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Vinton hosts spectacular 4th of July Celebration



Fireworks lit up the night sky over the Vinton War Memorial for the Fourth of July Celebration in Vinton.



The Vinton Police Department Honor Guard presented the colors at the Fourth of July Celebration.



photos by Debbie Adams
Low, Low Chariot was the featured band at the Vinton Fourth of July Celebration.

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The Town of Vinton put on a spectacular Fourth of July Celebration at the Vinton War Memorial on Sunday night.

One spectator said that it looked like the town “combined the missed fireworks show from 2020 (due to Covid) with the show from

2021” to create a show “beyond expectations.” Many said it was the best fireworks show they had ever seen in the Roanoke Valley.

The program opened with a patriotic message from Vinton Mayor Brad Grose.

“Welcome to the Independence Day celebration here in the Town of Vinton,” Grose said in his wel-

coming remarks. “Thank you for being with us as we celebrate the greatest nation on earth, the United States of America.

“As Americans we have always held this date up as a special time in our country. Thomas Jefferson mentioned July 4 in his last letter, and, of course, we know that John Adams thought that Independence Day should

be celebrated in many ways, including with a fireworks display.

“It is altogether fitting that we gather here at the Vinton War Memorial, within sight of the Vinton-Roanoke County Veterans Monument, as we honor those who gave their lives, and those who are serving now—so we can continue to commemorate the birth-

day of our great nation and enjoy our freedoms.

“This Fourth of July seems special to me,” Grose said. “We are coming out of a really difficult time in which we experienced not only the loss of many fellow Americans, but also the temporary loss of some of our freedoms. To say the least, we did not like it!

“As a nation we have

learned a lot in the past 12-15 months, and now we are ready to celebrate. Many of us have a new appreciation for our country, our community, and, most importantly, for each other. Now is the time for us to move forward as one community, one people, and as ‘one nation under God.’

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Gauntlet winner welcomes newcomers to the neighborhood

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Brooke Buehring delivers housewarming Welcome Baskets to people who purchase homes in Roanoke, Vinton, Salem, Botetourt, Franklin County, Smith Mountain

Lake, and the New River Valley. She was one of the participants in this year’s Gauntlet Business Program and Competition, winning on the Gold Level.

Buehring and her mother, Joy Whitt, started The Welcome Basket in 2015, after

talking with a local remodeler who wanted to advertise to potential clients “right when they are moving in and thinking about remodeling their home.”

“Mom and I put our heads together, did a little research, and the very next day, The

Welcome Basket was born!” Buehring said. “I was looking for a way to make a difference and an income, all while spending time with my kids. My mom wanted the same for me and her grandkids.

“We loved the thought of welcoming our new neigh-

bors with baskets filled with gifts and coupons from local businesses,” she said. “So, for us, it wasn’t a matter of should we start this business; it was how do we start this business?”

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Brooke Buehring won on the Gold Level in the 2021 Gauntlet Business Program and Competition with \$3,205 in prizes for her business, the Welcome Basket.



PHOTOS BY DEBBIE ADAMS
The Welcome Basket delivers housewarming Welcome Baskets to people who purchase a home in Roanoke, Vinton, Salem, Botetourt, Franklin County, Smith Mountain Lake, and the New River Valley.

Town Council marks return to almost normal, honors police officers for heroic service



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Woodland Place restoration project.



PHOTO BY DEBBIE ADAMS
Vinton Police Sgt. Michael Caldwell and Roanoke County Officer Taylor Carter were presented with Certificates of Excellence by Chief Fabricio Drumond at the Vinton Town Council meeting on July 6 for their actions in saving a life.

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On July 6, Vinton Town Council marked the return to almost normal with its first in-person meeting in Council Chambers at the Municipal Building in over a year and a permanent change in meeting times (now 6 p.m.).

Vice Mayor Sabrina McCarty read an impressive list of upcoming events scheduled in the community, including Mingle concerts and National Night Out.

Director of Commu-

nity Programs Chasity Barbour had her own list of continuing and upcoming events at the Vinton Farmers’ Market, the Vinton War Memorial, and the Charles R. Hill Community Center. She noted the increased foot traffic at the Farmers’ Market and an upturn in the number of vendors, and increased rentals at the community center.

Council members and town staff expressed appreciation to Barbour for organizing the “awesome” Fourth of July celebration which drew enormous crowds to Vinton and comments of “the best fireworks display ever in the Roanoke Valley.” Mayor Brad Grose described the holiday celebration as a “slice of Americana,” commenting that “everything this staff touches turns to gold.”

Vinton Police Chief Fabricio Drumond presented Certificates of Ex-

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Next Mingle at the Market scheduled for July 10

The Vinton Area Chamber of Commerce will be hosting its third Mingle at the Market Concert for 2021 on July 10 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 Five Dollar Shake. The band plays a wide variety mix of funk and soul, old as well as old and new rock and roll.

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 Finger Wingin' Good. Craft beer and adult beverages will be available for purchase.

Remember to bring your own seating and an ID. No pets are allowed.

Member One is the lead sponsor for the 2021 Summer Concert Series.

Diamond Level sponsors include Blue Ridge Beverage and the Vinton War Memorial. Special Sponsor is Roanoke County. 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 Adam Rutledge, Hardrive Crew, On Common Ground, and Five Shades of Grey.

Food trucks over the summer will include

Munsey's Smoke Shack, Yan'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.

Volunteers are needed for this week's Mingle. Contact Angie Chewning, executive director of the Vinton Area Cham-

ber of Commerce, at 343-1364 or email her at angie@vintonchamber.com if you or your organization have some time to help with these events.



Five Dollar Shake will be the featured band at the July 10 Mingle at the Market concert.

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Beyond Books

Hello again from Vinton Library! We hope everyone is having a great summer. It's been wonderful seeing everyone with our new extended hours (Monday-Thursday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Friday and Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.).

We're still gradually opening back up, with our study rooms now open for reservation. The Teen Center is now open so that middle schoolers and high schoolers can browse our Young Adult section, use the computers, read, or check out a video game to use.

We're also reopening our meeting rooms to be reserved by groups, so reserve your space at roanokecountyva.libcal.com/reserve/spaces/vn.

We've gotten a few new faces at the library since COVID, so check out our Staff Picks Display to learn a little bit more about all of us who work at the Vinton Library—because you can't judge a book by its cover, but you can learn a lot about a person by what books they read!

There are plenty of programs for adults to sign up for this month. Be sure to register to come in on Saturday, July 10 at 10 a.m. or 11 a.m. to make mini-envelopes, filled with kindness notes with Creations and Temptations.

If plants are more your cup of tea, we are having a Plant Swap on Friday, July 23 from 3-5 p.m. and Saturday, July 24 from 10 a.m.-12 p.m., where you can drop by with a plant and pick one up to take home.

If the morning doesn't work for you, register to come to Vinton Library on Saturday, July 17 at 8:30 p.m., where the Roanoke Valley Astronomical Society will present an outdoor program where a live feed from a telescope will show you the events of the night sky. Bring the whole family!

