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Gov. Ralph Northam champions Salem High during visit with students, district officials



PHOTOS BY SHAWN NOWLIN

Principal Scott Habeeb and SKILLS USA Champ Drew Harless, a Salem senior, talking with Governor Northam in the Automotive and Diesel Department. Right, Gov. Northam applauding students for their perseverance through the pandemic.

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Governor Ralph Northam visited Salem High School on March 11 as part of his statewide tour to get a better understanding of how the Commonwealth's in-person learning is going. The governor spent approximately two hours with

students, district officials and staff members as Principal Scott Habeeb and Salem Superintendent Alan Seibert gave him a tour of the building. In addition to seeing the renovation work taken place at the school, Northam also observed many Career and Technical Education classes. It was important, said Northam, to hear about all of the pro-

grams that Salem High has to offer.

Within minutes of stepping inside the building, Northam was addressing the entire student body over the intercom. "I understand that you guys have a very successful football team," he said. "I want to give all of you some good news. Our COVID numbers are going down and our vac-

inations are going up. Thank you for all that you've done and will continue to do in the future."

Among the students who got to meet and speak to the Governor were Drew Harless, Bella Ferrate and Austin Bethel. Before exiting the building to take questions from the press, Northam said, "Getting to meet so many talented Sa-

lem Spartans here today was a great experience. I have no doubt that great things await this school in the future."

Since the beginning of the academic year, many students have been attending Salem High just two days a week. Starting next Monday, students will have the opportu-

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SHS teens participate in annual student project forum



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Salem High sophomores Trey Joyce and Ayla Lampos placed second in the Animal Sciences category. Their project was titled, "The Effect of Holothuroidea on the Regeneration Rate of Dugesia tigrina."

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The 2021 Roanoke Valley Governor's School (RVGS) Student Project Forum recently took place. Created 11 years ago, the RVGS event annually attracts gifted students from seven school districts across the Roanoke Valley to come together and celebrate science.

Place award winners receive certificates, ribbons and cash prizes for their accomplishments.

This year, Salem High School had ten representatives: seniors Fady Abdelmalak, Tate Berenbaum and Simran Gill; juniors Katelyn Crumpacker,

Minhir Miller and Paige Netting; and sophomores Reese Radford, Ayla Lampros TJ Hinson and Thomas Joyce.

"Every student's preparation is different. Some research and perform their experiment just in the school year. Others have been working for a full year or longer on their projects. The majority of the students perform their research at RVGS under the mentorship of the faculty," RVGS Community Outreach Coordinator Teri Janiga said. "Some students are able to gain internships at area labs and perform their research under a mentor at the site."

Lampros and Joyce titled their

project "The Effect of Holothuroidea on the Regeneration Rate of Dugesia tigrina." For their efforts, they placed second in the Animal Sciences category.

"We studied the effect of a sea cucumber and what impact it had with this worm called a Planarian. The little worm has a special ability where you can cut it in half, and it'll regenerate. Our project was trying to see if sea cucumbers could also boost that regeneration," Joyce said.

Gill considered a few ideas for her project, but she and her partner ultimately decided to do an examination

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Roanoke County Fire & Rescue Chief officially named

Roanoke County Administrator Dan O'Donnell recently announced the appointment of Travis Griffith as Fire & Rescue Chief. Griffith assumed his new position on March 8.

"We held a nationwide recruitment process and had many qualified applicants from several states," said O'Donnell. "It reflects highly on the quality of our employees that the best choice was already here in our Fire & Rescue Department. We have an excellent department and Chief Griffith will be able

to hit the ground running with his thorough knowledge of our people and operations."

Board of Supervisors Chairman Jason Peters added, "Travis is a dedicated servant to his profession and to the citizens of Roanoke County. I know he will step seamlessly into this role and provide the leadership and vision to prepare the department for future growth."

"I am humbled to have been chosen to stand beside the women and men

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Travis Griffith

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Governor and First Lady Northam receive Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine



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Governor Ralph Northam and first lady Pamela Northam received their Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine on March 15. Members of the Virginia National Guard administered the vaccines as part of the first deployment of mobile vaccination teams.

Governor Ralph Northam and First Lady Pamela Northam both received the one-shot Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine recently. Members of the Virginia National Guard administered the vaccinations as part of the first deployment of mobile vaccination teams starting this week. "These vaccines are safe, effective, and our way out of the COVID-19 pandemic," said Governor Northam. "Virginia continues to scale up our vaccination capacity to match the increased vaccine supply we are receiving from the federal government each week. Pam and I are thrilled to do our part by getting vac-

inated, and I hope every Virginian will do the same when their turn comes." The Virginia National Guard has been mobilized since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic to support the Commonwealth's response efforts, including assisting with logistics and administering COVID-19 tests. Approximately 325 Virginia National Guard soldiers and airmen operating in two battalion task forces from multiple units are supporting the Virginia Department of Emergency Management and the Virginia Department of Health at COVID-19 community vaccination sites

across the Commonwealth. Five mobile vaccination teams will launch this week, consisting of Army and Air National Guard medics trained by the Virginia Department of Health. Each mobile team is expected to provide a capacity of up to 250 vaccinations per day in support of localities and will primarily serve hard-to-reach populations. Virginia is now administering nearly 53,000 doses per day on average, with more than 2.7 million doses given to date. Almost 1.8 million Virginians - 21 percent of the population - have received at least one dose, and more than one million Virginians are ful-

ly vaccinated. The Commonwealth continues to expand its vaccination capabilities to match the increasing federal vaccine supply. A community vaccination clinic recently opened in Danville as part of a partnership between the state, localities, and the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Two additional community vaccination clinics will begin this week in Petersburg and Portsmouth, and one in Prince William is scheduled to open next week. These clinics, like most vaccination clinics at this stage of the vaccination effort, are appointment-only. Virginia expects to meet

President Biden's goal of expanding eligibility to all adults by May 1. Executive Mansion staff and those who travel with Governor Northam also have received vaccinations. Virginians are strongly encouraged to make sure they are pre-registered at vaccinate.virginia.gov, or by calling 877-VAX-IN-VA, to ensure that the Virginia Department of Health has all the relevant information to reach out when individuals are eligible to schedule vaccination appointments.

-Submitted by Alena Yasmosky, Office of the Governor

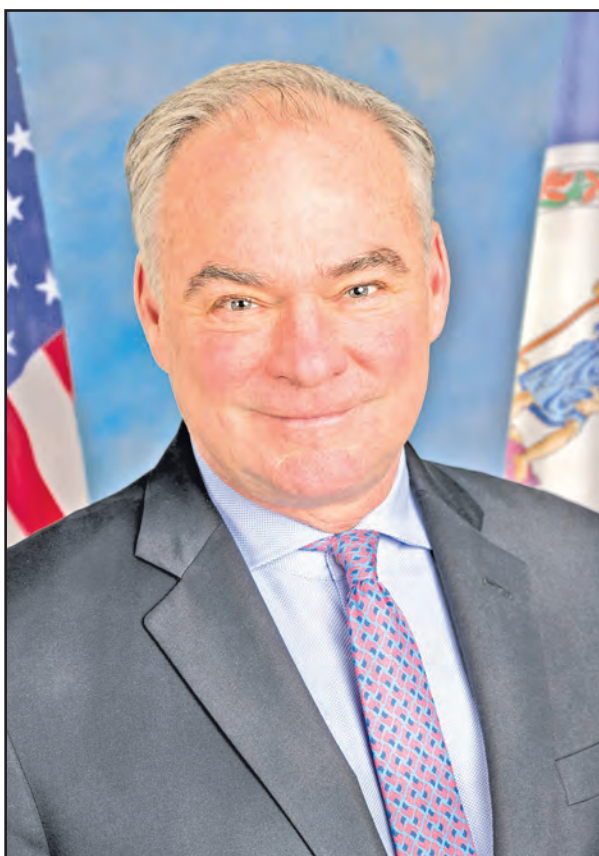
Kaine applauds wins for Virginia in American Rescue Plan

