mom’s recipe calls it Mosaic Pie. It’s a way to serve several different kinds of pie fillings at the same time. You can make your own pie fillings and crust, or you can make it easy and use refrigerated pie crust and canned pie fillings.

Ingredients:
A single refrigerated pie crust
1/2 cup cherry pie filling
1/2 cup blueberry pie filling
1/2 cup peach pie filling
(You can substitute apple pie filling, blackberry pie filling or whatever you like best.)

Instructions: Roll out chilled pie

crust into large circle about 1/4 in thick. Use a two-inch cookie cutter or glass and stamp out as many circles as possible, about two dozen. Reroll dough scraps to make addition rounds.

Place dough rounds on parchment lined plate or tray and refrigerate for 5-10 minutes. Preheat oven to 375°. Lightly grease a 9-inch pie plate or springform pan. Working with one dough round at a time, place a small spoonful of pie filling in the center of the dough round, alternating fillings, and pinch the edges to fill. Begin with edges and then fill to the center, placing the tiny pies snugly. Refrigerate until firm, about 15 minutes. Bake until filling is bubbling and crust is golden brown (about 20 minutes). Let cool slightly.



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Mosaic cake

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Attic Productions to open ‘Puffs’ tonight

Attic Productions will bring a different perspective to the world of wizardry when it opens its latest production, “Puffs (or: Seven Increasingly Eventful Years at a Certain School of Magic and Magic),” Thursday at the D. Geraldine Lawson Performing Arts Center in Fincastle.

Written by Matt Cox and directed by Kalee Weimann, “Puffs” follows a group of students who attend a certain famous school of magic during the same seven years as a certain famous boy wizard, only this story focuses on the students who were never destined to save the world.

The fast-paced comedy offers a humorous look at the magical school experience through the eyes of the Puffs, a group known for being loyal, hardworking and perhaps a



PHOTO COURTESY OF ATTIC PRODUCTIONS

little less celebrated than some of the school’s more famous students.

The show opens Thursday, Aug. 27, and continues through Sept. 6. Performances are scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays, with 2:30 p.m. matinees on Saturdays and Sundays.

For more information, visit Attic Productions’ website or contact the theater at 540-473-1001.

~ Vinton Messenger staff report

VINTON HISTORY: Cut Glass

By Judy Cunningham, Executive Director

Brilliant cut glass is thick, heavy, absolutely clear and deeply cut – almost sharp enough to cut you. American and

European patterns were indistinguishable; fine craftspeople hand cut and polished the elaborate pieces from the early 1870s to the first decades of the 1900s.

Cut glass is created by using rotating wheels to shape the glass by hand. The cuts in the glass reflect the light, which gives the item a high-value look. This style is known for being luxurious because of its high labor cost.

Although cut glass has been around for centuries, it peaked in America during the Brilliant Period, from the late 19th

to early 20th century. Cut glass is highly collectible but not practical due to its tendency to crack. Some beautiful cut glass items are on display at the Vinton History Museum, 210 East Jackson Avenue in downtown Vinton.



PHOTO BY JUDY CUNNINGHAM

Cut glass on display at the Vinton History Museum

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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- CLUES ACROSS
1. Taxis
5. Space Systems Command
8. Plant seed by scattering
11. Alliances
13. Fiddler crabs
14. Heroic tale
15. Yemen capital
16. Misleading gesture
17. Cain and __
18. Simple shoe
20. Hundredweight
21. Children’s toy in the snow
22. Gets rid of
25. Free of deceit
30. Performed a dance
31. Chinese philosophical principle
32. Exaggerated
33. Refrain from inflicting
38. A doctrine
41. Can be subdued
43. A place to bathe
45. Land used for pasture
48. Curved piece of iron
49. Automobile
50. Fencing sword
55. Breezes through
56. Child
57. NBA legend Iverson
59. Horsley and Iacocca are two
60. Midway between northeast and east
61. Spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation
62. U.S. leader during much of WW2
63. Lair
64. Fibrous material
- CLUES DOWN
1. Home of Ó60 Minutes
2. Expression of sorrow or pity
3. __ fide: legitimate
4. Immune response
5. Assistance and support
6. Glared
7. Spanish saloon
8. Pitch black
9. S-shaped lines
10. Statistical test
12. __ Paulo, city
14. Graduation garb
19. A way to record
23. Not good
24. Weather events
25. A pituitary hormone
26. Jamie Foxx film
27. Rocker’s accessory
28. One point east (clockwise) of due north
29. One who obtains pleasure from another’s pain
34. Consume
35. Licensed for Wall Street
36. Sick
37. Israeli city __ Aviv
39. Removed the husk
40. Mass of rocks and sediment
41. Two-year-old sheep
42. Area units
44. Prison overseer
45. Walked
46. Wartime escort aircraft carrier
47. Tax
48. 50 percent
51. Swiss river
52. Tattle
53. Actor Idris
54. Resist authority (slang)
58. Egg of a louse



From the Pulpit

By Pastor Bryan Crouch

Dealing with Unexpected Hardships

Life has a way of bringing unexpected hardships. Whether it is a health crisis, financial strain, the loss of a loved one, or simply the weight of daily worries, everyone experiences seasons of struggle. During these moments, it is easy to wonder if brighter days will ever come.

The Bible reminds us that our hope is not based on changing circumstances but on the unchanging character of God. His faithfulness has carried countless people through life’s darkest valleys, and He continues to do the same today.

As Lamentations 3:22-23 (NIV) declares, “Because of the LORD’s great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.” Even when we cannot see the path ahead,

we can trust that God is already there.

