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Vinton artist featured in Gallery 202 show



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Artist Terry Lyon is the featured artist for June at Gallery 202 on Market Square in downtown Roanoke. Lyon grew up in Vinton and graduated from William Byrd High School. He is shown with his sisters (from left) Jan Lyon Fitzpatrick, Ellen Lyon Flowers, and Marsha Lyon Garrison.

Terry Lyon is the featured artist for June at Gallery 202 on Market Square in downtown Roanoke. His exhibit includes paintings of Norfolk & Western railroad workers in the last days of the steam age. The se-

ries is based on photographs in the form of slides from 1958 taken by his father, who was the roundhouse foreman for about four years in Crewe, Va. The town of Crewe was founded in 1888 as a central

location for Norfolk & Western's locomotive repair shops on its east-west route from the Appalachian coalfields to Hampton Roads.

The Lyon family settled in Vinton, where his mother's family was from, as his father continued to work for the railroad. Terry Lyon graduated from William Byrd High School with the Class of 1962. He was named Outstanding Senior in Art that year.

His talent and interest in art have been lifelong. In 1950, when he was 5 years old, his drawing of a car was published in the well-known children's "Highlights Magazine." His first and last published work as an artist, Lyon jokes.

Lyon went on to graduate from Virginia Tech in 1968 with a degree in Building Construction from the School of Architecture. He was employed as an engineer for 30 years and

worked in the Mechanical Engineering Department at Hercules until it was bought out by ATK. That's when he decided to retire and turn his pastime into his full-time career. He has had an established presence in downtown Roanoke art galleries since 1986, with most of those years spent with Gallery 202.

His upstairs studio has a wonderful view of Mill Mountain. He has created more than one painting featuring that view, including one of the area before the City of Roanoke existed when the valley was mostly salt marshes surrounded by mountains. He is a little concerned that a parking garage may spring up downtown blocking his view.

He generally works in his studio at the gallery from about 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Saturday. When he's not painting or

talking with the other artists at the gallery, he spends time with his wife, Linda, whose career has been in teaching elementary school. They have a son, James, a daughter, Amy, and two young grandchildren.

Lyon is a prolific artist. He says he has kept a written record of his artwork since 1977 and has sold his work in at least 30 different states. He has been exhibiting his work at the Art Pannonia gallery in Blacksburg for the past 20 years, in other galleries, and in shows at Art in the Park in Richmond, Festival in the Park in Roanoke, the Boardwalk Art Show in Virginia Beach, the Whitetail Park Show, in Bath County, Rockbridge County, in North Carolina, and more.

Art Pannonia Director Judy Garbera says, "Lyon is one of the best known and

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Thrasher youth 'all over town, making a difference'

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When Pastor B. Failes of Thrasher Memorial United Methodist Church described to the congregation what the youth mission team had been up to the week of June 14-18, he commented that they had been "all over town, making a difference."

Traditionally, the Thrasher Youth Mission Team travels to Appalachia each summer to repair homes through the Appalachian Service Project (ASP). Younger teens participate in the Jeremiah Project, also traveling outside of the area. This year with COVID restrictions still in place to some extent, they elected to do missions locally in the Roanoke Valley.

Once again, they had a partner—this time the youth-oriented REACH (Real Experi-

ences Affecting Change) volunteer program founded in 2010 by the late Pastor Tim Dayton. REACH brings volunteers from across the nation to perform a variety of service projects. "Here are my hands; how may I serve?" embodied his concept for the program.

Thrasher Youth Director Bonnie Jones met with the youth mission team on the Sunday before their activities began on Monday morning, June 14.

She emphasized that it isn't necessary "to cross the sea to see the cross" in mission work. "Mission work can be done here in Roanoke. Missions is a way of living to witness for Christ; you don't have to go someplace else."

She focused on scripture from Acts 1:8, one of the last statements Jesus made to his apostles before he ascended into heaven: "But you will receive

power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

Members of the mission team were commissioned during the 10:45 a.m. worship service on June 13. About 20 students and

several adult assistants participated in the missions week and work.

Members of the REACH Thrasher Youth Missions Team (and their adult leaders) in 2021 included McKenzie Crow, Stella Jones, April Jones, Cary Jones, Molly Crow, Madison Crow,

Thrasher Pastor Seong Jae Jo, Tara Montague, Jacob Montague, Mary Ann St. Clair, Dave Jones, Bonnie Jones, Marty Crow, Ethan Sutton, Hannah Sutton, David Richardson, Eli Richardson, Avery Ewert,

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PHOTO BY DEBBIE ADAMS

Members of the Thrasher Youth Mission Team (students and adult leaders) were commissioned during a worship service on June 13. Shown left to right are McKenzie Crow, Stella Jones, April Jones, Cary Jones, Molly Crow, Madison Crow, Pastor Seong Jae Jo, Tara Montague, Jacob Montague, Mary Ann St. Clair, Dave Jones, Bonnie Jones, and Marty Crow. Other members of the team not pictured include Ethan Sutton, Hannah Sutton, David Richardson, Eli Richardson, Avery Ewert, Isaac Anderson, and Jacob Heck.

Gish Mill awaits historic designations

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The Town of Vinton and developer Gish Mill Davii, LLC, are awaiting a decision from the Virginia Department of Historic Resources

(DHR) on the eligibility of the historic Gish Mill for the Virginia Landmarks Register and the National Register of Historic Places.

DHR administers these two programs to recognize Virginia's his-

toric resources and to encourage their continued preservation.

The Virginia Landmarks Register (VLR) was created in 1965 by the General Assembly and is the Commonwealth's official list of

places of historic, architectural, archaeological and/or cultural significance. It is managed by the staff of DHR on behalf of the Virginia Board of Historic Resources.

The National Register of Historic Places was established in 1966 by the National Historic Preservation Act and is the official list of structures, sites, objects, and districts that embody the historical and cultural foundations of the United States. It includes places of local, state, and national significance and is managed by the Department of Historic Resources in partnership with the National Park Service for properties in Virginia.

Listing in either the

VLR or National Register is strictly honorary. The listing encourages, but does not require, preservation of the property or historic district. It offers limited protections to properties from potentially harmful federally or state-funded activities and may qualify owners for voluntary state and federal rehabilitation tax credit programs and DHR's easement program.

Properties nominated for listing in the Registers should have achieved historical significance at least 50 years prior to today and/or are of exceptional importance; and are associated with at least one of the following: an important event or historic trend; a significant person whose

specific contributions to history can be identified and documented; an important architectural or engineering design; or it represents the work of a master; or it is a distinguishable entity although its components may lack individual distinction; or has the potential to answer important research questions about human history (most commonly these properties are archaeological sites); and retain physical integrity through retention of historic materials, appearance, design, and other physical features.

The DHR encourages property owners to undertake the nomination process to "contribute to the public understanding of Virginia's history, architecture, and archaeology."

The process involved in having a property declared eligible for the prestigious lists is rigorous to say the least.

DHR warns: "Although listing in both the state and national registers is honorary, there are stringent standards regarding

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The historic Gish Mill may soon be listed on the Virginia Landmarks Register and the National Register of Historic Places.

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UScellular opens new location in Vinton

UScellular is excited to announce the addition of new stores to the greater Roanoke area, including a new location in Vinton at East Vinton Plaza. The business celebrated the occasion with a ribbon-cutting ceremony on June 17 with the Vinton Area Chamber of Commerce.

Zack Whiteman, Director of Sales at the Vinton location (and Cave Spring), says the store has been open about a month. The Cave Spring store held their grand opening on July 19. The two existing stores at Valley View and in Salem held customer appreciation days on June 18.