U.S. Senator Tim Kaine applauded Senate passage of the American Rescue Plan, a \$1.9 trillion COVID-19 relief bill that includes numerous critical wins for Virginia. The bill will now return to the House of Representatives. "Because of this bill, millions of Virginians will receive a stimulus check, unemployment benefits will last through the summer, and 85,000 of the Commonwealth's children will be lifted out of poverty," said Kaine. "The past year has been dark, but with this much-needed relief and the acceleration of vaccinations, a brighter, healthier, more prosperous America is on the horizon." Provisions of the American Rescue Plan include: Aid for unemployed workers: The bill extends federal unemployment

benefits until September, allowing Virginians who are out of work due to the pandemic pay bills while the economy continues to recover and jobs are not widely available. Senator Kaine has consistently supported expanded UI benefits and extending federal support while the pandemic continues. The nation is still down nearly 10 million jobs from when the pandemic started, and more than 250,000 Virginians would have been at risk of losing benefits in March and April without this extension. The bill also exempts the first \$10,200 in UI benefits from federal taxes for low- and middle-income households, preventing surprise tax bills for out-of-work Virginians. Assistance for struggling households: The bill

increases the size of the direct payments passed in December by another \$1,400 per person, bringing the total to \$2,000 per person. This round of direct checks will include adult dependents, as Senator Kaine has pushed for. The legislation also adds funding to the rental assistance passed in December and adds relief for homeowners at risk of foreclosure, similar to legislation co-sponsored by Senator Kaine. Additionally, the bill will enhance the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) and Child Tax Credit (CTC), providing aid to low-income workers and families, and lifting millions out of poverty. More than 1.5 million Virginian children will benefit from the CTC expansion, including lifting 85,000 Virginian children out of poverty.

Health care provider mental health: The bill includes \$80 million to train health care professionals and public safety officers in strategies to reduce and address suicide, burnout, and mental and behavioral health conditions; \$20 million for the CDC to carry out an education and awareness campaign to encourage health care professionals and first responders to seek support and treatment for their own behavioral health concerns, identify and respond to risk factors in themselves and others, and address stigma; and \$40 million in grants for health care providers to establish or expand programs to promote mental and behavioral health among their health professional workforce. The provisions are modeled after the Dr. Lorna Breen Health Care Provider Protection Act, legislation Kaine sponsored in honor of a physician from Charlottesville, Virginia, who died by suicide after working on the frontlines of the pandemic in New York.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Senator Tim Kaine, who recently visited the Roanoke Valley, has publicly applauded the Senate passage of the American Rescue Plan.

He was pleased his Saving Lives Through Better Data Act passed at the end of last year and is glad to have secured additional funding for the effort in this package. Aid for vaccine distribution and virus tracking: The bill provides \$20 billion to improve vaccine distribution, \$10 billion for the Defense Production Act to procure essential medical equipment, and \$50 billion for virus

testing, genomic sequencing to detect new variants, contract tracing, and additional PPE. Funding to safely reopen schools: In addition to state and local relief, the bill provides \$125.8 billion for K-12 schools to reopen safely, including \$3 billion to support students with disabilities and \$800 million to support homeless children and youth. Funds could be used to purchase PPE, reduce class sizes, repair ventilation systems, hire support staff, and implement other CDC-recommended public health measures. School districts could also use funds to help students who have fallen behind catch up and get back on track. The bill also provides \$40 billion to help institutions of higher education. Child care: The bill invests \$39 billion in child care providers through the Child Care Development Block Grant Program. These funds can be used by child care providers for operating expenses, PPE, personnel cost, and financial relief for struggling families to cover tuition. As of last fall, more than a third of child care provid-

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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.

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.

THURSDAY, MARCH 25

In celebration of Women's History Month, the League of Women Voters of the Roanoke Valley is pleased to present Erika Joyner and Phoenix Keesee discussing "The Transgender Experience and the Fight for Legal Equity." This presentation will offer a window into the transgender experience and a lens through which to view the legal challenges and accomplishments affecting the transgender/non-binary community. This is a free virtual event to be presented on from 7 to 8:15 p.m. via Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86956664135> Meeting ID: 869 5666 4135 One tap mobile or phone dial in: +1 312 626 6799 or +1 929 436 2866. For more information please contact Carol

MARCH 27 - 28

The Easter Bunny is hopping down to the Salem Civic Center to spread some safe spring fun. Our Covid vaccinated bunny will be in town from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day to take socially distant photos with you and your family members for only \$10. The back annex of the complex allows for vehicles to safely enter one side and exit the other while remaining completely protected by the weather. This set-up and model were used for Drive-Thru Santa pictures this past year, and it was a huge success. Families will drive their vehicles into the Salem Civic Center Annex, one at a time, exit their cars and have photos taken in a socially distant manner on the festive spring set with The Easter Bunny. All current COVID-19 protocols will be followed, and children will not be able to sit on The Easter Bunny's lap. Children will be seated on a bench and the bench will be sanitized between each family group photo. Masks are required until the photos are taken, at which time, the children can take their masks off.

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.

POLICE REPORT

The Salem Police Department reported the following people were arrested and charged March 2-8. Arrest indicates an accusation, and defendants are presumed innocent unless found guilty in court. Police do not release

the names of persons under the age of 18.

Those arrested and their charges were listed as:

March 2 - Amelia L. Campbell, 24, contempt of court; and Cody A. Gambrell, 27, assault and battery.

March 3 - Christopher S. Davis, 50, DUI; and Matthew D. Sweeney, 27, DUI.

March 4 - Chelsea L. Stafford, 27, violation of probation; and Jonathan T. Koons, 42, public intoxication.

March 5 - Sherman D.

Purcell, 40, violation of probation; and Aaron D. Sykes, 50, contempt of court.

March 7 - Rita A. Marshall, 63, shoplifting; Trisha D. Smith, 30, public intoxication; and Cedric J. Ellis, 42, criminal trespass.

March 8 - Brandon S. Stewart, 36, violation of protective order; Eric P. Mabes, 34, conceal merchandise; and Stephen A. Via, 23, assault and battery, shoplifting, public intoxication, criminal trespass.

Catawba Valley student ministry dinner raises funds for teen programs



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Catawba Valley Baptist Church's youth were dipping wild game as fast as they could as they served over 160 meals in their youth programs and summer camps.



Over 160 meals were served, even though the ice and snow tried to keep people away. Many people drove through the weather just to get their wild game meal.

Pam Dudding Contributing writer

Churches continuously have to think of creative ideas to fund their youth programs. The Catawba Valley Baptist Church (CVBC) hosts an annual event to help bring in funds that will allow them to continue offering their services to even more children.

The student ministry of CVBC recently hosted their annual Wild Game Dinner, which included a three-week-long auction, with door prizes and online fun. The event ended with a wildlife dinner.

"You definitely want to take advantage of this opportunity to have a

wonderful time, and to partner with our student ministries as we seek to minister to students and their families in our surrounding communities," said Pastor Stephen Vaughan. "Thank you for your support in years past, this year, and in years to come. We hope to see you next year."

Tickets can be purchased online for one to participate in the auction, the drawings and to receive their wildlife dinner, complete with deer or bear meat and sides.

For all the "Wild Game Dinner Ticket Holders," the pistol and hunting rifle raffles went so well, they closed them as they quickly sold out and hit their limits.

CVBC had a special giveaway this year, a Traditions G4 Pursuit Ultralight Muzzleloader as well as a raffle for a Ruger EC9s and a Savage Axis 6.5 Creedmoor Hunting Rifle with a Bushnell Scope. And, for the VIP ticket holders, a raffle for a Barnett Whitetail Hunter STR crossbow. Handguns were on their auction page too; two were a Smith & Wesson M&P 9mm and a Walther PPS M2 9mm. Guns could only be picked up at Trader Jerry's in Salem upon completion of a successful background check.

The online auction of 70 items was closed the night before, and everyone picked up their

items they won the bids on.

Congratulations went to the winners:

- Grand Prize Drawing - Barry Perkins
- VIP Ticket Exclusive Raffle - Brenda Rhodes
- Hunting Rifle Raffle - Steve Crowder
- Pistol Raffle - Buddy Hodges

Though the cold weather tried to stop it, volunteers continued through it all as people did a drive-through pickup at the Roanoke Valley Moose Lodge #284, to get their wild game dinners.

"We served over 160 meals and raised over \$10,000," Vaughan noted with joy. "Every dollar raised went to

support their student ministry needs. It also gives students the ability to attend summer camp which they are truly grateful for."

He added, "Thank

you for participating in Wild Game Dinner this year. We are excited to partner with you as we continue ministering to students and their families in our community."

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OPINION

Give Light ~ Fish/New Methodists/Klein ~

{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.}

Being Lent, you can still enjoy a Friday night meal of fried flounder, coleslaw, hush puppies and baked potato with trimmings on a take-out basis at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church for one more evening.

