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Dinosaurs come to life at Jurassic Wonder Drive-Thru event



Families all throughout the Roanoke Valley were able to see and hear dinosaurs last weekend from the socially distant safety of their vehicles. PHOTOS BY SHAWN NOWLIN

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Salem families were able to travel back to the pre-historic age last weekend when, courtesy of the Jurassic Wonder Drive-Thru, dinosaurs invaded the city.

Ted Hill, President and owner of Theodore Productions, is responsible for operating Jurassic Wonder, a nationwide animatronic show where “dinosaurs come alive right before your eyes.” After researching various facilities throughout Southwest Virginia to host the event, the decision was ultimately made that the Salem Civic Center parking lot made the most sense.

Approximately 20 life-sized animal replicas of mammals and dinosaurs were displayed in the lot on both Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The price of admission per car was \$12.00. Usually indoors, the drive-thru event was modified to meet the social distancing guidelines. From the convenience of their

vehicles, families were able to take pictures and get a better understanding of dinosaurs. When Roanoke County native Robyn Henson pulled into the parking lot on Saturday with her children, she says their enthusiasm could not be contained. “The only time my children, ages eight and five, have ever

seen dinosaurs have been on television. Seeing their curiosity shine made my heart smile. I was asked over 20 questions, but I didn’t mind at all,” Henson said. “When we got home, we all watched a documentary to learn even more information.”

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Science Center project receives strong support from alumni



President Mike Maxey, Terri Maxey, Sheila Cregger, and Morris Cregger, from left to right. SUBMITTED PHOTO

Three Roanoke alumni and their spouses are leading the charge to ensure that plans for Roanoke’s new Science Center become a reality.

John and Betty Shannon have stepped forward to donate \$3.3 million to the Roanoke’s new Science Center. In addition, Morris and Sheila Cregger and Dr. Paul and Constance Capp have each donated \$1 million to the Science Center project. These generous contributions added significantly to the ongoing Science Center campaign, Beyond the Rise, which is nearing \$20 million raised from all donors.

“It’s a timely endeavor,” said John “Jack” Shannon ‘52, a former member of the Roanoke College Board of Trustees. “It’s something the College has needed and the time has come to go forward with it.”

The Science Center Project is the most important capital project on Roanoke’s agenda. The new Center will be built for the “next century of discovery” with state-of-the-art teaching and learning spaces. The plan calls for complete renovations of the half-century-old Life Sciences and Trexler buildings, and the removal of Massengill Auditorium and

construction of a new state-of-the-art central building in its place that connects Life Sciences and Trexler into one integrated facility.

Roanoke’s student population has doubled since the science buildings were constructed in 1970. The new Science Center will become an important venue on Roanoke’s campus for study of all academic subjects.

“All you need to do is to see how rapidly things are changing in our communities and in our lives,” Shannon said. “Sciences are an important factor for Roanoke as a liberal arts school. What we are going through now, with the pandemic, has further increased the need in the science area. This is a great opportunity to update the College in this area.”

Shannon is retired, after a long and distinguished career as chief legal officer for Norfolk Southern Corp. In 2008, Roanoke College established the John Shannon Professorship in Economics, currently held by Dr. Alice Kassens.

Morris and Sheila Cregger are honoring Roanoke College President Michael Maxey, and his wife, Terri, with their gift to the Science Center. Morris Cregger ‘64 is the

retired chair of the Roanoke College Board of Trustees. Through that role, he and his wife, Sheila, developed a strong friendship and working relationship with the Maxeys.

“Our gift is a recognition of the dedication, sacrifices, leadership and love for Roanoke College by President Mike Maxey and his wife, Terri,” said Morris Cregger, founder, with his wife, of a leading plumbing supply business. “I had the honor and pleasure to serve as chairman of the Board of Trustees for eight years and developed the utmost respect for these two incredible people. Sheila and I developed a friendship with them that will always be a part of our memories.”

“We know President Maxey would like to break ground on the Science Center soon. We made our gift in their honor with hopes it will inspire others to join us to make this project a success,” Cregger said. “The environment has been made more difficult by COVID-19 but the Science Center remains a high priority for Roanoke’s future.”

“They say it is the impact of one’s

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Salem commemorates 75 years of VA Health Care



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Following World War II in 1946, the VA created the Department of Medicine and Surgery, known today as the Veterans Health Administration.

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The Salem VA Medical Center recently celebrated three-quarters of a century of service. Since being commissioned by President Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1934 as part of the then-recently formed Veterans Administration, the Salem VA has been providing health care to America’s Veterans ever since.

Following World War II in 1946, the VA established the Department of Medicine and Surgery – which later became the Veterans Health Administration (VHA). A deeper look at the numbers puts things in their proper context. In 1930, the VA health care system had only 54 hospitals. Today, more than 1,600 facilities exist, including 1,232 outpatient sites of care and 144 Medical Centers.

“For 75 years, Veterans have trusted VHA to meet their unique health care needs. VA’s world-class health care professionals and researchers have worked together to make sure that

VA health care keeps up with the changing nature of service-related injuries and illnesses,” Salem VA Executive Director Dr. Rebecca Stackhouse said. “For thousands of Veterans in rural Southwest Virginia, the Salem VA Health Care System provides care for everything from cancer care, to mental health, rehabilitation and women’s health.”

Towards the end of 2020, Veterans and health care workers at the Salem VA Medical Center began receiving the first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine. Recently, the Department of Veterans Affairs’ (VA) Veterans Health Administration vaccinated its one-millionth Veteran.

“VA guidance encourages local flexibility to maximize COVID-19 vaccine access and efficiency and limit potential vaccine waste,” said Acting VA Under Secretary for Health Richard Stone, M.D. “In this limited supply phase, our COVID-19 vaccination strategy is balancing site-specific resources, facility needs, vaccine avail-

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

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

SECOND MONDAY

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

EACH TUESDAY

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

Center, 110 Union Street in Salem from 7-11 p.m. Open to anyone 16 years or older. Instructions are available.

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

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

•Knights of Columbus hosts bingo for charity. Proceeds support local charities including RAM House, Madonna House, the Roanoke Rescue Mission, Saint Francis House, food pantries and various youth projects. Games are played from 5:30 - 9:30 p.m. at Gator Hall, at 5301 Williamson Road, near Happy's Flea Market.
•Infinity Acres Ranch Fundraiser from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Christ Episcopal Church at 321 E. Church

Street in Blacksburg. Tickets are \$8 while children eight and younger can eat for \$4. For more information, contact 276-358-2378.

•All ages are welcome to TOPS (Take off Pounds Sensibly) at 5:15 p.m. at the Salem Senior Center. For more information, contact Linda at 540-389-4207.

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

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

THIRD TUESDAY

The monthly meeting

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

THIRD WEDNESDAY

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

FIRST THURSDAY

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

EACH THURSDAY

The Salem Senior Center's Social Club, known as the 49ers Plus Club, originally started the

senior program in Salem over 40 years ago. They have different speakers and/or activities practically every week. New members are always welcome to show up at the Salem Senior Center at 11 a.m. Contact 540-375-3054 for more information.

EACH SATURDAY

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

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

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FIRST AND THIRD TUESDAYS

Salem Host Lions Club,

Rev. Gary Kingery appointed as Richfield Living Senior Chaplain

Richfield Living, a local leader in senior living and rehabilitation, recently announced the appointment of Rev. Gary Kingery as Senior Chaplain.

Kingery, a graduate of Brown Theological Seminary at Fredericksburg Bible College with a Bachelor's of Arts degree in Theology and an Associate of Arts degree in Business Administration from National Business College, joined the Richfield Living team in 2014. He was ordained by the Roanoke Valley Baptist Association and previously retired from the U.S. Postal Service after 39 years of service and is a veteran of the U.S. Army.

Although Richfield Living is not a faith-based organization, Richfield supports the need for residents and others to practice their faith on campus. Chaplain Gary has led the ministry to reach out to those that need comfort, to conduct funeral services, and to provide formal worship opportunities. As Richfield expands, the understanding of diversity and inclusion has become more critical. To that goal, Michelle Topi has been hired as interfaith chaplain and music coordinator. She reports to Chaplain Gary and she will work part time at each campus. The new expansion, including the opening of

a second campus in Roanoke is expected to increase the spiritual needs.

Lisa Clause, Senior Director of Marketing and Philanthropy, said, "Chaplain Gary has provided hope to many through his message and energy. His new role will encourage and support the spiritual wellness of those living and working at Richfield. We are happy to promote long term employees, such as Chaplain Gary who has shown commitment and dedication to the residents' well-being."

Kingery enjoys working with seniors and has developed many inspirational programs

at Richfield Living. His accomplishments include weekly Bible studies in each of the campus buildings, establishing virtual programming during the pandemic, and assisting families through loss and grief support with the Stephen Ministry.

"My proudest accomplishment is simple, helping others," said Kingery. "My favorite quote comes from the scripture, Hebrews 11:6 'It is impossible to please God without faith.'"

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



Rev. Gary Kingery SUBMITTED PHOTO

Bank of Botetourt to virtually host high school seniors for VBA Bank Day Scholarship Program

Beginning Monday, March 15, Bank of Botetourt will virtually host high school seniors from high schools throughout its bank footprint to participate in Bank Day, a statewide effort sponsored by the Virginia Bankers Association (VBA) Education Foundation and the VBA Emerging Bank Leaders. The high schools eligible for seniors to participate include Cave Spring, Franklin County, Hidden Valley, James River,

Lord Botetourt, Northside, Parry McCluer, Patrick Henry, Rockbridge County, Salem, William Byrd and William Fleming.

The purpose of the program is to expose students to the banking industry and provide an opportunity for the students to learn about banking, careers in banking, financial services and the vital role Bank of Botetourt and banks across Virginia play in their communities.

The third Tuesday in March was declared Bank Day by the Virginia General Assembly in 1991 and Bank of Botetourt is proud to host students for this important program. From their experience, participating students will write an essay for the chance to win a scholarship.

Six regional scholarships of \$2,500 each will be awarded by the VBA, and from those six winners a statewide runner-up and overall statewide winner will be chosen. The statewide runner-up will receive an additional \$3,000 scholarship - \$3,500 in total - and the overall statewide winner will receive an additional

\$5,000 scholarship - \$7,500 in total. There will also be six honorable mention scholarships of \$1,000 each. In all, 12 students statewide will receive scholarships totaling \$29,000.

