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Council considers \$12 million renovations for Moyer Sports Complex



PHOTO BY MEG HIBBERT
Aaron St. Pierre, director of landscape architecture for LOSE Design, briefs Salem City Council March 8 on proposed renovations for Moyer Sports Complex.

Since the James I. Moyer Sports Complex was dedicated 29 years ago, not much has been spent to upgrade the facility. Council was briefed about proposed \$12 million renovations and improvements Monday night at a work session preceding the regular meeting.

Consultant Aaron St. Pierre of LOSE Design showed possibilities for the complex in a 30-minute visual presentation. If approved, the work would be done in 2022 when the city is not booking any softball and baseball tournaments. It would re-open in March 2023, Salem Parks and Recreation Director John Shaner told Council.

He pointed out that sports marketing was the only thing recession-proof in the 2008 recession and again during the pandemic. Moyer and the Roanoke Valley hosted more tournaments than the state of Virginia in 2008, Shaner said. Now is the time to reinvest money back

into Moyer, St. Pierre told Council. Newer, more modern facilities have been built and Salem needs to keep up, he said.

The proposals St. Pierre showed Council had three tiers.

Tier 1, at \$4 million, would include essential renovations critical to facility operations, such as two shaded areas for spectators, improvements to existing parking, a renovated entry plaza and a monument sign at the entry into the park;

Tier 2, at \$2 million, would be preferred renovations to enhance market competition, St. Pierre said. Those would include an officials' changing room and showers, portable ticket stations, expanded concession stands, an elevator tower to meet requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act, and upgraded lighting;

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PHOTO BY SHAWN NOWLIN

Glenvar High students currently on the hybrid plan will have the option of starting four days a week of in-person instruction on March 22.

Current RCPS hybrid students have option of returning to in-person instruction four days a week

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The percentage of positive COVID cases in Roanoke County Public Schools (RCPS) has remained very low throughout the academic year. As a result, the RCPS Board has expressed support for a third expansion of the Expandable Schedule Plan by bringing back all current hybrid students to in-person instruction four days a week. Wednesdays will continue to remain a virtual learning day.

"Since the first day of school, our ultimate goal has been to bring all students back for full-time in-person instruction and we have steadily been making strides to meet that goal," said Roanoke County Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Ken Nicely. "All this time, we have remained committed to following the guidance of public health experts."

High and middle school students currently on the hybrid plan have the option of starting four days a

week of in-person instruction on March 22. Students who currently are enrolled in 100 percent remote instruction have the option of remaining remote. Any 100 percent remote student that wishes to switch to in-person must inform their school by March 15.

Roanoke County resident Ashley Brown is a mother of three high school students, and she says although there have been challenges, her children have handled the adversity with great maturity. "Something like the coronavirus pandemic was an unfathomable thought just a decade ago for most people, but here we are. My children have relied on their classmates a bunch this year and vice versa," she said.

To adhere to the Centers of Disease Control (CDC) guidelines and recommendations, students will be placed at desks that will be spaced at least three feet apart. Additionally, lunch for the students will be staggered as needed to maintain

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Protestors gather outside Rep. Griffith's Salem office to demand accountability

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Roughly 50 local and area residents gathered in front of Rep. Morgan Griffith's Salem office on March 6 to call for his resignation in part due to him voting against the November election results.

In addition to bringing signs that read "You Broke Your Promise" and "Democracy Shines On," protestors also chanted things such as "We Stand With Democracy." A similar rally occurred in front of Griffith's Christiansburg office on February 5.

A significant part of the anger, said one protestor, stems from Griffith's response to the US Capitol Hill riots in January.

"I've closely followed Congressman Griffith for years, and I've seen him speak ad nauseam on a multitude of relevant issues, ranging from fiscal responsibility to the Second Amendment. While I haven't always agreed

with every stance that he has taken, I can respect anyone who stands by their convictions," he said. "It's been over two months since the Capitol Hill Riots, and Griffith has yet to properly address the situation. That is be-

yond disappointing. No one is above accountability, even if they are one of your own."

Griffith, the former majority leader of the Virginia House of

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PHOTO BY SHAWN NOWLIN

Some of Congressman Morgan Griffith's constituents participating in the March 6 protest.

Virtual fundraiser created to raise money, awareness for autism happening this month

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In about two weeks, members of the Salem community will have an opportunity to participate in a virtual fundraiser to help the less fortunate. The Inaugural Blue

Ridge Autism and Achievement Center (BRAAC) Virtual Cycle Challenge is scheduled to begin on Friday, March 26 and last through Sunday, March 28.

A program of St. Vincent's Home (SVH) Services, BRACC provides education and services for

clients between the ages of two and 22 as well as families affected by autism and other unique learning challenges.

"BRAAC understands the need of individuals with learning challenges vary from person to person. Individualized plans are developed

to address each student's personal needs," Development Coordinator Teri Nance said. "BRAAC is committed to providing qualified trained staff, as well as resources and training to local families and professionals."

The virtual fundraiser has four

challenges, the Three-Mile Fun Ride, Ten-Mile Challenge, 20-Mile Challenge and the King and Queen of the Mountain. Timed through the STRAVA app, participants can cycle solo or as a group

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SUBMITTED PHOTOS

The Blue Ridge Autism and Achievement Center provides a variety of services for clients between the ages of two and 22 as well as families affected by autism and other unique learning challenges. The organization's Inaugural Virtual Cycle Challenge will take place from March 26 through March 28.

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Salem VA HCS begins Janssen COVID-19 vaccinations

The Salem VA Health Care System will begin COVID-19 vaccination with the Janssen vaccine March 8 at Community Based Outpatient Clinics in Lynchburg, Staunton, Danville, and Wytheville following the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's Emergency Use Authorization for this vaccine.

In clinical trials, the Janssen vaccine showed an efficacy of 66 percent against moderate to severe/critical COVID-19 disease occurring at least 28 days after vaccination — and demonstrated efficacy greater than 85 percent in preventing severe/critical COVID-19 disease occurring at least 28 days after vaccination.

"The Salem VA Health Care System is eager to be able to offer a second highly effective vaccine to more Veterans," said Dr. Jeffrey Thompson, Chief of Pharmacy at the Salem VA Medical Center. "This one-dose vaccine will help us reach our ultimate goal of offering COVID-19 vac-

ination to all Veterans and employees who want to be vaccinated."

As of March 3, the Salem VA HCS has provided the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine first doses to more than 9,330 Veterans, employees and federal partners — and both doses to more than 2,942 of these individuals.

Veterans who are enrolled and receiving health care in VA are eligible to get the vaccine when their facility has vaccine supply and reaches their risk category. Veterans are required to enroll with VA in order to receive health care. However, to receive care in VA, enrollees must meet certain eligibility requirements under current law, which may include income limits.

Veterans can get the latest information and sign up to receive updates on VA's COVID-19 vaccine webpage.

-Submitted by
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Public Affairs Officer

POLICE REPORT

The Salem Police Department reported the following people were arrested and charged February 23-March 1. 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 23 — Michael D. Reid, 45, abduction, obstructing justice, assault and battery, damage property, public intoxication; John A. Dugger, 45, DUI; Solita C. Williams, domestic assault and battery; and Richard B. Henry, 38, petit larceny, obstructing justice, evading police, assault on a police officer.
February 24 — Cruz

L. Rodriguez, 32, public intoxication, obstructing justice, assault on a police officer; Devon C. Taylor, 36, failure to appear; Kristina E. Wood, 37, public intoxication; Damion Z. Cairo, 23, shoplifting, public intoxication; and Justin M. Worth, 31, assault and battery.
February 25 — Jason C. Widener, 42, false name to police, conceal merchandise; Lubov A. Smith, 28, public intoxication; and Karen R. Bostic, 42, public intoxication, assault on a police officer, obstructing justice.
February 27 — Gregory S. Williams, 28, public intoxication
February 28 — David A. Chavies, 41, petit larceny, carrying concealed weapon

Salem Homecoming



PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

The Class of 2021 Salem High Homecoming court was presented to a sparse crowd at the Salem High football game against Patrick Henry last Friday night. Despite the chilly weather, the event went off smoothly and royalty was crowned at halftime. Left to right are Princess Maddie Winstead, Queen Zoe Lampros, King Riley Evans and Prince Garrett Mitchell.

Salem Museum Speaker Series Roanoke Island: What's Lost, What's Found



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Josh Nelson

Roanoke Island, on the North Carolina coast, has been the dramatic setting for more than four centuries of history, including the site of the well-known "Lost Colony" of 1587. As visitors sometimes confuse the Roanoke Valley of Virginia with Roanoke Island, the Salem Museum is sponsoring a virtual talk and field trip to Roanoke Island to learn the story of this very different Roanoke.

Josh Nelson, a National Park Ranger at the Fort Raleigh National Historic Site which includes Roanoke Island, will be the featured speaker and tour guide on Saturday, March 13, at 11 a.m. He will take an in-depth look at the

complex history and mystery of England's start in North America. This virtual presentation is free, open to the public, and will be held via Zoom. The Zoom link will be posted on the Salem Museum's web site, <https://salemuseum.org/>, on the morning of the talk.

Nelson will explore the events and unknowns surrounding the first English colony in North America. Beginning at the historic Waterside Theater, he will cover the multiple English voyages, the interactions between the English and Native people, and some theories about what happened to the Lost Colony.

The tour continues with a visit to the archaeology site of the 1585 scientific workshop and the earth-

fort which is a reproduction of one from the 1580s. Continuing through the forest and ending at the north shore of the island provides an opportunity to discuss the yet-to-be-discovered location where the colonists built their homes.

The Fort Raleigh National Historic Site protects and preserves known portions of England's first New World settlements from 1584 to 1590, as well as the cultural heritage of the Native Americans, European Americans, and African Americans who have lived on Roanoke Island.

-Submitted by Frances Ferguson, Salem Museum Executive Director

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Moose raise \$1,650 to feed hungry students

Meg Hibbert
Contributing writer

Thirty-three students in Salem and Masons Cove schools won't go hungry on weekends this semester, thanks to the efforts of Salem Moose Family Center 2573 in Salem. Members of the Moose presented a check for \$1,650 to representatives of the Salem Area Ecumenical Ministries on March 3.

The money will be used for ACT Packs children pick up at East Salem, West Salem, South Salem and Masons Cove elementary schools to take home over the weekends.

Money was contributed by members of the Moose and Women of the Moose, people in the community and \$500 from Power House Gaming that supplies gaming machines at the Moose Lodge. The total exceeded the goal of \$1,550 to feed 30 kids, Junior Governor Butch Bryant said. "We are proud to be able to do this," he added.

In February, the Moose collected 168 winter coats and donated them to Mrs. Dorsey's Clothes Closet.



PHOTO BY MEG HIBBERT

Salem Moose Family Center 2573 showing a replica of the \$1,650 they raised to buy ACT Packs for 33 students to have food on weekends for an entire semester. From left to right, Cindy Neathawk, chairman of Salem Area Ecumenical Ministries, SAEM board member Teri Atkins, Moose Junior Vice President Butch Bryant, Jennifer Kidder from Power House Gaming that donated \$500 toward the total, and Moose member Ann Whitenack who coordinated the donation drive.

Send community news and photos to shawn.nowlin@ourvalley.org

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

FIRST AND THIRD TUESDAYS

Salem Host Lions Club,

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

SECOND MONDAY

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

EACH TUESDAY

•Practice for the Salem Choral Society, 7-9 p.m. each Tuesday in the choir room of Salem Presbyterian Church, corner of Main and Market streets in downtown Salem. Membership is open to anyone who enjoys singing. For more information, go to www.salemchoralsociety.com 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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Cotton growers optimistic about working with new administration

Virginia cotton growers are optimistic that they can work with members of the Biden administration.

