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Patriot Day: Remembering September 11, 2001

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A plaque at the 9/11 Memorial Museum marks the repository where unidentified remains of victims of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks are maintained by the New York City Office of Chief Medical Examiner.

This Friday marks the 25th anniversary of the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center in New York City where nearly 3,000 people were killed – a day that forever changed our nation and the world. It reshaped our history and remains a day of shared memories.

Flight Nurse Heather Menzies: "I will always remember this day. I was 26 years old, working at Tanglewood Mall doing blood pressure and cholesterol screenings for the public as part of an outreach program with Carilion Roanoke Memorial Hospital. Someone told us that a plane had hit a building in New York. I didn't fully understand what had happened until I went to my parents' house later that day and saw the news coverage on TV. We didn't have internet access on our cell phones back then.

"When I heard that a second plane had struck the other World Trade Center tower, and then the Pentagon, I remember thinking that this wasn't an accident – this was intentional. At the time, I was already scheduled to meet with the Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron Commander in October 2001 to join the Air Force Reserves as a flight nurse. I remember being asked why I would still want to join after the attacks and the possibility of war. The answer was simple: I wanted to serve my country. Over the next 21 years, I had the honor and privilege of providing medical care in flight to those who also served."

Vinton Mayor Brad Grose: "Many Americans, me included, have vivid memories of 9/11 that, to this day, revive feelings of sadness, anger, and bewilderment. September 11, 2001, was the day that made us realize that we, as a nation, were not and can never be isolated from the world. The evil acts we witnessed on that tragic day will never be erased from our memories, nor will the incredible acts of bravery and sacrifice by many of our fellow citizens. The day was truly a heart-breaking time of loss and confusion, and it served as a solemn reminder that life is precious and fragile.

"I think the experience of my family on that day proves that birth, life, and love continue, no matter the degree of destruction, evil, and hate.

"For me, September 11, 2001, started as a rather routine, well-planned day. As I was rushing to leave for work, I took one last glance at the network news on television. The two morning hosts were starting to report that 'apparently a plane has hit one of the World Trade Center buildings in New York.' The news people seemed shocked and confused, almost dazed. It was already terrible news, but I had to leave for work. Within a few minutes, I arrived at my office as the radio was reporting on the increasing scale of the tragedy. We are all aware of the many horrific details that followed.

"At exactly the same time my wife, Debby, was being called to substitute for my daughter, Mandy, who was teaching a class at Parkway Wesleyan Preschool. Mandy was rushing to a local hospital to be in the Delivery Room with a good friend. Mandy and the child born on that faithful day have remained close friends, even now. The wonderful person born that day was named 'Zoe'. In Greek, 'Zoe' means life!"

Vinton Police Lt. Michael Caldwell: "I can remember this day like it was yesterday. I was 26 years old and was a conductor for Norfolk & Southern. I was in a hotel in Crewe, Va., after getting off a train from work. I had woken up to go to the bathroom, and I always slept with a TV on there because of all the outside noises. When I woke up at around 9:30, it was on the TV and I was in shock. I was angry, frustrated, felt helpless for not being there, and wanted to call my family immediately. I then was told that all trains going back to Roanoke were delayed, so I was stuck in this hotel for another 20 hours



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This year's Patriot Day sign at the Vinton Municipal Building.

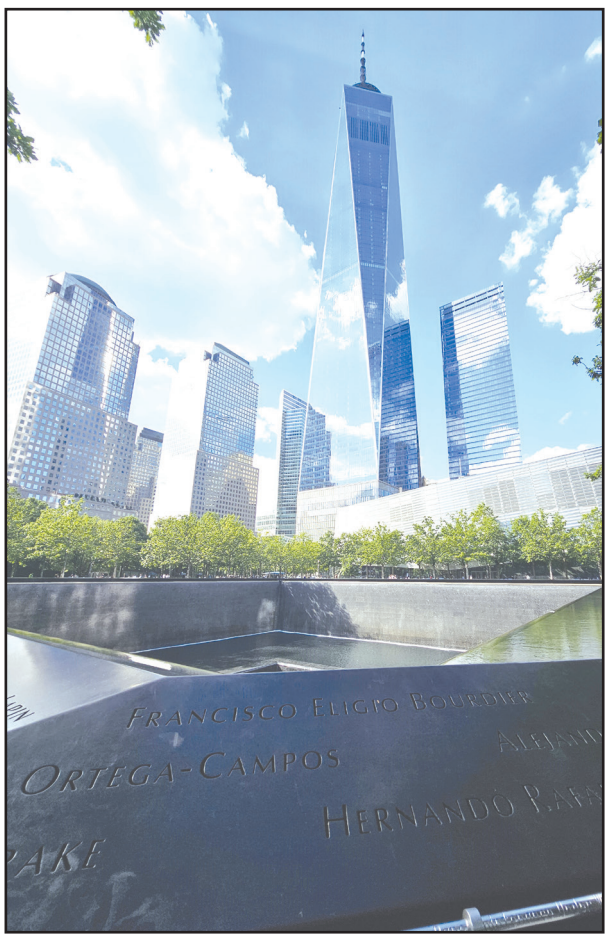
before I took another train back to Roanoke. I never went back to sleep and just sat on the end of the bed watching everything unfold on every channel."

Deputy Town Manager Cody Sexton: "I was in seventh grade at Northside Middle on 9/11. At the time, we had two English classes in first and third periods with gym in between. I remember the day starting normally and then going to gym class like always, which would have been around 8:30 or so. We were playing flag football on the front field, but toward the end of the period, I remember one of the janitors riding up on a tractor to my gym teacher and talking to him about some crash. The gym teacher was a pretty big macho, hot-headed kind of guy. However, on the walk back to the locker rooms and up the gym stairs, I still remember the blank stare on his face and just silence.

"When we got back to the second English class, Mrs. Turman (who in hindsight was probably only in her mid-20s) shut the door and barely got out the words, 'Something bad has happened…' before falling apart in tears. She turned on the TV, and we saw both towers with smoke pouring out of them and replays of the planes crashing. We sat there, a room of 20 or so middle schoolers, watching the live coverage. Then, the worst came. We saw the towers fall in real time and the smoke and debris fill lower Manhattan. That became the replay…everything crumbling.

"I honestly don't remember what happened the rest of the day. Coverage of the attacks was everywhere all the time. Rumors of what might be next swirled (remember…don't go to a mall on October 31!). At some point, you just start living life again, but with an uncanny awareness of the bigger world. Seventh grade is a wild time on a good day. I remember being aware enough to know that the world had changed but not being old enough to fully understand what all that meant. Now, it seems like it has always been the way it is. It's not necessarily better or worse; it just is."

WBHS Principal Evan Noell: "I was in my eighth grade English class when the attacks occurred. My English teacher was Missy Steele; she went on to teach at William Byrd Middle School. I recall our Principal, Jill Green, making an announcement about the attacks during class. It was a very confusing moment, and we spent the remainder of the day watching updates on our classroom televisions."



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One World Trade Center rises above the lower Manhattan skyline in New York City, viewed from the 9/11 Memorial plaza.

WBHS teacher and coach Eric Royal: "I was 32 years old, working in Hartsville, S.C., at a stainless steel mill, and on the phone with Deb O'Donnell (Yarde Metals), a customer who was located just outside New York City. We were running her orders when the first plane hit the tower. Our reaction was, 'I wonder what happened (heart attack, mechanical failure...).' We continued with her orders/due dates when the second plane hit. We ended our phone call, and I went to the conference room, where the only TV was located. Shortly after that we were sent home. My children were in elementary school and were released to go home. I remember getting home and not knowing exactly how to discuss with them what happened and why. Teaching government class I look forward to sharing my story with my students and how it changed the world."

Bonsack Elementary Principal Leanne Leftwich: "I was teaching first grade at Berkeley Glenn Elementary School in Waynesboro, Va. I remember the principal coming around to tell us a plane had hit the Towers but didn't quite realize the gravity of what he was saying.

"At that time, there were no smart phones, only flip cell phones without internet. There were no TVs in the classroom, so we were shut off to the intensity that was going on in our country... until we went home. The news did not travel as fast as it does now. It was not instantaneous. When I got in my car, all radio stations were talking about the events 24/7 for many days on end. On the TV, the news was on 24/7. They showed people jumping out of buildings to try and save themselves. The

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PHOTOS BY DEBBIE ADAMS

From left, Grace Period Free Food Pantry volunteers Eli and Riley, organizer Pastor Chuck Miller, and his wife, Sharon, helped guide visitors through the line and choose food and other items

Grace Period Food Pantry opens in Vinton

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The Grace Period Free Food Pantry opened for the first time at the former St. Timothy's Lutheran Church on Hardy Road in Vinton on September 5. When the church closed at the end of March, the congregation wanted to keep the building to explore ways to serve the community, rather than sell the property. The members were pleased to discover it would become a food bank.

The opening was timely as September is Hunger Action Month, meant to raise awareness about food insecurity and local support organizations. According to Feeding America, nearly 16% of people in Southwest Virginia are food insecure, higher than the state average.

The pantry plans to be open the first Saturday of each month from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. They will next be open to the community on October 3.

Pastor Chuck Miller, organizer, said he had no clear expectations of how many people would visit, but they ended up serving 94 families representing 385 people. There were

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"Mingle" coming up this weekend on Sept. 12

Only two more 'Mingles' left in the 2026 season

The Vinton Area Chamber of Commerce invites the community to another exciting evening of live music, local food, and family fun at Mingle at the Market on Saturday, September 12, from 6 to 10 p.m. at the Vinton Farmers' Market.

This month's concert will feature the regional favorite Travis Reigh Band, bringing an energetic mix of country and southern rock to the stage.

Opening the evening will be Justin & Lyndsay Bella Prillaman, whose family-friendly performance is sure to delight audiences of all ages.

Mingle at the Market has become one of the Roanoke Valley's favorite summer traditions, bringing together neighbors, friends, and visitors for an evening of music, dancing, and community spirit in the heart of downtown Vinton.

Guests are encouraged to come hungry. Mountain Grille will be serving dinner favorites, while Get Glazed Donuts will offer fresh, handcrafted donuts and sweet treats throughout the evening.

