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## Council considers employee bonuses during pandemic



PHOTO BY MEG HIBBERT

**Salem Police Chief Mike Crawley explains to Salem City Council in a Nov. 23 work session how take-home vehicles help response time and retention.**



PHOTO COURTESY CITY OF SALEM

**Mayor Renee Turk presents retiring City Council Steve Yost with a resolution thanking him for his almost-40 years of service to city officials, and proclaiming Nov. 23 "Steven Michael Yost Day."**

**Meg Hibbert**  
Contributing writer

City of Salem employees will get bonuses for working during the COVID-19 pandemic. Last week City Council passed on first reading an ordinance authorizing bonuses. Full-time employees would get \$1,000 and part-timers, \$500.

The raises will not take effect until after a second reading. During the 30-minute meeting Nov. 23, Council also recognized retiring City Council Steve Yost for his almost-40 years of service to the city. The resolution read by Mayor Renee Turk commends Yost for his "unflappable personality and competent advice to city officials.

He served five city managers and five mayors, the resolution pointed out. Yost thanked city officials for "the great privilege of working with you since I was appointed in October 1981." He added, "They have all been outstanding people." The resolution proclaimed Nov. 23 "Steven Michael Yost

Day." Attorney Jim Guynn and his firm have been appointed interim counsel until a permanent one is selected. In other matters before Salem City Council at last week's meeting, Council: •Recognized members of the Salem Electoral Board and Registrar Dana Oliver's staff and volunteers for running a smooth

general election under COVID conditions. Mayor Turk noted that 61 percent of all votes cast were at the Registrar's Office, 6,000 were done in person on election day and another 2,000 were cast by mail. •Received the financial report from October.

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## Maintenance work on Mill Lane Bridge to begin this week

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Salem City Engineer Will Simpson says crews have already started performing standard maintenance procedures to enhance the deck and foundations of the Mill Lane Bridge structure. "We are committed to making this process as painless as possible for the citizens of Salem and Roanoke County, who use this corridor on a daily basis," Simpson said. "Any lane closures will only occur at night after 7 p.m., in an effort to eliminate long lines of traffic and any extended wait time for commut-

ers." The City of Salem has already hired an outside firm to make repairs on the bridge. The completion process is expected to take approximately three to four months. The safety of everyone, said City of Salem Communications Director Mike Stevens, is the top priority. He added, "This work is necessary to keep the bridge in working order and extend its life span." Built in 1974, Mill Lane Bridge is nearly 183-feet long with a width of 28-feet between the curbs. According to the last available inspection information from bridgereports.com, Mill

Lane Bridge's sufficiency rating was 65.2 as of September 2017.

City officials encourage drivers to seek alternate routes after 7 p.m.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

**Salem has already hired an outside firm to make repairs and perform maintenance work on the Mill Lane Bridge.**

## Marine Corps Reserve holding annual toy drive this Sunday

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When it comes to making sure that children have a gift under the tree for Christmas, few do a better job than the U.S. Marines Corps Toys 4 Tots Drive. The purpose of the initiative has remained the same for the last 74 years: "to collect new, unwrapped toys during December each year and distribute

them as Christmas gifts to less fortunate children in the community." The Marine Corps Reserve will be hosting their annual toy drive this Saturday at the Salem Lowe's parking from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Curbside drop-off will be available. Guests, at the request of organizers, will be asked to stay in their cars. Last year, roughly 700 families throughout the Roanoke Valley, in-

cluding approximately 2,800 children, were beneficiaries of the Toys 4 Tots program. Because of the coronavirus pandemic, and associated economic downturn, holiday donations are significantly down this year. As a result, selfless acts of kindness are needed more than ever.

Salem native Josh Martin, 35, already knows what he is going to be donating on Saturday. "When I was growing up, LEGO sets and dollhouses were what most of the children in my neighborhood wanted. I've already made a few Amazon purchases. If those who can all pitch in individually, it will make all the difference in the world collectively."

When asked by the Salem Times-Register last year why is he so passionate about the Marine Corps Toys 4 Tots Drive, Sergeant Irving Alvarez said, "Because it provides a tangible sign of hope to economically disadvantaged children at Christmas."

He added: "Toys 4 Tots is an organization for spreading hope to children around this time of the year. We are currently accepting toys as well as cash donations. People can visit our Toys 4 Tots Facebook page or our roanoke-va.toysfortots.org website for additional information."



PHOTO BY SHAWN NOWLIN

**This Saturday, December 6, at the Salem Lowe's parking lot, the Marine Corps Reserve will be holding an in-person toy drive from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

## LewisGale RN: 'Nothing is better than putting a smile on a patient's face'



SUBMITTED PHOTO

**Patient Safety Coordinator Linda Ellis, RN Behavioral Quality Manager Jessica Allen and Group Therapist Lead Amanda Radford, left to right, with some handmade cards that were given to patients.**

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Imagine contracting COVID-19 and having a doctor recommend going to the hospital for around the clock monitoring. No family visitations. Few in-person interactions. Regularly having to take antibiotics. Now imagine waking up one morning with words of encouragement scribbled across colorful cards from other behavioral health patients utilizing their coping skills in art therapy to lift the spirits of others.

That is exactly what happened recently to approximately 45 patients at the LewisGale Medical Center in Salem. It all started when Registered Nurse Linda Ellis began noticing a certain type of need her patients had because of isolation from loved ones. In an attempt to make a difference, she came up with a project called "Operation S.M.I.L.E.," an acronym for Sharing Messages of Inspiration to Lift and Encourage. "Our patient's

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# Drive-thru Santa photos happening this weekend

Santa and Mrs. Claus are headed to the Salem Civic Center to spread some safe holiday cheer in early December. The world-famous Christmas Couple will be in Salem December 5 and 6 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. each day to take socially distant photos with children and their family members for \$10.

The back annex of the complex allows for vehicles to safely enter one side and exit the other while remaining completely protected by the weather. This set-up was used for Salem High School and Cave Spring

High School graduations this past year and was a huge success.

Families will drive their vehicles into the Salem Civic Center Annex, one at a time, exit their cars and have photos taken in a socially distant manner on the festive holiday set with Santa and Mrs. Claus. Each carload can have a maximum of six people and the cost is only \$10 per carload.

All current COVID-19 protocols will be followed, and children will not be able to sit on Santa's lap. Children will be seated on a bench in

front of the Christmas Royalty. The bench will be sanitized between each family group photo. Masks are required until the photos are taken, at which time, the children can take their masks off.

Photos will be made available for download between December 6 through 10. Parents and guardians will be allowed to take their own photos, as well.

For further information, visit [www.Salem-CivicCenter.com](http://www.Salem-CivicCenter.com)

*-Submitted by Mike Stevens, City of Salem Communications Director*



SUBMITTED PHOTO

**This Saturday and Sunday, Santa and Mrs. Claus will be taking pictures for \$10 at the Salem Civic Center Annex.**

## POLICE REPORT

The Salem Police Department reported the following people were arrested and charged November 10-23. Arrest indicates an accusation, and defendants are presumed innocent unless found guilty in court. Police do not release the names of persons under the age of 18.

### Those arrested and their

### charges were listed as:

- November 10 – Cynthia J. Hudson, 51, shoplifting
- November 11 – John P. Donnelly Jr., 27, shoplifting; and Timothy J. Dearden, 33, shoplifting
- November 13 – Wendell S. Anders Jr., 27, contempt of court
- November 14 – Antonio W.

Chambers, 20, public intoxication, illegal possession of alcohol; Sheila A. Johnson, 49, failure to appear; and Dwight D. Alley, 56, public intoxication, trespassing on a railroad track

November 18 – Ryan P. Dooley, 27, failure to appear; William J. Jarvis, 58, contempt of court; and Corey P.

Sledd, 32, assault and battery, threatening-brandishing

November 20 – Merlin A. Lowe, 59, DUI; and Annette H. Covey, 57, burglary

November 21 – Selvin A. Rodriguez Escoto, 36, possession of controlled substance; Thomas M. Haddox, 41, public intoxication; Timothy L. Hassinger, 67, assault and bat-

tery; and Caleb G. Smith, 42, domestic assault and battery

November 22 – Christopher A. Lindamood, 59, public intoxication

November 23 – Brian M. Davis, 26, domestic assault and battery; and Cody A. Lawson, 29, conditional release violation, failure to appear

## Va. farmers grow millions of poinsettias for the holidays

Besides fresh Christmas trees, few florae exemplify the holiday spirit like poinsettias - and local growers are ready for the season.

Poinsettias are cultivated in all 50 states and are one of the top-selling plants in the nation. The 2018 U.S. Department of Agriculture Floriculture Crops Summary showed potted poinsettias accounted for \$149 million in U.S. floriculture sales that year. In Virginia, about 2.2 million poinsettias with a wholesale value of \$10.3 million were raised commercially in 2018.

"Many consumers may not

be aware Virginia is fortunate to have a number of poinsettia growers around the state," said Tony Banks, senior assistant director of agriculture, development and innovation for Virginia Farm Bureau Federation.

Banks said the plant's popularity is an additional income opportunity for nurseries and farms during late fall. Vegetable and tobacco farms also can utilize their greenhouses between seasons to raise the flowering plant, he noted.

Stephanie Black said she begins selling poinsettias Thanksgiving week, and most

people start buying them right after that holiday.

"It's just tradition," she said. "It's one of the [plants] that's reliably the red color that everybody associates with Christmas - with the pretty green leaves underneath."

Poinsettias come in a variety of dazzling colors and patterns, but the solid reds remain bestsellers. Black said her customers marvel over varieties that are cream, pink and Red Glitter - one that has red leaves with white splotches - but most of them buy the red.

While buyers enjoy their poinsettias during the holi-

days, most don't save the plants afterward because they can be challenging to care for.

"They are extremely sensitive," Black said. "[People] will just throw it away and wait until next year."

Though they're associated with wintertime holidays, poinsettias are tropical plants that prefer warm temperatures. To ensure poinsettias thrive during the holidays, an indoor temperature around 65-70 degrees is ideal.

To nurture a poinsettia for next year, Virginia Cooperative Extension recommends cutting the plant back

to about 5 inches from the soil surface and repotting in fresh soil once the leaves - or bracts - fade or fall. Set the plant where it will receive indirect light and temperatures around 55-60 degrees, and water sparingly. When new growth begins, place in a well-lit window and pinch new growth to produce more stems.

In addition, the poinsettia needs continuous periods of darkness - at least 12 hours - each night to grow its colorful bracts.

*-Submitted by Stephanie Black*

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## Controversies surrounding the use of marijuana

**Pam Dudding**  
*Contributing writer*

The plant that has been legalized and causing so much controversy in many states is now being a hot topic in many group meetings.

Recently, the Roanoke Prevention Alliance posed questions regarding whether marijuana should now be legalized due to the negative impact it is already having in other states.

Their two main questions were "Is now the right time?" and "Is Virginia Ready?"

They based their questions on factual findings of marijuana:

- Four legalized states reported crashes increased six percent compared to non-legalized neighboring states
- Marijuana impairs driver's reaction times and judgment

- Car insurance premiums went up
- No roadside tests available for law enforcement
- More tools and training are required to detect impaired driving from marijuana use
- 60 percent of regular marijuana users, in legalized states, report they drive whether they feel impaired or not
- \$200 was the average increase in Colorado in auto insurance premiums (Averaged a 10 percent increase the year marijuana was legalized and averaged 16 percent increase the next year.)
- A 1991 marijuana study found effects on piloting tasks in a flight simulator even 24-hours after using a moderate social dose of marijuana
- AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety reported and "estimated 14.8 million drivers getting be-

hind the wheel within one-hour after using marijuana in the past 30 days"

They also noted that Colorado, Nevada, Oregon and Washington all had a six percent increase in crashes.

