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When it was all said and done, approximately seven million more Americans chose Joe Biden over Donald Trump to lead the country in its next chapter.

President Trump's final days in office

House pushes for impeachment, Georgia run-offs determine fate of Senate control

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In all the decades that Roanoke County resident John Robinson, 79, has followed politics, he admits he never thought he would experience a political spectrum quite like today. History has been made in recent weeks. Not all of it, however, will be viewed favorably by historians.

In November, Georgia's 16 Electoral College votes went to Joe Biden, making him the first Democrat to win the Peach State since 1992. Two months later, the Rev. Raphael Warnock and Jon Ossoff, both mentored by long-time Georgia representative John Lewis, won their Senate races against Republicans Kelly Loeffler and David Perdue, respectively, on January 5.

Voting rights activist and former Georgia House of Representative Stacey Abrams was instrumental in helping the Democrats secure their victories. Fair Fight, her national voting rights organization, raised over \$100 million

for both candidates. Georgia's results give Democrats a 50-50 tie in the Senate and control of the chamber because of Vice-President elect Kamala Harris.

As votes were being counted, Abrams sent out a tweet calling on Americans to "celebrate the extraordinary organizers, volunteers, canvassers and tireless groups that never stopped going. Across the state, we roared."

It didn't take long before Republicans started pointing a frustrated finger towards Donald Trump for the GOP losses.

Gabriel Sterling, a Georgia top election official, said, "it falls squarely on the shoulders of President Trump and his actions since November 3. When you tell people that your vote doesn't count and has been stolen and people start to believe that — and then you go to the two senators and tell them to ask the secretary of state to resign and trigger a civil war inside the Republican Party when you need Republicans to unite — all of that stems from his decision-making since Nov. 3."

After weeks of calling the 2020 Presidential Election "fake news" and trying to overturn its outcome, thousands of Trump supporters gathered in Washington D.C. on January 6 and demanded that Congress and Vice President Mike Pence reject Biden's victory, echoing the exact sentiments of the President.

More than 100 Republican lawmakers, including several from Virginia, still refuse to acknowledge that Joe Biden fairly won the November 3 election.

"When people say there is no evidence to prove voter fraud, just know that they are wrong. This is a criminal enterprise. There has never been anything like this. This is a matter of national security. Today is not the end, it's just the beginning," Trump said to his supporters before they marched down Pennsylvania Avenue towards the Capitol.

Once inside the People's House,

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City of Salem Sheriff April Staton eyes a second term

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April Staton knew at an early age that she wanted to work in a field that made a difference in the community. Born and raised in Lexington, Virginia, Staton attended Rockbridge County High School, graduating in 1998. As a teenager, she was active in many sports, mainly softball and basketball. Those experiences taught her just how critical teamwork is in all facets of life.

Staton moved to Salem when she was 20 and has called the city home ever since.

Law enforcement was a career that she never expected. When she

applied for a deputy sheriff position 18 years ago, she initially thought she wasn't going to get it.

"Sheriff Roger Surber believed in me and maybe hired me only because I played softball and he was such a huge sports fan, but his faith in me got me started," she said. "I attribute my love of leadership to Sheriff Ric Atkins and his constant push for me to go farther and be better. It takes a village as they say, and I have certainly benefited from many around me who helped me get to this point in my career."

After joining the Sheriff's Office in 2003, it took Staton, a registered independent, 14 years until she was elected as the fourth Sheriff in Salem history.

Today, as the executive administrator, Staton is responsible for the planning, researching, organization, directing and evaluation of all Sheriff's Office operations. This includes court security, civil process, transportation of inmates and mental health patients, preparation and management of the budget and development and management of policy and procedures.

The biggest challenge facing Salem today, noted Salem's first female Sheriff, is the coronavirus pandemic.

"The ever-changing COVID-19 virus has affected us all personally and professionally. The city has done its best to minimize the damaging effects on our businesses and citizens," she added. "While we may not be near the end just yet, we are closer to coming out on the other side and will be much stronger because of these challenges."

Staton currently oversees ten sworn deputies and an administrative assistant. Local leaders have praised Staton for her community involvement and ability to build positive relationships.

As Sheriff, Staton has set high expectations for her people and holds all of them accountable. They have thrived in this environment, she said, because we ensure they have the mentoring and coaching necessary to be successful in meeting their personal goals and those of the office.

She added, "They strive to be the best and without their success, I accomplish nothing. I am most proud of my staff."

On January 4, Staton announced her intentions to seek a second office term in November.

"My first term as Sheriff has been the most rewarding part of my career. I have thoroughly enjoyed being a part of the most professional, kind and compassionate team of deputies that this office has ever seen," Staton said. "I am running for re-election because I love my job and hope to continue serving Salem for many years to come."



SUBMITTED PHOTO

April Staton, just the fourth Sheriff to serve the citizens of Salem since 1968, is vying for a second term.

City plans leadership development for all departments

Meg Hibbert

Contributing writer

Plans are underway for a leadership development program for all departments.

At the work session before Monday night's Salem City Council Meeting, Police Chief Michael Crawley and Chief Deputy Maj. Todd Clingenpeel outlined the program that is expected to start by late summer.

Participants will be nominated by their department heads, Clingenpeel said, with 12-18 per session and six sessions in each series. Sessions will cover leadership; studying the book "Five Dysfunctions of a Team"; Communication; Administrative Responsibilities including hiring and retention; Project, and Ethics.

Two sessions per year are planned, Crawley said, and the team is asking for a budget of \$5,000 for each session.

He explained that among the goals of the leadership development program are "Encouraging employees to develop decision-making skills for a stronger workforce." Crawley added that employees of all different levels and experience are wanted for the program.

Vice Mayor Jim Wallace asked what the timeline is to get all the employees through the leadership development program. Crawley said he foresees it continuing to run year after year, to get new employees included.

In the regular session of Salem City Council that followed, Council:

Heard from citizen John Breen in the citizen comment portion. He asked Council to adopt a resolution encouraging the Council to become more pro-active in dealing with blighted and non-code property. Breen wants written rules for sale or abandonment of city-owned property, and a half-time city employee to follow up. Mayor Renee Turk said the Council will take Breen's request under advisement.

Passed, on first reading a special exception request by Barry E. and Valerie T. Dick to have a larger detached garage at 1737 Amy lane.

Passed on first reading a special exception to allow Derbyshire Real Estate and Sunset Ridge Holdings LLC to renovate and continue use as a duplex property at 703 E. River side Dr.

Continued until the Feb. 8 meeting, at the petitioner's request, a hearing for a special exception permit to allow an auto dealership for used vehicles and an auto repair service at 224 W. 4th Street.

Extended a performance agreement for Parkway Brewing until Nov. 30. Councilman Randy Foley, who was participating remotely due to medical reasons, explained the extension mirrors what the state is doing.

Councilman John Saunders was absent from the 25-minute meeting.

Salem parents and students hold rally to get sports to return



PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Salem Superintendent of Schools Dr. Alan Seibert talks to citizens outside South Salem Elementary School prior to the meeting on January 12.

See Rally, page 3



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.

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 or contact director Reed Carter at 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.

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.

•Overeaters Anonymous (OA) meeting, 11 a.m. at Christ Lutheran Church at 2011 Brandon Avenue in Roanoke.

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POLICE REPORT

The Salem Police Department reported the following people were arrested and charged December 29-January 4. 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 30 – Robert W. Younce, 41, domestic assault and battery, contributing to delin-

quency of minor; and Dennis E. Long, 54, public intoxication.

December 31 – Barbara D. Bryan, 64, shoplifting; William J. Jarvis, 58, DUI; and Christopher A. Traxel, 30, threatening and brandishing.

January 1 – Joseph L. Clifton, 25, domestic assault and battery; and Brian P. Morris, 40, failure to appear.

January 2 – Ernest J. Kiser, 53, shoplifting; and Kimberly A. Tuckwiller, 29, shoplifting.