Attendees are encouraged to bring lawn chairs or blankets.

Admission is $7. Kids under 12 are admitted free.

Sponsors for the Mingles included Stage Sponsors HomeTrust Bank and Pok-e-Joe's, the Shepherd Realty Group, Blue Ridge Beverage, PFG, the Salem RidgeYaks, Rosie's Gaming Emporium, McDonalds's, Davis H. Elliottt, Oakey's, Pollard 107 South, Crooked Shoreline, Upward Financial Planning, Vinton Moose Lodge, ServPro, Virginia Credit Union, Town of Vinton, Roanoke County, Star Valley Container, McCarthy Tire Service, Renewal by Andersen, LAMAR, Dirk Padgett Law, Coastal Insurance Planning, the Ashley Wickstrom Lending Team, Lee Enterprises, Roanoke County Schools, Sun Solutions, MOI, My Mechanic, Vinton Roofing, One Stop Auto, and The Vinton Messenger.

Mingle at the Market concerts wrap up for 2026 on September 26 with Solocoustix and Chris Keaton and the Millennials.

Parking is available in the Walnut Avenue lot next door to the market, at Vinton Baptist, on downtown streets, and in the Municipal Building lot. Patrons enter the venue on Walnut Avenue. Contact the Vinton Area Chamber of Commerce office at 540-343-1364 or email info@vintonchamber.com for more information.

~Submitted by Vinton Area Chamber of Commerce

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Celebrating Patsy Talbert

By The Rev. Travis Russell, Vinton Baptist Church

There are some people whose presence becomes so woven into the life of a church that it is difficult to imagine the church without them in the role they have filled. For Vinton Baptist, Patsy Talbert is one of those people.

After more than 43 years of faithful service, Patsy will officially retire from Vinton Baptist Church on September 30. She began serving on our staff on January 31, 1983, and it is nearly impossible to measure the impact she has had over the four decades since.

If you know Patsy, you know that she does not forget a name. Of the more than 2,000 resident members of Vinton Baptist, Patsy can tell you who they are, who they are related to, what they do or did for a living, the unique ways they have served our church, and usually a good bit more.

Over my eight years at VBC, she has been my walking Vinton Baptist encyclopedia. I cannot begin to count the number of times I have walked over to her desk with a question about a name, a face, a family connection, a piece of church history, or something I simply could not find. More often than not, Patsy knew the answer.

Of course, Patsy's contribution to our church extends far beyond what she knows. It is found in the way she has cared for people. For decades, countless people have walked through our office doors and been greeted by Patsy's warm smile and familiar hello. Generations of ministers and administrative staff have benefited from her wisdom, knowledge, dependability, and friendship. And twice a week, some of her most enthusiastic visitors arrive with Betty Jo and "Fun & the Son." Those toddlers know that a trip to Vinton Baptist isn't complete without seeing "Miss Patsy," who always has a smile, a hug, and usually a piece of candy waiting for them

But what I appreciate most about Patsy cannot be captured by everything she knows or everything she has done. Patsy loves Jesus Christ, and she has spent her life seeking to live like Him. She possesses a deep knowledge of Scripture, formed through decades of studying and teaching Sunday School. And yet, her faith has never been merely something she knows. It is something she lives. Her kindness, patience, generosity, compassion, humility, and willingness to serve have made her a consistent example of Christ-likeness to those of us who work alongside her and to the countless people who have walked through our doors.



Patsy Talbert FILE PHOTO

That is why this transition is bittersweet for me. I love Patsy dearly. It has been such a joy to serve alongside her, and I am genuinely sad to imagine our church office without her there each day. Her retirement will be a significant adjustment for our staff, our congregation, and our community.

But there is something particularly important I want our church family to hear: this is not good-bye. Patsy may be retiring from our staff, but she is not retiring from the relationships, worship, fellowship, service, and shared life that have made Vinton Baptist such an important part of her life. We have the joy of continuing to worship together, serve together, laugh together, care for one another, and simply be the church together long after September comes to an end. For that, I am tremendously grateful."

Forty-three years is an extraordinary tenure. But Patsy's legacy cannot adequately be measured in years. It is measured in people: the thousands of lives she has welcomed, encouraged, remembered, helped, prayed for, taught, loved, and served.

Patsy, thank you. We love you. We are going to miss having you in the office more than words can adequately express. And we give thanks to God that while one chapter is coming to an end, our life together is not.

The church will celebrate Patsy's extraordinary ministry through the month of September. Her final official day will be September 30.

Vinton History Museum yard sale coming up Saturday

The Vinton History Museum will hold a benefit yard sale for the museum on Saturday, September 12, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. The huge sale will include fantastic prices on a selection of housewares, decorating items, furniture, small appliances, vintage items, toys, linens, cookware, prints, books, and more. All proceeds will benefit the operation of the museum.

The Vinton History Museum is located at 210 E. Jackson Avenue, Vinton. For more information, email info@vintonhistorymuseum.org or call 540-342-8634.

~Submitted by Vinton History Museum



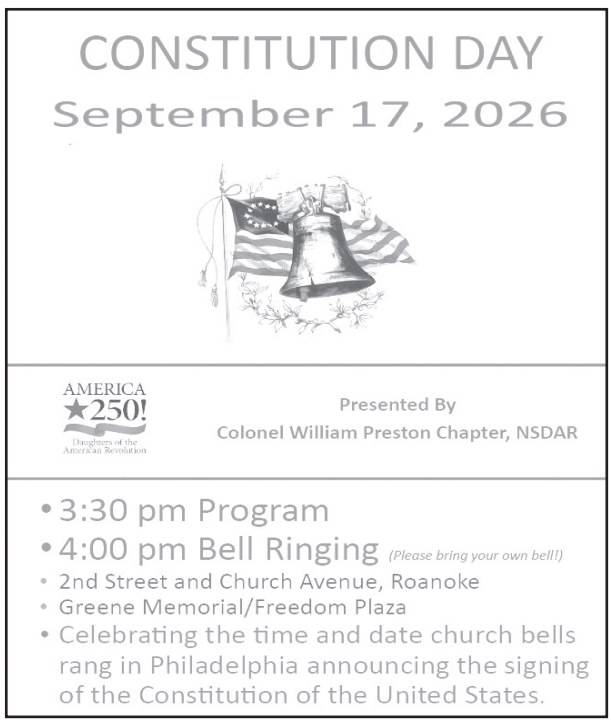
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NSDAR celebrates US Constitution Week

The Colonel William Preston Chapter, NSDAR (National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution), is hosting events to celebrate U.S. Constitution Week, September 17-24, as a part of the NSDAR's America 250! and the America Made in Virginia VA250 celebrations.

On September 17, the chapter will host a Constitution Week Bell Ringing ceremony at 3:30 p.m. at Freedom Plaza (or Greene Memorial United Methodist Church in case of rain). The program will include a recognition of patriots from this area who died in Lord Dunmore's War of the American Revolution.

At exactly 4 p.m., a Constitution Day Bell Ringing will be held at the time and date church bells rang in Philadelphia announcing the signing of the Constitution of the United States on September 17, 1787. Attendees are asked to bring a bell to join the celebration.



GRAPHIC COURTESY OF NSDAR

On Thursday, September 24, the chapter will host two screenings of "The American Constitution" movie at the Grandin Theatre in Roanoke. There will be a ribbon-cutting at 2 p.m. followed by a matinee screening at 3 p.m. The evening showing will begin at 7 p.m. and will be followed by a panel discussion. Both showings are free of charge and tickets may be reserved by

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Vinton Cub Scouts planning bike rodeo

The Vinton Cub Scout Pack is putting together plans for a Bike Rodeo on Sunday, October 4, from 2-5 p.m. at Evangel Foursquare Church on Hardy Road. They will be in the gym and part of the parking lot. The event is open to the public. Bring your bike and stop by anytime.

They will have support from: Evangel Foursquare Church, Cardinal Bicycle, WeeWheels Roanoke, and Roanoke Star Cycling Club. Each of the supporters will have information about their group and a representative to answer questions.

The day will include a few short presentations about cycling safety, bike maintenance, and cycling competitions and a small course will be set up in the parking lot for riders after they attend a short safety presentation.

They will also have information about Scouting with representatives to answer questions about the programs.

The Cub Scouts also have a fishing/camping trip planned at their council camp in Pulaski County. They also will be placing flags on veterans' graves ain Mountain View Cemetery in November for Veterans Day.

Regular Cub Scout meetings are held at Evangel Foursquare Church in the gym, starting on Sept. 16 and meeting every other Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. This is a co-ed pack. Anyone in grades K-5 is welcome.

For more information, visit the Facebook page at Scouting America Cub Scout Pack 235 Vinton, VA.

~Submitted by Cubmaster Steve Thrasher



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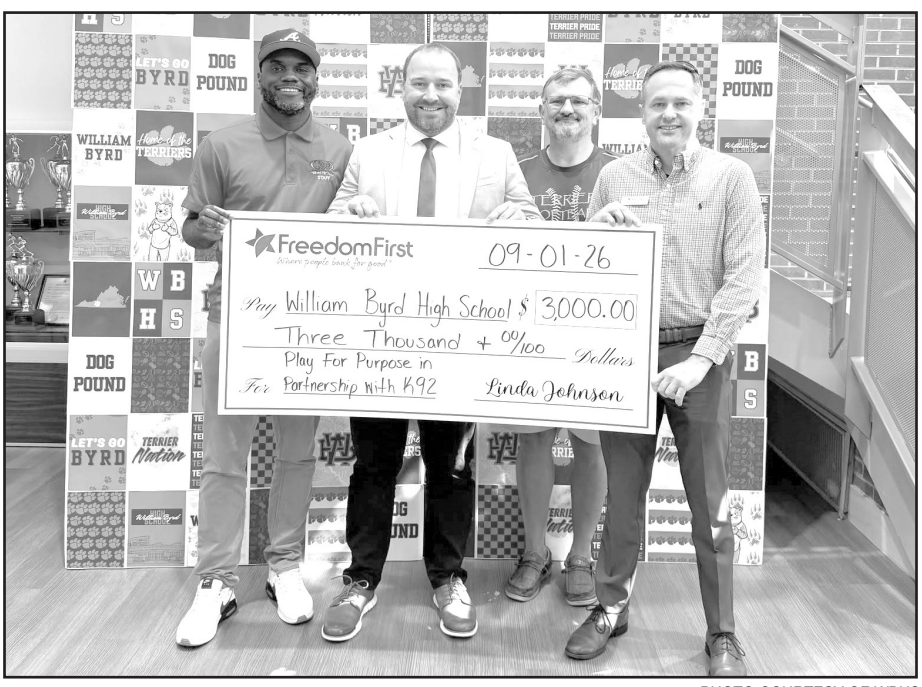


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WBHS won the first Play for Purpose donation of the season from Freedom First and K92.