Colorado, Oregon and Washington had a combined increase of 5.2 percent "rate in crashes per million vehicle registrations, compared with neighboring states without legalized pot sales."

In California, where marijuana was legalized in 2016, there was a 60 percent increase in transportation and warehouse applicants testing positive for marijuana in 2017 versus 2015. Their major concern was safety.

"States exploring legalizing marijuana should consider this effect on highway safety," has now become a common thread of knowledge.

Rhode Island reported a conservative estimate of the costs of marijuana to outweigh revenues by 25 percent with leading causes being workplace injuries, absenteeism and impaired driving.

They shared that with the legalization, industrial accidents are reportedly up 155 percent, disciplinary action up 155 percent, absenteeism is up 178 percent and marijuana-related injuries

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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

The City of Salem has been monitoring the potential spread of COVID-19, and like you, we have been processing a great deal of information. The safety of citizens, school children and visitors is always the number one priority from the Salem Civic Center to City Hall. Emergency Management team members are in constant contact with the Virginia Department of Health, the Roanoke-Alleghany Health Department and area health professionals at our local hospitals. During this time of uncertainty, people are encouraged to monitor the website (salemva.gov) for official city details on closings or cancellations. This site will be updated daily whenever there is new information.

## FIRST AND THIRD TUESDAYS

Salem Host Lions Club, 6:30 p.m., dinner and a program, Salem Civic Center.

## SECOND MONDAY

Paint Bank Ladies Auxiliary meeting, 7:00 p.m. at the Paint Bank Fire Department. Contact 540-897-5346 for more information.

## EACH TUESDAY

•Practice for the Salem Choral Society, 7-9 p.m. each Tuesday in the choir room of Salem Presbyterian Church, corner of Main and Market streets in downtown Salem. Membership is open to anyone who enjoys singing. For more information, go to [www.salemchoralsociety.com](http://www.salemchoralsociety.com) or contact director Reed Carter at [reed.salemchoralsociety@gmail.com](mailto:reed.salemchoralsociety@gmail.com).

•Salem Chess Players meet at the Salem Senior Center, 110 Union Street in Salem from 7-11 p.m. Open to anyone 16 years or older. Instructions are available.

•Salem Kiwanis Club meets 11:45 a.m. - 1 p.m. for lunch, Salem

Civic Center.

•Glenvar Rotary Club meets 12:15 - 1:15 p.m. for lunch in Richfield Retirement's Recovery and Care Center cafeteria, first floor. Guests welcome.

•Knights of Columbus hosts bingo for charity. Proceeds support local charities including RAM House, Madonna House, the Roanoke Rescue Mission, Saint Francis House, food pantries and various youth projects. Games are played from 5:30 - 9:30 p.m. at Gator Hall, at 5301 Williamson Road, near Happy's Flea Market.

•Infinity Acres Ranch Fundraiser from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Christ Episcopal Church at 321 E. Church Street in Blacksburg. Tickets are \$8 while children eight and younger can eat for \$4. For more information, contact 276-358-2378.

•All ages are welcome to TOPS (Take off Pounds Sensibly) at 5:15 p.m. at the Salem Senior Center. For more information, contact

Linda at 540-389-4207.

•Overeaters Anonymous (OA) meeting, 7 p.m. at Christ Lutheran Church at 2011 Brandon Avenue in Roanoke. Contact 540-293-4065 for more information.

•From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., a chair caning and basket weaving class will occur at the Salem Senior Center. While free, attendees are encouraged to bring their own lunch. For more information, contact 540-375-3054.

## THIRD TUESDAY

The monthly meeting for National Association of Women in Construction (NAWIC) Roanoke Valley Chapter #226 locations and times will now vary. Learn more details by emailing us at [nawicroa226@gmail.com](mailto:nawicroa226@gmail.com).

## THIRD WEDNESDAY

Alzheimer's /Dementia Caregiver Support Group at 2 p.m. at Salem Terrace at Harrogate.

## FIRST THURSDAY

Roanoke County Woman's Club meets at 10:30 a.m. in the conference room at College Lutheran Church in Salem. New members are welcome.

## EACH THURSDAY

The Salem Senior Center's Social Club, known as the 49ers Plus Club, originally started the senior program in Salem over 40 years ago. They have different speakers and/or activities practically every week. New members are always welcome to show up at the Salem Senior Center at 11 a.m. Contact 540-375-3054 for more information.

## EACH SATURDAY

•Salem Farmers Market from 9:30 a.m. to noon, weather permitting. Select vendors will have country sausage, cage-free eggs, grass-fed beef, cage-pasture-raised chicken, homemade rolls, pieces of artisan bread,

muffins, seasonal greens and more.

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## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4

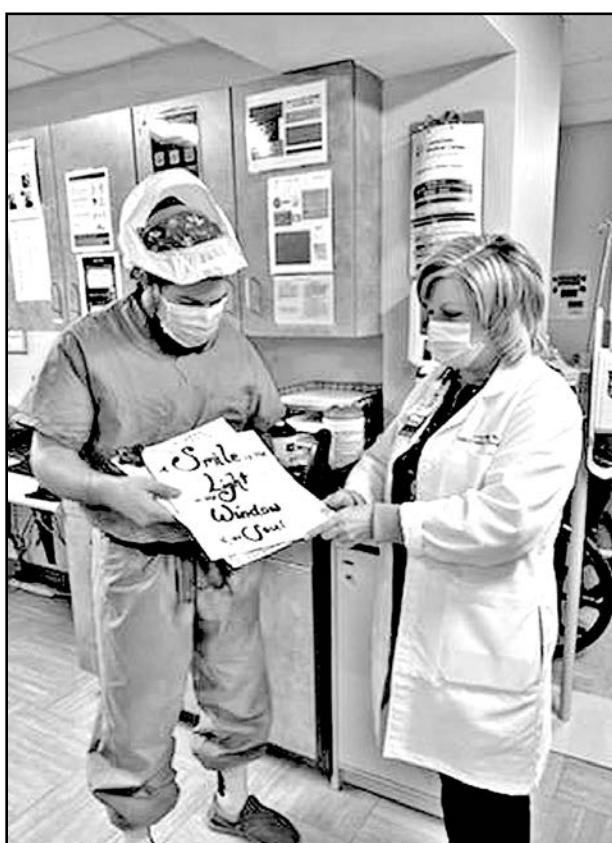
The annual Christmas Parade, sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Salem, will shift to the Salem Civic Center parking lot from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. Floats and performers will be positioned in designated location throughout the Taliaferro Complex, allowing citizens and visitors the ability to drive through and enjoy each entry without leaving their cars.

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5

Gingerbread Houses will be located inside the Salem Museum. Admission is free. Sponsorships and vendor booths are available. The 2020 Festival will be held in Longwood Park at 601 E. Main Street.

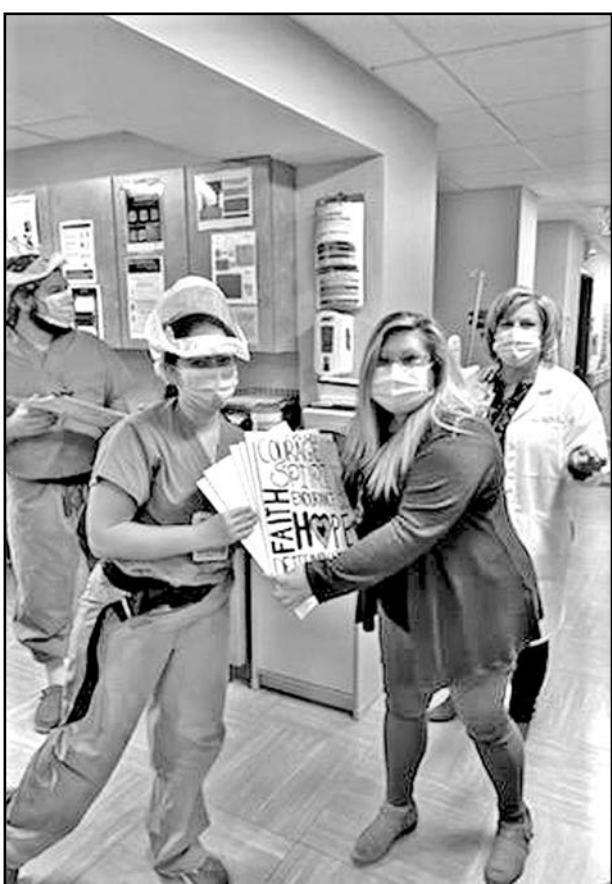
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Linda Ellis sharing some cards with Shane Butler, RN 5W Clinical Coordinator.



Jessica Allen sharing cards with 5W staff.



Amanda Radford, left, proudly displays some cards with a 5W staff member.

families, unfortunately, can't help them smile right now. We do offer facetime, but it's not the same as physically being there. Sometimes you feel like a grinch when you must deny access to a family member. The staff that works on the COVID-19 unit know that there is an emotional need from patients that none of us can meet," she said.

Ellis, also the hospital's Patient Safety Coordinator,

added, "People don't realize quite what a battle contracting COVID-19 is. My initial thought was just to get a card, but after thinking about my patients, I thought it would be better if they made the cards to each other."

Amanda Radford, the group therapist lead for the Center for Behavioral Health at LewisGale Medical Center, teamed up with Ellis to make Operation S.M.I.L.E. pos-

sible. Among the messages on the cards were "The sun will come out tomorrow," "You are a warrior" and "Never lose hope."

"We truly do want to make a difference for our patients and their families who can't be here now due to COVID-19 restrictions," Radford said. "We are happy to stand in the gap and bring a smile to patients that just spreads to staff, to others and just brings

a ray of sunshine to everyone's day."

At no cost to the recipients, Operation S.M.I.L.E., not to be confused with the non-profit medical service organization of the same name that provides cleft lip and palate repair surgeries to children, has lifted the spirits of nearly 50 individuals currently battling COVID-19.

"I've been at LewisGale for 20 years. This year

has been a challenge in every direction. No matter who you are or where you are, this world is not what it was just a year ago. The key is to not let the negativity get to you," Ellis said. "This year has shown all of us just how important it is to keep in touch with loved ones, be selfless when it comes to helping others and try not to take things for granted, which we are all guilty of from time to time."

# Council

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•Continued until the Jan. 11 meeting, at the request of the petitioner, a request to allow an auto dealership at 224 W. Fourth Street.

•Renewed the lease on the Salem Municipal Golf Course for

another year.

•Received an abstract of the votes from the November election.

In the work session before the regular meeting, Council had a discussion on city employees

taking vehicles home. Assistant City Manager Rob Light said 62 vehicles are currently taken home, 42 of them public safety vehicles and 20 by electric and water department and other employees.

Under current criteria in the Employee Handbook, "an employee must answer emergency calls or perform work related at least twice a week" to take a car home, Light said.

Salem Police Chief Mike

Crawley explained reasons for officers to take vehicles home. He said take-home vehicles help in response time and assist in recruiting and retention because other law enforcement departments have take-home vehicles.

# Marijuana

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are up 185 percent in the workplace.

In a study, drivers were asked, "How do you currently opt to drive after using marijuana?"