Reece Langley, president and CEO of the National Cotton Council of America, told participants in a virtual Virginia Cotton Growers Association meeting in February that many new Senate and House members hail from Cotton Belt states.

Sen. John Boozman is the ranking member of the U.S. Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry, and was a key player in getting cotton added to the safety net portion of the farm bill, Langley said. "He's been a real

champion of ours."

Also, in the favor of cotton growers in Virginia and across the U.S. is that the chairman of the House Committee on Agriculture, Rep. David Scott, D-Ga., "is a strong friend of the cotton industry." And the House committee's ranking member, Rep. Glenn Thompson, R-Pa., has spent time visiting cotton farms and "taken an interest in learning about," cotton farming, Langley shared. "I think we can work closely with both of them."

Foremost on both the Senate and House agriculture committees' agendas are climate policies, racial equity and the farm bill. The Senate committee is considering

the Climate Solutions Act, which establishes renewable energy standards and greenhouse gas emission reduction targets.

Another top priority for the House agriculture committee is an agricultural disaster fund the U.S. Department of Agriculture could tap into when a natural disaster causes crop losses. Currently, there is sometimes a delay of a year or more between when losses happen and farmers are able to get help from USDA.

The EPA also is considering pesticides that are up for re-registration. "A number of them are key for cotton production," Langley shared. And air quality and the Endangered Species Act are two issues "we'll have real challenges with."

Submitted by Wilmer Stoneman

Highlander of Honor



PHOTOS BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Glenvar junior Rebecca Linkous was named the "Highlander of Honor", the most prestigious award a Glenvar student can achieve, at halftime of Tuesday night's football game. Here she is being recognized by Glenvar Principal Corie Franklin.

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Tier 3, at \$6 million, would be supplemental to further enhanced renovations, St. Pierre explained. Those would include a baseball-themed community playground, two more shade

structures, and building pickleball courts where the Food Pantry now is.

All four fields would be re-graded, new grass turf and irrigation, Shaner said.

Some of the nearby sports complexes Moyer is competing against to snag national and regional tournaments, St. Pierre showed, were Tyger River in Spartanburg, SC; Grand Park

Athletic Complex in Myrtle Beach; Winger Deer Park in Johnson City, Tenn.; Walnut Creek Athletic Complex in Raleigh, and others that have more fields and amenities than Salem.

City Manager Jay Taliaferro will follow up with Council after members have time to digest the proposals, he said. "We are comfortable with Tier 1 and 2," he added.

Griffith

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Approximately 50 people throughout the Roanoke Valley gathered in front of Rep. Griffith's Salem office to voice their displeasure on recent actions he has taken.

Delegates, has backed the baseless claims asserted by President Trump that the election was stolen, along with more than 100 other Republican lawmakers. Last month, the Congressman released a statement after the U.S. Senate voted to acquit President Trump in his second Impeachment trial.

"The Senate has finally ended an ordeal that never should have started. Democrats

in the House brushed aside principles of fairness and impartiality in conducting this impeachment process, yet, in my belief, they failed to find impeachable offenses," he said at the time. "President Trump was rightfully acquitted. Now it's time to get back to work on the real issues confronting the American people."

Salem native Stephen Marshall believes that if Griffith were to apologize for his rhetoric, it

would go a long way. "I think I speak for a lot of people when I say it hurt to see Griffith so blindly support President Trump when he absolutely knows better. Partisanship obviously exists, but at what cost? Morgan is not this evil guy that some portray him to be, but it's up to him whether or not he will do the right thing."

Griffith, who was first elected to represent the Ninth Congressional District of Virginia



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in November 2010, is a member of the House Energy and Commerce

Committee. The Congressman, 63, gave a one-word statement last

month when asked if he was going to resign: "no."

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Students

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at least six feet of physical distance.

"The CDC and Virginia Department of Health (VDH) have maintained that six-foot distancing should be observed to the extent possible, but a minimum of three-foot physical distancing is acceptable so long as students and staff are wearing masks. Now that a significant number of our staff and many at-risk

members of our community have received vaccinations, combined with the continuing decline of cases in our community, we are adopting the more flexible CDC

and VDH guidelines, which would allow us the space to bring back our hybrid students for in-person instruction four days a week," said Dr. Nicely.

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OPINION

Give Light ~ Baptists remembered ~

{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.}

I still remember the afternoon, a Saturday, of March 16, 1968, when I received a phone call from a new minister in Roanoke. I had interviewed by phone, as was my custom in those long-ago days, the Rev. Branan G. Thompson who had just arrived with his pregnant wife Gay to become pastor of little Colonial Avenue Baptist Church.

Mr. Thompson, called to thank me for the story. He was one of the few who ever had. (In those days, more than 50 years ago, the newspaper referred to most clergy, other than Roman Catholics, by "Mr." on second reference. Women were also given courtesy titles.)

Branan became a special minister to me then. He was still one when he died at 83 late last month at his home in Southwest Roanoke County.

My interview clipping, yellowed with age, shows a young man wearing heavy glasses. At 30, he had already served two previous pastorates. He had first been an associate at Tabernacle Baptist in Richmond. There he had met Gay Frith, a student at the Baptist

Westhampton College and a member of Tabernacle congregation. They married and went on to Louisville, Kentucky, where he took more study in pastoral counseling and she in social work.

Thompson's second pastorate was in Halifax County where he served two-country congregations. Though from the deeply conservative Southern state of Georgia, Thompson had strong convictions about the equality of Black persons under God's law. It was a tense time as federally-mandated racial integration was strongly resisted, especially in rural tobacco-growing Southside Virginia.

The couple soon moved north to suburban Roanoke where two sons, Scott and John, were born. These sons, who now live in Portland, Maine, and New York City, were back in their childhood community for their father's final hours and his funeral. I met them then.

A lot of years had passed since that March day long ago when late husband Charlie and I lived in the Hollins area and we both were reporters for the daily Roanoke newspapers, I, part-time, covering news of faith communities. One of my major duties was attending the monthly meetings of the valley's association of ministers in which Branan Thompson soon

Frances Stebbins Correspondent

became active.

He had told me of his deep interest in the relationship of religious faith to mental health and how he had considered becoming a psychiatrist. During the years that he was active in the conference, he encouraged support for the medical community and worked closely with chaplains at the major hospitals who were a novelty too in the 1980s.

Colonial Avenue Baptist also became an innovator. At a time when few Southern Baptist women could expect to be ordained, Thompson took Laney Mofield on his staff. People of other faiths were always welcomed at Colonial Avenue; I wrote many news stories about new ministries going on there.

In time, I discovered that Branan Thompson had a hobby of performing magic tricks for entertainment, not as a gambling device. He told me that as he recovered from a serious childhood illness, an adult friend had taught him. He enjoyed entertaining church and civic groups.

And he was gifted in music

and liked to sing, play several instruments and occasionally compose songs. One, "Virginia's My Home" became a finalist in a state contest to replace the outmoded anthem sung for many generations. It concluded his funeral held at Windsor Hills United Methodist Church on February 27.

At this point last month new factors came into the life of the gifted and loving man. They involved two friends, like him graduates of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, North Carolina. Age contemporaries, Larry Sprouse and David Henry became not conservative enough for their parent Southern Baptist Convention when the controlling leadership of that organization gained control in the early 1980s.

Thompson, Sprouse and Henry were among the many Southern Baptist pastors in the Roanoke area who, like Thompson and Henry, maintained only nominal membership in the SBC. Branan Thompson retired in 1997 after 30 years at Colonial Avenue. Sprouse joined a "moderate/liberal" group and remained pastor at the historic Melrose Baptist Church for 30 years retiring in 2019.

He was among the last to see his long-time friend Branan Thompson as the latter was dying from the effects of a

stroke and other ailments. At his friend's funeral, he spoke lightly of their pact to present the eulogy at one another's memorial service.

Recently, the Rev. Mark Mofield, son of the female pastor Laney Mofield, Thompson's protégé at Colonial Avenue, succeeded Sprouse at Melrose Baptist.

For Thompson, the turn of the 21st century was saddened by the lingering death from cancer of his beloved Gay. But before this occurred in 2002, he had become affiliated with the nearby Windsor Hills United Methodist Church. Therefor the next 20 years - until his second retirement three years ago - he conducted an active ministry to senior adults in the parish.

An eligible widower for nearly 20 years, he enjoyed several warm friendships and close attachment to his sons, but remained true to Gay's spirit. A small flower garden planted in her memory beautifies Windsor Hills Church.

Ironically, his friend David Henry, who had become a member of Second Presbyterian Church in downtown Roanoke, had died less than a month before.

I, and other senior adults who have long been members of the Philo Club for mainly retired parish leaders, will miss them.

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FDA issues emergency use for third COVID-19 vaccine

Dr. Cynthia Morrow
Roanoke City and Alleghany Health Districts Health Director
Guest Contributor

Last weekend, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) issued an emergency use authorization for a third COVID-19 vaccine, Johnson & Johnson's "Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine." We expect that doses of this new vaccine will arrive in Virginia, possibly in our area, as early as the end of this week. As new vaccines enter the market, people may start asking "Which vaccine is best for me?" The simple answer is that the best vaccine is the one that is available to you!

Like the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines, the new Johnson & Johnson vaccine is safe and effective. Like the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines, the Johnson & Johnson vaccine underwent rigorous safety and efficacy review in clinical trials. Almost 45,000 people in eight countries participated in the Johnson & Johnson trials and the results of these extensive studies demonstrate that the vaccine is safe and effective. Unlike the Pfizer and Moderna mRNA vaccines, the Johnson & Johnson vaccine is a viral vector vaccine, which means that a "vector," in this case a harmless virus, carries a message to cells that in turn help the body fight COVID. There are many advantages to this vaccine, but the biggest advantages are that it only requires one dose and that it can be stored more easily than the mRNA vaccines.

You may have heard that some people are concerned that the Johnson & Johnson vaccine is not as effective as the Pfizer or the Moderna vaccine. It is important to understand that in the clinical trials, the Johnson & Johnson vaccine was shown to be "85 percent effective in preventing severe/critical COVID-19 occurring at least 28 days after vaccination" according to the FDA.

With all three COVID-19 vaccines, people may experience mild side effects from the vaccine, including a sore arm, mild body aches or a low-grade fever. These mild side effects are typically very short lived. After receiving your first dose, you will be invited to use V-SAFE, an after-vaccine health checker that will check in on your symptoms every day, including an option for telephone follow-up. Tools like V-SAFE are part of a national ef-

fort to ensure that safety monitoring continues even after vaccines have been rolled out.

When it comes to a COVID-19 vaccine, I strongly encourage you to accept whichever vaccine is offered to you first when you are eligible to receive a vaccine. The staff of the health department are working tirelessly to get shots in arms. The demand for COVID-19 vaccines continues to be very high. I believe that this continued demand reflects that the majority of our citizens understand that the sooner everyone is vaccinated, the sooner our community will be better protected and the sooner we can reach our new normal. If you plan to get vaccinated, but have not yet pre-registered to let the health department know of your interest, please visit <https://vaccinate.virginia.gov/> or call (877) 829-4682.