William Byrd athletics wins first Play for Purpose

Freedom First and K92 have teamed up with high schools in the community to "turn first downs into donations" with their Play for Purpose program. William Byrd High School is the first winner of the season. The school received a donation of $3,000 from Freedom First Credit Union to use toward the school club or athletic program of their choice.

According to WBHS Athletic Director Jason Taylor, the donation will be used for athletics, benefiting all programs with purchase of the Waterboy Sports Horizontal Power Water Hydration Station. In addition, students received rally towels.

A winning school will be announced on-air every other week through September 23. If a school is chosen one of those weeks, the crew from K92 will head to the home football game that Friday night. Every first down the team earns during that game means Freedom First will donate $200 to a school club or team of your choice. They'll donate a minimum of $3,000, so the first 15 first downs are on them.

Vote for your school at https://www.freedomfirst.com/community/play-for-purpose.

~Submitted by WBHS

Students make a big impact by giving back

Every school year, there is a growing need to support students both in the classroom and at home. One way the community comes together to help is by providing food bags for students who may experience food insecurity.

Recently, members of the William Byrd High School Leo Club partnered with the Mount Pleasant Lions Club to help provide cereal for food bags that will be distributed through a local elementary school's Backpack Program.

This partnership has continued to grow over the past several years, and the Leo Club has now been able to contribute more than 200 items to the Backpack Program. Their generosity is making a meaningful difference for local students and families.

The Lions Club and Leo Club have also joined forces to give back to the community by working together to

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William Byrd Leo Club members (from left) Avery Chitwood, Kaden Mitchell, Vishva Patel, Keely Emery and Ryan Carroll, and Leo Club Sponsor Lisa Stover collect food for the Backpack Program

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Read Ezekiel 47:1 through 48:35

Many old Western movies show parched travelers, desperate for water. Their boots shuffle in the dust, their legs give way. Finally, they see water in the distance. One cowboy runs up, cupping his hands into the watering hole, but his companion stops him short. Soon, we realize why. The camera pans the watering hole. There are no living things—not one sign of life. A skeleton or two reinforce the scene. Stagnant water brings death.

By contrast, where water is flowing, life thrives. This water can quench, refresh, and sustain the thirst of a weary traveler.

"Swarms of living creatures will live wherever the river flows. There will be large numbers of fish, because this water flows there and makes the salt water fresh; so where the river flows everything will live" (Ezekiel 47:9).

Feeling fatigued? Parched? Are our souls thirsty for a drink? Or maybe you're fine. Whatever the case, we can kneel, cup our hands in prayer, and soak up the satisfying, living water God provides.

Challenge for Today: Immerse yourself in God's living water today.

Quicklook: Ezekiel 47:1–12

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RECIPE OF THE WEEK

By Debbie Adams

Norwegian Apple Pie

Here's a really, really simple dessert for apple season – Norwegian Apple Pie – with no butter or oil at all.

Ingredients:

1 egg
3/4 cup sugar
1 tsp. vanilla
1/4 tsp. salt
1 tsp. baking powder
1/2 cup flour
1/2 cup walnuts (optional)
1 cup diced apples

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Beat egg, sugar, vanilla, salt, and baking powder together until smooth and fluffy. Beat in flour until smooth and well-blended. Stir in walnuts and apples. Turn into lightly greased 8-inch pie plate and bake for 30 minutes. Pie will puff up as it cooks, then collapse as it cools. Serve warm with a scoop of ice cream or Cool Whip.



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From the Pulpit

Milestones of God's Faithfulness

By Pastor Bryan Crouch

Every trial we overcome leaves behind something valuable – a deeper confidence in God. When we look back at the obstacles we once thought would defeat us, we often discover they became milestones of God's faithfulness. The same God who carried us through yesterday's challenges is the One who walks beside us today. That confidence is not rooted in our own strength but in the unchanging character of the Lord.

As Isaiah 41:10 (NIV) reminds us, "So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." Every answered prayer, every difficult season endured, and every unexpected blessing becomes another reminder that God never abandons His children.

Confidence in God grows through experience. The more we trust Him, the more we recognize His hand at work, even in situations that once seemed hopeless. Instead of fearing the next challenge, we can face it with assurance because we have seen His faithfulness before. Our past victories become evidence that He is still at work, preparing us for whatever lies ahead. Life will continue to bring difficulties, but it will also provide new opportunities to witness God's power and grace.

As we remember what He has already done, our faith becomes steadier, our hope becomes stronger, and our confidence grows—not in ourselves, but in the God who has never failed us and never will.

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keep the Mount Pleasant area clean. Each year, the two groups participate in a joint spring cleanup community service project. This fall, they will continue their efforts with a roadside cleanup project planned for October.

The partnership between the William Byrd Leo Club and Mount Pleasant Lions Club is an example of how students and community members can work together to make a lasting impact. Through service, generosity, and teamwork, these young leaders are showing that "giving back truly makes a difference!"

~Submitted by Heather Wray

NSDAR

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visiting https://www.grandintheatre.com/shows/constitutionmovie.

The film, by the award-winning filmmaker David Garrigus, dramatizes the creation of one of history's most influential documents. Using only the Founders' own words drawn directly from the historical record, an impressive cast portrays the impassioned debates between figures like George Washington, James Madison, and Benjamin Franklin.

For more information about the film, visit ConstitutionMovie.com.

The Roanoke County Board of Supervisors will issue its Constitution Week proclamation on September 22 at 2 p.m. in the County Administration Building.

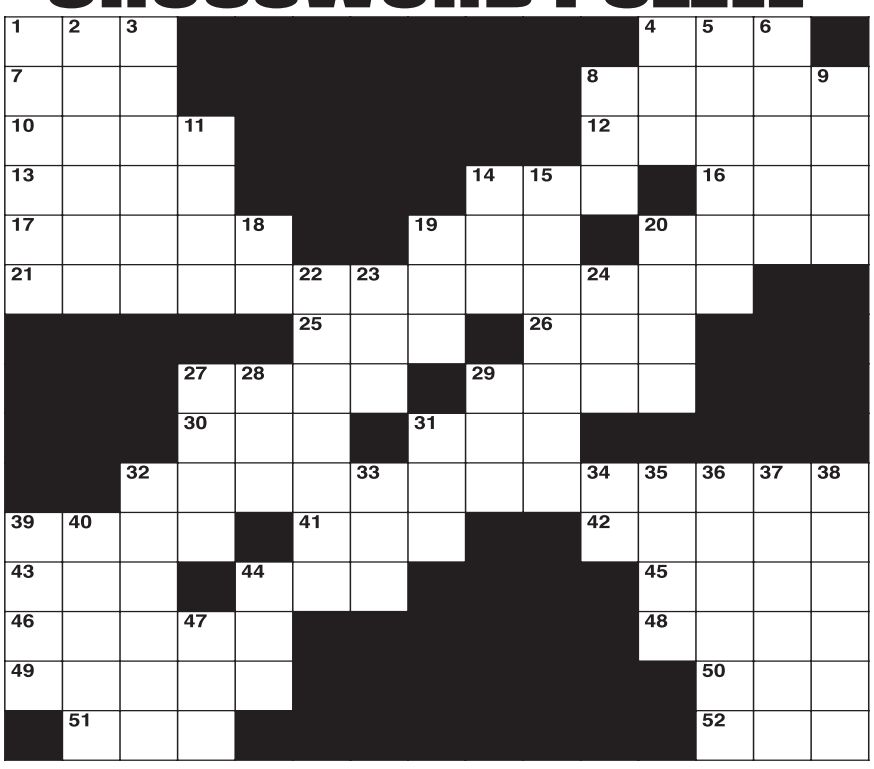
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~Submitted by Colonial William Preston Chapter, NSDAR

Pantry

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CROSSWORD PUZZLE



CLUES ACROSS
1. Utilitarian fashion accessory
4. Engine additive
7. Macaws
8. Listens to
10. Self-righteously moralistic person
12. Made of wood
13. Chinese lute
14. Beginning military rank
16. Indicates near
17. Ties the score
19. Chum
20. Long ago
21. Localities
25. Midway between northeast and east
26. Make fun of
27. Tennis great Arthur
29. Construction location
30. Cow's noise
31. Blue
32. One of the Fab Four
39. Formula 1 team
41. Dash
42. Lifting device
43. Basics
44. Keyboard key
45. Old Irish alphabet
46. Shaking of the EarthÕs surface
48. Covered stadium
49. Sword handles
50. Longing or yearning
51. Creators' social network
52. Boxing's GOAT

CLUES DOWN
1. Occur
2. Show up
3. Capital of Taiwan
4. Ocean
5. Givers and ___
6. Gets ready
8. Ad __
9. Fit of irritation
11. Criminal organization
14. Exclamation that denotes disgust
15. American state
18. Sensor hub
19. Before
20. The boundary of a surface
22. Witnesses
23. Singular
24. Type of meal
27. Music awards show
28. Former French coin of low value
29. A bag-like structure in an animal
31. Schenectady County Airport
32. Calm down
33. Partner to cheese
34. Cola brand
35. Stepped on
36. Japanese city
37. Type of coating
38. A citizen of Yemen
39. Popular breakfast item corned beef __
40. On a line at right angles to a ship's length
44. First responders
47. Short-term memory



PHOTOS BY DEBBIE ADAMS

The Grace Period Free Food Pantry opened on Hardy Road at the former St. Timothy's Lutheran Church on Sept. 5.

families, the elderly, and the disabled in line. He noted the name of the food pantry was chosen because, "everything happens with God's grace."