•40.9 percent - I never allow myself to drive after consuming marijuana

•17.1 percent - I try not to drive under the influence of marijuana but I do sometimes

•15.4 percent - I choose whether or when to drive under the influence of marijuana based on how I am feeling at the time

•14.3 percent - I drive under the influence of marijuana and do not think it has any negative impact on my driving performance

•Weed was five per-

cent to 25 percent THC but now is 20 percent to 95 percent THC findings are: "There is absolutely no research that indicates this level of THC is beneficial for any medical condition. The purpose of these products is to produce a high, and the increased potency makes them potentially more dangerous and more likely to result in addiction."

One person shared, "My (ex) smoked. I would have to get this person's attention many times while this individual drove as this person would zone out and be driving on the opposite side of the road, while holding tight to the pipe."

Another person shared,

"My friend would smoke for hours at a time, watching cartoons, while imagining I said things I never even thought. This person lived in their own little world most of the time, and many times, imagining things that never happened or people never said. It was really sad."

With the impact of COVID-19 having on the lives of people, many look for a "high" to help overcome their depression, loneliness or lack of drive. It's been said that marijuana can provide just that.

If marijuana is legalized, this "easy access" could only become another avenue for people to try and escape their realities, causing harm to

others, and maybe even death in accidents.

It has also been noted that some parents have been known to "forget about their child" in situations when under the influence of marijuana.

Many feel Virginia needs to look at the long-term negative effect it will have on the state, especially during these pandemic times when people are already suffering enough.

Taxes on sales are a big "positive" that is pulling at the strings of some for Virginia, while many sales establishments know that they will also benefit from the legalization. However, many states have already realized that the monetary

benefits have been extremely slim compared to the rise in accidents and insurance.

"This is the Roanoke Prevention Alliance's efforts to help educate key stakeholders about the importance of protecting our youth from accessing marijuana," Blue Ridge Behavioral Healthcare Division Director of Prevention and Wellness Susan Rieves-Austin said. "Through research, we know if it is difficult for youth to access alcohol and other

drugs, they are less likely to use them."

She also noted that information shows that marijuana is favored to be used in the workplace because it is easy to conceal and has no odor when it is vaped. This can also be true for youth when choosing to use marijuana.

However, there is a concern, of not wanting kids to have more easy access than they already do, to a drug that could hinder their productive futures and maybe even their lives.

In the sight of God there is no difference between the various races. - Baha'i Faith



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# OPINION

# Give Light - RC Anniversary -

{This is a memory from the six decades the author has spent writing about faith communities in daily, weekly and monthly news publications covering the western third of Virginia.}

Several weeks ago, I mentioned in this column that "The Catholic Virginian," a 16-page newspaper issued by the Roman Catholic Diocese of Richmond, had finally made its way to my Salem home.

When I moved around the corner in 2014, the paper apparently kept coming to my former residence. Though not Catholic, I had the publication sent to me to follow some of the events affecting members who support parishes in Roanoke, Salem, Botetourt and Craig Counties.

I called the diocesan headquarters in Richmond and asked a helpful staff member if I could simply receive the paper by e-mail as the vast majority of church leaders employ now to save money. Somewhat surprisingly, the person said she'd prefer to get my forwarding address, and now the paper is arriving in my mailbox.

As in many years past, when Charles Mahon, one of my fellow journalism students at Richmond Professional Institute in Richmond was editor,

the paper is still top-notch in presenting factual stories about the church on topics from the international down to the local parish level.

I was especially interested to learn that the diocese - the regional administrative body that covers most congregations in Virginia except those close to Washington - has just concluded a reduced celebration of its 200th Anniversary.

It spurred me to look back at my files which revealed the exciting period of the 1970s when Western Virginia Roman Catholics were under the care of Bishop Walter F. Sullivan, a liberal who embraced the major changes that had come to the church since Vatican Council II held in the mid-1960s.

I had known Sullivan since the arrival of late husband Charles and I in 1953 as we joined the reporting staff of the afternoon daily Roanoke newspaper, "The Roanoke World-News." He was a young assistant at the prestigious St. Andrew's Catholic Church which crowns the hill just north of downtown Roanoke. My age contemporary, Sullivan often brought to the newsroom each Friday the weekly announcement of services which in those long-ago times the newspaper car-

## Frances Stebbins Correspondent

ried free in recognition of the churches' value to the city.

The assistant at St. Andrew's soon moved up to pastorates in the Diocese of Richmond. In 1974, he became the 11th spiritual and administrative head of parishes in much of the commonwealth and served until retiring in 2003. He continued to assist his successor, Bishop Francis X. DiLorenzo, until becoming ill with liver cancer. It took his life at 84 in 2012.

Around 1970, as my own career as religion writer for the afternoon daily newspaper was becoming more active, Catholics became the source of many interesting news stories. Many of these centered-on developments at Our Lady of Nazareth parish which dated from 1914 and served the growing West End and Southwest neighborhood of the city. It occupied a plain brick structure near Calvary Baptist Church.

Soon after Sullivan became bishop, the decision was made

to relocate the Nazareth parish to the Southwest County suburbs. In 1976, this began on a site on the upgraded four-lane highway known as Electric Road.

But even before the move, the winds of change were blowing hard through the old parish. John Kain, an imaginative priest smart enough to get to know news writers, was happy to tell me the many new practices going into effect at the church to which he had been assigned. When Kain resigned his office in order to marry a widow from the church I now attend, the Nazareth congregation rebelled against the more traditionalist pastor assigned there.

Bishop Sullivan came up from Richmond to tell his people that he would send them a more acceptable priest.

Under Thomas Caroluzza, a warmly liberal clergyman, the big move from the inner city to suburbs was made some 40 years ago. The starkly simple church shocked some. Its pastor said it was planned deliberately that way so, "In this empty space, we as God's people, celebrate." Joseph Lehman, one of Caroluzza's successors, followed the same likable pattern and remained beloved ecumenically for 20 years.

I recall too from this pe-

riod the late J. Louis Flaherty, who served briefly as pastor of St. Andrew's; he did much to open cordial relationships with non-Catholic clergy through the then-influential Roanoke Ministers Conference. I was not surprised when he was elevated to auxiliary bishop to help with the new Arlington Diocese.

Some traditionalists formed a protest group; I went to several of its meetings where leaders spoke bitterly of the changes which, at one point, moved close to permitting non-Catholics to share Communion.

It took several decades for things to settle down. Sullivan's two successors have been less inclined to make changes. The Nazareth building now has been slightly modified to identify it as a house of worship. Two women religious - nuns - with Sullivan's blessing, helped start congregations in Botetourt, Rocky Mount and Moneta. A few Black priests encouraged both interracial and ecumenical aid programs. Sullivan's acceptance of LG-BTQ members continues.

The former Nazareth church became the site of Roanoke Area Ministries for which the newspaper's Good Neighbors Fund provides some support each Christmas season.

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## Trump, Biden, the election and the nation

### Roanoke College Poll

Conducted by The Institute for Policy and Opinion Research

Virginians are more likely to be worried (37 percent) than excited (22 percent) about the next four years in the country with more than one-third (36 percent) somewhere in the middle. Respondents are also more likely to prefer divided government (33 percent) over one-party control (24 percent) at the national level.

Residents are split regarding mail voting, with 45 percent favoring the idea for all elections and 47 percent opposing it. Regarding the November elections, Virginians think vote counting across the country was very accurate (39 percent) or mostly accurate (25 percent), but 31 percent say it was not very accurate.

Similarly, most think that all (41 percent) or most (24 percent) of the declared winners truly won the election, but 29 percent think only some were actual winners.

Referring to pre-election public opinion polling, nearly two-thirds (63 percent) of Virginians have not very much or no confidence at all in the results reported, with only nine percent reporting a great deal of confidence. Even more telling, respondents were more likely to say that those polls favor candidates they want to win the election (47 percent) rather than trying to report their findings accurately (41 percent).

A majority of Virginians (53 percent) disapprove of the way President Donald Trump his handling his job, while just over one-third (35 percent) approve. Trump's favorable/unfavorable rating is 33 percent/53 percent while President-elect Joe Biden is at 46 percent/36 percent. Almost two-thirds (62 percent) of respondents think the country is on the wrong track while 28 percent think it is headed in the right direction.

A majority (52 percent) of respondents think it is more important to protect the rights of gun owners rather than control gun ownership (40 percent). This item is generally stable, but support for gun control climbs somewhat in the wake of mass shootings and declines in their absence. While support for protecting gun ownership rose from our last measurement in January, 2020, favorable ratings for the National Rifle Association declined to 31 percent (from 38 percent in May). Views of Black Lives Matter remained stable from May with 49 percent seeing BLM favorably.

More than half of Virginians (54 percent) report having not very much or no trust at all in the mass media to report news fully, accurately, and fairly. This measure is quite stable over time.

Virtually every question in this section is the result of averaging "two Virginias," the Democratic Virginia and the

Republican Virginia (see crosstabs at the end of topline, which can be accessed at the conclusion of this press release). Many of the disparities between party identifiers may best be described as a chasm.

#### Governor Northam and the Commonwealth

Job approval for Virginia Governor Ralph Northam sits at 53 percent, the same as in August, while 33 percent disapprove of his performance. Just over half (53 percent) of respondents think that Virginia is headed in the right direction, but 37 percent think it is on the wrong track (both improvements since August). Northam is viewed favorably by 43 percent of respondents and seen unfavorably by 31 percent.

#### Political anxiety

IPOR continues to track political anxiety in the Commonwealth. More than three-fourths (78 percent) of Virginians trust the federal government to do what is right only some of the time or never. A majority (61 percent) thinks that ordinary citizens can do a lot to influence the federal government, and 42 percent think their side is losing more than winning in politics today, with 33 percent thinking they are winning more than losing.

Most respondents (62 percent) think the country's best years are ahead of it, while just under one-third (29 percent) think its best years have passed. Overall, a large majority of Virginians (88 percent) continues to see the nation divided regarding the important issues facing the country.

Nearly half of respondents (49 percent) are dissatisfied with how the federal government is (or isn't) working. Another 19 percent are angry, while only 24 percent are satisfied, and two percent are enthusiastic. Each of these measures have remained relatively constant over time, but responses of subgroups vary.

#### COVID-19—fears and expectations

Six-in-ten (61 percent) Virginia residents know someone who has contracted the novel coronavirus, up from

42 percent in August and 31 percent in May. Among those who know someone, 26 respondents (seven percent) had the virus themselves. More than one-third (38 percent) have had a family member who was sick, and 56 percent have a friend or relative who had the virus. Two-thirds (68 percent) of respondents are very or somewhat concerned that they or someone in their household will contract the virus.

Almost half (49 percent) think they would be slightly ill if they contracted the virus, while 16 percent think they would be very ill, and another 11 percent think they would be extremely sick and perhaps die. Only 10 percent think they would show no symptoms (within the margin of error from May and August). Of the 26 who had the virus, 17 said they were slightly ill, six were very ill, three were extremely sick, and one was asymptomatic.

Regarding when the virus may be contained sufficiently to return to "normal," a plurality of respondents (42 percent) think that will be next year while 27 percent say it will be longer than a year. Both of those are unchanged since August, but this is obviously three months later.

Almost half (49 percent) of respondents think the media coverage has made the virus seem worse than it really is. One-third (33 percent) think the coverage has been accurate (no change from August).