January 3 – Mandwolyn O. Nicely, 42, evading police, possession of controlled substance

January 4 – Nancy R. Johnson, 55, failure to appear; and Joseph A. Belanger, 20, possession of controlled substance

Butzer selected as School Board Chairman, Wray to serve as Vice Chairman

The Roanoke County School Board has selected Catawba District member, Don Butzer, as the chairman of the school board for 2021. Butzer previously served as school board chairman in 2019 and for a portion of 2020. He served as board vice chairman in 2018. A re-

tired executive from Verizon, Butzer was first appointed to the Roanoke County School Board in 2016 and was elected to the board in 2017.

Butzer and his family have been residents of Catawba for more than a decade. Prior to that he lived and worked in Northern Virginia. His wife of more

than 20 years is Katrina Butzer. The couple have two daughters, Eleni, a 2020 graduate of Glenvar High School and Arianna, a 2017 graduate from GHS. Katrina is a Roanoke County educator, teaching mathematics at Northside Middle School.

The school board also selected Cave Spring

District member, Mike Wray, as the board vice chairman. Wray most recently served as chairman of the board for the latter half of 2020 and was school board chairman in 2016.

-Chuck Lionberger, Director of Community Relations



Don Butzer

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Richfield Living appoints Amy Stoehr as new Executive Director of Rehab Services, Therapy

Richfield Living, a local leader in senior living and rehabilitation, has announced the selection of Amy Stoehr as the new Executive Director of Rehab Services, Therapy.

Stoehr, a graduate of Radford University with a Bachelor's Degree in Communication Sciences and Disorders and

a Master's Degree in Speech-Language Pathology, joined the team in November 2020.

"Amy's knowledge and experience will be invaluable to help Richfield Living achieve many objectives in our strategic plan," said Cherie Grisso, Chief Executive Officer. "She is a wonderful addition to

our leadership, and I am excited to partner with her in the future."

Amy began her career working in the contract rehab sector and has 20 years' experience in multi-site leadership. Her passion for working with the senior population has enabled her to develop numerous clinical teams and to ensure excellent clinical outcomes and embrace patient-centered care.

"I am truly honored to have the opportunity to be a part of the Richfield Living family," said Stoehr. "I am excited and energized to be surrounded by so many who are passionate and dedicated as we take this journey toward achieving Richfield's vision."

-Submitted by Lisa Clause, Senior Director of Marketing and Philanthropy



Amy Stoehr

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Whitlow receives REALTOR® Good Neighbor Award

Janie Whitlow, of The Real Estate Group, recently received the 2020 REALTOR® Good Neighbor Award from the Roanoke

Valley Association of REALTORS®.

Whitlow was recognized for her dedicated volunteer efforts with the

Community Christmas Store of the Roanoke Valley. The Association made a \$1,000 contribution to the Community Christmas Store of the Roanoke Valley in honor of Whitlow.

The REALTOR® Good Neighbor Award recognizes any local realtor who gives of his or her time to an organization that improves the quality of life in the greater Roanoke Valley.

The Roanoke Valley Association of REALTORS® is comprised of over 1,750 REALTOR® and Affiliate members in the Roanoke Valley area. It is one of more than 1,300 Associations of REALTORS® nationwide that make up the National Association of REALTORS®, the nation's largest trade association.



Janie Whitlow

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- Submitted by Jim Sweetwood, Coordinator of Events and Community Relations

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor

Have people you trust been feeding you lies? When people can't get what they think they are entitled to (e.g. power, money), if they have no conscience, they will try to seize it by any means they can think of.

This leads them to do terrible things, starting with lies to you. Eventually they may believe their own lies. How could the 909 followers of Jones in 1978 Jonestown, French Guiana, have been saved by gentle deprogramming? Tell your neighbors the

truth: this election was not stolen. As long as followers keep believing it was stolen, folks are blinded by power using us to steal America. There is so much work to do instead: 2000 stimulus checks, \$15 an hour, save climate life jobs for all who want them, etc. Speak truth to each other. Move forward. It is easy to tear things down. What is hard is the hard work and persistence to heal, to help and to arrange for peace. Democracy now.org

Salem resident
Gretchen Boise

Rally

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Tam Dawyot (holding sign) and daughter Daisy urge the school board to allow the kids to play.



Spartan football and basketball players gather outside the school board meeting Tuesday.

PHOTOS BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Agriculture groups urge COVID-19 vaccination prioritization for farm and food workers

As COVID-19 vaccines are being distributed to essential health-care workers and long-term care facility residents, agriculture groups are requesting that frontline food and farm workers be prioritized next.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices agrees. On Dec. 20, it recommended approximately 49 million frontline workers be prioritized in the next phase of vaccinations, including food and agricultural laborers and grocery store employees.

Vaccine distribution is orches-

trated on the state level. Gov. Ralph Northam announced Jan. 6 that the Virginia Department of Health is expected to begin vaccinating Phase 1b frontline workers, including food and farm workers, by the end of January.

"We commend the CDC for recognizing America's food and agricultural workers as essential workers who are critical to preserving a functioning society," said Ben Rowe, national affairs coordinator for Virginia Farm Bureau Federation. "We encourage VDH to put these workers at the top of the prioritization queue under Phase 1b, and work to ensure they are given

ample, fair and easy access to vaccinations.

"Rural Virginians have long struggled with access to health care and health equity. Now is a crucial moment for the commonwealth to ensure the vaccine is distributed to all areas of the state, so when you get the vaccine depends on whether you are identified as high-risk, rather than where you live and work."

A letter to President-elect Biden's transition team, signed by American Farm Bureau Federation and other organizations in an agriculture coalition group, requested vaccine prioritization.

The letter was submitted by the Ag CEO Council of the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture, a nonpartisan, nonprofit association representing elected and appointed commissioners, secretaries and directors of agricultural organizations in all 50 states.

"We fully appreciate and support that our nation's heroic first responders, medical professionals, elderly and caretakers, along with other vulnerable individuals, clearly have the highest priority for vaccination," the letter said. "However, as you move beyond these highest priority groups, the under-

signed organizations ask that frontline food and agriculture employees be included in the next-highest priority for the vaccine within any federal COVID-19 Vaccination Plans."

The letter said the agricultural labor force continues to fluctuate as employees face restrictions, risk exposure and are affected by quarantines. With unfilled positions, limited existing employees and processing facility closures, "this situation could very easily create disruptions and shortages in the food supply chain."

-Submitted by Nicole Zema, VFBB Communications

Cardinal Glass completes expansion in Roanoke County

~ Cardinal Glass Industries invested \$8 million with plans to add 60 new jobs to expand glass manufacturing operation ~

Cardinal Glass Industries recently celebrated completion of its recent facility expansion project, which will accommodate a new, state-of-the-art robotic seaming and cutting system. Cardinal, located in the Vinton Business Center, makes quality glass units for residential windows and doors. The 26,000 square foot project expands and modernizes the facility's production space and office area as well as adding an employee break room and locker rooms. Together, the facility upgrades and added equipment represent an \$8 million investment and is expected to create 60 new jobs. Construction was done by Salem-based G & H Contracting.

"This celebration recognizes the important contribution to Vinton, Roanoke County and the Roanoke Valley made by Cardinal Glass, one of the region's premier manufacturing companies. The facility, equipment and added jobs represent Cardinal's significant commitment to the community," said Todd Matthias, plant manager for the Roanoke based operation.

The Virginia Economic Development Partnership is supporting the

project and job creation through its Virginia Jobs Investment Program (VJIP). VJIP provides consultative services and funding to companies creating new jobs or experiencing technological change to support employee training activities. As a business incentive supporting economic development, VJIP reduces the human resource costs of new and expanding companies. VJIP is state-funded, demonstrating Virginia's commitment to enhancing job opportunities for its citizens.

"We are pleased to celebrate Cardinal Glass Industries continued growth in Roanoke County," said Jason Peters, Vinton District Supervisor on the Roanoke County Board of Supervisors. "Cardinal is an innovative, advanced manufacturer that provides high quality employment opportunities for our citizens. We are

grateful for their ongoing investments in Roanoke County."