Throughout the virtual program, students will have access to a Virginia banking industry resource website that houses videos, articles and podcasts to explore and research. As a virtual host, Bank of Botetourt will also be providing supplemental materials and packets to the students as a thank you to each senior for participating.

"Bank Day is one of the best short-term ex-

periences for students—the opportunity to learn about the many services that banks offer and the ways Virginia banks support the communities they serve, and to start the networking that often leads to part-time and summer jobs, scholarships, and a start on a career path in the financial world," said Bruce Whitehurst, president & CEO of the Virginia Bankers Association.

"We feel that the financial education of our youth is one more way the bank serves our communities. VBA Bank Day offers high school seniors the unique opportunity to experience community banking at its finest.

They learn about banking, financial services and the vital role community banks play in their communities. We are proud to partner with the VBA to offer this scholarship opportunity," said Lyn Hayth, President & CEO of Bank of Botetourt.

To learn more or to sign up to participate in the VBA Bank Day program with Bank of Botetourt, contact Jon Foreman at BankDay@BankofBotetourt.com or 540-591-5053. Student registration closes on Friday, March 5.

-Submitted by Mary Ann Miller, Business Banking and Community Relations

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POLICE REPORT

The Salem Police Department reported the following people were arrested and charged February 9-22. 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:

February 9 – Quan Hoang Nguyen, 28, public intoxication; and Wendy Y. Turcios Cedillo, domestic assault and battery

February 13 – Robbie L. Cartrette, 27, forgery

February 14 – Cody A. Conner, 30, assault on police officer, criminal trespass, obstructing justice; and Brian K. Fielder, 38, evading police, obstructing justice

February 15 – David B. Gibson, 33, public intoxication

February 16 – Joshua M. James, 37, domestic assault and battery

February 17 – Christopher A. Lindamood, 59, criminal trespass; Evan M. Shuck, 22, DUI; and Angeliq R. Simurina, 51, violation of probation

February 18 – Christopher A. Lindamood, 59, criminal trespass, shoplifting

February 19 – Brendan J. King, 25, public intoxication; and John E. Lemon Jr., 55, possession of controlled substance; failure to appear

February 20 – Kean J. Montgomery, 37, possession of controlled substance, possession of firearm by felon; and Sherry L. Porter, 61, violation of probation

February 21 – Tammy L. Jackson, 46, failure to appear

February 22 – Deanna N. Wellons, 34, violation of conditional release

Retire Your Flag With Honor
The Staff of John M. Oakey and Son
is pleased to announce a new program designed to honor veterans. When your flag is no longer worthy of display, please bring it to us and we will cremate the flag with a veteran. Your flag will honor a veteran by being draped across them at the time of cremation and provides one more patriotic duty for the flag. It is a fitting tribute to veterans and in keeping with the United States Flag Code, a patriotic way to retire aged flags. There is no charge for this service. This program has been approved by the United States Department Office of Protocol.

Senators urge FCC to use COVID broadband programs to help close the digital divide

U.S. Senators Angus King (I-Maine), Maggie Hassan (D-N.H.), and Mark Warner (D-Va.) recently sent a letter to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), urging the Commission to administer the Emergency Broadband Benefit Program (EBBP) in a way that helps address the longstanding digital divides that block too many Americans from securing a reliable, affordable broadband connection.

In their letter, the Senators encourage the FCC to design the program in a way that helps to establish a “durable, scalable model for future digital equity efforts,” and lays out specific steps to ensure that all Americans can access this essential 21st century tool.

“As communities across the country continue to grapple with connectivity challenges as a result of the coronavirus pandemic, we have seen unprecedented reliance on tele-

presence services, including telework, online education, telehealth, and remote support services,” wrote the Senators.

They added, “unfortunately, the already-existing digital divide has been further exacerbated by these disruptions, which have highlighted and furthered the broadband gap that too many American households still face. While Congress continues to work with the FCC and other Federal agencies on expanding broadband access to unserved and underserved areas through a number of programs, affordability remains a significant barrier to connectivity for far too many Americans.

According to Pew Research, approximately half of non-broadband users’ given reason for lack of connectivity is prohibitive cost, and 44 percent of households earning \$30,000 or less do not have broadband. With the estab-

lishment of the Emergency Broadband Benefit Program, and with proper, forward-looking implementation, the belief is that Senators can make a substantial difference in supporting broadband affordability for the most vulnerable Americans.

“First, while the EBBP will sunset after the end of the coronavirus pandemic, it presents a unique opportunity for the FCC to look at how to address the broadband affordability issue long-term and starting to think now about the longevity of cost support well beyond this program,” the Senators continued. “As we know, the ultimate end to the pandemic will not signify the end to the digital divide, and the efforts that we put forth now toward encouraging digital equity must represent a durable, scalable model for future digital equity efforts.

The letter from Senators

King, Hassan and Warner goes on to lay out additional steps that the FCC should take in order to maximize the reach and impact of the EBBP both during this crisis and in the long-term. Specifically, the Senators highlight the value of collaborating, with state and community partners, urge the commission to set the eligibility criteria as broadly as reasonably possible, and emphasize the importance of supporting newer or smaller broadband services, many of which operate in historically underserved areas.

“Finally, it is important to make access to the EBBP benefits streamlined and accessible - both for providers and households, including subscribers of newer broadband service. The program will be most successful when eligible households are readily able to participate without overly cumbersome or restrictive requirements,” added the Senators.

“Closing the digital divide is of critical importance to our economic future and we look forward to continuing to work with you to ensure every American has access to affordable high-speed broadband, regardless of one’s household income or the zip code of where one lives,” the Senators concluded. “We appreciate your history of leadership on connectivity issues and working to close the digital divide. We believe that the EBBP presents an exciting opportunity to address the digital divide and affordability barriers to broadband access. With proper implementation and collaboration with state and local partners, it can allow all members of our communities to better participate in a 21st century society and economy, both during the coronavirus pandemic and beyond.”

-Submitted by Rachel Cohen, Communications Director

Treasury Department announces minority and community-based lenders can apply for emergency COVID-19 grants

U.S. Sen. Mark R. Warner (D-VA) recently announced that minority-owned and community-based lending institutions can now apply for grants through the U.S. Treasury Department to support, prepare for, and respond to the economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. The funding is available as part of a record \$12 billion investment to open up new credit opportunities for Black, Latino and low-income communities that Sen. Warner successfully fought to include in the \$900 billion COVID-19 relief bill Congress passed in December.

“Even before the pandemic, low-income communities and communities of color faced significant barriers in accessing credit and economic op-

portunity,” said Sen. Warner. “The economic crisis caused by COVID-19 has only exacerbated those inequalities. This announcement by the Treasury Department is one step in helping low-income and minority communities recover and emerge from this unprecedented economic downturn with more opportunities than before.”

Surveys show that Black and Latino-owned small businesses have been particularly hard-hit during the pandemic. Thousands of minority-owned small businesses have closed for good, in part due to difficulty securing bank loans and accessing assistance such as the Paycheck Protection Program. The Federal Reserve Bank of New York found that while overall small busi-

ness ownership in the U.S. dropped 22 percent between February and April 2020, Black and Latino ownership dropped by 41 percent and 32 percent, respectively. Another recent survey revealed that almost 1 in 5 Black and Hispanic entrepreneurs expect to permanently close their doors within three months, compared to 14 percent of white small business owners.

In order to combat the hemorrhaging of jobs and economic opportunities during the pandemic, Sen. Warner in July teamed up with then-Sen. Kamala Harris (D-CA), Sen. Cory Booker (D-NJ) and a bipartisan group of colleagues to introduce the Jobs and Neighborhood Investment Act in order to strengthen the financial in-

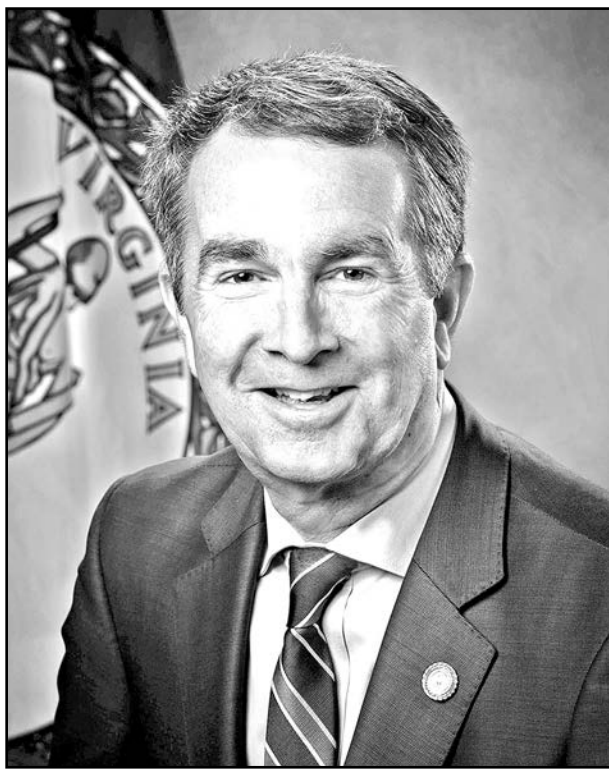
stitutions that serve communities of color and increase lending to minority-owned businesses and lower-income borrowers. The effort secured endorsements from the Black Economic Alliance, the NAACP, the National Bankers Association, the National Urban League, the Center for Responsible Lending and a host of other advocacy organizations and civil rights groups. Sen. Warner was later able to secure provisions from the bill in the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021, which was signed into law on December 27, 2020, providing an unprecedented \$12 billion in funding for lenders that predominantly operate in underserved communities.

This announcement by the Treasury Department released an initial tranche of \$1.25 billion in grant funding for eligible community development financial institutions (CDFIs) in order to expand the flow of credit into underserved, minority, and historically disadvantaged communities, helping small businesses stay afloat and expand operations while providing affordable access to credit for lower income borrowers. Additional funding will be made available in the coming months, as part of the largest single investment into minority-owned and community-based lending institutions in the nation’s history.