#### Governmental responses to the virus

A plurality of Virginians (48 percent) thinks the response from the state government has been appropriate while a majority of 52 percent (down slightly from 58 percent in August), thinks the federal government's response has not gone far enough. Some still think the measures have gone too far (11 percent for federal and 21 percent for state). A plurality of respondents (44 percent) is more concerned that the federal government will spend too little money

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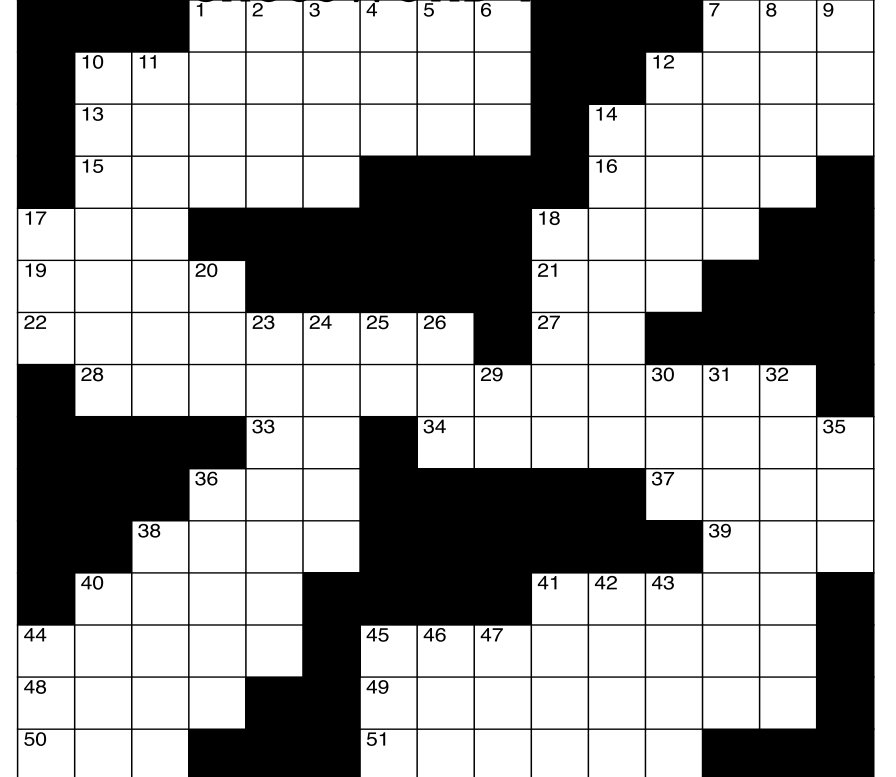
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## CROSSWORD PUZZLE



- CLUES ACROSS**
- 1. Holds candles
  - 7. In possession of
  - 10. Rodents
  - 12. Type of cofactor (Brit. sp.)
  - 13. Hard candy on a stick
  - 14. Animal of the weasel family
  - 15. Things that should not be overlooked
  - 16. "Silence" author
  - 17. Dried, split lentils
  - 18. People native to Ghana
  - 19. Barros and Gasteyer are two
  - 21. British thermal unit
  - 22. Large oblong hall
  - 27. Ethnic group in Asia
  - 28. Holiday decoration
  - 33. Milliliter
  - 34. Open
  - 36. Health physics concept (abbr.)
  - 37. Tantric meditation
  - 38. Where golf games begin
  - 39. Birth swine
  - 40. Rip
  - 41. Remove
  - 44. Puts together in time
  - 45. Rotary engines
  - 48. Skeletal structure
  - 49. Member of a labor organization
  - 50. Japanese classical theater
  - 51. Undergarments
- CLUES DOWN**
- 1. "Snake Tales" cartoonist
  - 2. Religious group
  - 3. Singer Redding
  - 4. \_\_\_ and tuck
  - 5. Head honcho
  - 6. Second sight
  - 7. Composer
  - 8. About aviation
  - 9. Senior officer
  - 10. Forecasts weather
  - 11. Seasoned Hungarian soup
  - 12. Town in Hesse, Germany
  - 14. Thought to derive from meteorites
  - 17. Hit lightly
  - 18. Seemingly bottomless chasm
  - 20. Title of respect
  - 23. Warms up
  - 24. Man and Wight are two
  - 25. Type of scan
  - 26. Atomic mass unit
  - 29. Article
  - 30. Incriminate
  - 31. Passes by
  - 32. Most nerve-inducing
  - 35. David Alan Grier sitcom
  - 36. Achieve
  - 38. Freshwater fish
  - 40. Beginner
  - 41. Dark brown or black
  - 42. A newlywed wears one
  - 43. DiFranco and Vardanyan are two
  - 44. Diego, Francisco, Anselmo
  - 45. Ancient Egyptian King
  - 46. Old name (abbr.)
  - 47. Brazilian city (slang)

# Poll

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to boost the economy, while almost as many (42 percent) are concerned that the government will spend too much money and increase the budget deficit. Like most important issues today, COVID-19 is viewed through a partisan lens. (See table at conclusion of topline for partisan breakdown of some questions.)

### Analysis

“The biggest ‘takeaways’ in this poll are the differences between Democrats and Repub-

licans,” said Dr. Harry Wilson, director of the Roanoke College Poll. “We’ve seen these differences in many questions over many years, but they suggest that uniting the Commonwealth (and the nation) is a Herculean task unlikely to be accomplished by any elected official. Democrats and Republicans represent complete divergent views of the nation.”

Republicans’ lack of confidence in the news media (which is deep and long-stand-

ing) and public opinion polling present significant challenges for both industries and may suggest it is time for some soul-searching.”

### Methodology

Interviewing for The Roanoke College Poll was conducted by The Institute for Policy and Opinion Research at Roanoke College in Salem, Virginia between Nov. 8 and Nov. 19, 2020. A total of 601 Virginia residents were interviewed. Telephone interviews

were conducted in English.

The landline sample consisted of random-digit numbers generated in proportion to the Virginia population so that all residential telephone numbers, including unlisted numbers, had a known chance of inclusion. Cell phone samples were purchased from Marketing Systems Group. Cell phones comprised 56 percent of the completed interviews.

Questions answered by the entire sample of 601 Virgin-

ians are subject to a sampling error of plus or minus approximately 4percent at the 95percent level of confidence. This means that in 95 out of 100 samples like the one used here, the results obtained should be no more than four percentage points above or below the figure that would be obtained by interviewing all Virginians who have a home telephone or a cell phone. Where the results of subgroups are reported, the sampling error is higher.

# Especially important to protect yourself financially during this year’s holiday season

## Ford Carson

Virginia SCC  
Communications Specialist  
Guest Contributor

With the holiday season quickly approaching, there is no time like the present to review your insurance coverage. Dry pine needles, icy streets and sidewalks, busy kitchens, and overworked outlets are just a few of the seasonal hazards that can impact your financial well-being without adequate insurance coverage. In order to keep spirits bright, the State Corporation Commission’s

(SCC) Bureau of Insurance reminds Virginians to check with their insurance agent or company to ensure they have the appropriate amount of insurance coverage in the event of an illness, theft or mishap.

“The ongoing COVID-19 pandemic makes it more critical than ever to plan ahead this year,” said Virginia Insurance Commissioner Scott A. White. “Make sure your insurance coverage is up-to-date so you can minimize any financial damage.”

Take a close look at each of your insurance policies to ensure you know exactly what is – and is not – covered. What about stolen gifts, decorations,

or other items from your home or vehicle? A guest suffering an injury at your residence? A fire on the premises? Understand any deductibles or coverage limits that may apply.

What’s more, COVID-19 creates several additional considerations for policyholders:

- Complying with local, state, and/or national restrictions regarding the number of people who may gather at one time;
- Minimizing the risk of transmission by wearing masks, using hand soap and hand sanitizer frequently, and encouraging the sick to stay home;
- Understanding how CO-

VID-19, specifically, is addressed by your homeowner’s, renter’s, health, and life insurance policies.

In addition to reviewing your policies, you can also be proactive by keeping your auto insurance company’s contact information and a copy of your insurance card with you when you drive, staying alert of local weather forecasts, and bringing health insurance information – like identification cards and contact details for family members – with you while traveling. Also check that your coverage extends to seasonal activities like skiing, snowboarding and snowmobiling.

Last, make an early New Year’s resolution to update your home inventory. This will help you ensure your homeowners or renter’s policy provides enough coverage for your belongings. It can facilitate the recovery process if you experience loss or damage and have to file an insurance claim. Separate coverage may be needed for high-cost items such as jewelry, art or electronics. The National Association of Insurance Commissioners’ free smartphone app — myHome Scr.APPbook — makes creating a home inventory quick and easy. This app is available through the App Store and Google Play.

# Reminder: wildlife are wild animals, not pets

## Paige Pearson

DWR Public  
Information Officer  
Guest Contributor

The Department of Wildlife Resources (DWR) wants to remind the public that if they encounter any wild animal acting tame or unafraid of humans, to please leave the animal alone. Recently, several individuals have been injured by a white-tailed deer that had become accustomed to people

after being held illegally in captivity. Wild animals that lose their fear of humans can injure people or pets.

Wild animals are meant to be wild, not pets. When wild animals are fed, held in captivity, or otherwise treated as pets, they become accustomed to people. This can lead to serious injuries to both people and domestic pets as the animal grows. White-tailed deer naturally become more aggressive during the fall breeding season, when they can cause serious and even life-threatening injuries if held in captivity or provoked.

DWR asks anyone who sees an approachable or sick wild animal to please report it to the wildlife conflict helpline at 1-855-571-9003, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Concerned citizens often pick up animals that they think are orphaned. Most “orphans” that good-intentioned citizens “rescue” every spring should have been left alone. Wild animals rarely abandon their young, but they do leave them alone for long periods of time.

If a wild animal has been injured or truly orphaned, do not take matters into your

own hands. You may locate a permitted wildlife rehabilitator by calling the Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources’ toll-free wildlife conflict helpline at 1-855-571-9003, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday or using the DWR website to locate a permitted wildlife rehabilitator in your area: [dwr.virginia.gov/wildlife/injured/rehabilitators/](http://dwr.virginia.gov/wildlife/injured/rehabilitators/)

It is illegal to raise any wild animal in captivity in Virginia. Permitted wildlife rehabilitators are authorized to hold and care for injured or orphaned wildlife on a short term

basis before releasing them back to the wild. With even the best professional care possible, the survival rate of rehabilitated fawns and many other animals is very low. The best advice for someone who wants to help wildlife is to keep it wild. Once people interfere, we reduce the opportunity for animals to receive natural care and we increase the risk of harming our wildlife heritage.

For more information, please visit the following website about keeping deer wild: [dwr.virginia.gov/wildlife/deer/keeping-deer-wild/](http://dwr.virginia.gov/wildlife/deer/keeping-deer-wild/).

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Thankful for Salem friends and community

2020 has been a difficult year, one of trial and change for everyone. Despite that, our personal circumstances make it appropriate to pause, reflect and give thanks for the Salem community and our close friends here.

Our family became residents of Salem in May 1988, having moved here with GE from Schenectady, NY. After 32 years, we recently moved to Smith Mountain Lake and are now in the process of fulfilling our dream of building a log home there.

Looking back, we are most thankful and grateful that we settled in Salem to raise our family and make lifelong friends. Our neighbor-

hood and the community were safe and friendly places to raise our children. The education system prepared our children well for college study at William and Mary and UVA. In addition to academics, the city’s commitment to facilities that supported numerous activities for our kids gave them opportunities to develop their interests and skills.

For Lauren, it became volleyball, track, and band, including the honor of being Corps Commander for the Pride of Salem. Tim’s focus became soccer through the rec leagues, club teams in Salem and Roanoke, and at Salem HS, including being a captain for the varsity team. Nancy and I had numerous fulfilling activities in the

school system, church and employers.