The Knights of Columbus, Catholic fraternal order, sponsor the meal annually to raise money for a number of programs to help the needy. I've enjoyed the event for several seasons when it cost a bit more but included a choice of home-prepared side dishes and desserts.

You'll need to call 540-529-4982 as soon as you read this to reserve your dinner and tomorrow, Friday, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. drive up to 314 Turner Road, Salem, pay \$8 for your meal with cash, check or credit card, pick it up and

be on your way. Members of the Knights will show you how to reach the right place in the parking lot.

You may not enjoy the meal as much as I did on the two previous evenings this year that it was offered even though the home-prepared touches were missing because of adjustments to the pandemic. No one has to enter the building. I took my meal home although on a good weather night it's always a treat to drive up to the church on the side of Brushy Mountain with its spectacular view of Salem and usually ample parking.

Living alone these days, I have not eaten a seafood meal away from home for a year. Sadly, the pandemic early on caused the death of the Asian buffet restaurant, The Dynasty, where I occasionally in the past treated myself to a delicious supper.

So, despite the necessary substitutions, the Knights' flounder meal, which I enhanced with additional veggies at home, tasted mighty

Frances Stebbins Correspondent

good. Last year, the first weeks of the pandemic cut the suppers short with only the first available. Usually, it can be eaten at tables in the Parish Hall or taken out and there's a choice of drinks. Maybe another year...

The issue of whether openly gay persons should be recognized as fit for ordination to the United Methodist ministry has been an issue for the denomination and several others for years. Thirteen months ago in my "Give Light..." memoir column I wrote of it because a decision was scheduled to come before the national meeting of the denomination in the spring of 2020.

Rules of the church have long forbidden men and now women also to seek ordination since the state and practice of homosexuality are considered contrary to Scriptural approval.

At the time I spoke with a Roanoke Valley UMC clergyman who said the denomination would not necessarily split over the issue; he like a number of others - indicated by remarks in their church's newsletters - said a gay or transgendered pastor would not matter to him. A welcome was extended to all, as indicated in other pastoral messages.

What was anticipated in February 2020 of a decision expected to be made nationally last year has not come about because a few weeks after advance information about the convention was issued, the COVID-19 pandemic caused cancellation. With the issue still undecided, a leader in a conservative group that wants to keep the prohibition, the Rev. Keith Boyette of Vir-

ginia, said recently that the conservatives do not want to wait another year to negotiate further.

The Global Methodist Church, made up of the anti-gay faction, is expected to come into being later this year. So far, I have not heard of any nearby parishes planning to join it

On February 26, the Roanoke Valley lost to death at 9 another minister, the Rev. Dr. William Rupert Klein. For 28 years he served one of the more prestigious congregations in downtown Roanoke, Second Presbyterian Church in Old Southwest. I knew Klein less well than I did Branan Thompson, of whom I wrote last month, but he was a long-time leader among the many Presbyterians in our area. He also enjoyed in his retirement in Roanoke a harmonious relationship with his successor, the Rev. George Anderson who also is nearing the end of a long pastorate.

One-year observance of first known VA COVID-19 case

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

It has been almost one year since we learned of

the first known case of COVID-19 in Virginia. As we commemorate this solemn anniversary and honor what we have lost, it is also important to reflect on what we have accomplished and what we can look forward to. Let us take stock of where we are

by celebrating the past accomplishments of the incredibly challenging year that we've all had, and by looking forward to the joy of what lies ahead of us.

Partnerships: One of the most important accomplishments over the past year has been building meaningful partnerships. Understandably, many people in our communities remain focused on when they will be able to get vaccinated. The Roanoke City & Alleghany Health Districts will continue to work in partnership with healthcare systems, healthcare providers, emergency managers, local officials, community-based organizations and volunteers in order to get shots in arms as quickly, safely and efficiently as possible.

Decreasing COVID-19 activity: Last week, we celebrated our sixth consecutive week

of declining COVID-19 activity in our health districts after reaching peak activity in January. Despite this wonderful news, as spring beckons us to plan gatherings, now is not the time to relax our prevention practices. Research has confirmed that wearing masks, maintaining six-feet of distance from others and hand-washing have the power to reduce the transmission of the disease. The guidance has not changed: avoid crowds, wear a mask, stay home when you are sick and take the vaccine that is available to you when it is your turn

Vaccine: This week is our 12th straight of vaccine clinics. At times, it feels like it was just yesterday that we received our first shipment of vaccine, and at times it feels like we have been holding vaccine clinics forever. Based on data

reported to the Virginia Department of Health, over 90,000 vaccines (including both first and second doses) have been administered to the Roanoke City and Alleghany Health Districts' residents through our efforts and the efforts of our partners. That is truly something to celebrate.

Virginia Army National Guard: Five members of the Virginia Army National Guard (VANG) have been posted to our districts for the past several weeks to support our vaccination efforts in the community. Last week we welcomed 38 more VANG members to support our Salem and Berglund vaccination clinics. Their skills were quickly put into good use this past weekend as troops spectacularly planned and executed traffic flow at large drive-through clinics at the Berglund Cen-

ter. With the support of VANG and volunteers, our partner Carilion Clinic vaccinated approximately 8,000 people this weekend.

Projections: Based on the most recent information, we are expecting to see a very significant increase in our vaccine supply by the end of March. If the supply is delivered as predicted, we can expect that most of the population who wants to get vaccinated will have the opportunity to do so by the end of May. This means that we may even be able to reclaim our summer - now surely that is something to really celebrate!

The past year has challenged us in ways we could not have imagined. By continuing to follow our community mitigation strategies and by getting vaccinated when it is our turn, together, we have much to look forward to.

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ers had closed in Virginia, eliminating 168,000 slots for children. The provisions are modeled after Kaine's Child Care is Essential Act. Virginia is estimated to receive \$796 million of these funds.

State, local, and tribal aid: The legislation will provide \$350 billion in relief to state, local, and tribal governments, a top priority of Senator Kaine. It also includes more than \$31 billion in targeted resources to Native American communities, which will benefit Virginia's federally recognized tribes. Virginia has used past federal funding to provide hazard pay for direct care workers, support rental and mortgage relief, and expand broadband access. This new round of funding will help Virginia continue to take public health measures and address the negative economic effects of COVID while also including more flexibility to help local Virginia governments experiencing revenue shortfalls prevent budget cuts.

Helping restaurants and other small

businesses: In addition to providing an additional \$7.25 billion to expand access to the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) for nonprofits and other organizations, the bill establishes a \$25 billion Restaurant Revitalization Fund to provide grants for restaurants. The bill also adds \$15 billion for the Targeted Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) Advance program to help the hardest-hit small businesses.

Broadband: In addition to the opportunities provided through aid to support state, local, and tribal governments, \$7 billion is provided for the Federal Communications Commission to operate the Emergency Connectivity Fund. This fund will support broadband access for students by providing telecommunications services to schools and libraries.

-Submitted by Katie Stuntz, Communications Director

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- 1. "Be back later"
 - 4. Hoover's office
 - 7. Brew
 - 8. Philo and Reglis are two ("Star Wars")
 - 10. Actress Remini
 - 12. Moghul emperor
 - 13. Alaskan glacier
 - 14. Constrictor
 - 16. Prohibit
 - 17. Ancient Brittonic tribe
 - 19. Chinese pastry
 - 20. Razorbill is of this genus
 - 21. Beloved holiday decoration
 - 25. Dutch football club
 - 26. Aggressive dog
 - 27. Small piece of glass
 - 29. "South Park" creator Parker
 - 30. Leisure activity
 - 31. Someone's story
 - 32. Record-setting swimmer
 - 39. Hillside
 - 41. Unit of measurement
 - 42. Famous for its potatoes
 - 43. Insect secretion
 - 44. Gate in Marrakesh
 - 45. Cain and ___
 - 46. A set of moral principles
 - 48. Repair
 - 49. Two-terminal semiconductor device
 - 50. Strongly alkaline solution
 - 51. Former CIA
 - 52. Satellite laser ranging
- CLUES DOWN**
- 1. Sea
 - 2. Cleans things
 - 3. More skinny
 - 4. Supervises flying
 - 5. Talk rapidly and excitedly
 - 6. Intestinal
 - 8. Don't know when yet
 - 9. Soluble ribonucleic acid
 - 11. Chinese and Vietnamese ethnic group
 - 14. Wild cattle genus
 - 15. Rock formation
 - 18. Makes up
 - 19. Resembles a pouch
 - 20. Having an aerial quality
 - 22. Windpipe
 - 23. Million barrels per day (abbr.)
 - 24. Bitterly regret
 - 27. Soft creamy white cheese
 - 28. Renamed when EU was incorporated
 - 29. ___ death do us part
 - 31. Sound unit
 - 32. Men proud of their masculinity
 - 33. Clergy member's vestment
 - 34. Hello
 - 35. Mild yellow Dutch cheese made in balls
 - 36. Marks
 - 37. Derived from benzene
 - 38. Low-melting alloy
 - 39. Lost blood
 - 40. Quantitative relation
 - 44. Academic degree
 - 47. Many subconsciouses

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of this great department as their Fire Chief," said Griffith. "I am thankful to have received this opportunity and everything we do will continue to be based around providing superior service to those in need."

