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Remembering Salem 2020

Local students matched with employers through apprenticeship showcase



PHOTO BY SHAWN NOWLIN

Over 400 students and parents attended the apprenticeship showcase.

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(Published on January 23, 2020) Salem City, Roanoke and Roanoke County Public Schools are all committed to providing students with resources to help them once they graduate with their high school diploma.

On January 16, students from almost every high school throughout the Roanoke Valley gathered at the Green Ridge Recreation Center to partake in a student reg-

istered apprenticeship showcase. Among the Salem businesses that participated were G&H Contracting, Medeco Security Locks and Graham White Manufacturing.

The purpose of the Student Registered Apprenticeship Showcase, according to Mark Jones, was to link students interested in potential long-term careers with employers who are thinking 'outside the box' to fill critical needs in their workforce. As the Supervisor of Career and Technical Education for Roanoke

County Public Schools (RCPS), Jones is responsible for overseeing all areas of business, marketing, family and consumer science as well as trade and industrial education.

"Employers are looking for a pipeline of young talent to fill vacancies in their companies, often caused by the emerging 'Silver Tsunami' of retiring workers. When these long-time employees leave, there is not only the physical absence of a worker, but also a loss of knowledge gained from years of experience," Jones said. "An apprenticeship gives students the opportunity to learn from these experienced workers and gain the upper hand in the workforce."

Unlike an internship, which is typically part-time, a student registered apprenticeship is a full-time, paid employment opportunity that usually allows students to earn college credits. Director of Career & Technical Education Jason Suhr has been asked several times what the difference is between the two.

"A student who is fortunate to be chosen by a company will then work with their school counselor and the business to work out a schedule that will allow the stu-

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School Division announces leadership changes for 2020-2021 school year

(Published on March 26, 2020) Salem Superintendent, Dr. Alan Seibert, recently announced that the members of the Salem School Board formally approved three appointments during the division's meeting.

Michelle Palleria will continue as the Assistant Principal at G.W. Carver Elementary, but now without her interim title. Marcus Crowder will move into administration as the Assistant Principal at West Salem Elementary and the versatile Sara Epperly will return to lead the English Learner and Preschool programs for the division.

Epperly, who is taking this current school year off to be with her young children and work on her doctorate, has served the division as an assistant principal at both Andrew Lewis Middle and G.W. Carver Elementary. She graduated from Salem High School in 2001 and then earned three degrees from the University of Virginia. Epperly is proficient in both Mandarin and Spanish and she has taught in China, Bangladesh and Charlottesville. She also has worked with students and adults in Poland, Argentina and New Orleans.

"Focused coordination of Preschool and English Learner programs will yield better educational experiences for deserving children and families in our community," said Epperly. "I am proud to be part of a school division that prioritizes growth and service in these emergent areas of public education. I look forward to applying my experience, skill and passion to this work."

The number of English Learners in Salem City Schools has increased 352 percent since the 2006-2007 school year. Epperly will teach students at Salem High School and provide leadership to programs across all grade levels as the Coordinator of Preschool and English Learner programs.

"Both the Virginia House and Senate budgets include investments in Preschool and English Learner programs to accompany new staffing requirements statewide," said Seibert. "We are fortunate to have someone with Ms. Epperly's skill set and passion overseeing these areas for our families."

Epperly's new role will allow Palleria to remain at G.W. Carver as the school's assistant principal. Before moving into her current administrative role, Palleria taught 4th grade for 20 years at Carver. She earned her bachelor's from Virginia Tech and her master's from the University of Scranton after graduating from Salem High School. Her husband, Bob, is a teacher at Andrew Lewis.

"For anyone who has had the privilege of being part of Carver, they know



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Michelle Palleria



Marcus Crowder



Sara Epperly

what a special place it is," said Palleria. "I've been fortunate enough to be part of the Carver Family for 21 years, and I am honored to continue to serve our students and faculty."

Crowder will move into administration at West Salem Elementary after making his mark as a third-grade teacher at East Salem for the past six years. In 2018, he was named East's Teacher of the Year by his peers.

"I am thankful for my time at East Salem Elementary, where I have been fortunate to work with such a talented staff, an amazing group of students and so many wonderful families," said Crowder. "The school and the community inspired me every day."

Crowder is an Augusta County native who earned his bachelor's and master's degrees from James Madison University. In many ways, he is carrying on the family tradition in the Crowder household. Both of his parents are lifelong educators and his wife, Katie, is a teacher at South Salem Elementary.

"I am excited for this new opportunity and I look forward to working with and getting to know the staff, students and families of the West Salem community," said Crowder. "I am eager to learn and work with the teachers and staff on a day-to-day basis to create a positive school environment where students leave inspired to make a difference in our world."

All three appointments will take effect on July 1, 2020.

-Submitted by Mike Stevens, City of Salem Communications Director

Mac & Bob's Restaurant to appear on NBC News' "Today" show

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(Published on February 20, 2020) What does President Barack Obama, basketball legend LeBron James, actor Tom Cruise and Mac & Bob's Restaurant in Salem all have in common? They all have been featured on NBC News' "Today" show.

How did Mac & Bob's appear on the fifth-longest running American television series of all time? As co-owner Bob Rotanz explained it, "Salem native Alex Hoyt asked me back in December 2018 if he could write an article

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PHOTO BY SHAWN NOWLIN

NBC News Correspondent Kevin Tibbles interviewing the "lemonade kids."

Statewide stay at home order issued by Governor Northam, Salem reports first COVID-19 case

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(Published on April 2, 2020) At approximately 2 p.m. on March 30, Governor Ralph Northam issued a statewide stay at home order. People should leave their homes, Northam outlined in Executive Order Fifty-Three, only to obtain food and supplies, care for family, work, medical care or exercise.

Gatherings of more than ten



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Gov. Northam's order will remain active until June 10, unless it is later rescinded or amended.

people are banned, and a Class 1 misdemeanor can be charged to any person who fails to obey. Businesses that cannot properly follow the social distancing order are required to close. Institutions of higher learning are instructed to cease in-person classes. Gov. Northam's order will remain active until June 10, unless it is later rescinded or amended.

"We are in a public health crisis, and we need everyone to take this seriously and act responsibly," Northam said. "Our message to Virginians is clear: stay home. We know this virus spreads primarily through human-to-human contact, and that's why it's so important that people follow this order and practice social distancing. I'm deeply grateful to everyone for their cooperation during this unprecedented and difficult time."

More than 12,000 Virginians have been tested, and 30 people have died because of COVID-19. As of Wednesday morning, Virginia has documented roughly 1,100 confirmed cases of coronavirus, and that includes a City of Salem employee who works in the Street & General Maintenance Department. The individual is currently being treated at LewisGale Medical Center.

"Our top priority is protecting our patients, clinicians, nurses and colleagues so we can best serve our communities through the duration of this pandemic," noted Lance Jones, LewisGale CEO.

Said a city spokesperson, "Because social distancing procedures, including the separation of work crews and staggered start times to the workday, were in place when this employee became ill, the potential spread of the virus was contained to very few employees. The infected employee's co-workers are now self-quarantined."

Because Virginia only has 18,500 beds, including 2,000 ICU beds, officials say the state is not yet at the point where it can give a test to everyone. To provide the latest updates, Governor Northam will be issuing regularly scheduled briefings at 2 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

"This positive test shows each of us that no community or workplace is immune to the virus," Salem City Manager Jay Taliaferro said. "We ask that you keep this employee in your thoughts and prayers, and continue to be vigilant and practice protective measures in your daily lives."

Hale's Music School offering virtual lessons



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Hale's Music School Violin Instructor Camellia Delk perfecting her craft.



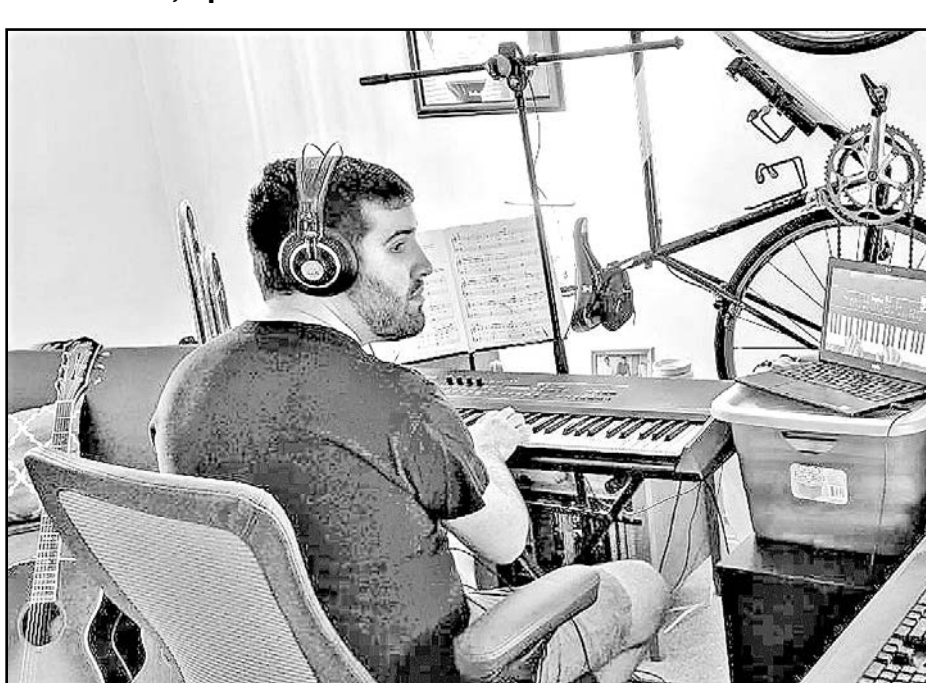
Hale's Music School Violin Instructor Camellia Delk perfecting her craft.