If you are interested in genealogy, we have several events for you. We have the usual Zoom meeting of the Roanoke County Genealogy Club on Wednesday, July 7 at 10 a.m., but we also have a new Evening Genealogy Club on Tuesday, July 20 at 6 p.m. on Zoom. In both clubs, ask questions about genealogy and hear about what we are learning about researching our ancestors. On Tuesday, July 27 at 2 p.m., library staff will help you learn how to Break Through Genealogical Brick Walls with Family Tree DNA. Register online for all of these events at <https://www.roanokecountyva.gov/2421/Vinton-Library>.

Still loving Zoom presentations? There are two chances to learn about AI for Business — one on Monday, July 12 at 12 p.m. and another on Monday, July 26 at 12 p.m.

On Thursday, July 22 at 3:30 p.m., learn how to take a break from adding technology with the Put Your Tech to Bed program. This tech program fits perfectly with our Staycation BINGO cards that we are handing out at each library. Or print one off on our website!

For families and children, we will still be handing out Wonder Packs, Mad Scientist kits, and Take and Creates! Storytime @ Home will still be on Zoom Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10 a.m., but we are also having Jammie Storytime on Zoom on Tuesday, July 13 and 27 at 6 p.m.

Other Zoom programs include:

- Diary of a Wimpy Kid Book Club, with trivia and prizes on Thursdays

- at 4 p.m.
- Come and Meet the Robots — Vector, Misty, Pepper, and some new library robots — on Wednesday, July 7 at 4 p.m.
- We will be testing your knowledge of all things Disney with Disney Trivia on Monday, July 12 at 2 p.m.
- After you pick up your Mad Scientist kit, join us in trying out a shark experiment on Tuesday, July 20 at 3 p.m.
- We have plenty of in-person programs too! If you're interested in learning about bubbles and making your own solution for GIANT bubbles, register to come by on Friday, July 23 at 10:30 a.m. for Wonder Science: Giant Bubbles (ideal for ages 6+).

For both kids and teens, there will be a series of Battle of the Bots at all six libraries. The one at Vinton will be on Thursday, July 15 at 2 p.m. You will get to design your own bot to battle other players, and the winner at each branch will take part in a library-wide battle for a grand prize at South County on Monday, August 2.

Or if you prefer something a little quieter, you can bring your own items of wonder from your yard to learn how to weave them into a Nature Loom on Saturday, July 24 at 11 a.m. Examples of wonder items include leaves, flowers, rope, and stones.

Teens have their own teen-centered programs to get excited about! In addition to Mad Scientists, Take and Creates, and Among Us popup games, you can register and pick up a Teen Takeout bag, which is a specialized bag with library books, snacks, activities, and goodies to keep.

There are some Zoom programs that teens can register to attend as well. On Thursday, July 8 at 7 p.m., join other teens and discuss your favorite anime shows and manga for Anime Night — prizes will be awarded for cosplay!

On Wednesday, July 14 at 7 p.m. hang out with other teens to discuss your favorite Marvel characters, comics, and movies for Marvel Night. Imposter Trivia is Among Us meets trivia night, where you can compete with other teens to test your knowledge and find the imposter, on Monday, July 26 at 7 p.m.

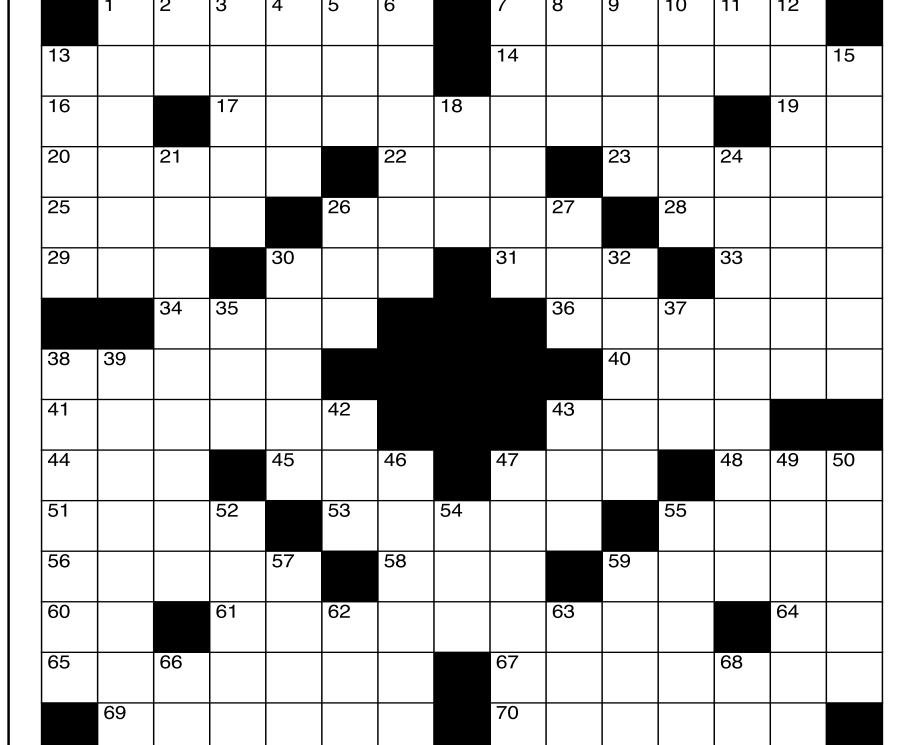
If you want to show your creative side, you can register to come in person on Friday, July 9 at 2:30 p.m. to make your own Paint Pour artwork.

If tie-dye is more your thing, register to create your own Tie-Dye Mask on Wednesday, July 14 at 3:30 p.m. We also have a Zoom Paint Night, where you can paint the night sky featuring the Roanoke Star (register by July 18 to pick up supplies before the program on Thursday July 22 at 7 p.m.). There will also be an Open Mic Night on Thursday, July 29 at 7 p.m. to sing, play an instrument, read a poem, show off your art, or more during this Zoom program.

And that's just what's happening at Vinton! Check out what else is going on at Roanoke County Public Libraries by visiting our website, rocolibrary.org, or keep an eye on our social media pages. There are plenty of ways to find wonder at the library!

Call Vinton Library at 857-5043 for more information on any program.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



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- Plant of the mint family
 - Hand tool
 - Made of the color of gold
 - A volume of several novels
 - Type of degree
 - Good job!
 - Seventh tone in major scale
 - Fevers
 - One's mother
 - Fertile desert spots
 - Large integers
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 - Tennis matches have them
 - Peyton's little brother
 - Monetary unit of N. Korea
 - Head movement
 - Twelve
 - Renaissance musical instrument
 - Behavior showing high moral standards
 - Letter of the Hebrew alphabet
 - Notes to be sung
 - Women's garment
 - Coarsely ground corn
 - One point south of due east
 - A way to deplete
 - Rough, prickly covering of a seed
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 - Hindquarters
 - Franz van __, German diplomat
 - Liquid body substances
 - Rhythmic patterns
 - A beaver might build one
 - Police officer's tool
 - Indicates who you are
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 - Closes again
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 - Come into view
 - CLUES DOWN
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 - Forest-dwelling deer
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 - Atomic #71
 - Become less intense
 - Cowards
 - Body ornament (slang)
 - Applicable to all cases
 - Multiplied by 6
 - Afghanistan monetary unit
 - Calendar month
 - Cena and Lennon are two
 - Monetary unit of Serbia
 - First time on the market
 - Georgia rockers
 - Free from contamination
 - Coastal region of Canada
 - Clothing retailer
 - It rises and sets
 - Fathers
 - Stain with mud
 - Suitable for crops
 - Feels concern for
 - Orange-brown
 - Buddy
 - Late sportscaster Craig
 - Used to align parts
 - Wake up
 - Solid water
 - Semiprecious stone
 - Atomic #45
 - Top lawyer

Vinton Wesleyan Church to hold 'drive-in' prayer opportunities

Vinton Wesleyan Church will be hosting five "drive-in" prayer opportunities for the community.