The wireless carrier says that adding more locations will better serve customers and provide hands-on access to the newest devices, smart home solutions, and consumer electronics from popular national brands.

"We are excited to better serve the Roanoke community with additional locations and are inviting residents to come out to help us celebrate and have some food and fun," says Nakeita Stewart, director of sales and operations for UScellular in the Mid-Atlantic. "We

have some great gifts and the best devices and plans to help our customers stay connected wherever they are."

Last year UScellular made a \$22.5 million investment in its Virginia network including \$13 million in 5G upgrades that bring customers faster data speeds, a more responsive mobile experience, and the ability to connect more devices to the network at the same time.

Additionally, the company invested \$468,000 in its Virginia retail store environments in 2020 to create a better shopping experience and showcase the variety of smartphones, tablets, hotspots, and wireless tech accessories available for customers. This includes seven redesigned or updated stores across the state throughout the year.

UScellular is the fourth-largest full-service wireless carrier in the United States, providing national network coverage and industry-leading innovations designed to elevate the customer experience.

The Chicago-based carrier is building a stronger

network with the latest 5G technology and offers a wide range of communication services that enhance consumers' lives, increase the competitiveness of local businesses, and improve the efficiency of government operations.

Vinton Chamber president Justin Davison commented, "It was great to be out supporting another great business here #InVinton. They have a great and energized team that looks like they are ready to serve all your telecommunication needs, but also get out in the community and give back which is exciting. Welcome US Cellular team!"

On June 4, the UScellular in Vinton started that community involvement by welcoming students from the Boys and Girls Club of Southwest Virginia to help them learn more about Internet safety for children and adults during Internet Safety Month in June and how the Wireless Industry works.

Vinton Mayor Brad Grose, who attended the ribbon-cutting, said, "It's always a pleasure to welcome new businesses to our area. Our local Chamber of Commerce is



PHOTO BY DEBBIE ADAMS

A new UScellular location has opened in Vinton at East Vinton Plaza. A ribbon-cutting ceremony with the Vinton Area Chamber of Commerce was held on June 17. Shown left to right are Chamber of Commerce President Justin Davison, Chamber Executive Director Angie Chewning, Chamber member Beth Abbott, Vinton Director of Community Programs and Facilities Chasity Barbour, UScellular employees Linda Bane, Steven Westbrook, Zack Whiteman (Director of Sales in Vinton and Cave Spring), Treyvon Abston, and Bertram Daniels, Jason Boothe from the Chamber Board of Directors, Mayor Brad Grose, and Chamber Executive Assistant Kathryn Sowers.

named the Vinton 'Area' Chamber of Commerce because it serves many businesses outside the Town of Vinton. The new UScellular store is a good example."

"I'm sure you will do very well in this location," Grose told the UScellular employees. "The store is very impressive; it looks

great and there is a wonderful variety of devices on display. As Chamber members, all of us congratulate you on the new store and we are eager to help you."

UScellular in Vinton is located at 1932 East Washington Avenue at East Vinton Plaza near Food Lion. Hours of operation are Monday-Saturday from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sundays from noon to 5 p.m.

Chamber Executive Director Angie Chewning said, "I see only great things to come from our new member UScellular. So exciting to grow this relationship. Welcome UScellular!"

Next Mingle at the Market coming up on June 26

The Vinton Area Chamber of Commerce will be hosting its second Mingle at the Market Concert for 2021 on June 26 at the Vinton Farmers' Market. The concert will get underway on the HomeTrust Bank Stage at 7 p.m. with a performance by the band Vinyl Nation.

Vinyl Nation features Christy Bowles (lead vocals), Jim Gober (lead guitar and vocals), Jimmy Carper (bass and vocals), David Bowles (drums), Paul Salvey (keyboards) and Wes Bradley (sound). Four members are well-known to Vinton from their Seven Mile Ford band

days: Christy and David Bowles, Jimmy Carper, and Wes Bradley.

On their website, Vinyl Nation describes themselves as "Roanoke Virginia's Premiere High Energy 80's/Variety Band. A quintet of seasoned and experienced musicians whose creative output equals only that of their longevity on the local music scene. With a remarkable repertoire that has touched decades of different genres, Vinyl Nation has something for everyone and continues to push the standard for performance higher and further with each and every show we play."

Admission is \$6. This is a family-friendly event with children 12 and under admitted free of charge.

The featured food truck this week is the always popular Mountain Grille Food Truck. Craft beer and adult beverages will be available for purchase.

Remember to bring your own seating. No pets are allowed.

Member One is the lead sponsor for the 2021 Summer Concert Series, along with special sponsor Roanoke County. Diamond Level sponsors include Blue Ridge Beverage, the Vinton War Memorial, and the

Town of Vinton. Gold sponsors include Carilion Clinic, Winters Storage, and Servpro. Silver level sponsors include Berkshire Health Care, HomeTrust Bank, Lotz Funeral Home, Neely's Accounting, PFG, Coastal Insurance Planning of VA, and The Vinton Messenger. Sherri Winkler of Nite Owl Artz has done the design work for the concert with printing by Vertex Signs.

COVID-19 restrictions have been lifted for the Mingle concerts with one exception—wear a mask if you haven't been vaccinated.

Mingle concerts continue

throughout the summer with two scheduled each month June through September. Many crowd favorite bands will return, including Five Dollar Shake, Adam Rutledge, Hardrive Crew, On Common Ground, and Five Shades of Grey.

Food trucks over the summer will include Finger Wingin' Good, Munsey's Smoke House, Yani's Hot Kitchen, and the Lazy Bull Dog.

The Vinton Farmers' Market is located in downtown Vinton at 204 W. Lee Avenue. Plenty of parking is available in the downtown area.

Gish Mill

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the historical research, photography, mapping, field inspection, and architectural analysis that make up a nomination packet. To meet these requirements, applicants need to be patient, thorough, and detail-oriented."

DHR's part is to "assure that nominations meet scholarly standards, are factually accurate, and conform to state and federal regulations."

Applicants complete an extremely comprehensive Preliminary Information Form (PIF) as a means of evaluating the eligibility of the property for listing. The PIF includes the form itself, photos, and maps.

In the case of Gish Mill, the PIF was prepared as a team effort by the Hill Studio Historic Preservation Studio.

The PIF form contains the documentation on research by the property owner or applicant, as well as information the DHR may have previously acquired. The photographs generally include interior and exterior shots, emphasizing architectural features, not furnishings, and the property setting. Maps include one showing the exact location of the property, which can be created from Google or other mapping websites. The other must be a sketch map showing all resources on the property such as the main building, outbuildings, major landscape features (like streams), and the road on which the property fronts.

"The PIF is the first step in the nomination process and determines if a resource is eligible to be considered for the National Register of Historic Places," explained Kate Kronau of Hill Studio.

The same nomination packet is prepared for both the Virginia Landmarks Register and the National Register of Historic Places.

According to the completed PIF, Gish Mill is a circa 1846 three-story grist mill with multiple additions ca. 1930 and 1955, situated on 0.71 acres along Glade Creek and Gus Nicks Boulevard in Vinton. "It is significant as a rare surviving example of a mid-nineteenth century mill that expanded and evolved over the years to accommodate new technology and the changing market for agricultural products. Gish Mill also served as the industrial and economic impetus for the establishment and development of the surrounding town of Vinton."

The Hill Studio team explained in the PIF why they are seeking

evaluation of the property: "Gish Mill is a rare surviving property type in Roanoke County and has stood vacant for five years. The building is located in a flood plain, and is in a deteriorated condition that threatens its continued structural viability if intervening efforts are not made soon to stabilize and rehabilitate the building for a new use."