Faith does not promise a life free from trouble, but it does promise that we never face those troubles alone. God’s presence brings peace in the middle of uncertainty and strength when our own strength runs out.

Looking back on past challenges often reminds us of the many ways He has already provided, encouraged, and sustained us. Those memories become a foundation for trusting Him with today’s struggles. Whatever burden you may be carrying, remember that God’s faithfulness has never failed and never will. His promises remain true, His love never changes, and His hope is available to everyone who places their trust in Him.

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AARP Fraud Alert: Scams Target Natural Disasters

The aftermath of natural disasters is stressful, overwhelming, and anxiety provoking. These emotions are what fraud criminals thrive on. They may show up in your neighborhood with a work truck and claim they can help with your damage and ask for payment upfront, only to never return. They may seek to impersonate utility companies, offering quick reconnection for an upfront fee. Or they impersonate FEMA or an insurance adjustor. The common denominator involves paying for

something on the spot. FEMA agents never seek payment when providing post-disaster support. As tempting as it may be to cut to the front of the line on getting your electricity back or make a deal with a construction company right away, give yourself time to pause and think about the scenario before committing. Learn how to spot and avoid scams with AARP Fraud Watch Network. Suspect a scam? Call the free helpline at 877-908-3360 and talk to a fraud specialist about what to do next.



FILE GRAPHIC

Salem VA holding Veteran Enrollment Fair Saturday

The Salem VA Health Care System will hold a Summer VetFest Veteran Enrollment Fair from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 29, at the Salem VA Medical Center, 1970 Roanoke Blvd., Salem. The event, open to all veterans, their family members and caregivers, will be a one-stop shop for all major Veterans Administration services and resources – connecting veterans to VA care and benefits with same-day services. At VetFest, veterans can enroll in VA health care on the spot. Then, after enrolling they can receive an initial Primary Care appointment with a VA doctor on the same day. To enroll, veterans should bring their DD-214, a valid photo ID, and any insurance information. VetFest is also an opportunity for veterans to

file a Veteran Benefits Claim, or to check on the status of an existing claim. Local Veteran Benefits Administration representatives will be on-site to offer one-on-one claims counseling. Other services offered at VetFest will include toxic exposure screenings, one-on-one private mental health support, and the opportunity to connect and learn more about a large variety of VA programs. Featured veteran programs include Women's Health, Homeless Care/Housing, Suicide Prevention, Caregiver Support, Social Work, Whole Health, Roanoke VET Center Support, and VA volunteering opportunities. "A key part of fulfilling our mission is ensuring that veterans within our community receive the health care they have earned for serving our nation,"

said Tammy Snyder, executive director of the Salem VA Health Care System. "This engaging, accessible event allows veterans to easily connect with our team to access the care and benefits they deserve. They served us, now it's our duty and honor to serve them." For a head start on enrolling in VA health care, veterans can complete an online form before the event. There is no requirement to complete this form, but its completion will assist with the enrollment process. Learn more at www.va.gov/salem-health-care or call 540-982-2463 for enrollment information. Complimentary summer picnic food, snacks, and drinks will be available to attendees.

- Vinton Messenger staff report

Rules

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receptacles. • No smoking, vaping, alcohol, or illegal substances • No fighting, abusive language, or disruptive behavior • Discourteous or unsportsmanlike behavior will result in fans being asked to leave the stadium. • Stay off the playing field unless authorized • Only service animals are permitted • Follow all directions from school staff and security personnel. "We want our fans to support our students with positive Roanoke County spirit. Cheer loudly for your team, but please always show respect for our players, coaches, officials and fellow spectators," said Dr. Jamie Soltis, superintendent of Roanoke County Public Schools. "We want our students to see our school events as places where they can compete, have fun and be supported by their community."

-Submitted by Roanoke County Schools

Books

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slot is transitioning to a Baby Storytime! Don't worry though, we still have our normal Toddler Storytime available on Wednesdays. So, from here on out, we will have Baby Storytime* (up to 18 months) on Tuesdays from 11-11:30 a.m. We also have Toddler Storytime* (18-36 months) on Wednesdays from 10:30-11 a.m. as well as Preschool Storytime* (ages 3-5) on Wednesdays from 11:30 a.m.-12 p.m. Don't forget about our ongoing and recurring youth programs: • Teen Volunteer Group will be on Thursday, September 3 and Tuesday, September 16 from 5-6 p.m. and Saturday, September 19 from 3-4 p.m. • Teen Writers Group* meets Tuesday, September 1 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. • Caturday for TEENS* is on Saturday, September 5 with 20-minute slots at 11:30 a.m., 11:50 a.m. and 12:10 p.m. 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. *All programs denoted with an asterisk require prior registration to reserve a spot. Please call or visit the library or check out the events on our website to register.