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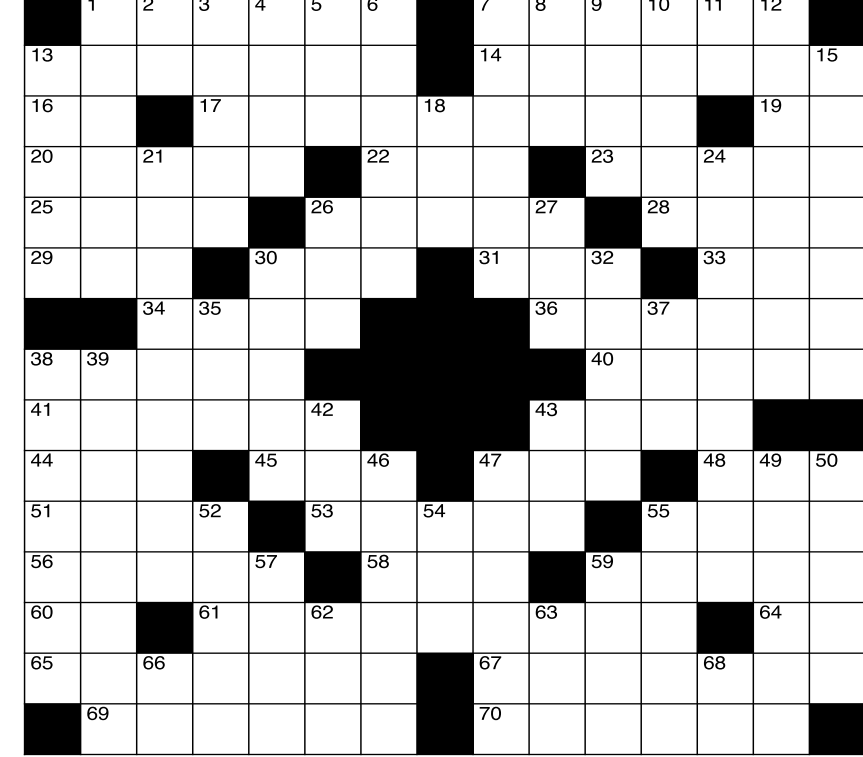
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| 7. Representation of a plan | 43. Flat tableland with steep edges | 2. Chemical element | 35. Cablegram (abbr.) |
| 13. In a fervid way | 44. Criticize | 3. Zodiac sign | 37. Root mean square (abbr.) |
| 14. The Book of Psalms | 45. Split pulses | 4. Removes | 38. Jellyfishes |
| 16. Morning | 47. Brief trend | 5. Brew | 39. Individual TV installations |
| 17. Exactly the same | 48. Cool! | 6. Nickname | 42. Talk |
| 19. About | 51. Purposes | 7. Architectural structures | 43. More (Spanish) |
| 20. Brown & basmati are 2 | 53. Brews | 8. Trigonometric function | 46. Leaseholder |
| 22. Swiss river | 55. Skin condition | 9. Postmodern architectural building in Vienna | 47. Monetary units |
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| 25. Expressions of surprise | 58. American air travel company | 11. Mountain (abbr.) | 50. Work stations |
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| 33. Ancient pharaoh | 65. City in southern Spain | 21. In a way, dressed down | 59. Lofty nest of a bird of prey |
| 34. Quantitative fact | 67. Inquisitive | 24. Granny | 62. Single Lens Reflex |
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Virginians reflect on Impeachment, storming the Capitol, COVID and politics

Roanoke College Poll

Conducted by The Institute for Policy and Opinion Research

Regarding the second impeachment of Donald Trump, half (50 percent) of respondents think his actions were grounds for impeachment, while one-third (33 percent) think they were improper but not impeachable, and 13 percent think he did nothing wrong, according to The Roanoke College Poll. Half (50 percent) think he should have been convicted by the Senate, but 44 percent think he should not have been convicted. The Institute for Policy and Opinion Research interviewed 596 Virginia residents between Feb. 14

and Feb. 27 and the poll has a margin of error of +4 percent.

Reflecting on the storming of the U.S. Capitol building, a majority of Virginians (68 percent) think the anger that led to the protests was not justified at all; 53 percent think the protestors were mostly violent; and a large majority (84 percent) see those who stormed and entered the Capitol as criminals. Respondents were more likely to view the anger that fueled last summer's social justice protests as fully (35 percent) or partially (37 percent) justified, and a large majority (91 percent) view the looting and destruction associated with those protests as not at all justified.

Regarding the No-

vember elections, Virginians think vote counting across the country was very accurate (43 percent) or mostly accurate (26 percent), but 27 percent say it was not very accurate. Similarly, most think that all (52 percent) or most (20 percent) of the declared winners truly won the election, but 22 percent think only some were actual winners.

A plurality of Virginians (47 percent) approve of the way Joe Biden is handling his job as president, while 30 percent disapprove. A majority (59 percent) disapprove of the way Donald Trump handled his job, while only one quarter (24 percent) approve (the lowest approval rating in Trump's

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

I would hope that our 9th District Congressman Morgan Griffith heard from many of his constituents after he and 125 other House Republicans signed on to an amicus brief supporting the effort of the Attorney General of Texas and 14 other state Attorneys General to overturn the November election results in Congress on January 6 after a mob of fanatics who breached the barriers and broke into the Capitol building, despite the fact that the courts had rejected 61 lawsuits and the U.S. Supreme Court had refused to even hear such spurious suits.

I, too, wrote Rep. Griffith, using his online contact form for constituents (<https://morgangriffith.house.gov/contact/contactform.htm>) to express my outrage. He finally responded in late February and it was the same response sent to

all his constituents who complained about his support of former President Trump's Big Lie that he, and not Joe Biden, had won the election, and by a "big margin."

I receive and read our Congressman's newsletters, and none of them since that fateful day was about the insurrection or offered the lame excuses he wrote defending is objecting to what was perhaps the fairest election we've had in this country.

Rep. Griffith has always championed "states' rights" and the Constitution gives states the right to run their own elections, yet he objected to the results because in the face of the global pandemic running rampant in the U.S. under President Trump's denials and lack of leadership, many states allowed mail-in ballots and ballot drop-boxes.

His actions sowed doubt in the public about the election, undermining

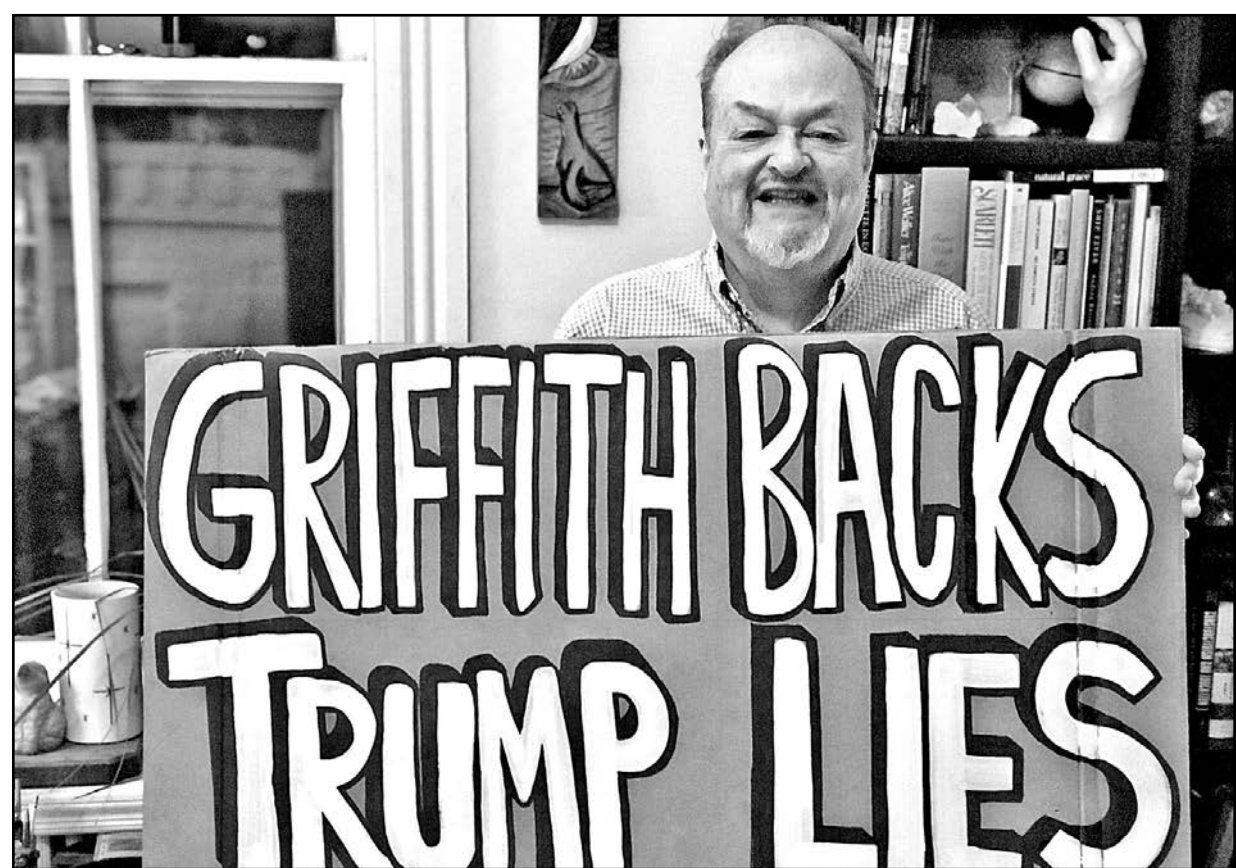
our democracy, and further encouraged violent insurrectionists who were led to believe the election

was fraudulent when the courts and the facts, which he knew, said otherwise. Rep. Griffith's irrespon-

sible act in signing that amicus brief was a disgrace and a betrayal of his oath to support the Constitu-

tion, and he should resign.

-Submitted by Michael Bentley



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Division of the Promised Land among the Israelites came with the responsibility of engaging enemy nations. Israel's record in fulfilling that responsibility is spotty. As just one example, the tribes of Ephraim and Manasseh claimed their inheritance was too small.

"If you are so numerous," Joshua answered, "and if the hill country of Ephraim is too small for you, go up into the forest and clear land for yourselves there in the land of the Perizzites and Rephaites" (Joshua 17:15).

Joshua reminded the descendants of Joseph that much of their inheritance in the Promised Land remained to be conquered. They needed to step up to that challenge.

Prayer Suggestion: As God shows you what He wants you to do, pray in faith that He will help you overcome the obstacles.

Quicklook: Joshua 17:14-17

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Autism

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SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Funds raised through the virtual bike challenge will help BRAAC meet the needs of individuals with unique learning challenges.

anywhere and at any time during the scheduled dates. All registrants who participate in the event will receive a t-shirt. Said Ally Bowersock of RunAbout Sports, "This challenge is great timing for those wanting to get in shape, a perfect opportunity to get those miles in and benefit a worthy local non-profit at the same time."

Salem native Josh Barnes says he is looking forward to participating in the virtual fundraiser. "I have two children, ages nine and six, and they both enjoy being outdoors. This event will give us a chance to bond as a family while also helping the less fortunate. It's a win-win for everybody," he said.

Those familiar with BRAAC and its impact on the community speak highly of the nonsectarian organization. Founded

12 years ago, BRAAC is funded through private grants, donations, tuition and fees. "Blue Ridge Autism and Achievement Center's main objective is to serve children and families who are faced with unique learning challenges, specifically autism and learning disabilities, in and around the Roanoke Valley. BRAAC also provides specialized educational programs in a private day school setting as well as direct and consultative educational services in public schools," said Nance.

She added, "An after-school tutoring program provides continuity and reinforces consistency for students and families. BRAAC provides specialized services for children in their homes as well as in-home training for parents too."

