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Sen. Tim Kaine visits Salem, tours the city's vaccination site



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Dr. Cynthia Morrow, the Roanoke City and Alleghany Health District Director, and Sen. Tim Kaine discussing vaccination updates.

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This week, Senator Tim Kaine is holding virtual and in-person events across the state to discuss health care amid the coronavirus pandemic. On Tuesday, Kaine, who served as Virginia's Governor from 2006 to 2010, toured the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) vaccination site at

the Salem Civic Center. While touring the facility, Kaine met with volunteers and staff to learn about the lifesaving work they are doing as well as converse with those who received a vaccine shot. Among those present to help answer the Senator's questions was Dr. Cynthia Morrow, the Roanoke City and Alleghany Health District Director. "We rely on data to identify vac-

cine distribution strategies and understand COVID-19's impact. We have struggled to meet the demand for information about these decisions and have not been able to personally respond to all of the inquiries and requests we have recently received," said Dr. Morrow a week before the Senator's arrival. "I am sorry for this.

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Local homeless shelter looking to move to new, bigger location



PHOTO BY SHAWN NOWLIN

For almost 35 years, RAM House has been serving the community at its 824 Campbell Avenue address. To better serve its mission, the non-profit will soon be moving into a bigger facility.

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Roanoke Area Ministries (RAM), which celebrated its 50th anniversary in January as the largest day shelter in the area, is in the process of moving into a new facility. Since 1987, the RAM House, which is still owned by the Catholic Diocese of Richmond, has been located inside a square brick building on Campbell Avenue that once housed the school and congregation of Our Lady of Nazareth Catholic Church.

When asked why the change in locations now, RAM Executive Assistant Molly Archer replied, "RAM House wanted to assess with our programming to see what needs were still needing to be met by our clients. We wanted to expand our programming, and also make our building handicap accessible. That and the opportunity of having a

funder for the building led us to the decision to move."

Founded in 1971, the doors at RAM House are open for those needing care coordination, day shelter services, meals and emergency financial assistance. RAM House also creates a safe place for people to utilize additional resources.

Roanoke County resident Jim Henson distinctly remembers an interaction he had with a homeless man in 2016. "I was putting some gas in my car and he kindly asked if I could buy him some water in exchange for him cleaning my windows. I ended up buying him a meal, purchasing him a gift card and telling him about the RAM House. When I followed up months later, he said everything was working out just fine."

The RAM House, explained Archer, is an interfaith non-profit that advocates for those facing or are threatening by homeless-

ness and hunger. Through our Emergency Financial Assistance Program, she continued, we provide hundreds of thousands of dollars in grants, which assists in helping people pay for utilities, rent and medication.

"By listening and asking genuine questions, we can determine the best needs of our clients. It's based on conversation and observation. We build relationships and rapport with our clients. Assistance is given based on a case-by-case analysis of a person's holistic needs. Different clients have different needs, so we customize care management accordingly," Archer added.

The new site, which has yet to be announced publicly, is expected to offer better amenities for homeless people, larger offices for employees and more services. Additional information about the organization can be found at raminc.org.

Lifelong Salem resident celebrates 102nd birthday



SUBMITTED PHOTO

On Valentine's Day this year, February 14, Margaret Lee Hough Allen, who has lived in South Salem all her life, celebrated her 102nd birthday.

New Director of Dining Services hired at Salem Terrace at Harrogate



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Amanda Joines is the new Director of Dining Services at Salem Terrace at Harrogate.

Friendship, a local leader in senior living and rehabilitation, recently announced the appointment of Amanda Joines as director of dining services at Salem Terrace at Harrogate. Salem Terrace at Harrogate is a retirement community managed by Friendship, and is located in Salem.

"Amanda has numerous strengths that really stand out," said Luke Campbell, Friendship's executive director of dining services. "As a certified executive chef, she's thrilled to be working once again in a retirement community setting."

Born and raised in Wakeman, Ohio, Joines recently moved to the Roanoke Valley from Wilkesboro, North Carolina in September 2020. After serving in the United States Air Force as a munitions systems specialist from 2001 to 2007, Joines moved to North Carolina to pursue her passion for food and serving others, and began studying culinary arts at

Johnson & Wales University in 2013.

Joines earned her degree in culinary arts from Johnson & Wales University in 2016 and a Bachelor of Arts in entrepreneurship from Ashford University the same year. Prior to, she had also earned her a Bachelor of Arts in service management, specializing in restaurant management and hospitality management in 2013 from Ashford University.

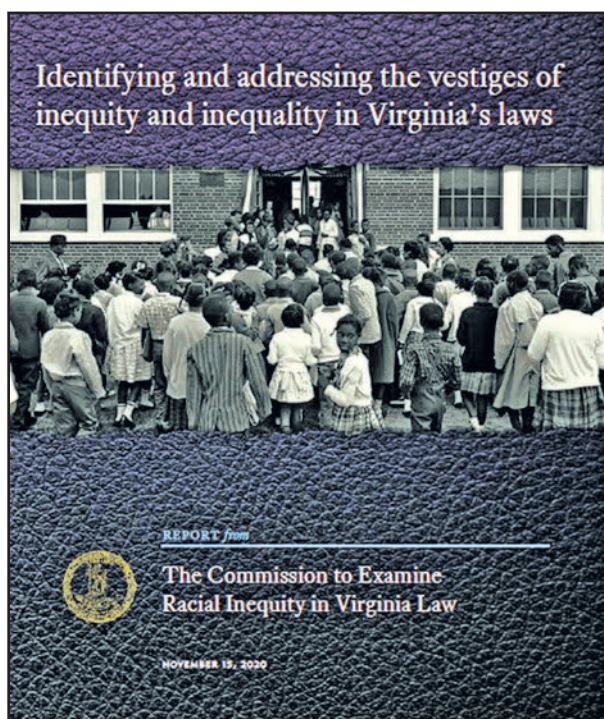
"I am excited to serve with this team," said Joines. "Salem Terrace is a beautiful community and the genuine care and concern the staff has for the residents is very evident. I look forward to having dining services play an even more integral role in everyone's health, happiness and well-being."

To learn more about Salem Terrace at Harrogate, visit www.salemterrace.com or call 540.444.0343 to schedule a virtual tour.

-Submitted by
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Second report on systemic bias in Virginia Law announced



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Commission to Examine Racial Inequity in Virginia Law has presented new policy recommendations to address vestiges of inequity.

Governor Ralph Northam recently committed to addressing the legacy of structural racism in Virginia's laws, as his Commission to Examine Racial Inequity in the Law issued its second report outlining policy recommendations to confront the impacts of discriminatory laws. Many of these recommendations are reflected in Governor Northam's current legislative priorities, including measures to restore voting rights, invest in education, and expand expungements of prior convictions.

"Our Commonwealth remains focused on acknowledging and righting the wrongs of our past," said Governor Northam. "This latest report makes clear that there is still work to do to shed the ugly remnants of Virginia's history. The Commission is already having a significant impact on our shared legislative priorities and I look forward to continuing our partnership to build a more honest, equitable, and inclusive future for all."

The Commission's recommendations played a key role in the formation of Governor Northam's current legislative agenda, which includes proposals to automatically restore the voting rights of people with felony convictions, legalize adult-use marijuana, abolish the death penalty, invest in education infrastructure and early childhood education, expand expungement

of previous convictions, and protect the ownership rights of "heirs property." The Commission's work also informed many of Governor Northam's legislative proposals for the August 2020 special session that centered on meaningful police reform and COVID-19 relief.

Governor Northam established the Commission to Examine Racial Inequity in Virginia Law in June 2019 and appointed its members in September 2019. The Commission was initially tasked with reviewing the Acts of Assembly, Code of Virginia, and administrative regulations to identify racially discriminatory language still on Virginia's books and making recommendations to address laws that were intended to or could have the effect of promoting or enabling racial discrimination or inequity. The Commission's interim report, published in December 2019, cited nearly 100 instances of overtly discriminatory language. Working closely with the Virginia Legislative Black Caucus, Governor Northam proposed and secured the unanimous passage of fourteen bills that repealed racist language related to education, housing, transportation, health care, voting, and more. While many of these Acts of Assembly are longer enforced or have been invalidated by subsequent federal and state legislation and court decisions, they had remained

enshrined in law.

In June 2020, Governor Northam extended the term and scope of the Commission with the goals of identifying existing state laws and regulations that create or perpetuate racial disparities and developing policies that increase protections for minority and marginalized Virginians. The Commission's expanded charge underscores the Northam Administration's ongoing work to remedy historical inequities in areas like education, health care, housing, and criminal justice.

"We were honored to support the Governor and his effort to right historic wrongs and create a more just and equitable Virginia," said Chair of the Commission and former Chief Deputy Attorney General of Virginia Cynthia Hudson. "This summer's events demonstrated that the relevance of the Commission's work could not be more clear, nor the research and recommendations we made more timely."

"In addition to informing ongoing policy change, our hope is that this report educates more Virginians about the history of structural racism in Virginia, and the negative impact that this history continues to inflict on so many people, and across so many areas of life, in the Commonwealth today," said Vice Chair of the Commission and University of Virginia School of Law Professor Andy Block. "Students in the State and Local Government Policy Clinic played a vital role in all aspects of our work, from putting together data on racial disparities, to researching policy recommendations to address these disparities, to helping draft the final report."

The Commission's work is slated to continue after the 2021 legislative session, when members will focus their attention on laws and regulations that directly contribute to inequity in economic achievement and stability. The Commission will also use this report as a tool to engage with people across the Commonwealth and gain a deeper understanding of the effects of and solutions to centuries of state-sanctioned racial bias and discrimination in Virginia.

Governor Northam and members of the Commission thanked University of Virginia law students Juliet Buesing, Catherine Ward, Lukus Freeman, Chris Yarell, Trust Kupupika, Kelsey Massey, and Wes Williams. They also extended thanks to the staff at the Library of Virginia who helped with research and selected historic images that brought the report text to life, including Roger Christman, Vince Brooks, Greg Crawford, Kelley Ewing, Mark Fagerburg, Cassandra Farrell, Dale Neighbors, Renee Savits, and Ben Steck. They also noted the many others that played a substantial role in supporting the Commission's work, including Jessica R. Killeen, Grace T. Kelly, James "J.D." Ratliff, and Nathan Dowdy from the Office of Governor.

-Submitted by Alena Yarmosky, Office of the Governor

Farm Bureau urges resolution of EU trade dispute

The European Union's recent retaliatory tariffs on agricultural goods stand to affect Virginia agriculture, but Virginia Farm Bureau is optimistic the Biden administration can work toward resolving trade tensions.

The EU recently announced it would impose a 25 percent tariff on several farm commodities and foods. This was in response to the Boeing-Airbus case at the World Trade Organization, a long-standing dispute between the U.S. and EU over government subsidies for civil aircraft production.

This is the latest move in the case dating back to 2006, and many Virginia products are on the list of agricultural goods targeted by the tariff, including tobacco, cotton, peanuts, wheat, seafood and grapes.

"As is frequently the case, U.S. food and agriculture are being dragged into a dispute that they had nothing to do with," said Ben Rowe, national affairs coordinator for Virginia Farm Bureau Federation. "By consistently running a surplus, agriculture is a routine bright spot in the U.S. balance of trade. However, this also makes it first on the list in retaliatory tariffs, regardless of the type of goods and services directly related to the dispute."

According to the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Virginia is the second-largest tobacco exporter in the U.S., accounting for 23 percent of all tobacco exports to the EU. In 2020, Virginia exported more than \$31 million in leaf tobacco to the EU, a 53 percent increase over 2019.

"The retaliatory tariffs that are to be imposed will cause this growth to di-

minish and will negatively affect Virginia tobacco producers and the rural economies they support," explained Michael Wallace, VDACS director of communications.

In addition, the tariffs will likely cause a decline in peanut and scallop exports, as the commonwealth is the fourth-largest supplier of peanuts and second-largest supplier of scallops to the EU.

"Sauces, mixed condiments and seasonings is another category of Virginia products that have experienced recent growth. However, they will be negatively affected by these retaliatory tariffs," Wallace said.

Rowe added that farmers, agribusinesses and VDACS work hard to diversify export markets and partners to ensure there are multiple export opportunities and destinations for Virginia products.

"It takes years to build relationships with importers, and disruptions like this can undo years of hard work and trust," he said.

The dispute now has spanned three presidential administrations, and both Rowe and Wallace agree that resolving ongoing trade tensions will benefit Virginia and the global economy.

"Recently the U.S. and EU have both indicated their willingness to reach a negotiated settlement to the underlying dispute," Rowe explained. "Now is the time to look at this with fresh eyes and negotiate a settlement that will help both countries recover from economic challenges and normalize trade."

Submitted by Ben Rowe

Spring Fire Season begins, 4 p.m. law in effect

In Virginia, spring brings increased wildfire potential and a greater threat for escaped fires. Virginia's spring wildland fire season and accompanying 4 p.m. Burning Law officially began on February 15. The law prohibits burning before 4 p.m. each day between February 15 through April 30 if the fire is in, or within 300 feet of woodland, brush or fields containing dry grass or other flammable materials. In addition to being tended at all times, fires started after 4 p.m. should not have additional material added to the burn after midnight. If weather conditions become critical, localities often add further restrictions to outdoor burning at the town, city and county levels. So, be sure to check with your local officials before burning.