Lauren Milburn, a piano and flute instructor



Ayla Douglas, a voice and piano instructor



Stefan Castro, a brass and piano instructor



Drum instructor Van Hofmann

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(Published on August 6, 2020) Since 2017, Hale's Music School at 902 S. College Ave. in Salem has been around. When the coronavirus pandemic began, the music school temporarily had to change its teaching platform. Making the switch from in-person instructions to virtual lessons was initially an adjustment for owner Kris Hale and his employees. Figuring out the required logistics required several weeks of preparation. "At first, we moved our

music lessons over to an online platform with Zoom, Skype, Facetime and Google Hangouts. From March through July, some teachers began teaching remotely. This month we are offering both online and in-person lessons to students throughout Salem and all over the country," he said. All seven of Hale's Music School instructors – Camellia Delk, Lauren Milburn, Stefan Castro, Ayla Douglas, Van Hofmann, Bryan Dowd and Kris – are professional music educators that hold or are currently working towards de-

grees in music education and performance. Hale's Music School is currently offering online lessons that are open to anyone, from beginners to experienced artists. Private guitar, piano, banjo, flute, saxophone, trumpet and trombone lessons are available, among many others. Kris is hopeful that the virtual classes will help people get through the coronavirus pandemic. Like thousands of others in Salem, Kris is a parent. He says COVID-19 has changed how he approaches education, socialization and recreation.

When he was nine, Kris received his first guitar. My love of music started around that age, he said before adding, I used to sing along to my favorite songs on the radio and MTV. Since graduating from high school, Kris has earned both a Bachelor and a Masters in Music Performance and traveled the United States to participate in guitar education seminars. He's also taught guitar at Emory & Henry College, Radford University, University of Lynchburg and Roanoke College. "Although I play and teach over six instruments, my fa-

vorite has always been the guitar, whether it is rock, blues, jazz or classical. It has always spoken the loudest to me," Kris said. "Growing up, I regularly listened to rockers like Slash, Jimi Hendrix, Joe Stratrani, Steve Vai and Kirk Hammett to David Gilmore and BB King to the classical guys like Julian Bream, John Williams and David Russell." Hale's Music School has been voted "Best Music Lessons in the Roanoke Valley" for 2019 and 2020. For more information, visit the Hale's Music School Facebook page or halesmusicschool.com.

Council appropriates money for Main Street improvements

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Contributing writer
(Published on September 17, 2020) At its Sept. 14 meeting, Council members appropriated money

for Main Street improvements and business grant programs. Work has already started on the sidewalk on the north side of East Main Street at Broad, where side-

walks are being replaced with brick ones. The project uses \$600,000 in federal funding and local matches. The money will go for streetscape and improve-

ments to the intersection of Broad and East Main to the east side of White Oak Alley. Plans are for wider sidewalks, landscaping and new lighting.

Farther out on East Main between Thompson Memorial Drive and Brand Avenue, work is almost complete, Salem City Manager Jay Taliaferro told Council. There are side-

walks, bike lanes and turning lanes. Decorative street lamps, landscaping and bumped-out sidewalks to provide outdoor dining areas and benches are also part of the renovations.

Council also heard from Vice Mayor Jim Wallace that the city will spend another \$500,000 of CARES Act money provided because of COVID for the city's small business assistance grant program. This is the second round of funding.

Councilmembers agreed to pay \$2,000 to full-time first responders during the pandemic, and \$1,000 to other full-time employees. Council is still discussing how much money part-time employees will get. At the start of the meeting, Council got to see and express appreciation to those who developed technology that received the Governor's Technology Award and another from Public Technology Institute Solutions.