For more information, visit <http://braacroanoke.org>.

Poll

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term). Biden's favorable/unfavorable rating is 47 percent/29 percent while Trump is at 24 percent/58 percent. A majority (53 percent) of respondents think the country is on the wrong track while 39 percent think it is headed in the right direction, which represents more optimism than seen in the November Roanoke College Poll.

More than half of Virginians report having not very much (34 percent) or no trust at all (25 percent) in the mass media to report news fully, accurately and fairly. This measure is generally stable over time.

Virtually every question in this section is the result of averaging "two Virginias," the Democratic Virginia and the Republican Virginia (see crosstabs at the end of topline, which can be accessed at the conclusion of this press release). Many of the disparities between party identifiers may best be described as a chasm, and they are persistent.

Governor Northam and the Commonwealth

Job approval for Virginia Gov. Ralph Northam sits at 49 percent, down slightly from November, while 33 percent disapprove of his performance. Just over half (52 percent) of respondents think that Virginia is headed in the right direction, but 40 percent think it is on the wrong track. Northam is

viewed favorably by 41 percent of respondents and seen unfavorably by 31 percent. Former Gov. (and current candidate) Terry McAuliffe is seen favorably by 21 percent of respondents, the same as unfavorable, but almost half (45 percent) declined to offer an opinion.

Political anxiety

IPOR continues to track political anxiety in the Commonwealth. More than three-fourths (79 percent) of Virginians trust the federal government to do what is right only some of the time or never. A majority (52 percent) thinks that ordinary citizens can do a lot to influence the federal government, and half (50 percent) thinks their side is losing more than winning in politics today, while 26 percent think they are winning more than losing.

Most respondents (59 percent) think the country's best years are ahead of it, while just under one-third (30 percent) think its best years have passed. Overall, a large majority of Virginians (91 percent) continues to see the nation divided regarding the important issues facing the country.

A plurality of respondents (41 percent) is dissatisfied with how the federal government is (or isn't) working. Another 14 percent are angry, but 32 percent are satisfied and six percent are enthusiastic. In the aggregate, each of these

measures has remained relatively stable over the time, but the responses of subgroups have varied, particularly those of Democrats and Republicans, depending upon which party is in power.

COVID-19 — contacts, expectations and vaccines

More than three-fourths (77 percent) of Virginia residents know someone who has contracted the novel coronavirus, which has risen steadily from 31 percent in May 2020. Among those who know someone infected, 10 percent had the virus themselves while 40 percent had a family member who was sick, and 43 percent have a friend or relative who had the virus.

Regarding when the virus may be contained sufficiently to return to "normal," a plurality of respondents (40 percent) thinks that will be within a year, while 24 percent say it will be longer than a year. Those responses have been mostly consistent since August, but this is obviously six months later.

Nearly one in five respondents (18 percent) report having already been vaccinated against COVID, and more than half (54 percent) say they plan to be vaccinated, but nearly one-fourth (23 percent) say they will not be vaccinated.

Governmental responses to the virus

A plurality of Virgin-

ians (46 percent) thinks the response from the state government has been appropriate to slow the spread of the virus while 46 percent think the federal government's response has not gone far enough. Some think the measures have gone too far (13 percent for federal and 19 percent for state). A majority of respondents rate the federal government's vaccine distribution as very effective (11 percent) or somewhat effective (53 percent), which is similar to their rating for Virginia's vaccine distribution (11 percent very effective; 48 percent somewhat effective). Like most important issues today, COVID-19 is viewed through a partisan lens.

Analysis

"The biggest 'take-away' in this poll is the continuing partisan differences," said Dr. Harry Wilson, senior political analyst for the Roanoke College Poll. "We continue to see most issues and questions break down along party lines. Some disparities are expected, of course, but some of the differences we see are quite large and

suggest that there are two competing views of the state and the nation."

Leadership changes for IPOR

Roanoke College's IPOR is under new leadership. Dr. David Taylor is the new director of the Institute for Public Opinion Research. Dr. Harry Wilson stepped down as Director of IPOR as he prepares to retire from Roanoke College, but he will remain as Senior Political Analyst for IPOR, responsible for political polling at IPOR. Wilson served as director of IPOR from 1991 through 2020.

Methodology

Interviewing for The Roanoke College Poll was conducted by The Institute for Policy and Opinion Research at Roanoke College in Salem, Virginia between Feb. 14 and Feb. 27, 2021. A total of 596 Virginia residents were interviewed. Telephone interviews were conducted in English.

The landline sample consisted of random-digit numbers generated in proportion to the Virginia population so that all residential telephone numbers, includ-

ing unlisted numbers, had a known chance of inclusion. Cell phone samples were purchased from Marketing Systems Group. Cell phones comprised 61 percent of the completed interviews.

Questions answered by the entire sample of 596 Virginians are subject to a sampling error of plus or minus approximately four percent at the 95 percent level of confidence. This means that in 95 out of 100 samples like the one used here, the results obtained should be no more than four percentage points above or below the figure that would be obtained by interviewing all Virginians who have a home telephone or a cell phone. Where the results of subgroups are reported, the sampling error is higher.

Quotas were used to balance regions within the state. The data were statistically weighted for gender, race and age. Weighting was done to match U.S. Census counts in Virginia. The margin of error was not adjusted for design effects due to weighting. The design effect was 1.599.

OBITUARY

Gearhart, Norris Glovern

Norris Glovern Gearhart, 88, of Salem, went home to be with the Lord on Monday, March 8, at his home. He was born on Thursday, February 23, 1933, to the late Huas T. Gearhart and Maurene Gearhart. Norris was active in the Salem community, serving as Scoutmaster for local Boy Scout Troops and Cub Scout Packs. He and his wife enjoyed traveling in their RV, which led them to join the Holiday Ramblers — an RV camping club. When his country called upon his duty, Norris served in the United States Army during the Korean War. He was also a member of the Westside Church of Christ.



Jake, Thomas Gearhart, Chad Gearhart, and Elizabeth Gearhart; great-grandchildren, Devan, Caleb, and Kendra Brunk, Autumn Emmond, and Aiden Gearhart; sister, Rhonda Thurman and husband, Larry; numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins also survive.

A funeral service to celebrate his life will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, March 13, at the John M. Oakey & Son Funeral Home in Salem, 305 Roanoke Boulevard, 24153, with Pastor Neil Richie and Pastor Eddie Gilpin officiating.

Military Honors, as well as interment, will follow at Mountain View Cemetery in Vinton with Jake Emmond, Richie Emmond, Thomas Gearhart, Chad Gearhart, Dustin Belcher and Paul Wright serving as pallbearers.

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

He is survived by his loving wife of 60 years, Velda Gearhart; sons, Michael "Mike" Gearhart and wife, Daphne, and Timothy "Tim" Gearhart; grandchildren, Laura Brunk and husband, Daniel, Ashley Emmond and husband,

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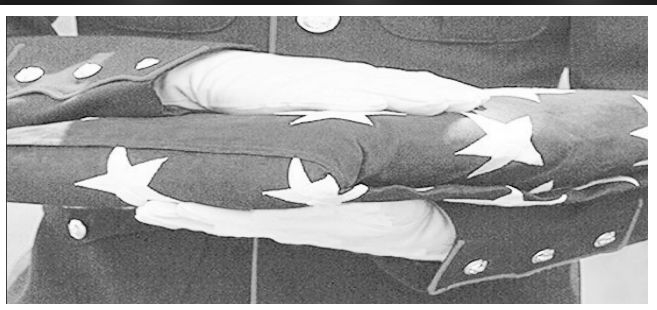
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Help Wanted - General

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**VIRGINIA: IN THE
CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE COUNTY
OF BOTETOURT**
COUNTY OF
BOTETOURT, VIRGINIA,
a Political Subdivision of the
Commonwealth of Virginia
Case No. CL21-53
Complainant,
v.
ELMER DAVID PARKER
JR., ET AL,
Respondent(s).

ORDER OF PUBLICATION
The object of this suit is to
enforce the lien of the
Complainant, County of
Botetourt, Virginia, for
delinquent real estate taxes
against certain real property
located in the County of
Botetourt, Virginia,
described as follows:
Tax Map No. 89-234
Account No. 27204
All that certain lot or parcel
of land, together with any
improvements thereon and
appurtenances thereunto
belonging, lying and being
situate in Botetourt County,
Virginia and being more
particularly described as
follows:
All that certain lot or parcel
of land lying and being
situate in Botetourt County,
on Stoney Battery branch,
a branch of Back Creek
waters of James River and
is bounded as follows to-wit:
Beginning at an iron stake,
at 1, at the west end of the
bridge across "Dry Branch"
and in the middle of the
road leading from county
road, toward the factory
now or formerly owned by
Jere Lemon's and running
thence with said road S. 70
E. 190 feet to a stake (2) in
the road corner to the land
of Jere Lemon and with the
same along the fence N. 31
1/2 E. 138 6/10 feet to a
fence post (3), on the east
side of the Spring branch,
corner to the lot now or
formerly of Mullin,
and with the same N. 67 W.
184 8/10 feet, to a fence
post (4), corner to the lot
now or formerly owned by
Emory Boguess and thence
with the same S. 32 1/2 W.
148 5/10 feet to the

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beginning at 1, containing
5/8th's of an acre, more or
less.
And being the same
property conveyed to Elmer
David Parker Jr., from
Bertha Kelly Connor by
Deed dated November 15,
2010 and recorded in the
Circuit Court Clerk's Office
of Botetourt County, Virginia
on November 19, 2010 as
Instrument Number
100004683.
This description is made
subject to all easements,
conditions, agreements,
restrictions, and
reservations of record which
affect the property herein
described including but not
limited to those recorded in
Deed Book 12 at Page 471,
Deed Book R at Page 474.
IT APPEARING that an
Affidavit has been made
and filed stating that due
diligence has been used,
without effect, to ascertain
the identity and location of
certain parties to be served,
that the last known
addresses for the
Respondents herein are as
follows: Elmer David Parker
Jr., who is believed to be
deceased and whose last
known address is 2446
Stoney Battery Road,
Troutville, Virginia 24175;
April Parker, whose last
known address is 2446
Stoney Battery Road,
Troutville, Virginia 24175;
Joshua Parker, whose last
known address is 848
Cookbrook Road, Apt 6,
Vinton, Virginia 24179;
Stormy Parker, whose last
known address is 2446
Stoney Battery Road,
Troutville, Virginia 24175;
and that any officers, heirs,
devisees, and successors in
title of the Respondent
named herein are made
parties Respondent to this
action individually and/or by
the general description of
Parties Unknown, it is
hereby
ORDERED that the parties
herein and all Parties
Unknown and/or whose
location cannot be
ascertained appear on or
before April 14, 2021 in the
Clerk's Office of the Circuit
Court of the County of
Botetourt, Virginia, and do
what may be necessary to
protect their interests in this
cause.

Entered on the 22nd day of
February, 2021.

Tommy L. Moore
Clerk

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Legals - City of Radford

**Public Notice
Tyler Avenue / East Main
Street Connector, Phase 1
City of Radford**

The Virginia Department of
Transportation (VDOT) and
the City of Radford propose
to construct Phase I of a
new 2 lane connector road
from Tyler Avenue to East
Main Street. Phase I shall
include reconstruction of the
existing skewed Tyler
Avenue/Auburn Avenue
intersection, construction of
approximately 620LF of the
Connector Road, and the
construction of approximately
900LF of re-aligned Auburn
Avenue.