-Submitted by Rachel Cohen, Communications Director

March proclaimed Women’s History Month in Virginia

~ Virginians encouraged to honor the contributions of women in the Commonwealth and throughout history ~



Governor Ralph Northam

SUBMITTED PHOTO

Governor Ralph Northam recently issued a proclamation and made the following statement on Women’s History Month, which is celebrated in Virginia and nationwide during March to honor trailblazing women who have helped move the country and the Commonwealth forward.

“Virginia has no shortage of pioneering women who have made history by overcoming doubt and discrimination, by daring to step into roles that had never been held by a woman, and by breaking down barriers for those who would follow. During Women’s History Month,

we celebrate milestones in gender equality, and we uplift the stories of women who have impacted our world with their creativity, advocacy, service, invention, and discovery.

“As we honor the progress we have made, we must also acknowledge that many of these gains were not inclusive of all women, particularly women of color. In Virginia, we will continue to lift up all who identify as

women as we strive for a more equitable future.

“We went into the 2020 General Assembly session calling it the ‘year of the woman’, with Eileen Filler-Corn becoming the first female speaker of the House of Delegates, and L. Louise Lucas becoming the first female and African American President Pro Tempore of the Senate. In addition, Charniele L. Herring became the first female and first African American legislator to serve as House Majority Leader, and Suzette Denslow became the first woman to serve as Clerk of the House of Delegates and Keeper of the Rolls of the Commonwealth. Her counterpart, Susan Clark Schaar, has served as Clerk of the Senate for two decades.

“Following decades of advocacy and with women at the helm, Virginia became the 38th and final state needed to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment, which brought the nation one step closer to ensuring true gender equality is enshrined in our Constitution.

“Finally, 2021 was ushered in with Kamala Harris taking office as the first woman and first Black and South Asian Vice President of the United States.

I am proud to stand alongside so many brilliant and intrepid women leading our country and this Commonwealth forward, especially in my cabinet, across our Administration, and directing our state agencies. Women’s History Month is both an opportunity to recognize the importance

of women’s representation wherever decisions are being made, and to learn about the women who have helped us reach this moment, paving the way for the change-makers of today and tomorrow.”

The theme of Women’s History Month in 2021 is “Valiant Women of

the Vote: Refusing to be Silenced,” which extends last year’s recognition of the centennial anniversary of the 19th Amendment and the continuing fight for suffrage for all women.

-Submitted by Alena Yarmosky, Office of the Governor

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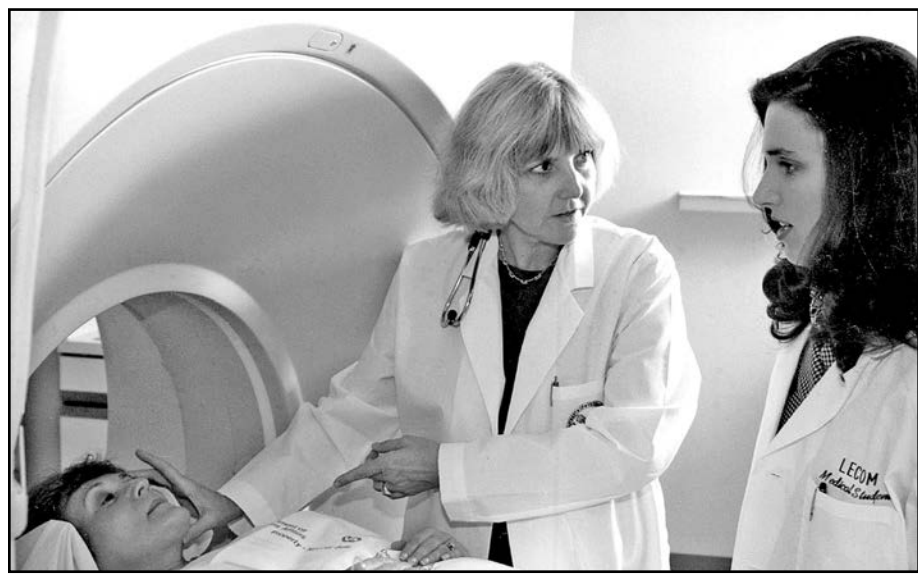


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Signed into law on June 22, 1944, the GI Bill continues to provide a range of benefits to Veterans.



President Ronald Reagan elevated the VA to a cabinet-level executive department in October 1988.



In 1930, the VA had just 54 hospitals. Today, approximately 1,600 healthcare facilities exist.

ability and status of the pandemic locally, as well as strict storage, handling and transportation parameters of available vaccines.” The Salem VAMC continues to reach out to Veterans who are

eligible for the vaccination. Veterans who would like additional information can visit the VA vaccine’s webpage for the latest updates. “We are encouraged by the

number of Veterans we have been able to vaccinate so far and look forward to meeting VA’s goal of offering vaccines to all eligible Veterans and employees who want to be vaccinated,” Stack-

house said.

The Salem VA Health Care System provides health care to more than 35,000 of America’s Heroes from World War II to today. In 2012, the agency was

officially listed on the National Register of Historic Places. This month, the Salem VA is encouraging others to embrace and participate in Women’s History Month.

Dinosaurs from page 1

Some dinosaurs date back to 230 million years ago. The Eoraptor, according to paleontologists, represents the beginning of the Age of Dinosaurs. Tyrannosaurus, Carnotaurus, Triceratops and Pteranodon were also among the moving, live dinosaurs on display last weekend.

“Today’s birds evolved from dinosaurs, which makes them every bit as much of a dinosaur as T. rex or Triceratops,” said paleontologist Steve Brusatte, author of the book, The Rise and Fall of the Dinosaurs. “A good analogy is

bats. Bats are a weird type of mammal that developed wings and the ability to fly. Birds are a weird type of dinosaur that did the same thing.”

A common misconception people have about dinosaurs, said Hill, is there was definitely a mass extinction event 65 million years ago (probably related to a giant asteroid that smashed into Mexico’s Yucatán Peninsula), and it did spell the end for most dinosaur species, but not all.

“Being able to sit and watch how much fun kids have getting up close to something that they normally see in the movies is a very enjoyable experience,” he said. “I’m thrilled that families got to have a COVID-safe family experience.”



PHOTOS BY SHAWN NOWLIN

For \$12.00 per car, attendees got to experience nearly 20 life-sized dinosaurs.



A male attendee using his cell phone to capture the sounds and movements of the dinosaurs.



Parents say the event is so popular, in large part, because it allows people to get out of the house during the pandemic.

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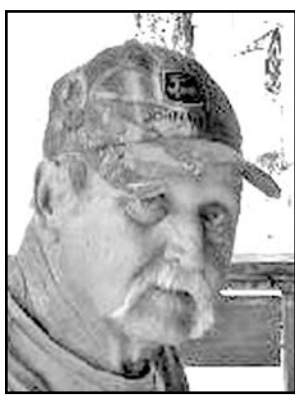
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OBITUARIES

Hess, Billy Wayne

Billy Wayne Hess, age 73 of Glade Hill, passed away on Friday, February 26. Billy was born February 2, 1948, a son of the late Benny Hess and Zola Mae Simms. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister, Mary Sue Braggs; brothers, James, Joe, Connie, Coy and Benny Hess.

Mr. Hess worked for the City of Salem for 31 years. He was an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed hunting, fishing, and taking peaceful walks in the woods. Bill also loved Country and Blue Grass music and could be



found most evenings on his porch listening to these tunes.

He is survived by his loving wife Brenda; son, Jonathan; brother, L.P. Hess (Jane); and grandchildren, Matthew and Andrew.

His family would especially like to thank staff of Franklin Health and Rehabilitation Center for their love and care.

Arrangements are private by Conner-Bowman Funeral Home, 62 VA Market Place Drive (Route 220 @ Wirtz Road) Rocky Mount, VA 24151 (540) 334-5151

Magenbauer, Elizabeth Sledge

Elizabeth Sledge Magenbauer, 78, of Salem passed away on Saturday, February 20. She was born June 10, 1942, and was the daughter of William Ferebee Sledge and Katharine Crouch Sledge of Whiteville, NC. She had a fulfilling and wonderful life. As a child, she grew up in Whiteville where she attended the local schools.



Elizabeth enjoyed business, traveling, reading, and most of all spending time with her four grandchildren - Evynn, Olivia, Ellie, and Garrett. She had a unique and special bond with them.

Surviving are her sons, Brett Magenbauer and wife, Jia, Stephen Magenbauer and wife, Edwynna; her brother Glenn Sledge and wife

Martha Sue; and her sister, Katharine "SooSoo" Fort; her four grandchildren, Evynn, Olivia, Ellie, and Garrett whom she called "the dessert of life"; nieces are Elisabeth Sledge Woodard (and husband Todd) and their children Katharine, Todd, Sarah, Caroline, and Rachel. Jennifer Fort Martin (and husband Curry) and their children Liza and Margaret; nephew, David Stephen Fort (and wife Becca), and their children Drew and Blake; and her dear friend and neighbor of 46 years Margie Smith.

A special thanks to her caregivers and friends that assisted her throughout her illness and battle with COPD. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to a charity of one's choice.

A celebration of her life was held at 4 p.m. on Saturday, February 27, at the John M. Oakey & Son Funeral Home in Salem with Rev. Bobby Pickle officiating. Elizabeth will be inurned in Whiteville. Friends began to gather to briefly speak with the family and take their seats after 2 p.m.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.johnmoakey.com.

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The Rev. Branan G. Thompson Jr.

The Rev. Branan G. Thompson Jr., 83, who served both Baptist and United Methodist Churches throughout the Roanoke Valley for more than 50 years, died Wednesday, February 24, at his home in the Oak Grove area of Roanoke County. He had been in declining health for the past two years.

His funeral was conducted Saturday, February 27, at Windsor Hills United Methodist Church where he had served for the past 20 years as minister to senior adults; in that role he often led bus tours to Western Virginia sites that were open to friends outside the membership.

His major survivors are sons, Scott B. Thompson and partner James Duplissic of Portland, Maine, and John D. Thompson of New York City and a sister, Dixie Alexander of Atlanta.