Many of you will remember our personal tragedy when we lost Lauren in a car accident in Wyoming in January 2006. The outpouring of love and support from the entire community was unbelievable at a time when it was most needed. One detail I will never forget - even Salem police officers stationed at street intersections were standing at attention and saluting as the funeral procession made its way to Sherwood Memorial Park. And we have friends still sharing fond memories and providing emotional support.

We are profoundly grateful to have been part of such a caring community and look forward to

staying in touch despite the distance. Thank you, Salem friends and community!

-Tom Burns and family

Dear editor,

We’re closing out 2020; closing in on

2021. Oh my, what a ride the last couple years have been!!! Things so dramatically changed from 12 months ago. My heart literally aches for the families of the COVID-19 victims. Depression has taken a toll on a number of people. Lines have been drawn and lines have been

crossed. The only people able to help us is us. A lot of higher-ups failed us. On both sides of the aisle. Let’s put US back into the USA. Take care America. Let’s cruise into 2021 in style. Safer, healthier, smarter, with a smile.

-Cathy Bittler

# 343rd Annual Indian Tax Tribute Ceremony hosted by Gov. Northam

Governor Ralph Northam recently hosted a small delegation from the Mattaponi Indian Tribe and the Pamunkey Indian Tribe at the Executive Mansion in Richmond for the 343rd annual Indian tax tribute ceremony. This follows a proclamation issued by the Governor earlier this month designating November as Native American Heritage Month in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

The Indian tax tribute ceremony dates back to 1677 with the signing of the Treaty of Middle Plantation between a group of tribes and the Virginia Corporation—the predecessor to the Commonwealth of Virginia—establishing the first reservations in the United States. Each year, the chiefs of the Mattaponi and Pamunkey tribes honor the spirit of the treaty with a symbolic tax of wild game and hand-crafted gifts

presented to the Governor of Virginia in return for continued possession of their tribal lands. The ceremony is the oldest continuing nation-to-nation ceremony in the country. While song and dance are a central component of the annual event, this year’s ceremony did not include these traditions to protect the health and safety of all participants amid the pandemic. Photos from this year’s ceremony can be found below.

“Virginia’s native people enrich our Commonwealth with their vibrant heritage, traditions, and continuing contributions,” said Governor Northam. “Native American Heritage Month is a celebration of the resilience of our tribal communities, and an opportunity to reflect on how

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Read Luke 21:1 through 22:71

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It's easy to wonder if the end of world is near and become so afraid that we panic.

"When you hear of wars and uprisings, do not be frightened. These things must happen first, but the end will not come right away" (Luke 21:9).

Many times through the past two thousand years, people have panicked over the state of the

world. Jesus had a word for them and for us: "Do not be frightened."

The world may change, but God is still in control.

Bad times can bring good results. As society disintegrates people tend to turn to God, and revival can occur. Challenges even make believers depend on God more. Our survival plan should be to prepare ourselves spiritually for whatever God brings—in good times or bad.

Challenge for Today: Think of a way to point people to Jesus when they express their fears about the future.

Quicklook: Luke 21:5-18

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# OBITUARIES

## Wade, Elsie Louise Daniel

Elsie Louise Daniel Wade, 93, of Salem, went to be with the Lord on Tuesday, November 24, surrounded by her family. She was born on Sunday, July 3, 1927, to the late John and Ruth Peters Daniel.



She worked for Leggetts, JCPenny and Kenrose Manufacturing in the Roanoke Valley. Louise was a woman of faith. One of her greatest joys was playing the piano, especially for her church. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband of over 70 years, William H. Wade; four sisters; and two brothers.

Left to cherish her memory are her sons, William Jeffery "Jeff" Wade, and

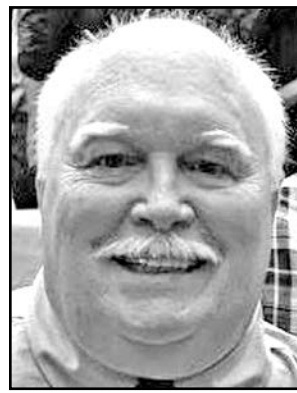
wife, JoAnn, and Steven Eugene Wade and wife, LeAnne; brother, Marvin Daniel; grandchildren, William R. "Billy" Wade, and wife, Dina and Angela C. "Angie" Wade; and great-grandchildren, Chris Wade, Kimmy Wade, Lucy Ciancitto and Matty Ciancitto.

A graveside service was held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, November 28, at Blue Ridge Memorial Gardens, 5737 Airport Road, NW, Roanoke, VA 24012.

Friends visited with the family from 6 to 8 p.m. on November 27 at the John M. Oakey & Son Funeral Home in Salem, VA. Online condolences may be expressed at [www.johnmoakey.com](http://www.johnmoakey.com).

## Murphy, Terrance Daniel "Murph"

Terrance Daniel "Murph" Murphy, 67, of Salem, passed away on November 25, 2020. He was born in Helena, Montana, but spent his life in Salem. There he met his wife, Kathy, and had three children: Laura, Erin "Peanut," and Ryan.



He is survived by all four as well as his son-in-law, Michael Lautenschlager; grandchildren August West, Henry Lautenschlager, and Margaret Lautenschlager; sister, Julie Murphy; brother, Dennis Murphy and Kathy; mother-in-law, Margaret Miller; sisters-in-law, Cindy Miller and Candy Smith; and brother-in-law, Joe Miller and Boo; multiple nieces and nephews; and dog, Wilson.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Thelma Lemon Murphy. Terrance graduated from Andrew Lewis High School in 1971 and with a B.S. from Old Dominion University in 1976. He spent over 20 years working in pharmaceutical sales and

hospice care. He served on the City of Salem's Planning Commission for 17 years, was an active member of the Penguin Club for over 40 years and volunteered with Salem's Parks and Recreation Sandlot Program, where he coached softball and football.

Murph was an avid sports fan, who especially followed Notre Dame, Virginia Tech, the Dallas Cowboys, and most importantly, Salem Football. Salem was heaven on earth to Murph, and he did his best to make sure it was a great place for the rest of us.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, a Celebration of Life is being planned for May 2021. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the Penguin Club Christmas Basket program at P.O. Box 375, Salem, VA., 24153. An online guest book is available for family and friends by visiting [www.johnmoakey.com](http://www.johnmoakey.com).

## Miller, Wilma Louise

Wilma Louise Miller, 70, of Salem, went home to be with the Lord on Saturday, November 14, at Carilion Roanoke Memorial Hospital.



She was born on March 18, 1950, to the late Bill and Jan L. Chelf, in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Wilma was a faithful member of First Christian Church in Salem. She will be remembered as a "caretaker of all," as she was well-known for her selfless characteristics.

Family remaining to cherish her memory includes her husband, Isaac "Bud" Miller, III; daughters, Holly Michelle Ireland and husband, Patrick Ireland, and Heather Nicole Blevins and husband, Rodney Blevins; sisters,

Cheryl Crook, Dorothy Phillips, and Sandy Akers; grandchildren, Katelyn Nicole Bishop and Emma Michelle Blevins; and her dear lifelong friend, Patty Updike.

A memorial service to honor Wilma's life was conducted at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, December 2, at the First Christian Church in Salem with Pastor Dan Netting officiating.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making donations in memory of Wilma to First Christian Church, 712 Front Ave., Salem, Va. 24153.

Expressions of sympathy may be expressed to her family by visiting [www.johnmoakey.com](http://www.johnmoakey.com).

Wilma Adkins Johnston, 88, of Salem, Virginia, passed away on November 29.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Bill and Gladys Adkins, husband, Paul Johnston and infant son, David.

Those left to cherish her memory are daughter, Patty, sons Mike (Anne), Chuck (Linda); grandsons, Isaiah Johnston, Jacob Gladden, Ian Hall



and Parker at [www.johnmoakey.com](http://www.johnmoakey.com). Hall; granddaughter, Jessie Johnston; great-grandson, Marshall Johnston; sisters-in-law, Betty Shelor (Sherman), Mary Reed, Phyllis Carden and Sylvia Johnston; brother-in-law, Freeman Mitchell and numerous nieces and nephews.

Services will be private.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.johnmoakey.com](http://www.johnmoakey.com).

# Field of Dreams continue with sights unblurred



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"Teamwork" is a stressed proponent at the Field of Dreams (FOD). Regardless of age, everyone involved enjoys their games and playing on a nice field.



Many people use the Field of Dreams each year. Bo Trumbo and his family dedicated new flags to the FOD. Team members and FOD members were greatly appreciative of all the community care and support they have gotten.

### Pam Dudding Contributing writer

Regardless of the coronavirus, the Craig Recreation Association Field of Dreams Committee is continuing their venture to provide a place for local kids to play as well as a future home for other activities.

Their goals are still set, and their visions have not blurred.

The CCR & CA mission statement reads: "Acquire and develop prop-

erty in Craig County for a multi-purpose recreation and sports complex and conservation area for children, families, churches and organizations; to organize and manage Craig County youth sports; to promote healthy lifestyles through educational and recreational opportunities; to secure funding sources to provide through sustainability for current and future development; and to enhance the rural county's services and economy."

Now, committee members wish to share their Field of Dreams end-of-year brochure with the community and others.

"We wish to thank Kim Cosma for her creation of this beautiful and professional piece," Director Debbie Snead said. "The brochure is generic in that we can use it for marketing and fundraising anytime and anyway."

Said CCR&CA President Teresa Oliver, "We've printed over 500, so they

are now available to give to individuals and businesses as handouts or placed online in emails and social media."

"Please help us by getting the brochure out to your social contacts and if you'd like printed copies, just let us know and we'll get them to you," Snead shared. "If you have businesses or contacts that you'd like us to mail the brochure to, please send the name and mailing address to [dsnead@vt.edu](mailto:dsnead@vt.edu) and we'll get them as soon

as we receive them."

She added that they now have their basic infrastructure of drainage, electric and water complete.

"We need to implement a septic system and then we are ready to start construction on the concession stand and restrooms," Snead said. "This will be expensive, but it will make the complex more usable and sustainable for sports and events."

Sports Director Sheri Sloss added, "We need your help more than ever. Please help us use this 'premier' brochure to fund our premier community project."

At CCR&CA they:

- Organize and manage Craig County youth league sports
- Develop the "Craig Field of Dreams" multi-purpose sports complex
- Enhance recreation and conservation opportunities for youth and families
- Provide a basic community service recreation program
- Generate economic development for the County and operate as an all-volunteer, 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

Snead noted that they are proud to say that they have already:

- Purchased 18 acres of Craig County property, surrounded by mountains and bordering Craig Creek

- Developed sports complex ball fields, drainage system, parking lots, electric and water line infrastructure

- Constructed backstop and control fences for three ball diamonds

- Hosted regular league home games as well as tournaments

- Acquired nearly \$2 million in funding from fundraising activities, donations and grants for property acquisition, field development and maintenance.

"We have over 80 volunteer coaches that have provided recreation for thousands of children for over a decade," Sloss proudly shared.

She continued, "Now it is your turn. Together, we can make a difference. Please help us by becoming a Friend of the Field."

Interested individuals may make a one-time donation or an annual contribution. Make checks payable to: CCR&CA Field of Dreams and mail to P.O. Box 371 New Castle, VA 24127, call (540) 864-5047, or catch them on [www.craigcountyrca.com](http://www.craigcountyrca.com), [www.facebook.com/CraigCoRec](http://www.facebook.com/CraigCoRec) or [www.gofundme.com/CraigFieldofDreams](http://www.gofundme.com/CraigFieldofDreams).