In compliance with the
National Environmental
Policy Act (NEPA), 23 CFR
Part 771, a Categorical
Exclusion (CE) has been
prepared to evaluate the
potential environmental
impacts of the proposed
Tyler Avenue/East Main
Connector and was
approved by the Federal
Highway Administration for
public availability. In
accordance with the
National Historic
Preservation Act, Section
106 and 36 CFR Part 800,
information concerning the
potential effects of the
proposed project on
properties listed in or
eligible for listing in the
National Register of Historic
Places has been provided in
the CE.

The document is available
for review and comment for
10 business days at the City
of Radford Office located at
10 Robertson Street,
Radford, Virginia. Please
call ahead at 540-731-3603.
Please call ahead to ensure
the availability of

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appropriate personnel to
answer your questions. The
comment period expires
March 24, 2021. Comment
regarding the document
should be mailed to the City
Manager at City of Radford
Office, 10 Robertson Street,
Radford, VA 24141; or
emailed to
radfordengineering@
radfordva.gov. Please
reference "Tyler/E. Main
Connector - Categorical
Exclusion" in the subject
line.

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and activities in accordance
with Title VI and Title VII of
the Civil Rights Act of 1964.
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proficiency, contact
540-731-3603.

State Project: U000-126
106, C501, P101, R201
Federal Project:
STP-5126(107)
UPC: 76402

LEGAL NOTICE Tyler Avenue/East Main Street Connector - Phase 1 City of Radford Notice of Public Review

Find out about a project to
construct Phase I of a new
2 lane connector road from
Tyler Avenue to East Main
Street. Phase I shall
include reconstruction of the
existing skewed Tyler
Avenue/Auburn Avenue
intersection, construction of
approximately 620LF of the
Connector Road, and the
construction of approximately
900LF of re-
aligned Auburn Avenue.

Review project information
and National Environmental
Policy Act (NEPA)
documentation in the form
of a Categorical Exclusion
(CE) are available at 10
Robertson Street, Radford,
540-731-3603. Please call
ahead so the City can make
arrangements for personnel
to share more information or
answer your questions.

If your concerns cannot be
satisfied, City is willing to
hold a public hearing. You
may request that a public
hearing be held by sending
a written request to Radford
City Manager, the City of
Radford Office located at 10
Robertson Street, Radford,
Virginia 24141 on or prior to
April 9, 2021. If a request
for a public hearing is
received, notice of date,
time and place of the
hearing will be posted.

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and activities in accordance
with Title VI and Title VII of
the Civil Rights Act of 1964.
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phone number listed above.

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Legals - City of Salem

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
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Beverage Res license to
sell or manufacture
alcoholic beverages.

Jason Booker, Owner

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.

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.

Legals - Montgomery County

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

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

COMMONWEALTH OF
VIRGINIA
VA. CODE §§ 1-211.1;
8.01-316, -317, 20-104
Case No. CL21000326-00
MONTGOMERY CIRCUIT
COURT
55 EAST MAIN STREET,
CHRISTIANSBURG, VA
24073
CHARLES PHLEGAR
KAREN PHLEGAR
v.
JAMES FULTON HOGE,
DECEASED
UNKNOWN OF HEIRS OF
JAMES FULTON HOGE
The object of this suit is to:
REMOVE THE REMAINS
FROM ABANDONED
FAMILY GRAVEYARD
It is ORDERED that THE
UNKNOWN HEIRS OF
JAMES FULTON HOGE,
DECEASED appear at the
above-name court and
protect his/her interests on
or before APRIL 26, 2021.

FEBRUARY 24, 2021
Bridget Adams
Deputy Clerk

Legals - Town of Vinton

**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.

TOWN OF VINTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to the provisions of
Sections 15.2-1800 (B) et
seq., of the 1950 Code of
Virginia, as amended, the
Town Council of the Town
of Vinton, Virginia, hereby
gives notice of a public
hearing to be held on
Tuesday, March 16, 2021,
at 7:00 p.m., or immediately
thereafter.

The purpose of the public
hearing is to receive public
comments concerning the
proposed granting of a
lease to Cargill Animal
Nutrition for three (3) lots
lying on the south side of
11th Street identified as
60.14-2-24, 60.14-2-25 and
60.14-2-26 and five (5) lots
lying on Railroad Avenue
identified as 60.14-2-1,
60.14-2-2, 60.14-2-3, 60.14-
2-4 and 60.14-2-5, all of
which are located in the
Town of Vinton, Virginia,
said lease to be for one 15
month period with the option
to renew said lease for no
more than three additional
one-year renewal terms.

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 Ordinance by
emailing
johnson@vintonva.gov,
leaving a message at

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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
johnson@vintonva.gov by
12 Noon on Monday, March
15, 2021. The public can
observe this meeting
through a livestream on the
Town's Facebook page at
www.facebook.com/
vintonva. Additional

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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.

A complete copy of the
proposed Lease and
additional information
concerning this public
meeting is available in the
Town Manager's Office,
located in the Vinton
Municipal Building, (540)
983-0607. Persons
requiring special assistance
to attend and participate at
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Susan N. Johnson
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Maroons go 3-1 in season opening softball games

After earning a split of their first two games on Saturday, the Roanoke College softball team looked to add to the win column when they played Adrian and Ferrum on day two of the Mountain Mash Tournament last Sunday at Salem's James I. Moyer Complex. A four-run top of the ninth propelled the Maroons to a second win over Adrian College in as many days, and in the tournament finale Roanoke mounted a three-run, bottom of the seventh, rally to beat the Panthers, 5-4.

Sunday's opening game with Adian was tied 5-5 after seven innings. The top of the ninth would see Roanoke explode for four runs as Brooke Trapuzzano reached and advanced on an error plating Rebecca Hensley. Jada Karnes gave RC runners on the corners with a single leading to a Rachel Sirbaugh intentional walk to load the bases. After a second out, Janae Henry delivered a bases clearing triple. Adrian would close

the gap with two in the bottom half, but the Maroons would record the final out on strikes to complete the 9-7 win.

Karnes was 2-4 at the plate and on the mound pitched all nine innings, giving up nine hits, three earned runs and eight strikeouts.

In the nightcap Jordyn DiFava singled and Karnes walked to set the table for the seventh inning rally. Makayla Austin doubled to left, tying the game at 4-4. After a line out, Gabby Fox hit a long drive to deep center for the game winning RBI.

Sirbaugh was 3-4 with Karnes going 2-3. Brianna Gerhardt came in relief of Fox and picked up the win going two innings while giving up just a pair of hits and one run.

With a 3-1 record the Maroons will go on the road to face Averett University on March 17.



Brooke Trapuzzano belts an RBI single for the Maroons against Ferrum. PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN



Glenvar coaches Bekka Loder(left) and Madison Bourne with the 2021 state indoor track championship trophy.

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Sydney ran on the state championship 4x400 relay team along with Delaney Eller and Carrie Horrell. James River was leading the meet up until that event, but Glenvar passed their Three Rivers District rival Knights by winning that race.

Glenvar only had five girls in the meet. Eller also took a third in the 500 and Horrell was fourth in that event. The Highlanders needed those points to keep second place Poquoson and James River in the rear view mirror.

"Who would have thought taking five girls to States, with only four scheduled to compete and one alternate, they would come out as the VHSL Indoor Track State Champions!" said Loder. "They knew going in we had a chance, but we still had to put the work in to get it done. What an amazing accomplishment and we are beyond excited for them."

The Glenvar boys also brought home some medals, including a second by Daneil Zearfoss in the 1,000 meters. Colvin Delano was fourth in the 55, Bryant Loftis was fourth in the 500 and the team of Zearfoss, Ethan Justice, Delano and Loftis was third in the 4x400. Parry McCluer was the boys' team champion.

Everyone who competed for Glenvar brought home a medal. That was quite a reward for training in bitter cold conditions for most of the "indoor" season.

"Knowing our meets would be outside, we bundled up and didn't let the weather stop us," said Loder. "We had one goal in mind and that was to move forward to Regional and States. I only had 15 Athletes this season, down by 25 over the past four years, but the athletes that joined came ready to work and they showed that at every meet they attended."

This was Loder's fourth year as indoor coach. She ran for Salem High coach Tom Roth in high school.

"It's been an honor to coach at GHS the past four Indoor seasons, but this season was a little more special with all the unknowns and the fact that my athletes never let the pandemic step in their way," said Loder. "Each athlete on the team did an outstanding job this season. I would also like to say at huge thank you to my assistant coach Madison Bourne, we couldn't have done it without her."

The Glenvar cross country season will be up next, beginning with a meet on Saturday, March 20, at Hidden Valley. The spring track season will begin practicing on April 12 with the first competition on April 26.

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for the second year in a row. Reese went 52.78, just shy of her state record time of 52.30 set in 2019. Griffith finished at 55.09, which is 26 seconds faster than her time last year.

The 500 Freestyle is the longest event contested at the High School level. Glenvar qualified two swimmers for the event. Adrianna Hall finished 7th at 6:01.54 just a couple seconds off her entry time and freshman Natalie McMahon marked a new personal record at 6:03.78 finishing 8th. Those two swims were worth 23 points to the team.

The 200 Freestyle Relay is always one the most exciting events. This night was no different as Dunkenberger swam the leadoff leg in 24.49 seconds to put the Highlanders in front and they never surrendered the lead. Eller, Wilkes and Griffith followed to log a 1:44.95 finish and the fourth state title of the night. The time also broke the school record of 1:45.81 set in 2018. Dunkenberger swam on that team as a freshman.

With only a few minutes rest Reese was back in the water for the final event of her stellar High School career and she ended it with another state title, the team's fifth of the night. The Tulane University bound senior posted a lifetime best of 58.08 and broke her own school record in the 100 Backstroke winning by over four seconds.

The 100 Breaststroke is the final individual event of the evening. Glenvar qualified two swimmers for the event and they didn't disappoint. Senior Isabelle Pope, in her final swim, posted a personal record of 1:16.85 dropping nearly three seconds off her previous best and finished fourth on the night. Wilkes also swam a personal record time of 1:19.54 and finished sixth.

The 400 Freestyle Relay closed the night and Eller, Wilkes, McMahon and Hall won the race in a time of 4:03.69, giving the Lady Highlanders a sweep of all three relay events.

The final score was Glenvar 287 to runner-up Strasburg 209. Marion, Radford and George Wythe rounded out the top five. 25 schools scored points on the night.

Dunkenberger, a four year letter winner, polished off her High School Career in fine fashion winning five state titles on the night, two individual, two relay and the team championship. All total Reese has won four state individual titles, two state relay titles, two state team titles as well as 5 runner-up finishes.

Senior Pope, also a four year letter winner, won a relay title, team title and medal on the night. Isabelle finishes her career with two team titles, a relay title and four state medals.

The third senior on the state team, McKenna Shearer, is a three year letter winner and 2021 team title holder.

Besides the team champion trophy the girls brought 23 total medals back to Glenvar. 15 of them 1st place.

The boys swam in the afternoon in a state meet divided due to COVID-19 restrictions. The Glenvar boys team got rolling in the first event with the 200 Medley Relay team of Derrick Hall, Zander Honaker, Cooper Campbell and Colvin Delano dropping nearly seven seconds and swimming a season's best time finishing tenth in the state. Cooper Campbell, the only individual qualifier, dropped ten seconds in the 200 Individual Medley placing fourth.

The next event for the boys was the 200 Freestyle Relay. Hall, Honaker, and Campbell were joined by Tucker Henderson and managed to drop over four seconds from their entry time to place 11th.