WBHS

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Dominion University in 2023. This is his eighth year in education. "I chose Special Education because it was the most accessible way to switch careers to get into education. I've grown to love it. At the end of the day, teaching is a job that allows you to do some truly meaningful work and hopefully instill qualities in our kids that will give them the opportunity to bring positive change to the communities they live in. "I spent seven awesome years at W.E. Cundiff Elementary. I'll always cherish those years as some of the best of my life. I left because the high school schedule is more conducive to my family's life and schedule. Additionally, I'm the boys' middle school basketball coach at WBMS, as well as an assistant coach for the high school basketball team. Being on campus for those after-school activities will have some added convenience to our family's busy schedule. His wife and her family own and operate Studio 45 (a youth dance studio) in Vinton. "When we do have some free time in our house, we like to spend it together doing something out in the community or relaxing at home. My oldest son is 11 years old, and I love getting to watch him play sports, attend camps, or whatever activities he is getting into. My youngest is one and a half years old, so what time we don't spend with the oldest is more than occupied by the energy and chaos of the youngest." Emily Duhon will be teaching art at Glenvar Middle School and William Byrd High School– Art IB sixth grade, Art IB seventh grade, Art eighth grade, Graphic Design 1, Graphic Design 2, and Art 1. She is originally from Salem and a graduate of Salem High School. She earned her Bachelor's Degree in Art Education from Radford University. "I recently moved back to the area to be closer to my family and friends and was excited to find an opportunity to continue my career in Art Education at Glenvar Middle School and William Bryd High School. I was drawn to these schools because of their welcoming atmosphere, commitment to student success, and strong sense of community." This is her fourth year as an educator. "I chose Art Education because I am passionate about helping students express themselves creatively and develop confidence in their abilities. Seeing students grow in their artistic abilities and gain confidence in themselves is one of the most rewarding aspects of my job. "I enjoy hiking and spending time outdoors. Being in nature helps me relax, recharge, and appreciate the beauty of the world around us. I also love spending quality time with my nieces and nephews, whether we're exploring outside, doing creative activities, or simply making memories together." Samantha Webb will be teaching Sports Marketing and Exploration Marketing at William Byrd and Hidden Valley High Schools. She is originally from Roanoke and graduated from William Byrd, Class of 2010. She coached JV/varsity girls' basketball and volleyball for six years before getting the head girls' basketball position at Hidden Valley. She earned her Bachelor's in Recreation and Tourism Management with a concentration in Sports Management from Concord University, her Master's in Kinesiology and Sport Studies from East Tennessee State University, and her Special Education teaching certification from the University of Virginia at Wise. This is her eighth year in education. Webb chose to teach marketing because "I always had a love for marketing and the science behind advertising to an audience." "I've been a Special Education teacher at Hidden Valley High School for the last three years and this position at Byrd opened up and it was the area of general education I was most interested in. "In my free time, I love to hang out with friends and family, travel, and go to concerts. I am a newlywed. My husband and I got married in May and have been enjoying this new chapter of life together. "At Hidden Valley, I am the junior class sponsor and coordinate Prom, and I coach the girls' basketball team. Dr. Krystle Lowe will be teaching Fine Arts and Theatre at William Byrd, Hidden Valley, and Cave Spring High Schools. She is from Spencer, Va., and a graduate of Magna Vista High School. She earned her BFA from Virginia Commonwealth University, her Master of Education Degree from the University of Richmond, and her doctorate from Virginia Tech. She has spent 15 years as an educator. "I chose Theater because I have a passion for it, I am a professional actress; and I wanted to work in Roanoke." Her special interests are acting, languages, music, travel, and animals. She is interested in becoming involved in the Drama Club. Danny Cruff is the FAACTS teacher at WBHS. He is originally from the Vinton area but moved to Fort Wayne, Ind., after graduating from William Byrd High School in the Class of 2019. He eventually returned home to Vinton in 2021 and has been here ever since. He studied General SPED Curriculum and Adaptive SPED Curriculum at UVA-Wise. This is his fifth year in education, but his first as a teacher. "I don't enjoy anything more than being able to help others and I feel as if working with special needs students is the best way I can do that. Special needs has had a huge place in my heart my entire life, so I am thrilled to be able to do what I love and impact the kids in the best way possible. "When I first applied for an instructional assistant position for the county, Northside High School interviewed and offered me the job. I accepted the job, but then Tammy Newcomb asked me to come in for an interview, offered me the position, and I happily decided to take the job at my alma mater. From there I worked one-on-one with a student until eventually a new FAACTS position opened up, and Evan Noell worked to make my degree and work schedule align so that I was able to accept my dream job." As for his connections to Vinton, "I grew up here, played sports throughout my school career, and eventually became a basketball coach at Hidden Valley Middle and High before deciding to coach at William Byrd High School. "My sister also went to William Byrd High School and was the first baseman on the state championship team in 2019." Cruff will be assistant coach for varsity boys basketball, and club sponsor for Byrd Buddies. Brittany Conner will be an instructional assistant at William Byrd this year. She is originally from Florida and moved here nearly six years ago. She earned her BA in Journalism from Gardner-Webb University. She worked as an instructional assistant for two years and taught Upper Elementary at Community School for three years. "I am working on earning my secondary license in Social Studies and am looking forward to learning from experienced teachers at the high school level. "I am an avid reader– when I can. I have four kids (including a set of triplets), and live with three dogs, four cats, and six chickens. Rachel Francois Braussen is an instructional assistant teaching French 1-4 and as an Interest Block with sixth grade at WBHS and WBMS. She is from Lorraine, France and earned her degree in Art and Education from Strasbourg University in France. She has been teaching for 25 years. She chose her subject area because "I love French and I love to share my culture." She also loves art and analyzing handwriting. She lives in Vinton in a former school. Stephanie Benne teaches ninth grade PE/Health at William Byrd and Cave Spring High Schools. Dr. Tim Spence is teaching Latin at WBHS and Hidden Valley High School. Sara Ferguson is a Special Education instructional assistant working in Directed Study with students. She grew up outside of Cleveland, Ohio. She graduated from Virginia Tech with her Bachelor's in English and Creative Writing with a minor in Classical Studies. She has been working in schools for about a year and enjoying it so far. "I'm working towards my teacher's license so I can, hopefully, teach English someday soon. The IA position is a steppingstone that I am so grateful to have and I'm eager to help any way I can. "I have a close friend who's a great teacher here. He was able to connect me to the right people, and it all worked out beautifully. I don't live locally, but I have a lot of fantastic friends who live in the area. They're some of the loveliest people I've ever met, and I'm grateful to be a part of the community that helps shape them that way. "I have a wonderful husband and a beautiful little daughter I get to share my life with. I love all kinds of sports, but especially soccer and track, and I love to read and write!" Evan Noell remains principal at WBHS for the 2026-2027 school year.