"Cardinal Glass Industries is a wonderful asset for the Vinton Business Center and we are very appreciative of their continued investment in our Community," said Brad Grose, Mayor for the Town of Vinton. "We pleased to see their continued success and look forward to seeing many more years of growth in the future."

Cardinal Glass Industries is a management-owned S-Corporation leading the industry in the development of residential glass for windows and doors. The company has grown to more than 7,000 employees that are located at 37 manufacturing locations across the United States.

-Submitted by
Jill Loope, Roanoke
County Economic
Development Director

Averitt honors Roanoke-area associate for 25 years of service



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Roy Huffman was recently honored for 25 years of service with Averitt Express.

Averitt Express recently honored associate Roy Huffman of Salem for 25 years of service.

He is one of the more than 1,300 active Averitt associates who are members of the company's "Over 20 Team," an exclusive group of associ-

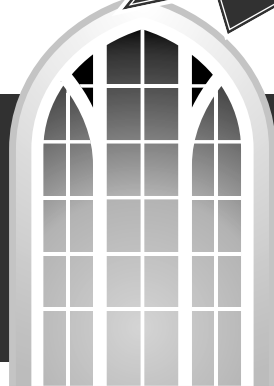
ates who have served 20 or more years with Averitt.

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-Submitted by Craig Delk, Corporate Communications Specialist

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Find out about a project to extend the ramp into and the ramp out of the Troutville Rest Area located on southbound Interstate 81 near mile marker 158 in Botetourt County. The off ramp into the rest area will be extended approximately 500 feet and the ramp onto southbound I-81 will be extended approximately 2,100 feet. In addition, the truck parking area at the facility will be expanded by about 10-13 spaces.

Project information and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) documentation in the form of a Categorical Exclusion are available for review at 731 Harrison Avenue in Salem, 540-387-5353, 800-367-7623, TTY/TDD 711. Please call ahead so VDOT can make arrangements for personnel to share more information or answer your questions.

If your concerns cannot be satisfied, VDOT is willing to hold a public hearing. You may request that a public hearing be held by sending a written request to Mr. Craig Moore, Virginia Department of Transportation, 731 Harrison Avenue, Salem, VA 24153 on or prior to January 21, 2021. If a request for a public hearing is received, notice of date, time and place of the hearing will be posted.

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OPINION

Give Light ~ Parenthesis People / Shock ~

{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.}

Growing up in my small Piedmont Virginia town, I didn't know about the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ.)

Not that the faith community was unknown in the area. There is a congregation in the nearby town of Gordonsville and others in the countryside. And for a short time, each summer a simple camp meeting area came alive as folk moved in for days and evenings of preaching by guest evangelists.

That was more than 75 years ago in Great Depression times. We can hardly imagine today that such gatherings were eagerly awaited by many church-supporting people.

I came to know more about this distinctively Protestant, American-born religious group after late husband Charlie Stebbins and I came to Roanoke to work for the daily newspaper 68 years ago next month. He became

a general assignment news reporter and over his long career spent his favorite 12 years covering the decade of the 1960s from an office in Salem; it's now long closed and used by Roanoke College.

The evening paper needed a Religion reporter, so I was assigned to that beat. Among many other things, I learned that the Roanoke Valley had around a dozen congregations designated as The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ.)

Later, a pastor serving one of these congregations called it "the church of the parenthesis."

The group is also especially strong in Craig County where for many decades the picturesque old resort, once known as Craig Healing Springs, is owned by the Virginia association that loosely binds the independently-governed congregations together. Over my years at the newspaper, I reported several times on summer events held at the mountain retreat including camps for youth and guest speakers at the all-weather lodge.

The parenthesis is important to these Christians who are distin-

Frances Stebbins Correspondent

guished from many others loosely bearing the title because of their general approach to Bible interpretation and willingness to work with persons in other denominations.

It is for this inclusivity that I have admired the pastors and those they serve in the congregations. When the term "Disciples" is used, a clear distinction is made between them and a group known as "The Church of Christ" which also is widely found in our mountain-valley country. Briefly, one might say Disciples are more liberal in interpretation of Scripture compared to the conservative style of members of the Church of Christ. Most Disciples clergy today are seminary-trained.

One distinctive of Disciples of Christ congregations is the reception of Holy Communion each

Sunday; it's grape juice rather than the fermented wine used by several other denominations. The bread, representing the Body of Christ, may also be received in different forms as it was the past summer when I enjoyed outdoor services at Salem's First and Fort Lewis churches.

In getting to know clergy of these churches in my early days of writing about local congregations, I learned that this group lays claim to being born in the United States in the early years of the 19th Century. Its founders, Barton Stone and Thomas and Alexander Campbell, were of Presbyterian background, and worship style today is simple.

The state of Kentucky, where summer camp meetings were popular, is considered the birthplace of the Disciples, and the greatest strength of the group is in the Middle West. Pastors coming to Western Virginia are often from that area.

In Salem, in the two congregations with which I'm most familiar, First and Fort Lewis, outreach to people is of prime importance. Ministry to the incarcerated,

strong support of the local food pantry and clothing closet and whenever worship or projects with other religious groups are initiated will always find Disciples active. In Roanoke, the Belmont and Loudon Avenue congregations date from early in Star City history. The Bethany and Westhampton congregations came following World War II and serve the north and south sides of the city.

For decades, the City of Lynchburg has been associated with Disciples. State administrative offices and a university are there.

Writing this, I was interrupted by a phone call from my Florida daughter telling me of the storming of the national capitol by supporters of President Donald Trump. Suddenly, it seemed, the world stopped, as it did in my childhood at Pearl Harbor, when Richard Nixon resigned in disgrace, when the attack on the World Trade Center occurred and when the deranged young man at Virginia Tech committed his carnage in 2007.

I could only pray that lives would be spared. Many more could have died.

Elected leaders react to the violent attacks at the United States Capitol

President-elect Joe Biden

"Let me be very clear — the scenes of chaos at the Capitol do not reflect a true America, do not represent who we are. What we are seeing is a small number of extremists dedicated to lawlessness. This is not dissent. It's disorder. It's chaos. It

bordered on sedition and it must end now. No-body could tell me that if it was a group of Black Lives Matter protesters, they wouldn't have been treated very differently than the thugs that stormed the Capitol."

Vice President Mike Pence

"I want to thank the

federal, state and local law enforcement. The violence was quelled. The Capitol is secured, and the people's work continues. We condemn the violence that took place here in the strongest possible terms. We grieve the loss of life in these hallowed halls, as well as the injuries suffered by those who defended our Capitol today. And we will always be grateful to the men and women who stayed at their posts to defend this historic place. To those who wreaked havoc in our Capitol, you did not win. Violence never wins. Freedom wins, and this is still the people's house."

the rule of law. And it has no place in our democracy. I believe we must ask ourselves two questions about what happened: What went wrong? And how do we make it right? And I believe the answers require us to recognize that the challenge we're facing in our country is about more than the actions of the few we watched yesterday."



President Donald Trump

"To all my supporters, I know your pain, I know you're hurt. We had an election that was stolen from us. It was a landslide election, and everyone knows it. Especially the other side. But you have to go home now. We have to have peace. We love you, you're very special. These are the things and events that happen when a sacred landslide election victory is so unceremoniously and viciously stripped away."

Virginia Senator Tim Kaine

"So many of you have reached out — while the Capitol attack was going on and in the days since — to ask how I am and express your deep concern over what you saw happening. Rather than respond briefly to each, I thought I would write up my thoughts to share with you all.

January 6 re-proved a very old lesson about human nature: character is destiny. America trusted its most important post to a moral defective. Some thought he would grow into the job, or moderate his behavior under the weight of responsibility. That is just not how life works. In all but a very few cases, an adult will behave as she or he has behaved throughout life. In this sense, the set of outrages of the last few years — culminating in a 2020 marked by mismanaging a pandemic thus occasioning unnecessary death and then the violence and racism at the Capitol — is a completely logical ending to a very sad chapter in American life.