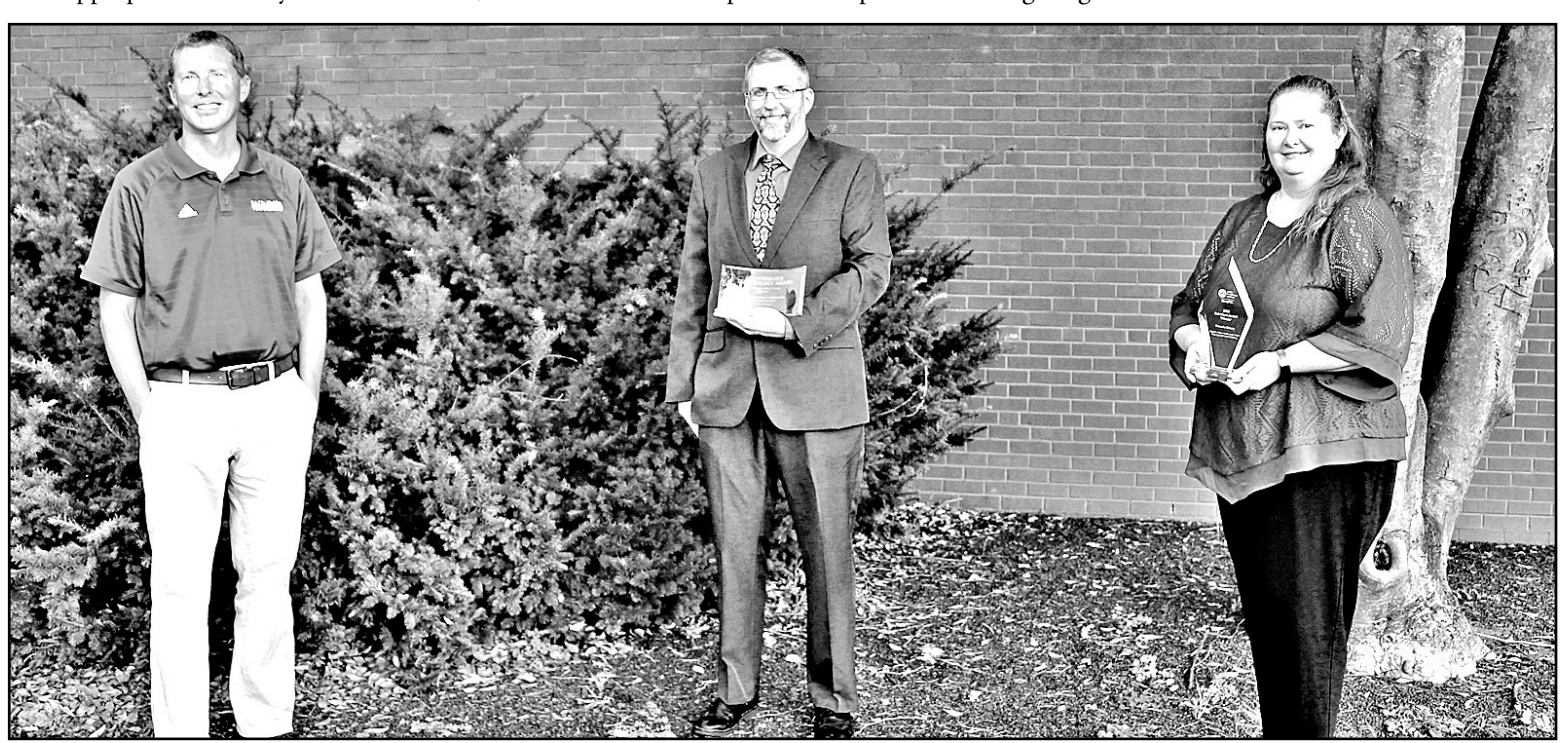


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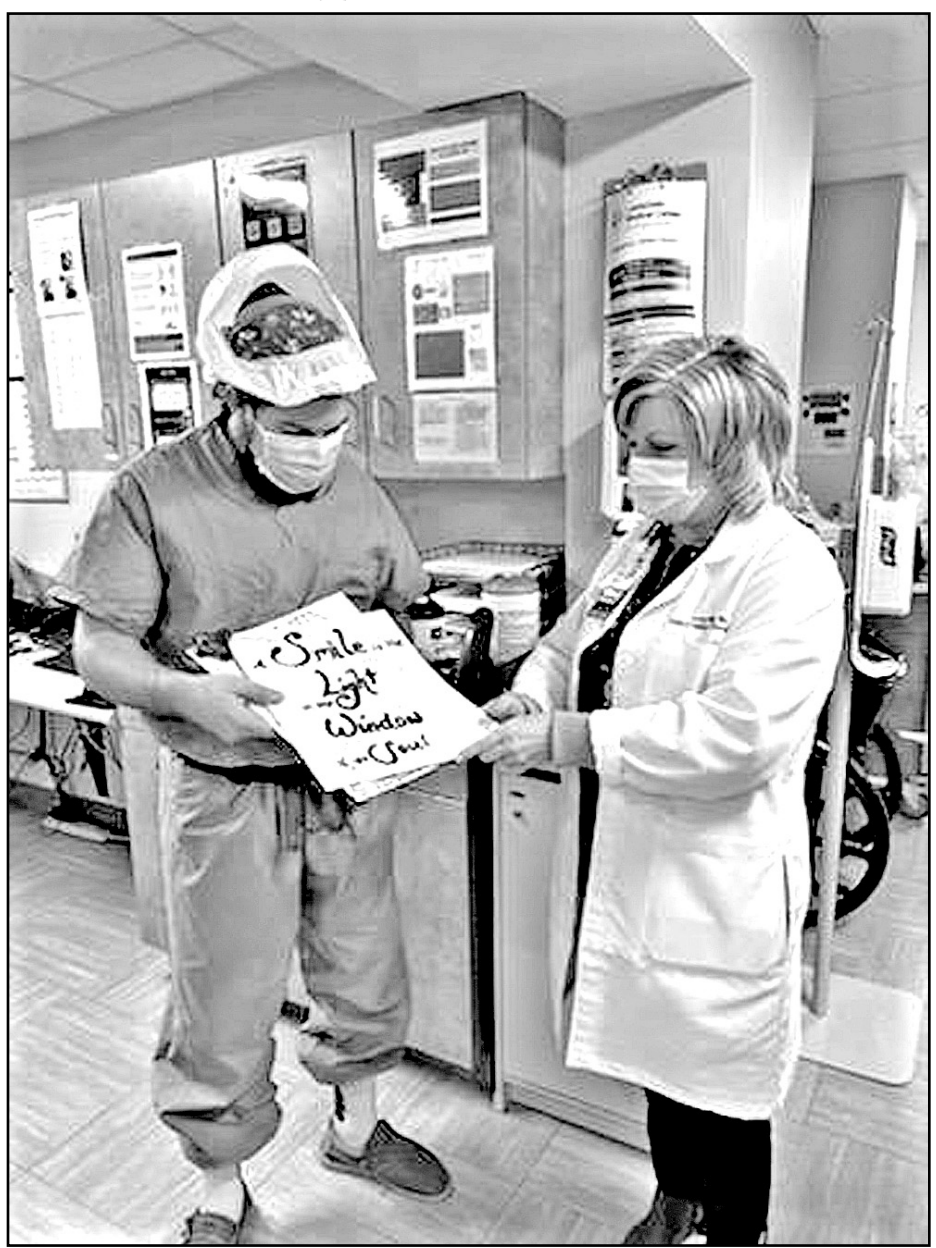
From left, Salem's Technology Systems Director Patrick, GIS Coordinator Charles Grant and Telecommunications Supervisor Rebecca Craft show the 2019 Governors Technology Award and the 2019 Public Technology Institute (PTI) Technology Solutions Award.

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



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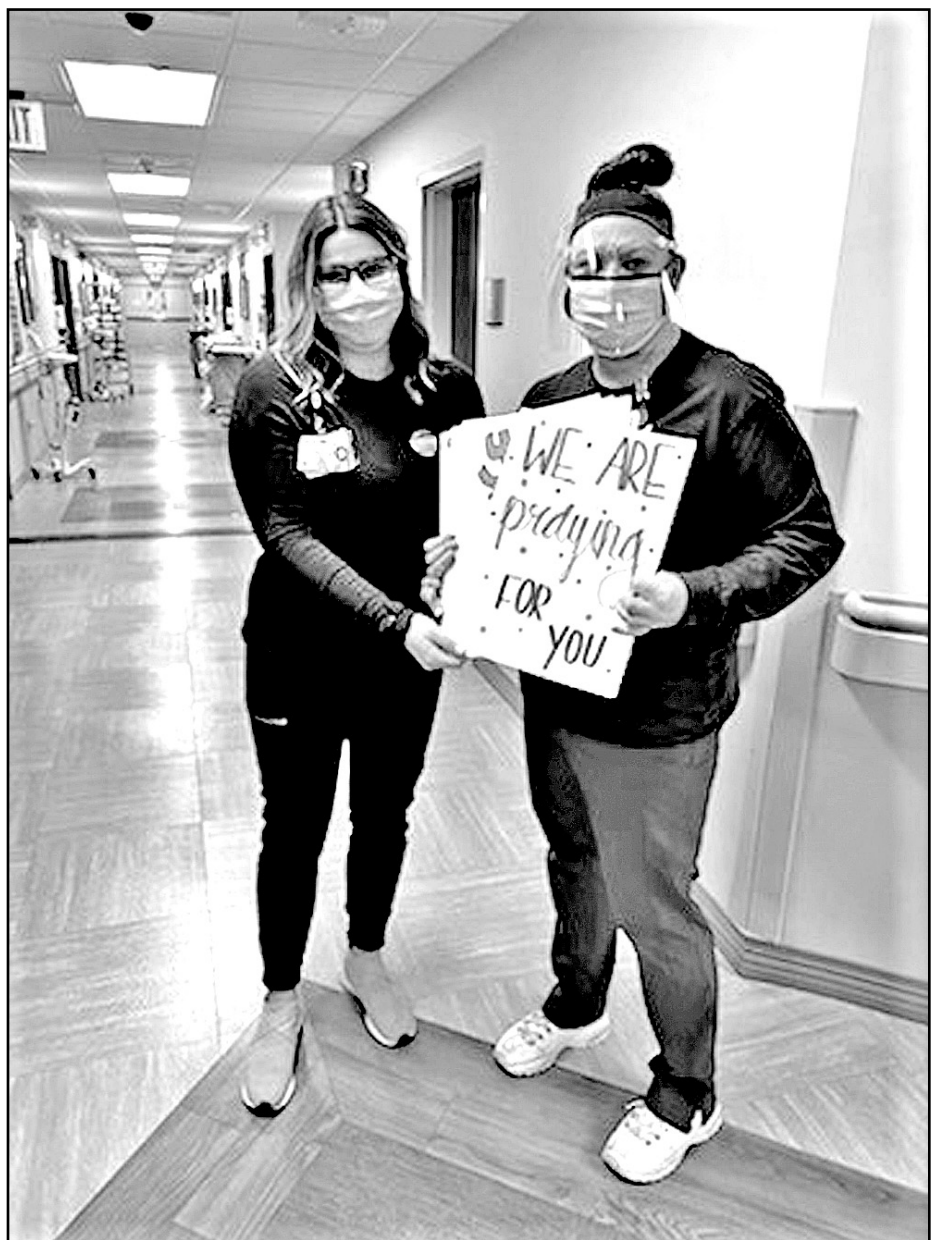
Patient Safety Coordinator Linda Ellis, RN Behavioral Quality Manager Jessica Allen and Group Therapist Lead Amanda Radford, left to right, with some handmade cards that were given to patients.



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.

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(Published on December 3, 2020) 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.L.E.," an acronym for Sharing Messages of Inspiration to Lift and Encourage.

"Our patient's 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.L.E. possible. Among the messages on the cards were "The sun will come out tomorrow," "You are a warrior" and "Never lose hope."

Salem businesses offering virtual shopping amid COVID-19 pandemic

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(Published on May 14, 2020) Each Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for the foreseeable future, the City of Salem Economic Development Department, in conjunction with the Salem Downtown Merchants Association, will host a Virtual Shop Day.

Participating venues include: Vintage Vault, Salem Antique Market, R.M. Johnson & Sons Jewelers, Main Street Primitives, Now, Then and Again, Knitting Coup, Corbin's Confections and Mac & Bob's.

As President of the Salem Downtown Merchants Association, Jojo Livigni's duties consist of communicating with merchants about upcoming events and meeting with city officials to discuss potential plans. He credits Salem's Economic Development Director Melinda Payne for helping bring the virtual shopping concept to fruition.