The widower of Gay Frith Thompson of Rocky Mount, the pastor was a native of Milledgeville, Georgia. He grew up in the rural community of New Hope where early on he acquired love of fishing.

With an early interest in medicine, Thompson instead became a Southern Baptist minister. His undergraduate education was taken at Mercer University with further studies at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, North Carolina, and at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky and Union Theological Seminary in New York.

His early interest in medicine was demonstrated in the years in the Roanoke Valley that he actively supported groups to bring clergy and physicians together to effect healing of body and spirit. Especially was this important in the active years of the Roanoke Valley Ministers Conference some 40 years ago.

Thompson was known in many groups in the area for his skill in presenting magic tricks and in creativity displayed in music. He served on the boards of several valley organizations especially those concerned with mental health and music.

Although he came to the area in 1968 to serve as an early pastor of Colonial Avenue Baptist Church and remained there for 30 years, he was unable to accept the increasing conservatism on many human cultural issues now favored by leaders of the predominant Southern Baptist Convention. After leaving Colonial Avenue, he joined the neighborhood United Methodist parish where he helped establish programs and ministries for older members.

Among his distinctions was composing a song, "Virginia's My Home" which became one of the final selections as a new state anthem was being promoted to replace one with outmoded lyrics in use for many decades.

-Submitted by Frances Stebbins

Clower, Warren R.

Warren R. Clower, 87, of Check, Va, went to be with the Lord on Feb. 28, 2021. He was the beloved son of Orville and Inez Clower and brother to Shelby Kirby who all preceded him in death.

He was a gifted artist and craftsman. Warren was admired by his daughter, Melinda Midkiff (Stephen); two grandsons, Michael Midkiff,



Matthew Midkiff; two sisters, Phyllis Crawford and Wanda Brickley.

Funeral Services will be held on Saturday, March 6, at 1 p.m. at Gardner Funeral Home with Pastor Baily Gardner officiating. Interment will be in Idings Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Little River Baptist Church, Floyd, VA. 24091.

Gray, Nancy Laverne Bolt

Nancy Laverne Bolt Gray, 73, of Elliston, passed away on Tuesday, February 23, at Carilion Roanoke Memorial Hospital. She was born on August 7, 1947, in Salem to the late William Howard Taft Bolt and Lillie Mae Gordon Bolt.



Nancy will be remembered for her loving and kind nature to everyone. She enjoyed reading, but her passion was found in ceramic painting. Her creations have been passed down to those she loved most where they will be cherished for years to come. Prior to retiring, Nancy was employed with Holiday Inn at Tanglewood, where she spent over 35 years of her life working in numerous capacities and building lasting friendships.

Above all, Nancy will be remembered as a loving wife, mother, grandmother, and friend to all that knew her.

Johnson and Zachary Oliver; great-grandchildren, Daniel Blankenship; sister, Freeda Wiant; and niece, Angela Wiant.

In keeping with Nancy's wishes, all services are private.

In lieu of flowers, donations would be appreciated in Nancy's memory to either the Alzheimer's Association, or Angels of Assisi.

Expressions of sympathy may be expressed to the Gray family by visiting www.johnmoakey.com.

First-ever statewide strategic plan to advance diversity, equity and inclusion introduced

Governor Ralph Northam recently unveiled ONE Virginia, a first-in-the-nation statewide strategic plan to advance visible diversity, equity, and inclusion across state government.

"To truly move forward as a Commonwealth, we must prioritize diversity, equity, and inclusion as our collective goals," said Governor Northam. "The ONE Virginia Plan is a strategic blueprint to institutionalize equity across state government and effectively address deeply-rooted structural and systemic barriers to access and opportunity. This roadmap will ensure our efforts are accompanied by accountability, measurable results, and sustained impact, and help make Virginia the best place to live, work, visit, and thrive."

In September 2019, Governor Northam appointed Dr. Janice Underwood to serve as Virginia's first cabinet-level Chief Diversity Officer. The Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (ODEI) has worked collaboratively with public and private stakeholders to develop the ONE Virginia Plan—a sus-

tainable framework to operationalize equity and promote inclusive practices across Virginia with a focus on reducing inequities.

"Diversity, equity, and inclusion are more than a moral imperative or a legal mandate—they are key to achieving organizational excellence," said Dr. Underwood. "Together we are charting a new path for our Commonwealth, one that values our diverse people as our greatest strength. Using the Inclusive Excellence framework, ONE Virginia will help implement tangible reforms that interrupt long-held systems of structural inequity to create sustainable change, innovation, and productivity across state government, throughout Virginia, and around our country."

The ONE Virginia Plan will support more than 100 state agencies in the Commonwealth in prioritizing and implementing strategies to provide fair and equitable services and cultivate a valued and high-performing workforce. It will help ensure that people in positions of leadership understand sys-

temic inequity and its effects and work to increase diversity at all levels of government, foster an inclusive and welcoming organizational culture, establish a shared accountability for visible equity, and promote community engagement. In the coming months, the ODEI will seek input and suggestions from state employees, external stakeholders, and community leaders to further develop concrete equity policy.

"It has been an honor to work with Dr. Underwood, alongside an amazing steering committee, to stretch the ONE Virginia model throughout the Commonwealth to build statewide capacity for inclusive excellence," said Dr. Kevin McDonald, Vice President for Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Community Partnerships at the University of Virginia. "I have already engaged the greater Charlottesville area in this important work, and I am excited about its potential for scale across Virginia."

The ONE Virginia Plan is an unprecedented model for fostering diverse, equitable, and inclusive workplace envi-

ronments and is being codified by the General Assembly through legislation supported by the Northam Administration. House Bill 1993, sponsored by Delegates Alex Askew and Delores McQuinn, requires state agencies to establish and maintain comprehensive diversity, equity, and inclusion strategic plans in coordination with the Governor's Chief Diversity Officer.

"The comprehensive emphasis on equity-minded legislation throughout the 2021 General Assembly session has been historic," said Secretary of Administration Grindly Johnson. "This legislation makes Virginia a national exemplar in fostering the business case for organizational effectiveness in our state agencies."

This plan was developed in collaboration with the Department of Human Resource Management (DHRM). Together with the ODEI, DHRM and an interdisciplinary volunteer executive steering team created an online toolkit for use by state agencies and other stakeholders to facilitate the implementation of individu-

alized strategic plans that advance diversity and inclusive excellence. The next phase of the ONE Virginia Plan will focus on working with an initial cohort of 10 state agencies that provide direct support to the public during the COVID-19 pandemic to create agency-based strategic diversity and inclusion plans modeled after the statewide framework.

"The critical work of state government depends upon our ability to attract and retain a talented workforce that reflects the diversity of the Virginians we serve," said DHRM Director Emily Elliott. "We charge all agency leaders to adopt the ONE Virginia Plan and subsequent Principles of Community to create an engaged workforce that leverages diversity as a strength, supports an inclusive work environment, and works in pursuit of policies and practices that hold each agency accountable for expanded access, success and overall inclusive excellence."

Submitted by Alena Yaromosky, Office of the Governor

Science Center

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life on those that follow that measure one's contributions," Cregger said. "Mike and Terri have a strong legacy at Roanoke as they touch so many lives."

Relationships also played a key role for Dr. Paul Capp '52.

"The motivation I had to pursue physics and medicine came from the science faculty," said Capp, a member of the College's Board of Trustees. "I would not be where I am today if not for the professors

who taught and advised me."

"The faculty are always outstanding, even when our physical facilities have not matched our program," Capp said. "As prospective students and parents look at Roanoke College, they see a top-quality program and a stunning campus with facilities like the Cregger Center. They expect an equally impressive science facility and there is a weakness there that has to be changed if we are going

to compete, especially for those who don't yet know about our faculty and career advising."

Capp has spent his career in physics and medicine in academia — 73 years, all told — first at Roanoke, then at Duke, University of North Carolina and the University of Arizona Medical School.

"I've been able to critically observe the sciences and development at Roanoke," he said. "I feel a closeness to Roanoke and those

first four years of my academic career provided the jump-start I needed for a career in academia. I've spent 69 years at other institutions, but none propelled me more than those four years at Roanoke."

"That's why I'm supporting the Science Center, and why I know it will impact students for years into the future," Capp said.

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Ag leaders anticipate redistricting commission's impact on rural Virginia

As populations shift from rural to urban areas and political maps are reexamined, agricultural advocates hope farmers and rural Virginians can maintain a cohesive voice.

A diverse group of eight Virginians will join eight legislators in serving on the state's new redistricting commission. They soon will be tasked with redrawing the state's political maps using new U.S. Census data.

A panel of retired judges chose 64 finalists from 1,200 applicants selected by General Assembly leaders. The judges then picked six men and two women of varied race, age, political affiliation and geographical location to fill the eight citizen seats on the 16-member commission.

The commission's eight legislative seats were chosen by the

General Assembly's four political caucuses and also represent the state's geographical makeup.

Del. Les Adams was one of the two House Republicans appointed to a seat on the commission. He represents Henry and Pittsylvania counties, where his father and grandfather farmed. He said the constitutional amendment creating a redistricting commission was widely endorsed.

"People recognized that the time was right to provide political balance to a process that carries such an important responsibility for self-government," Adams said. "I look forward to fulfilling the duties that the people have set before us."

Virginia Farm Bureau Federation board members are anticipating the potential impact

the commission's decisions may have on rural communities. Cattle producer Emily F. Edmondson represents farmers in Southwest Virginia, where less residential density means less representation in the General Assembly.

"We have a relatively cohesive voice out here," Edmondson said, "though it's a small voice."

Tobacco, beef, poultry and hemp producer Robert J. Mills Jr. agreed. He serves Farm Bureau producer members, and those farmers have expressed some apprehension about redistricting.

"The size of districts in the Southside and Southwest Virginia are just getting larger, because new districts are being created in Northern or Eastern Virginia," Mills explained. "So,

I do hear concern that we're losing more ground."

It's important that members of organizations like Farm Bureau and the Virginia Agribusiness Council have conversations with leadership in urban areas, he said.

"For me, as a farmer who loves rural Virginia, it's really hard to digest bills that are sent down from Fairfax and Northern Virginia to regulate me and how I do business on the farm. Perhaps if some rural districts expand, they may pick up pieces of urban areas, resulting in more rural representation in Richmond," Mills said with guarded optimism.