Griffith began his service with Roanoke County Fire & Rescue in 2002 as a Firefighter/Emergency Medical Technician for the department. He was promoted up through the ranks becoming a Lieutenant in 2005, Captain in 2008, Battalion Chief in 2012, and to his most recent position in 2015.

During his tenure Griffith has coordinated and implemented over \$4.9 million in federal funding for the department for equipment and staffing. Griffith collaborated with the County's other public safety agencies to develop a leadership academy to provide valuable training and professional growth for personnel. He has also led the department's COVID response to

ensure the safety of personnel, as well as equip all County employees with supplies to ensure a safe workplace.

Griffith holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree from the University of Virginia and is a graduate of the National Fire Academy's prestigious Executive Fire Officer Program. Griffith resides in Roanoke County with his wife Ellen and daughters Carly and Claire.

Griffith follows Fire & Rescue Chief Steve Simon who retired in February 2021 after serving 27 years with the department.

The Roanoke County Fire & Rescue department is a combination system, utilizing career and volunteer personnel to provide fire and rescue services. The department responds from 13 stations, employs 200 full-time career personnel, and has nearly 200 active volunteers.

-Submitted by Amy Whittaker, Public Information Officer

Northam

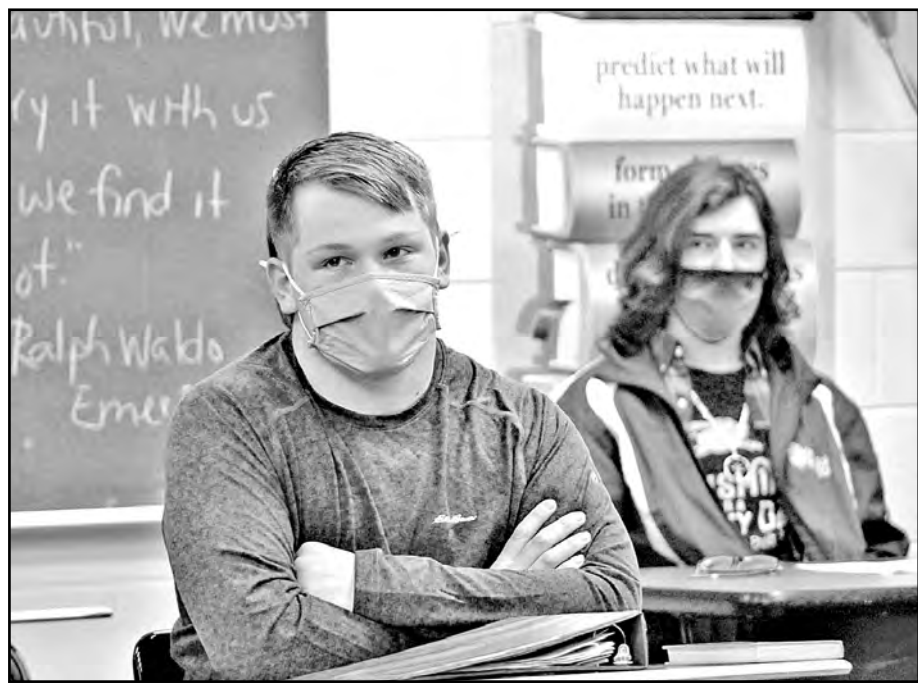
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Governor Northam discussing career paths with students in the Salem Culinary Arts program.



Principal Habeeb discusses the ongoing renovations to Salem High School as City Councilman Bill Jones and School Board member Nancy Bradley look on.



Alex Haley (foreground) and Austin Bethel (background) – both 12th grade English students in Andrea Johnson’s class – listening to Governor Northam.



Governor Northam having a conversation with Chef Jeff Shupe, the school’s Culinary Arts Instructor.



Salem High Senior Bella Ferrate and Principal Scott Habeeb greet the Governor upon his arrival.

nity to have four days a week of in-person instruction.

Governor Ralph Northam has made it clear that he wants to get all Virginia students back for full-time in-person learning come fall. On March 15, he required all Virginia school districts to have a plan for face-to-face instruction.

“I wanted to come around today to thank folks, thank our teachers, our students, the folks who keep our schools clean, the folks who provide nutrition to our schools, counselors,” Northam said. “We are all part of this as a team, and I think we are all ready to have COVID behind us.”

Never has America faced a pandemic like COVID-19. The coronavirus has impacted every community across the country. Since the first one was reported last March, Virginia has tallied more than 597,000 additional corona-

virus cases. On Monday, members of the Virginia National Guard administered the Johnson & Johnson vaccine to the Governor and First Lady Pamela Northam.

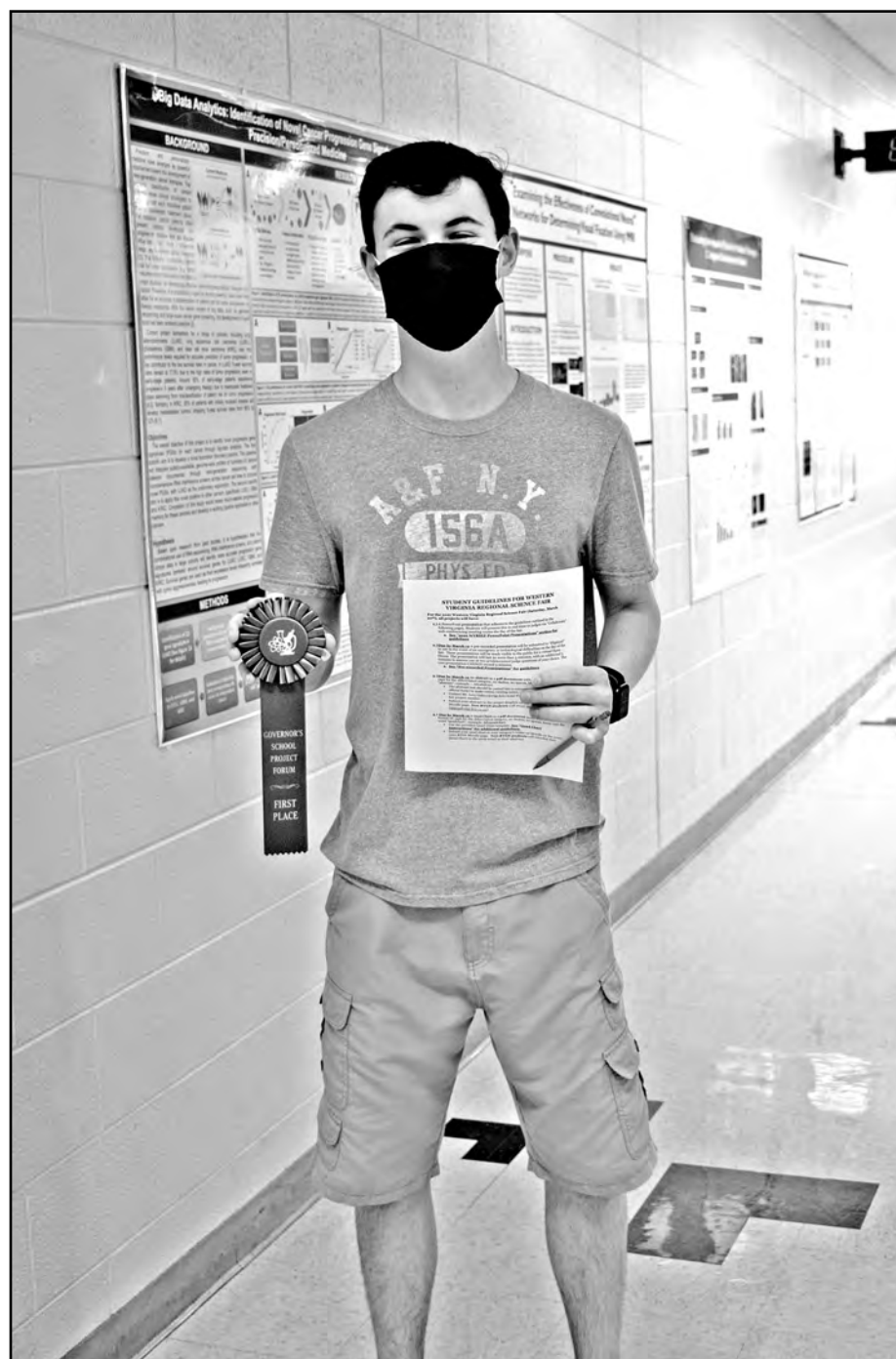
“Virginia continues to scale up our vaccination capacity to match the increased vaccine supply we are receiving from the federal government each week,” he said on March 15. “Pam and I are thrilled to do our part by getting vaccinated, and I hope every Virginian will do the same when their turn comes.”