The prayer team will receive prayer requests from people while they remain

in their cars and then pray for them in the parking lot near Cleveland Avenue.

Vinton Wesleyan will offer these five "drive-in" prayer opportunities on Sundays, August 1, 8, 15,

22 and 29, from 5-6 p.m.

Vinton Wesleyan Church is located at 246 East Jefferson Avenue in Vinton. For more information, call 345-3385 or email rr@vwc1.org.

PEOPLE, PLACES AND THINGS

I sure hope everyone had an amazing July 4th weekend! I know I sure did!! As usual, we had our annual Fourth party, lots of fun and food and great friends. We also celebrated the one-year anniversary of Drake and Hannah's engagement. Mom (Bootie) even got to come for while. Thank you to everyone who joined us

Kudos to the Town of Vin-

ton— thank you for all your work on the July 4th celebration. The fireworks were amazing!

A message from Chasity Barbour, TOV Special Event Coordinator— Well, where do I start! Vinton showed off last night! The community coming together for July 4th fills my heart completely.

The event was amazing

Angie Chewing

Filling in for Bootie

thanks to the Vinton PD, Public Works, Roanoke County Fire Marshals, Mt. Pleasant Fire and Rescue, Vinton EMS, Vinton Chamber, WBMS

Cheerleaders, Vinton Color Guard, Mayor Brad Grose, Debbie with The Vinton Messenger, the food trucks, JD and Low Low Chariot, Grucci fireworks company. Wow, what a show!

Looking down Washington and all over the War Memorial grounds and seeing the sea of people spending time with family is what it's all about. I

cannot thank the support of the town staff, council and the community enough. Until next year! A community that stays together grows together!

Congrats, Eric Slusher, on your recent graduation from Radford University with a Master's Degree in Special Education. He is a Special Education teacher at Northside Middle School.

Thrasher Memorial hosts Virginia Children's Theatre camp



PHOTO COURTESY OF VCT

Thrasher Memorial and Virginia Children's Theatre partnered for a summer theatre camp at the church from June 28 to July 2. Campers performed "Rock N' Wonderland" for their families and friends on the final day.

By Debbie Adams
Thrasher Memorial United Methodist Church in Vinton partnered with Virginia Children's Theatre to present Thrasher Church Theatre Camp for children in grades three through six the week of June 28 through July 2.

Thirteen children participated in the half-day camp (8:30 to noon) learning to "sing, dance and shine on stage while making friends and memories." Some were members of the church and others were from throughout the area.

"We had a blast at Thrasher this past week," said Brett Roden, Producing Artistic Director of Virginia Children's Theatre (VCT).

"Thrasher is no stranger to VCT, as their community has always been huge supporters of my work and VCT as a whole," Roden said. "We were thrilled to branch a new partnership this year and offer their young people high-quality music, theatre and dance instruction! Over one short week, I saw these young people blossom and gain new life skills that are irreplaceable."

The idea for hosting the camp at Thrasher originated with Tina Yates, Christian Formation Director at Thrasher. She says that the area offers "lots of sports camps, but not all kids are interested in sports." She wanted another option for them—but all children were welcome, not just those who had shown an interest in performing. The camp was also another way to invite children to visit Thrasher and become acquainted with the church.

The church connected with VCT and hoped to hold the camp last summer in 2020 but had to postpone due to COVID restric-

tions that went into effect. Restrictions were lifted just in time to proceed with the camp this year and last-minute changes allowed for the camp to be held indoors in the church fellowship hall, rather than outside in the heat. The main health guideline still in place was the use of face coverings.

"Tina Yates took care of registration and we met and cast the students on Monday of camp," Roden explained. "Some were familiar faces from our in-house theatre academy programming at VCT, but most were new to VCT!"

The students spent the week preparing a performance of "Rock N' Wonderland," a rock and roll musical version of the classic tale of "Alice in Wonderland."

"The musical features songs from jukebox musicals such as 'ABC' from Motown and the Jackson 5, 'All Shook Up' from Elvis Presley, 'Dancing Queen' from Abba in 'Mamma Mia,' and even Katy Perry's 'Roar,' all told through the zany whimsical nature of Wonderland," VCT noted in describing the performance.

The script of "Rock N' Wonderland" was written by Ian Felker, VCT professional artist.

Roden thanked Thrasher for "hosting and offering this program to the youth in the community and Tina Yates and Thrasher Administrative Assistant Michele Richardson for all their support and hospitality. VCT appreciates your collaboration and support for Professional Theatre Education."

Roden was assisted during the week by Emma Sala, Education Associate at VCT who choreographed the show, and student intern Bella Turner, a youth actor/academy student at VCT.



Stage and Music Director Brett Roden presented certificates to those who attended the weeklong camp at Thrasher.

Children auditioned for parts the first day of camp, having never seen the script before. Roden and Sala discussed which parts best fit each student and cast the show. The children took home scripts that night to study. Sala says that many had their lines mastered by the next morning. They rehearsed each day in preparation for a costumed performance for friends and family the last day of camp on July 2.

The cast of characters included: Aniya Grace Smith as Edith and the Eight of Hearts

Sarah Clubb as Alice
Karlee Smith as the Mad-Hatter and Queen

Anne Ely as the March Hare and Six of Hearts

KJasmine McGuire as Dormouse

Mia Domingus as Caterpillar
Robert Helms as Mock Turtle and Red Knight

Walker Henry as White Rabbit
Claire Draper as the Cheshire Cat and Four of Hearts

Ace Adkins as White Knight
Holden White as the Five of Diamonds

Hannah Clubb as the Three of Diamonds

Maddie Smith as the Seven of Diamonds

Kimmy Chittum as the Knave of Hearts and Caterpillar understudy

Prior to the performance, Roden told the families it had been "an absolute pleasure working with your kiddos this week."

He also talked about the various programs offered throughout the year for all ages by Virginia Children's Theatre located in downtown Roanoke.

The mission of VCT is "to in-

spire, empower, and transform," because "theatre skills are life skills."

"We inspire our youth and audiences to be critical thinkers, use their imagination, build confidence and come together as a community," VCT states on their website. "We empower them and provide them with the tools to be successful. Through inspiration and empowerment, we then seek to transform our community through the magic of live theatre."

As an independently owned and operated 501c3 non-profit organization, VCT is the professional theatre in the commonwealth solely dedicated to youth, schools, and their families. It was originally founded as the Roanoke Children's Theatre in 2008.

In 2017, Roden joined RCT as Director of Education and later took over leadership of the Company, becoming the Producing Artistic Director in 2019. He moved to Roanoke in 2017 from upstate New York. He is an experienced

Musical Theatre professional (Music Director, Pianist, Vocal Coach, Teaching Artist and Performer), administrator, business person and inspirer.