The Salem Downtown Merchants Association, said Payne, consists of business leaders committed to sustaining a dynamic city through

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God is no respecter of persons on account of either color or race. - Baha'i Faith

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New Salem smoothie shop offers employment opportunities



PHOTOS BY SHAWN NOWLIN

The Salem Elderberry's smoothie shop is at 30 W Main Street.

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(Published on July 30, 2020) Elderberry's at 30 W Main Street, owned by Rebecca Mason, officially opened its doors on July 22. The original June date was delayed because of the pandemic. Mason was able to purchase the necessary equipment for the new store from Fruitions, another smoothie shop near the Roanoke College campus that permanently closed during the pandemic.

Elderberry's menu consists of over 40 options. For those who appreciate fruit smoothies, more than 100 combinations exist. Customers can also choose between various grain bowls, soups, sandwiches and baked goods.

"We are very excited to be here. We want to become a well-known part of this community. We're looking forward to offering seating for parades, becoming a favorite stop for Roanoke College students who get 15 percent off with their ID and putting a smile on every customer who walks through the door," said store manager Eileen O'Connor.

Elderberry's is open 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday through Saturday. The smoothie shop comfortably seats 30 people inside and can seat eight people outside. To allow for social distancing, those numbers have been reduced for the time being. Data shows confirmed COVID-19 cases in Salem have remained relatively low.

"We've adapted well to the health depart-

ment's recommendations, including regular disinfecting of touch points, wearing masks and gloves and offering curbside service to our customers," O'Connor said.

About ten positions at the smoothie shop need to be filled. When asked what kind of applicants they are looking for, O'Connor responded, "We're looking primarily for people with flexible availability and a good attitude. We have to work very closely together, both literally and figuratively. As a result, we need people who will be able to make themselves part of the team."

Established by Diane and Alan Elder almost 20 years ago, Elderberry's also has a location on Electric Road. The Elders sold the company to Mason in 2016 when she was working there as a cook. When people visit the smoothie shop, Mason wants them



Some of Elderberry's staff from left to right, Shannon Floyd, Samone Lewis, Hunter Walls, Alida Schreuders and Eileen O'Connor.



Carlos McNair and his son, Emmanuel, placing an order.

to feel welcomed and excited about returning.

O'Connor and Mason say they want to get to a point where they know each customer by their first names. They have also expressed a commitment to serving the community

for many years to come. "We solidified the plans to come to Salem at the beginning of the year. It was a long process. We had to divide up the staff, train the new hires, and then of course there was construction,

painting and purchasing of equipment and furniture," O'Connor said. "We are all excited about starting this new chapter."

For more information, visit elderberrysroanoke.com.

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events, marketing and economic development. While the group currently is comprised of business leaders within the downtown area, she continued, future plans include opening up the group to all businesses throughout Salem.

"Regardless of your political beliefs, one thing is certain - small businesses are suffering, period. We give the merchants 30 minutes to 'go live' on Facebook to talk to potential customers who may not even know they're open," Livigni said. "Merchants can display products, promote specials, talk about how the situation has impacted their business and address any changes

they may have had to make. Our first week was successful and we plan to host them weekly as long as the merchants feel they are benefiting from them."

These days, more and more purchases are made online. The Economic Policy Institute has predicted that COVID-19 could potentially eliminate three million jobs from the US economy before the end of summer. Payne understands that times may be tough at the moment, but the community will persevere like it always does.

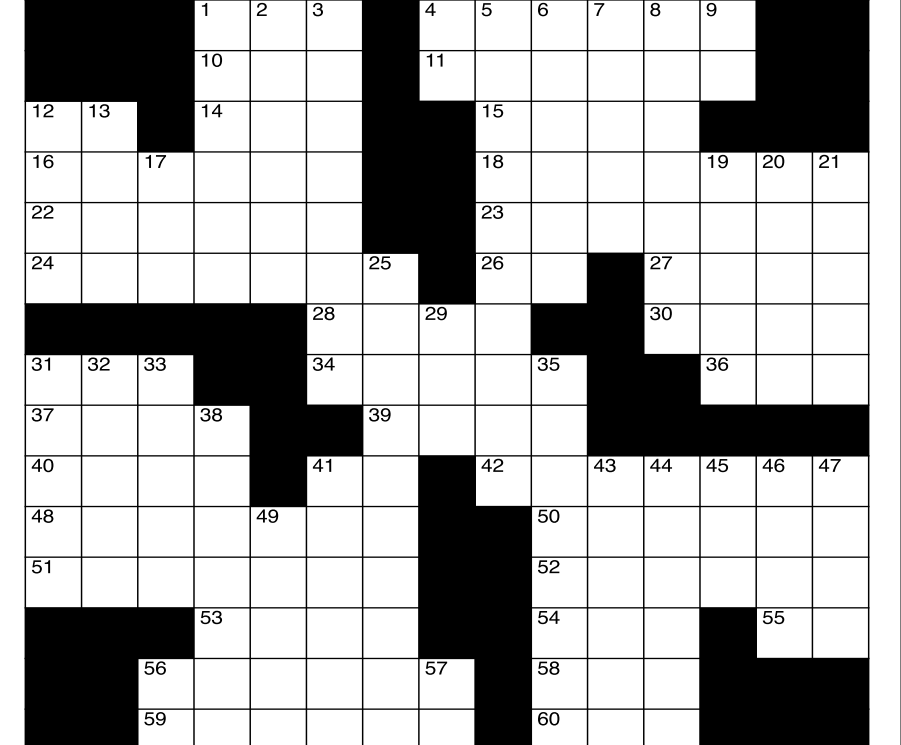
"The community can tune in and shop. We also hope they will spread the word about the weekly events and even encourage family, friends and colleagues to support Salem businesses," she said. "We're hopeful this strategy will prove beneficial and become a tool that remains relevant once the pandemic is over."

Added Livigni, "We meet monthly to discuss ways to bring potential business to Salem as a whole, rather than focus on individual businesses. We share ideas to help

each other, but mainly we're planning events to take place in Downtown Salem. We had our first Restaurant and Retail Week in February and had planned, with Salem Parks and Rec, the first Salem St. Patrick's Day Parade, which was unfortunately canceled due to the COVID-19 situation. There is more to come."

More information about all of the participating businesses can be found on the Salem Downtown Merchants Association Facebook page.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



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| <p>CLUES ACROSS</p> <p>1. Hair care product</p> <p>4. Looped</p> <p>10. It's present in all living cells</p> <p>11. Choose</p> <p>12. South Dakota</p> <p>14. Cash machine</p> <p>15. Of the pia mater</p> <p>16. Ancient Egyptian documents</p> <p>18. Layers at the back of the eyeballs</p> <p>22. Not perceived</p> <p>23. Look over</p> <p>24. Improve a tire</p> <p>26. Time zone</p> <p>27. Main branch of Islam</p> <p>28. Bark of the mulberry tree</p> <p>30. Sea eagles</p> <p>31. Records heart muscle</p> | <p>CLUES DOWN</p> <p>1. More cloudy</p> <p>2. Main course</p> <p>3. Protect with plastic</p> <p>4. Equally</p> <p>5. Rebukes</p> <p>6. Friend to a salesman</p> <p>7. Warms up</p> <p>8. Overshadow</p> <p>9. Interior lineman in football</p> <p>12. San Antonio hoopster</p> <p>13. Comedian Cook</p> <p>17. Time zone</p> <p>19. First PM of India</p> <p>20. Performing perfectly</p> <p>21. A way to hide</p> <p>25. Former NBA commissioner</p> | <p>CLUES ACROSS</p> <p>activity (abbr.)</p> <p>34. Famed Hollywood producer</p> <p>36. Yuck!</p> <p>37. Reject outright and bluntly</p> <p>39. ___ 500, car race</p> <p>40. Small heap or pile</p> <p>41. Type of degree (abbr.)</p> <p>42. Contagious skin disease</p> <p>48. Erases from a surface</p> <p>50. In an enthusiastic way</p> <p>51. Begin again</p> <p>52. Intricately produced pattern</p> <p>53. It flows NW to the Seine</p> <p>54. Be obliged to repay</p> <p>55. Southeast</p> <p>56. Slip in</p> <p>58. Leisure time activity</p> <p>59. Breastbones</p> <p>60. Sun up in New York</p> | <p>CLUES DOWN</p> <p>29. Peter's last name</p> <p>31. Outlying suburb of London</p> <p>32. Used to cut steak</p> <p>33. Deep inlets</p> <p>35. Type of tree</p> <p>38. Done openly and unashamedly</p> <p>41. Indigenous person of N. Africa</p> <p>43. Confessed openly</p> <p>44. A way to separate with an instrument</p> <p>45. Influential journalist</p> <p>46. Manning and Roth are two</p> <p>47. One who cares for horses in India</p> <p>49. Something to believe in</p> <p>56. Form of "to be"</p> <p>57. Atomic #73</p> |
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Corbin's Confections is one of the Salem businesses that will be participating in the weekly Virtual Hump Day shopping event.