A second human nature lesson is this — the presence of evil is constant, but the success of evil depends upon a key variable: the degree to which people choose to be bystanders. We over-analyze why the President has such a devoted base of supporters. I am more focused on this fact: An awful lot of smart, educated people chose to be bystanders in the last years and that allowed a pathetic and insecure leader to do things that most of us thought unimaginable in this great nation. The bystanderism started with the tens of millions of Americans who just sat things out in 2016, not able to see the danger that was so clearly before us. And it has sadly continued everywhere, most visibly in Congress. I have lost count of the number of my Senate colleagues who, though privately worried, went along with the unacceptable because they wanted a tax cut, or a judge they liked, an invitation to golf or to avoid a primary challenge. And now some finally awake to the wisdom of the Gospel lesson: "what doth it profit a man to gain the whole world and lose his soul?"

UK Prime Minister Boris Johnson

"On the United States and the election, I want to say that all my life America has stood for some very important things — an idea of freedom and an idea of democracy. And ... so far as he encouraged people to storm the Capitol and insofar as the President has consistently cast doubt on the outcome of a free and fair election, I believe that that was completely wrong."



House Speaker Nancy Pelosi

"When that assault was taking place on the Capitol, 3,865 people in our country died of the coronavirus, many of them people of color because of the injustice of it all. The next day, 4,000 people died of the coronavirus. Why?

Because decisions were made at the highest level, months before in the Oval Office, of denial, distortion, delay, calling it a 'hoax.' I thought it was going to be an epiphany for those who were in opposition of our democracy to see the light. Instead, it was an epiphany for the world to see that there are people in our country, led by this President, for the moment, who have chosen their whiteness over democracy. That's what this is about."

Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer

"It is very, very difficult to put into words what has transpired. I have never lived through or even imagined an experience like the one we have just witnessed in this Capitol. President Franklin Roosevelt set aside Dec. 7, 1941, as a day that will live in infamy. Unfortunately, we can now add Jan. 6, 2021, to that very short list of dates in American history that will live forever in infamy.

This temple to democracy was desecrated, its windows smashed, our offices vandalized. The world saw Americans' elected officials hurriedly ushered out because they were in harm's way. The House and Senate floors were places of shelter until the evacuation was ordered, leaving rioters to stalk these hallowed halls. Lawmakers and our staffs, Average citizens who love their country, serve it every day, feared for their lives. I understand that one woman was shot and tragically lost her life. We mourn her and feel for her friends and family."

House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy

"I condemn any of this. This is un-American. This should never happen in our nation and whatever is going on right now has got to stop. As a nation, I know we sit back and we're appalled by what we're seeing, but I want everybody to take a deep breath and understand we all have some responsibility here. I don't care what we've ever said on Facebook, what we've ever done to one another, we are all Americans, we need to stop. We can disagree with one another, but to take it to how this has gone is beyond anything I've ever envisioned that was possible

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Vice President-elect Kamala Harris

"What we saw in our nation's capital was, as the president-elect has called it, an assault on

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in this nation."
Virginia Governor Ralph Northam
 "The violence we saw at the U.S. Capitol was nothing short of an armed insurrection and a humiliating assault on American democracy. The President incited this mob with his refusal to accept the lawful results of a fair and secure election. And the members of Congress who have enabled him - and continue to encourage and praise his efforts - bear just as much responsibility. This did not come about overnight. When elected leaders purposefully reject facts and fan the flames of conspiracy theories, all in pursuit of power, they are taking dangerous steps. And now we are seeing where those steps can lead. God forbid we experience anything worse. I continue to pray for the safety of every member of the House and Senate, all the staff, the journalists, everyone who works in the Capitol. And I commend the Virginia National Guard and Virginia State Police for quickly stepping up in this time of great need. Let me be clear: Virginia will be there for as long as it takes to protect our nation's capital and ensure the peaceful transition of power."



Former President Barack Obama

"History will rightly remember today's violence at the Capitol, incited by a sitting president who has continued to baselessly lie about the outcome of a lawful election, as a moment of great dishonor and shame for our nation. But we'd be kidding ourselves if we treated it as a total surprise."

Former First Lady Michelle Obama

"I woke up elated by the news of Reverend Raphael Warnock's election victory. He'll be Georgia's first Black senator, and I was heartened by the idea that the Senior

Pastor of Ebenezer Baptist Church - the home parish of Dr. King and a spiritual and organizational hub during the Civil Rights Movement - would be representing his state in the United States Senate.

"In just a few hours, though, my heart had fallen harder and faster than I can remember. Like all of you, I watched as a gang—organized, violent, and mad they'd lost an election—laid siege to the United States Capitol. They set up gallows. They proudly waved the traitorous flag of the Confederacy through the halls. They desecrated the center of American government. And once authorities finally gained control of the situation, these rioters and gang members were led out of the building not in handcuffs, but free to carry on with their days. The day was a fulfillment of the wishes of an infantile and unpatriotic president who can't handle the truth of his own failures. And the wreckage lays at the feet of a party and media apparatus that gleefully cheered him on, knowing full well the possibility of consequences like these."

South Carolina Senator Lindsey Graham

"The people sitting in the chairs need to be sitting in a jail cell. The people who attacked the Capitol Hill police need to be charged with attacking a police officer. Sedition may be a charge for some of these people. I could not agree more with President-elect Biden's statement to the nation. Time to retake the Capitol, end the violence and stop the madness. Time to move forward in governing our nation. Our differences are real but the love of our nation overwhelms our differences."



Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell

"I salute and applaud

those front-line U.S. Capitol Police officers who stood bravely in harm's way during the failed insurrection. We are praying for those who sustained injuries, some serious, in the line of duty. Congress is also deeply grateful to the local officers from D.C., Virginia, and Maryland, the federal law enforcement personnel, the National Guard, and all the other professionals who deployed to help subdue the criminals and retake the Capitol.

"With that said, January 6 represented a massive failure of institutions, protocols and planning that are supposed to protect the first branch of our federal government. A painstaking investigation and thorough review must now take place and significant changes must follow. Initial bipartisan discussions have already begun among committees of oversight and Congressional Leadership.

"The ultimate blame for yesterday lies with the unhinged criminals who broke down doors, trampled our nation's flag."

Former US Attorney General Bill Barr

"Orchestrating a mob to pressure Congress is inexcusable. The President's conduct was a betrayal of his office and supporters. The violence at the Capitol Building is outrageous and despicable. Federal agencies should move immediately to disperse it."

Vermont Senator Bernie Sanders

"The man directly responsible for the chaos of is Donald Trump, who has made it clear that he will do anything to remain in power - including insurrection and inciting violence. Trump will go down in history as the worst and most dangerous president in history."

Georgia Senator-elect Raphael Warnock

"The president and all of those who had enabled him, including Kelly Loeffler, who I ran against, have their hands and their fingerprints on this."

Georgia Senator Kelly Loeffler

"The events that transpired have forced me to reconsider and I cannot now in good conscience object to the cer-

tification of these electors. The violence, the lawlessness and siege of the halls of Congress are abhorrent and stand as a direct attack on what my objection was intended to protect: the sanctity of the American democratic process."

Texas Senator Ted Cruz

"The events on January 6 were tragic. We saw a terrorist attack on the United States Capitol, it was despicable, it was an assault. And every one of those violent criminals who attacked the Capitol, they should be fully prosecuted. And they should spend a long, long time in jail. It was really a sad day for the country to see violence overwhelming the grounds of the Capitol building."

Former President George Bush

"I am appalled by the reckless behavior of some political leaders since the election. The attack on the Capitol was undertaken by people whose passions have been inflamed by falsehoods and false hopes. Our country is more important than the politics of the moment. Let the officials elected by the people fulfill their duties and represent our voices in peace and safety."



Former US Education Secretary Betsy DeVos

"We should be highlighting and celebrating the Administration's many accomplishments on behalf of the American people. Instead, we are left to clean up the mess caused by violent protestors overrunning the U.S. Capitol in an attempt to undermine the people's business."