The final event for the boys was the 400 Freestyle Relay. Hall, Campbell and Henderson were joined by Jacob Hall. These four dropped over 40 seconds off their entry time and finished 9th.

Overall the boys finished tied for 12th place scoring 59 points on the day. Radford, a fellow Three Rivers District school, won the boys' team championship.

"The boys hard work in practice and dedication to the team earned them 100 percent best times at the championship," said coach Hall.

Four of the six will return next year. Two year letterman Derrick Hall and first year swimmer Colvin Delano are seniors.



Left, Glenvar's Cooper Campbell swims freestyle on his way to a fourth place finish in the 200-yard IM at the Class 1&2 state championship meet. Middle, Isabelle Pope placed fourth in the 100-yard breaststroke. Right, Claire Griffith won the 50-yard freestyle in a time of 25.26.

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Roanoke College swimmers win ODAC, women are 2nd

The Roanoke College men won the Old Dominion Athletic Conference swimming championship for the first time Sunday at the Liberty University pool in Lynchburg. The Maroon women finished second.

The two-day meet was held on Friday and Sunday. After the first day the men enjoyed a sizable lead, 553-451 over Lynchburg, while the women trailed the Hornets by just eight points, 496-504. Day two would see the Roanoke men continue to increase their lead and finish with a meet high 1,001 points while the women would fall just short of making it a sweep. The University of Lynchburg took home the title with 922.50 points to 869 for RC.

On Friday Richie Evans, Connor Kinkema, Ben Tate and Xavier Williams posted a time of 3:23.61 in winning the 400 Medley Relay, setting the tone for a big day for the Roanoke College men. The 500 Freestyle would see Tate pick up a one and a half second victory when he touched in 4:35.42 while Josh Rauch would miss a runner-up finish by just .56 of a second. Tate added his third win of the opening day when he topped the field in the 100 Butterfly, 50.82.

Jacob Winn (1:57.12) would win a photo finish with teammate Davis Wheeler (1:57.20) in the 200 Individual Medley. RC dominated the 50 Freestyle posting a 1-2-3-4-5 finish. Nick McGrath (21.27) won by the slimmest of margins, .01 of a second, over Williams. Evans was third at 21.37 while another close finish, .02 of a second, would separate Brian Grimmert and David Adarkwah.

Williams, McGrath, Evans, and Adarkwah would

join to win the 200 Freestyle Relay by over a second with a time of 1:25.33. In the 200 Freestyle Grimmert (1:44.51) would win while Cole Hensen added a runner-up finish.

Kinkema would post a record breaking performance in the 100 Breaststroke. After posting an ODAC and meet record of 56.38 at the 2020 championships, Kinkema posted a blistering time of 56 flat, 1.25 seconds clear of McGrath as RC posted yet another 1-2 finish.

The final event of the first day would feature the men's 800 Freestyle Relay. Tate, Hensen, Rauch, and Grimmert combined to win the event in a time of 6:57.68.

On Sunday Kinkema wasted little time setting his second ODAC Championship record in as many tries. The junior would post a final time of 4:02.77 in the 400 Individual Medley, besting his own previous record of 4:04.57. Winn would finish runner-up at 4:13.84. Evans, McGrath, Tate, and Williams crushed the field in the 200 Medley Relay in a time of 1:32.88.

The 100 Freestyle would see the first of two 1-2-3-4 finishes for the men. Evans at 46.13, just out-touched Grimmert (46.28) with Williams claiming third and McGrath finishing fourth. In the 200 Breaststroke, Kinkema made it a perfect three for three with setting yet another ODAC Championship Meet record. After setting the record last year at 2:02.09, Conner lowered the time to 2:01.90. The record setting performance was part of a 1-2-3-4 finish for the Maroons.

Connor Bitz would touch runner-up at 2:10.27, ahead of Winn in third and Wheeler in fourth.

Tate would add another win to his total with a 1:51.74 finish in the 200 Butterfly. Another relay win for RC would see Evans, Williams, Tate, and Grimmert claim the 400 Freestyle Relay in 3:04.16, and 11 second victory over their nearest competitors.

The championship would come to a close with the men's 1650 Freestyle. Rauch won the event one year ago in a time of 16:23.58. On Sunday he blistered that mark with a final time of 16:13.84, giving the Maroons four record setting performances over the two day event. Jake Bowery would finish runner up in 16:59.97, just .02 of second ahead of teammate Jacob Cole.

For his record setting efforts, Connor Kinkema was named ODAC Men's Swimmer of the Meet, claiming 60 points for the Maroons. Tate would join his teammate with 60 points, giving Roanoke College the only three swimmers to post a perfect 60 points. Winn brought home 53 points and was named Men's Rookie of the Meet.

With the Roanoke men earning their first ODAC Title, Head Coach Scott Thacker was named 2020-21 ODAC Men's Swimming Coach of the Year.

After claiming 60 points during the championship meet, Kimberly Large was named 2021 ODAC Women's Swimmer of the Meet. Maria Vinson and Izzy Mack would claim 54 points while Grace Fountain earned 51, giving the Maroons four of the top 10 scorers of the meet.



Left, Glenvar's Nick Woodson reaches for a pass in Tuesday's game against William Fleming at GHS. Right, Blake Custer(#58) pulls down Fleming quarterback Dashawn Lewis from behind.

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Scrappy Highlanders come up just short in game with Fleming

After losing previously scheduled dates with James River, Carroll County and Northside the Glenvar football team found a willing opponent in William Fleming, and the Highlanders scheduled the Colonels for a rare mid-week contest. It proved to be a good match, as the Class 2 Highlanders battled their Class 5 visitors to the end before falling, 32-22, at Highlander Stadium Tuesday.

The game didn't start out well for Glenvar. The Highlanders tried an onside kick to open the game but the ball didn't go 10 yards and the Colonels took possession. Fleming promptly drove for a score and a 7-0 lead just under four minutes into the game.

The ensuing kickoff didn't go any better as Fleming stole the ball from the Glenvar return man at the Highlanders' 16, leading to a second touchdown with 5:04 left in the first quarter. The conversion was good and the Highlanders found themselves down two touchdowns before they even ran a play from scrimmage.

Once Glenvar put the offense on the field things perked up. Quarterback Aiden Wolk found Colvin Delano for a 49 yard touchdown pass with 2:28 to go

in the quarter. The extra point attempt failed but the Highlanders had the lead trimmed to 14-6 at the end of the first period.

The only score of the second quarter was a 21 yard field goal by Fleming, and Glenvar had the ball first to open the second half. That proved to be advantageous when Wolk hit Jackson Swanson on a short pass and the sophomore took it 60 yards to the house. Wolk found Jeb Secrist in the end zone for a two point conversion and all of a sudden it was a 17-14 ballgame.

Fleming answered with a 10 yard TD run by speedy quarterback Dashawn Lewis, but the conversion failed and Glenvar was within nine at 23-14. Then, on the ensuing drive, the Highlanders appeared to be stopped at midfield with the punt team on the field. However, a short snap to Kyle Hanks on a fake gave Glenvar a first down to keep the drive alive.

The Highlanders moved the ball inside the 10, where they faced a fourth and one with just 4.9 seconds remaining in the third period. At that point a Fleming lineman was drawn offsides to give the Highlanders a first down, and on the last play of the

quarter Hanks went over for the score. Wolk passed to Dagan Williams for two and Glenvar drew to within a point at 23-22 with a quarter still to go.

Glenvar had great field position when Williams intercepted a Lewis pass at the Fleming 36 just 39 seconds into the quarter. However, Fleming got the ball right back on an interception and was able to kill off some time before punting. Glenvar then was stopped deep their own territory, and on fourth down at the 15 punter Secrist saw the ball snapped well over his head and into the end zone for a safety, making the lead three at 25-22.

That proved to be big, as Fleming got the ball back with 5:39 on the clock and was able keep it on the ground as the clock wound down. The Colonels scored on fourth down from the one with 42 seconds remaining to end the game for all intents and purposes, 32-22.

With the loss Glenvar fell to 0-2 and they only have three days between their next game, a Saturday home contest with Floyd County. That will be Glenvar's first Three Rivers District game, and it's set for a 1 pm start at Highlander Stadium.

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The Patriots answered with a one yard run by Roy Gunn but Salem put it away in the second quarter. Cam Leftwich had a four yard run for a TD, then Logan hooked up with Jorden McDonald for a 79 yard score to make it 28-7. Wood's 10 yard run finished out Salem's scoring and Wesley Cross was perfect on all seven extra points.

Wood finished with 105 yards rushing on nine carries before leaving while Leftwich had 76 yards on 15 attempts. Carson Williams had 18 yards and Jamien Lingenfelter, a sophomore, had 16.

Logan completed just four of 14 attempts but two of them went for touchdowns and the four completions accounted for 141 yards. In addition to the two touchdowns Jayden McDonald had a 20 yard reception and Wood caught one pass for 17 yards.

Defensively, Noah Collins led Salem with 18 total tackles, including eight solos. Williams and Ky'Juan Waller had five each and Waller had two sacks, two hurries and a tackle for a loss. Shawn Collins had two picks and Chase Greer had one.

"I was pleased," said Holter. "Our physicality increased and our execution got better, especially with our special teams. We have two weeks to work on things and get ready for a tough stretch drive."

Salem's jayvee team beat PH last week, 26-6. The jayvees will host Franklin County tonight.



Josiah Boardley returns a kick for Andrew Lewis.

PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Read Mountain tops Wolverines

The Andrew Lewis Middle School football team fell to 1-2 with a 36-8 loss to Read Mountain at Salem Stadium last week.

Devin Marsh scored the only touchdown for the Wolverines, and he also scored a two-point conversion. The seventh grade team lost to Clifton Forge on Thursday of last week, 35-0.

"We will continue to work hard and improve," said coach Brian Hooker.

The eighth graders were scheduled to host Ben Franklin on Wednesday of this week.



Salem's Caleb Lingenfelter, who was a key player on the Spartans' 2018 state championship team, picked up a save for Roanoke College in the second game of last Saturday's doubleheader at Salem Memorial Ballpark.

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Salem's Carson Williams(#3) puts a big hit on a Patrick Henry ballcarrier in Friday night's win in Salem.

PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Salem golfers third in first match

The Salem High golfers teed it up for the first time in competition Monday with a round at the Roanoke Country Club. The Spartans finished third in a River Ridge District match won by Blacksburg.

Salem had a score of 328 for the round, led by a 75 by Macy Johnson. Trey Joyce had 78, Alex Rea had 86 and Hunter King rounded out the scoring with an 89.

Blacksburg shot a 309 to win, followed by Cave Spring a stroke back at 310. Hidden Valley followed Salem with a 332 for fourth place.

"It was a windy day and the greens were fast," said Salem coach Chad Snyder. "We need to make some adjustments to play at this time of the year."

The Spartans are at Thorn Springs in Pulaski next Monday, March 15.

Glenvar golfers improving

The Glenvar High golf team showed a lot of improvement between their first two matches of the season as the high school tour began last week.

The Highlanders opened with a round at Olde Mill, hosted by Carroll County. Mason Hylton led Glenvar with a 48 over nine holes followed by Jason Shepherd at 55, Justice Wilfong at 59, Carson Osburn at 53, Devyn Cisco at 60 and Blakes Bowers at 66. Glenvar had a 215 team score as Floyd won the round with 179, one stroke better than second place Radford.

On Monday the Highlanders played the River Course in Radford and placed fifth on the day with a team score of 203. Shepherd had the low score at 47.

"The conditions were better than last week," said coach Blaine Mills. "We're looking forward to continuing to lower the scores as the year progresses."