"The purpose of this application is twofold: to recognize the historic significance of the mill by listing it on the national and state registers, and to make historic tax credits available for the rehabilitation and adaptive reuse of the mill following the Secretary of the Interior's Standards. The Town of Vinton believes that determining the mill property eligible for listing and tax credits is critical to attracting a potential new owner and saving the mill."

There was much discussion in the community when Vinton Town Council decided to purchase the property in 2015. Former Vinton Historical Society President Doug Forbes addressed council on the issue and encouraged the purchase by pointing to the Vinton Town Seal displaying Gish Mill mounted on the wall behind council members. He reportedly said, "You better buy the Mill or get a new Town Seal." His remarks had an impact on council's decision to preserve the town's history.

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PEOPLE, PLACES AND THINGS

What a week! The Miss Virginia Pageant was back in Roanoke and we couldn't have been more thrilled. I had the absolute pleasure of having our reigning Miss Virginia Dot Kelly on my radio show, Vinton Chatter, on Fox 910AM & 104.3 FM. We talked about her year and a half, longest reign ever. We talked about her platform, school visits, and the effects Covid played on her year as Miss Virginia. What an honor and pleasure to just sit and talk to her on her final appearance as Miss Virginia.

Mom was able to make it to the station to be with us during the live show. After the half hour was up, Dot had to return to Hotel Roanoke to assist

with judges' interviews. But Dr. Points, owner of the station, wasn't ready for us to stop talking, so Mom filled in as my guest! We chatted about her LONG affiliation with Miss Virginia and how she misses being there.

Even though she did not get to go to the pageant, Mark Schreier, director of the pageant, had the girls send a special message to her live on Facebook and she watched it each night via live stream.

Our second Mingle at the Market is THIS Saturday night. Vinyl Nation is our band (some members are former members of Seven Mile Ford), Mountain Grille is our food truck. Gates open at 6:30, music starts at 7. Come join us!



From the Pulpit

'A Good Game'

Last week, Whitney and I took the boys to Atlanta for their first Major League baseball game to watch the Braves play. Over the past couple of months, with one playing T-ball and the other playing Coach Pitch, we were on the baseball field just about every night. As busy and hectic as that was, the boys absolutely loved it. They were sad when the season came to an end. As a grand finale, Whitney and I thought a trip to the big leagues would be fitting.

Taking our seats at Truist Park, the stadium was packed as the Braves took the field and the Los Angeles Dodgers' right fielder, Mookie Betts, stepped up to the plate to start the game. After a few base hits and early errors by the Braves, the Dodgers finished up the top of the first inning with one run. With great excitement, I said to Carter and Parker: "Get ready, guys. With Acuna Jr. and Freddie Freeman at the top of the lineup, the Braves are up to bat!"

Moments after uttering those words, Parker looked at me and said: "Daddy, is the game almost over? I'm ready to go home." I could not believe it. It was still the first inning and the Braves' first batter had not even stepped into the batter's box. This game was the whole reason we traveled to Atlanta. It was our gift to them. I would have expected his comment by the eighth or ninth inning. But at the bottom of the first, really? With great confusion, I said: "The game just started. We haven't even seen the Braves hit! Why do you want to go home?" Burying his face into my arm he said, "I don't have my glove and I'm scared the ball is going to hit me."

In the days leading up to this game, I had been telling Carter and Parker that they might be able to catch a foul ball. I told them that at Major League games, when foul balls are hit into the stands, whoever catches the ball gets to keep the ball. Not only did this build their excitement for our trip, but it was also incentive to keep them engaged at baseball practice. When they would move away from the ball instead of catching the ball, I would say: "Remember, you need to learn how to catch the ball so

you will be ready for the Braves game—you won't catch a foul ball by moving away from it."

And yet after all that preparation, we forgot to pack their baseball gloves. Having successfully convinced them that a foul ball was going to come our way, Parker felt unprepared and ill-equipped to catch it. As a result, he was scared. He was certain that one of these great hitters was going to hit a ball directly at him. Without his glove, he would not be able to catch it, the ball would most certainly hit him, and it was going to be painful. The threat of this potential outcome left him worried and afraid, begging to leave his first major league baseball game shortly after it had begun.

To calm his fears, I tried to explain how small the possibility was that a ball would actually come near us. I tried to show him that most foul balls were hit into the safety net behind home plate. I tried to remind him of how high and far our seats were from the field. And yet, no matter how many rational explanations I gave, Parker was still afraid. Finally, I said to him: "Parker, I played baseball; I know how to catch. If a foul ball comes to us, I will catch it. I am right here beside you."

When Jesus' disciples were afraid of the potential outcomes of their day, Jesus offered them a similar message of assurance. His disciples were worried about the threat of the Jewish religious leaders and the Roman Empire. These groups were growing increasingly hostile toward Jesus and his followers. The disciples knew it was a risk to continue following him. They understood the power of the Roman Empire—they hit much harder than any Major League baseball player. In response to the threat of these potential outcomes, they were afraid.

Rather than offering them theological explanations or rational truths, Jesus chose to assure them of who he was, what he could do, and no matter what, he would be right there beside them. He said: "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. 2 In my Father's house there are many rooms. If it were not

so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to be with me, so that where I am, there you may be also (John 14:1-3)."

Unlike the disciples' threat, Parker's fears were based on a potential danger that never came to pass. The chance of a foul ball coming our way was slim-to-none. And yet regardless of how low the risk, he was still afraid, begging to leave. The fun and excitement of the game was gone. The awe and wonder of watching the best players in the world had left him. His fear had taken over. At that moment, it was the only lens through which he could view the game. As a result, it was completely crippling to his experience of the opportunity before him.

Thankfully, by assuring him of who I was, what I could do, and that no matter what, I was going to be right beside him, Parker was restored. His worries were soothed, his fears were calmed, and he was able to enjoy the gift that Whitney and I had given him. All in all, it was a pretty good game.

On a much larger scale, the same was true for the disciples. Through Jesus' assurance, their fears were quieted, and they were able to enjoy the gift God had given them—the presence of his one and only son.

What fears are you facing at this time in your life? What potential outcomes are consuming your thoughts? Has fear and worry become the lens through which you view the world around you? At times, I think that can be true for all of us. Either way, whether you are enjoying the game or begging to leave, may we all turn our focus to the one who has shown us who he is, has proven what he can do, and has promised that no matter what, he is right here beside us. In doing so, despite the looming threat of a variety of potential outcomes, we can be restored to enjoy the many gifts God has given us in this life. If we will sit tight and trust him, all in all it will be a pretty good game.

By the Rev. Travis Russell, Vinton Baptist Church

VBS starts Sunday at Vinton Wesleyan

Vinton Wesleyan Church invites children to attend Sonsparks Lab Vacation Bible School Sunday, June 27-Wednesday, June 30 from 6:30-8 p.m. Children ages 2-12 or Pre K through rising seventh graders will enjoy

Bible stories, praise and worship, games, a missions project, crafts, live skits and to-go snacks.

Vinton Wesleyan Church is located at 246 East Jefferson Avenue in Vinton. For more information, call 345-3385.

Vinton will celebrate Fourth of July with music, fireworks

The Town of Vinton will be returning to its annual tradition of fireworks on the Fourth of July at the Vinton War Memorial in 2021.

The celebration was cancelled last year due to the pandemic, but with the lifting of COVID-19 restrictions, the event will be revived this year.