VCT produces a variety of high caliber professional Broadway-style musicals, concerts, and issue driven plays each season. These productions are produced here in the Roanoke Valley and toured throughout the commonwealth of Virginia. The VCT Theatre Academy provides year-round high-quality music, theatre and dance education for students in Pre-K through 12th grade through in-school residencies, in-house classes and camps and outreach across the commonwealth.

Summer camps for 2021 have included The Lion King, Jr., Remember Me, Shiver Me Timbers, Musical Revue, Shake Up Shakespeare, and Kaleidoscope. Those remaining in July and August include Frozen, Too, In the Hundred Acre Wood, and Cirque du VCT.

Tickets are on sale for VCT's "Oz: a Staged Concert" to be performed on the mainstage at Elmwood Park from July 30 to August 1.

Auditions are scheduled on August 14 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Greene Memorial UMC for those who would like to join the cast of The Addams Family or Cinderella, the first two shows of the 2021-2022 season.

Tickets are now on sale for the 2021-2022 season for performances of The Addams Family, Cinderella, VCT4TEENS' Just Like I Wanted, Peter Pan, Jr., Madagascar Musical Review, and a VCT concert Brand New Day.

Visit their website at <http://virginiachildrenstheatre.org/> for more information on classes, camps, and tickets.



The Mad Hatter



Alice and the Cheshire Cat



Cast members danced to songs from jukebox musicals like "All Shook Up," "Roar," and "Dancing Queen."



Campers learned to sing, dance, and shine on stage at the Thrasher Theatre Camp.

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Colleges announce graduates, honors students

The following students have graduated or received honors from their respective colleges and universities.

Bridgewater College
Brendan Draughn graduated from Bridgewater College in May with a Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration. He is a graduate of William Byrd High School. He is the son of Tina and David Edwards of Vinton and Brian and Marilyn Draughn of Daleville.

Coastal Carolina University:
Deanna Kitts graduated in May from Coastal Carolina where she majored in Intelligence and National Security.

Hollins University
Jordan Richards graduated from Hollins University in May 2021 on the Dean's List with a Bachelor of Arts degree. She plans to teach.

George Washington University

Mollie McKenzie Woods (WBHS Class of 2016) received her white coat "COVID style" in a ceremony earlier this spring

at the George Washington School of Nursing in Ashburn, Va. Mollie "virtually graduated" from Virginia Tech in the spring of 2020 where she received double degrees in both Neuroscience and Psychology. She began nursing school at George Washington University just days after graduating from Virginia Tech. She will graduate in December of 2021 with her BSN. She is currently employed with George Washington Hospital in Washington, D.C., as a CNA/Nursing Technician. It is her desire to land a job at George Washington in the ER or the NICU.

James Madison University
Jordan Baker graduated from JMU on May 9 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry. He also earned Minors in Mathematics and Materials Science. He will attend Virginia Commonwealth University in the fall to pursue his PhD in Chemistry. Baker graduated from William Byrd High School in 2016. Jensen Chrisley graduated

from JMU in May 2021 with a Bachelor of Science degree, majoring in Health Sciences. She is a 2017 graduate of William Byrd High School.

Alexis West has been named to the President's List at JMU for the Spring 2021 semester with a GPA of 3.9 or above. She is a graduate of William Byrd High School. She is majoring in Health Sciences.

Longwood University
Caroline Faulkner made the Longwood University Dean's List for both fall 2020 and spring 2021 semesters. She is a nursing major. Her parents are Jennifer and Daniel Faulkner. She graduated from William Byrd High School in 2020.

Northern Illinois University
Michael Parker received his Master of Science in Education, Higher Education, and Student Affairs degree from Northern Illinois University.

Northwestern Oklahoma State University
Bishop Buck made the President's Honor Roll at Northwest-

ern Oklahoma State University (located in Alva, Oklahoma) with a 4.0 GPA for the 2021 Spring Semester. She is a graduate of William Byrd High School. Her parents are Danny and Kenna Buck.

Radford University
Maegan Burnette was named as an Honors Student on the Dean's List at Radford University for Spring Semester 2021.

Grace Morgan Scott was named to the Dean's List at Radford University for the Spring 2021 semester. She is a rising senior with a 3.8 GPA. Her major is Nutrition and Dietetics. She graduated from William Byrd High School in 2018.

Emily Wheeler was named to the Dean's List at Radford University for the 2021 Spring Semester. Her parents are Bill and Karen Wheeler.

Emily Anne Woods (WBHS Class of 2019) was named to the Dean's List at Radford University for the Spring 2021 semester, maintaining a 3.9 GPA. She will be a junior in the fall

of 2021, majoring in Graphic Design and minoring in Marketing. She was also named as president of the AIGA (American Institute for Graphic Artists) for Radford University's chapter. She was a recipient of the Chick-Fil-A 2021 Leadership Scholarship for the Bon-sack Chick-Fil-A where she is employed as a manager. In addition, Woods was named as the 2021/2022 Radford University recipient of the Dorothy G. Gillespie Scholarship and the Radford Golf Society Scholarship in honor of Jennie T. Allman.

Roanoke College:
Meredith Webb graduated cum laude from Roanoke College with a Business Administration Degree with a concentration in HR. She is a 2017 graduate of William Byrd High School.

The Vinton Messenger is happy to publish announcements of graduations and honors. Send information to dadams@mainstreetnewspapers.com.

Building Beloved Communities hires director of Gauntlet Business Program

Building Beloved Communities, LLC is a business consulting firm that relocated its headquarters to Roanoke in March 2020. Moving across the country as a pandemic began proved to present many challenges for an entrepreneur looking to get connected.

When the founding CEO of Building Beloved Communities, Bonnie Chavez, learned about The Gauntlet Business Program & Competition from a past alumni, Dr. Nate Gay, in late 2020, she knew this would be a great opportunity to get connected with her new

community. "I wanted to connect to the local business community and help entrepreneurs with a smart and innovative philanthropy component in their business plan," said Chavez. "Being a participant and mentor was motivating and an absolute joy. I met countless incredible people and feel like I have a strong professional network that supports me personally and in my business."

Building Beloved Communities completed The Gauntlet Business Program and entered the competition where it received seven in-kind awards val-

ued at \$3,110. As The Gauntlet Program and Competition ended, Building Beloved Communities closed several contracts totaling over \$100,000.

Chavez knew she had to hire someone and quick.

"As a Gauntlet participant, I worked with and was in contact with Shannon (Dominguez)," Chavez said. "I saw her outcomes, her creativity, and her positive energy overflow. She is well connected and works hard and smart, all while enjoying what she does. This is the type of person I wanted on my team. When I had the opportunity to scale my business, I knew she was the motivated professional for the job."

Chavez offered the position to Dominguez and was excited when she accepted the offer.

"When Bonnie offered me a position as the Virginia Director of Operations for Building Beloved Communities, I was surprised, to say the least," said Dominguez. "It is not just what she does that made this position so appealing to me, but WHY and HOW she gets her work done that made this transition so appealing.