Miller was formerly the pastor of Wheatland Evangelical Lutheran Church in Buchanan and has worked in the food ministry for several years. He says the group took on this project because of "hard economic times," with economic pressure, inflation, high fuel prices, and people facing hard decisions."

Everyone is welcome, along with donations and volunteers. Their mission is "Neighbors helping Neighbors." All are welcome with "no questions asked, no qualifications." No one is turned away.

On their opening day, a free hot dog lunch was available for those who attended. Individuals and families in need lined up on a "first-come, first-serve" basis. They were admitted to the former sanctuary where items available included staples like mac and cheese, snacks, produce, grape jelly, peanut butter, cereals, potatoes, Ramen noodles, canned vegetables and fruit, crackers, the always popular Goldfish, pet food, school supplies, personal care items, paper products, and more.

The shelves and bins were stocked through purchases, donations, and collaboration with partners including Feeding Southwest Virginia, Food Lion and Martin Farms. Volunteers assisted patrons through the line, providing carts and shopping bags, and even loading what was chosen into their cars when help was needed.

On opening day, many of the volunteers were from the Botetourt County Food Pantry, who already knew the routine. Miller said no one knew exactly what to expect, although they were expecting multiple families. The number who showed up "speaks to the need and how many people are needy at this time." One of the volunteers said that there were people in line as early as 7:30 that morning.

If you would like to donate, their greatest needs at this time are personal items, paper, deodorant, toothbrushes and toothpaste, shampoo and similar items. The location is 1201 Hardy Road, across from W.E. Cundiff Elementary School. Call Pastor Miller for more information, to donate, or to volunteer at 540-589-7553 or email him at teamwheatland@gmail.com.

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stories of firefighters rushing up the stairs to save people, only to lose their lives when the buildings collapsed. The stories of loved ones trying to call on landlines prior to the buildings falling.

"Prior to that day, we were a safe nation. Untouchable, so we thought. After that day, our country became more united, patriotic, and determined to not ever let this happen again.

"Sometimes I think we forget about how our patriotism was so strong on the following days. We were united. Americans. I only hope that we never experience this targeted hate event again. May we never forget."

Chief Operations Officer for Valley Wealth Tiffany Rawling: "I have a pretty ironic story: I was in a mass communications class at Roanoke College being taught by The Roanoke Times reporter Matt Chittum. He had been lecturing about boundaries with the media in their interactions with people. He spoke of the balance that needs to be reached while gathering information to do your job and inform the public versus the boundary of intruding in people's personal lives in a time of tragedy or loss. The discussion was just picking up in the 8 a.m. class when his pager and emergency cell phone began to go off repeatedly as he was being called to work. Having no idea of the magnitude of those calls, he announced he would have to cut our class short because something crazy must be happening, but he had to get to the newspaper office.

"When I rounded the corner out of that campus building, I bumped into my best friend, Scott, who delivered the news about the first plane hitting the tower. I was back to my dorm and had the television on by the time the second plane struck. I was horrified by what I saw and terrified by how that could have happened.

"There were a lot of students at Roanoke College from the greater DC and New York regions, so I quickly found myself encountering people who couldn't get in touch with their loved ones: a sorority sister's dad who worked at the Pentagon, a mom who was in New York on business, a personal friend who was attending law school in the city, and many more. It magnified the event for me because it personalized the horror and loss I saw on the news footage.

"Classes were cancelled, a chapel service was held; a general sense of unease filled the campus where, only hours before, I woke up feeling entirely safe and carefree.

"My mom, sister, and three nieces went to New York in June of this year. In lining up our itinerary, my 13-year-old niece asked to visit the 9/11 Museum and Memorial."

Vinton Vice Mayor Laurie Mullins: "I cannot believe it has been 25 years! I was 28 and working for my mother-in-law at Curves. I was there that morning with the usual ladies. Then one of the clients who had been there and gone home called me to tell me something was going on in NYC. That must have been right after the first plane, because she was relaying info that it looked like an accident. There wasn't a TV there and we had pre-programmed music, so I had no information coming in except for what the ladies coming into Curves were saying. My shift was usually over around 2 p.m. and I went straight home and was glued to the TV the rest of the day.

The unknown and thoughts of terrorists on our planes was scary – almost like it wasn't really happening. I feel like we all were like zombies for days as the info and footage were being replayed. But the patriotism and feeling that our country was one body fighting and grieving together was unforgettable."

Retired electrical supervisor Danny Adams: "I was 37 years old and working on a job at Abercrombie and Fitch at Valley View Mall. I remember Hispanic workers on the job site kept saying to us that they were very, very sorry this had happened. Sitting in my truck on break, I turned on the radio and heard that the Pentagon had just been hit. I really thought the attack was going to be even more widespread than it was. There was a TV in a cubicle in the wall at the mall and we watched the developments."

Vinton Town Council member Sabrina McCarty: "I was working at Valley Bank at the Crystal Springs office. I was saddened for the loss of all the people involved. I have been able to visit the site in New York. It is a beautiful memorial."

Scoutmaster Greg Leslie: "My wife Vikki and I were with her mom, sister Christy and husband Brian, and brother Ed at Topsail Island. My son, Nick, was also with us, a little over 1 year old. We had left for Topsail on the Saturday before. I was only going to stay through Monday and fly back home on Tuesday, 9/11. As Vikki was taking me to the airport that morning, Brian called us and told us to turn around – that they had grounded all flights. I thought he was kidding but turned around back to the house. We watched the second plane hit and both towers fall. I couldn't get a flight out, nor car rental. I thought about driving home and going back at the end of the week, but Ed had to leave. If I left, it would have left them down to one car. In the aftermath, I always thought of my school classmates, as we just had a reunion the week before and of Scouts flying from the BSA National Jamboree in the middle of August."

Vinton Breakfast Lion John Dyer: "I remember having to travel to Connecticut on business two days after 9/11. I had to drive, as flights were all cancelled. I drove past NYC and could still see large plumes of smoke emanating from Manhattan. Upon return, I flew back on the first day that flights resumed. I am embarrassed to say this, but I was nervous as one of the few people on the flight was a middle-aged Middle Eastern-looking man, and I kept watching him with concern during the flight. We were all still on edge."

Teacher Dionne Nichols: "I was 25 years old. It was a brilliantly clear morning – one of those days when you take a deep breath, look at the mountains in the distance, and know that the heat and humidity of summer are nearly at an end. I was off work that day and was planning to work my way through a list of chores. I packed up my laundry and headed to my fiancé's grandparents' house.

"Driving down Texas Street in front of the Salem Civic Center – I cannot remember if I was singing to the radio and the news came on with an update, or if I decided to turn the radio on and heard an update, but I immediately began to question whether it was real or not, thinking of when 'War of the Worlds' first aired on a radio show and the public thought they were actually being invaded. I scoffed – this could not be true. This is AMERICA – stuff like this doesn't happen! And who would do this? I pulled over to the side of the road so I could listen without distraction.

"In shock, I continued on to the grandparents' house, where I found them sitting in their own shock watching the live-action, never-ending news. I don't remember much about that time passing other than me going downstairs to do laundry, but at one point, I knew I needed to get away from the barrage of videos that were shown over and over. It seemed nothing new came to light at first. I did watch the second tower fall, but I know I put a load into the dryer and then said I needed to run out – I was, in fact, running away.

"I went to Walmart to pick up some things; however, the radio was not playing and instead, the news was being broadcast into the store. It was surreal. The usual vision of people meandering aisles, shoppers talking, checking their lists, walking with purpose to the next section they needed, etc., did not exist. Instead, people walked at one-third speed. They plodded along, moving in slow motion. We all stopped in unison when something new was announced. I remember seeing a man leaning on a shelf for support as his legs were about to give way underneath him.

"I don't remember the rest of the day. All I know is I had to go home and tell my fiancé what happened. He worked 12-hour night shifts at the time and went to bed at 7:30 a.m. I went to sit on the bed when his alarm went off and explained that I had some terrible news for him. I didn't want him walking out into the living room and turning on the TV without a warning about what he'd find."

Vinton Town Council member Mike Stovall: "I was in downtown Roanoke at First Union Bank when I was alerted that a plane had hit one of the towers. I then watched the other plane hit the other tower. We were then immediately evacuated and told to go home.

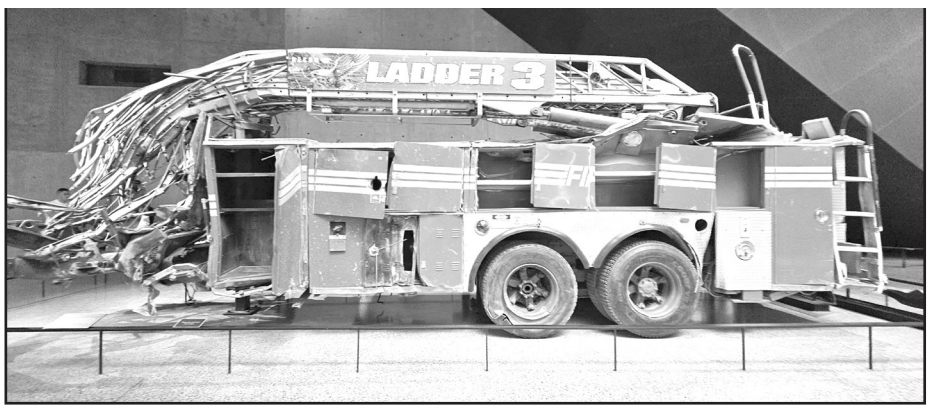
"My feeling was one of disbelief that something of that magnitude could really be happening to our country. I was shocked to learn how it all unfolded. I thought President Bush did a great job during that time."

Vinton Breakfast Lion John Berry: "I'll never forget. I was in my boss's office with four other senior managers. His executive secretary came in, didn't even knock and said, "You've got to see this." I'll never forget the expression on her face. My boss had a 12-inch black and white TV on his bookshelf. As soon as she turned it on it showed the smoking image of the first tower. Unbelievable!"