POLICE REPORT

The Salem Police Department reported the following people were arrested and charged December 15-28. 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:

- December 16 – Larry T. Duncan, 72, DUI
- December 19 – Christopher A. Lindamood, 59, public intoxication, failure to appear; and Tammy L. Jackson, 45, misuse of 911.
- December 20 – Keri K. Berube, 35, failure to appear; and Amber L. Lawton, 37, threatening-brandishing.
- December 21 – Brian S. Cooper II, 32, domestic assault and battery; Kris-

tina M. Duncan, 30, failure to appear; and Xzavier T. Smith, 19, embezzlement.

December 22 – Darnell Swann, 59, public intoxication; Tommy A. Williams, 33, vehicle theft; Duston G. Holdren, possess child pornography; Steven M. Hutchison, 31, shoplifting; and Tyrone A. Thompson, 55, violation of protective order.

December 23 – Donnie G. Williams, 20, failure to appear

December 24 – Jonathan E. Walton, 37, domestic assault and battery

December 26 – Theresa C. Guy, 46, shoplifting

December 27 – Thomas M. Haddox, 41, possession of controlled substance

December 28 – Walter K. Daniel, 20, abuse/neglect of incapacitated adult

Council initiates Citizen Comment period



PHOTOS BY MEG HIBBERT

Hilary Harvey breaks ground as the first speaker during the inaugural Citizen Comment period at the June 22 Salem City Council meeting.

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Contributing writer

Salem City Council inaugurated its Citizen Comment period Monday night, with three citizens bringing up separate concerns. Until now, citizens could only officially address Council during public hearings. The Citizen Comment periods are for comments from the public for items not on the agenda. They will be once a month, with

speaker sign-ups in advance; five minutes per speaker and five per night, and directives for speakers to stay on topic. They are limited to Salem residents or business owners. Hilary Harvey became the first to speak, asking Council to establish a citizen police investigation board to review Salem Police actions, especially in light of police-African American incidents in the nation. "We want to do right for our all of our

neighbors," she said. John Green congratulated Council for initiating Citizen Comment periods, and asked for them to be more than once a month. Donald Johnson expressed concern nothing is happening with the Simms Farm residential development Council approved earlier this year in South Salem. He also said changes on Apperson Drive into orchard made the traffic worse, and that is "a huge mess on Franklin



Vice Chairman Jane Johnson and Councilman James Martin attended their last Council meeting June 22. Their terms end June 30.

Street" changes, which he said are over-engineered. Johnson also wanted Council meetings to be televised on closed-circuit television as other nearby jurisdictions are doing, so "citizens have the opportunity to know what is going on in the community." In the regular meeting, Council held three public hearings, two of which citizens spoke out against. •Mount Regis counseling center asked for a two-year extension on its special exception, to use an office building on Boulevard for substance abuse counseling and counseling for abusers' families. Councilman Martin asked if there had been any problems, and Mount Regis representative Curt Lake replied police had never been called. Two nearby business owners disagreed about safety in the community. Joe's Deli owner Joe Babba said three times men had approached him asking for money when he was closing up late of Friday nights. "I do not know if they were part of the outpatient program, but they went across the street to the parking lot next to that building," he said. He is moving Joe's Deli to Broad Street soon. •Painting business owner Richard Spinks

told Council the city should hold Mount Regis representatives accountable to their word. "After the fire at the original building, they said they were searching for a new location, and now they are asking for another two years." He asked Council to give only a 1-year extension, and have monthly reports on progress. Council approved a 1-one-year extension, and asked for monthly reports from Mount Regis. The motion passed 4-1, with Martin opposing. •The other public hearing was a request from Salem Montessori School that wants to re-open its former building on Boulevard and use it for grades 1-8. Next-door property owner Sally Nooncaster said when the school was open before, "It was a nightmare being their neighbor." She said when she had her counseling center in her building, parents used her parking lot, blocked her in and cars picking up students caused a logjam. Repeated no-parking signs and requests did no good, Nooncaster said. "With the school open again, you could have 40-60 cars - too many cars, too many people," she said. "We feel really abused by this Montessori School." •Elizabeth Curet who lives adjacent to the

school said the owner assured her there would not be as much traffic as before, and that there was sufficient parking in front. Councilman Bill Jones asked Council to delay a decision on the special exception until the July 13 meeting, to determine if parking spaces would be enough to operate under code. Salem Montessori will continue to have babies and kindergarten at the building on Elizabeth Campus. The third request was from Professional Auto repair and towing business on Kesler Mill Road, asking to build a second story for office space and customer waiting area. That motion carried. It was the last regular meeting for Councilmembers Jane Johnson, who served 16 years before deciding not to run for another term, and James Martin, who served four years and was not re-elected in May. Renee Turk and Jim Wallace will begin their terms July 1. Both attended the June 22 meeting. Mayor Randy Foley praised Johnson and Martin, and thanked them for what they have done for the community. Fighting back tears, Johnson said, "It really has been an honor. Few people have the opportunity to serve."

The 2020 Presidential Election: Salem community weighs in on historic race

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(Published on October 29, 2020) In the final days of the 2020 Presidential Election, former Vice President Joe Biden currently holds an 11-point national lead over President Donald Trump, according to a Yahoo News/YouGov Poll. The same poll conduct-

ed a week before the 2016 election showed Trump trailing Clinton by three percentage points. Despite the national perception, none of the current numbers mean that Biden is going to win. Trump could very well win reelection because a poll simply suggests who a person intends to vote for. It

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Next Tuesday, Americans will select the next President and Vice President of the United States. Thousands of Salem residents have already voted for who they want to lead the country for the next four years.

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gold. God made a promise to Solomon:

"If you follow my decrees, observe my laws and keep all my commands and obey them, I will fulfill through you the promise I gave to David your father. And I will live among the Israelites and will not abandon my people Israel" (1 Kings 6:12-13).

God values obedience above all other virtues. That is how we show God we love Him. In return for our obedience, God blesses us and will not forsake us.

Thought for Today: Blessing will come from God when you obey His rules.

Quicklook: 1 Kings 6:11-14

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does not factor in if they will indeed cast their vote.

Whenever Salem resident Nathan Auldridge is asked his opinion on local, state or national government, he makes it abundantly clear just how important it is to vote.

"There is definitely an increased enthusiasm for voting this year, compared to every year I've seen, except perhaps 2008. I have already voted early in-person at the Salem City Registrar's Office. The process was incredibly simple, and the line moved quite quickly," he said.

Auldridge added, "I have a great number of problems with how the current administration is running the government. First, and foremost

is the abysmal handling of the COVID-19 pandemic. Despite receiving early warnings about the nature and seriousness of the virus, the President has repeatedly dismissed the threats it poses publicly. The staggering death count and terrifying infection rate could have been mitigated by early efforts to identify those who had been infected early on."

Like Auldridge, Salem Tourism Director Carey Harvey-cutter has already voted too. "It does appear that people are more interested in this election than four years ago. I voted early the first week it was available and found it quite easy. I would like to remind folks that when you go vote on Election Day, please

stay six-feet apart and wear your mask," he said.

Not since Ronald Reagan in 1984 has a candidate won the presidency by a double-digit margin. Also, no incumbent since Herbert Hoover in 1932 has lost by more than ten points.

"I feel our government needs leadership on both sides to work for the people. A healthy society should balance the power between the private business sector and its community. Essentially, a government by the people and for the people," Iris Park said. "I do want to encourage people to exercise their right to vote, especially in local politics. If you do not vote, at least get involved in your community."

Enjoli Wiley has a major

problem with the way the government is currently being run. Nothing, she said, from my POV has been done to benefit this society or the current issues that the world is currently facing.

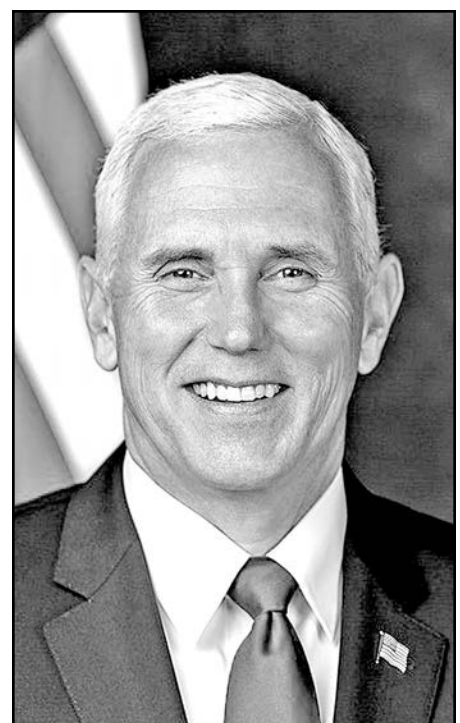
Many believe that the final Presidential Debate held last Thursday was a missed opportunity for Trump. Rebecca English wholeheartedly disagrees. "I loved how direct the President was. This country has become too politically correct. You may not like how Trump acts, but the bottom line is he gets things done, like confirming judges to the Supreme Court. I will proudly be voting for the Trump and Pence ticket on November 3," she said.