Adams said he's in their corner. "The needs of our rural communities are always at the forefront of my service and will

certainly be represented on this commission."

Kristie Helmick Proctor, executive director of the Virginia Rural Center, is looking for solutions that will benefit all Virginians. The center's mission is to enhance the prosperity of rural communities, and retain those populations.

"We encourage the redistricting commission to consider solutions that will not involve pitting rural interests against urban and suburban interests," Proctor said. "But instead, look at where our interests align and the important role each region plays in the ongoing health and prosperity of our commonwealth as a whole."

-Submitted by Nicole Zema, VFBB communications

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Legals - City of Radford

Radford Seeks Proposals for CDBG Action Plan 2021-2022
The City of Radford is seeking proposals for its anticipated Public Service Funds for the upcoming

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2021-2022 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program.

Eligible applicants include: (1) Registered 501(c)(3) non-profit corporations, (2) Governmental entities, including public agencies, commissions or authorities that are independent of the City of Radford, (3) Churches that meet the requirements of IRC section 501(c)(3), regardless of their application and recognition from the IRS (4) Institutes of higher education. Program beneficiaries must be low or moderate income.

Public service programs include, but are not limited to: health care, job training, recreation programs, education programs, anti-violence programs, services for senior citizens, youth services, services for homeless persons, substance abuse counseling and treatment, domestic violence services, mental health services, immigrant services, disability services, and fair housing/tenant landlord counseling.

Interested applicants should submit a brief (3-page maximum) narrative that describes the proposed project, needs addressed, target population and the type of service. You may mail or deliver your proposal to: Melissa Skelton, 10 Robertson St, Radford, VA 24141. You may also submit proposals electronically to melissa.skelton@radfordva.gov. Proposals must be received by March 22, 2021 to be considered for funding during this Annual Action Plan cycle. If you have questions, please contact Ms. Skelton at the email above or by phone at 540-731-3603.

City of Radford Community Development Block Grant 2021 Action Plan

Public Input Meetings

The City of Radford invites you to public input sessions that give citizens an opportunity to offer suggestions for projects that they see a need for in the community that are related to decent housing, suitable living environment and economic opportunity. The Action Plan serves as the City's grant application for Community Development Block Grant Funds and sets the goals and budgets for the use of funds from the program. The public input meetings have been scheduled as follows:
Tuesday, March 9, 2021 - City Council Chamber, 12:00 pm
Wednesday, March 10, 2021 - City Council Chambers, 5:00 pm
Questions should be directed to Ms. Melissa Skelton, at Melissa.Skelton@radfordva.gov or at (540) 731-3603.

Legals - City of Salem

PUBLIC HEARING

The City of Salem School Board will hold a public hearing for comment on the FY 2021-2022 budget on Tuesday, March 9, 2021. The hearing will begin at 5:30 PM at South Salem Elementary School, 1600 Carolyn Road, Salem, VA 24153.

Any citizen of Salem who wishes to address the Board should contact Kathy A. Jordan, Clerk of the Board, at 389-0130 by Monday, March 8, in order to be placed on the agenda. Individuals who plan to address the Board are requested to bring a copy of their remarks for the record. In accordance with Board Policy KD, Public Participation in Board Meetings, individuals who plan to address the Board are requested to:
• provide their name and address,
• address their remarks to the Board,
• be brief,
• provide a copy of their remarks for the record, and
• be prepared to answer questions from the Board.
• In unusual cases or cases of emergency, the Board, by consensus, may allow an individual or organization to speak if not on the agenda.

ABC NOTICE

Duck In Market LLC, trading as Duck In Market 3, 3630 Franklin Rd, Roanoke, Roanoke City, Virginia 24014-2204.

Legals - City of Salem

The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) AUTHORITY for a Wine and Beer Off Premises license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages.

Pinkesh Patel, Member

NOTE: Objections to the issuance of this license must be submitted to ABC no later than 30 days from the publishing date of the first of two required newspaper legal notices. Objections should be registered at www.abc.virginia.gov or 800-552-3200.

ABC NOTICE

Pizza Den LLC, trading as Pizza Den, 1302 W Main St, Salem, Virginia 24153-4.

The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) AUTHORITY for a Wine and Beer On Premises/Mixed Beverage Res license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages.

Jason Booker, Owner

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Legals - Montgomery County

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

Commonwealth of Virginia Va. Code Ann. §§ 8.01-316,-317
Case No. CL21000021-00
Pulaski County Circuit Court
Hope Marie Moles LONG v Robert William LONG, Jr.

The object of this suit is to: obtain a divorce from the bond of matrimony from the Defendant on the grounds of living separate and apart for a period exceeding one year. It appearing by affidavit that the Defendant's last known address of residence was 1670 Spruce Drive, Christiansburg, Virginia 24073; that the Defendant's present whereabouts are unknown; and that diligence has been used by or on behalf of the Plaintiff to ascertain Defendant's whereabouts without effect; that the Plaintiff previously sought service of process on the Defendant at his last known address stated above; and the Sheriff of Montgomery County, Virginia has filed a return of service stating that the process has been in his hands for 21 days and that he has been unable to make service of process; it is ORDERED that the Defendant appear before this Court on or before April 15, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. and protect his interest herein.

It is ORDERED that Robert William Long Jr. appear at the above-named court and protect his interests on or before April 15, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

2-16-2021
Trish L. Albert
Deputy Clerk

Legals - Town of Vinton

LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF VINTON, VIRGINIA NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Please be advised that the Vinton Town Council will hold a public hearing at its meeting on Tuesday, April 6, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, on the following, to-wit:

TO SET A PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX RATE OF NOT MORE THAN \$1.00 PER \$100 ASSESSED VALUATION IN THE TOWN OF VINTON.

TO SET A MACHINERY AND TOOLS TAX RATE OF NOT MORE THAN \$1.00 PER \$100 ASSESSED VALUATION IN THE TOWN OF VINTON.

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participation in this public hearing by Council members, staff, and the public will be available through electronic or other alternative means. The public may comment on the proposed tax rates by emailing sjohnson@vintonva.gov, leaving a message at 540-983-0607 or writing to the Town Clerk, Vinton Municipal Building, 311 S. Pollard Street, Vinton, Virginia 24179. Voice mails, emails and other messages containing comments on the Ordinance will be provided to Council members. The public also may be able to comment during the electronic public hearing. Citizens interested in this option must register in advance by calling the Town Clerk's Office at 540-983-0607 or sending an email to sjohnson@vintonva.gov by 12 Noon on Monday, April 5, 2021. The public can observe this meeting through a livestream on the Town's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/vintonva. Additional information concerning the meeting and the public hearing will be made available on the Town's website at least three days before the meeting date.

Persons requiring special assistance to attend and participate at this public hearing should contact the Town Manager's office at (540) 983-0607.

Susan N. Johnson
Town Clerk

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED REAL PROPERTY TAX INCREASE

The Town of Vinton proposes to increase property tax levies.
1. Assessment Increase: Total assessed value of real property, excluding additional assessments due to new construction or improvements to property, exceeds last year's total assessed value of real property by 4.85 percent.
2. Lowered Rate Necessary to Offset Increased Assessment: The tax rate which would levy the same amount of real estate tax as last year, when multiplied by the new total assessed value of real estate with the exclusions mentioned above, would be \$.0666 per \$100 of assessed value. This rate will be known as the "lowered tax rate."
3. Effective Rate Increase: The Town of Vinton proposes to adopt a tax rate of \$.07 per \$100 of assessed value. The difference between the lowered tax rate and the proposed rate would be \$.0034 per \$100, or 4.85 percent. This difference will be known as the "effective tax rate increase."
Individual property taxes may, however, increase at a percentage greater than or less than the above percentage.
4. Proposed Total Budget Increase: Based on the proposed real property tax rate and changes in other revenues, the total budget of the Town of Vinton General Fund will exceed last year's by 4.85 percent.

A public hearing on the increase will be held on Tuesday, April 6, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard. In light of the ongoing COVID-19 emergency, participation in this public hearing by Council members, staff, and the public will be available through electronic or other alternative means. The public may comment on the proposed tax rates by emailing sjohnson@vintonva.gov, leaving a message at 540-983-0607 or writing to the Town Clerk, Vinton Municipal Building, 311 S. Pollard Street, Vinton, Virginia 24179. Voice mails, emails and other messages containing comments on the Ordinance will be provided to Council members. The public also may be able to comment during the electronic public hearing. Citizens interested in this option must register in advance by calling the Town Clerk's Office at 540-983-0607 or sending an email to sjohnson@vintonva.gov by 12 Noon on Monday, April 5, 2021. The public can observe this meeting through a livestream on the Town's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/vintonva. Additional information concerning the

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NOTICE:
COUNTY OF ROANOKE, VIRGINIA v. BARBARA WILCHER MOORE, ET AL
Roanoke County Circuit Court Hearing on 4/8/2021 at 10:00 AM regarding proceeds from sale of property. Any legal heirs with an interest in Ms. Moore's estate must appear at this hearing to protect their interests.

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WESTERN VA FOOTBALL OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION

The officials room at Salem Stadium was officially named the "Martin Halstead Officials Room" at a ceremony at the stadium Tuesday. Top right, Salem Civic Center manager Wendy Delano unveils the plaque by the door as the late Halstead's children look on. Left to right are Mary Etta Summerville, Arline Hyatt and Evans Halstead. Below, posing for a photo with the plaque are, left to right, Arline, Mary Etta, Evans, Salem Mayor Renee Turk, Delano, Tourism Director Carey Harveycutter, City Councilman John Saunders and Salem Parks and Recreation Director John Shaner.

PHOTOS BY BRIAN HOFFMAN



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Logan was eight for 13 passing for 87 yards and two TDs. Collins caught both touchdowns for a total of 40 yards, and those were his only two receptions. Jordan McDonald and Leftwich had two receptions each while Jake Massey and Jayden McDonald had one each.

On defense, Collins led with 11 tackles. Cameron Martindale, Jordan McDonald and Williams had six each while Stacy Williams, Chase Greer and Ky'Juan Waller had four each.