The fun gets underway

at 6:30 p.m. on the lawn of the War Memorial with a patriotic program and prayer, then live music by Low, Low Chariot, beginning at 7 p.m. There will be food trucks, children's activities, and more.

The fireworks (by Grucci) go up at 9:30 from the back parking lot of the War Memorial, as in 2019.

Board of Supervisors approves pay raise

The Roanoke County Board of Supervisors members approved a 3 percent pay raise for themselves at their meeting on June 22. It takes effect on July 1. The supervisors heard the first reading of the ordinance, held a previously advertised public hearing (there were no comments from citizens), and waived a second reading of the ordinance to get the measure approved before July 1, as required. Supervisor Martha Hooker of the Catawba District voted against the action. Jason Peters, David Radford, Paul Mahoney, and Phil North voted in favor.

The board recently approved the adoption of a budget, which grants a 3 percent salary increase to non-public safety county employees. In the past, the board has increased its salary by the same percentage increase awarded to county employees.

The supervisors will now earn \$18,306.91 annually, an increase of \$533 per year. The

chairman will make an additional \$1,800; the vice-chair, an additional \$1200. The current salary for board members is \$17,773.70.

A 3 percent increase would cost \$2,666.05 (\$533.21 each). Additionally, the FICA increase would cost \$203.95, for a total fiscal impact of \$2,870.

Supervisors Chairman Jason Peters, who represents the Vinton District, said that he estimates he works about 30 hours a week on Board of Supervisors business and duties.

In comparison, members of the Roanoke County School Board earn \$15,475.20 annually. The School Board chairman's salary is \$17,284.80. Vinton's representative Tim Greenway says he spends 20-25 hours weekly working on School Board matters.

In FY22 members of Vinton Town Council will be paid \$5,113.91, with the mayor or paid \$8,524.91.

Vinton introduces 'Ridin' to the Market'

The Town of Vinton is partnering with Roanoke City for "Ridin' to the Market" on July 3.

Shoppers can catch a bus at the Vinton Farmers' Market at 10 a.m. bound for the Roanoke City Farmers' Market. The return trip to Vinton leaves the Roanoke Market at 11 a.m.

There is another bus leaving Vinton for Roa-

noke at 12 noon and returning from Roanoke to Vinton at 1 p.m.

If you have ever wanted to ride from one Market to another—here's your chance. Plus, you can avoid the hassle of trying to find a parking space in downtown Roanoke, a town official said.

This is only for Farmers' Market shopping.

Upcoming Free COVID Vaccines in Vinton

The Town of Vinton is partnering again with the Virginia Department of Health and the Roanoke City and Alleghany Health Districts to host free COVID vaccine clinics.

Clinics are scheduled for: June 30, 2021, from 4-6 p.m., at Vinton's Charles R. Hill Com-

munity Center, Moderna vaccine

July 8, 2021, 4-6 p.m., Vinton War Memorial, Pfizer vaccine

July 29, 2021, 4-6 p.m., Vinton War Memorial, Pfizer vaccine

August 4, 2021, 4-6 p.m., Vinton's Charles R. Hill Community Center, Moderna vaccine

Preregister for the day and time you would like to attend on the website at <https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/roanoke/covid-vaccine/> or by calling 540-613-6597 between the hours of 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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Town Council approves appointees to boards, committees, and commissions

At its meeting on June 15, Vinton Town Council approved several appointments to boards, commissions, and committees serving the town.

Some were staff adjustments; others were private citizens appointed or reappointed to positions. Town Council members and town staff serve on many local and regional committees as part of their duties.

"The town is very fortunate to be blessed with great citizen volunteers that serve in crucial roles of our local government functions," said Town Manager Pete Peters. "These men and women are invaluable in representing the town on various local and regional organizations, as well as advising Town Council and staff on various ordinance and land-use matters. We sincerely thank them for their time and service to our community."

According to Finance Director Anne Cantrell, memberships on boards, committees, and commissions by citizens are voluntary, "although we sometimes purchase meals for meetings."

Members of the Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) will now include Meghan Noga, Mandy Ful-

len, Bob Benninger, Allen Kasey, Teresa Davis, and alternate Kellie Moore, with one position for alternate vacant.

Members of the Highway Safety Committee include Henry Cantrell, Wayne Guffey, Lee Minnix, Sarah Gattrell Reid, Craig Burch, and ex-officio members Town Manager Pete Peters, Public Works Director William Herndon, and Police Chief Fabricio Drumond.

Planning Commission members include David Jones, Vinton Councilman Keith Liles, Andrew "Ty" Braxton, Sarah Reid, and Bob Benninger.

Serving on the Economic Development Committee are Vinton Vice Mayor Sabrina McCarty, Councilman Keith Liles, and Town Manager Pete Peters.

Finance Committee members include Mayor Brad Grose, Councilman Mike Stovall, Finance Director/Treasurer Anne Cantrell, and Town Manager Pete Peters.

Councilman Mike Stovall, Councilwoman Laurie Mullins, and Police Chief Fabricio Drumond serve on the Public Safety Committee.

Public Works Committee members include Councilman

Keith Liles, Vice Mayor Sabrina McCarty, and Public Works Director William Herndon.

The Stormwater Citizens Advisory Committee includes members W. Ray Sandifer and David Jones, with one position vacant.

Kenny Sledd serves as a member of the Clean Valley Council.

CEDS (Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy) members include Councilman Mike Stovall, Chris McCarty, and Town Manager Pete Peters.

Finance Director Anne Cantrell serves on the Greater Roanoke Transit Company board.

Mayor Grose and Town Manager Peters serve on the Roanoke Regional Partnership.

Mayor Grose serves on the Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission Executive Committee, along with Town Manager Peters—a non-elected member.

Vinton members of the Roanoke Valley Greenway Commission include Janet Scheid, Rob Lyon, Arthur LaRoche, III, Vinton Director of Planning and Zoning Anita McMillan, and Principal Planner Nathan McClung.

Roanoke Valley Transportation Planning Organization (RVTPO)

members include Councilman Mike Stovall, Councilman Keith Liles, and Assistant Town Manager Cody Sexton (a non-voting member).

Roanoke Valley Regional Cable TV Committee members include Ray Sandifer, Councilwoman Laurie Mullins, and Vinton Executive Assistant/Town Clerk Susan Johnson (executive member).

Town Manager Pete Peters serves on the Roanoke Valley Resource Authority.

Peters also serves on the Western Virginia Regional Industrial Facility Authority, along with Assistant Town Manager Cody Sexton, and Mayor Grose and Vice Mayor McCarty who are alternates.

"I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank the many citizens that serve on the various boards and commissions in the Town of Vinton," said Mayor Grose. "The volunteers are an important part of our local government. The citizen-members provide direction, insight and inspiration for the town staff and elected officials. The Town of Vinton is truly blessed to have citizens who are willing to share their time and talent for the benefit of the

entire community.

"Personally, I think our boards and commissions are a great way for interested citizens to give back to their town in a very meaningful manner," he continued. "Serving as a volunteer in town can provide an opportunity to thoroughly understand 'how and why' things are done. I served on the Town of Vinton Planning Commission for nine years before I ran for Town Council. As a Commission member, I was required to complete certification course that provided a great education in the function of local government and the history behind many of our codes and ordinances.

"I highly recommend that anyone who is interested in the function of our town, consider volunteering for one of our boards or commissions," he said. "Most of our citizens who serve the town as volunteers find it educational, fulfilling, and highly rewarding. Applications for appointment to a Town of Vinton board or commission can be found on our website or by contacting the Town Administration office."

More information is available at <https://www.vintonva.gov/78/Committees-Boards>.