Their IRS EIN# 27-3076198 and all donations are tax-deductible.

Their ticket on the new brochure says: "I want to be a 'FRIEND OF THE FIELD' by making a gift of: (Amount) My tax-deductible donation will help ensure our children have a place to experience the joy of sports in the future."

Also, any gifts of \$50 or more will be acknowledged by ballfield fence signs.

"Thanks for being a friend and come join us on the Field," the team shared.

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Said Governor Ralph Northam on Twitter, "Virginia's Native American communities enrich our Commonwealth with their vibrant heritage, diverse contributions and many traditions."

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we can better address the unique challenges they face and recommit to cultivating strong government-to-government relations with Virginia's Indian tribes. Even during these difficult and uncertain times, let us remember that our diverse backgrounds only strengthen the Commonwealth we love."

Governor Northam also released a video message to mark Native American Heritage Month in Virginia, in which he

highlights a portrait from the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts that was unveiled in the Executive Mansion in 2019 depicting former Chief of the Pamunkey Walter Bradby wearing traditional regalia. The work is by Ethan Brown, one of his descendants.

"Virginia Indians are an integral part of our past, present, and future," said Secretary of the Commonwealth Kelly Thomason. "We are committed to working with Virginia's Indian

tribes to protect the health and vitality of these communities and ensure that Virginia remains an inclusive place for all who call the Commonwealth home."

Virginia is home to 11 state-recognized Indian tribes, which include the Cherokee (Nottoway) Indian Tribe, Chickahominy Indian Tribe, Chickahominy Indians Eastern Division, Mattaponi Indian Tribe, Monacan Indian Nation, Nansmond Indian Tribe, Not-

toway Indian Tribe of Virginia, Pamunkey Indian Tribe, Patowmeck Indian Tribe of Virginia, Rappahannock Tribe, and the Upper Mattaponi Indian Tribe. Seven of these tribes are federally recognized.

In October, Governor Northam designated October 12 Indigenous Peoples' Day in the Commonwealth, the first such proclamation in Virginia history. And last year, Governor Northam announced a land ac-

quisition by the Chickahominy Tribe and signed a land trust agreement with the Mattaponi Indian Tribe, two significant actions that help to rectify past wrongs when the Commonwealth allowed their reservation land to be encroached upon and ensure the sustainability of Virginia's Indian tribes for future generations.

-Submitted by Alena Yarmosky, Office of the Governor

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Commonwealth of Virginia VA. CODE § 8.01-316  
**Case No. JJ014065-08-00**  
BOTETOURT JDR DISTRICT COURT Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court Commonwealth of Virginia, in re MOORE, ESA LEE PRICE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA /v. KASHUANA TACKETT  
The object of this suit is to: TERMINATION OF RESIDUAL PARENTAL RIGHTS FOR ESA LEE PRICE MOORE.  
It is ORDERED that KASHUANA TACKETT appear at the above-named Court and protect his or her interests on or before 12/21/2020 01:00 PM.

10/15/2020  
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**Case No. JJ014065-09-00**  
BOTETOURT JDR DISTRICT COURT Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court Commonwealth of Virginia, in re MOORE, ESA LEE PRICE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA /v. UNKNOWN FATHER  
The object of this suit is to: TERMINATION OF RESIDUAL PARENTAL RIGHTS FOR ESA LEE PRICE MOORE.  
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## Legals - Botetourt County

**TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 79 MT. MORIAH ROAD, EAGLE ROCK, VA 24085.**  
In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated December 21, 2007, in the original principal amount of \$87,290.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Botetourt County, Virginia as Instrument No. 070007474 , re-recorded as Instrument No. 080005399.. The undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the front of the Circuit Court building for Botetourt County, Main Street, Fincastle, VA 24090 on December 28, 2020, at 12:30 PM, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows: THAT PARCEL KNOWN AS NEW TAX ID #38(1)6B, CONTAINING 2.617 ACRES AS SET FORTH ON THE PLAT FOR DAN D. CLIFTON AND SHARON B. CLIFTON SHOWING A REALIGNMENT OF PROPERTY LINES BY CHARLES R. MCMURRY, CERTIFIED LAND SURVEYOR, P.C., DATED JANUARY 14, 1998, OF RECORD IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF BOTETOURT, VIRGINIA, IN PLAT BOOK 19, PAGE 13. TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder's deposit of ten percent (10%) of the sale price or ten percent (10%) of the original principal balance of the subject Deed of Trust, whichever is lower, in the form of cash or certified funds payable to the Substitute Trustee must be present at the time of the sale. The balance of the purchase price will be due within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Purchaser's deposit may be forfeited to Trustee. Time is of the essence. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser may, if provided by the terms of the Trustee's Memorandum of Foreclosure Sale, be entitled to a \$50 cancellation fee from the Substitute Trustee, but shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. A form copy of the Trustee's memorandum of foreclosure sale and contract to purchase real property is available for viewing at [www.bwwsales.com](http://www.bwwsales.com). BIDDERS ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO FOLLOW CDC GUIDANCE AND WEAR A COVER OVER BOTH NOSE AND MOUTH AND PRACTICE SOCIAL DISTANCING AT THE AUCTION. Additional terms, if any, to be announced at the sale and the Purchaser may be given the option to execute the contract of sale electronically. This is a communication from a debt collector and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. The sale is subject to seller confirmation. Substitute Trustee: Equity Trustees, LLC, 8100 Three Chopt Road, Suite 240, Richmond, VA 23229. For more information contact: BWW Law Group, LLC, attorneys for Equity Trustees, LLC, 6003 Executive Blvd, Suite 101, Rockville, MD 20852, 301-961-6555, website: [www.bwwsales.com](http://www.bwwsales.com). VA-347301-1.

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## VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CRAIG COUNTY

IN RE: ESTATE OF THELMA C. HOLDREN, DECEASED NOTICE  
Having been requested to do so by Dean M. Gibson., Executor of the estate of Thelma C. Holdren, Deceased, and in accordance with Section 64.2-550 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, all creditors of Thelma C. Holdren, and all persons in any way interested in her estate are hereby notified that I have fixed the 30th day of December, 2020 at 10 o'clock a.m., at my office at 13 South Roanoke Street, Fincastle, Virginia as the time and place for determining an account of the debts and demands against said Thelma C. Holdren or her estate, the priorities among them, and the names of the persons to whom they are due. All creditors of Thelma C. Holdren, deceased, and persons interested in her estate should appear at the time and place named, or any other time or place to which the proceedings may be adjourned, and protect their interest. Given under my hand this the 20th day of November, 2020.

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## Legals - City of Salem

**PUBLIC HEARING**  
The City of Salem School Board will hold a public hearing for comment on the FY 2021-22 budget on Tuesday, December 8th The hearing will begin at 7:00 PM at South Salem Elementary School, 1600 Carolyn Road Salem, VA 24153  
Any citizen of Salem who wishes to address the Board should contact Kathy A. Jordan, Clerk of the Board, at 389-0130 by Friday, December 4, in order to be placed on the agenda. Individuals who plan to address the Board are requested to bring a copy of their remarks for the record.  
In accordance with Board Policy KD, Public Participation in Board Meetings, individuals who plan to address the Board are requested to:  
• provide their name and address,  
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## Legals - Craig County

**ORDER OF PUBLICATION**  
COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA VA. CODE §§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316, -317, 20-104  
**Case No. CA 20-12**  
Craig County Circuit Court 182 Main St. Suite 4, New Castle VA 24127 Commonwealth of Virginia, in re Akira Leanne Nickels William Eugene Songer Michelle Diane Songer v. Derek Lee Nickels  
The object of this suit is to: Adoption  
It is ORDERED that Derek Lee Nickels appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before February 22, 2021 at 11:00 am.

11-6-2020  
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## Legals - Montgomery County

**LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
The Christiansburg Town Council will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, December 8, 2020 at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers of the Christiansburg Town Hall, 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, Virginia 24073. The purpose of the public hearing is to receive public comments concerning:

1. A Rezoning request by Balzer and Associates, Inc., on behalf of RWW36, LLC (applicant), for an approximately 4.306 acre property owned by Mary Maxie Jewell Trust, Mary Stewart, Janet Eperly, Bill Jewell, Trustees, located west of Weddle Way, N.W. (tax map no. 435-A-13). The request is to rezone the property from R-1A, Rural Residential to R-2, Two-Family Residential with proffers in order to create 7 two-family dwelling lots for a total of 14 units as well as a lot designated for stormwater management. The property is designated as Residential on the Future Land Use Map of the 2013 Christiansburg Comprehensive Plan.
2. A proposed ordinance to amend Chapter 42, "Zoning" of the Christiansburg Town Code for the purpose of clarifying the allowance of structural projections such as awnings, canopies, roof eaves, gutters, architectural features, porches, and decks into minimum required yards.

Town Hall will be open and available to receive public comment in-person at the time of this Public Hearing. Additionally, the meeting will be streamed live on the Town of Christiansburg's YouTube channel at [www.christiansburg.org/youtube](http://www.christiansburg.org/youtube) and will remain on the Town's YouTube page once the meeting concludes. For information on contactless methods for submitting public comment, please visit [www.christiansburg.org/publichearings](http://www.christiansburg.org/publichearings).

Copies of the application and the draft ordinance amendment are available for review at the following link: [www.christiansburg.org/publichearings](http://www.christiansburg.org/publichearings). A copy of the application, the draft ordinance amendment, the Town's Zoning Map, Zoning Ordinance, and Future Land Use Map may be viewed in the Planning Department Office, 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, VA 24073 during normal office hours of 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Contact Andrew Warren, Assistant Town Manager, by phone at (540) 382-6120 ext. 1130 or by email at [awarren@christiansburg.org](mailto:awarren@christiansburg.org) with any questions or if you require reasonable accommodations

## ORDER OF PUBLICATION

Commonwealth of Virginia VA. CODE § 8.01-316  
**Case No. JJ004494-01-00 & JJ004494-02-00**  
RADFORD J&DR- JUVENILE DIVISION Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court Commonwealth of Virginia, in re CARSTENS-ZIEGLER, ARIANA LEIGH EAST, AMANDA /v. CARSTENS, RICHARD FRANK; III  
The object of this suit is to: GAIN CUSTODY.

10/30/2020  
Sally Davis  
Clerk

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It is ORDERED that CARSTENS, RICHARD FRANK; III appear at the above-named Court and protect his or her interests on or before 2/16/2021 2:00 pm.

10/30/2020  
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Clerk

## Legals - Montgomery County

**ORDER OF PUBLICATION**  
Commonwealth of Virginia VA. CODE § 8.01-316  
**Case No. JJ004492-01-00 & JJ004492-02-00**  
RADFORD J&DR- JUVENILE DIVISION Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court Commonwealth of Virginia, in re BOWLING, ALAYNA DAWN RENEE HILL, STEPHANIE /v. LAPP, KRISTEN

The object of this suit is to: LOCATE PARENTS.

It is ORDERED that LAPP, KRISTEN appear at the above-named Court and protect his or her interests on or before 1/19/2021 2:00pm.

11/16/2020  
Sally Davis  
Clerk

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## Legals - Town of Vinton

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## Brian Hoffman column

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of those two. I get a dozen or so Spanish speaking channels and international soccer games and the golf channel. I watch old Jack Benny and Groucho Marx shows on the Jewish station and every gangster or Nazi known to exist is on some channel or another late at night. But the “Triller” channel? Is that 24 hours of Michael Jackson dancing or what?