SALEM RIDGEYAKS VS HILL CITY HOWLERS



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The contents of the following storage unit(s) will be sold at Public Auction to enforce our owner's lien: Unit #434
Sale will be conducted at B&B Storage, At 1015 Radford St., Christiansburg VA on Friday, August 28, 2026, at 10:00 A.M.
All sales are final & CASH only

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Notice is hereby given to all interested persons that the Council of the City of Salem, at its regular meeting on Monday, September 14, 2026, at 6:30 p.m., in Council Chambers, City Hall, 114. N. Broad Street, in the City of Salem, Virginia, will hold a public hearing, pursuant to Sections 15.2-2204 and 15.2-2285 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, to consider the following requests relative to the CODE OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA:

1. Consider the request of Terry Properties of VA Inc., property owner, for the issuance of a Special Exception Permit to allow a two family dwelling on the property located at 432 Chestnut Street, (Tax Map # 161-3-1).
2. Consider amending Chapter 66, Signs, Article I In General, Section 66-11.1 Minor signs during voting, of the CODE OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA, pertaining to minor signs during voting.

Copies of the proposed plans, ordinances or amendments may be examined in the Office of Community Development, 21 South Bruffey Street, Salem, Virginia.
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VDOT
ADVERTISEMENT FOR SNOW REMOVAL EQUIPMENT SERVICES WITH OPERATOR SIGNUP

The Virginia Department of Transportation invites heavy equipment owners to sign up for the rental of their equipment with operators for SNOW & ICE REMOVAL purposes in Salem Residency which includes the counties of Roanoke, Botetotourt and Craig during the winter of 2026-2027. Price per hour shall include operators, fuel, tire chains, supplies

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and required insurance. VDOT will need dump trucks, pickups with plows, motorgraders, backhoes, dozers, track loaders, tractors, rubber-tire loaders and farm tractors. All equipment shall be equipped for night work and be in good mechanical condition to ensure a safe and dependable 24/7 operation. VDOT reserves the right to determine acceptability of equipment size and condition for the task. Contractors submitting prices meeting the requirements of the Agreement may be contracted with and may be eligible to receive a bonus payment and a minimum guaranteed payment for the season. Contractors must submit their application on the electronic M7B bidding site at https://plow4va.vdot.virginia.gov. All new and returning Contractors must be active in the Virginia eProcurement Portal (eVA) in order to do business with the Commonwealth of Virginia (https://eva.virginia.gov). Applications received by 7:00 PM on Friday September 18, 2026 may be eligible for a bonus payment. See the EVA posting for additional information, including contract requirements. Questions can be directed to the Salem Residency from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM Monday – Friday. Phone: 540-387-5497. Email: SalemDistrictSnow@vdot.virginia.gov
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Case No. CL26-1624
MONTGOMERY COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT, 55 EAST MAIN STREET, SUITE 1, CHRISTIANSBURG, VA 24073
VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY
ALISON JUSTUS, Plaintiff, v.
UNKNOWN HEIRS OF MELVIN E. SCOTT, INDIVIDUALLY, AND AS TRUSTEE UNDER THE SCOTT LIVING TRUST DATED JUNE 16, 1999,

UNKNOWN HEIRS OF NAOMI W. SCOTT, INDIVIDUALLY, AND AS TRUSTEE UNDER THE SCOTT LIVING TRUST DATED JUNE 16, 1999,

UNKNOWN SUCCESSORS IN TRUST UNDER THE SCOTT LIVING TUST DATED JUNE 16, 1999, and

UNKNOWN BENEFICIARIES UNDER THE SCOTT LIVING TRUST DATED JUNE 16, 1999, Defendant(s).

The object of this suit is to reform the Deed dated August 21, 2003, recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Montgomery County, Virginia, as Instrument No. 2003014538, and confirm title in Alison Justus. An Affidavit having been filed stating that due diligence has been used, without effect, to ascertain the location of the named Defendant(s), that the Defendant(s) may be non-residents of Virginia and maintain no domicile with ion the borders of the Commonwealth, or are deceased, or that there may be parties who have an interest in the property but are unknown, namely, heirs, devisees, and successors in title of the named Defendant(s), made Defendant(s) by the general description of Parties Unknown, it is hereby ORDERED that he named Defendant(s) and all Parties Unknown appear on or before October 14, 2026, and do what may be necessary to protect their interests in this cause.
Entered 8/17/26
Honorable Robert M.D. Turk Judge
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LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE TOWN OF CHRISTIANSBURG PLANNING COMMISSION

The Town of Christiansburg Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, September 14, 2026, at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers of the Christiansburg Town Hall, 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, Virginia 24073, pursuant to Sections 15.2-2204 and 15.2-2285 of the Code of Virginia, as amended. The purpose of the public hearing is to receive public comments concerning:
A. An ordinance of the Town of Christiansburg amending the 2013 Comprehensive Plan by adopting a revised Comprehensive Plan consisting of the following elements:
Government, Environment, Economic Development, Recreation and Destination, Infrastructure, Transportation, Public Safety, Housing, and Future Land Use, including the Future Land Use Map. Town Hall will be open and available to receive public comments in-person at the time of this Public Hearing. A copy of the proposed revised Comprehensive Plan may be viewed in the Planning Department Office, 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, VA 24073, during normal office hours of 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Contact the Planning Department, at (540) 382-6128, ext. 1902 or by email at planning@christiansburg.org, with any questions or if you require reasonable accommodations.