"We have sparked a national conversation

about putting parents and students in charge of education. I stress that impressionable children are watching all of this, and they are learning from us. I believe we each have a moral obligation to exercise

good judgment and model the behavior we hope they would emulate."

Former President Bill Clinton

"We recently faced an unprecedented assault on our Capitol, our Constitution, and our country.

"The assault was fueled by more than four years of poison politics spreading deliberate misinformation, sowing distrust in our system and pitting Americans against one another. The match was lit by Donald Trump and his most ardent enablers, including many in Congress, to overturn the results of an election he lost.

"The election was free, the count was fair, the result is final. We must complete the peaceful transfer of power our Constitution mandates. I have always believed that America is made up of good, decent people. I still do.

"If that's who we really are, we must reject the violence, turn the page and move forward together - honoring our Constitution, remaining committed to a government of the people, by the people and for the people."



Former US Transportation Secretary Elaine Chao

"I had planned on serving through the end of your term in office. But after the recent events at the U.S. Capitol, I will resign as U.S. Secretary of Transporta-

tion, effective Monday, January 11, 2021, to provide a short period of transition. Our country experienced a traumatic and entirely avoidable event as supporters of the President stormed the Capitol building following a rally he addressed. As I'm sure is the case with many of you, it has deeply troubled me in a way that I simply cannot set aside."

Virginia Delegate Glenn Davis

"What happened in DC is totally unacceptable, dangerous, and criminal. We must never resort to violence to achieve political means. America First must be more than a tag line. It means that we protect our country, not raid its Capitol. I call on all Virginians to be agents of peace. Protest ideas, but do not devolve into violence. Those who resort to violence and assaults should be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. Our right to peacefully protest our elected representatives is one of the fundamental rights that makes this country great. Breaking the law, threatening the lives and safety of law enforcement, and storming federal office buildings goes against the fabric of who we are as a nation."



Voting Rights Activist Stacey Abrams

"While this terrible display of terror and meanness shakes us, let's remember that Jon Ossoff, the Jewish son of an immigrant, and Reverend Raphael Warnock, the first Black Senator from Georgia, will join a Catholic POTUS and the first woman, Black and Indian VP in our nation's capital. God bless America."

-Compiled by Shawn Nowlin

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

In December of 2019, our Ninth District Congressman Morgan Griffith voted against HR4, a bill that would restore protections in the 1965 Voting Rights Act, which was gutted by the U. S. Supreme Court's 2013 Shelby v. Holder decision.

The Shelby decision gave rise to the wave of voter suppression laws passed by Republican state legislatures in the last several years, laws which have both the intent and the effect of blocking millions of black, brown, and young Americans from exercising their right to vote. By opposing HR4, Rep. Griffith voiced his support for voter suppression.

Last month, Rep. Griffith and 125 other House Republicans signed on to an amicus brief supporting the attempt by the Attorney General of Texas and 14 other Republican state Attorneys General to overturn the results of the 2020 election.

Even after the terrorist attack on the United States Capitol building by violent pro-Trump fanatics on January 6, Rep. Griffith continued his campaign to disenfranchise millions of American voters. He did this by supporting challenges to the legally authorized and certified votes for the Biden ticket by electors from Arizona and Pennsylvania

- challenges which have been dismissed by dozens of court decisions, including a refusal even to hear such frivolous suits by the United States Supreme Court.

By his actions, our Congressman has staked out a belief that, even in the midst of the nation's most devastating public health crisis in more than one hundred years, state election officials should not have the power to protect and expand voting access for their constituents. Beyond that, Rep. Griffith has been complicit in encouraging violent sedition against his own workplace by a bunch of entitled, angry, nihilistic cretins who refuse to accept the irrefutable fact that Trump lost an honest election. To stoke and indulge the fantasies of these willfully ignorant fanatics, who unfortunately represent a growing movement in our country and in both houses of the Congress, is exponentially cynical and irresponsible. Morgan Griffith is doing just that.

I am glad that Rep. Griffith was not injured by the seditionists he encouraged, and I have told him so. And I will say this - he will respond to your questions and concerns. You may or may not like what he says, but he is good about that. You can reach him through his Congressional webpage.

-Roanoke Valley resident John Hennen

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Generations to Come

Read Exodus 10:1 through 12:51

Floyd looked forward to the times his grandchildren visited. They reminded him of his youth with their energy and vitality. Floyd loved telling them the stories of his childhood, especially when he told them of how he came to Christ.

God also gave Israel an important story to pass on.

"This is a day you are to commemorate; for the generations to come you shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord—a lasting ordinance" (Exodus 12:14).

Several times in today's reading God told the nation of Israel to share the events of the Passover with the generations that followed. Even today,

people celebrate the Passover every year, and this reminds Israel's descendants that God delivered His people from bondage.

We too should learn from their example and pass on our experience of God's goodness to our children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and any others in our spheres of influence. God wants everyone we know to come to the saving knowledge of Christ and will gladly use our testimony to point them to that relationship with Him.

Thought for Today: God wants us to testify of our experiences as Christians to those who come after us.

Quicklook: Exodus 12:11-16

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VFW picks winner for Voice of Democracy Contest



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Ethan Martin placed first in the VFW Annual Voice of Democracy Verbal Essay Contest.



Placing second in the Voice of Democracy Contest in consecutive years was Gavin Shires.

Pam Dudding Contributing writer

The National VFW website states, "Working alongside America's youth and instilling a sense of patriotism has always been — and will always be — a VFW priority."

There are two annual Veterans of Foreign Wars writing contests. The Voice of Democracy is for area high school students, grades nine through twelve. Their writing is to be an audio-essay and this year's theme posed the question: "Is This the Country the Founders Envisioned?"

Each state winner competes for the top national \$30,000 scholarship prize. More than 51,000 individuals competed last year.

The Craig Valley local VFW Post 4491 asked a teacher, who isn't from Craig County, to judge their student's submissions.

Ethan Martin won first place. His response to the question asked was as follows:

"To have a dream is nothing unusual; But to have a vision, that is a gift.

"America's Founding Fathers had a vision - a vision of an uncharted, untamed land, full of endless possibilities. A land where individuals are free to worship without interference from king, tyrant or despot. Such was the prospect in the early 1600s. Men, women and children led by John Winthrop Boarded the Arbella bound for Massachusetts in the New World. After approximately nine horrific weeks at sea, Winthrop encouraged his companions with a sermon regarding the model of Chris-

tian charity and their role within this vision of a New World."

Martin continued, "Beloved, there is now set before us life and death, good and evil, in that we are commanded this day to love the Lord our God, and to love one another, to walk in his ways and to keep his Commandments... that the Lord our God may bless us in the land wither we go... But if our hearts shall turn away, so that we will not obey, but shall be seduced, and worship other gods, our pleasure and profits, and serve them; it is propounded unto us this day, we shall surely perish out of the good land wither we pass over this vast sea to possess it. Therefore, let us choose life, that we and our seed may live."

America's Founding Fathers had a vision - a vision of an independent people in a land full of new opportunities. Seventeen seventy-six dawned as an unprecedented era in the New World. No longer were 13 colonies of Great Britain entities unto themselves; they were united in purpose and direction, declaring, "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness."

Proclaiming themselves "free", the Fathers ushered in a Revolution that would serve to inspire other countries for hundreds of years to come.

America's Founding Fathers had another vision - a vision of a united people in a land full of vitality and bold, new frontiers. A

land where individuals were not afraid to experiment with a never-before-attempted form of government, whereby the power rests with the people.

September 17, 1787, marks the final draft of the Constitution that was signed by the members of the Constitutional Convention, uniting 13 separate governments into one Republic. George Washington, who presided over the Convention, would rise to become the republic's first President. At the conclusion of his historic term, he issued his farewell address.