I found the easiest way to get the fight was on pay per view, and you could buy it for “only” \$49.99. If you think 50 bucks is a little steep to see two guys box whose combined ages are 105, join the club. I wonder if anyone actually signed up for that? Not me.

As most of you realize, Tyson is one bizarre character. Anyone who gets tattoos on their face is either a couple bricks shy of a load or planning to be in prison for a good number of years. From what I understand if you’re in prison and you look really crazy they’ll leave you alone. Never been there so I can’t say for sure.

Tyson was at one time the heavyweight champ and a feared opponent, but that was many years ago. His explanation for his return to the ring is as strange as the man himself. He claims “Toad Venom” made him do it.

“I took the medicine, and the medicine told me to get into shape,” he said, via USA Today. “It really blew my mind. It told me to come back and start getting in shape.”

Now I went to college in the ’70s and I did some things I’d just as soon not reveal in my column, but “Toad Venom” was never an option in my social life. I never heard of it, or knew toads had venom to begin with. After some research I found the following on the internet.

“The Addiction Center released a report in October 2019 calling toad venom a ‘trendy new psychedelic’ and comparing it to mescaline. The drug comes from a toad native to the Sonoran Desert that produces venom known as 5-MeO-DMT. It’s reportedly about six times more powerful than the hallucinogenic DMT, or n-n-dimethyltryptamine.”

If you can understand that you did better in chemistry than I did, and that’s not a misprint, the two n’s are like that. Sounds to me like it’s something you might take before a Pink Floyd concert. I would think its likely illegal, but so strange there might not be a law to cover it. Can you see a security guard stopping you at the door and asking, “hey buddy, what’s that croaking under your sweatshirt?”

The internet study I found went on to report. . . . “It’s such an intense experience that, in most cases, doing it at a party isn’t safe. It’s not a recreational drug. If people get dosed too high, they can ‘white out’ and disassociate from their mind and body,” Alan K. Davis, a clinical psychologist and assistant professor at Johns Hopkins University’s psychedelic research unit, said in the report.

I knew some folks who would pay good money to feel like that, borrowing a line from Christopher Lloyd’s “Reverend Jim” character in the classic TV sitcom “Taxi.” Most of them never graduated but they were a lot of fun to be around until they flunked out.

I wonder if they checked the fighters for toad venom prior to Saturday night’s “big bout?” From what I read Tyson won the early rounds before Jones came on in the last few to earn the draw. Tyson hasn’t ruled out fighting again, but only exhibitions and not as a professional. I guess it depends on how many toads they can find in the desert.

Also on the card was a bout between someone named Jake Paul and former NBA basketball player Nate Robinson, who was known for his thrilling dunks despite being one of the shortest players in the league. Paul knocked Robinson out with a “brutal right hook” in the second round, leaving the former baller unconscious. I guess playing for the Knicks doesn’t seem so bad after that.

And that’s the way things are in 2020. Maybe instead of stimulus checks they ought to send everyone a little toad venom to help get us through the year.

Croak, croak!!!

### HOKIES LOOKED GOOD AGAINST VILLANOVA

Only in 2020 could a Virginia Tech team beat third ranked Villanova in basketball and a day later Richmond beats Kentucky while Virginia, who’s supposed to win, loses to San Francisco!

Did you watch the Hokies on Saturday night? They were expecting to play Temple at the Mohegan Sun casino and resort in Connecticut and you know most of the money was on the Wildcats. The majority of Tech’s players are newcomers in the era of the “transfer portal,” and with the virus raging I can’t see where there was much chance to develop teamwork this early in the season.

However, the Hokies took it to the Wildcats for an impressive 81-73 overtime win that had a bizarre finish to regulation play. Tech’s Keve Aluma put the Hokies up by a point with 1.3 seconds on the clock and was fouled in the process. Aluma went to the line and the folks on the broadcast suggested he miss the free throw, giving Villanova 1.3 seconds to snatch the rebound and score at the other end, a near impossible scenario.

Aluma was told to miss the free throw, but it banked in anyway for a two point lead. Then, Villanova ran the baseline on the ensuing throw in and drew a foul on Tech’s Justyn Mutts, who was guarding the inbounds pass. The Wildcats made two free throws at the other end to tie the game and send it into overtime.

At that point, I expected third-ranked Villanova would be so glad to be in overtime they would turn it up a notch and escape with a win. But not so, the Hokies dominated the OT and came out with a huge win.

When Aluma went to the line I was thinking how I might miss a free throw on purpose in that situation. Instead of shooting it straight and trying to make it long or short, I figured the best way would be to move right from my normal spot and shoot it as usual, trying to hit the side of the rim. I’m going to have to practice that on my court at home to see how that would work.

Whatever, it was a great win for Tech and you have to give coach Mike Young lots of credit for having this good a team in just his second year as coach.

What was the name of that last coach that left for Texas A&M? I can’t remember, but Mike Young certainly has the Tech fans buzzing.



ALYSSA INGERSON

## ODAC unveils winter sports schedules

The Old Dominion Athletic Conference (ODAC) has released the 2020-21 Winter Sport schedules. Men’s and women’s basketball are slated to begin on January 23rd while the individual sports of swimming and track & field are also addressed. The schedules, as approved by the ODAC President’s Council, are subject to change due to various protocols, institutional decisions, and other factors as they pertain to the COVID-19 pandemic.

January 23rd is the date that the conference has landed on for the beginning of competition for both men’s and women’s basketball. Roanoke College is scheduled to start the men’s basketball

season with a home game against their arch rivals from Hampden-Sydney, while the women will start the 2020-21 campaign with a three-game road swing. The basketball regular season will conclude on Saturday, February 27th, with a four-team conference tournament taking place March 4-6.

The ODAC and the conference swim coaches are finalizing a championship structure that would allow for competition over a two or three-day period. The championship format will be modified from its normal structure and the proposed timeline for the event is the weekend of March 5th.

ODAC leadership voted to eliminate the conference’s indoor

championship this spring on the recommendation of the track & field coaches committee. Roanoke College can still compete indoors as opportunities present themselves and those events will be listed on the website as they become available. Any indoor competition will be a part of a larger ODAC season that includes outdoor track & field.

The ODAC intends to conduct its normally scheduled outdoor championship. At this time, spring sports schedules have not been altered from their original formats. All ODAC and NCAA championship opportunities also still remain.

As with everything this year, the schedules are subject to change.

## Sox will show Christmas movies at Salem Memorial

The Salem Red Sox have announced their newest upcoming event at Salem Memorial Ballpark, Salem Sox Cinema Series. The series includes three screenings of holiday film favorites in a unique ballpark setting, featuring all the ballpark concession favorites.

The event kicks off this Saturday, December 5th, with Polar Express, presented by Virginia Birth Father Registry. The second screening will be on December 12th with Elf, presented by Metis. The Salem Sox Cinema Series will wrap up on December 19th with National Lampoon’s Christmas Vacation, presented by Virginia Birth Father Registry.

Join the Salem Red Sox and jump into the holiday season by celebrating with your friends and family at the ballpark. Gates open at 4 pm and the movie will begin at 6 pm. While admission is free, the Salem Red Sox will be collecting food donations at each event for Feeding America Southwest Virginia.

Due to the current capacity restrictions, seating will be limited to 250. The Salem Red Sox are currently accepting reservations for suites starting at just \$75. Suites feature waitress service, indoor & outdoor seating, and will guarantee admission for up to 10 guests. Suite availability is very limited.

“The Salem Red Sox are excited to welcome guests to the ballpark as we celebrate this holiday season in a safe, family-friendly environment,” said General Manager, Allen Lawrence. “We hope families will be able to join us to take their minds off this challenging year and make everlasting memories with loved ones.”

The Salem Red Sox will be following all statewide safety measures, distancing guidelines and CDC recommendations. Masks are highly encouraged.



These local cricket fans recently got a game in at Green Hill Park before the winter sets in. PHOTOS BY B. HOFFMAN



## VHSL clarifies “spectators” and “participants” in Governor’s order

The Virginia High School League (VHSL) has clarified the difference between spectators and participants in regard to Virginia Governor Northam’s new statewide measure to contain COVID-19. Specifically the VHSL has addressed the reduction from 250 to 25 spectators for in-person gatherings at VHSL sports and activities.

The reduction in public and private gatherings to 25 individuals applies to “spectators” and does not include participants at those events. The Governor’s order defines “participants” as players, coaches, officials, school event staff and school administration critical to the operations of the contests, media, law enforcement,

and medical services. Cheerleaders, pep bands, etc., and other student support groups, are counted as spectators in the limit of 25 allowed at events.

According to Amended Executive Order 67 guidelines for recreational sports, which emphasizes that sports activities are permitted but must comply with the following requirements:

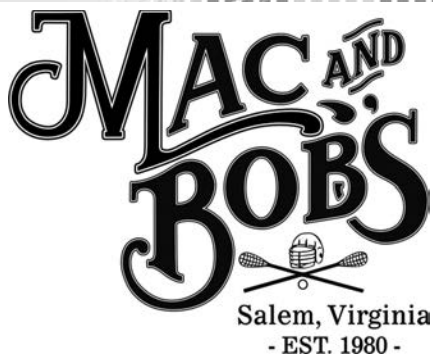
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The Quick Change (see story)





## 2 WINNERS

There's a lot to report this week as due to Thanksgiving it was too late to determine the winner for the November 19 contest. So, we have two winners to report.

We'll use "FIFO," as I learned in economics class at Roanoke College. That means "First In, First Out," as opposed to "LIFO," and you can figure that one out yourself. So, first in and first

out is the winner from the contest of two weeks ago, and that's Salem's Bobby Moir.

Bobby missed four games and was tied with several for the week. His high point total guess of 49 was just two off the actual high of 47 in Pitt's win over the Hokies, so Bobby gets the \$50 gift certificate from Mac & Bob's and the blizzard from Dairy Queen in Salem.

For the December 26 contest no tie-breaker was needed, as Mike Cassell missed just one game to take the gift certificate and blizzard. There were three "gimmes" last week as three games were post-

poned or cancelled due to the virus, and please don't be a weissenheimer about having those games included. Due to early Thanksgiving deadlines I had to pick the games a week before the contest so there was little chance to replace them when they were called off.

For last week's "Quick Change" contest I asked you to guess which NFL quarterback had the most passing yards for the week. Patrick Mahomes almost had it in the first half as he rolled up 462 passing yards in Kansas City's win over Tampa Bay last week. Ironically, Tom Brady of the Bucs passed for 345 yards in

the same game and that was second for the week.

Many of you picked Mahomes, who is having an MVP-type season, so it came down to the tie-breaker and that went to T.J. Beason Myers of Salem. She had Mahomes and 384 yards, which would be a great day on most occasions.

On this week that was 78 yards shy of Mahomes' actual total but closer than anyone else who picked the Chiefs' quarterback in our contest. So, T.J. gets the free oil change from Valvoline in Salem.

For this week's question we'll keep it on the ground. Who will have

the most rushing yards among all NFL backs, and how many? The closest gets a free oil change.