Now 2-0, the Spartans will be halfway through their abbreviated regular season this Friday after just 11 days. This week's game will be a big one, as Patrick Henry carries Class 5 points and will likely have a good record. The winner of this game will get a bunch of VHSL points, and that's big in a six game regular season.

"I saw a huge amount of improvement between our first game and Saturday," said Holter. "We have a long way to go, but our effort was outstanding and that's where our culture is."



Jordan McDonald(#9) of Salem makes a tackle in last Saturday's win in Christiansburg.

PHOTO BY SCOTT GARDNER



The Glenvar defense digs in on a snowy night at Stuart's Draft.

PHOTO BY KENNY FORD

GLENVAR FOOTBALL

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I have to do a better job of getting the kids ready."

The Cougars run a double-wing, rushing style offense that wasn't as hampered by the snow as Glenvar's dual pass-run offense. Quarterback Aiden Wolk completed just four of 17 passes for 47 yards in the blizzard-like conditions, with one reception each to Jeb Secrist, Gabe Shaffer, Colvin Delano and Kyle Hanks.

Hanks had 60 yards rushing on 15 carries while Jackson Swanson had 60 on 11 attempts. Blake Custer had 12 tackles to lead the defense while Shaffer and Nick Williams had seven each.

"Our defense played good for 75 percent of the snaps," said Clifford.

The Glenvar jayvee team fared a little better, defeating Stuart's Draft 48-0. The middle school has yet to play.

Andrew Lewis splits first two games, will host Read Mountain today

The Andrew Lewis 8th grade football defeated Pulaski Middle School, 28-7, to open their season last Thursday at Salem Stadium.

The Wolverines got good running by Jackson Jones and Josiah Persinger and outstanding blocking by Jackson Bryie, Dorian Vance and Marvin Fields to fuel a successful rushing attack. The defense was solid with Devon Marsh, Matthew McNeil and Dontay Davis

playing well.

On Monday in Vinton William Byrd Middle defeated Andrew Lewis Middle, 28-6, to even the 8th grade record at 1-1. The 8th graders take on Read Mountain today at Salem Stadium.

The Lewis 7th grade team opened their season last Thursday with a 38-7 loss to Ben Franklin Middle School. The 7th grade team travels to Clifton Forge Middle today.



Dylan Berk of RC (#6) races to beat the Washington & Lee goalie to the ball in Saturday's game at Kerr Stadium. Both arrived at the same time but Berk wasn't able to get the ball in the goal.

PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN



Dorian Vance(#67) helps open a big hole for Devon Marsh(#33) in Andrew Lewis' win over Pulaski at Salem Stadium last week.

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Maroons play to a draw with W&L

Washington & Lee scored with just over five minutes in regulation, then battled to two scoreless overtimes for a 1-1 draw against Roanoke College in a men's ODAC soccer game last Sunday.

With just over 10 minutes until the half, a whistle in the W&L box gave the Maroons a penalty kick. Liam Camilleri sent the penalty into the back of the General's net for a 1-0 lead.

That lead stood up until just over five minutes to play when a loose ball in front of the Roanoke net resulted in a goal for the Generals. The ball bounced out of a five player scrum and squirted to Austin Sholes, who was able to send a shot past RC keeper Zach Behe and the match was tied.

Just prior to the Generals' goal Roanoke had a great opportunity to add

to the lead. An Anthony Wisdo blasted was blocked, but Dylan Berk grabbed the rebound and sent a shot on net that was saved by Michael Nyc. The W&L keeper allowed another rebound but was able to recover to save Wisdo's final attempt.

At the end of regulation the score was 1-1, with Washington and Lee owning a 17-6 edge in shots. The first extra frame would see Behe and Nyc each record a save, sending the match into a second overtime. Each team would get scoring chances in the second OT but all three shots missed the mark and the match would end in a draw, 1-1. Behe recorded five saves while Nyc registered four stops.

The Maroons will travel to Lynchburg to face the Hornets on Thursday night.

Marlins edge RC women's soccer

The Roanoke College women's soccer team dropped an Old Dominion Athletic Conference game to Virginia Wesleyan in Virginia Beach last Sunday, 1-0. With the loss the Maroons are 0-1-1 despite allowing just two total goals.

After seeing just two shots during the first 45 minutes, one the only goal of the game, RC keeper Taylor Gallik stopped all six Virginia Wesleyan shots on goal during the second half to give Roanoke a chance. Tessa Walsh, Eliza Ryan, and Morgan O'Neill registered three shots each on the afternoon but none found the net.

Roanoke will kick off a three match home stand Sunday when they host Shenandoah at 1 pm.

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from their entry time. The 400 Free Relay team of Fleenor, King, Miles and Poush was fourth.

King placed ninth overall in the 50 Free and 10th in the 100 Free. Poush was ninth in the 500 Free and 13th in the 100 Breast. Easter took 10th in the 200 IM and 11th in the 100 Fly. Miles was 12th in the 50 Free, Scaggs was 13th in the 100 Free and Bowen was 13th in the 200 Free.

For the girls, Eliza Fleenor took fifth in the 100 Breast and sixth in the 50 Free, and also swam on two relays. The 200 Free Relay of Shifflett, LaFountain, Repasky and Fleenor was ninth and the 200 Medley team of those same four took 11th place. The 400 Free team of LaFountain, Jenkins, Prosser and Shifflett was 12th.

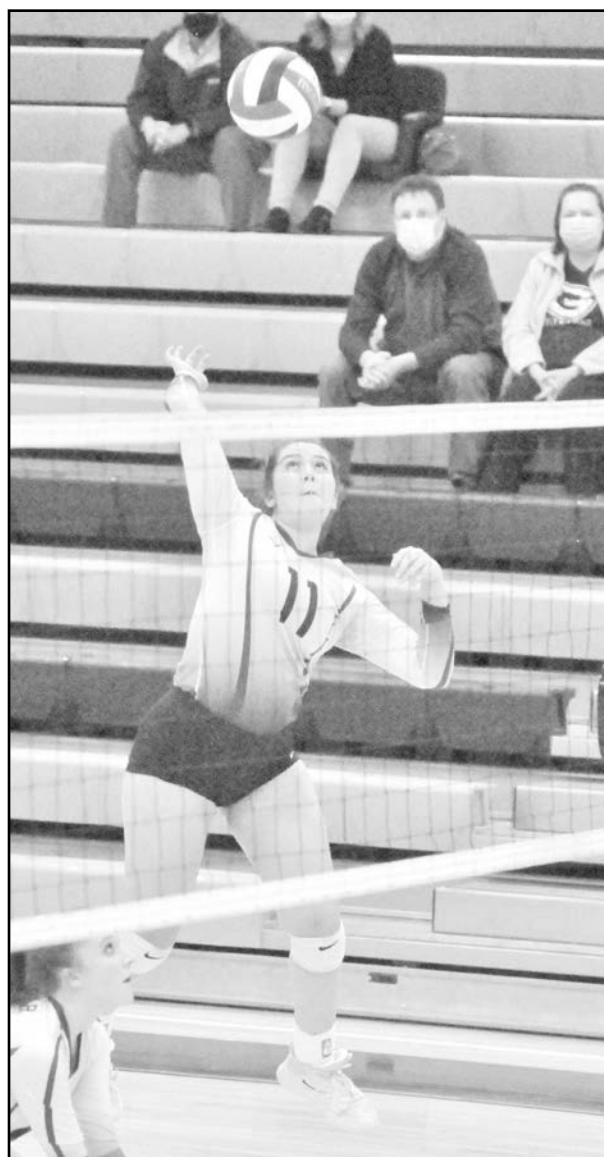
"We are very proud of all these strong swims," said Salem coach Marianne Fleenor.

Glenvar will participate in the Class 1&2 meet at the Christiansburg Aquatic Center on Saturday. The Highlanders are defending champs in the girls' meet.



Salem's Zach Easter competes in the 100 yard Butterfly at the state swim meet.

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Glenvar's Sara McIlwain goes up for a spike in Monday's win over James River.

PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Highlanders bump River in season opener

The Glenvar volleyball team opened the season with a four game win over James River at GHS Monday. After losing the first game, 25-17, the Highlanders rallied to win the next three, 25-15, 25-12 and 25-16.

"We got off to a slow start," said Glenvar coach Mark Rohrback. "We're used to playing at a faster pace and took the girls a little time to adjust."

Caroline Craig had a big game for Glenvar with 11 aces and no errors among 29 serving attempts. She

also had 43 assists.

Kenall Birdlebough had nine aces for Glenvar while Claire Griffith had 15 kills and four blocks. Hannah Hylton and Sara McIlwain had 10 kills each.

"After we started playing I thought we looked pretty good," said Rohrback, who began his third stint as head coach of the Highlanders. "I love the energy and enthusiasm of this team."

The Highlanders are back in action tonight at Carroll County. Next Tuesday they go to Radford.

Spartans open volleyball season at home tonight

The Salem High volleyball team will open the spring "COVID schedule" tonight with a home game against Cave Spring. The game will mark the return of head coach Beth Denton, who replaces Amanda Hristov.

Denton started her coaching tenure at Salem High as jayvee coach under Kim Martinez during the 2010 and '11 seasons. She moved up to head coach the following year and served in that capacity for three seasons until she stepped down to concentrate on her budding family.

When Hristov moved out of the area Denton felt like it was time to get back into coaching. Beth

continued to teach in Salem after stepping aside from coaching but knew the team was in good hands as her assistants took over. Russ Danstrum coached the team for three seasons, then Hristov and her husband, John, took over for the past two years. All three were on the staff when Beth was head coach the first time, and she feels like she has a great staff again.

"I'm especially excited to be working with a great coaching staff," said Denton. "Moriah Moore and Alicia Hunter are top-notch coaches who really care about these girls. It's great to be coming back to a program that was so well managed, coached,

and cared for. I've always been a coach who values teamwork, character, and a strong work ethic and I can tell that these traits have been a focus of this program."

Salem returns three seniors, Madie Loyd, Ashlyn Moorman and Annika Bryan. Sophomores Reese Redford and Kai Bowen saw time as freshmen and new members of the team include freshman Anne Hayden Hall, sophomore Ella Walker, and juniors Halle Joyce, Kennedy Scales, Emma Johnson, and Reilly Otto.