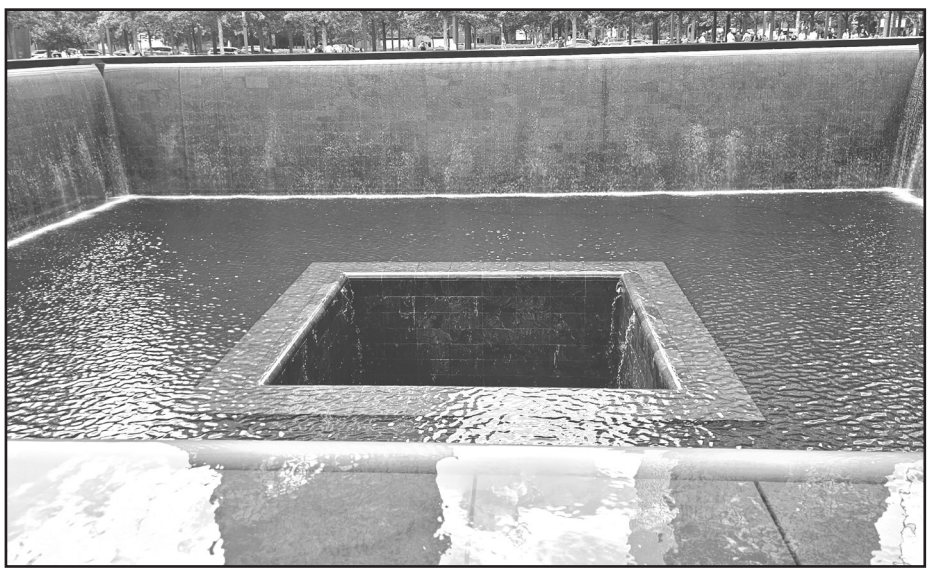
Town Clerk and Administrative Assistant Megan Lawless: "I was 14 years old and in ninth grade English class. School continued and we went from class to class, but all teaching stopped so we could just watch the news."

NSDAR member Lisa Gascoyne: "I was working as a temp for Bright Agency at Lewis-Gale Clinic, where I had just been invited to come on board permanently when I heard the news. 'That's a lot of hooey' was my first reaction. They brought out TVs and we saw the second plane crash into the second tower. I was in total shock. Not a lot of work got done that day. My son, Paul, was on a mission trip in Argentina. He had no access to TV and mail was spotty. He was only permitted to use the phone on certain days. We could send emails to the Mission House, though. My younger daughter, Miriam, and I composed a description of what had happened, because he was soon to return home and might experience repercussions at the airport. We started with 'The world changed today.' Paul shared the message with many of his fellow missionaries who had no access to the news."

First responder and Cubmaster Steve Thrasher: "We need to make sure we don't forget the people who died on 9/11. We must remember the people, but we also remember the events that they endured.



A damaged New York City Fire Department ladder truck is displayed at the 9/11 Memorial Museum.



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Water flows into the reflecting pool at the Memorial.

They were 'regular' people, just like you and me. Like most victims of violent crimes, they had not done anything to deserve their fate. I will recollect my thoughts of that Tuesday in 2001. But just as importantly, are my thoughts now whenever I think of 9/11.

"Now, I remember those victims and responders and pray that their families are comforted by the grace of God. I also realize that any one of us, on any day, could be a victim. I hope that remembering helps strengthen our resolve to prepare for and to prevent the recurrence of that type of event.

"I was in my early 40s on that clear Tuesday morning in 2001. I worked at a manufacturing facility in the Roanoke area and was hosting a contractor from Florida. When we heard the news, she checked her flight back home later that day and, of course, it was canceled. I understand now, but at the time I was a little miffed at her as it seemed her only concern was how she was going to get home.

"I had served in the reserves for nine years but been out for about five years. I had been on 24-hour notice during the first gulf war and wondered if I may be called back. I was concerned for my family (wife and two young children).

"Going outside it seemed so odd at how quiet it was with very little traffic. Then within a few days most cars had American flags on them. I was a volunteer first responder in Vinton; that night we had a meeting at the firehouse. Many of our discussions were about the changes we were going to have to make to improve security at the station and in responses. I think we all knew it, but that day reaffirmed in each of us just how important and dangerous being a first responder could be."

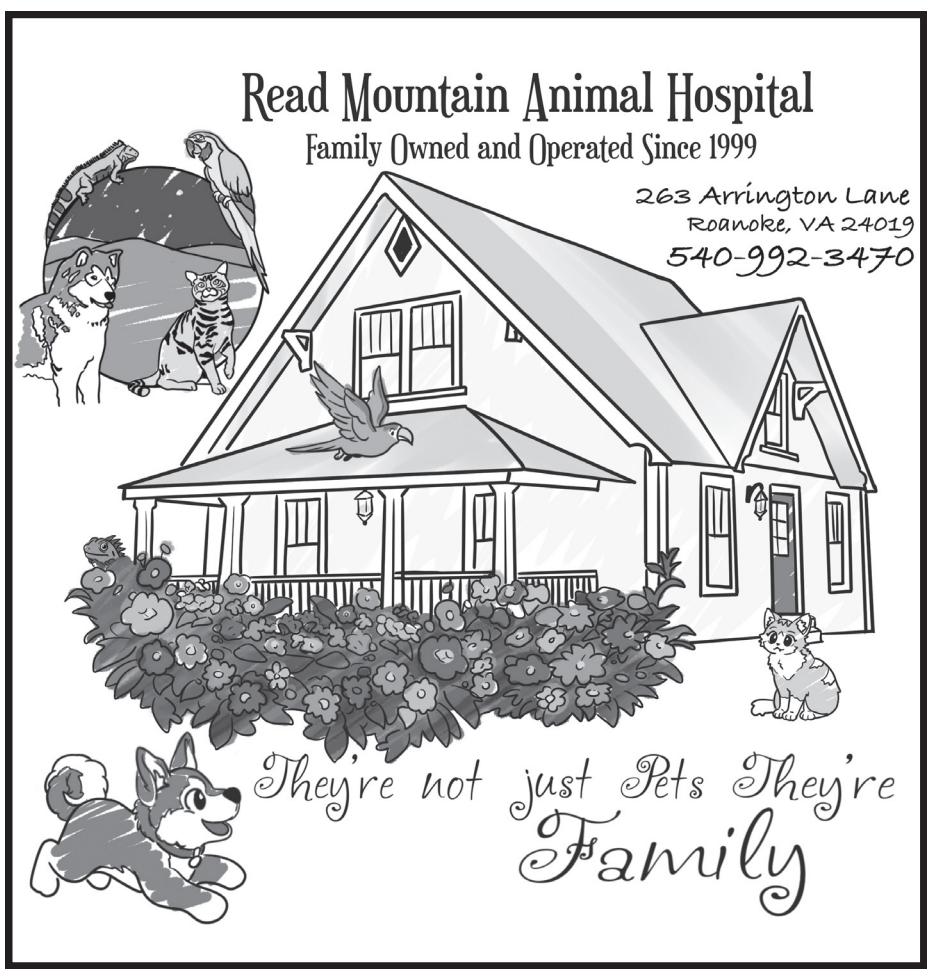
Karen Obenchain: "I was working at Hooker Furniture as HR manager. I had been out in the plant, which was a different building. The sky was beautiful that morning and I thanked God as I looked up for such a beautiful morning. Before I got to the door our nurse yelled come quick. We had a TV in the conference room, and her husband had called to tell her what was happening. She said you have got to see this, so several of us gathered in the conference room. We saw the last plane hit. It was heart-wrenching. We could not say anything. Our plant manager finally said we needed to go back to work. We did, but our hearts and minds were not there.

"My oldest son had worked for a finance company in New Jersey after college. He came back home rather than be transferred to New York, but I knew he had friends who were there. He was a substitute teacher at the time. I called the school and asked if I could please speak to him. I just needed to know he was okay and hear his voice. I will never forget that morning."

Mount Pleasant Lion and retired attorney Mike Ferguson: "On that fateful day, as I was leaving the house to go to work about 8:30 a.m. the TV morning news had begun to report an airplane striking one of the World Trade Center buildings; no real details were known as I went out the door. There was no suspicion of a terrorist attack yet. By the time I had arrived at my office, the second plane had hit the other tower and everyone in the office was glued to the news reports. The tragic results were starting to unfold, the buildings crumbling, people covered in dust running for their lives and first responders trying to get in to help. The television morning shows were staying on constantly, with the commentators all trying to make sense of what was happening, cutting to reporters on the scene and bringing in talking head 'experts.'

"A bit later came the additionally shocking revelations that two more airliners had been hijacked, with one hitting the Pentagon and the other crashing into a field in Pennsylvania. It was difficult to understand what was happening and how widespread the attacks were going to be. There was not a real panic, but nearly everyone was on edge. By mid-morning the FAA had shut down all civilian flights, there were no contrails in the sky, no drone of propeller engines, or whine of jets. There was an eerie stillness that I still remember and that I later talked about with a friend, a retired U.S.Air 737 pilot. We both remembered the remarkable silence. That day was like Pearl Harbor day was to our parents – we all remember where we were when we learned of the horrible event.

"As for me, I was teaching sixth grade at Breckinridge Middle School in Roanoke City. I also remember what a gorgeous day it was. My students were in gym class. The custodian stuck his head in the classroom and said to turn on the TV. The first tower had been hit. My aide and I were speechless. When the students returned, we kept the TV on and watched the second plane hit. The announcement then came over the speaker that all TVs were to be turned off. Everyone was subdued the rest of the day with not knowing what had happened or why. It was a very quiet day, unusual for middle school."



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Notice is hereby given to all interested persons that the City of Salem Planning Commission, at its regular meeting on September 16, 2026 at 6:30 p.m., in Council Chambers, City Hall, 114 North 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 approval of the following requests relative to the CODE OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA:

1.Consider the request of Roanoke College Trustees, property owner, to rezone the property located at 102 North Market Street (Tax Map # 106-6-1) from RB Residential Business District to CUD College and University District with proffered conditions.

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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Commonwealth of Virginia
VA Code§§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316, -317,20-104
Case No.CL26-485
VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF BOTETOURT
In re: Surplus Funds Derived from the Foreclosure Sale of Property Located at 4427 Lee Highway, Troutville, Virginia 24175
PETER M. PEARL, BRYSON J. HUNTER and TIMOTHY J. LOVETT, Trustees *Petitioners*, v. UNKNOWN HEIRS OF JIMMY W. HUFFMAN and JIMMY WAYNE HUFFMAN, JR.
Respondents.