And, by the way, please note the Pittsburgh-Baltimore game on Wednesday doesn't count for this week, if they do indeed play. —Brian Hoffman



## Good start for Hokie Hoops

Following a 3-0 start to the season and a big win on its resume, the Virginia Tech men's basketball team finds itself ranked No. 16 in the country, according to the AP Top 25 poll, which was announced on Monday. Tech enters the poll for the first time in two years, finishing No. 16 in the final poll after its Sweet 16 run in the 2019 NCAA Tournament. The highest the Hokies climbed during that historic season was No. 9 in the month of January. Tech opened with a 77-62 win over Radford in Blacksburg, then upset third ranked Villanova in Uncasville, Connecticut on Saturday night, 81-73 in overtime. Tech then beat South Florida in Uncasville on Sunday, 76-58. Above, Cartier Diarra of Tech (#2) goes to the bucket in the win over Radford. The Hokies will be back in action on Thursday at home, taking on VMI (1-1) at 8 pm on the ACC Network.

ACC PHOTO

## Rec. basketball season cancelled

The City of Salem Parks and Recreation Department has announced that the 2020 youth basketball season has been cancelled.

"This is a difficult decision, but one that our staff unanimously agreed to make due to the current COVID-19 conditions in the region," said director John Shaner. "The Director of the Roanoke and Alleghany Health Districts, that includes Salem, has told us that playing indoors, even with limited participants, would not be safe. It is in the best interest of our players, volunteer coaches, staff and community as a whole to cancel the season."

"While we are still as dedicated as ever to providing the youth of Salem quality athletic programs, the safety of all those involved in these programs must come first," said Shaner in a city press release. "Please accept our sincerest apologies and know that we are committed to offering youth sports programs and other activities once again this spring, if conditions improve as expected. We appreciate your understanding as we strive to balance the needs of our youth with the health and safety of all who take part in those programs."

Refunds will be promptly made for those who registered online. Interested persons are asked to contact the Parks and Recreation Department for any other questions.



## Glenvar's Harris picks the Hornets

Glenvar High School senior Olivia Harris has chosen the University of Lynchburg to continue her education and basketball career. Olivia will officially sign to play for the Hornets in a ceremony at the Glenvar High School gym on December 16.

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## High School basketball coaches hopeful practice will begin Monday

Ready or not, high school basketball practices for both boys and girls are scheduled to begin next Monday, December 7. It's fitting that "Pearl Harbor Day" will mark the occasion, because most folks think there will be surprises to deal with due to the pandemic.

As of now the teams will be practicing under "Phase 2" guidelines. Each player must have their own basketball and there's no sharing or team play. Micah Boyd was just recently named as coach of the Salem High boys' team and that makes things especially tough as he tries to assemble a team.

"We will be planning to start tryouts and practice on Monday," said Boyd. "Currently we check temperatures and symptoms of every player, coach, and individual as they enter the gym and this will continue."

"Also, depending on what administration tells us, we will have a variety of requirements. The current plan is that each player will have their own ball that they will use without sharing. Social distancing will be required so our practice and tryouts will be similar to

individual workouts. We will continue to work on our individual skills. I know that we will make the most out of our time in the gym and continue to grow as players and as a team."

The Salem boys and girls are both scheduled to open the season on Monday, December 21, against Lord Botetourt. The boys will be at home and the girls, under first year coach Berlyn Seitz, will open in Daleville.

"We are moving forward with tryouts continuing as we have been practicing under Phase 2 and the Region 6 school district guidelines," said Seitz. "Tryouts will not look the same because of this, not being able to pass, play defense, compete in small sided games, etc.. As we move forward with those guidelines we have our fingers crossed for games in our future."

Glenvar will also open against Botetourt County teams on December 21 as the girls travel to James River and the Highlanders host the River boys at GHS. Both Glenvar boys' coach Todd Mann and girls' coach Jeff Johnson are planning as if the season will begin

as scheduled.

"We are still planning to begin (practice Monday)," said Mann. "We are in Phase 2 so that means we can't share a ball and we have to mask up when not conditioning. We must stay six feet apart when non-active and 10 feet apart when active. It's going to be a tough time, for sure."

Johnson echoed those sentiments.

"Ideally we'll go to Phase 3 soon but there's no guarantee that will happen," he said. "Until then we'll rotate stations with one shooting, one dribbling and one passing off the wall. We'll also do speed and agility drills and work in the weight room."

Practices for high school wrestling, swimming, sideline cheering and indoor track are scheduled to begin on December 14.

At present, Andrew Lewis Middle School is going to prepare as if the winter sports season will commence as scheduled beginning with basketball tryouts on Monday, December 7, and wrestling tryouts starting a week later on December 14.

*Brian Hoffman*



## Salem loses two iconic figures

While we were giving thanks for our blessings in the past week two members of the Salem sports family passed away. Salem's Terry Murphy left us the day before Thanksgiving and Glenvar athletic director Richard McElwee passed on Saturday.

Murphy, 67, was a well-known figure in Salem. He played football for old Andrew Lewis High School and was a big Salem fan. His son, Ryan (Bubba), played for Salem and is now an assis-

him.

Condolences to wife Kathy, a long time Salem employee in the recreation department, daughters Laura and Erin, son Ryan and all other members of the Murphy family, both by blood and just by being folks who loved Salem. Terry loved Salem as much as anyone I've known.

Ironically, I ran a photo of Terry in this column just two weeks ago from when Paul Hornung was a speaker at the 1994 Stagg Bowl. Murph, Charlie Hammersley and myself were in charge of ushering the late Packer great around and Terry was excited to meet a former Notre Dame player, as he was also a big fan of the Irish. Little did I know that less than a week later Terry wouldn't be with us anymore, and it was with a heavy heart that I learned of his passing last week. He will be greatly missed.

McElwee, who was 59, was the athletic director at Glenvar for the past



**Richard McElwee takes in the Glenvar boys' basketball game at the 2020 Adam Ward classic despite recovering from a broken leg while undergoing chemotherapy.**

PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Ironically, McElwee never smoked or drank in his life and was very health conscious. He had a run of bad luck that ended last weekend and he'll be missed by all who knew him. If you have good health, that's something you should be very thankful for.

"With what he went through, he was one of the toughest people I've ever known," said Brown. "He had so many reasons to just say 'forget it,' but he came to work every day with a smile. The hope was that he'd be back."

### ARCHER REMEMBERS

Last week's column on the VPI-VMI football rivalry brought back some memories for Salem's Bob Archer.

"Hey Brian, really enjoyed your article in this week's Salem Times Register," wrote Bob in an e-mail. "I am pretty certain I was in that VPI formation on the field as a freshman (Rat) in '66 (in picture)."

"Fond memories, always excited to arrive in Roanoke, march over the viaduct to Jefferson Street and break for lunch, usually S & W Cafeteria I believe. Then form up and march to Victory Stadium for the game."

"I'm with Burks Logan on Victory Stadium, should have found way to upgrade and keep. I played too many games there with Andrew Lewis. By the way, Burks was one of my first sandlot coaches in Salem."

Archer included a photo from the

1968 Thanksgiving Day game at Victory Stadium.

"That's me leading I Company into Victory Stadium for VMI game, November 1968," he wrote.

### PUNCHING FOR SUCKERS

Today is day 263 AG, or eight and a half months "After Gobert" came down with the virus and the Utah Jazz walked off the court. Since then sports events have become a week to week adventure with few or no fans in the seats and many things being called off.

It's been better lately, at least for fans, with some decent stuff to watch on TV. Remember how it was back in mid-summer, when Korean baseball was a highlight of the week and most of the sports we watched were replays of games from years gone by? Well, last week's fight between Mike Tyson and Roy Jones, Jr. was something that would have been a big event in June but not now.

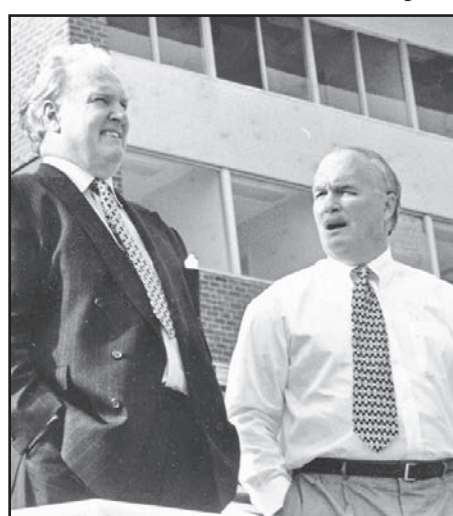
Tyson, 54, and Jones, 51 fought to a draw over eight two-minute rounds in Los Angeles Saturday night. I discovered this "event" was going to happen last Friday and thought it might be interesting to tune in. So, I checked to see what channel it would be on and found it to be on "FITE TV" and "Triller."

I get hundreds and hundreds of channels on my TV but I never even heard

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**A recent photo of Terry Murphy (left), and spending the day with Paul Hornung (left in photo) prior to the 1994 Stagg Bowl.**



tant to coach Don Holter with the Spartans.

I knew "Murph" for close to 50 years. When I moved to Salem full-time, after graduating from Roanoke College in 1974, I shared an apartment with Denton Willard, another long-time Salem athlete who played basketball for RC. Denton was a member of the legendary Salem A's fast-pitch softball teams and many of the first Salemites I got to know were on that team, including Terry. I loved watching the games at Oakey Field and partying with my new-found friends.

Murph was a big Dallas Cowboys fan, as were many Lewis players from his era. I always suspected that a reason was the Andrew Lewis uniforms of his day, which closely resembled the Dallas ones, with an "AL" instead of the star on the helmets. As an Eagles fan the Cowboys are probably my least favorite team, but I always thought they had cool uniforms none the less.

Terry never resisted good-natured jabs at me about rooting for the Eagles. I can remember years ago the Spartans were playing a football game at Victory Stadium. I went around the back to use the restroom and Murphy and the gang spotted me from the top row of the stadium on the home side. He hollered down, "Hey Hoop, what's that on your hat?" I took off my Eagles hat to examine it and see what was the matter as he declared, in a voice everyone around me could hear, "I think someone took a \$#!% on it." With that everyone in the area roared with laughter.

Murph was a regular at Mac & Bob's, with a seat at the "Dinosaur Corner" that will strangely be empty when things get back to normal. He had no qualms about giving his opinion on any topic that came up and gave the bar a real "Cheers" atmosphere. It certainly won't be the same without

14 years. He was a high school sports standout at Bath County and played baseball at Eastern Mennonite. He came to the Highlanders with a stellar coaching resume at his alma mater as well as Auburn High and the EMU women's basketball team, taking the Royals to a Division III Sweet 16.

Richard came to Glenvar as girls' basketball coach and shortly thereafter was named athletic director, a position he still held upon his death. He battled cancer for the past seven years but that never stopped him from doing his job. Just this fall he was e-mailing me Glenvar schedules while waiting for an operation for a tumor on his spine. His cancer advanced from his kidney to his lungs to his spine and all the while he showed up for work with a good attitude and did his job. With all that, he also broke his leg in a fall last January but still managed to show up in a wheelchair for the "Adam Ward Classic" basketball tournament at Salem High to watch the Highlanders.

"He was a great friend and one of the most humble men I've ever met," said GHS assistant principal Tyler Brown, who graduated from Glenvar and also coached football. Tyler and principal Corie Franklin have been filling in for McElwee after his latest surgeries.

"Richard was someone you could talk to," said Brown. "He was much more than just a sports guy. He would talk to you about life, and that's what I'll miss the most."

Glenvar football coach Kevin Clifford came to Glenvar about the same time as McElwee.

"He cared about people more than people realized," said Clifford. "He was a good person and we shared a lot of moments together. He was a real sports junkie and a good AD when it came to logistical things. As football coach, having a person like that to lean on was nice."



**Salem's Bob Archer leads the Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets around the Victory Stadium track as part of the Thanksgiving Day football festivities in 1968.**