Regional Center for Animal Care and Protection reaches capacity

The Regional Center for Animal Care and Protection has reached capacity for stray dogs and cats of all sizes. The center has received a high number of intakes for dogs and cats/kittens (strays and owner relinquished) over the last two weeks.

Anyone who is missing a pet should make an appointment to see if it is at the shelter located at 1510 Baldwin Avenue, NE, Roanoke.

The center is an open intake shelter and, as such, cannot turn any stray animal away. It must have room for the stray animals that arrive

daily. This situation puts the owner-released animals that are in the vetting process and healthy, available dogs at risk so that room is available for the dogs and cats that legally must have shelter.

Additionally, the center will take in a large number of dogs that re frightened by fireworks on the July 4 holiday weekend, and needs space to accommodate them.

If you are interested in adopting a dog or a cat, contact the center at mail@rcacp.org or call 540-344-4922 to start the adoption process so that kennel space

will be available for the dogs and cats that have been owner relinquished and the unclaimed strays that are waiting on vetting to be made available.

In addition, if you are

considering relinquishing your dog or cat, talk to center personnel about options to keep your dog or cat in a loving home.

The RCACP is the local, tax-funded intake

shelter.

Dogs and cats that are brought into the shelter as strays must be kept by law for the required stray hold time, which is either 5 or 10 days depending

on the information that is brought in with the animal. If you are missing your pet, now is the time to come to the shelter to ensure that your pet is safely reunited with you.

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If festivals are your interest, the Vinton area hosts several festivals throughout the year from the Vinton Dogwood Festival to the Vinton Fall Festival. Each festival offers its own unique atmosphere. When you are away from home it's always nice to feel as if you never left.

The Town of Vinton provides small town character with urban services and amenities located nearby. The small town atmosphere is characterized by a low crime rate; small, locally, and regionally owned businesses; and moderately priced homes. Views of the mountains and Blue Ridge Parkway abound.

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GRADUATE NEWS

Local students graduate from Bridgewater College

Bridgewater College celebrated the Class of 2021 on May 1 on the campus mall. In accordance with Virginia's capacity limits for commencements with regards to COVID-19 guidelines, the College held four commencement ceremonies for both undergraduate and graduate students.

Brendan C. Draughn of Vinton graduated with a bachelor of arts in Business Administration

Taylor L. Hilliard of Vinton graduated cum laude with a bachelor of arts in Liberal Studies

named to William & Mary Dean's List

The following local residents were recently named to the Dean's List at the College of William & Mary for the spring 2021 semester: Elizabeth McDowell, Brian Bao, Alexander Blanton, Luke Jenkinsky, Sophia LeGault, Bhargav Mallidi, Philip Schueler, Nathan Seidel, Caroline Sublett, and Haley Cook

In order to achieve Dean's List status, a full-time degree-seeking undergraduate student must take at least 12 credit hours and earn a 3.6 Quality Point Average during the semester. William & Mary is the second oldest institution of higher learning in the United States.

Ammen graduates from Iowa State

Jason Ammen of Roanoke has graduated from Iowa State University with a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering degree.

Iowa State recognized spring graduates on May 7 and 8 at in-person ceremonies and celebrations at Hilton Coliseum and Jack Trice Stadium, which were livestreamed for those who preferred a virtual option.

Wienke earns Faculty Honors at Georgia Tech for the Spring 2021 Semester

Erin Wienke of Vinton earned the distinction of Faculty Honors for

Spring 2021 at the Georgia Institute of Technology. This designation is awarded to undergraduate students who have earned a 4.0 academic average for the semester.

The Georgia Institute of Technology, or Georgia Tech, is a top 10 public research university developing leaders who advance technology and improve the human condition.

The Institute offers business, computing, design, engineering, liberal arts, and sciences degrees. Its nearly 40,000 students, representing 50 states and 149 countries, study at the main campus in Atlanta, at campuses in France and China, and through distance and online learning.

As a leading technological university, Georgia Tech is an engine of economic development for Georgia, the Southeast, and the nation, conducting more than \$1 billion in research annually for government, industry, and society.

JMU recognizes graduates, President's List, and Dean's List students

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James Madison University has announced the spring 2021 graduates and those students who made the President's List and Dean's List for the spring semester.

JMU Spring Graduates include:

- Rachel Whyte of Hardy who graduated with a degree in political science.
- Emily Stegner of Vinton

who graduated with a degree in Master of Education in teaching.

- Savannah Lindsley of Vinton who graduated with a degree in health sciences.
- Macon Hale of Vinton who graduated with a degree in health services administration.
- Chad Robertson of Vinton who graduated with a degree in management.
- Ian Kessler of Vinton who graduated with a degree

in management.

The following students made the President's List for the spring 2021 semester, earning a GPA of 3.9 or above while taking at least 12 graded credit hours.

- Kaylee Shrewsbury of Vinton who is majoring in health sciences.
- Leah Shrewsbury of Vinton who is majoring in health sciences.
- Kacie Shepherd of Hardy who is majoring in nursing.

The following local stu-

dents made the JMU Dean's List for Spring 2021, earning GPAs between 3.5 and 3.899, while taking at least 12 graded credit hours.

- Kaycie Robertson of Vinton who is majoring in anthropology.
- Zachary Kanode of Hardy who is majoring in communication studies.
- Keenan McNamara of Roanoke who is majoring in health sciences.
- Kennedy Williams of Vinton who is majoring in

health sciences.

- Macon Hale of Vinton who is majoring in health services administration.
- Haley Lawson of Vinton who is majoring in nursing.
- Lexis Mason of Vinton who is majoring in psychology.
- Kinley Moore of Vinton who is majoring in special education.
- Luke Barbour of Hardy who is majoring in studio art.

Gallery

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most beloved artists in the Roanoke Valley and beyond."

He has had Juried Exhibitions in Roanoke City, Roanoke College, and Virginia Tech Art Shows, in the Ferrum College Portrait Show, and the New Waves Exhibition at the Virginia Beach Center for the Arts.

His numerous art awards include first place in Landscape in the Bath County Art Show in Hot Springs; first place at Our Lady of Nazareth Religious Art Show in Roanoke, and the Smith Mountain Lake Art Show Merit Award.

His original oil painting of a Wythe County farm was chosen by American Electric Power (AEP) as a gift for dignitaries and key players upon the completion of the 765,000-volt power line from Wyoming County, W.Va., to Jackson's Ferry in Wythe County, Va.—a 16-year project.

Copies were present-

ed to Gov, Tim Kaine, AEP CEO Michael Morris, and West Virginia Gov. Joe Manchin, among others.

Lyon predominantly paints landscapes and figures, and sometimes still lifes. Much of his work has been with live models.

He says he bounces back and forth between single paintings and series. He is not sure what he will be working on next after working so intently on the railroad workers paintings for three to four months, off and on, leaving him a little weary.

He prefers to paint with oils, not acrylics. He favors the "alla prima" painting method where the artist aims to complete a painting in one session. Lyon says he sometimes completes a small painting in a couple of hours.

He describes himself as a representational artist, whose work depicts something easily recognized by most people, not abstractions,

and both impressionistic and expressionistic. Impressionism aims to capture the essence of a scene, while expressionism conveys the artist's feelings or emotional response to the scene.

The current exhibit at Gallery 202 features several railroad workers involved in their various jobs at the roundhouse, which is a building with a circular or semicircular shape used by railroads for servicing and storing locomotives.

The "Crewe Crew" highlights the general mechanics in the roundhouse. The "Tender Tender" is a painting of a general-purpose millwright (skilled machinist) in the shop. Others are of workers putting coal and water in the tenders (usually the coal-car) and replacing steel tires on the locomotive.