Ninety-five percent of wildland fires in Virginia are human caused. The majority of escaped fires result from people burning debris, such as accumulated brush piles or trash, on dry and windy days. Virginia Department of Forestry (VDOF) officials emphasize that citizens should take extreme caution, even within the bounds of the law, to ensure they are burning safely. Keep

your piles small, remove anything burnable from within 10 feet of your pile or burn barrel, and have water and a shovel or rake nearby.

Why 4 p.m. and why in the spring? During the spring, burning conditions become incredibly conducive to fire spread due to increased and erratic winds, drying of fuels (such as leaf litter) that are dormant this time of year, and lower humidity. As the days start to become warmer, radiant energy from the sun shining down on dry grass, dead leaves and other materials, further dries out existing fuels, making them a tinderbox. What may start out as a small fire can quickly escape and grow into a wildfire that engulfs hundreds, if not thousands, of acres. After 4 p.m., winds tend to decrease and the moisture in the air and fuels increases, lessening the potential for fires to escape.

VDOF's Assistant Director of Fire and Emergency Response, Dave Houttekier said, "The 4 p.m. Burning Law is one of the most effective tools we have to prevent wildfires." Emphasizing the importance of the regulation he added, "By adhering to the law and not burning before 4 p.m., people are less likely to

start a fire that threatens 2 them, their property, and the forests of Virginia." Starting a fire before 4 p.m. is not only dangerous, but it can also be costly. Individuals found violating the 4 p.m. law can be charged with a class 3 misdemeanor, which carries a fine of up to \$500. In addition, if the fire escapes, that individual will be responsible for the suppression costs associated with putting the fire out and any damage to other people's property as a result of the fire.

Although conditions do not predict an intense fire season, especially with the recent snow, the potential for fire can come and go in the spring. Just a few days of dry weather can allow light fuels, such as grass, to become receptive even after long periods of wet weather.

The primary prevention message remains consistent throughout the entire season: springtime in Virginia always brings the potential for wildland fires. Although fire officials do what they can to plan for fire while actively promoting prevention and being prepared for suppression, the citizens of the Commonwealth play the most significant role by being safe and legal with all fire.

Virginia State Forester Rob Farrell said "The beginning of the 4 p.m. Burning Law is a great reminder that some of the best ways people can help in wildfire prevention are to wait till after 4 p.m. to burn, choose the right weather for outdoor fires, and clear an area surrounding the burn of flammable material before burning. Being smart, legal and responsible with fire really and truly is the answer."

For more information on wildland fire in Virginia, visit: <https://www.dof.virginia.gov/fire/>

-Submitted by Michelle Stoll, Virginia Department of Forestry



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Sen. Kaine having a conversation with a woman after she was vaccinated.



Sen. Kaine conversing with health experts.

PHOTOS BY SHAWN NOWLIN



VDH employee administering a COVID-19 vaccine on a senior.



After receiving a vaccine on Feb. 16, individuals were encouraged to wait for at least 30 minutes before leaving the building.



People of all ages and backgrounds waiting in line to get a vaccine.



VDH employees making sure a local family's information is accurately registered.

We are committed to improving the way we communicate about opportunities to schedule a vaccine appointment, about testing events and about other important aspects of the Roanoke City and Alleghany Health District.”

Just this week alone, hundreds of area residents like Nicole Zimmerman have been vaccinated in the Salem Civic Center. “When you first come in here, you are asked a bunch of questions to

make sure that you are healthy,” Zimmerman said. “After waiting in line until it’s your turn, you get a quick shot, and they ask you to wait for like 20 minutes before leaving.”

As a VDH volunteer, Elizabeth Draper’s understanding of the vaccination process has grown considerably in recent weeks. “Many of my friends are nurses and they told me that VDH was looking for volunteers.

That is how I got involved. From everything that we’ve seen, our vaccines are really safe. The biggest fear that some people have is the vaccines were not well studied. That simply is not the case.”

Last week, during her weekly column to update the community, Dr. Morrow said, “there’s good news for those seeking vaccination appointments. The VDH has created a new statewide Vaccine Pre-Registration

System to provide a unified and comprehensive process for Virginians to pre-register for the COVID-19 vaccine. If you previously filled out our RCAHD website form indicating your interest in the vaccine, your data was automatically imported into the new system and you do not need to pre-register again.”

After touring the Salem Civic Center vaccination facility, Kaine visited the Roanoke Redevelop-

ment and Housing Authority to learn more about what the organization needs as they respond to the coronavirus pandemic. While working in Congress on another exhaustive COVID-19 relief bill, Kaine has expressed a desire to gather as much information from Virginians as possible. “I am so glad I got to meet so many people here in Salem. The feedback given has been invaluable,” he said.

POLICE REPORT

The Salem Police Department reported the following people were arrested and charged January 26-February 8. 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:

January 26 – Christopher W. Thomas, 24, DUI
 January 27 – Jennifer L. Quisenberry, 46, criminal trespass;
 Jason T. Jamieson, 50, violation of probation; Sirius A. Hasan, 61, public intoxication; and Kha Nop Jr., 34, public intoxication.
 January 30 – Tashawna L.

Brown, 27, false police report; and Ava K. Santa Ana, 27, public intoxication.

February 1 – Clinton R. Caswell, 29, contempt of court

February 2 – Christopher A. Lindamood, 59, public intoxication; and Brandon K. Wheeler, 28, DUI.

February 3 – Penny Y. Hin-

kle, 54, shoplifting; and Julius J. Scott, 33, carrying concealed weapon.

February 4 – Charles V. Hoback Jr., 29, domestic assault and battery, violation of protective order

February 5 – Tiffany S. Lambert, 30, failure to appear; Miguel G. Sykes, 21, contempt

of court; Troy L. Alexander, 47, domestic assault and battery, contributing to the delinquency of a minor; and Joshua L. Claytor, 31, obtain money by false pretense.

February 6 – Rosie J. Osborne, 30, public intoxication

February 8 – Dylan T. Miles, 28, violation of probation

Special enrollment period for health insurance coverage under the Affordable Care Act begins this week

Now more than ever, it’s important to have health insurance. The marketplace at HealthCare.gov soon will offer an opportunity to shop for, enroll in or change to a new health insurance plan.

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services has announced a special enrollment period (SEP) for individuals and families who wish to enroll in health plans under the federal Affordable Care Act (ACA). The SEP will run for 90 days from February 15 through May 15, 2021.

During the SEP, consumers may submit a new application for health coverage or update an existing application on HealthCare.gov. Current enrollees

will be able to change to any plan offered in their area.

Unlike previous SEPs, there is no restriction requiring enrollees to choose the same level of coverage as their current plan. In addition, consumers will not need to provide any documentation of a qualifying event (such as the loss of a job or birth of a child), which is typically required for SEP eligibility. If an enrollee chooses a new plan, however, it is important to note that deductible and out-of-pocket maximum accumulations are not required to be transferred to the new plan chosen, and that those amounts will start over for the enrollee. Health insurance plans not offered

through HealthCare.gov are not required to, but may provide for, eligibility under this same SEP.

Consumers will have 30 days after they submit an application to choose a plan. Coverage will begin the first of the month after plan selection. After May 15, 2021, consumers may only enroll in an ACA-compliant health insurance plan if they recently lost their employer-sponsored health insurance coverage or have had a qualifying life event, such as a household change. To

learn more about enrolling after May 15, 2021, visit HealthCare.gov’s SEP page.

To raise awareness about the SEP and re-opening enrollment under the ACA, representatives from Enroll Virginia, the Virginia Health Benefit Exchange, the Virginia Bureau of Insurance and the Office of the Secretary of Health and Human Resources participated in a virtual town hall on Tuesday, February 16, at 10:30 a.m. The event was live-streamed on Enroll Virginia’s Facebook page

at www.facebook.com/enrollva/.

-Submitted by
Katha Treanor

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OPINION

Give Light ~ The State of Marriage ~

{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.}

Since my late husband Charlie Stebbins and I got married on July 14 - the French Bastille Day - in 1951, the institution has undergone a lot of changes.

We must have done something right, for the marriage lasted until death parted us now nearly 13 years ago on March 30, 2008. He, a Navy veteran of World War II, was nearing 85 when a swift stroke, an outcome of pulmonary fibrosis, took his life during the Easter season.

We had observed our 50th wedding anniversary several years earlier at a conference in Charlotte, North Carolina, in which we led a workshop for an organization now known as Better Marriages. It meant a lot to us for the second half of our years together.

Charlie came into my life a bare month after my mother died while I was a junior in the Journalism Department at Richmond Professional Institute of the College of Wil-

liam and Mary. Though six years older than I - as were many husbands and fathers at mid-20th Century following their service in World War II - we had much in common. Descended from families who had settled in Virginia or Massachusetts in Colonial times, we were bound together by our heritage, our church affiliation and the unhappy circumstances of losing our fathers early in our lives as results of the Great Depression.

Involvement in a church had been part of our early lives, but, like many young adults, we had several years earlier drifted away.

Introverts by nature, we both loved to write, but our gifts and styles were different; he truly loved the newspaper world and was a concise and accurate reporter with a native curiosity and enjoyment of variety. I studied news writing because I wanted to publish books, a goal I never accomplished. After many years I discovered that what I am doing now, putting a personal touch on facts, was what God intended me to do.

When we married, it was less common for couples to cohabit for months or years

Frances Stebbins Correspondent

before they took vows. At least, it was not done among families from which we came. In Virginia, white people married whites, though with the light complexions many folk of African descent show, it's clear a lot of racial mixing went on despite the laws.

When I was growing up, divorces were certainly known among couples in my town, but they were not looked upon with favor. My best friend in childhood, a little girl whose small home was plagued with an alcoholic and abusive father, experienced the divorce of her parents when we were nine.

It resulted in her move from our neighborhood and a lonely year for me since I was an only child living near, but not in a small town.

As for girls getting pregnant without being married, that was definitely a disgrace. Roanoke author Mary Bishop has brought that to public

attention recently in her nationally acclaimed book about her mother's "secret son." The work, "Don't You Ever," recounts the tale of the author's older brother, product of a rape, and her mother's successful effort to keep it hidden for years.

Finally, over the past 25 years, we have come to experience greater acceptance of LGBTQ adults.

On February 7, with no services available at my own church, I viewed that of the Washington Cathedral where I felt privileged to meet online two well-known Christian churchmen.

The preacher for the day was Max Lucado, a popular author and speaker, especially among conservative evangelical Christians. He is pastor of the huge Oak Hills Church in San Antonio, Texas. Officiating at the Holy Communion portion of the worship was retired Episcopal Bishop Gene Robinson. Presiding was the dean of the cathedral, Randolph Hollerith. The service included the usual multi-racial and multi-national mix of musicians and leaders of parts of the Episcopal ritual.

What was distinctive about

the service was that Robinson is the first openly gay man to be elevated to a bishop in the Episcopal Church. This occurred in 2003 in New Hampshire and caused many parishes - some in our area - to leave the predominant American body. They formed their own splinter group affiliated with the worldwide body known as Anglican for its British heritage.

The Cathedral's preacher Lucado had 15 years ago expressed in print the view that the homosexuality Robinson espoused is contrary to God's will. That is still a common teaching of some Christians despite the increasing acceptance of LGBTQ folk in the mainstream of society.

Viewing the service, I observed that neither the author nor the gay bishop spoke of their differences. I found the service inspiring.

Others, however, were highly offended that cathedral leadership had invited the author critical of LGBTQ folk to speak. A round of apologies followed in what was probably intended as a gesture of reconciliation.

Sadly, even the day of love and peace can become divisive.

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Reactions to President Donald Trump's Senate acquittal

President Joe Biden

"It was nearly two weeks ago that Jill and I paid our respects to Capitol Police officer Brian Sicknick, who laid in honor in the Rotunda after losing his life protecting the Capitol from a riotous, violent mob on January 6, 2021. Fifty-seven Senators - including a record seven Republicans - voted to find former President Trump guilty for inciting that deadly insurrection on our very democracy. The Senate vote followed the bipartisan vote to impeach him by the House of Representatives. While the final vote did not lead to a conviction, the substance of the charge is not in dispute. Even those opposed to the conviction, like Senate Minority Leader McConnell, believe Donald Trump was guilty of a 'disgraceful dereliction of duty' and 'practically and morally responsible for provoking' the violence unleashed on the Capitol."



Former President Donald Trump

"I want to first thank my team of dedicated lawyers and others for their tireless work upholding justice and defending truth. My deepest thanks as well to all of the United States Senators and Members of Congress who stood proudly for the Constitution we all revere and for the sacred legal principles at the heart of our country. This has been yet another phase of the greatest witch hunt in the history of our Country. No president has ever gone through anything like it, and it continues because our opponents cannot forget the almost 75 million people, the highest number ever for a sitting president, who voted for us just a few short months ago."

Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer

"The case of Donald Trump's second impeachment trial was open and shut. President Trump told a lie -- a big lie -- that the election was stolen, and that he was the rightful winner. He laid the groundwork for this big lie in the months before the election, he told the big lie on election night, and he repeated the big lie more than 100 times in the weeks afterwards. He summoned his supporters to Washington, assembled them on the Ellipse, whipped them into a frenzy, and directed them at the Capitol.

"And then he watched, as the violence unfolded, and the Capitol was breached, and his own Vice President fled for his life - and President Trump did nothing.

"None of the facts were up for debate. We saw it. We heard it. We lived it. This was the first presidential impeachment trial in history in which all Senators were not only judges and jurors, but witnesses to the constitutional crime that was committed.