"With all of the unknowns surrounding COVID, it is a real blessing that they will be able to play," said Denton.

Lewis, Glenvar win volleyball season openers

The middle school volleyball season opened within the week and both Glenvar and Andrew Lewis are off to good starts.

Glenvar opened with a 25-10, 25-11 win over Hidden Valley last week, then defeated Northside Monday to go 2-0. That score was 25-2 and 25-13.

Lewis opened Monday with a two set win over Ben Franklin, 25-11 and 25-13. Captains Cora Robinson and Myah Crews led the attack for the Wolverines.

Maroon lax team opens with win over William Peace

The Roanoke College lacrosse team will play host to Christopher Newport this Saturday at 4 pm, looking for their second win in as many games. The Maroons opened the season with a 25-8 win over William Peace at Salem's Kerr Stadium last Saturday.

Roanoke led 14-4 at the half, then shut out William Peace in the third period to put it away, leading 22-4. Luke Kammerman had four goals and a pair of assists while Ethan Caldwell scored three times with five helpers. Owen Curry and Luca Docking also added three goals apiece while Austin Gambino would win 25 of his 33 face-offs with Matt Federau picking up the win in net while registering four saves.

Salem's Wyatt Whitlow, a freshman, picked up his first collegiate goal in the second period for RC.



Salem's Wyatt Whitlow looks for an open man in Roanoke College's season opening lacrosse win Saturday.

PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

RC women hammer VWU

Emerson Foster had six goals and Salem's Lilly Blair had four as the Roanoke College lacrosse women defeated Virginia Wesleyan last Saturday, 19-1, at Kerr Stadium. It was the season opener for both teams.

The Maroons scored 13 unanswered goals to start the match as they defeated the Marlins in a non-conference matchup. The Maroons got the scoring

started early when Blair took a pass from Maddie Stopkoski for the first goal of the season. Roanoke won the next three draws, and 14 of 18 on the afternoon, leading to a trio of goals by Foster.

Roanoke will be back home at Kerr stadium Saturday when the Maroons play host to Christopher Newport at 1:00 pm.



Salem's Trey Joyce(left) and Glenvar's Mason Hylton(right) return to the high school links.

PHOTOS BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

High School golfers ready to tee off

The high school golf season gets underway this week as Salem and Glenvar both tee off.

The Highlanders open today at Carroll County after having a Monday match this week postponed by inclement weather. Glenvar's top players are Mason Hylton, Jacson Shepherd, Justice Wilfong and Carson Osburn. Blaine Mills returns to coach the Highlanders.

Salem also had a match postponed on Monday, and will now open next Monday, March 8, at the Roanoke County Club. Tee time is 11 am due to lack of daylight in the evening at this time of the year. Of course, if they had played in the fall as usual that wouldn't have been a problem.

"We were done by the first week of October so that was never a problem," said Salem coach Thad Snyder. "Playing at this time of year our schedule will be constantly adjusted due to unpredictable March weather."

Salem's top four players will be sophomores Trey Joyce and Macy Johnson and juniors Alex Rea and Hunter King. The Spartans have no seniors on the team.

"I like this team," said Snyder. "The top four should put up good scores and it's a fun team. I like their attitude."



DANIEL POFF

RC PHOTO

Poff leads RC golfers

The Roanoke College golf team hosted the four school, six team, Roanoke Spring Invitational on a beautiful afternoon on February 24 at the Roanoke Country Club.

The Maroons rallied after a tough front nine to finish second in the team event while sophomore Daniel Poff finished third individually. Poff posted one of only five rounds in the 70's. After going out in a two over par 37, the Salem native posted another two over par for a four over, 75.

Roanoke College posted a team score of 330, finishing only behind the A-Team from Southern Virginia (303). Ferrum posted a 334 with Emory & Henry and the Roanoke B-Team tying at 335.

Roanoke College is top seed in ODAC men's basketball

The ODAC men's basketball season continues this week with the annual conference postseason tournament.

This year's field features eight tournament teams and Roanoke College enters as the tournament's top seed after going 7-0 thru its conference slate. Ferrum College, the University of Lynchburg and Bridgewater College round out the top-four seeds.

Formats for the 2021 ODAC basketball tournaments were determined by alternative methods from previous seasons due to a number of circumstances including conference scheduling, unequal number of games played, and no neutral site venue. Prior to the 2021 spring season, ODAC leadership had determined that the original four-team tournament would be determined by position in the final standings. To be eligible for that tournament, a team would have to play 50-percent of the maximum amount of conference games played. In the current tournament, format featuring all active teams beginning this week, that original process was used to determine the top four seeds.

Ferrum College played the most league games this season with nine contests. To be eligible for a top-four seed, a team would have needed to play four ODAC games (round down from 4.5 games). Seeds 5-8 in the tournament field were drawn at-large among the remaining active programs.

All games in the tournament will be played on member campuses. The higher seed in each matchup will serve as the host team.

Tournament play begins on Friday and Saturday with quarterfinal action and the #1-4 seeds serving as hosts. Roanoke College will host Emory & Henry at 7:30 pm Friday night at the Cregger Center.

The Maroons are 9-1 on the season after beating Southern Virginia at home Tuesday night, 89-66. After losing their first game RC has won nine in a row.

The semifinals will be on Tuesday, March 9. The championship games are currently slated for Thursday, March 11, with the potential to slide one or both of those games to Saturday, March 13. All game times are to-be-determined based on host team variables.

Maroon women are fourth seed

The ODAC women's basketball season continues this week with the annual conference postseason tournament. This year's field features 10 tournament teams.

Bridgewater College enters as the tournament's top seed after going 4-0 thru its conference schedule. The University of Lynchburg, Washington and Lee University, and Roanoke College round out the top-four seeds.

Ferrum College played the most league games this season, having been featured in nine contests. To be eligible for a top-four seed, a team would have needed to play four ODAC games (round down from 4.5 games). Seeds 5-10 in the tournament field were drawn at-large among the remaining active programs.

All games in the tournament will be played on member campuses. The higher seed in each matchup will serve as the host team.

Tournament play begins on Thursday, March 4, with two first round contests at the seventh and eighth seeds. The winners of those two games join the top-six seeds in the quarterfinals. Those four games are set for Friday and Saturday, March 5 and 6, at seeds 1-4. Roanoke College will host Shenandoah at 5 pm Friday at the Cregger Center. The Maroon women are 8-3 after ending the regular season with a 75-73 loss to Christopher-Newport in Salem Tuesday.

The semifinals will be on Tuesday, March 9 and the championship games are currently slated for Thursday, March 11.



Rose Sande of RC scores against Shenandoah. The Maroons will play the Hornets again to open the ODAC tournament Friday night. PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

RC's Fishwick is tennis Player of the Week

Roanoke College tennis player Jack Fishwick has been named ODAC Men's Tennis Player of the Week.

Roanoke College had played two matches this season and the senior form Roanoke is undefeated to start the 2021 campaign. In a win over Hampden-Sydney, the first for the Maroons since the 2015-16 season, Fishwick teamed with Grayson White to pick up a win (8-3) at the #1 doubles spot. In singles play, Fishwick notched a 6-3 and 6-4 win.

One week later, the Maroons traveled to Guilford to face the Quakers. Once again the duo of Fishwick and White earned a win at the top doubles spot, 8-6. At #1 singles, Jack won a hard fought first set, 7-6, before cruising in the second set, 6-1, to run his early season overall record to 4-0.

The women's tennis team opened with a 6-3 win over Guilford in North Carolina. The women's home opener is Sunday at the Elizabeth Campus.



Memmer 2nd in state in shot put

Kalei Memmer, a Salem High senior, finished second in the state Class 4 shot put event at Liberty University Monday. Kalei had her best toss of the season at 34' 10 1/4". She'll be on the Yale University Track & Field team in the fall.

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Nick Price of Roanoke College goes to the hoop in Saturday's 81-41 win over Bridgewater College. PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Roanoke baseball team drops home opener

Christopher Newport scored three runs in the top of the ninth to edge Roanoke College in the Maroons' home opener last Thursday. The Captains took an 8-7 win at Salem Memorial Ballpark in Salem.

RC got a run in the third when Carter Plunkett delivered his third, double of the season to plate Gavin Kandrick. After CNU tied it in the top of the fifth, the Maroons stuck for a three-spot in the bottom half highlighted by a two-run triple down the right field line by Jack Carpin that would score Mason Staz and Will Smith.

In the seventh, Christopher Newport would score three unearned runs to tie the game at 4-4. However, RC would re-take the lead when Plunkett sent a ball deep into the right field corner. The defender made a diving grab, but heads up base running by Smith allowed him to score all the way from second base on the sacrifice fly.

CNU would tie it again in the top of the eighth with an RBI triple. In the bottom half, Carpin walked and was replaced by Jeb Byerley to pinch run. Tyler De Meo bunted Byerley into scoring position and Cale Agee delivered the go ahead single. Agee would score on a Jack Marshall double to right and the Maroons were up two going into the final inning.

A single and pair of walks would load the bases for the Captains. A hit batter plated one run and a sac fly would tie the score. A second sacrifice fly would give CNU the lead.

Plunkett would get hit by a pitch with one out in the ninth and advance on a ground out. A wild pitch would move the runner to third, but the final out was recorded on a liner to center that was corralled on a diving play.

The Maroons, now 1-2, were back home Wednesday to host a doubleheader against Southern Virginia. On Saturday William Peace is here for a doubleheader beginning at 12:30 pm.

Maroon softball opens at Moyer

The Roanoke College softball team will open the season this weekend when the Maroons participate in the Mountain Mash Tournament at the

James I. Moyer Sports Complex in Salem.

On Friday Roanoke will play Adrian College at 11 am and Ferrum College at 3 pm, and the

Maroons have the same schedule on Saturday. Then they're off until they travel to Avertt University to play a doubleheader March 17.

GHS girls take second in region track

The Glenvar indoor track team was scheduled to compete in the Class 2 state meet at Liberty University on Wednesday. It will be the first "indoor" meet of the season for the Highlanders.

Last week at Auburn High School the Highlanders competed outside in a Region 2C "Polar Bear" meet. The girls were second, one point behind James River, and the boys finished fourth.