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LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE TOWN OF CHRISTIANSBURG TOWN COUNCIL

The Town of Christiansburg Town Council will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, September 8, 2026, at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers of the Christiansburg Town Hall, 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, Virginia 24073. The purpose of the public hearing is to receive public comments concerning:

A. Code Amendment request by Town of Christiansburg, Applicant, to amend the Christiansburg Town Code, Chapter 42, Sec. 42-397 – Permitted uses. Data centers are currently allowed by right in the General Industrial (I-2) Zoning District, and the request is to require a conditional use permit for data centers in the General Industrial (I-2) Zoning District. A copy of the applications, the Town's Zoning Map, Zoning Ordinance, and Future Land Use Map may be viewed in the Planning Department Office, 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, VA 24073 during normal office hours of 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Contact the Planning Department, at (540) 382-6128, ext. 1902 or by email at planning@christiansburg.org, with any questions or if you require reasonable accommodations.

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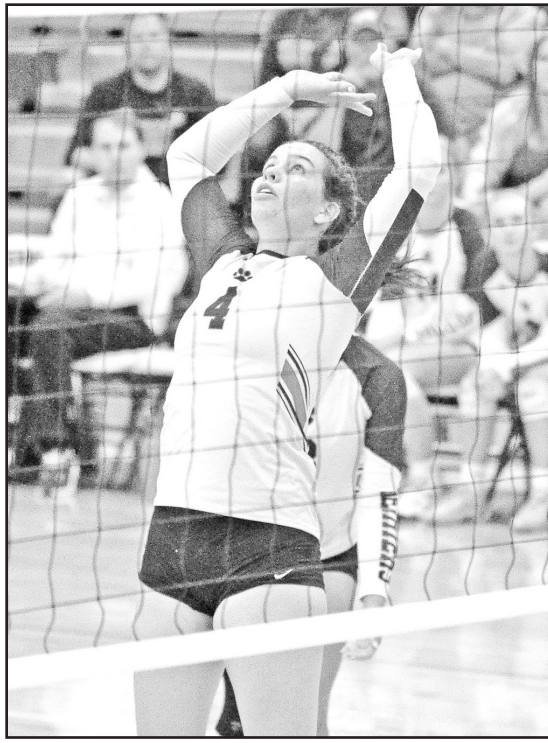
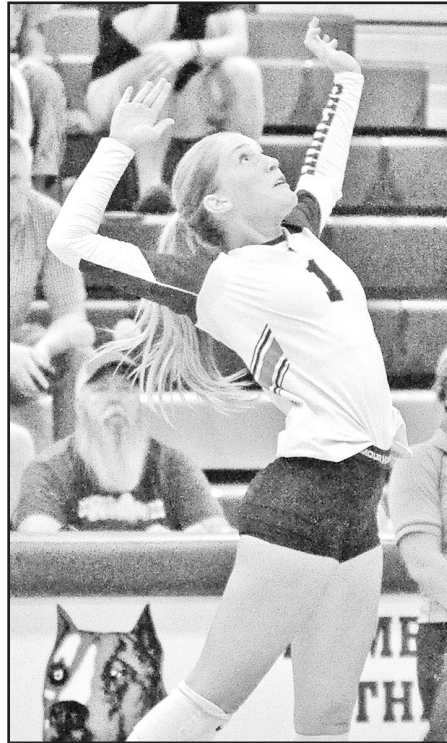


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Above, first year Byrd coach Kris McCoy talks to the Terriers during a timeout in Monday's home match with Blacksburg. Below left, Haleigh White goes up for a spike, and below right Heidi Dixon hits a back side set.

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Cross country opens with meet at Greenfield

The first cross country meet of the season is scheduled for Wednesday of this week at the Greenfield Recreation Complex in Daleville. Lord Botetourt and James River were scheduled to host 23 other high school and middle school teams on the Greenfield course, including William Byrd.

Teams in the event, along with Byrd, included Appomattox High school and Middle school, Auburn Middle, Benjamin Franklin Middle, Blacksburg Middle, Cave Spring High, Christiansburg Middle, Fort Chiswell, Hidden Valley High, James Breckinridge Middle, James Madison Middle, John P. Fishwick Middle, Maury River Middle, North Cross, Northside High, Patrick Henry-Glade Spring, Radford, Shelburne Middle, Woodrow Wilson Middle, Lord Botetourt High, James River High, Read Mountain Middle and Central Academy Middle School.

Look for results in next week's Vinton Messenger. The Terriers will be back on the trails next Thursday, September 3rd, for a meet at the Smith River Sports Complex in Axton.

Terriers down Knights for first volleyball win

The William Byrd volleyball team picked up their first win of the season Tuesday when they beat Roanoke County rival Cave Spring High School. Byrd won in three sets at Cave Spring.

The Terriers got off to a good start, winning the first two sets 25-22 and 25-21. The Knights bounced back to win the third set, 25-20, but Byrd put it away with a 25-20 win in the fourth.

It was the first win as Byrd head coach for Kris McCoy. The Terriers opened the season at home Monday against a strong Blacksburg team and battled the Bruins before falling in three, 25-18, 25-20 and 25-17.

"Our blocking kept us in the game and I was proud of the way we competed at the net," said McCoy. "Unfortunately, when the match was on the line we weren't able to execute the way we needed to. We made too many mistakes on our side, and credit to Blacksburg for playing tough and capitalizing on those opportunities. We'll see Blacksburg again, and we will be better the next time we do. That's the mindset of this team; we're going to compete,

we're going to learn, and we're going to grow."