The former president inspired, directed and pro-

pelled a mob to violently prevent the peaceful transfer of power, subvert the will of the people, and illegally keep that president in power."



Senator Tim Kaine

"One year ago, I said upon the conclusion of President Trump's first impeachment trial, 'Unchallenged evil spreads like a virus,' and that acquittal would lead to worse behavior. The events of January 6 - seven dead, the first siege of our Capitol in over 200 years, the disruption of the peaceful transfer of power - are the direct result of that first acquittal. I voted to convict because seven needlessly died and hundreds were injured by a former President's egregious lies. So many risked all to protect us. The least we can do is protect them by voting to condemn and thus prevent behavior that should never be repeated."



Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell

"Former President Trump's actions that preceded the riot were a disgraceful, disgraceful dereliction of duty. Trump is practically and morally responsible for provoking the events of the day. We have a criminal justice system in this country. We have civil litigation. And former Presidents are not immune from being held accountable by either one."



House Speaker Nancy Pelosi

"What we saw in that

Senate was a cowardly group of Republicans who apparently have no options, because they were afraid to defend their job, respect the institution in which they serve. Censure is the slap in the face of the constitution. It lets everybody off the hook. All these cowardly senators who couldn't face up to what the president did and what was at stake for our country are now going to have a chance to give a little slap on the wrist? We censure people for using stationary for the wrong purpose. We don't censure people for inciting insurrection that kills people in the Capitol."



Senator Mark Warner

"The evidence presented by the managers, in this case, was overwhelming: Donald Trump used the platform of the presidency to incite a violent insurrection against the seat of our democracy that led to multiple deaths. These are the most serious charges ever levied against a U.S. president, and with good reason. While the Senate failed to achieve the two-thirds majority needed to convict Trump and bar him from future office, a bipartisan majority of Senators voted to send a clear message to future presidents that conduct of this nature is impeachable, intolerable and disqualifying. When the history books on this moment are written, I believe that judgment will be clear."

Senator Thom Tillis

"My vote was based on two fundamental issues with the impeachment process. The first being the decision to hold a trial for a private citizen, and the second being the charge itself. There are valid questions whether it is constitutional for Congress to put a private citizen on trial. And even if it is constitutionally permissible, it isn't prudent in the absence of a thorough impeachment inquiry. The

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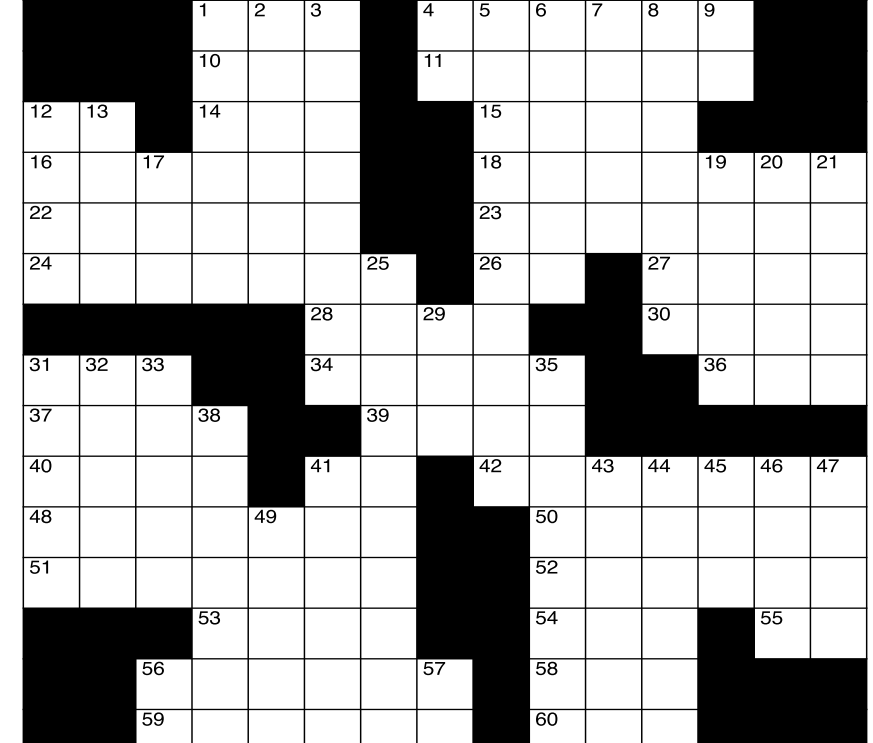
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Trump from page 4

House managers argued impeachment was necessary to bar former President Trump from running for president again. Their rationale is not rooted in any consistent, objective standard and collapses on itself: what accountability would a trial provide to a second-term president who commits impeachable offenses in their final days in office when they are already constitutionally barred from seeking another term? I have faith

in the American people to determine whether former President Trump disqualified himself from seeking the presidency in the future."

Senator Richard Burr

"January 6 was a grim day in our nation's history. The attack on the U.S. Capitol was an attempt to undermine our democratic institutions and overrule the will of the American people through violence, intimidation and force.

Seven lives were tragically lost as a result of that day. Law enforcement officers, outnumbered and overwhelmed, sustained debilitating injuries as they bravely defended Congress against an angry mob. We now know that lawmakers and congressional staff came dangerously close to crossing paths with the rioters searching for them and wishing them harm."

Senator Ted Cruz

"The impeachment of



Donald Trump on the charge of incitement was merely a rushed act of partisan retribution. I was against the Senate taking jurisdiction in this trial from the start, as the House had chosen

to impeach without providing due process or introducing evidence. The House brought only one charge before the Senate: incitement. Donald Trump used heated language, but he did not urge anyone to commit acts of violence. The legal standard for incitement is very high and it is clear by the results of this vote that the House Managers failed to present a coherent standard for incitement. In the United

States, politicians from all parties and across the country routinely use words and phrases like 'fight,' 'win,' and 'take back our country' in speeches and interviews, including numerous Senate Democrats and House Impeachment Managers. Using this rhetoric is not impeachable, whether made by Republicans or Democrats."

-Compiled by Shawn Nowlin

Virginia individual income tax filing season is underway

- Taxpayers encouraged to file returns electronically and request refund via direct deposit -

Virginia Tax has announced that tax filing season is underway in Virginia. Effective immediately, taxpayers can begin filing their individual income tax returns.

"Last year, of the more than 4.4 million returns submitted and processed in Virginia, 85 percent were filed electronically," said Tax Commissioner Craig M. Burns. "This year, we strongly encourage you to file electronically as well and request a refund, if you have one coming, via direct deposit. That's especially important now because, due to COVID-19 workplace protocols, it could take longer than what's typical to process a paper return."

Generally, it takes up to four weeks to process an electronically-filed return and up to eight weeks to process a paper return.

Although Virginia Tax has started processing returns, the

Virginia General Assembly is continuing to make decisions about the state's conformity to the federal tax code. That means some taxpayers, depending on their situation, may need to file an amended return once those questions are resolved.

Here are some steps people can take to help make sure their return and refund aren't delayed:

Gather all W-2s, 1099s and other withholding information before filing the return;

New this year: Because Virginia's tax laws changed, people may receive a 1099-K form if a third-party settlement organization paid \$600 or more in a taxable year. Money received as a contractor/gig worker must be reported as income;

Include Virginia driver's license or Virginia identification card number on the return. Returns

that don't have that information won't be rejected, but providing it helps get the return processed more quickly;

Be sure the spelling of your name(s), Social Security number(s) and all calculations are correct; and

If you moved since you filed your last return, use your current address.

For secure, online self-service you can create and log onto an online individual account. This allows you to track your return or refund. You can also check the status of your refund by calling 804.367.2486, or using the Where's My Refund application on the Virginia Tax website.

Submitted by
Stephanie M. Benson,
Senior Communications
Specialist



PHOTO BY KELLY SIKKEMA

Virginia issues January 2021 Revenue Report

Governor Ralph Northam recently announced that January General Fund revenues fell 2.4 percent from the previous year.

"As we work to put this pandemic behind us, we must stay focused on positioning our Commonwealth for broad-based and inclusive growth," said Governor Northam. "Our revenue picture remains stable, and I am confident that we can strengthen our cash reserves, provide Virginia families and businesses with the relief they need to get back on their feet, and meet our budget priorities, which includes giving our teachers a pay raise."

Collections of payroll withholding taxes

fell 12.6 percent for the month, which was expected due to one less deposit day in January relative to a year-ago. Collections of sales and use taxes, reflecting December sales, rose 5.6 percent in January. The combined December and January receipts, representing the bulk of the holiday shopping season, was 5.4 percent above the same period last year.

"Collections have been strong for the first seven months of the fiscal year, especially in individual estimated payments, sales and use taxes, corporate income tax, and recordation taxes," said Secretary of Finance Aubrey Layne. "Besides the normal

monthly payroll withholding and sales tax collections, estimated payments from individuals are due in January, making it a significant month for revenue collections."

December and January are significant months for collections of nonwithholding and receipts can be distorted by the timing of payments. Taxpayers had until January 15 to submit their fourth estimated payment for tax year 2020 and some of these payments are received in December. Receipts of nonwithholding for the two-month period of January-December increased 14.7 percent from last year. Collections of corporate income taxes were \$49.3

million in January, compared with receipts of \$29.8 million in January of last year.

On a fiscal year-to-date basis, total revenue collections rose 6.0 percent through January, ahead of the forecasted 1.2 percent growth. Year-to-date, withholding collections are 0.3 percent ahead of the

same period last year, but below the annual estimate of 2.7 percent growth. On a year-to-date basis, sales tax collections have risen 6.5 percent, well ahead of the annual estimate of a 2.6 percent decline. Nonwithholding collections for the first seven months of the fiscal year grew 28.5 percent, ahead

of the annual estimate of a 4.4 percent increase. On a fiscal year-to-date basis, corporate income tax collections rose 39.3 percent through January, ahead of the annual forecast of 19.9 percent growth.

-Submitted by
Alena Yarmosky,
Office of the Governor

Bank of Botetourt now accepting applications for Annual "Taking Care of You" Community Scholarship

Bank of Botetourt recently announced that the Fifth Annual Community Scholarship for a combined total of \$1,000. First place will receive \$500, with second and third receiving \$250 each. These scholarships are available to high school seniors and existing college students with a GPA of 2.5 or higher and who currently utilize Bank of Botetourt for their banking services.

To apply, applicants will need to write a two-page essay on the topic of

"How has Bank of Botetourt been able to take care of your banking and financial needs?" The deadline for submissions is Wednesday, March 31.

For more information, Bank Education Team Representative Jon Foreman can be reached at scholarship@bankof-botetourt.com or 540-591-5053.

-Submitted by Mary Ann Miller,
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Read Numbers 30:1 through 31:54

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God repeatedly encouraged Israel to see themselves as one united people. They were to

all share His blessings, not just a privileged few.

"Divide the spoils equally between the soldiers who took part in the battle and the rest of the community" (Numbers 31:27).

God wants that same sense of community to permeate His Church. We have talents, financial resources, and time the Lord has generously given us. How can we share them with others? How can we use them to lift up the name of Jesus in this world?

Thought for Today: Everything God has given you was intended to bless the world.

Quicklook: Numbers 31:25-31

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Taylor Plott; 9:00-9:45am Sunday Bible Study; 10:00am & 5:30pm Worship Service; Wednesday Bible Study: 6:00 -7:00pm. For more info contact the Church Office.

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Snow yard art captures hearts and gives smiles



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Another Lorna niece, Samantha Dunman, a yoga instructor who lives in Florida, said, "How fun! My great aunt recently made this handstand snowman for me. Thanks Lorna."



Expressed, Linda Boone, another Lorna niece, "She is an outdoorsman and an avid hunter and can out hunt and out fish all of her brothers. She has always been outgoing and a country gal. She's definitely talented and nice and she's always been fun. She's always had a kid's heart."



Shared Amanda Boone, Lorna's niece, "She has made everything from a gigantic coconut cream pie to a Baby Yoda which she dedicated to me and my little preemie guy. My Aunt Lorna has always been one of those people who lives life to the fullest."

Pam Dudding Contributing writer

When people are talented, it shows through regardless of what they do or where they live.

Local resident Lorna Bragg is a bit shy, but extremely talented and has been making snow art out of the snow Craig County has been getting lately.

"We've gotten a lot of snow here on John's Creek," said many local residents. "She's really making beautiful art out of it all. We are really enjoying it."

Lorna and her husband Jerry moved to Craig County from Salem about ten years ago after living in there all of

her life. They and their cat share a love of Craig County's beauty and everything that it offers. "We love it here," she said.

"Jerry likes to take the pictures, but does very little of the snow art, however, he cleans off our vehicles and porches while I play," Lorna added with a little giggle. "I'd rather build things out of snow than eat when I'm hungry."

Lorna has made everything from a deer (or moose) to an upside-down snowman with a huge grin, a baby Yoda, a snowman with his legs crossed and a mask on, a bear crawling over a ledge, a huge coconut pie (that I thought was

real at first) and a giant ice cream sundae, amongst many other creative things.

"All my life though, I have loved playing in the snow," Bragg said. "I won't say for how many years though." She makes her creation, then spray paints them and snaps a photo.

Lorna also shared that nobody influenced her, but she does appreciate art. "As a matter of fact, I have to look at a picture to even make some of my sculptures," she said. "Lots of trial and error, but I try to improve as I go along."

Though Lorna doesn't believe she is "an artist by any means and will never be," in her eyes, many

beg to differ, including her neighbors, newfound Facebook friends and family members.