Bonnie believes in investing in people, and I saw this in how she mentored several entrepreneurs, considered to be her 'competition,' while she was in The Gauntlet Program. Building Beloved Communities offers community centered solutions and aspires to donate \$50,000

of proceeds to nonprofits by next year. This is work I can't help but get behind!"

Dominguez' first contract is with Project Forward, a non-profit owned by the owners of Fleet Feet. The goal is to raise donations to put a brand new pair of shoes on the feet of 8,000 students in

Roanoke City Schools who are vulnerable and underserved. Dominguez is also contracted to work with Allyson Davoll, CEO of Inspired to Enhance, Gauntlet 2021 fourth place winner. Davoll is relocating her business to Valley View Mall for a large expansion.



Shannon Dominguez (left), newly hired Virginia Director of Operations for Building Beloved Communities, is shown with CEO Bonnie Chavez.

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Vinton transportation projects approved by RVTPO board

The Roanoke Valley Transportation Planning Organization (RVTPO) Policy Board has approved \$27,658,943 for 19 transportation projects for the FY22-27 period via the Surface

Transportation Block Grant (STBG) program. This year's decision includes increasing funding for existing projects (some in Vinton) to cover project cost overruns including:

- Walnut Avenue Bicycle and Pedestrian Accommodations (W. Lee Avenue to 1st Street)—increase funding by \$336,110 for a total of \$881,360
- Gus Nicks Boulevard Pedestrian/Bicycle Crossing—increase funding by \$234,262 for a total of \$403,912
- Oak Grove Streetscape Improvements—Crosswalk—increase funding by \$82,000 for a

total of \$218,748

- Roanoke River Greenway—Greenhill Park (Roanoke County) to Riverside Park (Salem)—increase funding by \$3,083,069 for a total of \$7,673,829

From the Pulpit

Holy Ground

13 Once when Joshua was by Jericho, he looked up and saw a man standing before him with a drawn sword in his hand. Joshua went to him and said to him, "Are you one of us, or one of our adversaries?" 14 He replied, "Neither; but as commander of the army of the Lord I have now come." And Joshua fell on his face to the earth and worshiped, and he said to him, "What do you command your servant, my lord?" 15 The commander of the army of the Lord said to Joshua, "Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place where you stand is holy." And Joshua did so (Joshua 5:13-15).

ly led the Israelites across the Jordan River and into the land of Canaan. While camped at Gilgal, just before the walls of Jericho miraculously fell, Joshua encountered God in the form of an angelic figure who claimed to be "the commander of the army of the Lord." Unsure of how to respond to this figure whose sword was drawn, Joshua asked, "Are you one of us, or one of our adversaries?"

After discovering that this man had been sent by God, Joshua bowed down before him. In response to Joshua's reverence, Joshua was given the same command as Moses in the presence of God: "Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place where you stand is holy."

Many scholars have speculated about the reason for this directive. One writer, Dr. Pinchas Shir,

explains that taking off one's shoes at that time was a way of admitting that the land upon which one stood was not one's own. Wearing one's shoes on a particular piece of property symbolized ownership. Through this instruction, Pinchas believes the angel of the Lord was encouraging Joshua to remain humble by reminding him that the land he was working to achieve would always be God's land, not his own.

Other scholars have taken a more practical approach to the "remove your sandals" instruction. Some believe that it was merely a sign of respect, others assert that it symbolized holiness and cleanliness before God. Just as many remove their shoes before entering their residence in order to prevent tracking all of the world's germs into their home, removing one's sandals before God held a similar meaning. It was an outward symbol of an

inward commitment to remove all of the world's unholiness from oneself before entering into the presence of the holy one.

Whatever the exact reason for the instruction may have been—theological, practical, or customary—the most interesting part to me is the phrase that followed the directive. "Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place where you stand is holy." The place where Joshua stood was Gilgal. It was a plot of land also referred to as the "plains of Jericho." There was nothing uniquely special about that piece of property. It served as the camp for the nation of Israel, as they awaited God's instructions for Jericho. It was the place where they farmed, hunted, cooked, slept, ate, and lived together in community. Before it became Israel's camp, it served as farmland for crops and fields for the herds of the Canaanites. And yet in that

moment, according to the angel of the Lord, it became a sacred place, a hallowed space; it became holy ground.

On Sunday, we celebrated our nation's independence. We gave thanks for the freedom we share on the land upon which we stand. We offered our prayers for the brave men and women who continue to make incredible sacrifices for justice and liberty; we remembered those who made the ultimate sacrifice. We may also be reminded that wherever we are, the ground upon which we stand has the potential to become holy ground. The ground itself does not have to hold unique or personal significance; it does not have to be land that is recognized as hallowed or sacred; it does not have to be a special place celebrated for its history.

Holy ground is simply the place where we choose to engage with God—to call upon his name, offer

our prayers, read his word, and listen for his response. Holy ground is the place where we choose to trust God and obey him; it is the place where God is at work and his people have chosen to join him. As those created in the image of God, holy ground is the very ground upon which we stand when we choose to declare, "Not my will, Lord, but yours."

As we celebrate the freedom of this land, may we also remember its potential to be a sacred place, a hallowed space, a holy ground. What makes it holy is not where it can be found, but rather the God who can be found upon it. Like Joshua, God has work for us to do, plans for us to achieve, a divine purpose for us to fulfill. May we too "remove the sandals from (our) feet, for the place where (we) stand is holy."

By the
Rev. Travis Russell,
Vinton Baptist Church

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cellence to Vinton Police Sgt. Michael Caldwell and Roanoke County Police Officer Taylor Carter for "superior service" while in the performance of their duties.

"On June 13, officers of both the Vinton Police Department and Roanoke County Police Department responded to a distress call for service on what was determined to be a suicide in progress," said Drumond. "Information was disseminated to the responding officers that a subject wanted to end his own life. The officers' actions leading up to the distress call were critical and would ultimately define the successful nature of such a critical incident.

"The value of human life is not calculated by personal achievements or the position you hold in society," Drumond said. "Despite varying moral belief systems, we can attribute that our lives are extraordinarily valuable—a glorious gift from our Creator best served by noble actions.

"In our profession, the value of human life is at the heart of every law enforcement professional. Over the course of our lives, we hear that serving for a cause greater than oneself is the key to a fulfilling life—I agree with that sentiment. The achievable aspects of fulfillment in our own personal lives are attributed to how we choose to serve others. The key aspect is to do it with sincerity and with no expectation of reciprocity. Often, in our profession, we are challenged with circumstances where the very person we engage with is in critical need. In this very case, their life may depend on it.

"As mentioned, our lives are best served when we use it to the help others and do good in this world," Drumond continued. "Always seek to be a giver; it will be a reward beyond measure. On that date, Sgt. Michael Caldwell and Officer Taylor Carter's actions gave someone another chance at continuing

their own life. Throughout our careers we are left to wonder if the service we provide makes a difference in the community we serve and the citizens we come in close contact with. On June 13, 2021, both Sgt. Michael Caldwell and Officer Taylor Carter can rest assure that their actions did just that. Their service displayed the textbook definition of heroism."

Vinton Planning and Zoning Director Anita McMillan briefed council on the staff allocation of FY21 Virginia Stormwater Local Assistant Fund (SLAF) grant funds for a stream restoration project that will allow for the removal of pollutants (sediment) in order to meet the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) permit requirements.