Cindy Cruz represents a significant percent of the population that just wants to get the election over with. "The way the Trump Administration handled the coronavirus pandemic is beyond embarrassing. The unwavering support that millions of people give Trump simply blows my mind. Those same people would never tolerate someone in their personal lives who lied constantly, regularly insulted people and took no accountability for their actions," she said.

In 2016, approximately 130 million Americans voted in the Presidential Election. More than 165 Americans are expected to participate this time around.

A statement heard across the world

More than six million more Americans choose Biden, Harris to serve as next U.S. President and VP



On January 20, Joe Biden and Kamala Harris are expected to be sworn-in as the next President and Vice President of the United States.

Roughly 47 percent of the popular vote, which equaled to about 71 million Americans, voted for Donald Trump.

Former Indiana Governor Mike Pence will no longer serve as VP on January 20.

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(Published on November 12, 2020) Joe Biden has secured the most votes of any Presidential candidate in United States history. On November 7, after locking up the necessary 270 Electoral College votes to win the Presidency, the former Delaware Senator, after being introduced by Vice President-elect Kamala Harris, addressed the nation from Wilmington.

"My fellow Americans, the people of this nation have spoken. We have won with the most votes ever cast for a presidential ticket in the history of this nation — 74 million," he said. "I pledge to be a president who seeks not to divide but unify, who doesn't see red states or blue states, only sees the United States. I'll work with all my heart, with the confidence of the whole people, to win the confidence of all of you."

The 2020 Presidential election came down to four states: Pennsylvania (20 Electoral College votes), Georgia (16), North Carolina (15) and Nevada (6). It was Biden's

home state of Pennsylvania that put him over the top. The first outlet to call the election was Decision Desk HQ on November 6 followed by The Young Turks, an on-line news network.

Twenty-four hours later, the Associated Press, New York Times, CNN, MSNBC and Fox News all called the Presidential Election. Trump immediately vowed to challenge the election results in court, writing on Twitter, "I WON THIS ELECTION, BY A LOT."

After the results were announced, President-elect Biden and Vice President-elect Harris immediately updated their Twitter bios.

Born in Scranton, Pennsylvania, but raised in Delaware, Biden is one of the youngest candidates ever elected to the Senate. He served as a longtime member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee and Vice President to Barack Obama for eight years.

In 1972, a few weeks after winning his first election, he lost his first wife and one-year-old daughter in an automob-

ile accident. His sons, Beau and Hunter, survived the accident. In 1975, Biden met his second wife Jill Jacobs and two years later, they were married.

When Kamala Harris, a Howard University alumna, is sworn in as Vice President on January 20, she will be the first woman ever to hold that distinction. Said Biden, 77, when he selected Harris, 56, as his running mate in August, "You make a lot of important decisions as President. But the first one is who you select to be your Vice President. I've decided that Kamala Harris is the best person to help me take this fight to Donald Trump and Mike Pence and then to lead this nation starting in January 2021."

Americans have never had a more vested interest in the outcome of a Presidential Election. Approximately 150 million people voted this year. Biden and Trump received roughly 51 percent and 47 percent of the popular vote, respectively.

A senior Donald Trump adviser anonymously said his misinformation and a dismiss-

sive attitude towards the coronavirus pandemic was a huge factor in his election loss. There have been ten million COVID-19 cases in the United States this year, including more than 240,000 deaths.

In the coming weeks,

Trump is likely to challenge the results in court while Biden assembles a transition team to be ready for his role as Commander-in-Chief on day one. Never has an incumbent President refused to concede when the evidence overwhelm-

ing shows that he fairly lost the election.

The last time that a first incumbent President lost reelection was Republican George H.W. Bush in 1992. Trump is also the first President in nearly 130 years to lose the popular vote twice.

OBITUARY

McMahan, Herman "Mac" W.

Herman "Mac" W. McMahan, 90, was called home to be with the Lord on Tuesday, December 3, after a long illness and complications of COVID-19. McMahan was a native of Salem and a Poquoson resident for the past 56 years.

Mac served his country for 20 years in the US Air Force, and, after his retirement, worked as a parts salesman. Mac was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church in Poquoson where he sang with the George W. Amos Men's Choir and held many roles within the church over the years.

He was an avid quilter who made many quilts for church members, friends and family, enjoyed traveling, gardening, auto repair and wrench turning in which he worked alongside his son-in-law De-



Wayne Rick. Mac was preceded in rest by his late wives, Patsy R. and Geraldine McMahan; daughters, Katherine Rick and Peggy Justice; and brothers, Virgil and Glen McMahan.

Left to cherish his memory are his wife Eloise McMahan and her children, David and Beverly (Storm and Dalton); daughter, Beverly K. Birtha; grandchildren, Paul Trieglaff, Denise Trieglaff, Diane Loretto, Michael Trieglaff, Tammy Jernigan (Wade), Traci Anderson (Michael), Dewayne "DJ" Rick Jr., and Harold Rick (Jessi), brother Bill McMahan (Betty), as well as William Pigford (Patty), Jimmy Pigford (Allyson), Tommy Pigford (Diane) and numerous great-grandchildren.

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Mac & Bob's from page 1

in his magazine at the time, The National, about our bankruptcy. I agreed, and it came out in the February issue. A producer on The Today Show, Sylvie Haller, read it on Amtrak on her way to work and called me to see if they could do a segment based on Alex's article."

On Monday, a four-person crew, consisting of Haller, NBC News Correspondent Kevin Tibbles, cameraman Randy Foster and audio guy Dougland Suttle flew into the Roanoke-Blacksburg Regional Airport. By 11 a.m., they were at Mac & Bob's prepping for the interview.

Reed Grochowski, 11, Mason Gillespie, 12, Starke Griffith, 12, and Marilyn Hale Grochowski, 7, known as the "lemonade kids" after they raised \$111.84 to help with the bankruptcy costs, were the first to be interviewed by Tibbles. Kelly Givens, a Salem banker who placed "WE STAND WITH MAC AND BOB'S" signs around town in 2018, was also

interviewed by Tibbles, followed by Joyce Waugh, president of the Roanoke Regional Chamber.

Rotanz was 24 when he opened Mac & Bob's. Now 64, he says he's accomplished most of the goals he initially set out for himself. In the last three years, he, co-owner Joe Dishaw and General Manager Keith Griswold all note that the restaurant has experienced the highest of the highs and the lowest of the lows.

Two years ago, a former waiter sued the restaurant over a company policy that required servers to share a percentage of their tips with dishwashers. To help cover legal costs, community members raised approximately \$150,000 through a GoFundMe account and other fundraisers.

Todd Leeson of Gentry Locke and Andy Goldstein were the two lawyers that Rotanz and Dishaw hired to represent them. While Leeson specializes in business litigation, Goldstein specializes in bankruptcy. "Bob is a close and

great friend. When they ran into the problems that arose from the tipping issue, he contacted me, knowing that I had experience with debt and bankruptcy issues," Goldstein said.

Having to file for bankruptcy taught Rotanz several things: how supportive Mac & Bob's customers and friends are, that if money can fix it, then it is not a problem, the importance of being proactive and who really has your back when times get rough.

Said Maggie Rotanz, 25, "When I think of Mac & Bob's, the first thing that comes to mind is my childhood. This has been a second home to me since I was born. I knew how much of an impact my dad had had on people's lives, but I didn't know the full extent of it. The community didn't just pull us out of bankruptcy; they helped share our story with the world."

Monday's recorded segment will air at 8 a.m. this Sunday on NBC Today Show with Willie Geist.

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dent to work during part of the school day," Suhr said. "A Signing Day is being planned in late April for new apprentices to 'sign' with the company much like an athlete would sign with a college for a scholarship."

Salem High junior Tony Sanchez said he attended the event because, "it's always a good idea to take advantage of the resources you have at your disposal." His mother, Marlene, says the student registered apprenticeship showcase was circled on the calendar for weeks.

Rob Leonard, who is the Director of Safety and Education for F&S Building Innovations, understands that providing students with work-based learning helps promote their ability to make informed decisions about their post high school career.

"These events work to dispel the stigma and myths that have developed around the trades

for decades. It also gives direct, quick access to students and their parents to a wide variety of business and their respective high-value career opportunities," Leonard said.