"Now with Facebook, it's more exciting," she said. "Some of my family members, remembering when they were little kids, comment now on the posts, saying how some of their happiest memories were playing in the snow with me and I like that. Now with the Covid, I hardly get to see any of them. The snow posts keep us close and makes them smile and I love doing it."

Lorna said that she does enjoy art, especially outdoor scenes, as she has always been an outdoors lover.

"Needless to say, I don't do housework when it snows because I'm too busy enjoying the snow and watching my sculptures slowly disappear," she said. "Now I'm going to really have to step up my game."

Lorna's family still connects with her on Facebook also.

Jennifer Alice publicly posted, "Some of my best childhood memories were playing in the snow with my Aunt Lorna Bragg. She's still at it."

Lorna's niece, Samantha Dunman, who lives in Daytona, Florida,

shared, "How fun! My great aunt made this handstand snowman for me today! Thanks Lorna."

Dunman says that she is a yoga instructor that practices handstands daily and has been posting about her handstand journey for a few years now.

"Lorna decided to make me a snowman doing a handstand," she said. "I never get to see snow because of where I live, so I thought it was very creative and thoughtful of her to do."

Another niece, Amanda Boone, posted on Facebook, "Why my aunt is better than yours!" with Lorna's picture of the snow art of a baby Yoda. Lorna responded to Amanda, "I made that just for and Justice."

Linda Boone, who lives nearby in Shawsville, shared her love for Lorna also.

"Lorna is my dad's sister. She is a twin. She is an outdoorsman and an avid hunter and can out hunt and out fish all of her brothers. She has always been outgoing and a country gal. She's definitely talented and nice and she's always been fun," she said.

Linda added, "She's always had a kids' heart. I

mainly love the deer one because she is a hunter. I remember when I was growing up and we all hunted together. She has always loved playing in the snow. She has always had a creative imagination and a comical side. She has always made me laugh and will do anything in the world for you. It's been a while since I've seen her, but she's always created snow figures. She will probably make a trout creation before the snow melts as she is a big-time trout fisherwoman."

Lorna added a huge banana split to her creations this week, sharing, "I thought about sharing this banana split, but...naahhhh! Lol."

"I just like to bring a smile or two to people's faces," Lorna said. "It helps to relieve some of the stress."

OBITUARIES

Williams, Carol Matthews

Carol Matthews Williams of Salem passed away on Wednesday, February 10, at Mary Washington Hospital in Fredericksburg, VA.

A native of Salem, she was the wife of the late, Donald A. Williams, and the daughter of George C. Matthews and Evelyn K. Matthews, both deceased. Carol was a 1956 graduate of Andrew Lewis High School and graduated from Longwood University after. She was a member of the Alpha Sigma Tau sorority at Longwood University. She worked as an LPN for over 20 years and had found her calling. Carol was a long-standing member of Salem Baptist Church.

Over the years her hobbies and interest included bowling, playing bridge, reading, puzzles, knitting, and all sports, especially the VT Hokies and Dallas Cowboys. Carol loved to travel, especially road trips. She volunteered at her local polling place every election, at Lewis Gale Hospital and the local clothes closet.

Carol was a very devoted mother and even more grandmother. She leaves behind to cherish her memory five children: Todd Williams and wife Janet, Kelley Dillenberger and wife Mary Jane, Scott Williams and wife Angela, Allison Jacobsen and husband Ken, and Chris



Williams and wife Carrie; grandchildren, Hayley Jacobsen, Taylor Dillenberger, Nic Williams and wife Lauren, Zach Jacobsen, Jordan Williams, Kyle Williams, Langley Sampognaro and husband Gabe, Morgan Zinkhan and husband Ryan, Matt Williams and wife Bailey, Madison Dillenberger, Ryan Williams, Kelsey Williams, Connor Williams, Josie

Williams, and Larry Marshall and wife Ellen; great-grandchildren, Emmitt, Lazarus, and Afton; her sister, Kay Taney; two brothers-in-law; two sisters-in-law; and ten nieces and nephews.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by two grandsons, Richard S Williams and Donald J Williams.

The family will receive friends at Lotz Funeral Home in Salem, 1330 East Main Street, on Saturday, February 27, from 11:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. A funeral service will follow at 12:30 in the Lotz Funeral Home Chapel. Interment will follow the chapel service in Evergreen Burial Park.

Memorials may be made to the American Liver Foundation or National Kidney Foundation.

Online condolences may be offered at www.lotzfuneralhomesalem.com.

Chaffin, Ira William

Ira William Chaffin, 93, of Salem passed away on Sunday, February 7. He was born on September 12, 1927, in Danville, Virginia.

He was predeceased by his parents, Okie and Clara Chaffin, and his wife, Esther Lois Finch Chaffin.

He is survived by one son, Ira W. Chaffin Jr. (Bill); two grandsons, Cory of Raleigh, North Carolina, and Adam of Chicago, Illinois.

Ira was a United States Navy Veteran of World War II and a longtime member



of American Legion Post 248 in Roanoke. He also was a member of Windsor Hills United Methodist Church, Taylor Masonic Lodge, Scottish Rites and Kazim Temple. Ira retired from General Electric with 31 years of service.

A Graveside Service will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, March 6, at Sherwood Memorial Park.

Arrangements entrusted to Oakey's Funeral Service - South Chapel, Roanoke, Va., (540) 989-3131. Online condolences may be shared with the family at www.oakeys.com.

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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.

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•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.

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

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TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 1503 LAYMANTOWN ROAD, TROUTVILLE, VA 24175.

In execution of a certain Deed of Trust dated September 13, 2010, in the original principal amount of \$645,000.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Botetourt County, Virginia as Instrument No. 110003479. The undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the front of the Circuit Court building for Botetourt County, Main Street, Fincastle, VA 24090 on March 17, 2021, at 11:30 AM, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address, and more particularly described as follows: ALL THAT CERTAIN TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND SITUATE IN BOTETOURT COUNTY, VIRGINIA, TOGETHER WITH APPURTENANCES

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THEREUNTO BELONGING AND IMPROVEMENTS THEREON DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, TO-WIT: BEGINNING AT A POINT ON VIRGINIA SECONDARY ROUTE NO. 658 WHICH POINT IS CORNER TO THE 3.00 ACRE TRACT OF VIRGINIA M. KING, SAID POINT ALSO BEING THE CENTER OF AN EXISTING 50 ROADWAY SHOWN ON THERE HIERINAFTER MENTIONED PLAT OF SURVEY; WITH THE CENTERLINE N. 85 DEGREES 12' W. 436 FEET TO A POINT ON THE 2.107 ACRE PARCEL TO BE CONVEYED TO GEORGE RUSSELL KING, SR. AND BARBARA HODGES KING; THENCE N. 0 DEGREES 19' E. 5.00 FEET TO AN IRON PIN SET; THENCE N. 85 DEGREES 12' W. 290.00 FEET TO AN IRON PIN SET; THENCE S. 4 DEGREES 48' E. 303.97 FEET TO AN IRON PIN SET; THENCE N. 85 DEGREES 12' W. 315.47 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE N. 15 DEGREES 50' W. 104.20 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE N. 40 DEGREES 26' E. 84.90 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE N. 26 DEGREES 53' E. 116.25 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE WITH THE CENTERLINE OF WELCH'S RUN N. 8 DEGREES 25' E. 131.43 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE N. 19 DEGREES 16' E. 162.39 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE N. 17 DEGREES 56' E. 149.80 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE S. 67 DEGREES 22' E. 41.38 FEET TO A POINT, THENCE N. 88 DEGREES 34' E. 78.23 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE S. 76 DEGREES 53' E. 286.35 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE N. 84 DEGREES 53' E. 401.64 FEET TO AN IRON PIN FOUND ON STATE SECONDARY ROUTE NO. 658; THENCE WITH SAID STATE ROUTE 658 S. 11 DEGREES 36' E. 155.95 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE CONTINUING WITH SAID STATE ROUTE 658; S. 6 DEGREES 30' 23" E. 216.44 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE CONTINUING WITH SAID STATE ROUTE 658, S. 9 DEGREES 50' E. 73.23 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, AND CONTAINING 10.269 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, AS SHOWN ON A PLAT OF SURVEY MADE BY C.E. LACY, JR., CLS, DATED NOVEMBER 19, 1983. LESS, HOWEVER, THAT CERTAIN 1.354 ACRE PARCEL CONVEYED TO DENNIS FREDERICK KING AND BERNICE CUNDIFF KING, HUSBAND AND WIFE, BY DEED DATED DECEMBER 21, 1989 AND RECORDED IN THE AFORESAID CLERK'S IN DEED BOOK 368, AT PAGE 933. BEING THE SAME PROPERTY CONVEYED TO THE BORROWER BY DEED DATED MAY 5, 2010 AND RECORDED IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BOTETOURT COUNTY, VIRGINIA AT INSTRUMENT NO. 100001599. TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder's deposit of ten percent (10%) of the sale price or ten percent (10%) of the original principal balance of the subject Deed of Trust, whichever is lower, in the form of cash or certified funds payable to the Substitute Trustee must be present at the time of the sale. The balance of the purchase price will be due within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Purchaser's deposit may be forfeited to Trustee. Time is of the essence. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser may, if provided by the terms of the Trustee's Memorandum of Foreclosure Sale, be entitled to a \$50 cancellation fee from the Substitute Trustee, but shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the

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Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. A form copy of the Trustee's memorandum of foreclosure sale and contract to purchase real property is available for viewing at www.bwvsaes.com. BIDDERS ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO FOLLOW CDC GUIDANCE AND WEAR A COVER OVER BOTH NOSE AND MOUTH AND PRACTICE SOCIAL DISTANCING AT THE AUCTION. Additional terms, if any, to be announced at the sale and the Purchaser may be given the option to execute the contract of sale electronically. This is a communication from a debt collector and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. The sale is subject to seller confirmation. Substitute Trustee: Equity Trustees, LLC, 8100 Three Chopt Road, Suite 240, Richmond, VA 23229. For more information contact: BWW Law Group, LLC, attorneys for Equity Trustees, LLC, 6003 Executive Blvd, Suite 101, Rockville, MD 20852, 301-961-6555, website: www.bwvsaes.com, VA-348550-1.

Legals - City of Salem

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Notice is hereby given to all interested persons that the Board of Zoning Appeals of the City of Salem, Virginia will hold a public hearing, in accordance with the provisions of Sections 15.2-2204 and 15.2-2309 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, on February 25, 2021, at 4:00 p.m. in the Community Room of the Salem Civic Center, 1001 Roanoke Boulevard, in the City of Salem, Virginia, to consider the following applications.

Request of Mikel L. and Sheryl H. Trenor, property owners, for a variance from Section 106-202.3(B)(2), minimum setback requirements, of the Code of the City of Salem, to allow the construction of a two hundred and six square foot inground pool located at 309 Fort Lewis Boulevard (Tax Map # 130-2-29). Section 106-202.3(B)(2) states that accessory structures shall be placed behind the rear building line of the principal structure. The petitioners are therefore requesting a variance to allow the construction of a two hundred and six square foot inground pool in the front yard.

At this hearing, all parties in interest will be given an opportunity to be heard, present evidence, and show cause why such requests should or should not be granted. For additional information, contact the Office of the Zoning Administrator, 21 South Bruffey Street, Salem, Virginia (Phone 375 3032).

THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS OF THE CITY OF SALEM

BY: Mary Ellen H. Wines, CZA, CFM
Zoning Administrator

Legals - Montgomery County

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
The Christiansburg Town Council will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, February 23, 2021 at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers of the Christiansburg Town Hall, 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, Virginia 24073. The purpose of the public hearing is to receive public comments concerning:

1. A Rezoning request by Gay and Neel, Inc. (applicant), for an approximately 1.38 acre property owned by Depot Street Development LLC, located at the intersection of Depot Street, N.E. and Harless Street, N.E. (tax map nos. 497-A-288, 497-A-288A, 497-A-288C, 497-A-285, 497-A-286, 497-13-3, 497-13-1E). The request is to rezone the property from B-3, General Business to R-3, Multi-Family Residential with proffers. The property is designated as residential on the Future Land Use Map of the 2013 Christiansburg Comprehensive Plan.

Legals - Montgomery County

2. Two Conditional Use Permit requests by Balzer & Associates, Inc., on behalf of SHAH Development, LLC (applicant/owner), for an approximately 3.2 acre property located at 1145 West Main Street (tax map no. 556-A-39) in the B-3, General Business District:

1. A conditional use permit request for residential uses as permitted in the R-3, Multi-Family Residential District. Residential uses as permitted in the R-3, Multi-Family Residential District include single-family dwellings, two-family dwellings, townhouses, and multiple-family dwellings at a density of development of up to 20 units per acre.
2. A conditional use permit request for a proposed planned housing development to consist of single-family, two-family, and multiple-family dwellings at a density of development not to exceed 10 units per acre.

The property is partially designated as Business/Commercial and partially designated as Residential on the Future Land Use Map of the 2013 Christiansburg Comprehensive Plan.

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

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

Legals - Roanoke County

LEGAL NOTICE ROANOKE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

The Roanoke County Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing at 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 23, 2021, in the Board Meeting Room of the Roanoke County Administration Center, 5204 Bernard Drive, Roanoke, Virginia on the adoption of a resolution establishing certain policies and procedures to guide the redistricting process of Roanoke County, Virginia

Due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, all are encouraged to view and participate in meetings through electronic means. Meetings may be viewed live on RVTV, Channel 3, or on the County's website <https://roanokecountyva.gov> and click on the "Watch Board Meetings Online" box/button. Prior to and during meetings, citizens may email comments to djacks@roanokecountyva.gov. When submitting comments, please include your name and address. Comments will be read aloud during meetings, subject to reasonable time limitations. Additionally, if you would like to call in your comments, please call 540-776-7278 and provide your comments, which will be read during the meeting.