The object of this suit is to Interplead surplus funds remaining following the foreclosure sale of certain real property commonly known as 4427 Lee Highway, Troutville, Virginia 24175. It appearing the Respondents' identity and present whereabouts are unknown, and that diligence has been used by or on behalf of the Petitioners without effect to ascertain the identity and location of any unknown heirs, it is ORDERED that any potential heirs appear on or before October 5, 2026, in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court for the Botetourt County, Virginia and do what my be necessary to protect their interest in this suit.

IIT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this Order be posted at the front door of the Courthouse, on the Court Website, AND a copy mailed to each party at their addresses below.
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Order be published once per week for four successive weeks in the Fincastle Herald.
The Clerk of this Court shall post this Order at the front door of the Courthouse and Shall mail a copy of this Order to the parties at their last known and provided addresses, if any, herein.
Entered 8/27/26
Joel R. Branscom, Circuit Court Judge

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At the request of the agent for the Executor of the Estate of Michael Glenn Mantz, deceased, as provided by §64.1-171 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, I hereby designate 11:00 a.m. on October 6, 2026 as the time, and my office located at 207 Washington Street, S.W., Blacksburg, Virginia 24060, as the place for receiving proof of debts and demands against the estate.
Given my hand this 1st day of September, 2026.
Warren S. Neily, Jr.
Commissioner of Accounts

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 28, 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. Conditional Use Permit request by Kevin T. Carter and Anne M. Carter, Property Owners, and Tow 360 LLC, Applicant, to allow a towing service on approximately 4.396 acres located at 492 Kiwanis Lane SE and further identified as Tax Parcel 528 - ((A)) - 73 (Parcel ID 014664), in the General Industrial (I-2) zoning district. The property is designated as Business/Commercial on the Future Land Use Map of the 2013 Christiansburg Comprehensive Plan.
Town Hall will be open and available to receive public comments in-person at the time of this Public Hearing. A copy of the application, 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.

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 22, 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. Conditional Use Permit request by The Economic Development Authority of Montgomery County, Virginia, Property Owner and Applicant, to allow a structure greater than 70 feet in height, specifically a manufacturing area with a footprint of 8,500 square feet and a height of 105 feet, in the General Industrial (I-2) zoning district on property located at 2040 Parkway Drive SE, identified as Tax Parcel 558-((A))-24A (Parcel ID 300149), consisting of approximately 38.102 total acres. The property is designated as Mixed Use w/ Buffer (Industrial) on the Future Land Use Map of the 2013 Christiansburg

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Comprehensive Plan.
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Commonwealth of Virginia
VA Code§§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316,-317,20-104
Case No.CL26-1624
MONTGOMERY COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT, 55 EAST MAIN STREET, SUITE 1, CHRISTIASNBURG, 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,

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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
I Ask For This:
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Katie M. Decoster (VSB No. 82696)
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MONTGOMERY COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT, 55 EAST MAIN STREET, SUITE 1, CHRISTIASNBURG, VA 24073

LUZ MARIA LOPEZ
v.
ILIAK LOPEZ

The object of this suit is to: DIVORCE
It is ORDERED that ILIAK LOPEZ appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before October 23, 2026 @ 9:00 AM.
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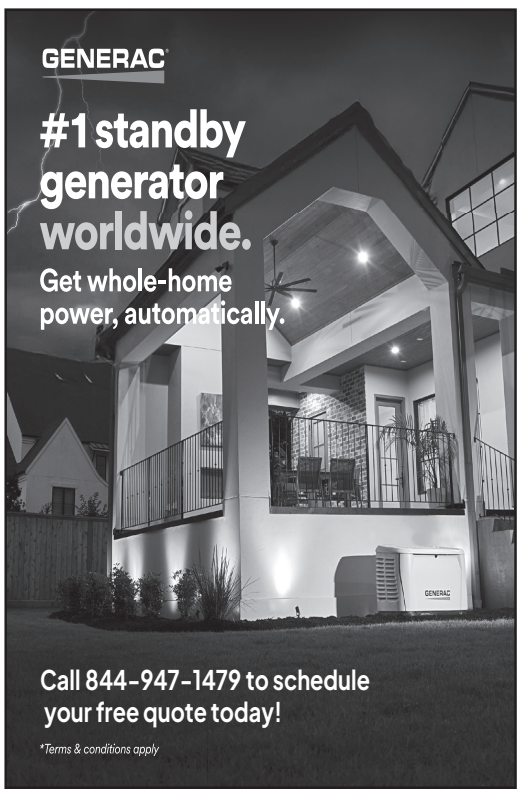
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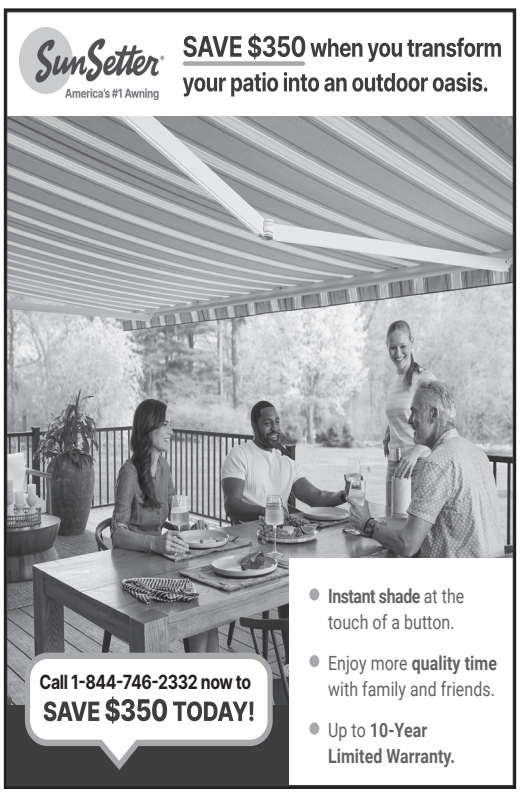
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Byrd girls sweep Cave Spring, have rematch with Titans tonight

The William Byrd gym will be jumping tonight when the Terriers host Hidden Valley in volleyball. It will be a rematch of the September 1 match that Byrd won in five grueling sets.

The win over Hidden Valley wasn't just a win, it was the end of a streak of over 20 years of losses to the Titans. It was a special win for Byrd and the visitors will surely have that on their minds tonight for the rematch.

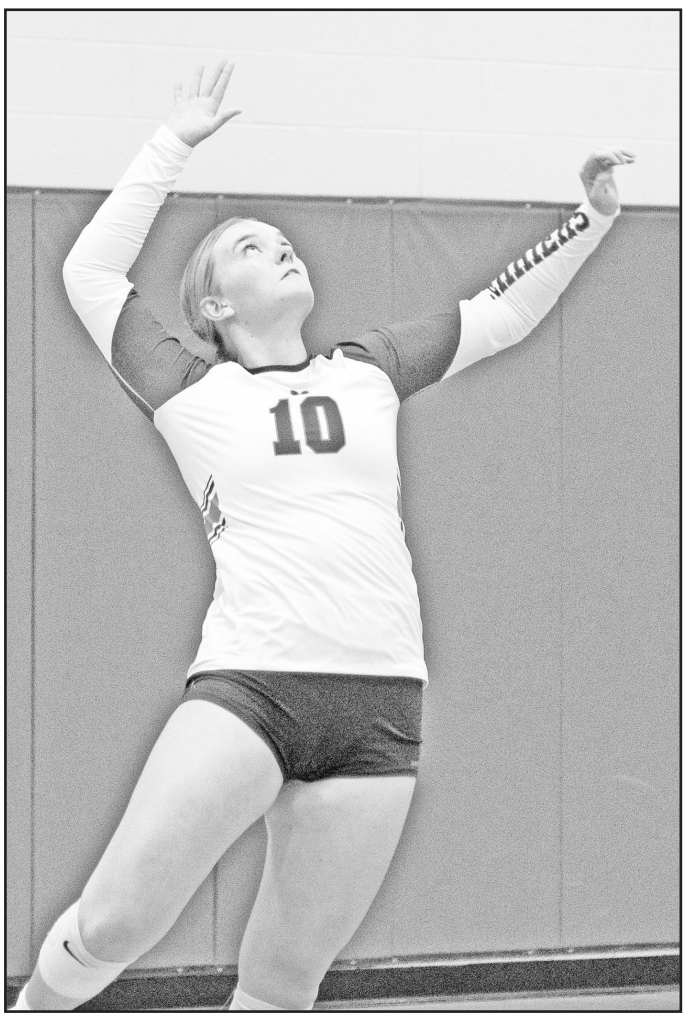
"I expect them to be ready for us," said McCoy. "They're a storied volleyball program with young talent and a tremendous history of success. We were fortunate to get a big win against them at home, and I have no doubt they remember that. I would expect them to be even more motivated, especially playing us on their home floor, but that's exactly the type of environment we want our players to experience. If we want to become the program we believe William Byrd can become, we have to learn to embrace matches like this."