He continued, "the push for college in the last few decades has improperly placed many workers into occupations or careers where they are not happy and therefore not thriving. This is going to continue to have economic consequences as the occupations requiring college degrees are highly competitive and unfortunately, many workers with college degrees are unemployed or underemployed."

Before the end of February, every company that participated in last Thursday's event is expected to hold an Open House for students and their families. For more information about the Student Registered Apprenticeship Program, visit www.rcps.us/CTE.

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- 1) Request of Barry E. and Valerie T. Dick, property owners, for the issuance of a Special Exception Permit to allow a 1,288 SF detached garage on the property located at 1737 Amy Lane (Tax Map #212-1-10).
- 2) Request of Derbyshire Real Estate, applicant, and Sunset Ridge Holdings, LLC, property owner, for the issuance of a Special Exception Permit to allow a two-family dwelling on the property located at 703 E. Riverside Drive (Tax Map #232-2-9).

Copies of the proposed plans, ordinances or amendments may be examined in the Office of the City Planner, Community Development, 21 South Bruffey Street, Salem, Virginia.

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THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA
BY
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The object of this suit is to: LOCATE PARENTS.

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Rolla, Missouri and SMC Packaging of Springfield, Missouri did the work and it looks great.

"Everything is made in the USA," he proudly proclaims.

Wray has sold about 180 copies of the game and has given away many others. He figures he needs to sell about 350 to break even from his initial manufacturing costs. The game sells for \$29.95 and you can find it on-line from Amazon or Ebay, adding about another 10 or 15 bucks for shipping. You can also find it on Facebook, and just recently Michael was able to talk White's Travel Center, about an hour up I-81 in Raphine, VA, to sell the game in their store.

A long haul trucker by trade, Wray now lives in Missouri with his fiancé Chrissy White. He has a 26 year old daughter, Christine, and a four and half year old grandson, Grayson, who he's anxious to start playing the game against.

Michael's one-man trucking business is named "You're the Coach Transport." His cab is colorfully decorated with a copy of his game and testimonials from people who have enjoyed it from all over the country.

"I've been everywhere but Alaska and Hawaii," he said. "You tell me a city or town and I'll bet I can tell you what state it's in."

As he travels around the country Wray promotes his game and he offers to play it to show how realistic it is. His favorite teams are the NFL Packers (he was a Cowboys fan until Jerry Jones fired Tom Landry) and Virginia Tech in college. He was a big fan of Tech defensive coordinator Bud Foster and claims more than one person has told him he resembles Bud.

Michael's dream opponent would be Frank Beamer, but he's yet to lure him into a contest. He

has played against former Tech tight end Joe Jones who is quoted as saying it's, "hard to quit playing," in a list of testimonials.

Another person who has played the game is former West Virginia University quarterback Chad Johnston, who played quarterback for New Castle High School in Virginia before moving to West Virginia. Chad's son Grant was a standout quarterback for Blacksburg High and Chad had some nice things to say about "You're the Coach."

"A great concept," he said. "It lets you develop your own game plan and puts you in the hot seat. It's the best football board game around."

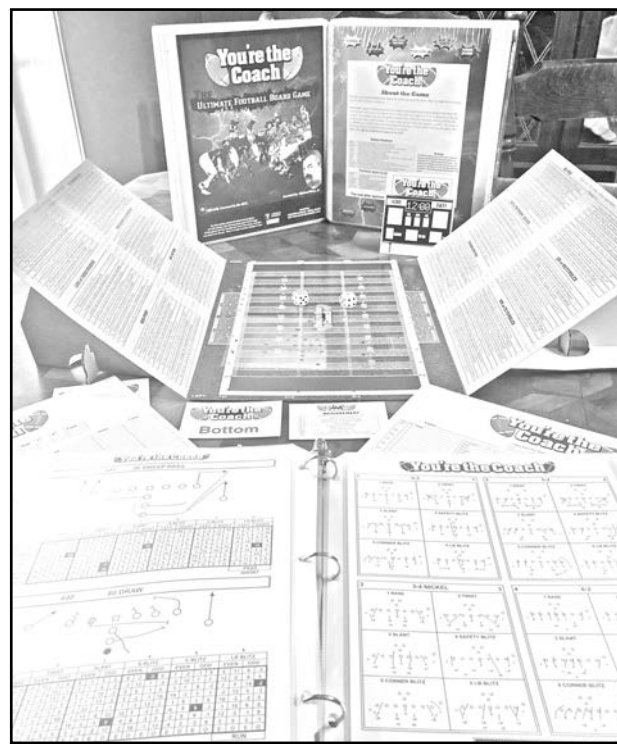
Mike Scharnus, who won four VHSL state championships coaching football, is a big fan of the game and Joel Hicks, a state champion coach at Pulaski County, called the game "very realistic."

Michael has a long list of recognizable folks who he's met in his travels. He met Tampa Bay Buccaneers coach Bruce Arians, who was a quarterback for Virginia Tech in college. When Michael told him it was an honor to meet one of Tech's best quarterbacks Wray said Arians replied, "is Michael Vick standing behind me?"

Of course, he tries to get back to Virginia as much as he can with family here. In his most recent visit he hooked up with former Amherst coach Mickey Crouch and played the game with him.

"He was Amherst and I was Salem, and I stopped him on the five yard line," said Wray with a chuckle. "He still likes to run the ball."

Due to copyright issues Wray can't name players in the game. However, he has a tablet of game statistic sheets where you can write in the players yourself. He even has different rules for high school, college and pros to make it as realistic as possible.



"It's amazing how realistic it can be," he said. "I played last year's LSU-Clemson national championship game before the game was played. My score came out 37-23 LSU and the actual score was 42-25. I played the Super Bowl and had the Chiefs winning 37-30 (actual score was 31-20)."

What began as a high school project has turned into a lifetime passion for Wray, and if determination will make it a big success he has it.

"People are amazed at how I've stuck with it all these years," he said. "My goal is for the game to be in every home in America. I hope to be on (the TV show) 'Shark Tank' someday. I think someone would go for it if they heard my pitch."

Are you listening Mark Cuban?

Salem Red Sox were undefeated in 2020

By Benjamin Hill MilB.com

At 5 p.m. on June 30, the news that many had feared finally became official: there would be no 2020 Minor League Baseball season. Amid the immediate and inevitable outpouring of sadness for the present and anxiety for the future, the Bowie Baysox found a silver lining.

The Baysox, the Orioles' Double-A affiliate that debuted in 1993, have lost at least 58 games in every season of their existence. But 2020 would be a different story. The inability to play games meant the inability to lose; therefore, the Baysox were, and would remain, undefeated. A T-shirt commemorating this unprecedented accomplishment went on sale less than a half-hour after the season was canceled, with the team humbly explaining -- or perhaps hoping -- that it was "THE HOTTEST T-SHIRT IN BAYSOX HISTORY." The scuttled season was rebranded as an "Undefeated Tour," with the back of the shirt listing the entire schedule that never was.

Baysox assistant general manager Phil Wrye said

the idea for the shirts had been hatched several weeks earlier, as the season's cancellation began to look more and more like a foregone conclusion.

"We [in the front office] were throwing the idea around," he said. "We contacted 108 Stitches, who do some of our merch. We knew they had a concert tour type of design already. We wanted our undefeated schedule to look like all the stops of a band's tour, all the stops we would have made in 2020."

The Baysox, working in concert with 108 Stitches, finalized the T-shirt's design on June 29. At 5:20 p.m. the following day, they joined the chorus of teams that tweeted the season had been canceled. Eleven minutes later, the tone abruptly shifted as Bowie announced that it was, in fact, undefeated.

"We've received orders from 30 states across the country. There have been news mentions all over the place and our local media picked it up and ran with it," Wrye said. "It's been really cool for us, not the sort of stuff we necessarily see a whole lot of. The adage is to take your lemons and make lemonade, and I think we did a pretty good job of that."

Even in these unprecedented times, a basic maxim still holds throughout the Minor League Baseball industry: if one team has a good idea, other teams will borrow it. After the Baysox announced their "Undefeated" T-shirt, 108 Stitches offered the same basic template to other MiLB clients. Thus, teams including the Greenville Drive and Portland Sea Dogs are selling similar shirts.

Meanwhile, a variety of teams offered variations on the theme. First up was the Salem Red Sox, who delivered an "Undefeated" shirt along with one designating 2020 as "The Longest Spring Training Ever."

A pair of International League icons, the Rochester Red Wings and Toledo Mud Hens, soon entered the fray. The latter took things further and declared themselves to be not just undefeated but 2020 International League champions. (One can only assume that the other IL clubs did not agree with the Mud Hens' brash declaration.)

Of course, not all teams decided to go the "Undefeated" route. The Myrtle Beach Pelicans and Durham Bulls, for example, took an antagonistic, not-quite-profane T-shirt stance toward this accursed year. "Unflockingbelievable," proclaimed the Pelicans. "This is some bullshirt," retorted the Bulls.