In it, he warned the citizens of the United States about the dangers that would destroy what so many had worked so hard to build. He feared regionalism, partisanship, and foreign entanglements. Specifically of partisanship he said, "However (political parties) may now and then answer popular ends, they are likely in the course of time and things, to become potent engines, about which cunning, ambitious and unprincipled men will be enabled to subvert the power of the people and to usurp for themselves the reins of government, destroying afterward the very engines which have lifted them to unjust dominion.

Another vision of our forefathers was godliness, patriotism and unity. Unfortunately, in the span of nearly 400 years, our country has witnessed undoing of this vision. We are quickly becoming the terror our founding fathers foresaw, because we have not been careful.

Early settlers worked diligently for mere survival and gave every-

thing they had to secure their own liberty and the liberty of future generations. As a result of their efforts, America prospered and rose to significance as a global power. With that success, the majority of United States citizens grew complacent. We've been seduced by other gods, namely pleasure and profit; and have forgotten God, our Creator. We've embraced profane laws, completely antithetical to the Scriptures and laws designed to remove even the mention of God's name from public places. As a result, our children are no longer taught the accurate history of our country's foundation.

Patriotism, the devotion to and vigorous support for one's country, was once every United States' citizen's aspiration. But as I watch or read the news, patriotism seems now to be a curse word - hailed as outdated, discriminatory and even toxic. Our United States appears more polarized now than ever before. Those "potent engines" that President George Washington warned of seem to be careening full steam toward one another, leaving disillusioned and disheartened citizens in their wake. This is not the America that our founding fathers envisioned.

But I believe, it is not too late to rekindle the vision and restore what the Founding Fathers worked so hard to achieve. It's time for the American people to wake up. Freedom in our Republic is possible, but it requires work. Hard work. Being a free American requires diligent study, boldness of belief and the willingness to hold our elected officials accountable, regardless of

party. Benjamin Franklin once said, after the completion of the Constitution, that our elected officers' officials had given us a Republic - a government by the people, for the people - "if we could keep it".

Martin is in the tenth grade and shared, "I wrote this paper as I felt like it was something that needed to be said as some is good and some not so good".

Martin's grandfathers served in the Army, his dad in the U.S. Air Force and his brother who currently is serving in the Army.

Martin shared that his future plans are split between going into a military historian avenue or a military career. However, when Billy Lee presented him with his award, he introduced Martin as "My Marine! Oh, wait a minute, his hair is too long on the top."

Second-place winner was Gavin Shires. Within his paper, he wrote, "The Founding Fathers imagined a country of free people working together for the general welfare, liberty and establishment of a more perfect union. But, if the Founders saw America today, they would be bewildered at what they see."

This is Gavin's fourth time he has placed in the VFW writing contests. He shared, "I feel passionate about these types of issues and wanted to give my two cents."

Today, there are many youth who are committed at a young age to make a difference in the political arena.

"It's really good that kids still take interest in how good America is," Post Commander Billy Lee said.

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the violent crowd sent petrified lawmakers hiding and ransacked the building. Reports that Antifa were responsible for the damage caused were immediately debunked.

In addition to leading to the lockdown and evacuation of the Capitol, the assault also led to five deaths and numerous injuries. The FBI says it's involved in a wide-ranging investigation that "will leave not one stone unturned."

Loeffler, after the mob of Trump supporters stormed the US capital, dropped her challenge to the presidential election results during the congressional certification.

Several Trump cabinet members and administration officials resigned following his rhetoric that led to the Capitol Hill riots: US

Education Secretary Betsy DeVos, US Transportation Secretary Elaine Chao and Secretary of Homeland Security Chad Wolfe, just to name a few.

President Trump has credited Twitter with launching his political trajectory. On January 9, the social media platform, along with many others, permanently suspended his account, saying, "After a close review of recent tweets from the @realDonaldTrump account and the context around them we have permanently suspended the account due to the risk of further incitement of violence."

As of press time Wednesday morning, the House of Representatives were debating impeaching President Trump for a second time.

Library wants community input to adjust their future vision

Pam Dudding Contributing writer

The Craig County Library staff have had their hopes elevated, only to have their dreams squashed later in recent years as their goals for their facility had to change drastically due to lack of funding and support.

Ned Savage, the President of Craig County Public Library and on Board of

Trustees, encourages citizens to help them set their goals that would meet the needs of the community.

Savage noted in a Facebook letter to the community, reflecting on 2020,

"that has been unlike any memory."

"In spite of a global pandemic, our little library has persevered and continued

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OBITUARY

Hodge, Dorothy Price

Dorothy Price Hodge, 95, of Manteo, NC, formerly of Salem, died on Tuesday, January 5, 2021.

Born in Lexington, SC, on March 19, 1925, she was the daughter of the late Iva Roof Price and John Brian Price. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband of 60 years, Paul B. Hodge III; son, Paul B. Hodge IV; brother, JB Price; and a sister, Christine Price.

Dorothy was a devoted and loving mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She is survived by one daughter, Sharon Hodge of Virginia



Beach, VA; one son, John C. Hodge (Debbie) of Hatteras, NC; six grand children, Christy Peterson Clark (Ryan), Allison Hodge (Lee), JC Hodge, Paul Hodge V (Elya), Leah Wienholt (Bob), and Lynn Morgan; and 12 great-grandchildren, Kylee, Jack, Cameron, Dean, Damon, Paul, Riley, Natalie, Ben, Jeremy and Michael.

No services are planned at this time.

Twiford Funeral Homes, Outer Banks is assisting the family with arrangements. Condolences and memories may be shared at www.TwifordFH.com.

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to serve our community with technology, information, education and connection," he added. "These resources have become even more critical and even essential for many patrons, as our county's students learn to navigate remote schooling, and the rest of us find ourselves spending more time at home, with reduced access to culture and social interaction that we may have once taken

for granted." He mentioned that many other libraries were forced to shut down, but the CC Library was able to "pivot and adapt." "We're proud that we've been able to continue to offer and even expand our services," he said. "This year, we grappled with the difficult decision not to continue to pursue an expanded Resource Center. While community support for

many aspects of the project was strong, some residents and local leaders justifiably questioned the project's expansive scope, vision and sustainability." The Library has always been committed to "listening and responding to the community above all else." Therefore, they view this not as a setback, but as an opportunity to better ensure that the Library aligns with Craig County's wants,

needs and capacity. A continued concern is that their space limitations have always been a major constraint to the ability of the Library to serve their mission. "As our future plans continue to shift to best reflect the community's shared vision, we need your voice to be included in this important conversation, as we collectively determine the best course forward for our

community's library," Savage continued. "Reach out to us and let us know your wishes and dreams for a library that effectively serves our County." They ask that everyone consider joining one of their committees, volunteering behind the desk or help to put on a program or educational event. They acknowledge that time is precious to everyone. "Support can take many forms," he added. "Your continued patronage itself shows that you value the resources we work to provide, and that support is invaluable to us." The Library also participates in the Kroger Community Rewards Program which costs people nothing. When one signs up, the Library will receive a small donation every time they make a purchase. Or one can sign up for Amazon Smile which is also a program that donates a small percentage of every purchase one makes to the CC library. The library can help con-

nect people with either or both. Also, as a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, all monetary donations are tax-deductible. Savage reiterated their mission: "We are committed to empowering individuals and building our community by bringing people, information and resources together. We aim to provide the essential tools for building the community's prosperity through education, information and social interaction." The Craig County Public Library is located on 303 Main Street in New Castle and can be reached by phone at 540-864-8978 or via email at craiglibrary@swva.net. Because of COVID-19 mandates, the library remains under strict limitations. Savage added, "We can't do it without you. We thank you for your continued support and patronage, and your dedication to helping us build a stronger library and community in 2021 and beyond."



The Craig County Library is at 303 Main Street.