The Terriers are back on the court tonight at Glenvar, another Roanoke County rival and a proverbial contender in Class 2. The Highlanders return most of the girls from last year's 18-4 team and it will be the season opener for them while Byrd will be playing for the third time.

"We open the season with a demanding stretch of six matches in our first two weeks, and that's going to give us a lot of opportunities to learn," said McCoy. "Regardless of the result, every match is going to teach us something. Our job is to take those lessons, make the adjustments, and come back better the next time we step on the court. There's a lot of volleyball ahead of us, and I'm confident in this group and the work they're willing to put in."

The Terriers continue a busy schedule with an 11:30 am match at Alleghany this Saturday morning. Two home games follow against county rivals. Hidden Valley comes to Vinton Tuesday and Cave Spring returns the trip a week from today, on Sept.3.

Best score of season for golfers as Foster ties for medalist at AP

The William Byrd golfers had their best round of the season Tuesday as the Terriers shot a 147 over nine holes at the Ashley Plantation.

"We are continuing to trend in the right direction with what appears to be our best scores in front of us," said Byrd coach Scott Whitehead.

David Foster led the Terriers with a two under par 33. That tied for medalist honors with Alisa Davidova and Cole Cecil of Lord Botetourt. Byrd's Andrew Carter wasn't far behind with an even par 35 and also scoring for the Byrdmen were Ethan Sink at 39 and Reid Divers with a 41. Connor Whitehead was one stroke behind Reid with a 42 and Jayden Beasley came in at 44.

Byrd's team score of 147 was good for second place behind Lord Botetourt's 142. Northside was third at 150 followed by Franklin County at 159 and Staunton River at 175. William Fleming had just two golfers.

Next up for the Terriers is a trip to Copper Cove in Hardy next Tuesday for a match hosted by Franklin County.

Dog Days

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\$300 and food to local animal shelters. He plans to visit the shelters to deliver donations of money and food again this week.

Modern Gladiator Fight Training Academy is a nonprofit athletic organization specializing in Sambo—a Russian, judo-derived discipline with three tracks: Sport Sambo (grappling), Combat Sambo (striking + grappling with protective gear), and Combatives/Self-Defense (practical skills for real-world safety). They exist to make high-quality training accessible to youth, women, and adults regardless of experience or background.

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character—not just awarding medals. Students can train for fitness and personal protection, join the sport pathway for competition, or focus on combatives for everyday self-defense. Their culture is simple: work hard, respect everyone, serve the community.

If you didn't come with a dog, you could leave with one from the Franklin County Humane Society, the Salem Animal Shelter, or the Regional Center for Animal Care that were holding an adopt-a-thon.

Sponsors for the event included Oakey's Funeral Home and Crematory, the Town of Vinton, Noah's Ark Animal Complex, and Pretty Paws Dog & Cat Grooming, in addition to the Lancerlot.

Dog vendors included Oakey's, Pretty Paws, the

Roanoke Railyard Dawgs, Off Leash K9 Training, Wag N' Wash, Well Trained Dog & Pet Care, The Dog Mom, Therapeutic Elements, Let's Aroo, The Clean Canine, Smooshed, Tailwaggers Treats, the Roanoke SPCA, Dragon Tooth Dog Training, BAM Laundry, Scoopin Poop, Paws to Progress Canine Rehab, and Virginia K9 Dog Training. Each pup left with a goodie bag.

Food vendors outside included Chick-fil-A, The Lemonade Girls, Hot Bunz Hot Dogs, Smooshed, and New Covenant Church with baked goods.

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substitute position in another grade level.

"I felt so welcomed. At the end of those three months, I felt like I had found my home. Truly they are the most caring group of educators. I feel blessed."

As for her other interests, "The kids will tell you the Ms. Bowman is energetic. Always a smile on my face. I love Disney. I love to sew, knit, cross-stitch, and to read. I love to be outdoors and travel is a passion. I am so

excited for this new chapter at Mount Pleasant."

Jack Routt is teaching fourth grade at Mount Pleasant. He is originally from Salem and has spent his whole life in Southwest Virginia. After graduating from Salem High School, he attended Virginia Tech where he studied Elementary Education. This is his second year in teaching.

"I chose to be a teacher

because of being able to make a lasting impact on students like my teachers did for me when I was in school. Some things that I enjoy doing outside of school are being active—like playing golf or pickleball, spending time with my wife and our dogs, and spending time with friends."

T.J. Spradlin is an instructional assistant working with third grade.

He is a former Mount Pleasant student and a graduate of William Byrd High School. He is currently enrolled at Virginia Western Community College.

"I chose elementary education because I want to help the next generation. I was looking for a job as an instructional assistant to gain classroom experience for when I become a teacher. My goal is to

become a fourth grade teacher."

Jillian Welsh is an instructional assistant working with Pre-K students. She is originally from Maryland but moved to Virginia in 2012. Her family used to live in Vinton. She graduated from Salem High School in 2019. Welsh taught in a preschool for five years and Pre-K for three years.

"I absolutely love working with children. I love getting to help them learn and feeling like I can help make a difference in their lives!

"I have decided that I will go back to school to pursue my teaching degree in elementary education. I wanted to get my foot in the door and gain experience working in a public school, I also am hoping to learn alongside my co-workers."

As for her special interests, "I am a huge reader, and I have a large book collection. I love all things Harry Potter and Star Wars!"



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WILLIAM BYRD FOOTBALL

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time in the preseason.

“We have two great candidates for the quarterback position,” said Lutz. “Zane Taylor and Carter Gray have taken all the varsity reps in practice. Zane has a lot of the same qualities that Israel Hairston had and Carter has a lot of the same qualities Cannin had. Both of them are reliable and talented, and we are fortunate to have two great options at that position.”