Another shows the "hostler" who moved the locomotive in and out of the roundhouse. "Hostler" derives from the term for a stable

hand who moved horses in and out of stables.

His sister Ellen Flowers commented that Terry "has truly captured an era and the people who were part of that time and place."

His formal art training includes studying drawing at the Roanoke Fine Arts Center, figure drawing at Virginia Western Community College, and a workshop with Maubry Brown at Roanoke College. He says his style has evolved through informal interactions with other regional artists.

Lyon is not really a self-promoter. You can find his paintings on the Gallery 202 and the Art Pannonia Facebook pages, his Facebook page, or on his Instagram site at terry.lyon.7, but there is no website advertising his work.

Lyon has some entertaining stories to share about his life. He built

his own house over a five-year period from 1978 to 1983, taking a year and a half on the foundation.

Another of his hobbies has been building model airplanes from balsa wood—once again inspired by his father, Captain W.S. Lyon, a World War II pilot.

He was once spurred by the Foxfire book series to tap trees to make maple syrup and after a long, drawn-out process produced one tablespoon of the prized syrup.

There is a story in Vinton of Lyon and his four siblings digging a swimming pool by hand in the yard of their home. He says that is partly true. They dug out an earlier attempt at a pool originally dug by a bulldozer. His dad tried pouring concrete in the shallow end, while Lyon and his sister Jan focused on the

deep end. He had an old gasoline-powered concrete mixer, which he later used to build his house. The pool was ready to use in 1973 and was in continuous use until about 2007.

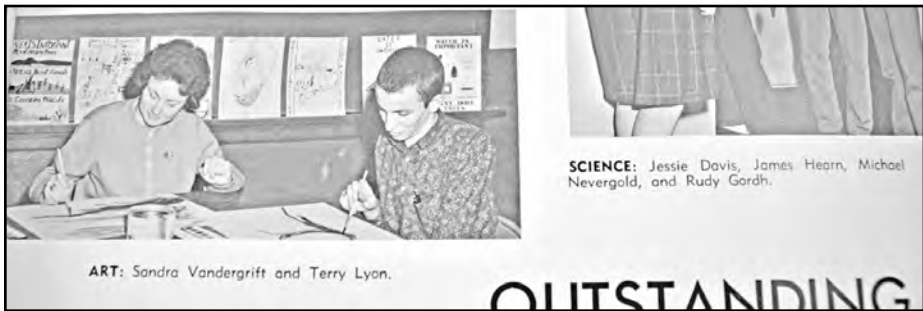
Stop by Gallery 202 through the end of June to catch the N&W railroad workers exhibition. Lyon invites the public to visit him at the gallery to view his work and that of other artists. He is there from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday through the end of June.

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SUBMITTED PHOTO

Lyon's exhibit features Norfolk & Western employees who worked at the roundhouse in Crewe, Va., where his father was roundhouse foreman. This painting is entitled, "The Crewe Crew."



SCIENCE: Jessie Davis, James Hearn, Michael Nevergold, and Rudy Gordh.

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Thrasher from page 1



One of the tasks taken on by the Thrasher Youth Mission Team was weeding some of Roanoke's Community Gardens, like this one on Campbell Avenue. Thrasher partnered with the REACH program to complete a variety of community service projects in the Roanoke area during the week of June 14.



PHOTOS BY DEBBIE ADAMS

Thrasher Mission team members volunteered to distribute food to clients at the Christian Soldiers Food Pantry.



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

The mission team from Thrasher spent some of their time cleaning up Tinker Creek.

Isaac Anderson, and Jacob Heck.

Early Monday morning, the youth gathered at the church, equipped with water, sunblock, closed-toe shoes, lightweight clothing, gloves, and lunch. The main COVID restriction remaining was to wear masks on the church bus as they were delivered to their assigned areas each day. Work got underway by 9 a.m., sometimes earlier, and concluded between 4 and 5 p.m.

During the course of the week, team members volunteered at two REACH project houses on Dale Avenue, assisting with some construction and also weeding, digging, and cleaning up trash. They worked at the Keystone Community Center, processed food donations at the Presbyterian Center, and weeded, planted, and repaired and rebuilt garden beds at community gardens. They played Bingo with residents at Morningside Manor, cleaned up Tinker Creek, and more.

"This trip really opened our eyes to all of the mission opportunities right here in Roanoke," Bonnie Jones said. "We are hoping to form some lasting relationships with some of these agencies. REACH does an amazing job of finding needs in the Roanoke Valley and doing something about them. We hope to get back to Appalachia for the Appalachia Service Project and to West Virginia for the Jeremiah Project in the future, but it is good to know we can be God's hands and feet right here at home."

As work got underway one morning at the Campbell Avenue Community Garden, LEAP (Local Environmental Agriculture Project) Coordinator Maureen McGonagle explained that her non-profit organization is in charge of the four community gardens in the Ro-

anoke area. Their goal is to "forge partnerships in the community, to nurture the food community, create equitable food and farming systems, and prioritize health and abundance by supporting community initiatives, markets, farms, and farmers."

"LEAP is involved with all food stuff in the valley," she said. "All community gardens fall under the LEAP umbrella."

Members of the community and non-profits can rent plots in the gardens for \$30 and plant whatever they wish. Renters are in charge of maintaining their plots. Non-profits may use volunteers, like those from the REACH program, to keep theirs maintained and then distribute the food to selected causes and populations.

McGonagle offered the team some pointers about which plants were weeds and which were fruits and vegetables. She noted that the garden beds the team was weeding were originally built by a Boy Scout as his Eagle Project.

Another morning was spent at the Christian Soldiers Food Pantry in Southeast Roanoke. As a partner agency with Feeding America, the food pantry distributes the wholesome food it receives from area grocery stores and restaurants, both big and small.

On the day the Thrasher mission team was there helping to process and distribute food, available items included mangoes, Driscoll strawberries, bags of apples, fresh salad greens and other vegetables, meats, a huge variety of breads, some bakery desserts, and much more.

Christian Soldiers Food Pantry is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. There are just a few rules for shoppers: clients must show a driver's license or DMV ID card; they must

live in Roanoke or Vinton; and they may visit the pantry just once each week. Veterans are admitted first with proper ID. No children under age 18 are permitted. No weapons are allowed. There are no questions about income.

Prior to COVID, the pantry was serving over 30,000 clients a year. During COVID, food distribution was limited to packaged bags of food prepared by volunteers. The facility has just reopened for "client choice" indoor shopping, which allows clients to choose which foods they would like to take home.

Manager Rayma Mills says the Christian Soldiers Food Pantry is the largest client choice pantry in Southwest Virginia. The center has been open for over 25 years; she has been volunteering there for 23 of those years, starting off as a client herself—then deciding she wanted to give back. She says the food pantry got its start with distribution of surplus food from the back of a pick-up truck.

Veteran Jim Wissler says he began volunteering at the food pantry last year when he heard that they were short on volunteers due to the pandemic. He came to sign up and was put to work immediately. Now Wednesdays are his day at Christian Soldiers.

"Mission is wherever, whenever, whatever, whoever, however, no matter what" is how the youth missions team summed up their week.

"I am very blessed to see all of these wonderful people start working together again," said Madison Crow. "I missed the missions and am happy to be part of it again."

"I really enjoyed seeing the happiness and gratitude on the people we were able to serve!" was Hannah Sutton's comment.