Northam concluded his visit by saying that he couldn’t be more impressed with Salem High School and the individuals he met.

“It is great to be in Salem today, the home of the Spartans,” he expressed before adding, “Salem has done a great job and they have been ahead of the curve by having their children back

Project forum

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Senior Tate Berenbaum placed first in the Systems Software category.

of the single-cell disease using differential gene expression analysis. “My partner was interested in single-cell disease and basically what we did was find a bunch of genes in the database and we ran some comparison tests. She created a cool program, and that helped us determine which genes are differentially expressed from two groups,” she said.

RVGS winners have the option to further compete at the Western Virginia Regional Science Fair. They can also apply to compete at the Virginia Junior Academy of Science or the Virginia Junior Science and Humanities Symposium. Many of the judges involved are either active teachers, scientists or retired teachers.

“Our students have been working hard on their experiments for months with support from our teachers. The school needed to assemble a large group of volunteer judges to cover the various categories students compete in,” RVGS Director Mark Levy said. “Of course, there is a host of logistical issues that we needed help with, and we are fortunate to have a large number of parents who volunteered to help. Melissa Fisher, a teacher at RVGS, was instrumental in planning the event.”

What goes into a student project forum – teamwork, overcoming obstacles, perseverance – are all life lessons that will benefit these talented students as they enter the next chapters of their lives, added Janiga.

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Avoiding the Mistakes

Read Judges 7:1 through 8:35

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Gideon made the gold into an ephod, which he placed in Ophrah, his town. All Israel

prostituted themselves by worshipping it there, and it became a snare to Gideon and his family (Judges 8:27).

Gideon, as a young and inexperienced warrior, was called by God to engage a vast invading army. Gideon's life had been tough, and his circumstances forced him to draw close to God. But, with the enemy's defeat and the rich spoils of the battle, Gideon misused his blessing.

Prayer Suggestion: When you enjoy a season of success, pray even harder that God will keep you in a deep relationship with himself.

Quicklook: Judges 8:22-27



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Following Warner legislation, Treasury Department announces \$9 billion investment in minority communities



Senator Mark Warner SUBMITTED PHOTO

U.S. Sen. Mark R. Warner (D-VA) recently applauded an announcement by the U.S. Treasury Department opening the application process for the Emergency Capital Investment Program (ECIP), a new initiative designed to support access to capital in minority and low-income communities that have historically been excluded from the financial system and that have been the hardest-hit during the COVID-19 crisis. The funding is available as part of a record \$12 billion investment to open up new credit opportunities for Black, Latino and low-income communities that Sen. Warner successfully fought to include in the \$900 billion COVID-19 relief bill Congress passed in December.

“Even before the pandemic, low-income communities and communities of color faced significant barriers in accessing credit and economic opportunity,” said Sen. Warner. “The economic crisis caused by COVID-19 has only exacerbated those inequalities. This announcement by the Treasury Department is a historic step in helping underserved communities recover and emerge from this unprecedented economic downturn with more opportunities than before.”

This announcement by the Treasury Department opens up \$9 billion in capital for Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFIs) and minority depository institutions (MDIs) in order to expand the flow of credit into underserved, minority, and historically disadvantaged communities, helping small businesses stay afloat and expand operations while providing affordable access to credit for lower income borrowers. Surveys show that Black- and Latino-owned small businesses have

been particularly hard-hit during the pandemic. Thousands of minority-owned small businesses have closed for good, in part due to difficulty securing bank loans and accessing assistance such as the Paycheck Protection Program. The Federal Reserve Bank of New York found that while overall small business ownership in the U.S. dropped 22 percent between February and April 2020, Black and Latino ownership dropped by 41 percent and 32 percent, respectively. Another recent survey revealed that almost 1 in 5 Black and Hispanic entrepreneurs expect to permanently close their doors within three months, compared to 14 percent of white small business owners.

In order to combat the hemorrhaging of jobs and economic opportunities during the pandemic, Sen. Warner in July teamed up with then-Sen. Kamala Harris (D-CA), Sen. Cory Booker (D-NJ) and a bipartisan group of colleagues to introduce the Jobs and Neighborhood Investment Act in order to strengthen the financial institutions that serve communities of color and increase lending to minority-owned businesses and lower-income borrowers. The effort secured endorsements from the Black Economic Alliance, the NAACP, the National Bankers Association, the National Urban League, the Center for Responsible Lending and a host of other advocacy organizations and civil rights groups. Sen. Warner was later able to secure provisions from the bill in the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021, which was signed into law on December 27, 2020, providing an unprecedented \$12 billion in funding for lenders that predominantly operate in underserved communities.

In addition to the \$9 billion in funding that is part of Emergency Capital Investment Program, the Treasury Department last week opened a \$1.25 billion grant program for depository and non-depository CDFIs intended to support, prepare for, and respond to the economic impact of the coronavirus crisis. In addition, the Treasury Department is expected to release \$1.75 billion in funding to expand lending, grant making, and investment activity in minority communities by this summer. Together, the three programs will help minority and low-income communities weather the COVID-19 crisis and promote an equitable economic recovery in communities that have traditionally been underserved by the financial sector.

Submitted by Communications Director Rachel Cohen

OSIG performing its duties as mandated in the Code of Virginia

The Virginia Office of the State Inspector General (OSIG) has been performing and continues to perform its duties to the letter of the law. That from State Inspector General Michael C. Westfall, who is deeply concerned about the external distribution of information taken from OSIG draft reports that have not been finalized.

“OSIG is doing its job and doing it as mandated in the Code of Virginia,” said Westfall. “Our office is following its rigorous, internal administrative review process for Hotline investigations, a process that has worked well for the Commonwealth for nearly 30 years. And, as with any other agency, OSIG seeks legal advice as necessary, particularly when allegations deal with potential Code of Virginia violations, to ensure that OSIG is following the rule of law.”

OSIG releases final reports that have official conclusions and findings verified by indisputable evidence. Draft reports may contain allegations that are not completely vetted or unsupported by facts and may require corrections before they become final reports.

“An allegation is a claim or asser-

tion that someone has done something wrong, often made without proof,” said Westfall. “OSIG will not release a final report that contains unfounded allegations that could damage its integrity and reputation as an independent agency. I caution anyone purporting to have a draft document to not interpret it as being anywhere close to a final report.”

Westfall stressed that any OSIG draft report is confidential and remains a working investigation. He added that OSIG is statutorily required to report to a prosecutor any allegations deemed reasonable and validated with appropriate evidence.

“If further proof is brought to OSIG about any preliminary allegations, it will rigorously investigate further,” said Westfall. “It is OSIG’s job to investigate independently and methodically any allegation and report with proof. Any preliminary allegations not included in a final report are not supported by a further review of law and facts necessary to be included in a final report.”

Submitted by Kate Hourin, Communications Department

OBITUARIES

Taliaferro Sr., Curtis Wayne

Curtis Wayne Taliaferro, Sr., of Salem, known as Wayne, passed away on Wednesday, March 10, at the age of 81. Wayne was born on Tuesday, January 2, 1940, to the late Cheatwood and Juanita Taliaferro at Roanoke Memorial Hospital.

The majority of his life was lived in the Salem/Roanoke Valley area. Wayne graduated from Andrew Lewis High School and was most proud of his accomplishments as part of Coach Raymond Bussard’s championship track teams. Wayne was



an avid runner throughout his life. He was a member of the Virginia National Guard. He loved dogs and was a vocal Virginia Tech fan.