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Legals - Botetourt County

ORDER OF PUBLICATION
Commonwealth of Virginia VA. Code Ann. §§ 8.01-316, -317
Case No. 20-649
Botetourt County Circuit Court
Mary Elizabeth McKenney v. Richard Lee McKenney
The object of this suit is to: Obtain a divorce based on separation of 1 year. It is ORDERED that Richard Lee McKenney appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before 02/01/2021. 12-28-20

Sherry Perry
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Legals - City of Salem

ORDER OF PUBLICATION
Commonwealth of Virginia VA. Code Ann. §§ 8.01-316, -317
Case No. CL20-2497
Roanoke County Circuit Court
April Lynn Webster-Mullins v. Timothy Roger Mullins
The object of this suit is to: Obtain a divorce based on a one year separation. It is ORDERED that Timothy Roger Mullins appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before 2-26-2021 @ 4:30pm.

1-4-2021
Jennifer Vest
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Legals - Craig County

ORDER OF PUBLICATION
Commonwealth of Virginia VA CODE § 8.01-316
Case No. JJ002182-04-00, JJ002182-05-00, JJ002182-06-00
CRAIG COMBINED COURT- JUVENILE
Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court
Commonwealth of Virginia, in re PAITSEL, RAYNE, AKA BABY GIRL GARMAN
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Left, Wyatt Teller proposes to Carly Whiting at midfield at Cleveland's FirstEnergy Stadium. Right, Wyatt was a standout lineman for Virginia Tech.

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BIG YEAR FOR BROWNS LINEMAN

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the season," said Whiting. "I was getting ready to come back to Virginia for Christmas and he had a half day of practice on that Monday. We were on our way to a Christmas party and I almost wore a 'Santa Baby' sweater. I'm glad I didn't."

The Browns practice facility is about a 20 minute drive from the stadium. Wyatt told Carly he left something at the stadium and had to drive there to pick it up.

"It was super believable," she said. "He's somewhat hyper and he's done that before. He told me the security guard at the stadium only had a certain window when he could let him in and we had to be there at that time. That's happened before."

The security guard let them in, but Teller then escorted Carly to the field. They walked to midfield, arm in arm, as the fan vision played a video that Carly's older sister, Rachel, had made for the occasion. Rachel is also a Craig County graduate who is now a lawyer in Roanoke. When they got to midfield Teller got down on one knee and proposed. An obviously emotional Carly quickly accepted.

"Honestly, my reaction was so genuine," said Whiting, who could be seen hopping up and down with joy on the video.

And that was another win for the Browns, who have now added Carly to the official family. She's been attending all the home games and some of the road games when the coronavirus pandemic guidelines allow. For the games Carly sits with some team family members near the tunnel where the Browns take the field. She's gained some new friends in the past two years, and quarterback Baker Mayfield's wife Emily was one of the first to congratulate her when Carly broke the news on her Instagram account the following night.

"I'm a social butterfly so I've made some really good friends," she said.

Teller and Whiting both went to Virginia Tech, but that's not where they met. Carly attended football games but had no idea her future husband was wearing the maroon and orange in Lane Stadium.

"I went all the time but I never even noticed him," said Whiting.

Teller is also from Virginia, born in Manassas. He was a standout player for Liberty High School of Bealton and the now 6'4", 315 pound lineman chose the Hokies over 15 other FBS programs who offered him a scholarship. He was in Frank Beamer's last recruiting class, recruited as a defensive end.

"He's very proud of being in Coach Beamer's last class," said Whiting. "He told me the story of Bud Foster coming to his house, and that was very exciting for him."

Teller didn't disappoint in Blacksburg. After moving to the offensive line he was named to the All-ACC first team, and after his senior year he was the runner-up for the Jacobs Blocking Trophy, given to the top lineman in the ACC. He was invited to the 2018 Senior Bowl.

Teller was drafted by the Buffalo Bills in the fifth round of the 2018 draft. It was about that time that he first met Carly.

"We met through a friend in Blacksburg," she said. "He had just gotten drafted by the Bills and was training for football."

Teller opened the 2018 fall season as a backup guard but earned a starting spot by Week 10, starting the final seven games for the Bills. The following year he went to camp in Buffalo, but on August 29 of 2019, just before the season, he was traded to Cleveland for

two draft picks. He became a starter in Cleveland by mid-season and for the past year and a half he's credited with being a key member of the Browns heralded running game, which is one of the very best in the NFL.

Carly moved to Cleveland in 2019 to be with Wyatt and the two have grown to enjoy the city by Lake Erie. It's a little colder than Virginia but, "Wyatt doesn't mind the cold," she said. "We love it here. The city loves the Browns and they're really excited about the team. It's a cool city."

In the past two years the Browns have started turning things around. They had the longest streak of not making the NFL playoffs prior to their win over Pittsburgh on January 3rd in Cleveland. That clinched a wild card berth for the Browns and gave them an 11-5 regular season record, their best since they were also 11-5 in 1994. They've only won more than 11 games in the regular season four times, and three of them were in the old All-American Football Conference from 1946 to 48 with Otto Graham at quarterback. The Browns didn't join the National Football League until 1950.

While the Browns struggled with a dozen straight losing seasons prior to this year, the Cleveland fans never lost faith. "Believeland" has always been a football town and when Pittsburgh failed to make a two point conversion in the waning minutes of a 24-22 win on the last Sunday of the regular season, the Browns punched their ticket to the playoffs.

"It was very exciting," said Whiting, who was joined at the game by Northside High graduate Samantha Barney. Both Carly and Samantha were outstanding volleyball players in high school and played on the same travel team. Bailey now works in the marketing department for the Detroit Lions so it wasn't a long trip to join Whiting in Cleveland for the game. Samantha had previously worked for the Salem Red Sox baseball team and then for NASCAR in Miami, Florida.

Then, last Sunday night, the Browns won their first playoff game since '94. In fact, that franchise



Wyatt Teller(#77) protects Browns quarterback Baker Mayfield.

CLEVELAND BROWNS PHOTO

Andrew Lewis Middle School sets guidelines for students planning to play football or volleyball

Andrew Lewis Middle School is preparing as if the volleyball and football seasons will commence as scheduled, with volleyball tryouts and football practice starting on Monday February 8th.

For students to participate in either volleyball or football, they must do the following by Friday February 5th:

(1.) Provide a current (dated after May 1, 2020) Virginia High School League (VHSL) physical form on file in the main office. The physical form can be found on our school website, the VHSL website, or

in the main office at ALMS.

(2.) Provide a signed Salem COVID 19 Waiver Form on file in the main office. The waiver form can be found on our school website, or in the main office at ALMS.

(3.) Sign up for volleyball and football by visiting the athletics tab on the Andrew Lewis webpage.

Students will not be allowed to participate if the above three steps are not completed by Friday February 5th.

No fans allowed at ODAC games

The Old Dominion Athletic Conference (ODAC) Presidents Council has endorsed a conference policy that will prohibit spectators at any ODAC indoor athletic event for the upcoming seasons. Basketball games are scheduled to be played beginning January 23.

This decision affects all conference indoor sports including basketball, indoor track & field, swimming and volleyball. ODAC leadership will continue to monitor the landscape surrounding the pandemic.

The Roanoke College men's basketball team is scheduled to open at home on Saturday, January 23, against Hampden-Sydney and the Maroons are also home against Ferrum on January 28. The women will open on the road at Randolph on January 26 with their home debut on Sunday, January 31.

The Roanoke College swim team is scheduled to have a meet this Saturday, January 16. It will be at Liberty University in Lynchburg and RC will swim against the host Flames and Lynchburg University.



Andrew Lewis Middle School basketball players Elizabeth Smith(left) and Emme Custer express their feelings at South Salem Elementary School prior to Tuesday's school board meeting.

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Salem athletes and concerned citizens gather outside South Salem Elementary School prior to Tuesday's school board meeting, hoping to influence the members to allow sports to begin for Salem High and Andrew Lewis Middle School teams. PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

SHS sports still on hold, Glenvar opens with hoops Friday

Glenvar High School winter sports are ready to begin competition within the next week while Salem is still a "no go," although some of the practice restrictions have been lifted.

Beginning this week, Salem High basketball teams can share the ball in practice, play some defense and wear a mask while competing. Wrestlers still must social distance and the swimmers are doing the same as they practice at the Salem YMCA.