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Worship Directory

The Night Season

Read Psalms 62:1 through 68:35

George A. Young, a bivocational preacher in the nineteenth century, ministered mainly to rural churches while he supplemented his income as a carpenter. After many years of struggle he was able to build a home for his family with his own hands. While away from home in ministry, some who disagreed with his preaching burned his house to the ground. Shortly thereafter he wrote the hymn, "God Leads Us Along."

Come and hear, all you who fear God; let me tell you what he has done for me. I cried out to him with my mouth; his praise was on my tongue (Psalm 66:16-17).

The Psalmist's words speak to us when we are going through life's challenges. And Pastor Young speaks to us of praising God in the night seasons of life: "Some through great sorrow, but God gives a song, in the night season and all the day long."

Like Pastor Young, we can pray and we sing in the night. Prayer plus praise equals power. Focus on God's presence and power and don't let sin cut the lines of communication.

Prayer Suggestion: Lord, we are thankful that through the challenges, we can still sing praises to You.

Quicklook: Psalm 66:13-20

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Left, William Byrd's Isaac Roth is up and over the bar on his way to a third place finish in the state Class 3 pole vault competition at Liberty University last week. Right, Byrd freshman Kendal Howard competes in the shot put. PHOTOS BY JAMIE NICHOLS

Byrd athletes earn "All-State" honors at Class 3 track meet

The William Byrd girls were 17th and the boys were 29th at the Virginia High School League Class 3 state track meet last Friday. The Heritage girls and Western Albemarle boys won team championships at Liberty University in Lynchburg.

The top eight places scored in the meet and the top six were deemed "All-State," and Byrd had an all-state relay team as the 4x100 foursome of Chloe Harrilla, Remi Figart, Emma Dalton and Sela Beatty finished second with a time of 50.47. James Monroe finished first in 49.27.

Beatty also earned all-state honors in the 100 meter

dash, finishing sixth in 12.57. Sela competed in the 200 meters and was 11th in 27.38 while teammate Figart was 12th in 27.63.

In the field events Harrilla scored with an eighth place finish in the high jump, clearing 4'8". Chloe also competed in the long jump and was 12th at 15'5".

Byrd had two girls competing in the discus. Mya Rosser was 10th with a toss of 85' 6" and Sarah Fuchs was 12th at 83' 2".

In the boys meet Isaac Roth was all-state in the pole vault, clearing 12'6" for third place. Isaac also

ran on the 4x100 relay team with Jackson Meador, Noah Thompson and Jeffrey Williams. They finished 13th in 46.42.

Walker Nance took 10th in the 110 meter high hurdles with a time of 16.61 and Kendal Howard, a freshman, was 13th in the shot put with a heave of 40' 6.5".

That ended the season for the William Byrd team. The Terrier cross country team will compete this fall and anyone interested in running for the high school or middle school is asked to contact coach Eric Royal at eroyal@rcps.us.



Bryce Howell of the Vinton Cubs is off and running after hitting the ball in a recent Coach-Pitch game at Vinyard Park. PHOTO BY PAULA GREENWAY

Mt. Pleasant O-Zone stars play tonight; Vinton teams go right to state on July 9

The Mount Pleasant Dixie League O-Zone All-Stars, for 11 and 12 year old boys, will begin District 7 tournament play tonight when they take on the Glenvar All-Stars at 7 pm at west Roanoke County's Green Hill Park.

Mount Pleasant is in Division 2 of Dixie League baseball and will be competing in a three-team double elimination tournament. North Roanoke is the third team, and Mount Pleasant will play North Roanoke on Friday at Green Hill. Glenvar and North Roanoke will play Saturday, and pairings from that point will be determined by who wins in the first three games. The tournament will run at least through Sunday with an "if game" Monday.

Glenvar is also hosting the AAA tournament at Green Hill this week, but no Mount Pleasant or Vinton teams will be participating. The Division 2 tournament, for nine and 10 year olds, will consist of Glenvar, Salem and North Roanoke.

Vinton teams have been moved to the more competitive Division 1 class this year, and the Vinton All-Stars will go right to the state tournaments beginning July 9. The Vinton AAA and O-Zone all-stars will be competing in Madison Heights and a Coach-Pitch team will be in Goochland.

The Vinton softball teams have also moved to the Dixie League this year and will be competing the weekend of July 9 in state tournaments. The 8U team will be at Madison Heights, the 12U team is at Charlotte Courthouse and the 10 U team will play a home-and-home with Carroll County or at a neutral site to be determined.

Vinton's softball teams had been competing in the Roanoke Area Youth Softball Association(RAYSA) in recent years, but moved to the Dixie League this season. The RAYSA tournaments are at the James I. Moyer Complex in Salem beginning next Monday, June 28, but no Vinton or Mount Pleasant teams are involved.



VAST SWEEPS

The Vinton Area Swim Team defeated two opponents in a Roanoke Valley Aquatic Association meet at the Elks Club pool on Monday. VAST scored 551 combined points while the host Elks Club was second with 473 and Hidden Valley was third with 448. Next Monday Vinton will be at the Ashley Plantation to take on the host team and the Elks Club. Above, Andy Wang(left) and coach Jayden Glass compete in the breast stroke for the Vinton team.

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BYRD BASEBALL

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Christian on Tuesday, 4-3, and will play either Independence or Lafayette on Saturday, in Abingdon, for the state championship. The Falcons will take a 17-0 record into that game, and none of the 17 were bigger than last Friday's victory over Byrd, who ended the season with an 11-4 mark.

"It was a tough loss for sure," said Zimmerman. "I look back at 2018 when we upset LCA, and we had five freshmen on the field that day. That was when they put themselves on the radar. From that point on their goal was to win a state championship, but it just wasn't to be.

"The thing is, if all you ever play sports for is to win a state championship you're missing out on a lot. If that was the case Byrd has failed every time but once in the past 100 years. There's a lot more to it than that. The younger kids idolize these players and want to be like them. They're role models in the community and in the school and they'll take away lessons that will help them succeed in life. It's a shame we had to lose, but I'm proud of these kids and all they've accomplished in the past four years."



William Byrd's Hayden Lyle slides safely into third in last week's Region 3D baseball championship game.

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Quest for state championship ends in region final

Undefeated Abingdon High scored in the bottom of the seventh for a walk-off win over William Byrd in the Region 3D baseball championship game last Friday. The 2-1 loss ended Byrd's season and a four year quest for the state championship.

"I know these kids wanted to win the state championship, and there was a lot of emotion after the game," said Byrd coach Neil Zimmerman. "But when they look back on the memories they'll have, the friends they made and the big wins we've had, they'll feel a lot better."