The Terriers graduated speedy tailback Jamez Toler but the cupboard is hardly bare. Gray Matthews returns for his third year running the ball and he’s a good one. Taylor can also play runningback and senior Thomas Purcell and sophomore Briggs Kotz will also contribute.

“Coach Andrew Close does a great job coaching our running backs and he does a solid job developing depth at that position,” said Lutz. “Since 2023 we have rotated our running backs and that has been a huge part of our offensive success. This season, Gray Matthews, Zane Taylor and Thomas Purcell will contribute at the running back positions. Having multiple players, who share success, creates a team first mentality in our program.”

Purcell is also a tight end and Byrd has great depth at that position with juniors Stephen Byars and Mason Hershel and senior Lukas Johnson all on board.



PHOTOS BY SUZANNE WITCHER

Above, Mason Hershel(#17) runs down the ballcarrier in last Friday's scrimmage. Below, Byrd defenders gang tackle an Alleghany runner.



Fresh donation to Wm. Byrd athletics

Kroger has donated \$2,000 to William Byrd High School Athletics. The presentation was made to Principal Evan Noell (right) and Athletic Director Jason Taylor(left) by Joe Wielgosz (center), Senior Program Manager for Kroger. Joe presented the check during the football scrimmage against Alleghany last Friday.

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“Thomas Purcell, Stephen Byars, Mason Hershel, and Lukas Johnson will have significant roles in our offense,” said Lutz. “All four are physical blockers and do a great job in the passing game. Coach (Avery) Close has done a great job preparing them.”

At wide receiver Byrd lost three good ones who are now in the college ranks. Tate Kotz is playing football at Roanoke College and two others are playing college lacrosse, Justyn Rozenboom at Roanoke and Kevin Green at Emory & Henry. However, Lutz is excited about the new group of wide outs.

“We have a talented group of young receivers that we are excited about,” he said. “That group includes Zach Taylor, Briggs Kotz, Davion Wade and Austin Kroner.”

Byrd returns everyone on the all-important offensive line. Most coaches will tell you how the line goes is how the team goes. Starters include junior Ryan Carroll, senior Lukas Riddle, senior Nick Toney, junior Caleb Wrye and junior Jackson McCoy.

“We have a lot of confidence in our skill players, but our offense is built around our offensive line,” said Lutz. “They all have a high football IQ, and they are a very loyal group.”

The offense won’t look much different than the past few years, and why not since it’s been very successful.

“We will always build our offense based on the players and their strengths,” said Lutz. “Since we have eight returning starters on offense we will not change a lot, but our quarterback is new, and we will work around their strengths and how they can help the offense.”

On defense Will Satterfield enters his seventh year on the staff and he has a solid group of linemen with seniors Braeden Henritze, Caden McReynolds, Lukas Johnson and Owen Johnson and juniors Caleb Ireson and Ryan Carroll.

“Coach Satterfield has done a tremendous job with our defensive line during the last seven seasons,” said Lutz. “He is excited about his group this year, but there will be a lot of new players in the rotation at defensive line.”

Purcell, Byers and senior Bruce Robinson will be the inside linebackers. Hershel, sophomore Josh Hale and sophomore Jayden Omiyo are the outside backers.

“Thomas Purcell and Stephen Byars both return as starters, but Bruce Robinson has had a great summer and we are excited about what he brings to the defense,” said Lutz. “All three will be a big part of our defense.

“Coach (Andrew) Close is returning Mason Hershel, who led our team in tackles last year as an outside linebacker. Josh Hale and Jayden Omiyo are two young outside linebackers that have had a great off-season and summer.”

Kotz, Wade and brothers Zach and Zane Taylor will be in the secondary.

“While Zane Taylor and Davion Wade are back as starters, we have two young corners that are doing a great job so far,” said Lutz. “Briggs Kotz and Zach Taylor had an incredible off-season in the weight room, and we are excited about what they have shown in the scrimmages.”

Byrd’s coaching staff is somewhat of a family affair. Brad’s brother Adam is the defensive coordinator and coaches linebackers. Brad serves as his own offensive coordinator and also coaches the offensive line. Their dad, Charlie Lutz, serves as operations coordinator and equipment manager and Brad’s son Bryson has joined the staff to help with the offensive line after playing college ball at Emory & Henry.

Coaching members of the “non-Lutz” Byrd family include Andrew Close, who coaches special teams, running backs and safeties, and his brother Avery Close coaches tight ends and outside linebackers. Both played college ball, Andrew at Washington & Lee and Avery at the University of Richmond. Satterfield works with special teams and the defensive line and all three are products of the successful Salem High program.

Two former Byrd standouts, Reece Watson and Jerome Mann, are also on the staff. Both coach cornerbacks and Jerome also serves as the defensive coordinator for the middle school team.

Long time Terrier Kim Colls works with receivers and jayvee special teams. Andrew Mitchell is the jayvee offensive coordinator and receivers coach and Josh Camden is the jayvee defensive coordinator. Dajon Cardwell has the jayvee defensive line while Sam Cosnotti works with the offensive line.

Cody Underwood returns as middle school coach. Luke Richardson serves as a student assistant coach.