He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Frances Taliaferro; sons, Curtis Taliaferro, Jr., and wife Linda, their daughters Megan and Katlyn, and David Taliaferro and wife, Lori and their daughter,

Taylor; and his brother, Andy Taliaferro. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.johnmoakey.com

Waldrop, Louis “Luke”

Luke was born the youngest of three sons to Alexander Atkinson and Carolyn Bear Waldrop of Roanoke. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Harriett, and his second wife of ten happy “Golden” years, Anne “Dickie” Dickson Jordon Waldrop; his brothers, Alexander Atkinson Waldrop, Jr. and John Bear Waldrop; and his grandson, Adam Thomas Waldrop.

He is survived by his six children, Kathryn Kerkering (Tom), Fincastle; Caroline Buckman Haddock, Lexington, Kentucky; Louis Stephens “Steve” Waldrop, Jr. Salem; Preston Adam Waldrop (Jamie), Roanoke; Harriett Ann Waldrop, Richmond; Laura Doub (Bruce), Richmond and Roos Delesie Peeters (Fons), Mechelen, Belgium, (an American Field Service (AFS) exchange student who became another daughter); 13 grandchildren and two step-grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren.

Luke attributed much of his success in life to his mentors, friends and the headmaster at Episcopal High School in Alexandria, Mr. Flick Hoxton. With the death of his father when Luke was 14, Mr. Hoxton served as a supportive father figure, believing in Luke’s self-worth. From here, he matriculated to the University of Virginia, where he thoroughly enjoyed himself.

Like many, Luke left UVA, joining the war effort to serve as a medic in the Navy in the Pacific theater. He was on the island of Okinawa when the atomic bombs were dropped on Japan. He returned to UVA to complete his degree where his love and his allegiance to UVA never wavered. The friends he made became his soulmates for life. Post World War II, he met and married Harriett, a senior at Mary Baldwin College, delaying her formal graduation for 40 years due to the arrival of their first child.

Luke’s first job in Richmond was “pushing pencils.” He quickly realized that he needed to support his wife and two daughters and moved back to the Roanoke Valley to Wiley Court in Salem. Through his brother John, Luke met R.L. Russ in 1952, who taught him the rules of selling and buying real estate.

Luke opened his own company, L.S. Waldrop Realty, in 1956. Although he grew up in Roanoke, he spent most of his career developing properties in Salem, eventually being recognized as “The Man Who Built Salem.” Developments included, among others, Middleton Gardens, West Club Forest, Woodbridge, Spartan Square, Salem Terrace at Harrogate, Caroline Forest Apartments and over 900 single family homes.

Together, Luke and Harriett passed along the strength of their joint and individual values, not only to their immediate family, but to others whose lives they touched. Numerous real estate agents in the Roanoke Valley got their start under their tutelage. His integrity, enthusiasm and can-do spirit encouraged them to succeed. He expected only the best. Luke loved the thrill of “making the deal.” It truly was one of his greatest enjoyments. He was known for



leaving his business cards everywhere he went. He was a true salesman who continued to work well into his 90’s.

By honoring the institutions and principles to which both Luke and Harriett adhered, they taught by example the steadfastness of commitment to what they held true: love of family, honesty, church and community and patriotism. Higher education was not only valued for immediate family but also for others, as evidenced by endowed scholarships and contributions to Roanoke College, Mary Baldwin College, Virginia Western Community College, the University of Virginia (UVA) and Episcopal High School. One of Luke’s proudest contributions was the funding of the L.S. Waldrop/T. Evans Wyckoff Jefferson Scholarship at UVA. This scholarship is awarded for exceptional performance in the areas of leadership, scholarship and citizenship.

Apart from work, Luke was an avid sports enthusiast, and enjoyed history. He consistently supported St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, serving as an elder. As an active member and one time president of Salem Rotary, he lived by the credo of The Four Way Test. Luke actively encouraged Roanoke County, Roanoke City, and Salem to work together, through his leadership on the Roanoke County Planning Commission.

Luke was known for his candor, his unique sense of humor, as well as his loyalty to causes he cherished. Everything about him accentuated his individuality; the ever present classic coat and tie (bowtie in later years), worn even to breakfast. He never met a stranger. Luke would strike up a conversation with everyone in elevators, dining rooms and checkout lines. Within minutes, he would know everyone’s name, family connections and place of origin.

A member of the “Greatest Generation,” Luke rose to meet the challenges of the Great Depression, WWII and the technological revolution. He never lost sight of his principles.

The family wishes to convey gratitude to the staff of Salem Terrace at Harrogate, where he lived out his final years and to his caregivers, especially Jackie Early, Crystal Brewer, Marie Young and Deborah Dobbins. Thanks also to Alison at Friendship Manor Home Care and Stephanie and Sidney at Home Instead for providing staff to fill his needs. A very special acknowledgement goes to Good Samaritan Hospice, recognizing Venessa Stosser as his nurse care manager in his final months.

A graveside service will be held at Evergreen Burial Park, 1307 Summit Ave, SW, Roanoke on March 27 at 1:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations to the following would be appreciated:

- Salem Food Pantry, 915 Union Street, Salem, VA 24153
- YMCA of Virginia’s Blue Ridge, ymcavbr.org
- Rescue Mission Ministries, 302 4th Street, SW, Roanoke, VA 24013, rescuemission.net
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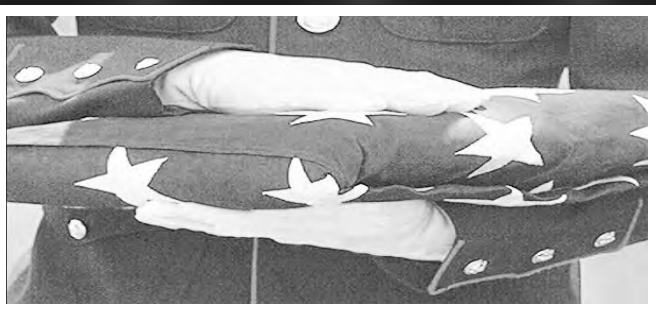
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Virginia's January unemployment rate fell to 5.3 percent

Governor Ralph Northam recently announced that Virginia's unemployment rate dropped 0.3 percent to 5.3 percent in January, which is 2.8 percentage points above the rate from a year ago. Total nonfarm payroll employment increased by 14,100 jobs. Virginia's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate continues to be below the national rate, which was 6.3 percent in January and fell to 6.2 percent in February.

"While the COVID-19 pandemic continues to put incredible strain on our economy, we are hopeful that the unemployment rate will continue to fall as more people get the vaccine and return to work," said Governor Northam. "Thanks

to President Biden's American Rescue Plan, stimulus checks and extended unemployment assistance are now on the way to millions of Virginians, providing a critical boost to our recovery. We are turning the corner, and our Commonwealth is moving forward."

At the beginning of each year, the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) alters its release schedule so that it can make revisions to previous estimates from its employment surveys that incorporate more complete survey data and other changes. In January, Virginia was ranked 23rd in the nation for the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate, along with Kentucky, Ohio, and South Carolina.

"We can see the light at the end of the tunnel as the vaccines are being distributed and we work to safely reopen key sectors of our economy," said Secretary of Commerce and Trade Brian Ball. "The Commonwealth has fared well economically in comparison to many other states, and we are fortunate to have a strong pipeline of economic development projects that are injecting much needed capital investment and new jobs into our communities."

"With more Virginians returning to work, the good news is the economy can now rebuild at a faster rate," said Chief Workforce Development Advisor Megan Healy. "Our workforce system, including

education and training providers, has been working hard to upskill or reskill anyone who has lost a job and is ready to start a new career path."

In January, the labor force decreased by 1,452, essentially unchanged, to 4,253,627, as the number of unemployed residents decreased by 8,920. The number of employed residents rose by 7,468 to 4,026,343. The private sector recorded an over-the-year loss of 160,800 jobs, while employment in the public sector lost 33,100 jobs.

Compared to a year ago, on a seasonally adjusted basis, 10 out of 11 major industry divisions experienced employment decreases with one industry unchanged. The largest over-the-year job loss occurred in

leisure and hospitality, down 81,600 jobs, or 19.4 percent. Construction was unchanged over-the-year at 207,500 jobs.

Over-the-year employment growth in Virginia had been positive for six consecutive years in February 2020 but dramatically changed course with the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. In January 2021, Virginia's over-the-year job loss of 4.7 percent was less than the 6.3 percent decline nationwide.