In May, staff contacted Wetland Studies and Solutions, Inc. (WSSI), for engineering services related to the development of a conceptual stream restoration plan for an SLAF grant application regarding potential sites to reduce pollution from stream run-off.

Staff and the consultants visited multiple sites to determine the most appropriate location for such a project, including Glade Creek at the proposed Glade Creek Greenway Phase 2B, the Tinker Creek Canoe Launch site, Wolf Creek at Washington Avenue, the Hargis property behind River Park Shopping Center, the Mansard Well site, and Woodland Place.

The project team discussed multiple goals and objectives for potential restoration sites including sediment load reductions, flood mitigation, infrastructure protection, habitat creation, and recreational opportunity enhancement. Since the town would be seeking state funding, achievable sediment load reduction relative to the project cost was a major driver in assessing individual sites.

WSSI recommended a further study of the

Woodland Place site and the Hargis property since those two have the most potential for pollutant load reductions. Based on further analysis, the Woodland Place site was selected for the SLAF application. The Woodland Place facility is in essence losing its parking lot due to erosion.

Council was somewhat taken aback by photographs of the extensive erosion at the site. The estimated total project cost is between \$425,000 and \$535,000, with a 50% match requirement by the town (a cost of between \$212,500 and \$267,500).

McMillan also briefed council on the staff application for allocation of VDOT Transportation Alternatives (TA) Program funds for the proposed Hardy Road/Dillon Woods crosswalk, which is due on October 1.

The town was awarded funds of \$183,000 for the project in 2017. By December 2020, the projected cost had increased to \$410,000. On June 28, it had increased to \$497,611, leaving a shortfall of about \$315,000.

Staff submitted a pre-application on June 14 with a request for \$194,000 in funding and plans to increase that request to \$252,000 by October 1. TA program funds require a 20% match (\$63,000). Staff has also submitted a request to the RVTPO for this shortfall to be funded under the FY22 Highway Infrastructure Program Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act.

The final briefing of the meeting was presented by Town Manager Pete Peters, concerning a proposed

parking and maintenance contribution agreement between the town and Vinton Baptist Church.

The town has worked closely with Vinton Baptist in the past to have the church parking lot available to the public for special events and downtown merchant parking. The town will provide a financial contribution to assist in maintenance activities including crack sealing, spray sealant over the entire parking lot, and restriping. Peters said that use of the parking lot has been a critical component of many town-sponsored festivals and special events, as well as use by employees of downtown merchants during the work week.

Under the proposal the

town would contribute a one-time payment of \$3,427 (50% of the total estimate) to perform the maintenance for a three-year period.

Peters said that the town also plans to propose a similar agreement with Thrasher Memorial United Methodist Church, whose parking lot is used for town events—such as the Fourth of July celebration.

Council took action on an ordinance changing the town elections from May to November, beginning with the November 2022 elections in accordance with a new state law.

Council members adopted resolutions rescinding emergency declarations and ordinances

put in place due to COVID-19.

Peters updated council on plans for reconstructing Mountain View Road. VDOT and the Vinton Public Works Department will be completing an analysis of the road conditions below the surface to determine the extent of the project. A consultant has been hired to complete the necessary boring for the assessment. Peters noted that the road rebuilding is a priority project for the town and that he would like to have "a good plan in place" when funding becomes available, potentially through state or federal dollars, as discussions continue on those allocations.

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Welcomes

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Brooke Buehring makes and delivers Welcome Baskets, greeting newcomers to the neighborhood.

"In the beginning, we asked business owners that we knew if they would be interested in participating. Once we knew there was an interest, we worked on a pricing plan, made a logo and a website and made our business official as an S-Corp.

"Back in the day, there used to be a company called the Welcome Wagon that did something similar," Buehring says. "They took baskets of goodies from local businesses and met with newcomers in their homes. They would make appointments and stay for 30 minutes to an hour to chat about the area and go through the baskets.

"We loved the idea of welcoming our neighbors with a gift filled with local business goodies, but we decided on a different approach for a number of reasons. We do not make appointments, instead we greet neighbors at the door, or just leave a Welcome Basket on the doorstep as a surprise. Because of

this, we are able to welcome a lot more homebuyers to our area. Not to mention the fact that no one wants a stranger in their home during a pandemic! We currently deliver between 90 and 120 Welcome Baskets each month to area home buyers.

"My mom has an eye for design, and I learned by watching her when we first started," Buehring explains. "She was (and still is) always thinking of ways to make the baskets look really nice. At times it can be a challenge to pull together all of the promotional items, coupons, and brochures from local businesses and make them stand out, but also work together so they look like they are part of one nice housewarming gift."

As for the businesses who become part of the Welcome Basket, "Over the years I have met with a number of businesses. Some businesses love the idea and jump on board with excitement. Other businesses

have decided that it's just not for them, and that's ok, too.

"I have approached businesses in different ways—over the phone, by email, networking events, LinkedIn, Facebook, and Instagram," Buehring said. "I usually give a brief overview of the service that I offer and ask if they would like to see a Welcome Basket in person.

"I try to focus on businesses that a new homebuyer will be looking for when they first move into town. For example, dentists, doctors, hair salons, lawn care, childcare, painters, handymen, etc."

With an already existing business, Buehring decided to join the 2021 Gauntlet Business Program and Competition for several reasons: "It was a wonderful opportunity to network and fine tune my pitch. It was also a great way to fine tune my business so that I could be a better business owner and teacher to my students who are learning how to

start their own Welcome Basket businesses."

One goal now is "to show other moms how to start and grow their own sponsored basket businesses so they can also enjoy a great work-life-community balance.

"During the Gauntlet, I had to put together a formal business plan. This was something that I had never done. My mom and I started the business and ran with it without a formal business plan. I think it's important to take a step back and work 'on' your business instead of 'in' your business from time to time. Going through the process of writing the business plan made me really look at my business model, pricing, potential customers, marketing, and really every aspect of my business.

"The two biggest gains from the Gauntlet are my new network of business buddies and a lot more confidence as a business owner and teacher.

"Now that I have gone through this process, I am excited to help my students go through the process as they start their own businesses," Buehring said. "They get to lean on my experience but build a business that fits their area and their lifestyle. It's very exciting! I currently have students opening up Welcome Basket businesses in Phoenix, Omaha, the Tri-cities area of Washington State, southern Utah, and Orange Park, Fla."

During the 10-week Gauntlet program, entrepreneurs are asked to assess their competition. Buehring says, "I am not aware of another Welcome Basket business in our area; however, I do have other types

of competition. When I meet with a local business about participating, they have to decide how they want to spend their money. They could spend it on participating in Welcome Baskets, or a billboard, or social media marketing, or ads on TV and in the paper."

Currently businesses that participate in Welcome Basket include Virginia Mountain Mortgage, ProSource of Roanoke, Wisler Plumbing and Air, Northwest Ace Hardware, Bank of Botetourt, Old Dominion Veterinary Clinic, American National Bank and Trust, Edward Jones, Irby Dentistry, Walter Chiropractic, Biscuits & Bubbles, Woodmen Life, Mountain View Orthodontics, Wow Organizing Services, Town & Country Veterinary Clinic, Run-About Sports Roanoke, and Stella Nova Photography & Film.