For those individuals who desire to attend the meetings in person, please be advised that seating modifications and limits have been established in order to facilitate social distancing; attendees who are not of the same household must sit six feet apart, and attendance at meetings will be limited to 25 individuals.

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Maroon men, women sweep W&L, top ranked Yellowjackets here Sunday

The Old Dominion Athletic Conference released their ODAC Player of the Week awards for the week of February 8-14 and Roanoke College swept the men's and women's awards for basketball. Roanoke basketball players Kasey Draper and Renee Alquiza were honored as the Maroons swept Washington & Lee on back-to-back home games at the Cregger Center.

Draper, a sophomore from Northside High in Roanoke County, lit up the scoreboard with 55 total

points over two games to help Roanoke to a pair of wins to improve the Maroons' season records to 6-1 overall and 5-0 in conference play. Draper opened with 24 points on 11-of-20 shooting from the field in an 80-59 triumph over Randolph. He added six rebounds, four assists, and three steals to his line.

Draper then turned up the production and efficiency in a 78-68 victory over Washington and Lee Thursday in Salem. He set a career-high for scoring for a second straight game with 31 points on 9-of-13

from the field and 12-of-14 from the foul line. He also chipped in five rebounds, a block, and a steal as Roanoke rattled off their fifth consecutive win.

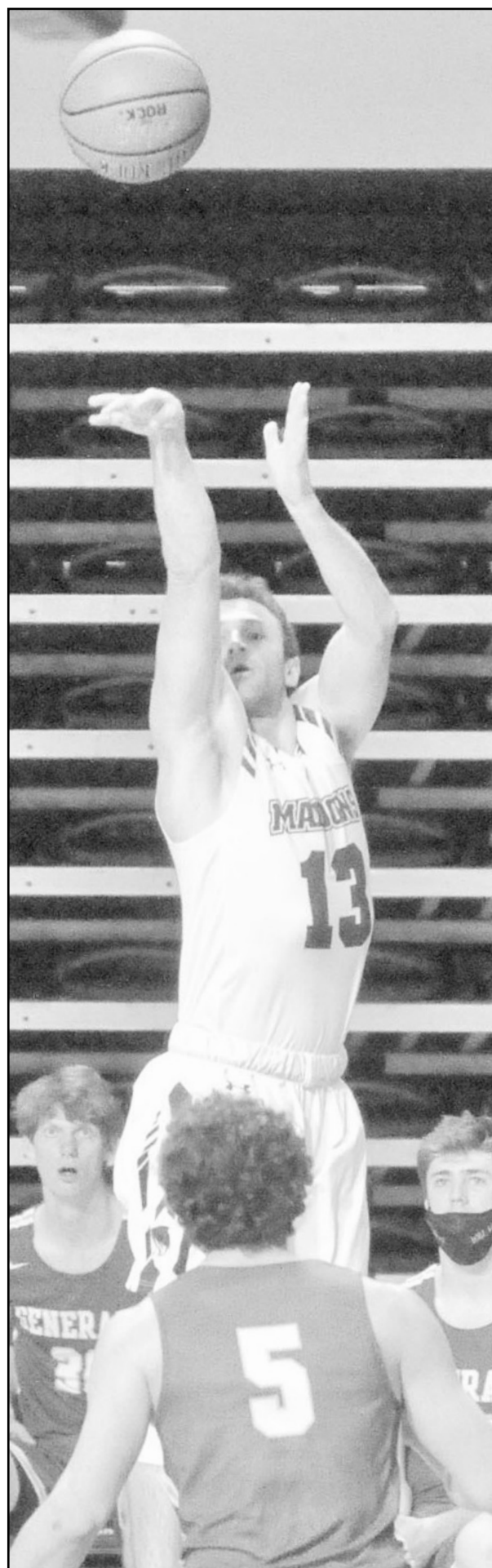
For the season, Draper leads the ODAC in total points (116), field goals made (42-of-86) and free throws made (25-of-35). He is fourth in scoring average (19.3) and pulls down 7.3 boards per game.

The RC men have road games at Guilford and Randolph this week before hosting the ODAC's top team, Randolph-Macon, at the Cregger Center on Saturday. The Yellowjackets are the top-ranked team in the nation in the D3Hoops.com poll.

The RC women will host the University of Lynchburg tonight, followed by a 2 pm home game on Saturday against Shenandoah. The Maroons took a 5-1 record into a Tuesday game with Southern Virginia.

Last week Alquiza, a junior from Cornelius, N.C., put together a strong outing in helping the Maroons improve to 3-1 in ODAC play. Alquiza set a new career-high with 23 points in Roanoke's 61-52 triumph over Washington and Lee. She went 7-of-12 from the field including 2-of-3 from three-point territory and canned 7-of-8 shots from the charity stripe.

Alquiza is averaging 14.3 points and 5.0 rebounds per contest. She is second in



Tripp Greene of Roanoke College drains a corner three in last week's win over Washington & Lee in Salem.

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Renee Alquiza is the ODAC Player of the Week after leading the Maroons to a win over over Washington & Lee at the Cregger Center Friday.

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the ODAC in blocked shots (8), third in field goal shooting (.533), and fourth in field goals

made (32-60), three-point shooting (.444), and free throw percentage (.875).

Salem girls basketball season comes to an end with region semifinal loss to Cougars

The Salem High girls saw their abbreviated basketball season come to an end with a 64-33 loss to Pulaski in the second round of the Region 4D tournament in Dublin last week. The Cougars were the top-seed in the tournament.

The Spartans played well early but trailed hot shooting Pulaski 12-5, at the end of the first period. Early in the second period starting center Abbie Baker suffered an ankle injury while garnering a rebound which kept her out the rest of the quarter and the first half ended with Pulaski leading, 28-17.

Baker would not return until later in the third quarter but by that point the score had grown to a 32-17 Pulaski lead and the Cougars would not be caught.

The Spartans were led in scoring by senior McKenzie Moran with eight points in her final game in a Salem uniform. Zoe Robitson added seven and Baker tallied six points.

With the loss the Spartans finished the season at 2-5. The five losses were all to Patrick Henry and Pulaski, teams with a chance to win the State Title in their respective divisions. PH is in the Class 5 state semifinals and Pulaski in the semis in Class 4.

While the Spartans did not win the game they fought and battled every step of the way in this

Covid season. The tough challenges they faced this season both on and off the court will make them even stronger next season.

"Covid brought a strange season to say the least," said first year Salem coach Berlyn Seitz. "I think this is the type of year that the girls will look back on as an adult and think about how much they learned outside the game simply because of the unique circumstances and the opportunities we were able to embrace.

"As a first year coach I could not have asked for a better turnout of players and support. The girls resiliently pursued weeks of basketball without even knowing if we'd have a competitive season. They worked hard every day and continued to show up with a smile on their faces despite people regularly telling them they wouldn't play. We did in fact have a season, and a season with the toughest competition around."

Salem will graduate four seniors, Moran, Moriah Hill, Haley Merritt and Autumn Poole.

"We are losing four excellent seniors who played a big role for our team this year, both on and off the court," said Seitz. "Fortunately, we have a good group of upcoming juniors to add to our strong returners from this year's roster."



Sharp shooting Zoe Robitson will be back on the floor for Salem next year, hopefully without a mask.

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Glenvar's Charlie Horrell(#5 left) and Tucker Henderson(#4 right) run in a recent "Polar Bear" track meet at William Byrd. The Highlanders were scheduled to compete in the Region 2C meet at Auburn High School on Wednesday of this week.

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Salem's Memmer, Henzey qualify for state Class 4 indoor meet on March 1

The Salem High indoor track team qualified two athletes for the Class 4 state meet last week at the Region 4D meet at Amherst High School. Runner Tommy Henzey and thrower Kalei Memmer both advanced to the state, which will be held at Liberty University on March 1.

Memmer, who is headed to Yale to compete in track & field in the fall, won the region title in the shot put. Kalei had a throw of 33' 6.5" to take the Region 4D crown.

Henzey took third in the 1,600 with a time of 4:49.84. That was a personal best time for Tommy, and he also scored point for Salem in the 3,200.

Also scoring for the girls' team were Marie Snyder with a 7th in the 500 and Evy Eversole was 8th in the 500. Elizabeth Bocock was 5th in the 1600.

For the boys, Carlos Alleyne was 5th in the 55 hurdles and Walker Peterson was 6th in the 1600. Only the top three in each event advanced to the state meet.

The Region 2C meet, including Glenvar, was scheduled for Wednesday, February 17, at Auburn High School.

Highlanders open the season with "All-County" schedule

Last week the Virginia High School League released a composite schedule for all the state football teams. Two days later, Glenvar's schedule was completely moot.

On Thursday of last week the Roanoke County School Board voted, four to one, for county schools to play only intra-county opponents in the fall season. If that's confusing, remember the 2020 fall season was moved to late winter and early spring of 2021 due to the coronavirus pandemic. Football is scheduled to begin Monday, February 22, and volleyball, golf and cross country open competition March 1.

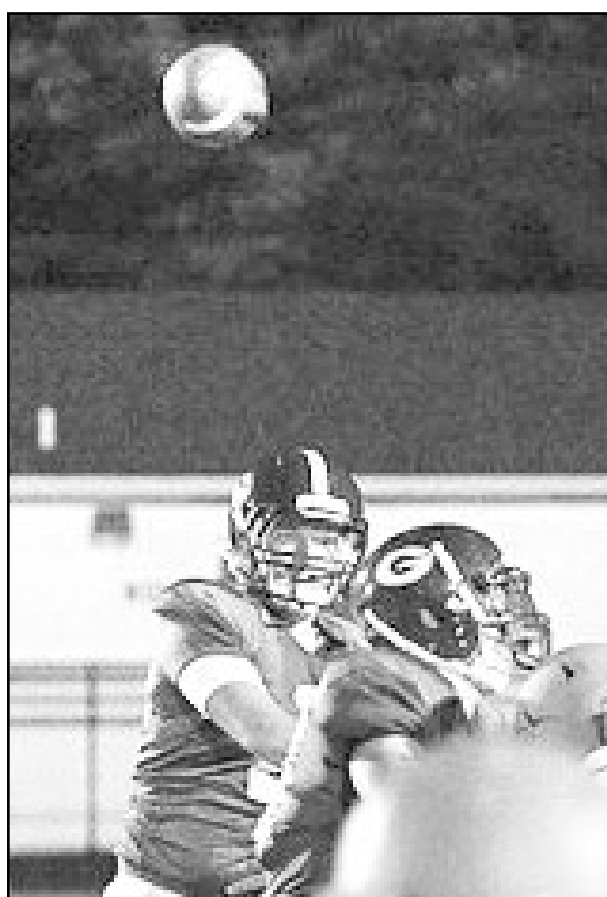
Glenvar had finalized a schedule of six Three Rivers District foes for the football season, beginning with a home game against James River. However, on the same day the Cave Spring basketball team was playing in Abingdon in the Region 3D tournament, the school board voted to not allow a team from Buchanan to play football at Glenvar.

"I'm fed up," said Glenvar football coach Kevin Clifford, who lobbied to allow the teams to play out-of-county foes at the meeting along with Glenvar principal Corie Franklin. School Board chairman Don Butzer, who represents the Glenvar area, was the only dissenting vote.

"When are we going to say enough is enough," said Clifford. "Not to dismiss this horrific disease, but do we have to keep living in a glass house. I'm totally perplexed over this."

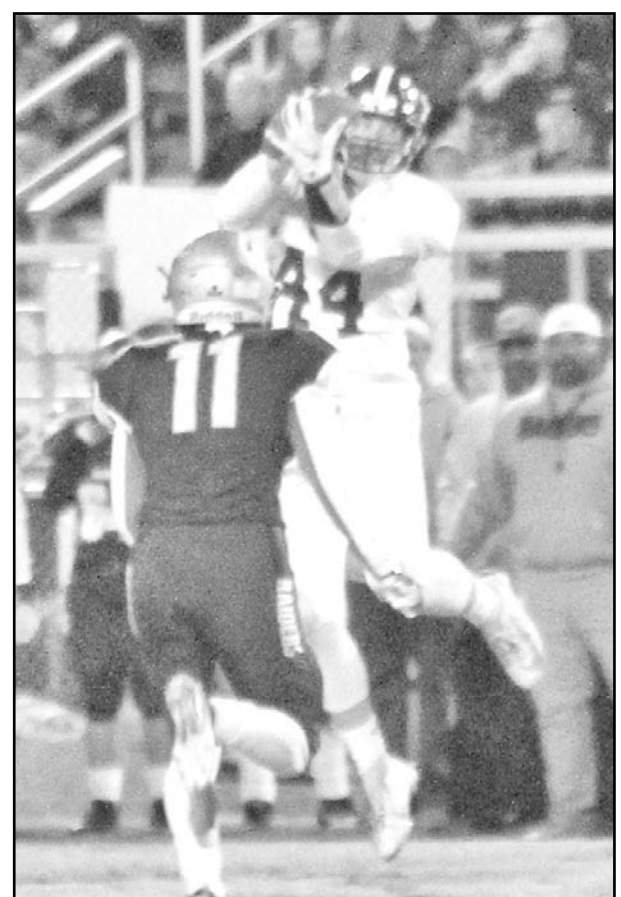
With 11 days before the start of the season new Glenvar athletic director Tyler Brown had to change the entire football schedule, and with just five county schools the Highlanders will have to play two teams

"And we're the smallest school in the county," added Clifford. "I don't mind playing up, but this could hurt our chances of making the playoffs. And it doesn't just affect us. This affects 11 different school



Glenvar quarterback Aiden Wolk(left) will have a big target in senior Jeb Secrist(#44 right).