Glenvar is back in action today at the Botetourt Golf & Swim Club.

RC baseball splits with Peace

The Roanoke College baseball team is 4-3 after splitting a doubleheader with William Peace at Salem Memorial Ballpark Saturday. The Maroons dropped the first game, 7-5, but bounced back to win the nightcap, 6-5, as Salem's Caleb Lingenfelter picked up a save.

A four-run fourth inning would carry the Pacers in game one. Roanoke added a three-spot in the bottom of the inning as Will Merriken singled and advanced to third on a PK Cocolis double to left. Cale Agee scored Merriken on a double, putting runners at second and third. Hunter Andrews plated Cocolis and then a Pacers error allowed Agee to score. However, Derek Roy came in for the seventh and recorded a 1-2-3 save.

Cocolis was 2-2 with a run while Merriken and Will Smith each went 2-4. Smith had a solo homer.

In the second game Merriken belted a HR to left to give RC a first inning lead. With a one run lead Austin Bansek came out of the pen to pitch a perfect sixth, striking out three. Bansek would start the seventh before giving way to Salem High grad Lingenfelter. The Pacers would load the bases but a strike out and ground out would end the game and give the Maroons the split.

Mason Staz went 2-3 win a pair of runs scored while Merriken was 1-2 with two RBI and a home run. The loss was the first of the season for William Peace, who had won eight prior games. The Maroons improved to 4-3 with the win.

Roanoke will begin Old Dominion Athletic Conference (ODAC) play on Saturday when the Maroons play host to Lynchburg for a double header at Salem Memorial Baseball Stadium.

Salem hosts C'burg tonight in volleyball

The Salem High volleyball team will be home tonight to host Christiansburg, looking to pick up a River Ridge District win.

Salem dropped their first two matches to open the season. Last Thursday at home the girls dropped a five-set heartbreaker to Cave Spring. The Spartans won the first set, 25-19, then lost the second, 25-16. Salem went up again with a 25-22 win in the third but the Knights rallied to win the next two, 25-19 and 15-13 in a nail-biter to 15.

Ella Walker had nine blocks and four aces

for Salem while Reese Redford had 37 digs and four aces. Madie Loyd had 10 kills and 15 assists and Kennedy Scales had seven kills and 22 digs for the Spartans.

On Monday Salem traveled to Blacksburg and a strong Bruin team beat the Spartans in three, 25-9, 25-15 and 25-12. Kai Bowen had seven kills and two blocks while Loyd had eight assists and a couple blocks. Scales had four kills and a dozen digs.

The Spartans lost at Hidden Valley on Tuesday in three sets.

Highlanders off to a good start on the court, will host Floyd County in 3RD game tonite

The Glenvar volleyball team is off to a good start with two wins in their first two matches. After coming behind to beat James River to open the season the Highlanders went to Hillsville last Thursday and swept host Carroll County in three sets, 25-20, 26-24 and 25-17.

"I thought we played real well," said coach Mark Rohrback. "Carroll has a pretty good team. They have some big girls."

Claire Griffith led Glenvar with 14 kills to go with three aces. Caroline Craig had 40 assists with four aces while Hannah Hylton had seven kills, five aces and 13 digs. Sarah McIlwain contributed seven kills and Cara Butler had 18 digs.

The Highlanders were scheduled to play at Radford on Wednesday, then return home to host Floyd tonight.

"There are no easy games in our district," said Rohrback.

Mixed results for Lewis, Glenvar middle school volleyball

Both the Andrew Lewis and Glenvar Middle School volleyball teams were in action in the past week.

The Woverines are 4-0 after beating Blacksburg in two sets Monday, 25-21 and 25-9 in Salem. Bailey Redford served 18 consecutive points for Lewis.

Last Wednesday Lewis beat Pulaski, 25-22 and 25-19. Lewis also beat Central

Academy, 25-22, 25-13.

Glenvar Middle School played William Bryd last week and lost 25-20 and 30-28 in a really tight set. On Monday Cave Spring Middle beat Glenvar in two sets, 25-22 and 25-13. The Highlanders are at home against Hidden Valley next Monday.

Lewis is at Blacksburg today and home to Read Mountain on Monday.

Salem cross country back on course

The Salem High cross country team was in a competitive meet for the first time in a year and a half Monday on a beautiful day to run. Both the Salem boys and girls finished fifth out of seven teams at Hidden Valley.

Walker Peterson led the boys team followed by Tommy Henzey, Gaven Conner, Alex Helems, Lance Topanta, Carson Tucker

and Adam Warren. The girls were led by Anna Pitts, then Emma Chamberland, Brooke Bowers, Elizabeth Bocock, Abby Pitts, Rebekah Rothkopt and Amanda Rothkopf.

"It was great to be back, and the weather was a bonus," said coach Tom Roth.

The Spartans will be back in action next Wednesday, March 17, at Patrick Henry.

Maroon women rally to stun Hornets

The Roanoke College women's soccer team came from three goals down to stun Shenandoah Sunday at Kerr Stadium in Salem, 4-3. The win was the first for the Maroons, evening their record at 1-1-1.

Shenandoah led 1-0 at the half and two goals 1:08 apart, the second on a penalty kick, gave the Hornets a 3-0 edge. Shenandoah held that lead with just over 30 minutes to go when Roanoke's MC Petrucelli took a pass from Ellie Schad to score her first collegiate goal and cut the lead to 3-1. Schad made it a one-goal game when she scored her first of the season off an assist by Mia Clary and the Maroons were back in the game.

Roanoke completed the comeback when Tessa Walsh set up a second score by Petrucelli. The match appeared headed to overtime as the clock hit 88:00, but Roanoke was awarded a corner kick and Eliza Ryan went



RC's Ellie Schad controls the ball in Sunday's win over Shenandoah.

PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

to the corner and sent a perfect pass into the zone. The ball would bounce off players from each team before finding the foot of Petrucelli, and the freshman netted the game winner, giving her the hat trick on the afternoon.

Carrington Lippi was awarded the win in net, recording four saves.

The Maroons are back home today to host Emory & Henry at Kerr Stadium at 4 pm. On Sunday Bridgewater is here for a 1 pm game.

ODAC P-o-W Foster leads RC to win over CNU

Roanoke College midfielder Emerson Foster was named the ODAC Women's Lacrosse Player of the Week after leading the Maroons to a 15-10 win over Christopher Newport in Salem Saturday.

On the afternoon, the junior from Richmond scored six goals, four in the first half, while picking up seven draw controls, five ground balls, and four caused turnovers. All nine of Foster's shots were on goal. For the season, Foster is second in the ODAC in goals scored (12) and third in points (13).

Salem's Lilly Blair added four scores and an assist with Ellie Armstrong adding two goals and a helper. Goalie Carly Schoudel got her second win in as many tries and registered nine saves. Roanoke would cause 14 CNU turnovers, led by Foster with four while a trio of Maroons added two.

The win gave RC a 2-0 record and the Maroons follow with three straight games on the road. Roanoke was at Southern Virginia on Tuesday, followed by a 15 day break before games at Meredith on March 24 and Guilford on March 27.



ODAC Player of the Week Emerson Foster of Roanoke College takes a shot on goal in Saturday's win over Christopher Newport.

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Salem's Ella Walker goes high to tip one over the net in last week's volleyball match with Cave Spring.

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John Dias(#24) of Roanoke picks up a ground ball in Saturday's game with Christopher Newport.

PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Captains down Roanoke laxmen

Christopher Newport scored the first four goals of the game and went on to a 17-6 win over the Roanoke College men's lacrosse team last Saturday at Kerr Stadium in Salem. The Captains remained undefeated at 3-0 while RC dropped to 1-1.

Ethan Caldwell led Roanoke with a pair of goals while Luke Kammerman added two assists. Austin Gambino won nine more face offs giving him 34 in the first two games of the season.

In goal, Matt Federau recorded 18 saves as Roanoke was out-shot 35-18 on the afternoon. Griffin Buck and Federau each picked up four ground balls with RT Williamson causing a pair of turnovers.

The Maroons are scheduled to open Old Dominion Athletic Conference (ODAC) play Saturday when they travel to Bridgewater.

First win for Roanoke soccer

The Roanoke College men's soccer team picked up their first win to remain undefeated last Sunday, taking a 2-0 win over Shenandoah in Winchester. The Maroons are now 1-0-3.

After opening the season with three double overtime draws, the Maroons would out-shoot their hosts 11-3 for the Old Dominion Athletic Conference win. Roanoke would get out to a quick

start with just over 16 minutes gone when Anthony Zarlenga found Joe Carman for a 1-0 advantage. Less than 10 minutes into the second frame, a Hornet foul would lead to a Roanoke penalty kick. Dylan Berk scored on the PK and the Roanoke lead grew to 2-0.

The Maroons defense would make the two scores hold up as they only allowed one shot to make it to keeper Zach Behe. In addition to leading in shots, Roanoke enjoyed a 10-0 edge in corner kick opportunities. Carman would put three of his four shots on net to pace the Roanoke offense.

Roanoke will be back home this Sunday to host Ferrum College at Salem's Kerr Stadium at 3:30 pm.

RC Field Hockey wins 1-0

Sunday marked the opening of the 2020-21 field hockey season as Roanoke College played host to Randolph-Macon and battled to a 1-0 win.

The Maroons bested the Yellow Jackets in the 2019 Old Dominion Athletic Conference (ODAC) Tournament and were looking for a repeat performance on Sunday. A first quarter score would give RC a 1-0 lead and the defense made it hold up as they allowed just five RMC shots after the first period of play.

Just after the midway point of the first quarter, Emilee Wooten sent a shot past the goalie that was saved by a defender, but the rebound would pop out in front of the goal. Katherine Martin dove into the pile to knock the ball into the cage for the first, and only, goal of the afternoon.

In goal Hannah Roerden was perfect, saving all four shots that made it on goal.

Roanoke will look to get the season off to a 2-0 start when the Maroons play host to Sweet Briar on Friday at 4 pm.



Brian Hoffman

Happy Anniversary

Do you realize that Thursday of this week is Day 366 AG of the sports stifling coronavirus pandemic?

That's right, Thursday is May 11, exactly one year to the day after the Utah Jazz game was cancelled just before tip-off because center Rudy Gobert tested positive for COVID-19. Within days all NBA games, the NCAA "March Madness" Tournament, Major League Baseball spring training, NASCAR, professional golf and any number of other events were put on hold due to the virus. As a sports guy I look at May 11, 2020, as the official beginning of the pandemic.

It's been a long year, to say the least. Many people have died, many businesses have closed and many people have suffered, physically, mentally and financially. It was disappointing to lose so many sporting events, but in the big scheme of things that was the least of our problems.

Now, one year later, things are getting better. We still don't have arenas filled with fans, but we had a great NFL football season, enough college football to keep us entertained and both NBA and college basketball. March Madness is scheduled to go on, although with limited fans it won't be as "mad" as usual.

After going nine months with few sports to cover I'm busy again, and I love it. We have Virginia High School League fall sports squeezed between winter and spring sports, and it's sort of cool to still have some football to enjoy a month after the Super Bowl.

At Roanoke College you have the end of winter sports this week, with both basketball teams participating in the Old Dominion Athletic Conference tournament. In addition to that the fall sports are being played now and all the spring sports have already started. Within a month's time every sport offered by the college had a game, meet or match.

I'm optimistic we'll be back to normal by the fall sports season. We now have three vaccines and I'm hoping everyone is smart enough to get vaccinated while continuing to "mask up" at large gatherings.