Businesses who join the Welcome Basket are able to choose which areas they want to be included in. They also choose what type of items they want to represent their business in the Welcome Baskets.

Wisler Plumbing gives a rubber duck named Splashy; ProSource of Roanoke gives a catalog and wine glass; Ostrom gives a \$25 gift card; Irby Dentistry gives a chip clip shaped like teeth and some dental floss; Edward Jones/George Lester gives a jar opener and/or calendar; American National Bank & Trust gives a tool that is both a box opener and a bottle opener; Virginia Mountain Mortgage gives hand sanitizer and wet wipes; and Old Dominion Veterinary Clinic, a \$1 nose to tail exam and a magnet. Some busi-

nesses already have advertising items. If they don't, Buehring is able to come up with suggestions.

In 2020 and 2021 Gauntlet classes were held virtually due to the pandemic. Buehring says the pandemic "did slow down my business because many of the participating local businesses had to shut their doors and stop participating. Now that the housing market is blowing up and businesses are getting close to a state of normal, my business is picking up. Luckily, I was able to deliver during the pandemic and never had to stop."

Buehring is a graduate of Staunton River High School and earned her degree in Economics from Mary Baldwin. She and her husband, Mike, own Ground Floor Solutions Inc., which does flooring installation, sanding, and finishing. She is the bookkeeper. She and her family (which includes daughters, Emily, age 11, and Natalie, 7) live in the Bonsack/Blue Ridge, where she is able to work out of her home. She is in the middle of finishing off an area that includes a space to store her supplies and make the baskets.

"None of this would be possible without my mom," Buehring says. "Even though she is no longer a part of the day-to-day operations, her wisdom, guidance, and style are still a huge part of the Welcome Basket, and it's always a treat when she comes along to help deliver."

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Vinton Worship Directory

Honor in Work

Read Proverbs 5:1 through 8:36

In past generations, parents taught their children the value of hard work and faithfulness to their families. People had at least one job. When a person lost a job, he worked very hard to get a new one as soon as possible. He knew hard work honored his family and God.

Maybe times and values have changed, but today it seems like more and more young adults would rather not work at all. An entire generation of young people have been lured away by different types of leisure activities. Scripture warns against neglecting one's work:

A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to rest—and poverty will come on you like a thief and scarcity like an armed man (Proverbs 6:10-11).

God created people to work hard with the giftedness and talents He gave us. Like no other generation in the world, we have access to education and job training to prepare us for our work. It is good for parents to provide for the needs of their family through the work God has provided.

Prayer Suggestion: Thank God for your talents and abilities and for the work He has placed before you.

Quicklook: Proverbs 6:6-11

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Last Monday meet next week

The Vinton Area Swim Team competed at the Roanoke Country Club Tuesday night in a Roanoke Valley Aquatic Association meet against Spring Run and the host team. The meet was held on Tuesday, instead of the usual Monday, due to the 4th of July holiday and results were not available at press time. Look for highlights next week along with next Monday's meet at the Ashley Plantation, which will be the final RVAA weekly meet of the summer season. Above, Russell Fischer of VAST swims the breast stroke in a recent meet.

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Former Terriers named to VaSID softball team

Two women who were members of the 2019 state championship William Byrd softball team are making their mark in college as well. Jada Karnes,



JADA KARNES

who recently completed her sophomore season at Roanoke College, has been named to the Virginia Sports Information Directors All-State first team for college division teams and Lexi Powell of the University of Lynchburg has been named to the second team as a freshman.

Karnes was 14-4 on the mound with two saves for the Maroons. She struck out 157 batters in 159 innings and finished the season with an earned run average of 1.44. Jada made the VaSID team as a pitcher but she also hit .314 for Roanoke and played some first base when she wasn't pitching.

Powell hit .331 for the Hornets with 25 runs scored and 25 RBIs in 45 games as a utility player. She had 10 doubles and two triples and only struck out 16 times in 148 bats. Lexi was the starting catcher on Byrd's championship team.

NCAA Division III National Champion Virginia Wesleyan University swept the major awards as Jessica Goldyn was named State Player of the Year, Hanna Hull was named State Pitcher of the Year, Emily Seale was selected as State Rookie of the Year and Brandon Elliott was honored as State Coach of the Year.



LEXI POWELL

RV Sports Club has "Football Kickoff" meeting on July 19

The Roanoke Valley Sports Club will have its "High School Football Kickoff" night on Monday, July 19, at the Salem Civic Center. Five high school coaches will speak at the dinner meeting.

Scheduled to speak at the meeting will be Jamar Lovelace of William Fleming, new Cave Spring coach Nick Leftwich, Jamie Harless of Lord Botetourt, Don Holter of Salem and Glenvar's Kevin Clifford. In addition the Glenvar girls' outdoor state championship track team will be recognized as well as the North Cross School lacrosse state champs.

For more information or to make reservations visit the club website at www.roanokevalleysportsclub.com.

Dixie League baseball, softball all-stars play in state tournaments this week

Three youth baseball teams and three softball teams will represent Vinton in Dixie League state tournaments this week.

In baseball the seventh annual Dixie state "Coach-Pitch" tournament will open on Friday. Vinton is coached by Matt Tingler and the locals will open Friday against the Prince George All-Stars. Vinton's opening game is scheduled for 2:30 pm in Goochland. It's a double elimination tournament through Tuesday or Wednesday of next week, depending upon results.

The Vinton AAA All-Stars, coached by Drew Howell, will play in Madison Heights. Vinton opens Friday night with a 5 pm game against Halifax County in an eight team bracket. The double-elimination tournament, for 10 and under players, runs through Wednesday of next week.