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Players practice on the turf field at Highlander Stadium.

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districts. The metrics are slowing down and the governor said we need to get kids back in school. It's just not good business."

The decision didn't go over well with many parents of Roanoke County students and there has been talk of rethinking the decision. However, football season starts next Monday, ready or not.

"It cuts down on your preparation time," said Clifford. "With a week to go we didn't even have a schedule."

As of this week the Highlanders have home games with Hidden Valley twice and Northside once. They play at William Byrd twice and at Cave Spring. There are no Three Rivers District teams on the schedule and principals that make up the district must approve the advancement of teams to regional play who do not play within the district.

Glenvar should have a good team. The Highlanders are coming off a 2019 season that saw them advance to the second round of the Region 2C playoffs and they have 15 seniors, a great number for a Class 2 school.

The Highlanders have depth and experience on the offensive line, led by 275 pound senior Catawba College signee Jacob Crowder. Blake Custer(250), Aiden Custer(260), Matthew Harris(190), Jesse Brown(215) and Chase Waybright(185) all will see time.

Aiden Wolk, a junior, returns at quarterback. He won the job as a sophomore and is primed for a good season. His targets include 6'6", 275 pound senior

tight end Jeb Secrist, who has signed to play college ball at Charleston Southern University. Jeb is a big target with good hands who caught four touchdowns in one game last year.

Other receivers include speedster Colvin Delano, Nick Woodson, Dagan Williams and Keith Couch.

Junior Kyle Hanks will be the starting runningback but sophomore Jackson Swanson and junior Royce Pierson will also get touches. Gabe Shaffer and Landon Shell are the H-backs.

On defense Secrist, Crowder, Harris, Zach Moore, Blake Custer and Aiden Custer are solid on the line. The Highlanders will have to replace all-state linebacker Colby Street with a combination of Pierson, Nick Williams, Tyler Willis-Buchanan, Shaffer, Shell, Nate Johnson and Mason Anderson. Defensive backs are Woodson, Hanks, Couch, Williams, Delano and Joe Hall.

Glenvar is still deciding on a kicker. Christian Housh, who was expected to be the kicker, broke a bone in his foot during the final basketball game of the season and is unavailable.

The Highlanders have been lifting weights and training for this season for a year and three months and now that it's arrived, the school board has thrown the team for a loss before it even begins in Clifford's eyes.

"They hung a lot of people out to dry," said Clifford. "The people making these decisions aren't the people who have to deal with this, and it's very upsetting."

Glenvar qualifies six for Class 2 state wrestling tournament

The Glenvar wrestlers will be competing in the state Class 2 wrestling tournament, which is scheduled for Friday at the Salem Civic Center. The tournament was still on at press time after the Class 3 tournament, scheduled for Thursday, was postponed due to the threat of bad weather.

The Highlanders are hoping to get on the mats Friday after a second place finish in the Region 2C championship at James River High School last week. The tournament was listed as a "sub-region," but when the regional at Patrick County was cancelled on Saturday the sub-region served as the championship round and host James River came out on top, followed by Glenvar.

The results from Tuesday's tournament were used for advancement to the VHSL Class 2 State Championships. The top two placers from each region will be entered into an eight man bracket, all wrestling for a state title.

In "non-pandemic" seasons four wrestlers from each region would

advance to the state. Despite a much more difficult state qualifying scenario the Highlanders still managed to advance six of their 10 wrestlers to Salem.

Teamwise, James River scored 207.5 points with second place Glenvar trailing by 69 points with 138.5. Patrick County was third with 119.5, Radford had 83 points and Fort Chiswell scored 62.

Individually, GHS sophomore Mason Hylton had a dominating performance, pinning his opponent in the finals to reach his 2nd state tournament in a row and winning his first Regional Championship. Mason came up one match short of placing at last year's state.

At 132 sophomore Jake Cline, who placed 3rd at last year's state tournament at the 120 pound class, wrestled last year's 4th place State Finisher from Patrick County. Jake was in control of the entire match and finished with a solid 6-2 decision to win his 2nd Region Champ title in a row.

Freshman Ethan Flowers executed two solid matches to decisively win his first Regional Championship at 138. "Ethan has been improving all summer and is a great example of how the sport rewards those who work hard," said Glenvar coach Jason Cline.

The most anticipated match of the evening was at 145 where returning state champ Mason Stewart from James River and returning state runner-up Trey Lawrence, a sophomore from Glenvar, went head to head. Trey demonstrated a dominating performance to capture the title with a 15 point win over Stewart.

Senior Zach Moore of GHS won his third region title in a row in the 220 pound class. Zach wrestled a great match against a very strong Fort Chiswell opponent. Moore has qualified for the State Tournament the last

two seasons but has come up just short each time and is focused on reaching that podium for his last high school run at State.

At 113 sophomore River Smith made it to the finals and wrestled a close match with Craig Bowyer from James River before taking second. This is River's first time qualifying for the State Tournament.

Matthew Harris took a third and Dakota Boyd was fourth in the region. In past years that would have qualified for the state but due to the pandemic only two from each region qualified, so they will be alternates for this year's state tournament.

"Overall I thought we had some really great performances including," said Cline. "We'll be spending this last week of practice really gearing for a great showing at the end of the week."

Thursday's VHSL state wrestling, swimming championships are postponed due to threat of storms

Ruling affects Class 3 mats in Salem, Glenvar swimmers

Due to the threat of a winter storm the Class 3 state wrestling tournament scheduled for the Salem Civic Center today has been postponed, as well as the Class 1 & 2 state swim meet at the Christiansburg Aquatic Center. No makeup dates were announced as of press time.

The Salem Civic Center was scheduled to host the Class 1,2 and 3 state championships this week, with each class being held all on one day. The Class 2 championship, scheduled for Friday, was still on at press time, as was the Class 1 championship on Saturday. Glenvar is in Class 2.

On each day wrestling is scheduled to begin

with quarterfinal matches at 10 am. Semifinals and first round consolations are at noon, followed by semifinal consolations at 2:30 pm and consolation finals at 4 pm. The championship matches will be at 6 pm.

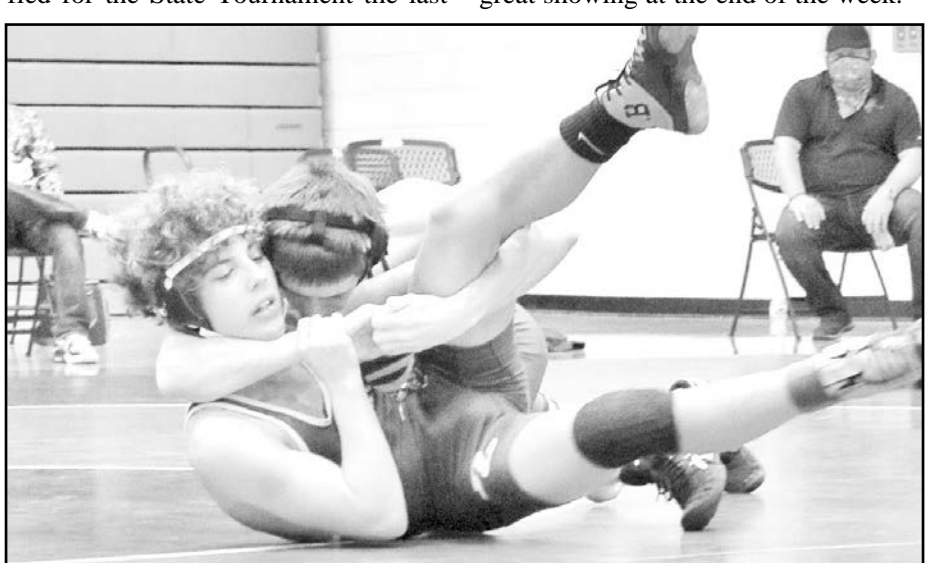
Glenvar swimmers were scheduled to compete in the Region 1&2 swim meet on Thursday in Christiansburg, but that has also been postponed by the VHSL with no makeup date announced. The Glenvar girls are defending state champions.

Salem will compete in the Class 4 state championship meet, also in Christiansburg, next Tuesday, February 23. The Salem wrestlers are in Virginia Beach

Saturday for the Class 4 state tournament.

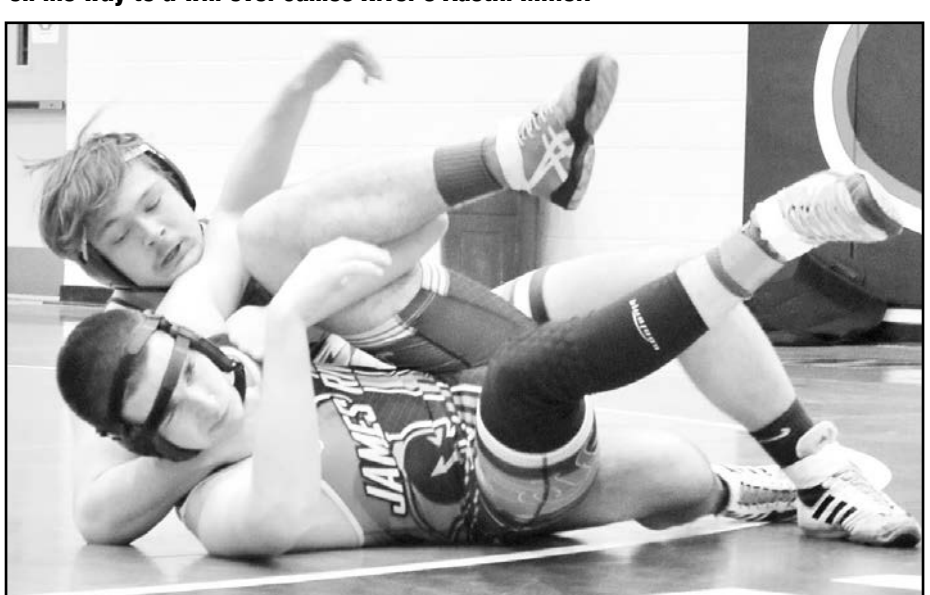
The Class 5 wrestling tournament in Virginia Beach and the Class 5 swimming championships in Stafford, both scheduled for Thursday, were also postponed but no local athletes were competing in those events.

"Due to the uncertainty and changing weather forecasts across the state this week, we will continue to monitor the weather forecast models before announcing the make-up dates," said VHSL executive director, Dr. John W. "Billy" Haun. "Safety for all those involved in our championships will always guide our decisions."



Above, Glenvar's Mason Hylton has a headlock on Wesley Alexander of Patrick County in last week's region wrestling tournament. Below, Zach Moore(on top) is on his way to a win over James River's Austin Miller.