For a greater statistical breakdown visit the Virginia Employment Commission's website at vec.virginia.gov.

-Submitted by
Alena Yarmosky,
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LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:
Pursuant to the provisions of Section 15.2-2204 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, the Board of Zoning Appeals of the Town of Vinton, Virginia, hereby gives notice of a public hearing to be held on **Tuesday, March 30, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.** The Board of Zoning Appeals will also hold a work session at **6:15 p.m.** prior to the public hearing. The purpose of the public hearing is to receive comments concerning: 1. A request by the Town of Vinton, for a variance of specific requirements set forth in the FO-Floodplain Overlay District of the Vinton Zoning Ordinance. The purpose of this request is to allow for the redevelopment of the historic Gish Mill properties, located at 350 and 0 Gus Nicks Boulevard, Vinton, Virginia, Tax Map Numbers 060.11-04-22.00-0000 and 060.11-04-23.00-0000. The variance, if granted, will include all necessary redevelopment activities for the conduct of a functionally dependent use provided that:

a. The criteria of Article IV, Division 13, Sec. 4-73 of the zoning ordinance are met, and
b. The structure or other development is protected by methods that minimize flood damage during the base flood and create no additional threats to public safety. Further information concerning the public hearing, may be obtained from the Planning and Zoning Department located at 311 South Pollard Street, Vinton, Virginia 24179, by phone-540-983-0605. Interested persons may be heard at the above public hearing. In light of the ongoing COVID-19 emergency, participation in this public hearing by BZA members, staff, and the public will be available through electronic or other alternative means. The public may comment on this request by emailing nmclung@vintonva.gov, by calling 540-983-0605 or writing to the Principal Planner, Town of Vinton, 311 S. Pollard Street, Vinton, Virginia 24179. Voicemails, emails and other messages containing comments on the request will be provided to the BZA members. The public also may be able to comment during the electronic public hearing. Citizens interested in this option must register in advance by calling the Town Clerk's Office at 540-983-0607 or sending an email to sjohnson@vintonva.gov by

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12 Noon on Monday, March 29, 2021. The public can observe this meeting through a livestream on the Town's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/vintonva. Additional information concerning the meeting and the public hearing will be made available on the Town's website at least three days before each meeting date. Comments and grievances can be submitted in writing to the Town Manager's Office, Town of Vinton, Virginia at 311 South Pollard Street, Vinton, VA 24179 or by phone at (540) 983-0607, or Virginia Relay Service 711 until March 30, 2021 at 5pm. Persons requiring special assistance to attend and participate in this public meeting should contact the Town Manager's Office at (540) 983-0607.

Nathaniel S. McClung, Principal Planner

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Planning Commission of Town of Vinton, Virginia, hereby gives notice of a work session on Thursday, March 25, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. The purpose of the work session is to receive comments and discuss the request to rezone the historic Gish Mill properties, located at 305 and 0 Gus Nicks Boulevard, Vinton, Virginia, Tax Map Numbers 060.11-04-22.00-0000 and 060.11-04-23.00-0000, from M-1 Limited Industrial to Mixed Use Development (MUD) District, and to review the proposed Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) of the Town of Vinton. Further information concerning the work session, may be obtained from the Planning and Zoning Department located at 311 South Pollard Street, Vinton, Virginia 24179, by phone: 540-983-0605. Interested persons may be heard at the above work session. In light of the ongoing COVID-19 emergency, participation in this work session by Planning Commission members, staff, and the public will be available through electronic or other alternative means. The public may comment on this request by emailing nmclung@vintonva.gov, by calling 540-983-0605 or writing to the Principal Planner, Town of Vinton, 311 S. Pollard Street, Vinton, Virginia 24179. Voicemails, emails and other messages containing comments on the request will be provided to both the Commission and Council members. The public also may be able to comment during the electronic work session. Citizens interested in this option must register in advance by calling the

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Town Clerk's Office at 540-983-0607 or sending an email to sjohnson@vintonva.gov by 12 Noon on Wednesday, March 24, 2021. The public can observe this meeting through a livestream on the Town's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/vintonva. Additional information concerning the work session will be made available on the Town's website at least three days before the meeting date. Comments and grievances can be submitted in writing to the Town Manager's Office, Town of Vinton, Virginia at 311 South Pollard Street, Vinton, VA 24179 or by phone at (540) 983-0607, or Virginia Relay Service 711 until March 25, 2021 at 5pm. Persons requiring special assistance to attend and participate in this public meeting should contact the Town Manager's Office at (540) 983-0607.

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Pursuant to the provisions of Section 15.2-2204 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, the Town of Vinton, Virginia, hereby gives notice of a joint public hearing to be held by the Planning Commission and the Town Council on Tuesday, April 6, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. The purpose of the public hearing is to receive comments concerning: 1. Petition of the Town of Vinton, to rezone the historic Gish Mill properties, from M-1 Limited Industrial to Mixed Use Development (MUD) District, in order to redevelop them into mixed-use properties that will accommodate restaurant, retail, residential, and lodging uses. The properties are located at 305 and 0 Gus Nicks Boulevard, Vinton, Virginia, Tax Map Numbers 060.11-04-22.00-0000 and 060.11-04-23.00-0000. Further information concerning the public hearing, may be obtained from the Planning and Zoning Department located at 311 South Pollard Street, Vinton, Virginia 24179, by phone: 540-983-0605. Interested persons may be heard at the above public

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- March 3: Telephone inventor Alexander Graham Bell is born in Edinburgh, Scotland. In March of 1876, he electronically transmitted sounds.
- March 4: In 1681, King Charles II of England grants a large parcel of land in the New World to William Penn to settle an outstanding debt. That area would later become Pennsylvania.
- March 5: The Boston Massacre occurs in 1770.
- March 6: Fort Alamo falls to Mexican troops led by General Santa Anna in 1836.
- March 7: The Beatles release the album "Past Masters, Volumes 1 & 2" in 1988.
- March 8: The New York Stock Exchange is founded in 1817.
- March 9: In 1864, Ulysses S. Grant is commissioned as a lieutenant general and becomes commander of the Union armies.
- March 10: Daniel Boone begins his expedition of Kentucky in 1775.
- March 11: The Lend-Lease program begins in 1941, enabling Britain to receive American supplies.
- March 12: The island of Bermuda is colonized by the British in 1609.
- March 13: Sir William Herschel discovers Uranus in 1781.
- March 14: Albert Einstein is born in Germany in 1879.
- March 15: Julius Caesar is assassinated,



- fulfilling the prediction of "Beware the Ides of March."
- March 16: Nathaniel Hawthorne's "The Scarlet Letter" is published in 1850.
- March 17: Golda Meir becomes the prime minister of Israel in 1969.
- March 18: In 1974, the five-month Arab oil embargo against the United States is lifted.
- March 19: In 1965, teenage diver E. Lee Spence discovers the wreck of the Confederate cruiser the S.S. Georgiana, which is valued at more than \$50 million.
- March 20: In 1852, "Uncle Tom's Cabin" is first published.
- March 21: Johann Sebastian Bach is born in Germany in 1685.
- March 22: In 1765 the Stamp Act was approved.
- March 23: Patrick Henry utters "Give me liberty, or give me death" in 1775.
- March 24: In 1988, the Exxon Valdez spills 11 million gallons of oil.
- March 25: RCA first produces color TVs in 1954.
- March 26: Playwright Tennessee Williams is born in 1911.
- March 27: Juan Ponce de Leon sees Florida in 1513.
- March 28: In 1979, a nuclear power plant on Three Mile Island overheats.
- March 29: Future U.S. president John Tyler is born in 1790.
- March 30: Vincent Van Gogh is born in Holland in 1853.
- March 31: "Oklahoma!" opens on Broadway in 1943.

Professions that may be thriving in 2030

New Year's resolutions can serve as valuable motivational tools as people look to make positive changes in their lives. Health-related goals like quitting smoking and losing weight annually appear at or near the top of lists documenting the most popular resolutions. But many people also see New Year's resolutions as a great vehicle to kick-start positive changes in their professional lives. According to Statista, finding a new job was the eighth most popular New Year's resolution in 2019. And finding a new job figures to be an even more common resolution for 2021, as the global COVID-19 pandemic of 2020 has sparked a recession that saw millions of people across the globe lose their jobs. Professionals who want to switch careers in the near future may want to consider professions that are expected to experience significant growth in the years ahead. According to the Bureau of Labor

- Statistics, demand for the following professions is expected to grow considerably between now and 2029.
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 - Nurse practitioners - Expected growth: 52.4 percent
 - Solar photovoltaic installers - Expected growth: 50.5 percent
 - Occupational therapy assistants - Expected growth: 34.6 percent
 - Statisticians - Expected growth: 34.6 percent
 - Home health and personal care aides - Expected growth: 33.7 percent
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 - Medical and health services managers - Expected growth: 31.5 percent
 - Physician assistants - Expected growth: 31.3 percent
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Did you know?