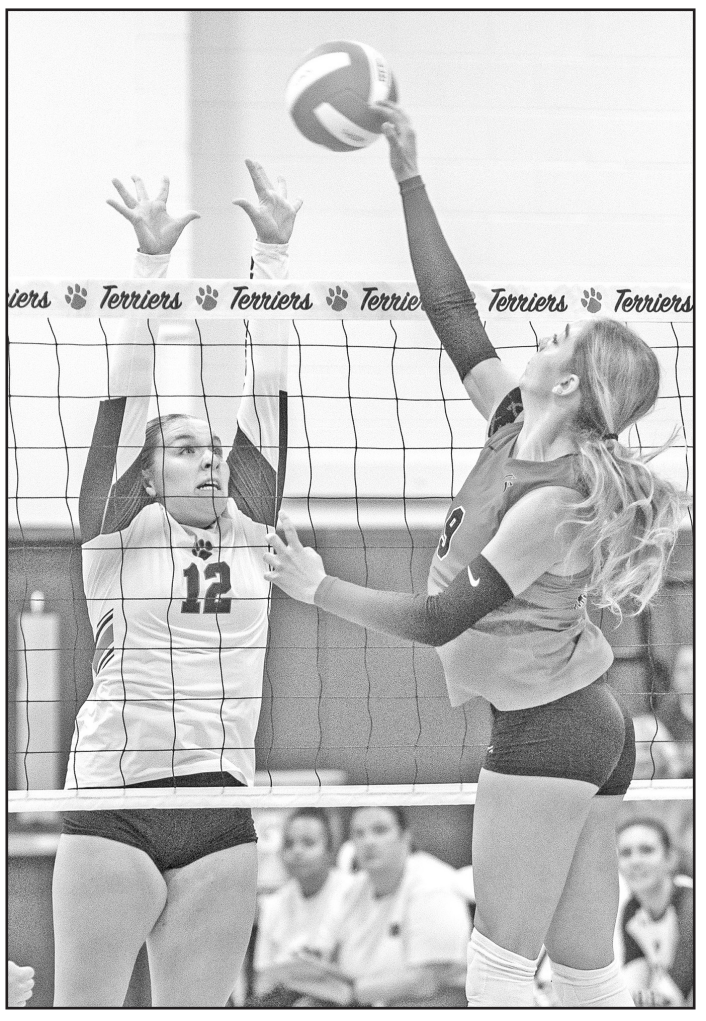
The Terriers will also be looking to get on the good side of .500 for the first time this season. After starting the year 1-3 they've won their last two matches to even their season record at 3-3. Last Thursday they completed a season sweep of Cave Spring with a three set win over the Knights.

"I'm extremely proud of our group and the way we competed against Cave Spring," said Byrd coach Kris McCoy. "Sweeping a program like Cave Spring is a significant accomplishment. They are well coached, have a tradition of success, and you have to earn points against them. More importantly for us, I thought we showed continued growth. We're becoming more comfortable with who we are, our players are beginning to understand their individual responsibilities within our systems, and we're starting to play with more confidence and consistency."

Heidi Dixon, Lauren Toney and Emma Olivit led the Terriers in kills against Cave Spring with eight each, and Toney also had three aces. Josephine Mullen had 11 digs and Catalina Patterson had 32 assists, 14 digs and an ace.

Next Monday the Terriers have a rematch with Glenvar. The Highlanders won the first meeting in west Roanoke County but this one will be in Vinton. A week from tonight Byrd is at Blacksburg.





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Left, Byrd's Maggie Zimmerman serves one up in last week's win over Cave Spring. Right, Lauren Toney(#12) contests a spike.

Terriers will run in huge Knights Crossing

The William Byrd cross country team will be among a plethora of schools attending Saturday's annual Knights Crossing event. Cave Spring is the host for the distance running extravaganza at Green Hill Park in west Roanoke County.

This is the 22nd annual Knights Crossing event and it will be one of the largest cross country invitationals ever held in southwest Virginia. There will be a total of 11 different races beginning with the Joe LaRocco open 5K race at 8 a.m. for men and women, and ending with an unlimited girls and boys "Gold Race" 5K at 2:30 p.m.

"We are very excited about this year's invitational that currently has 105 high schools and 62 middle school teams attending," said Cave Spring's Tommy Maguire. "We already have well over 2,000 runners entered to race on September 12th. This will be one of our largest Knights Crossing Cross County Invitationals yet and one of the largest athletic events held in the Roanoke Valley this year."

"Red" races for Virginia public schools and out of state teams will begin with a girls' race at 10:45 a.m. and a boys' race at 11:30 a.m. "Black" races for Virginia public schools and all private schools will take off at noon for the girls and 12:45 p.m. for the boys.

"We have 22 teams traveling from North Carolina, Tennessee and West Virginia," said Maguire. "We also have several teams making the trip from Richmond and Northern Virginia areas. Every local school will be represented on Saturday. This historic year also looks to be one of the fastest fields in our 22 years of hosting."



Byrd's Kyler Martin runs in the Blue Ridge Invitational.

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Ethan Sink sinks a putt. PHOTO BY JOHN WACHER

Sink is medalist as Byrd golfers take 2nd at Rock

Ethan Sink shot a 34 over nine holes to lead William Byrd to a second place finish in Tuesday's Blue Ridge District golf match at the Hanging Rock Golf Club. Ethan's score was good for medalist honors at the Roanoke County course.

"Ethan has been consistent and playing well all year," said Byrd coach Scott Whitehead.

Sink's 34 was one under par, the only golfer to shoot under par in the round. Teammate David Foster shot an even par 35 and that was the second best score of the day.

"David continues to be a steady reliable score in the one spot," said Whitehead.

Also scoring for Byrd were Andrew Carter with a 41 and Jayden Beasley at 44. Reid Divers carded a 45 and Ryan Bell shot 53.

Byrd's team score of 154 was seven strokes behind Northside, who won the day with a 147. Lord Botetourt was third at 157, Franklin County shot 161 and Staunton River had a nine hole 169.

Next up for the Terriers is their turn to host the district at Blue Hills next Tuesday. Whitehead is hoping to find a steady sixth man in that spot as Byrd prepares for the post-season.

"We play new players in the six spot with Ryan(Bell) being the sixth player to play in the spot in seven matches," he said. " We'll have one more qualifier for Tuesday and then hopefully someone can win that spot for some consistency and experience in the six spot for district and region.

"It is exciting that we have 10 10th graders and a freshman working to get better each day!"



The Middle School Terriers line up on offense in last week's win over Northside. On the offensive line are center Grayson Underwood(#50), guard Hayden McClure(#55), tackle Jackson Wharf(#56) and tight end Linzy Barbor(#23).

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Middle School football at Blacksburg tonight

The William Byrd Middle School football team will be in Blacksburg tonight for a 5:30 pm game. Byrd is looking for their second win in a row after defeating Northside last week.

"We're currently 2-1 with wins over Hidden Valley and Northside and a close loss to Franklin County in a game where we put the ball on the ground too many times to overcome," said coach Cody Underwood.

"The MS Terriers are heavy upfront in the trenches and that group has been working hard for three years to get to where they are and not missing a day in the weight room. Our backfield is much improved this year and that's helped our passing game a ton. We have a three-man rotation back there and all those guys are a threat.

Former Terrier standout Jermone Mann has done a solid job coaching the defense.

"Coach Mann has our guys right on the defensive side of the ball and that's an exciting group to watch," said Underwood.

Byrd's next home game is September 17 against Covington.

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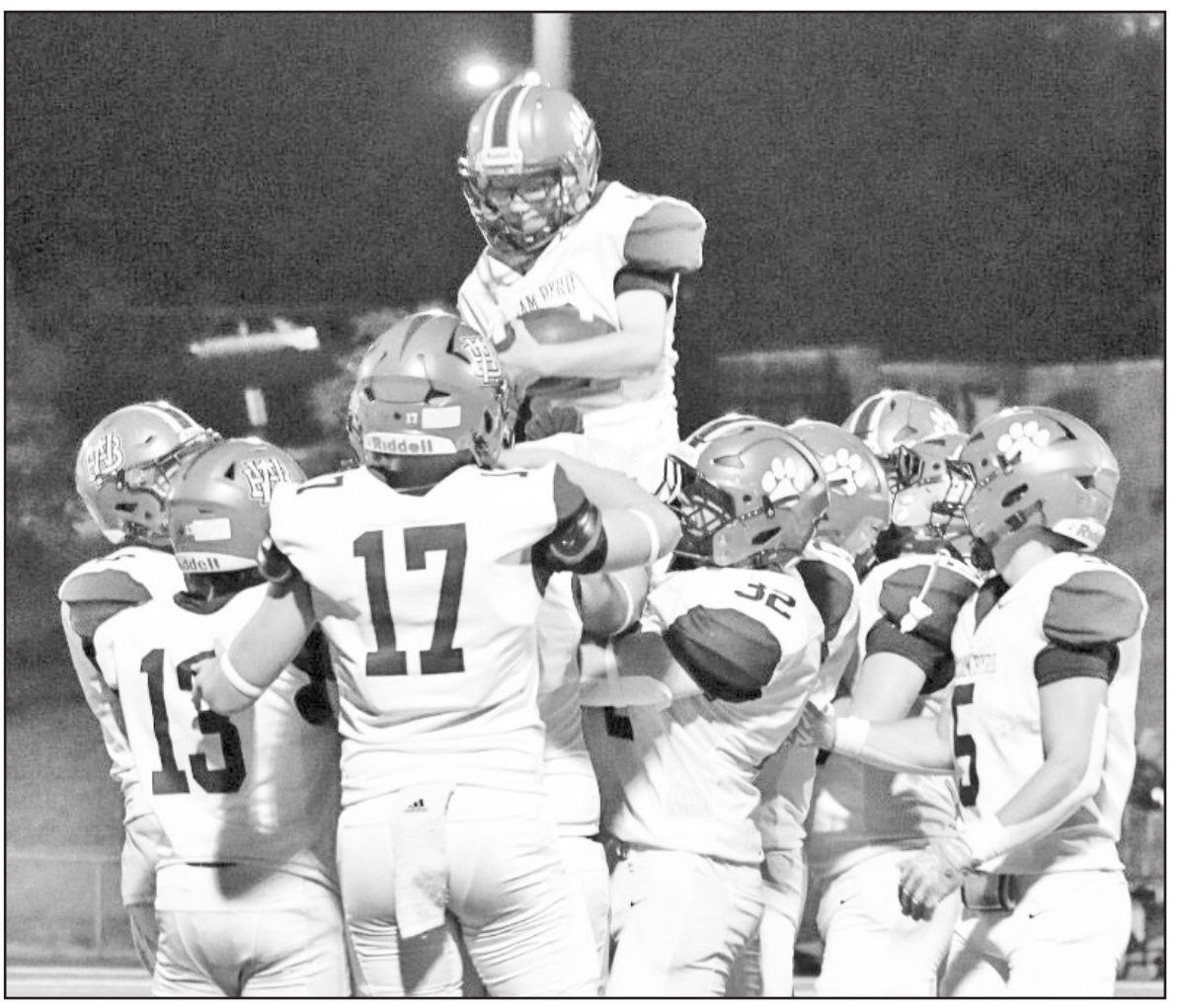


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Left, William Byrd's Thomas Purcell breaks free for a 30 yard TD reception in the first quarter of Friday's win over Hidden Valley at Bogle Field. Right, beloved Byrd manager Luke Richardson is carried off the field by teammates after participating in the last play of the game.