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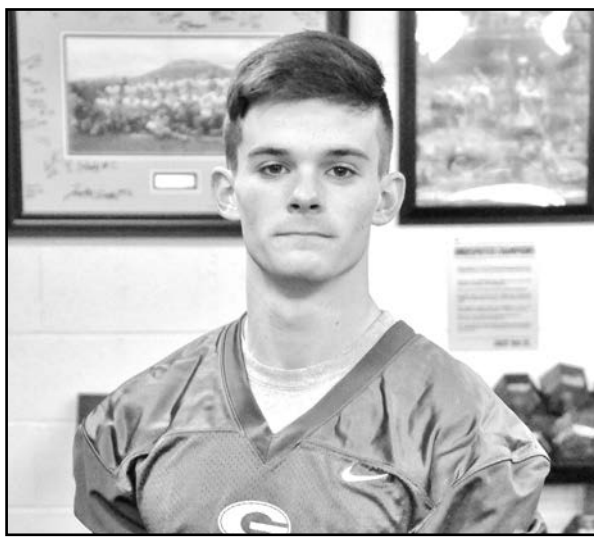
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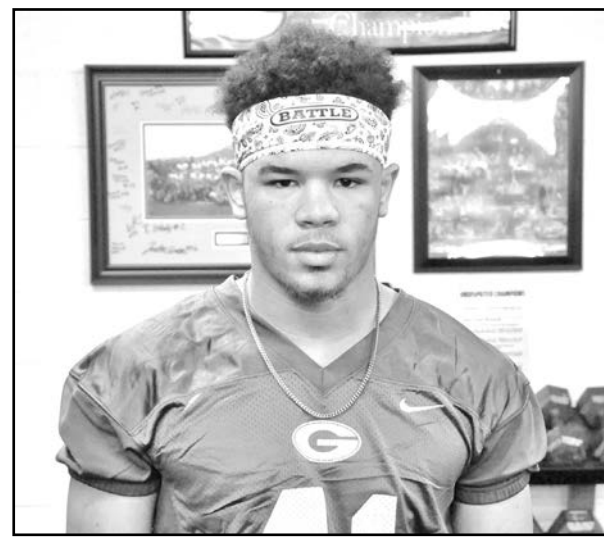
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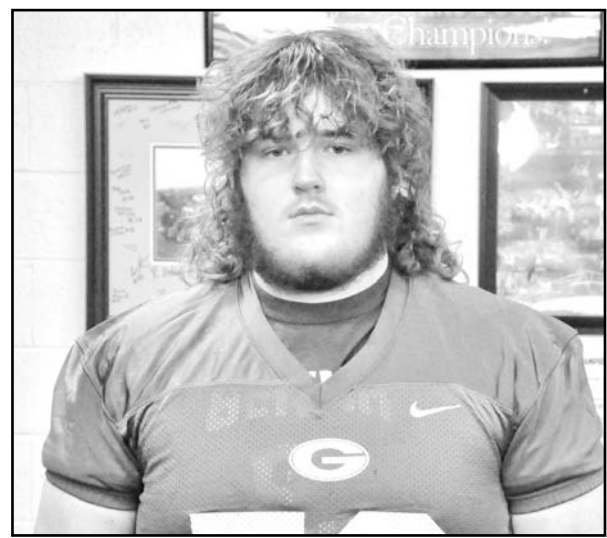
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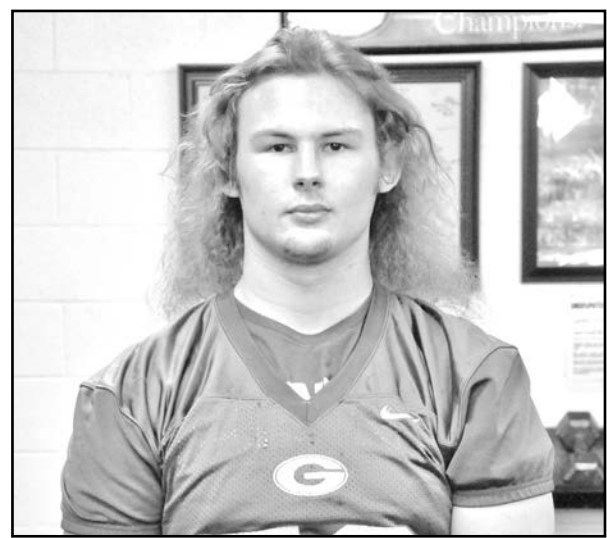
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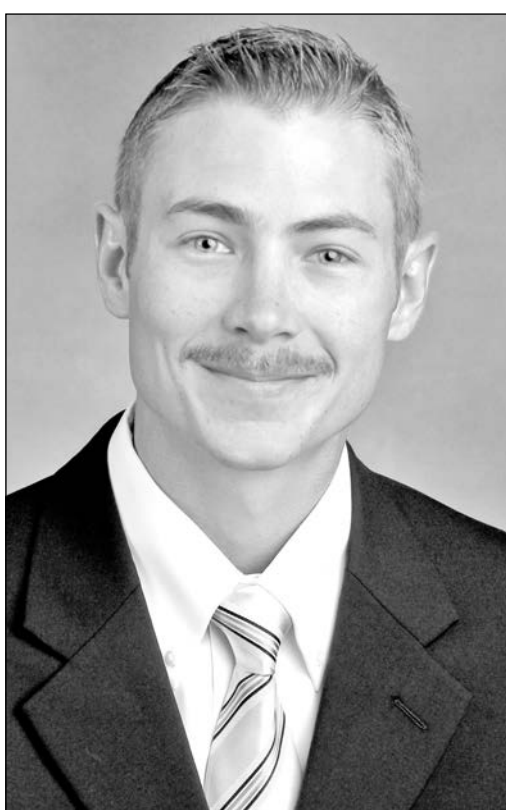


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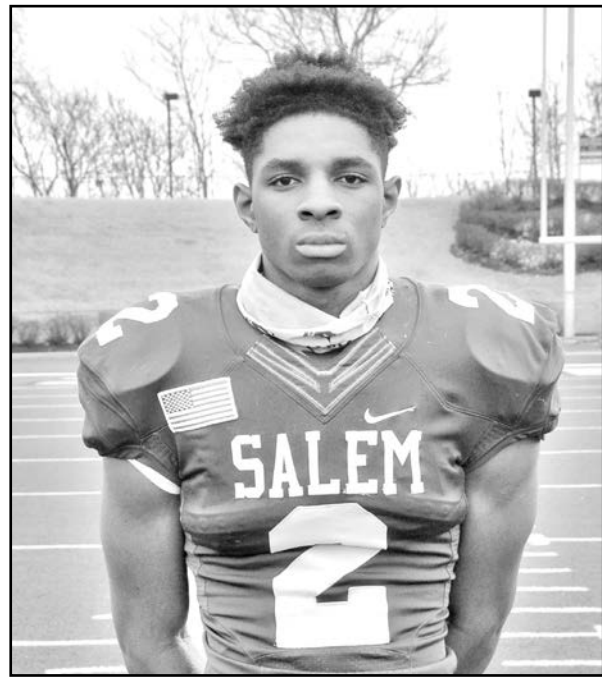
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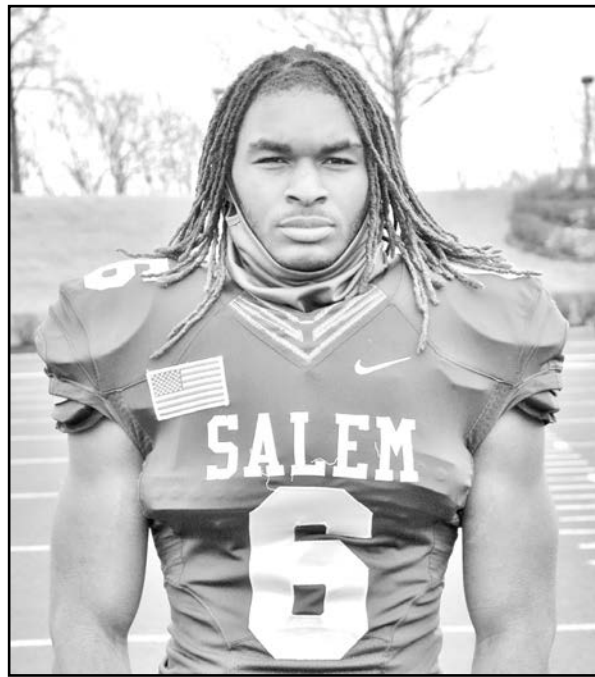


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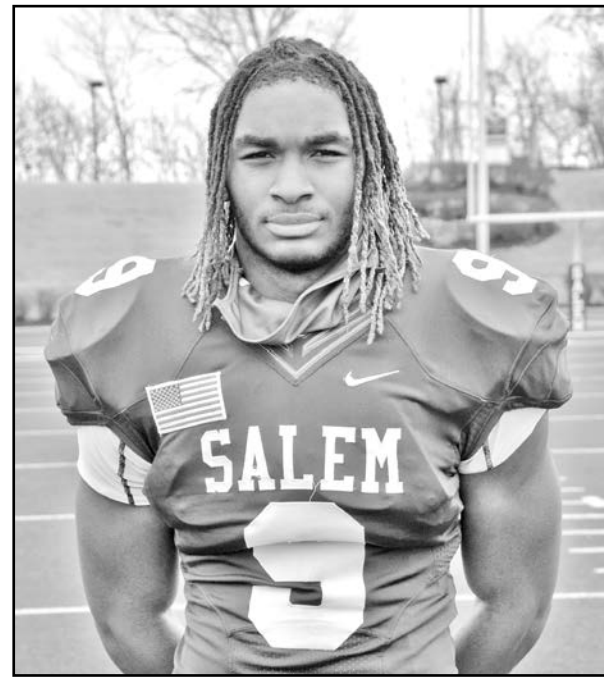
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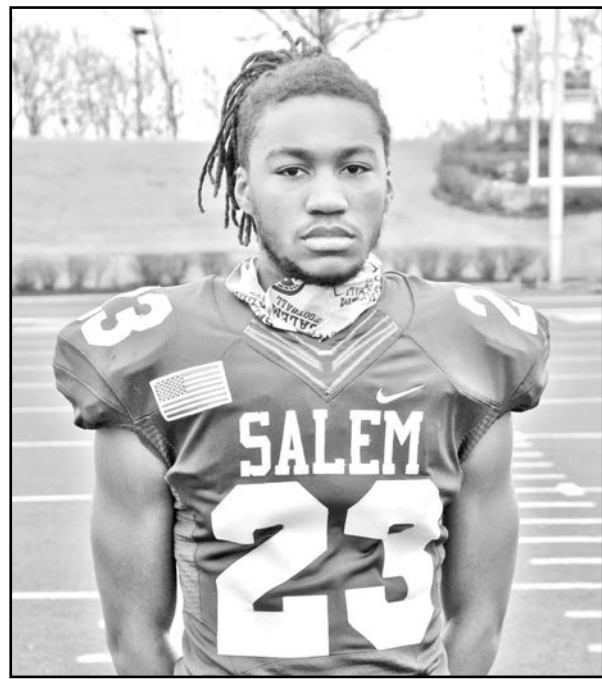
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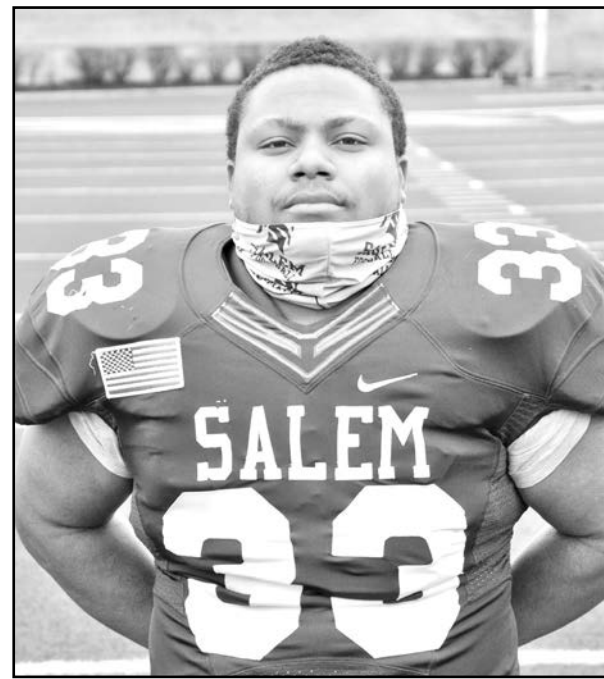
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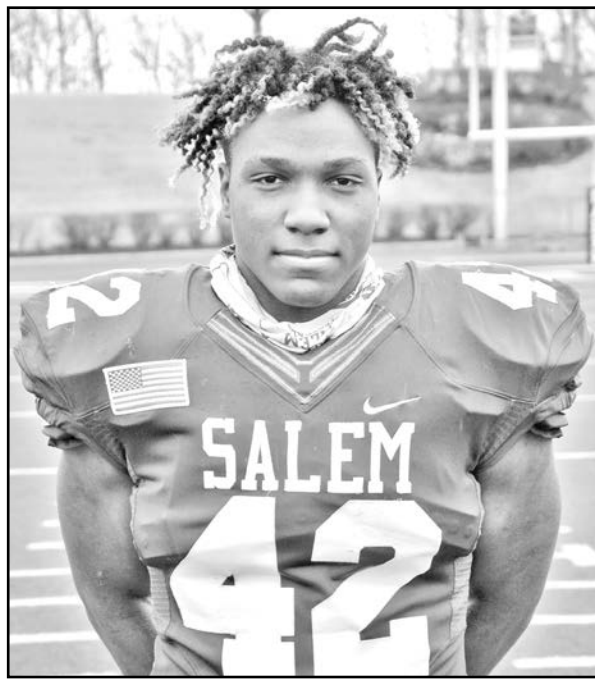
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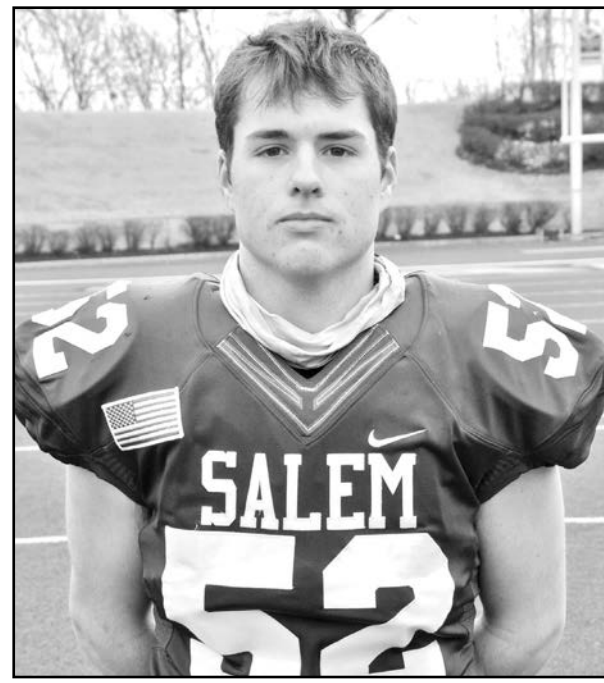
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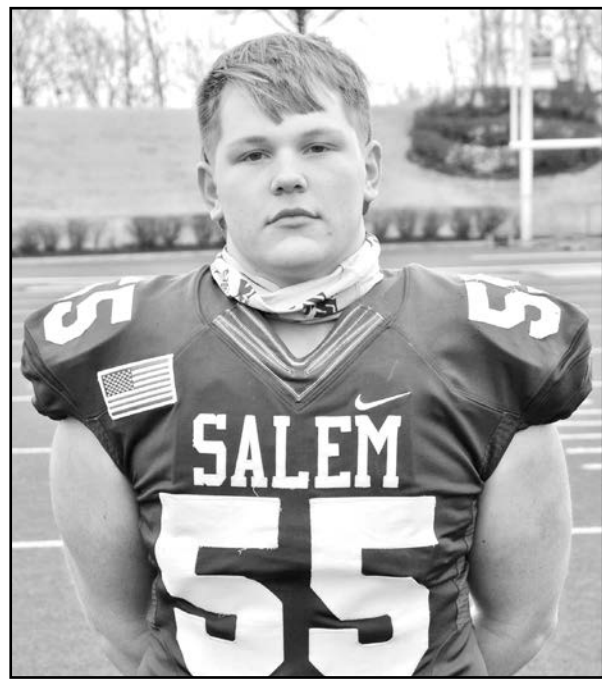
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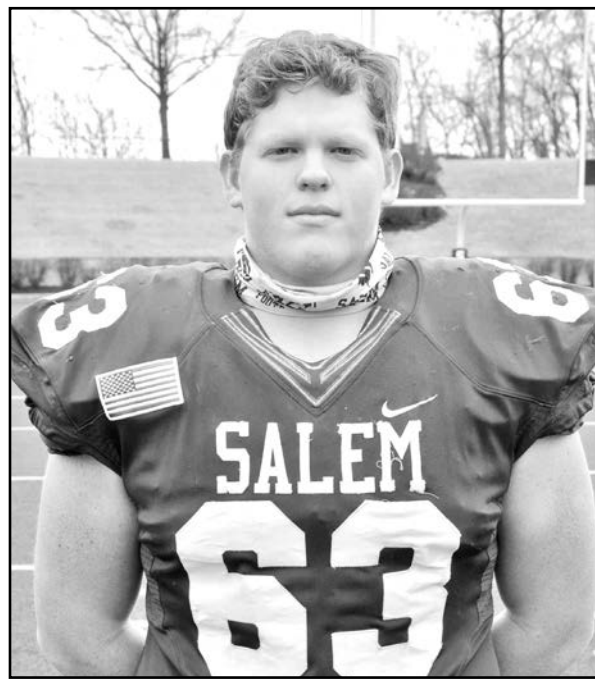
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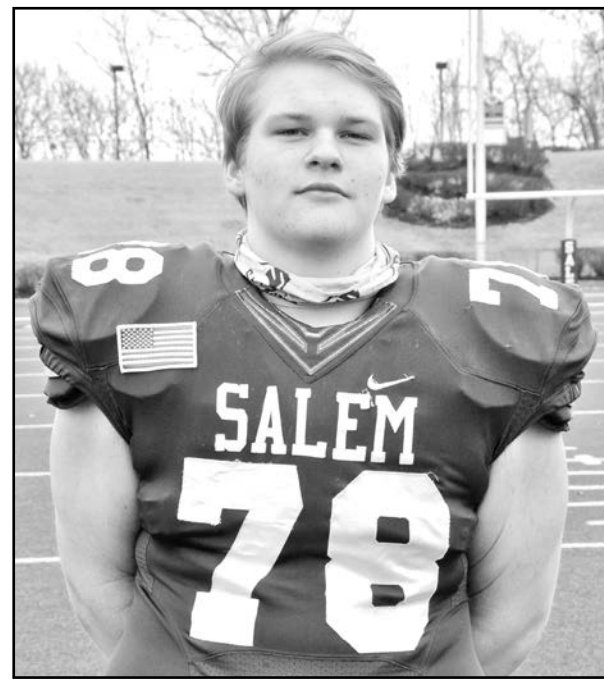
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Spartans, finally, open the football season on Monday