Of course, there will always be people who buck the establishment. I had someone recently tell me he wasn't going to get vaccinated because it was the government's plan to put a chip in everyone, so they could track you wherever you go. He also said the vaccine was very dangerous, and that doctors who spoke out about this were being murdered to keep it quiet.

I certainly hope that's not true, but if we can save humanity I'll gladly have a chip implanted in me. Just don't put it where I have to sit on it every day.

Happy one year anniversary, Rudy Gobert. Maybe that's why you were the last one picked in the all-star game draft.

SHS GIRLS HOOP COACH WON'T BE BACK

Salem High will be looking for a new girls' basketball coach for the second year in a row. Berlyn Seitz, who coached the team in the recent abbreviated season, has



BERLYN SEITZ

Spartans were eliminated from post-season play. "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."

EVANS STARTS IN GOAL FOR PENN STATE

Katie Evans, a 2019 graduate of Salem High, started her first collegiate soccer game in the goal for Penn State University last Sunday when the Nittany Lions hosted Michigan State. The Lions took a 3-1 win.

Penn State coach Erica Dambach started Evans in goal after keeper Kat Asman was injured in Penn State's previous outing against Indiana. Evans, a 19-year-old freshman, recorded a lone save and conceded a goal in 90 minutes as she picked up a win in her Penn State debut.



KATIE EVANS

situation as a freshman goalkeeper, as many at her position take a redshirt year to start their college career.

"Katie Evans, since the day she arrived in August, has been tireless with her work ethic and her commitment to this team, and in so many ways earned this opportunity," Dambach said.

Nittany Lion senior captain Frankie Tagliaferri, who scored a goal against the Spartans, echoed coach Dambach's opinion:

"[Evans] has been a beast in the summer and the fall, this January, February, she has absolutely dominated every single opportunity that she's been given in practice and I'm so happy that finally, she had an opportunity in a game against a great Big Ten opponent because it's very well deserved," Tagliaferri said.

been told she will not be retained as Spartan coach.

The Spartans got a late start under Seitz and played just seven games, finishing 2-5. The five losses were all to Patrick Henry and Pulaski County, teams that went to the state championship games in their respective divisions, PH in Division 5 and Pulaski in Division 4.

"Covid brought a strange season to say the least," said Seitz after the

With the win Penn State is now 3-1. They'll play Ohio State in Columbus this Saturday.



Layden(left) and Dereck Williams are looking for applicants for their scholarship at Glenvar High.

WILLIAMS BROS. HAVE SCHOLARSHIP AT GHS

Two former Glenvar standout athletes, brothers Layden and Dereck Williams are sponsoring a Student-Athlete Scholarship for Glenvar High School and are looking for students to apply.

The "Forward Direction Student-Athlete Scholarship" is given to help student-athletes transition from high school to college. It's a joint scholarship offered by Dereck, Glenvar class of 2001, and Layden, who was better known as "Donzell" when he graduated from GHS in 2006.

The scholarship is for \$500 and applicants must be a current senior at Glenvar, a current student-athlete and be accepted to an accredited post-secondary institution of higher education.

"College can be a life changing experience that shows you how to interact with people from different walks of life while also learning in an environment that may challenge your beliefs and foundation," said Layden. "Our Forward Direction Scholarship can help with transition to the next phase of your life with a \$500 award towards your college education."

To apply students should submit an online written response in 750 words or less to the following. 1)Who is the biggest inspiration in your life, and why? 2)Provide an example of a time you provided inspiration to someone. 3)If given unlimited resources, what would you do to enhance the Glenvar High School student experience?

The responses should be double spaced and submitted to "ForwardDirectionBoard@gmail.com. Application deadline is April 15 and the winner will be notified by email or phone on or around May 15th.

Dereck Williams is now a Hampton University graduate and the owner of Graphic Teas, a graphic t-shirt company based in Virginia Beach. He is currently a graphic designer for an agency based in Virginia Beach.

Layden Williams is a published author, Beyond the Game, and owner of Forward Direction LLC - a one stop shop full service book publishing company. He is currently getting his masters in Sports Management from Columbia University in New York.

RC men fall, women win in ODAC semifinals in Salem

Women will play the University of Lynchburg for conference championship

Roanoke College hosted an Old Dominion Athletic Conference basketball tournament semifinal doubleheader Tuesday night in Salem and came away with mixed results. The RC men opened with a 77-71 loss to Randolph-Macon before the women took a win over Ferrum College, 88-58.

The Maroon men were the top seed in the tournament but only because Randolph-Macon, the fifth seed, didn't play enough ODAC regular season games to qualify for the top four. So, the nation's top-ranked Division III team was given the fifth seed and when RC beat Emory & Henry Friday night and Macon beat Bridgewater it set up a battle of once beat Roanoke against undefeated Randy-Mac in a dream matchup Tuesday.

The Maroons hung tough. After falling behind by as many as 10 in the first half they closed the lead to six at the half, then tied it up at 47-47 with 12 minutes to go in the game.

At that point the Yellowjackets went on a 6-0 run to gain a lead they would not relinquish. Macon went up by as many as 13 before RC cut the lead to six, but that's as close as they'd get in a 77-71 final.

Efosa Edosomwan led all scorers with 22 points, including 11 for 11 from the foul line. Kasey Draper had 19 and Tripp Greene and Trent Dawson had 11 for the Maroons.

The RC men finished the season with a 10-2 record and were 15th ranked in the nation coming into the week. Randolph-Macon advances to the ODAC final with a 10-0 record. The Yellowjackets will play the University of Lynchburg on the road tonight for the championship.

In Tuesday's second game the Maroon women advanced to their tournament final by pounding Ferrum, 88-58, at the Cregger Center. Roanoke outscored the Panthers 32-6 in the second quarter to open a 48-16 lead by the half.

A dozen different women scored for the Maroons, led by Renee Alquiza with 13. Kristina Harrell had a dozen points and both Whitney Hopson and JaBryah Haverkamp had 11. Morgan Micallef had eight rebounds.

Now 10-2, the fourth seeded Maroons will play at second seeded Lynchburg in a game that was tentatively scheduled for Thursday.



Left, Efosa Edosomwan of Roanoke College goes to the hoop for two of his game high 22 points in Tuesday's ODAC semifinal loss to Randolph-Macon. Right, Whitney Hopson of RC scores against Shenandoah in Friday's semifinal win at the Cregger Center.

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Above is the 2021 Glenvar High state Class 1&2 championship swim team. Left to right are Carly Wilkes, Isabelle Pope, McKenna Shearer, Reese Dunkenberger, Adrianna Hall, Claire Griffith, Delaney Eller and Natalie McMahon. Below, Reese Dunkenberger is off to a win in the 100 yard backstroke, one of her five state titles on Saturday.

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Highlanders repeat in the pool

Dunkenberger swims for five gold medals to lead Glenvar girls

The Glenvar High School girls repeated as state Class 1&2 swimming champions with an outstanding season ending performance last Saturday at the Christiansburg Aquatic Center. The Highlanders scored 287 points to 209 for runnerup Strasburg to win going away.

"This meet was originally scheduled for February 11th but because of winter storms it was pushed back twice to March 6th," said Glenvar coach Shannon Hall. "The Swimming Highlander State Team took advantage of the extra time to better prepare for the meet and heal from some nagging injuries."

The girls got underway at 6:15 pm and the Highlanders wasted no time claiming their first of six state titles of the night. Reese Dunkenberger, Isabelle Pope, Adrianna Hall and Claire Griffith bested a talented George Wythe team by over two seconds finishing at 1:55.89 in the 200 Medley Relay breaking the school record set by the same four at the State Championship last year. The

win tallied 40 points for the Highlanders.

Next up was the 200 Freestyle where Adrianna Hall finished 7th, picking up 12 points for the Highlanders, followed by Carly Wilkes finishing 5th in the 200 Individual Medley for 14 points. Both girls swam well and were just shy of their season best times.

Next, Griffith dove in the water and 25.26 seconds later she touched the wall with Glenvar's second state title of the night, swimming the 50 Freestyle. Claire dropped .11 seconds from her state champion swim of 2020, winning in back to back years. Delaney Eller set a new personal record in the event at 27.57, finishing 6th. The two girls totaled 33 team points for their effort.

About 30 minutes later Dunkenberger and Griffith were back in the pool swimming the 100 Freestyle. The third state title of the night was the result. Reese won the event for the third consecutive year and Claire was the runner-up

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Small group of Glenvar girls comes up big to win state indoor title



Left to right, Delaney Eller, Carrie Horrell, Carly Wilkes and Sydney Loder scored enough points to win the state Class 1&2 indoor team championship.

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The Glenvar girls' indoor track team won the Class 1 & 2 state championship last Wednesday, March 3, with some outstanding performances at Liberty University. The meet was the first held "indoors" after the Highlanders were forced to compete in outside "polar bear" meets during the COVID-abbreviated season.

"Back in December I didn't know if we'd even have a season," said Glenvar coach Bekka Loder. "I thought if we saw a meet or two this season, that will be an added bonus and they'll be ready. I truly didn't know what that would look like when we started conditioning back in October but my main focus was for the athletes to have an outlet during this difficult year. They needed it and I never changed the way I coached and moved forward as if they would have a season, or at least get them ready for "Fall or Spring" sports.

The girls had two state champions, as Carly Wilkes won both the 1,000 and the 1,600 along with setting a new state meet record for both events. Wilkes had a time of 3:00.41 in the 1,000 and 4:53.33 in the 1,600, repeating as state champion in both.

Sydney Loder, Bekka's daughter, won the state 55 hurdles in 9.76 along with a runnerup finish in the 300 and a third in the high jump. In addition, Carly and

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Spartans are on top in Region 4D after downing Patriots

Believe it or not, Salem is halfway through the regular season in football. The Spartans improved to 3-0 in the abbreviated winter-spring season with a 35-17 win over Patrick Henry last Friday at Salem Stadium.

At 3-0 the Spartans stand atop the Region 4D rankings with a 24.0 rating. Not surprisingly Pulaski County is second, also at 3-0, with a 22.6 ranking. The top four teams in the region make the playoffs this year and, in the case of Region 4D, the top seed would be home through the state semifinals if it would continue to win.

Salem is off this Friday but two games follow the Spartans figure to win, at Bogle Field against Cave Spring on March 19 and Hidden Valley on March 26. Certainly you don't want to count your chickens before they hatch, but Cave Spring is fifth in Region 3D at 1-1 and Hidden Valley is ninth at 0-2. If either would beat Salem it would be an upset of major proportions.

The six game regular season will likely come down to the April 2nd game with Pulaski County at Salem Stadium. In the meantime the Cougars have to play a weak Blacksburg team and a Patrick Henry team, in Dublin, that could give them some trouble.

Salem's 35-17 win over the Patriots last Friday was a solid victory, but the Spartans failed to score in the second half after tailback and linebacker Zavione Wood went out with a finger injury. Wood figures to be back for the next game but after leading 35-9 at the half the Patriots showed some spunk after intermission.

"We didn't make the throws we needed to make to move the chains," said Salem coach Don Holter. "We punted more times in the second half than we did in the previous two games combined, but I'm not worried. They gave us a few different looks and we have two weeks to work things out. Hats off to PH."

The first half was all Salem. Shawn Collins scored the first touchdown on a beautifully thrown 19 yard pass play from Chauncy Logan, Jr. Then, on Patrick Henry's ensuing possession, Collins picked off a pass at the Patriot 37 and took it to the house to give the Spartans a 14-0 lead.

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Salem center Will Clemons(#63) opens a big hole for Cam Leftwich in Friday's win over PH.

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