"It was a chilly, but beautiful day," said GHS coach Bekka Loder. "Both the boys and girls teams did very well. I'm so proud of all the athletes this season. They worked hard and proved they were ready to run. We're looking forward to states."

Glenvar had multiple first place wins, including Sydney Loder in the 55H, 300 and high jump along with Carly Wilkes in the 1600 the 1000. The girls 4x400 team of Delaney Eller, Carrie Horrell, Wilkes and Loder also took first place.

"It's exciting to see all four girls move onto State," said coach Loder.

In the boys' meet Colvin Delano took third place in the 55 and 300 meters. Bryant Loftis was second in the 500, Daniel Zearfoss placed third in the 1,000 and the 4x400 team of Zearfoss, Ethan Justice, Delano and Loftis took second place. Each of these athletes qualified for the state meet along with two alternates, Daylie Umbarger and Charlie Harrell.



The Glenvar indoor track team competed in the Region 2C meet at Auburn.

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Salem's Shawn Collins hauls in one of his two touchdown receptions against Christiansburg. PHOTO BY SCOTT GARDNER

Patrick Henry will be test for Salem football team

Spartans beat Demons last Sat.

One thing that's certain about the matchup between Salem and Patrick Henry this Friday. They can both beat up on Blacksburg.

Salem will play host to PH in a River Ridge District game this Friday night following last Saturday's 35-13 win over Christiansburg. The Spartans opened with a 50-0 win over Blacksburg last Tuesday, and the Patriots followed that up with a 56-0 win over the Bruins on Sunday. If you believe in comparing scores, this Friday's game could be a good one.

"PH has a good football team," said Salem coach Don Holter. "They're explosive and they're athletic, they have good size and they can stretch the field vertically. It will be a tremendous challenge for us."

Salem has a full week to prepare for this game, which wasn't the case last week. After whipping Blacksburg on Tuesday the Spartans had just three days to get ready for a solid Christiansburg team. So, it was no surprise that Salem held just a 7-6 lead early in the second period before getting in gear.

"Christiansburg was challenging," said Holter. "We only had three days rest and Christiansburg had a much better football team. Their offense is difficult to prepare for."

The game started out as business as usual for the Spartans, who marched 64 yards on their first possession for a score. Cam Leftwich, Salem's goal line bull, went over from the one and Wesley Cross kicked the extra point.

Christiansburg tied the game in the second quarter on a 38 yard pass play, but the extra point was blocked by Zavione Wood and the Spartans held on to the lead. They increased it to 14-6 on a short run by Wood.

Down just one score, the Blue Demons threatened late in the half but Salem held inside the 10. With less than three minutes remaining the Spartans drove the length of the field, with a 58 yard run by Wood doing most of the damage. Chauncey Logan, Jr. hit Shawn Collins for a 12 yard TD and Salem was up 21-6 at the half.

The Demons never threatened the lead in the second half. Collins took a punt 30 yards for a TD and a 28-6 lead, then he scored for a third time on a 29 yard pass from Logan. Christiansburg scored a late TD to account for the final score.

Wood finished the game with 211 rushing yards to outrush the Demons' team, which had 165. Leftwich had 40 yards on 12 carries and Carson Williams had 23 on three.

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Tough week for Glenvar

Friday's game with Northside is cancelled, Highlanders pick up Wm. Fleming Tuesday

It hasn't been a great week for the Glenvar football team. After being shutout in the snow the Highlanders learned that this week's game with Northside has been cancelled due to coronavirus among the Viking team. And, in between they learned a beloved secretary at the school died in a tragic accident.

Sheila Huffman, who has been a secretary at Glenvar for over 40 years, suffered a fall over the weekend and passed away Sunday. That put things in perspective for Highlander coach Kevin Clifford, who was beating himself up after Glenvar's 27-0 loss at Stuart's Draft Friday night.

"That shows you what's really important," said Clifford. "I was upset about the loss, but that's just a football game. Sheila was someone everyone at the school loved, and there's a lot of tears this week. She always made your day better when you saw her, we lost a real icon."

The football team will not play again until March 9. Glenvar has replaced the lost game with Northside with a game against William Fleming, to be played at Glenvar High Tuesday at 6 pm. Due to the rescheduling the home game with Floyd, originally scheduled for Friday, March 5, will be pushed back to Saturday, March 6.

Clifford was not making excuses about last Friday's loss at Stuart's Draft, but he clearly wasn't happy about it. You could have called the place "Stuart's Drift," as the game was played with three inches of snow on the field.

"Both teams had to play in it," said Clifford. "We just got beat."

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Glenvar's Colvin Delano(#3) tries to make a cut in the snow in last week's game at Stuart's Draft. PHOTO BY KENNY FORD

SHS boys sixth, girls 10th in state meet

The Salem High swimmers competed in the Class 4 state meet last week at the Christiansburg Aquatic Center. Blacksburg High swept the team titles while the Salem boys were sixth and the girls were 10th.

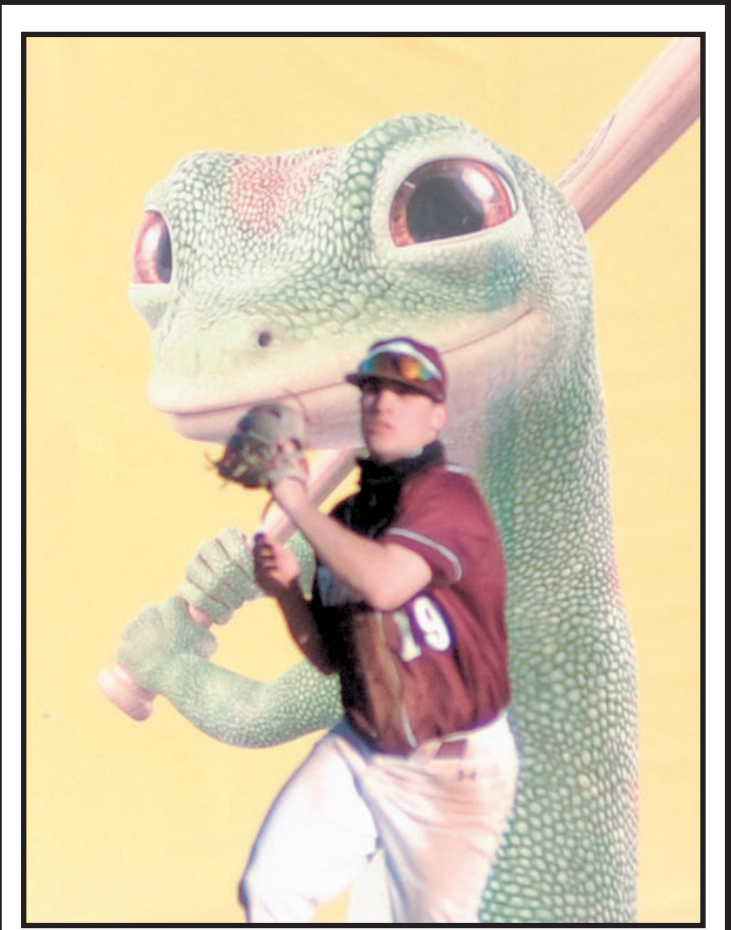
Representing the boys' team were Andrew Deese, Cole Bowen, Boone Flenor, Hunter King, Zach Easter, Samuel Miles, Joren Poush and Rafe Scags. Girls who swam in the state included Emma LaFountain, Eliza Flenor, Kaylee Shifflett, Zoe Prosser, Regan Repasky and Jaedyn Jenkins.

LaFountain won the state championship in diving, a first for Salem. She went in third from the Region with 288 points in her first dive meet ever, then scored 310 points in the state competition to win by 15 points.

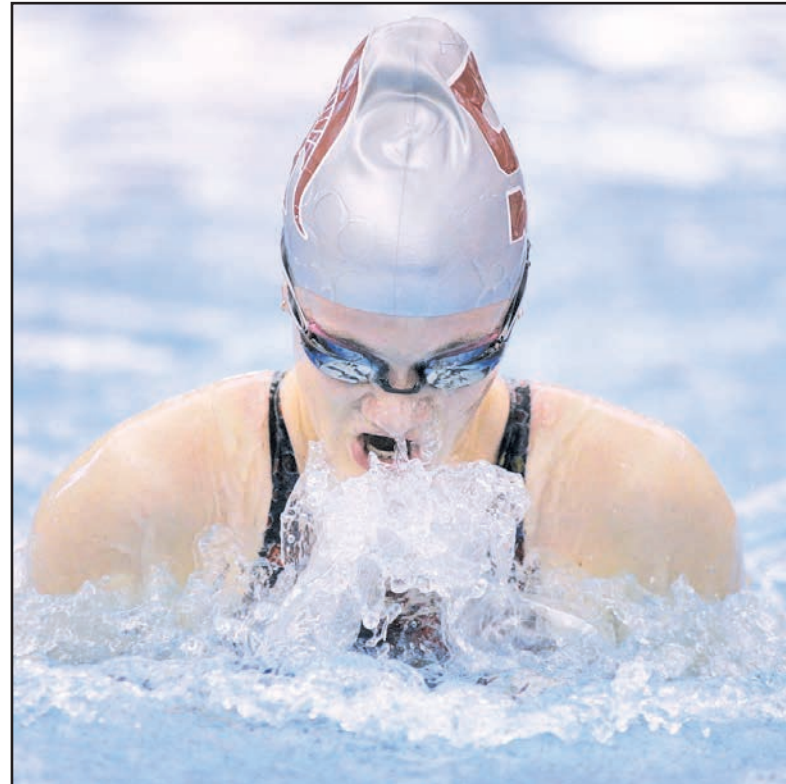
Salem's best finish in swimming was a second place finish by junior Boone Flenor in the 100

Fly, achieving Scholastic All-American status in that event. Easter, Poush and King as the Boone also was third in the 200 foursome dropped four seconds Free and swam on the seventh

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Tyler De Meo of Roanoke College makes a catch in leftfield in front of the Geico Gecko outfield sign in last week's game against Christopher-Newport. See page 13 for story. PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN



Salem's Eliza Flenor swims the breast stroke in last week's state championship meet. PHOTO BY JON FLEMING