It's a week and a half after the Super Bowl and Monday Night Football is already back. This time, however, it's the high school kids.

Salem High will open the 2020 football season in 2021 next Monday with a home game against Blacksburg. Instead of a packed house roaring when the Spartans take the field a couple invitees from each player will do their best to make some noise and make the kids feel like things are back to normal. But, of course, they're not.

Salem will open the season without benefit of a scrimmage against an opposing team. Coach Don Holter and his staff will rely on last Saturday's intra-squad scrimmage to evaluate who is best ready to represent Salem High on Willis White Field. That scrimmage was held on a cold day in a steady drizzle with ice covered trees ringing Spartan Field. No, things are not back to normal but it's the best that can be expected after losing the fall season to the coronavirus pandemic.

"I saw some things I liked and I saw some good effort," said Holter of the intra-squad scrimmage. "We have some technique to be corrected and some little details to work out. The offensive line is usually the last to come around."

This year, the offensive line better not take too long because Salem will only play six regular season games. Two games on the original schedule, Hidden Valley and Cave Spring, have already been cancelled since the Roanoke County schools can only play each other. Salem has replaced Cave Spring with Franklin County and Holter and SHS athletic director Chris King were still working to replace Hidden Valley with a week to go before the season begins.

When they come around, the offensive line should be pretty good. This year's "Mules" will feature two of the team's four captains, senior center Will Clemons and right guard Alex Haley, another returning senior. Cameron Martinsdale, a 265 pound junior, is the likely starter at right tackle but he was wrestling at Virginia Beach two days before the football season opener after winning the Region 4D mat title at heavyweight.

Senior Brandon Torian is the left guard and



Zavione Wood runs the ball during Salem's intra-squad scrimmage last Saturday. Wood is Salem's tailback and top returning tackler on defense.

the left tackle spot is a battle between senior Filip DeHaven and 6'3", 250 pound sophomore Andrew Lutes. DeHaven, at 276 pounds, will still have a weight edge on Lutes despite dropping 100 pounds since the end of the 2019 season. Junior Jake Massey will start at tight end.

These mules will be opening holes for two talented running backs, fullback Cam Leftwich and tailback Zavione Wood. Those two are the other Spartan captains and they form a formidable duo. Leftwich, a junior, was second on the team last year with 12 touchdowns while rushing for 600 yards on 120 carries. Wood, a senior, carried the 65 times for 519

yards and nine touchdowns.

Salem will rotate a variety of wideouts in and out of the lineup, with many doubling on the defensive side of the ball. Junior Chauncey "Deuce" Logan, Jr. is the top returnee with 13 receptions and senior Shawn Collins had the most yards, 205, and touchdowns, four, among the returning Spartans. Also seeing time will be Amarri Edwards, Chase Greer and Virginia Tech bound twins Jayden and Jordan McDonald.

As of Monday the quarterback position was still up in the air, with junior Logan and sophomore DaRon Wilson battling for the starting position. The two have thrown one varsity pass between them as Logan was one for one for a 50 yard touchdown last year and Wilson was the quarterback on the jayvee team. During the scrimmage Logan picked off a Wilson pass while playing defense, then later in the scrimmage he hauled in a perfect Wilson bomb for a touchdown.

On defense Martindale and 296 pound junior Stacy Williams give Salem excellent size at the nose guard/tackle positions. Massey and Ky'Juan Waller are slated to be the ends.

Wood is a talented linebacker on the defensive side of the ball. He was second on the team to graduated Bobby Pinello in tackles last season with 73 total, including a team leading 11 for losses. Waller was third on the team last year with 57 total tackles.

Junior Noah Collins will be the other linebacker and junior Carson Williams will play the hybrid "robber" position. Williams will switch from last year's number 4 jersey to the coveted number 3, which tells you what the coaches think of him. Who decides who gets to wear 3? "I do," responded Holter.

Greer, Logan, Shawn Collins and the talented McDonald twins will handle the secondary. Jayden McDonald had four interceptions last year to lead the team and Collins had three.

Three Spartans are battling for the placekicking job, sophomores Ashton Cornett and Caleb Wright and freshman Wesley Cross. Logan returns to punt.

As mentioned, the Spartans were still looking for a sixth opponent with a week to go before the opener. They'll play both Blacksburg and Christiansburg within five days to open the season, with the Christiansburg game on the road on February 26. River Ridge District opponents Patrick Henry and Pulaski County will join Class 6 Franklin County to round out the six game schedule in this very unusual season. It's a shame it has to be like this because the Spartans will be very good.

But at least they're getting to play.



Spartan coaches

Who are these masked men? They're the Salem High football coaching staff. Front row, left to right; Matt Kesler, Adam Hill, John Fedison, Ryan Murphy and Joel Hickerson. Back row; Shaquan Manning, Jeff Leftwich, head coach Don Holter, Lewis Pitts and Adam Bryie. PHOTOS BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

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Ice day for a ballgame

With just nine days before the first game the Salem football team held an intra-squad scrimmage amidst ice covered trees at Spartan Field Saturday. Salem will open at home Monday while Glenvar will take on Hidden Valley, also at home, in a revamped schedule due to a ruling by the Roanoke County School Board. Preseason previews of the two local teams can be found in this week's sports section.

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Few fans allowed but you can still catch the SHS, GHS games

The Salem and Glenvar football seasons are scheduled to open Monday with limited access to fans, but that doesn't mean you can't watch the games.

The Salem High football season will open with a home game against Blacksburg on Monday with limited access to spectators. In accordance with Virginia Governor Ralph Northam's Executive Order 72, Section 13, sub-section a. "For sports played outdoors, spectators are limited to two guests per player."

Fans who cannot attend the game in person will have the ability to purchase a subscription through Gameday Magazine for each of the Spartans' home games. A

link to each game will be provided on Salem High School's Facebook page on the day of each home game. The cost will be \$14.99 per game, which will allow you unlimited access to each of the Spartan home games for three days after purchase.

Simply visit mvp.gamedaymagazine.com and click sign up at the top of the page. Once you get to the sign up page, select the option for the Salem game that week so the Athletic Department gets credit for your purchase.

The games will also be broadcast on WRTZ radio, 1410 AM on your dial. Ron Myers will do play-by-play with color analysis from Mike Arthur.

Glenvar is also home Monday with a 6 pm start against Hidden Valley. Again, spectators are limited to two tickets per participant.

The Highlanders will be streamed on the NFHS Network. A subscription for a month will cost \$10.99 and a season subscription is \$69.99, and that includes any event held in Highlander Stadium or the Glenvar High School gym. Subscribers will also have access to any event, nationally, carried by the NFHS Network.

"You can watch high school events from all over the country," said GHS athletic director Tyler Brown. "All the Roanoke County schools are included."



Salem's Ron Myers will be broadcasting the Spartans on WRTZ radio.

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Left, Glenvar's Savana Luper(#2) guards a Radford girl in Friday's Region 2C championship win and, right, Olivia Harris(#10) cleanly blocks a Bobcat shot from behind.



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Bobcats eliminate Glenvar boys hoop

The Glenvar boys were eliminated from the pandemic shortened basketball season in the Class 2C semifinal round in Radford last week. The Highlanders lost to the host Bobcats, 66-45.

"We played hard the entire game," said GHS coach Todd Mann. "We just had too many miscues for who we were playing."

Tyler Johnson led Glenvar with 12 points against the Bobcats. Aiden Alexander and Stephen Barber had 10 points each.

Radford was the top seed in the tournament and the Bobcats took a 15-0 record into this week's state Class 2 semifinal game against Union High. Glenvar finished with a 3-7 record, including a 2-6 regular season round robin. They opened the region with a win over James River before falling to Radford.

"We return all but two guys," said Mann. "This year was very tough. . . up and down. We went from not playing at all to only playing in-county schools and we held our own at times. Next year, we hope to have an off season and normal regular season. We should be okay as we return all five starters."

Glenvar girls make state 2C semifinal

The Glenvar High girls' basketball team was headed to Gate City Wednesday to play in the state Class 2 semifinal. If the Highlanders were able to pull that out they would host the state championship game on Saturday at the GHS gym.

The Highlanders took a 7-4 record to Gate City to meet the defending Class 2 state champion Blue Devils. Gate City went into that game with a 14-1 mark.

"They're not overly big, but they're very aggressive on defense," said Glenvar coach Jeff Johnson. "And they have some good shooters."

The Highlanders are no strangers to aggressive defense. Last week they swept Floyd County, Giles and Radford to win the Region 2C tournament after coming in as the third seed. They beat Floyd for the first time in 11 years, then took down second seeded Giles on the road in the semifinals, 52-42, and top-seeded Radford on Friday, 53-43, in Radford.

"That was the best basketball we've played so far," said Johnson of the win at Radford. "We were able to match their intensity. Radford tends to get up on people quickly and we didn't let them do that." Glenvar trailed by a point at the half, 22-21, then won the third quarter, 18-12, to take a five point lead. The Highlanders hit their free throws down the stretch to hold off the Bobcats for the big upset.

Olivia Harris led Glenvar with 35 points. That was just two off the career high for the University of Lynchburg bound senior, who had 37 in a game with Giles last year.

"They told me at the end of the game how many points she had and I had no idea," said Johnson. "It was all in the flow of the game, we moved the ball well. And they kept fouling her in the fourth quarter." Harris was 10 for 13 from the line and had three three-pointers among 11 field goals. Malaysia Donaldson had eight points and Rhyann Harris had seven for the Highlanders.

If the Highlanders can pull off another upset over Gate City Saturday's championship game would be at the Glenvar gym, most likely in the evening, but fans would not be allowed to attend. However, the game could be viewed on the NFHS network by going to nfhsnetwork.com.



Glenvar's Sophie McCulley(left) boxes out a Bobcat under the basket.

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Glenvar's Keith Couch shoots over a Radford defender in last week's game.

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