The Class A Short Season Eugene Emeralds soon unveiled a saucy quartet of tees, simultaneously declaring themselves champions (of social distancing) while also turning the "Undefeated" concept on its head via the commemoration of an "0-76" season caused by COVID-19.

But it all comes back to the Baysox, the first Minor League team to employ sartorial snark as a season cancellation coping mechanism.

"Sure, bragging rights are great," Wrye said, "but, especially now, it's great to do things that other teams can benefit from as well. We share everything in this business, because what works for one will work for others. We're all still looking for that next great idea."

Benjamin Hill is a reporter for MilB.com and writes Ben's Biz Blog. Follow Ben on Twitter @bensbiz.



Fours for Two

Virginia Tech's Nahiem Alleyne (#4 left) flies in for a dunk in last week's 84-58 win over Longwood at Blacksburg's Cassell Coliseum. Above, number four for the University of Virginia, Justin McKoy, slams one in the Wahoos 76-40 win over William & Mary in Charlottesville. UVA took a 4-2 record into Wednesday's game at Notre Dame while Tech was 7-1 prior to Tuesday's home game with Miami. This Saturday the Hoos will host the Hokies at 4 pm on the ACC Network.

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When will they return?

New Year's Day is Friday and there have been no high school sports since Rudy Gobert of the Utah Jazz came down with COVID 19 on March 11. That's a span of nine and a half months as we hit day 295 AG(After Gobert) today.

It's been a tough ride for the high school athletes, especially the seniors who aren't going on to play college sports. This was to be their final hurrah in competitive sports other than city league basketball, slow-pitch softball, touch league football and the like. Golfers and swimmers have outlets to compete but, if you play football and aren't going to play in college, this is it.

"What's going on in our country is criminal behavior," said Glenvar High School football coach Kevin Clifford, who has been outspoken about the restrictions. "I haven't heard of any cases among high school kids, and keeping them from playing does more detriment than it does good. It's creating a lot of negative things."

Clifford isn't saying the pandemic is a hoax, but he feels it's manageable when it comes to high school sports.

"Some things just don't make sense," he said. "They see kids playing in AAU tournaments and wonder why they can't play high school sports. I care about the people around me, but somewhere down the line you have to take a stand for the majority of the people."

Glenvar, a Roanoke County School, is among a group of schools that is taking direction from the Health Department. Included with Roanoke County is the City of Salem, Roanoke City and the counties of Alleghany, Botetourt and Craig. Guidelines are updated periodically in regard to the number of cases, and a color code determines the restrictions for high school sports. The color allowing high school games to be played hasn't been met since the summer, and it doesn't appear to be getting better.

At Glenvar, principal Dr. Corie Franklin and assistant principal Tyler Brown have been splitting athletic director duties since the death of former AD Richard McElwee on November 28. They get the information on sports for the following week every Friday.

"Each Friday Roanoke County will determine, using the CDC school metrics, if we will be able to play the following week," said Brown, who indicated the search for a new athletic director at Glenvar will begin after the first of the year.

At Salem, athletic director Chris King will get a call around noon every Monday from Curtis Hicks, the assistant Superintendent of Salem Schools. At that point King will release the information to all parties involved as to if, or when, sports can be played.

Basketball, swimming and wrestling meets have already been postponed due to the pandemic. The Virginia High School League "COVID Calendar" called for winter sports to begin December 21 but that didn't happen here. Next on the calendar for SHS are boys and girls basketball with Cave Spring scheduled for Monday and home wrestling and swimming on Tuesday. The wrestlers are scheduled to host Blacksburg and the swimmers are at the Salem YMCA. King will await a call from Hicks on Monday to see if any of that will happen, but I wouldn't hold my breath.

Meanwhile, Glenvar tentatively is at Radford for boys' basketball on Monday with the girls hosting the Bobcats at GHS. Radford is one of the few schools in the area currently playing sports along with Giles County schools Narrows and Giles High, Floyd County and Pulaski County High School.

Botetourt County parents are hoping to join that group sooner than later. There was a meeting scheduled for the Ashley Plantation at 6 pm Monday to discuss plans to get the kids back in action. It was limited to 25 persons and former Lord Botetourt football and wrestling coach Tater Benson had organized the meeting. Benson is no longer a coach but has children playing in the Botetourt system.

In an interesting turn of events, Benson cancelled the meeting on Monday morning. Apparently there were rumblings that the Botetourt School Board was going to make an announcement and they didn't want it to look like they were bullied into making the move. Nothing was official at press time but it makes for an interesting scenario if Botetourt schools start playing games.

"Who are they going to play?" asked Salem High football coach Don Holter when informed of the possibility. "This is frustrating to all of us but the administration is doing all they can. Our administration has been outstanding. We're all frustrated, but as a coach in the City of Salem I'm following the guidelines we're under. I'm a soldier and I follow the line of command."

There's probably not a higher profile sport in the Roanoke Valley than Salem High football, and the Spartans have all the pieces to be a state contender. Official football practice is scheduled to begin February 4 with the first games on February 22nd, and with vaccines being made available there is real hope that it will take place.

"Better times are coming," said Holter. "It's not ideal, football is a fall sport, but it's the best we can do and we'll be well prepared."

The Spartans have been practicing under the current guidelines, pretty much non-stop, since the summer.

"I've had kids who haven't missed a workout since July 5th," said Holter. "We've had some time off over Christmas but we're going to crank it back up on Monday and we'll be ready for February 4th."

Ready or not, here comes 2021. It couldn't be any worse, could it?



Michael Wray, Jr. holds a copy of his football board game "You're the Coach" as he stands next to his rig, which is decorated in the theme of the game.
PHOTOS BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Wray is in it for the long haul

Salem native has been perfecting football board game since the eighth grade

There's no denying that football games for kids, and adults, have made great advancements over the years. In the days of COVID-19 it's nice to have some fun games to play at home.

Most kids back in the '60s had an electric football game. You had a football field and 11 little football figures per side, and when you made the board vibrate the players moved. Some went around in circles and others, who usually ended up carrying the ball, went straight ahead. It was fun, but not the most realistic of games.

Another game kids played was called "Foto-Electric" football. One player had a group of offensive plays on sheets of paper, with the lines drawn as to where the players would go. The other would have defensive formations on a separate sheet of paper. To play the game, the offense would put his play paper on a light table and the defensive player would put his on top. Then you turned the light on and wherever the ballcarrier touched a defensive guy is how far the play went. No one ever missed a tackle.

Those games are sophomoric compared to today's computer games. Kids and adults alike play the Madden NFL game and the players not only look like their real counterparts, but they move like them, too. And, you control how they move.

That's not good enough for Michael Wray, Jr., who began making his own football game when he was in the eighth grade and now, 38 years later, is marketing a beautifully crafted and improved version of that original game. His board game "You're the Coach," puts your knowledge of football to the test.

"It's more a game of the mind than just hand-eye coordination," he said. "It's more of what you know, and you can visualize the action in your head."

Anyone who has played APBA baseball or Stratomatic games will recognize the concept. In Michael's game players go head to head sitting on

opposite sides of a professionally done football field playing board. The offensive player calls a play, with several options, and the other player counters with a defense that he thinks will outsmart his opponent. A dice roll determines the outcome with probabilities geared to what might actually happen in a real game.

It's fascinating, and very realistic. The offense has a myriad of plays to choose from, and each play has several options in itself. You'll feel like the offensive coordinator looking at what is jokingly called a "Denny's Menu" on the sideline. You know, that big plastic page of plays coaches use.

You can play an entire game in anywhere from an hour and a half to two hours, or maybe a little longer if you're a novice. However, it's easy to pick up and once you start it becomes addictive, especially if you love football.

"If you love football you'll love this game," said Wray. "Actually, the toughest people to play against are people who don't know football, because there's no way you can guess what they'll do."

Wray is originally from Salem and still has family here. His dad, Michael, Sr. went to Andrew Lewis High School and his grandfather, Jimmy Garlick, and great grandfather, Bill "Pops" Garlick, still live in Salem. Pops, who was a NASCAR chief steward, still maintains a garage in Roanoke at 90 years of age.

Michael lived in the trailer park behind the General Electric plant in Salem until it flooded and his family moved to Thaxton. He went to school at Liberty High and played on the football team for the Minutemen. He always loved football, and during the eighth grade he was assigned to do a project for school and that's where "You're the Coach," was born. He started out with a very primitive version and has continued to improve it over the years.

"I played it all the time," he said. "My mom used to refer to it as 'my little corner of the world'."

Once perfected to his satisfaction Michael was able to get his game manufactured. Scott Printing of

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Michael Wray, who some say looks like Bud Foster, has the game set up and ready to play.