Due to the Department of Health metrics, Salem teams are not allowed to compete against other schools this week. The metrics will be examined again on Monday, January 18, to decide how to proceed from that point. A group of concerned citizens gathered outside South Salem Elementary School on Tuesday hoping the school board would allow games to begin at their monthly meeting.

Meanwhile, the Roanoke County School System has given the go-ahead to begin interscholastic athletic competition, but only among the five county schools. That includes Glenvar along with Northside, Cave Spring, Hidden Valley and William

Byrd.

Glenvar's first games since February of 2020 will be Friday, as both basketball teams take on William Byrd. The boys will be at home and the girls will take on the Terriers in Vinton.

No spectators will be allowed at these games but fans can watch the action by live streaming. Go to Facebook and click on Glenvar High School.

The Highlanders are currently attempting to set up access to the NFHS Network. When that is finalized fans can live stream games from any high school participating, but must have a subscription to do so. The individual has a choice of a monthly subscription for \$10.99 or an annual subscription for \$69.99. Many high school are already participating, and to subscribe go to nfhsnetwork.com.

The Glenvar wrestling team is scheduled to compete for the first time next Tuesday, January 19, with a 5 pm match at William Byrd High School.

"The ADs are making some adjustments to the schedule so you can expect to see some adjustments to the matches over the next few days, but the first

one on Tuesday is locked and loaded," said Glenvar coach Jason Cline. "We are back to practicing now. I'm so glad they decided to allow some sort of season. The kids are excited and really looking forward to getting back on the mat in a Glenvar singlet."

The Glenvar swimmers open next Monday at the Gator Pool in a tri-meet with Cave Spring and William Byrd, with warmups at 7:30 pm and the first horn at 8 pm. The following week Glenvar has back-to-back-to-back meets on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, and that's it for the regular season.

"Hopefully the School Board will allow us to compete in Regions and States," said Highlander coach Shannon Hall. "Our girls team should be very competitive again."

The Glenvar girls were 2020 Class 2 state champions.

The Glenvar Indoor Track Team is tentatively scheduled to have a meet with William Byrd and Cave Spring in Vinton on Saturday afternoon at 1 pm. The meet will be held outside and wasn't official as of press time.

Josh Jones is new boys' soccer coach at Glenvar



Josh Jones coached the Salem High girls to three state finals and one state championship. PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Josh Jones, who led the Salem High girls to 18 successful soccer seasons, is now where the boys are. Jones has been named head coach of the Glenvar High School boys' soccer team.

Josh replaces Sam Hartman, who retired as Glenvar coach in August. Jones was to assist Sam during the 2020 spring boys' season, but that was cancelled due to the pandemic.

"I helped for a few days in practice," said Jones. "We had a scrimmage against Cave Spring, then everything stopped. I also helped at the middle school."

Josh comes to Glenvar with a terrific resume. The Salem girls' program had much success under Jones, winning a total of eight district championships, seven region championships and three appearances in the state championship game. Salem won the state in 2003 and was runnerup in 2016 and '17. Salem has been in the Final Four eight times under Jones, and over 30 girls from the program moved on to play in college.

After the 2019 season he made a tough decision to leave the girls' program so he could coach boys' soccer, hopefully at Salem. He has two sons, Jackson and Kip, who are currently in the Salem School System in sixth and third grade. When Dean Jones resigned as Salem boys' coach Josh applied for that position but the Spartans promoted Dean's assistant, David Atkins.

Josh played soccer for Jeff Highfill at William Byrd High and he always wanted a chance to coach a boys' program, and feels the time is right and Glenvar is a great place. The Highlanders have a new turf field that has yet to host a game due to the pandemic and a strong recreation program.

"They have great facilities," he said. "Their locker room is right by the field and they're developing a culture here."

While at Salem Josh was instrumental in starting the Salem Sabres travel team which has been successful in training both girls and boys from the ground up.

"We have lots of Glenvar kids in the Salem Sabres," said Jones. "And other clubs, too."

Josh is in the process of filling out his staff, and he's added two coaches from the Sabres, Logan Boyd and Luke MacBrien. He retained Andy Clapper, who was with Glenvar for the past two years.

"I'm excited," said Jones, who is a substitute teacher at Salem and Roanoke County and also works with youth at Bethel Baptist church in Salem. "Last year they had 14 seniors who didn't get to play, but we'll have some talent returning and I'm excited to get started. Today (Monday) is our first day of strength conditioning and we're looking forward to a good season."



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Former Hokie gets engaged to Craig County girl at midfield, helps Browns to 1st playoff win in 26 years.

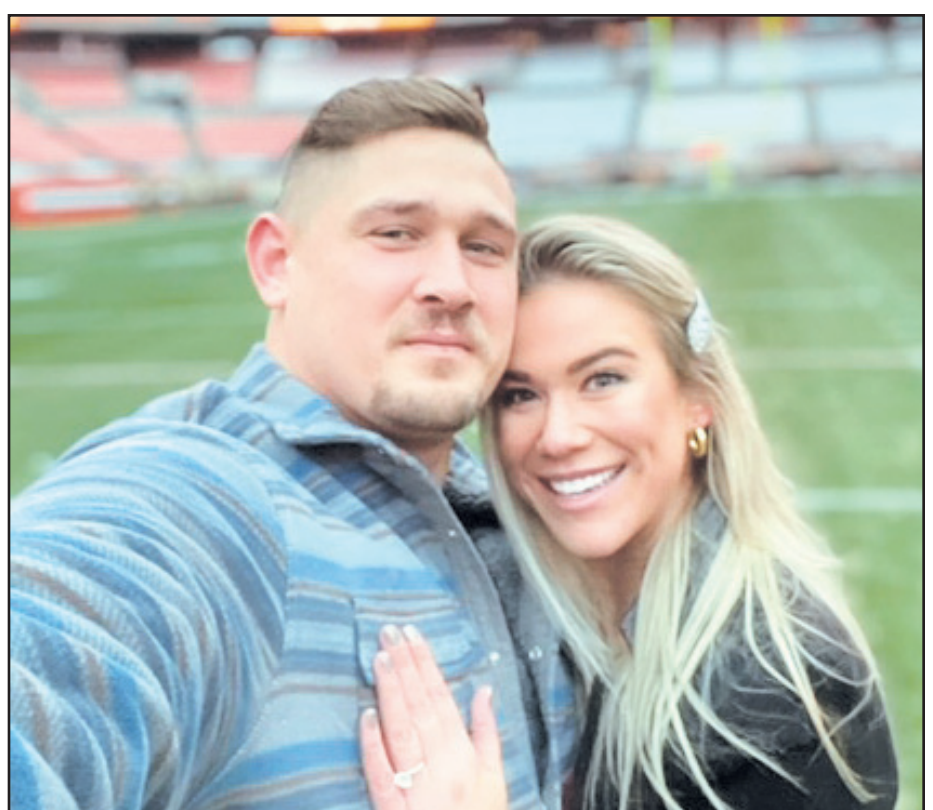
The past year was a terrible year for many, but Craig County native Carly Whiting and former Virginia Tech football standout Wyatt Teller will have some good memories of 2020. Whiting and Teller got engaged on the Cleveland Browns football field on December 21st, and Teller helped lead the Browns to their best season in 26 years.

"We're so excited, he proposed to me in the coolest way," said Whiting, a 2009 graduate of Craig County High School. Carly's mom, Melissa, is the principal at Craig County High and her dad, Bud, is a well-known figure in the county as well.

With Teller playing for the Browns, the video of the proposal was shown on ESPN as Wyatt proposed on the fifty yard line of FirstEnergy Stadium in Cleveland. Carly had suspected something was up when Teller had asked for her ring size not long before the proposal.

"We had talked about our future, but I thought something might happen after

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Cleveland Browns All-Pro guard Wyatt Teller and fiancée Carly Whiting, a Craig County High graduate. SUBMITTED PHOTO