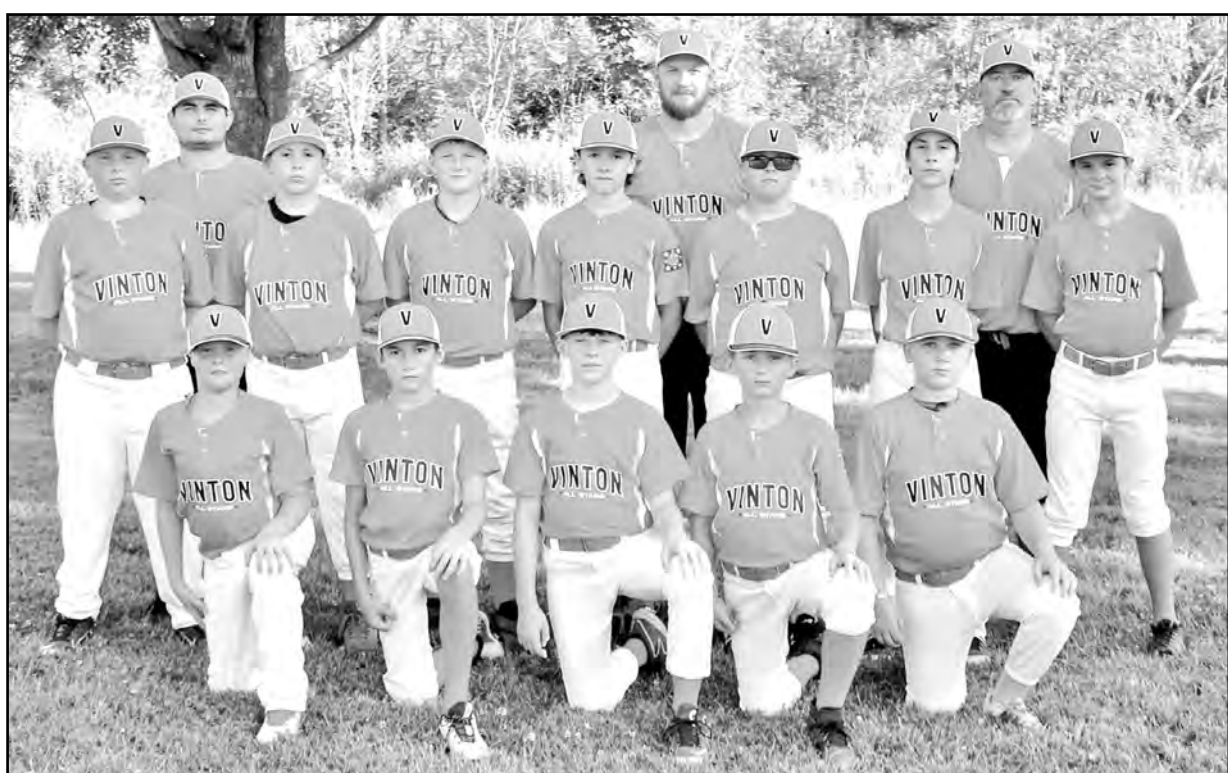
The O-Zone All-Stars are also in Madison Heights. William Hershel coaches the Vinton O-Zone team, for 11 and 12 year olds, and they will open against

Appomattox Friday at 11:30 am. The double-elimination tournament runs through Tuesday with an "if game" Wednesday.

In girls' softball Vinton's 10 and under team is playing a best-of-three against Carroll County and Vinton dropped the opener Tuesday night at Carroll. The second game was scheduled for Wednesday night of this week at Vinyard Park, and if Vinton wins the first game the two teams will play a second game to determine the champion.

The eight and under "Darlings," will represent District 4 and open Friday night at 4:30 pm in a six team tournament hosted by Amherst. The double elimination tournament runs through Sunday with an "if game" Monday.

The 12 U "Ponytails" will open at 2 pm Friday in an eight team tournament hosted by Charlotte County in Charlotte Courthouse. The double elimination tournament will run through Sunday with an "if game" Monday.



O-ZONE ALL-STARS

The Vinton O-Zone All-Stars. Front row kneeling, left to right; Noah Spradlin, Aiden Wright, Bryce Simpson, Parker Trent and Caiden Harden. Back row standing; Levi Johnson, Nick Toney, Mason Hershel, Elliott Smith, Isaiah Thompson, Jude Parkhurst and Blake Webb. Coaches; Chris Trent, William Hershel (Manager) and Chris Peery.



AAA ALL-STARS

The Vinton AAA All-Star team. Front row, kneeling; Rylan Lewey, Cayden Wright, Ethan Sink, Xavier Weden and Jacob Bryant. Back row, standing; Nick Trettner, Liam Roberts, Caden Howell, Stephen Byars, Carter Gray and Ryan Bell. Coaches; Drew Howell (Manager), Manny Perez and Steve Bell. Not pictured: Jacob Perez and coach Forrest Emery.



COACH PITCH ALL-STARS

The Vinton Coach-Pitch All-Stars. First row, left to right; Dalton Damiano, Connor Manning, Sincere Mann, Ashby Bernard, Brady Jones and Tyler Jennelle. Top Row; Tyler Carter, Hayden McClure, Jacob Tingler, Gabriel Griego, Brayden Sells, Liam Krista, Ethan Holland and Gavin Peck. Coaches; Matthew Bernard, Head Coach Matt Tingler, Brandon Sells and Bruce Ashby.

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Vinton Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Angie Chewning and Chamber President Justin Davison unveiled the newest Vinton Magazine during the Fourth of July Celebration.

“There is no doubt we live in a nation of great opportunities and unmatched freedoms,” he said. “So let us all pray, let us all do what we can individually, to help ensure that we move forward, together. Let us renew our pride in our great nation and rededicate ourselves to God, country, and community. “With renewed patriotism, we can ensure there will always be a celebration of freedom on the Fourth of July,” the mayor said in closing. “Thank you, my friends. May God bless you and may God continue to bless the United States of America.” The Presentation of Colors was by the Vinton Police Department

Honor Guard, led by Sgt. Michael Caldwell, with Cpl. Dustin Bray, Officer Chris Shively, and Officer Brandon Settles. J.D. Sutphin of the band Low, Low Chariot performed a stirring rendition of “The Star Spangled Banner.” Four cheerleaders from William Byrd Middle School—Carleigh Leonard, Taylor Jacobsen, Lily Carrell, and Kaidence Stores—led the crowd in the Pledge of Allegiance. Next up on the program, Angie Chewning, executive director of the Vinton Area Chamber of Commerce, and Justin Davison, the Chamber’s president, unveiled the sixth issue of the “Vinton

Magazine,” published every two years as a special project of the Roanoker Magazine in conjunction with the Chamber. The Vinton Magazine this year is entitled “Vinton—a town that’s IN the middle of everything.” Chewning says that Vinton is in the middle of the valley and in the middle of progress.” After the unveiling, copies of the Vinton Magazine were distributed to the crowd. (The magazine can be found in the July-August 2021 issue of the Roanoker Magazine.) “Thank you to the Chamber,” said Chasity Barbour, Vinton’s director of Community Programs.

Partnerships like the Chamber are what keeps the Town of Vinton going.” Barbour, who facilitated the Fourth of July celebration, thanked those who participated in the program, the vendors, and the crowd. “I personally would like to thank the mayor and town staff,” she said. “Special Programs truly takes everyone in each department working together making these events fun and successful. I am truly blessed with the support we have here.” Barbour introduced Low, Low Chariot—a band very familiar to those who attend festivals and concerts in Vinton and across the val-

ley. The band is led by Sutphin and includes musicians Blaine Davis, Joshua Mason, and Jeremy Price. There were long lines throughout the evening at the Deb’s Lemonade, the Crusty Bark, Delicia’s Gourmet Ice, Tinker Mt. Kettle Corn, Duck Donuts, and Tinker Mt. Shaved Ice food trucks. The crowd continued to grow as the evening progressed and by 9:30 when Grucci launched the dazzling fireworks program, filled the front lawn of the Vinton War Memorial, Washington Avenue, and most downtown streets. Special events in the Town of Vinton are definitely back!



Families took the opportunity to visit the Vinton-Roanoke County “High Ground” Veterans Monument on the grounds of the Vinton War Memorial during the Fourth of July celebration.



Cheerleaders from William Byrd Middle School led the Pledge of Allegiance at the Fourth of July Celebration. Shown left to right are Lily Carrell, Taylor Jacobsen, Carleigh Leonard, and Kaidence Stores.



Low, Low Chariot vocalist J.D. Sutphin (left) performed the national anthem to open the Fourth of July Celebration. Vinton Mayor Brad Grose (second from left) shared his thoughts on the significance of the holiday. WBMS cheerleader Carleigh Leonard helped lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

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