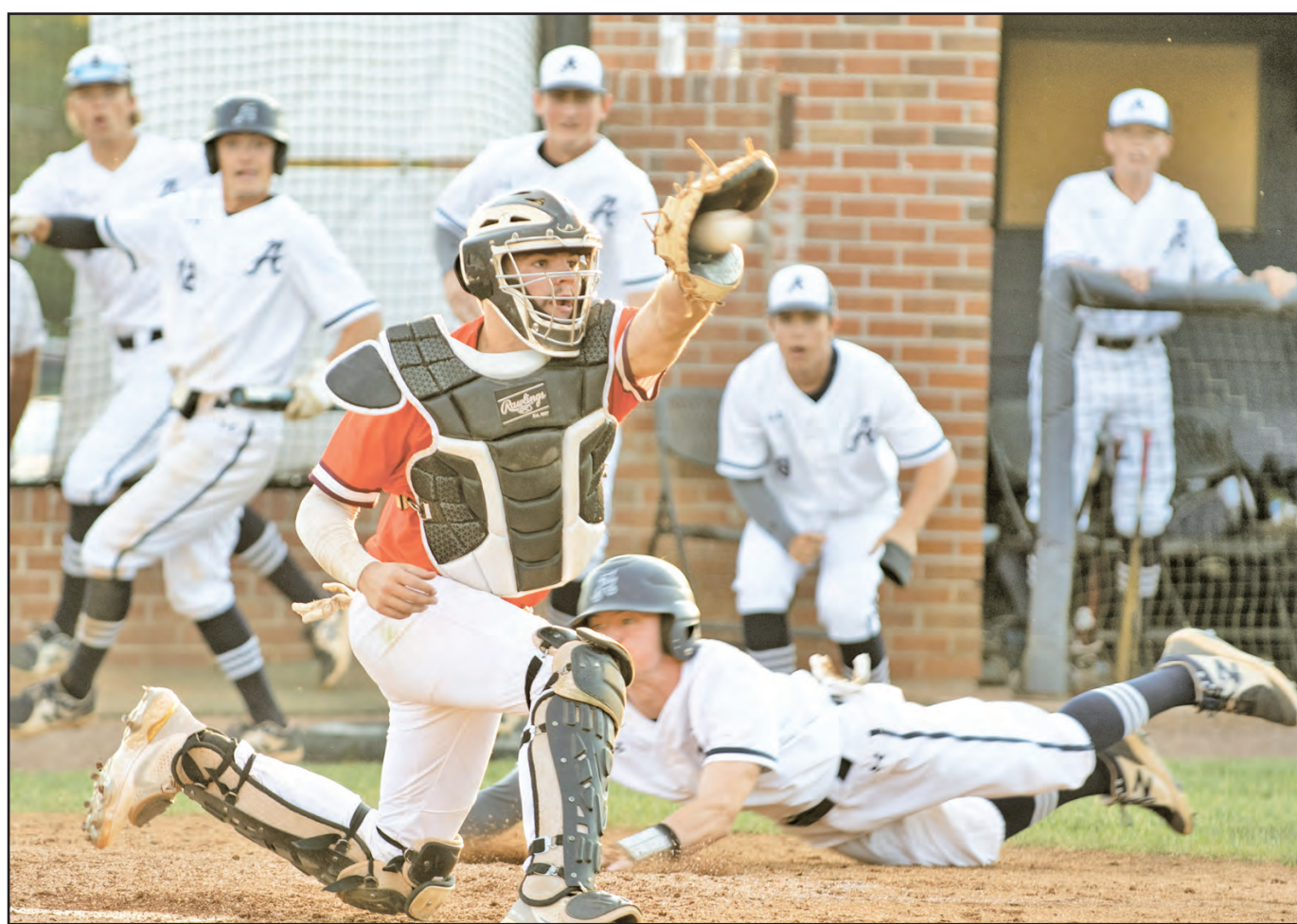
Byrd defeated Christiansburg in the region semifinal in Vinton last Wednesday, June 16, to earn a spot in the region championship game. Tyler Dean hit a three run laser of a home run off the leftfield light tower pole to supply the juice and Isaac Fix struck out 15 batters in a 4-2 win over the Blue Demons. Byrd had a season-high 10 hits in that game, including three by Dean and two each by Dylan Hatfield and Luke Taylor.

That sent the Terriers to Abingdon on Friday for the highly anticipated showdown between the undefeated Falcons and Byrd, and the game was as good as advertised. Abingdon scored first in the second inning on a Jake O'Quinn home run but Byrd tied the score in the top of the fifth when Fix led off with a single, moved to second on an error and eventually scored on a single by Joey Johnson.

Meanwhile, Dean was nearly unhittable on the mound for Byrd. He pitched six complete innings and allowed just one hit, the second inning home run. He walked a season-high seven but stranded all seven while striking out eight.

Tyler was one pitch away from the VHSL limit of 110 after six innings and was relieved by Taylor in the bottom of the seventh. After a fly out to start the inning Taylor walked two before Abingdon's Chase Hungate singled in the winning run.

Byrd finished with five hits, two by Johnson and one each by Taylor, Hatfield and Fix. Taylor took the loss



on the mound while Dean finished the season with a school record 0.70 earned run average.

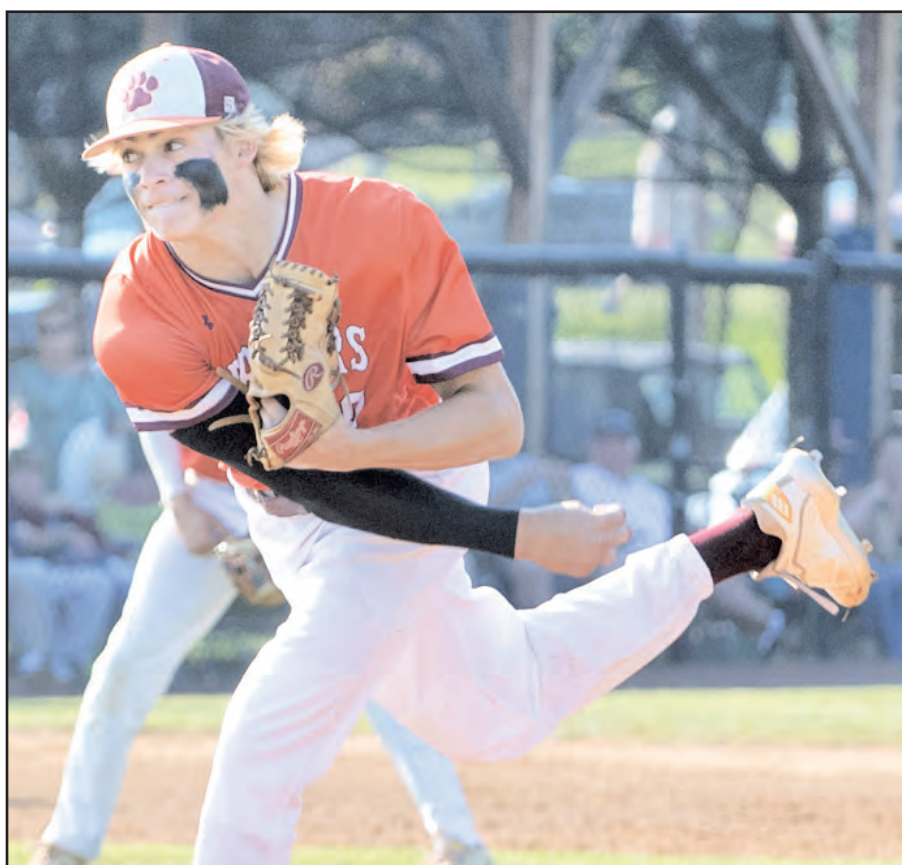
"It was a well-played game on both sides in an electric atmosphere," said Zimmerman. "We failed to get a couple bunts down, but so did they. Our kids left it all on the field, like they always do."

For 11 Byrd seniors it was their final game in Terrier maroon and orange. In fact, the game was dominated by seniors on both sides.

"There were 19 seniors in the game," said Zimmerman. "I started 10 seniors and they had nine, and our other senior, Hunter Harris, ran for Hatfield."

Abingdon went on to beat Liberty

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Top, Abingdon's Caleb Collins slides home with the winning run just before the ball arrives to Byrd catcher Dylan Hatfield in last Friday's Region 3D championship baseball game. Above, Tyler Dean pitches against Abingdon, allowing just one hit over six innings. Left, Byrd's Ethan Tinsley yells toward the Byrd dugout after a big double in the Terriers' region semifinal win over Christiansburg in Vinton.

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