Terriers host Blue Devils for home opener Friday

After two weeks of games on south Roanoke County's Bogle Field, the William Byrd football team will finally have their home opener this week. The Terriers will host Christiansburg at 7 pm Friday on Highfill Field at Patterson Stadium in Vinton.

The Terriers had no problem playing at Bogle, winning both games over south County teams. They opened with a 20-14 win over Cave Spring, and last Friday they had no trouble with Hidden Valley, posting a 46-6 win. However, as the old saying goes, "there's no place like home."

"Our players love playing at home," said Byrd coach Brad Lutz. "We are very fortunate to have a very supportive school and community. That kind of support creates a great environment for our home games. In a game of this magnitude, having a big home crowd helps our team tremendously."

The Terriers figure to continue pounding the ball on the ground against the Blue Demons. Last week against Hidden Valley they scored six rushing touchdowns, all in the first half before Lutz called off the dogs, so to speak. Everyone suited up got to play, including team manager Luke Richardson who donned uniform number 43 to make a cameo appearance in the fourth quarter.

"We were fortunate to get all our players in the game for quality game reps," said Lutz. "That included getting a few of our JV players in as well. That helps us build depth that will be very valuable moving forward."

Byrd put this one in the books early. Gray Matthews ran for 23 and 30 yard touchdowns, Davion Wade had a seven yard run and quarterback Carter Gray found Thomas Purcell for a 30 yard TD pass as Byrd led 27-0 after the first quarter.

The Byrdmen kept up the pace in the second period. Matthews had touchdown romps of 80 and 12 yards before finding a spot on the bench and Jamari Toler made it 46-0 at the half with a 12 yard run for a score. The clock ran continuously in the second half with the game long decided.

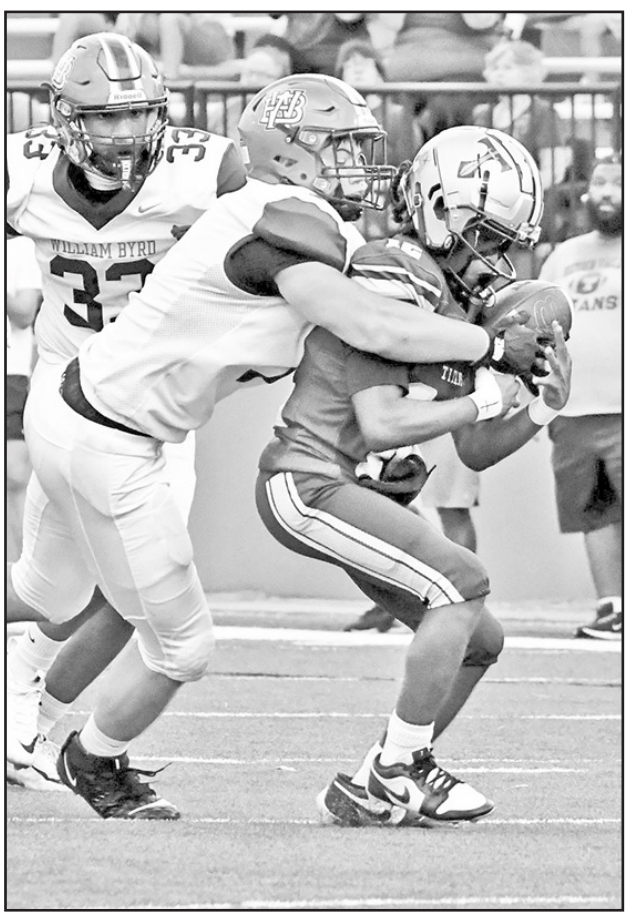
Matthews finished with 212 yards rushing on just six carries with four TDs, averaging over 25 yards per attempt. Four others combined for 109 yards on 12 carries.

Gray was six for eight passing for 205 yards. Zane Taylor had two receptions for 112 yards, Purcell had two for 61 and Matthews had two for 30, giving him 242 yards of offense for the game.

On defense Bruce Robinson had six tackles to lead the team. Wade had four tackles and an interception, Briggs Kotz had three tackles and Braedyn Henritze had a forced fumble, four quarterback hurries and a tackle for a loss.

This week, Christiansburg figures to be a much tougher matchup for the Terriers. The Blue Demons are 1-1 and coming off a win over Abingdon last week.



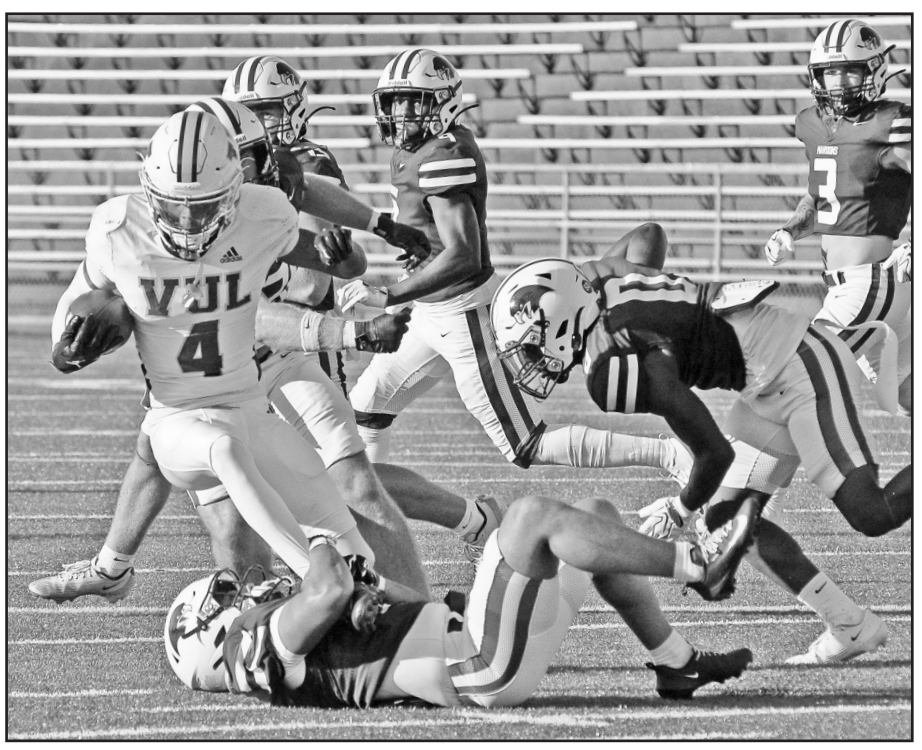


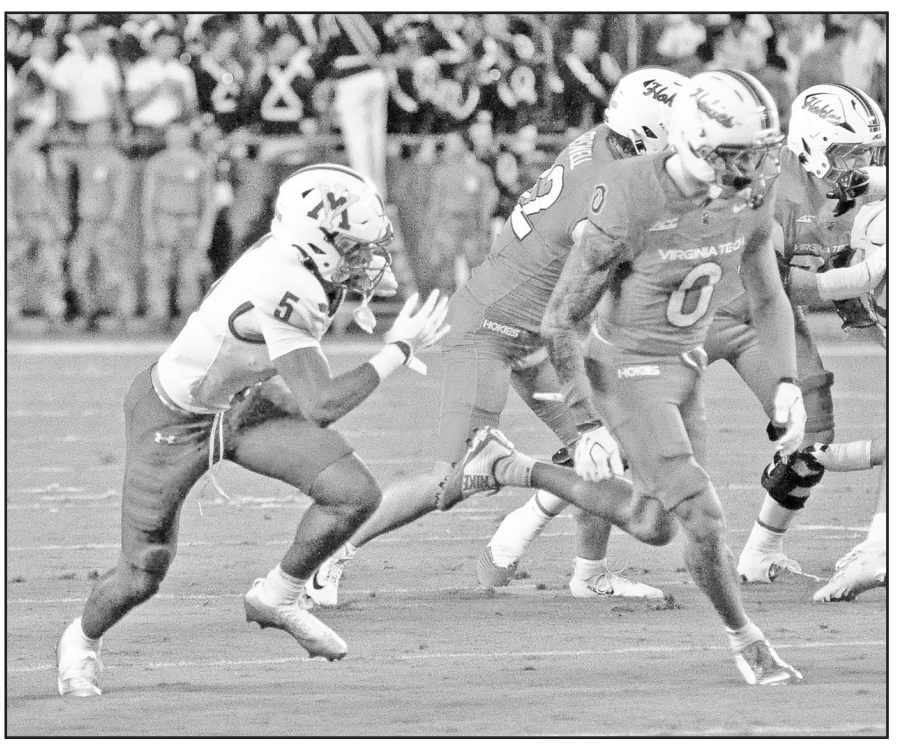
Left, Gray Matthews is headed to the end zone. Right, Braeden Henritze makes a tackle as Jayden Omiyo (#33) rushes to assist.

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"Christiansburg is big and athletic," said Lutz. "Their offense is driven by a very strong running game, and they have a lot of speed on the perimeter. Their quarterback is a very good player and can score points in multiple ways. Their defensive scheme is similar to ours and they are very talented at all three levels. They are coming off a huge win over Abingdon, so they will bring a lot of momentum into the game on Friday."

Byrd's jayvee team shut out Hidden Valley last week, 38-0. The jayvees are scheduled to play at Christiansburg tonight at 6 pm.





Terriers play for college teams

The college football season is well underway and William Byrd graduates are playing for many teams this season. Left, Byrd graduate Lane Shoemaker tackles a Virginia University of Lynchburg player in last week's 37-7 Roanoke College win at Lynchburg City Stadium. Byrd grad Jerrett Shepherd scored two touchdowns for the Maroons in the game. Right, former Terrier Ethan Haston(#5) is a starting defensive back for VMI. Here he keeps pace with Virginia Tech receiver Ayden Greene(#0) in last Saturday's game in Blacksburg. Unfortunately the Keydets had a long night as Tech took a 73-3 win in James Franklin's Hokie coaching debut.

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