It all gets underway tomorrow at Cave Spring, and speaking of the Byrd family you can look



WILLIAM BYRD TERRIERS FOOTBALL 2026

#	Name	Class
1	Kotz, Briggs	Sophomore
2	Taylor, Zane	Senior
3	Kroner, Austin	Senior
4	Taylor, Zachery	Sophomore
5	Matthews, Gray	Junior
6	Hale, Joshua	Sophomore
9	Ratliff, Brian	Junior
10	Wade, Davion	Junior
11	Robinson, Bruce	Senior
12	Gray, Carter	Sophomore
13	Toler, Jamari	Junior
17	Hershel, Mason	Junior
22	Mitchell, Kaden	Senior
22	Williamson, Ashton	Senior
25	Walker, Adryan	Junior
32	Byars, Stephen	Junior
33	Omiyo, Jayden	Sophomore
35	Johnson, Lukas	Senior
44	Purcell, Thomas	Senior
50	Riddle , Lukas	Senior
51	Carroll, Ryan	Junior
52	Ireson, Caleb	Junior
53	Toney, Nicholas	Senior
54	Thompson, Isaiah	Junior
60	Mccoy, Jackson	Senior
61	Wheeler, Carson	Junior
62	McReynolds, Caden	Senior
63	Mccoy, Jacob	Junior
64	Henritze, Braedyn	Senior
73	Stiltner, Aiden	Junior
75	Johnson, Owen	Senior
76	Gon, Kur	Junior
78	Wrye, Caleb	Junior

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AUG. 28	7:00 P.M.	at CAVE SPRING
SEPT. 4	7:00 P.M.	at HIDDEN VALLEY
SEPT. 11	7:00 P.M.	vs CHRISTIANSBURG
SEPT. 18	7:00 P.M.	vs BASSETT
OCT. 1	7:00 P.M.	at RADFORD
OCT. 9	7:00 P.M.	vs NORTHSIDE
OCT. 16	7:00 P.M.	vs WILLIAM FLEMING
OCT. 23	7:00 P.M.	at LORD BOTETOURT
OCT. 30	7:00 P.M.	vs FRANKLIN COUNTY
NOV. 6	7:00 P.M.	at STAUNTON RIVER

JAYVEE SCHEDULE

AUG. 27	6:00 P.M.	vs CAVE SPRING
SEPT. 3	7:00 P.M.	vs HIDDEN VALLEY
SEPT. 10	6:00 P.M.	at CHRISTIANSBURG
SEPT. 17	6:00 P.M.	at BASSETT
SEPT. 30	6:00 P.M.	vs RADFORD
OCT. 8	6:00 P.M.	at NORTHSIDE
OCT. 15	7:00 P.M.	at WILLIAM FLEMING
OCT. 22	6:00 P.M.	vs LORD BOTETOURT
OCT. 29	6:00 P.M.	at FRANKLIN COUNTY
NOV. 5	6:00 P.M.	vs STAUNTON RIVER

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AUG. 27	5:30 P.M.	at BEN FRANKLIN
SEPT. 2	5:30 P.M.	vs NORTHSIDE
SEPT. 10	5:30 P.M.	at BLACKSBURG
SEPT. 17	5:30 P.M.	vs COVINGTON
SEPT. 24	5:30 P.M.	vs CAVE SPRING
OCT. 1	5:30 P.M.	at READ MOUNTAIN
OCT. 8	5:30 P.M.	vs STAUNTON RIVER

to the Knights as well. Former Byrd standout Hunter Shepherd is beginning his third year as Cave Spring head coach and his dad, Robert, is on the staff. Robert is a long-time sandlot coach in Vinton and many of the players on the Terrier team played for Robert growing up.

Cave Spring is coming off a 4-7 season in 2025. The Knights made the playoffs but lost to Lord Botetourt in the opening round. Byrd has beaten Cave Spring for the past four years and nine of the last 10 meetings going back to the 2015 season but the Terriers won’t be taking anything for granted with Shepherd at the helm.

The Terriers will be looking for their fourth straight winning season and their fourth trip to the Class 3 playoffs. In the previous three years they’re 31-9 overall and 7-3 in playoff games.

“Our goal will always remain the same,” said Lutz. “We want to be the best TEAM on the field every Thursday and Friday, and we want to practice on Thanksgiving. We have a lot of work to do, but that is the fun part of building a successful team.”

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Above, Byrd coach Brad Lutz and assistants address the team after the scrimmage with Jefferson Forest and Glenvar. Below left, Gray Matthews picks up some tough yards in last Friday's scrimmage with Alleghany at Patterson Stadium.

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Terriers open football season against Cave Spring Friday night

The William Byrd football team will buckle it up for real this Friday night when they open the season against Cave Spring. The Knights will host the game at Bogle Field behind Cave Spring Middle School with the kickoff scheduled for 7 pm.

Byrd has been busy preparing since late July, and actually most of the off season with weight room training and out of season workouts. The final scrimmage was at

home against Alleghany last Friday and coach Brad Lutz was pleased with the results.

"Our staff was pleased with our scrimmage against Alleghany," he said. "They are a quality opponent who has a strong football tradition. All of our players got quality reps on film, so we can evaluate them and continue to work on getting better and building depth."

Lutz could see a big jump after scrimmag-

ing Jefferson Forest and Glenvar a week prior.

"I was proud of the step forward we made after the Jefferson Forest scrimmage," he said. "We had our best week of practice leading up to scrimmaging Alleghany, so we were pleased with the progress we made. We still have a lot to work on though."

The Terriers are chomping at the bit to get started. It's been a very hot summer and Lutz and his staff run challenging practices.

"We had a solid camp, but I believe it can always be better," he said. "Our program takes a lot of pride in how well we practice and how efficient we are at practice. Our first week of practice is used to teach our guys, specifically our new players, the level of intensity we want to practice. Development and work will always be the 'main thing' and our team did a great job managing that."

Byrd graduated some talented players off last year's 8-4 season and competition has been hot for starting positions. One of the main players Lutz has to replace is his son Cannin, who was the starting quarterback for the past two years. Senior Zane Taylor and sophomore Carter Gray having been sharing

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