The official beginning of spring is a highly anticipated day among people who can't wait to put away their winter coats and soak up some warm sunlight. But the day of the spring equinox is just as worthy of celebration for its uniqueness as it is for its symbolic connection with the end of winter. According to the Old Farmer's Almanac, on the spring equinox, which is sometimes referred to as the "vernal equinox" or the "March equinox," the sun crosses the celestial equator going south to north. Equinoxes (there's another one in September each year) are the only two times a year that the sun rises due east and sets due west for everyone on Earth. As the sun passes overhead on the equinox, the tilt of Earth is zero relative to the sun. That means that the planet's axis neither points toward or away from the sun. Though it's understandable why so many people appreciate the spring equinox, which ushers in increasing sunlight hours and later sunsets, the day's uniqueness makes it even more worthy of celebration. This year the spring equinox happens on Saturday, March 20 at 5:37 a.m. EDT in the northern hemisphere.

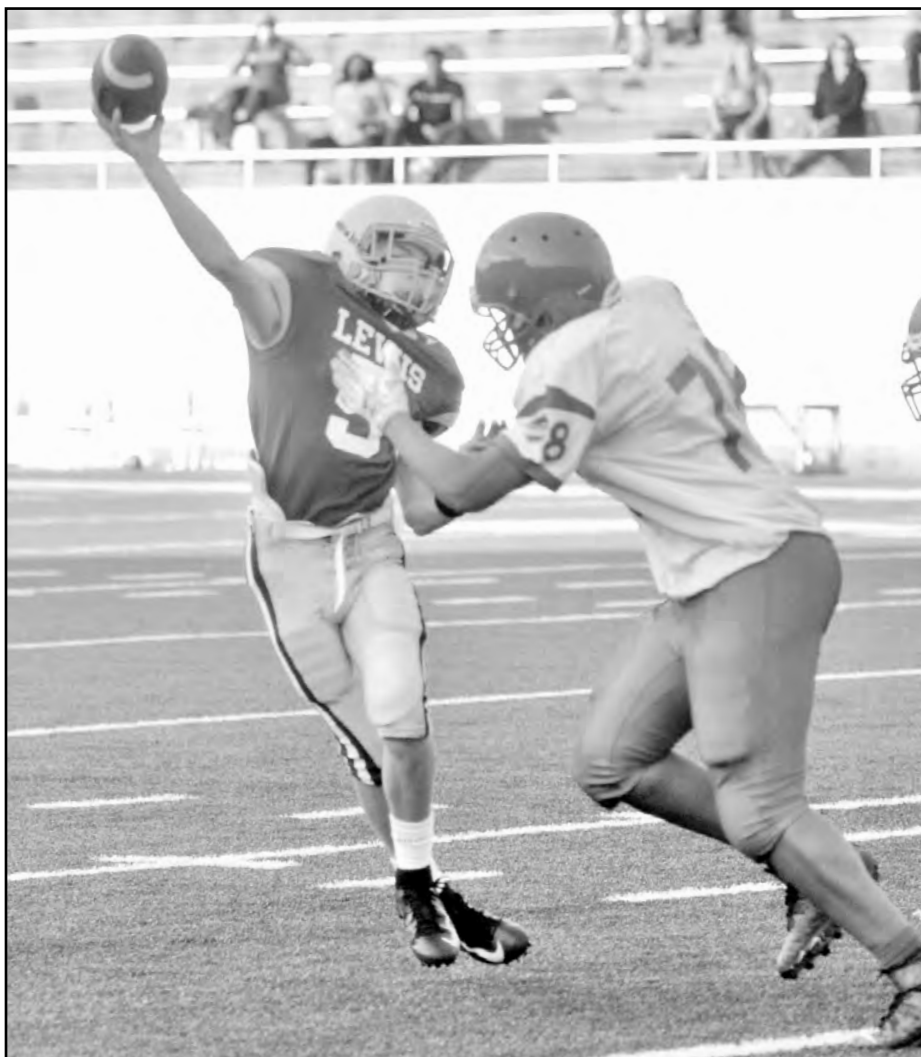
Eagles edge AL

Ben Franklin Middle School took advantage of a couple Andrew Lewis turnovers to come from behind and beat the Wolverines in football last week. Franklin won 18-14 at Salem Stadium.

Quarterback Brayden Hall completed five passes in the game with Franklin and Lewis coach Brian Hooker complimented Jackson Bryie for a strong blocking game on the offensive line. The defense was led by defensive end Matthew McNeil.

Lewis fell to 1-3 with the loss and the Wolverines will try to turn things around this week when they host Blacksburg on Wednesday.

The Lewis seventh grade team lost to Clifton Forge on Monday, 46-8. The seventh graders were coming off a 7-6 win over Read Mountain on March 8.



Brayden Hall of Andrew Lewis Middle School gets off a pass despite a rushing Franklin County defender in last week's game in Salem.

PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

"STEPS TO THE CHAMPIONSHIP" BASKETBALL CONTEST THIS WEEK

See page 13 to enter

The NCAA basketball tournament begins this week, marking the 40th year of our "Steps to the Championship" basketball contest. It took us 41 years to get here, but we made it.

Last year was the first time in, well, 40 years, that we did not have an NCAA basketball tournament contest in the paper. Of course, the reason was because there was no tournament due to the coronavirus pandemic. But this it's back, and so are we.

The bracket for the NCAA Division I men's basketball championship is included in this section, and you'll want to enter. This year first prize is a \$50 gift certificate from Mac & Bob's restaurant in Salem as well as a year's subscription to the Salem Times Register.

Both Virginia Tech and Virginia are in the tournament, as well as fellow Virginia schools VCU and Norfolk State. UVA, Norfolk State and VCU are all in the West Region but Tech is on the other side of the bracket in the South. So, if one of our Virginia schools wins the region they couldn't play the Hokies before the championship game. Remember, Virginia is still the defending NCAA champion.

The rules of the contest are simple. Simply fill in the brackets, right down to the championship winner. The person who fills in the most blanks correctly when the NCAA championship is decided on April 5th in Indianapolis will be the winner.

The tie-breaker, if needed, is as follows. If two contestants are tied for the top spot, the winner is the contestant whose pick to win the championship has advanced farther. If it's still tied, then whoever had the most correct in the "Final Four" will win. If still tied, we go to the Final Eight, Final 16, etc.

Your completed entry form must be in our office by 5 pm this Friday. So, realize you get the Thursday games for free if you play your cards right. However, don't try to slip your entry in after the deadline on Friday because we'll be watching, and you'll be disqualified.

You can also mail your entry, but it must be post-marked by 5 pm Friday. Send it to, "Steps to the Championship," Salem Times-Register Sports, P.O. Box 1125, Salem, VA 24153.

Please note all entries must be on the official ballot, cut out of a Salem Times-Register newspaper.

SALEM FOOTBALL

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nosed kids."

The status of Salem quarterback Chauncey Logan, Jr. was up in the air at press time. "Deuce" was injured during practice, and if he can't go sophomore DaRon Wilson will start at quarterback for Salem.

"DaRon can do the job," said Holter. "We have all the faith in the world in him."

Salem continues to lead the Virginia High School League Region 4D rankings with a 3-0 record and

a rating of 25.3. Pulaski County, 4-0, is second at 23.0 and the Spartans and Cougars are on a collision course for their April 2nd meeting at Salem Stadium. That game could very well determine home field for the region, and possibly the state semifinal as well.

Salem's junior varsity team defeated Franklin County last week, 26-0, to improve to 3-0 on the season. The jayvees will host Cave Spring tonight at 6 pm at Salem Stadium.

GLENVAR FOOTBALL

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Clifford of Secrist.

Floyd fumbled the kickoff and Glenvar's Jackson Swanson picked it up and ran inside the 10 to set up the next score, with Hanks going over from the one. That made it 28-0 at intermission and the Glenvar defense kept Floyd out of the end zone in the second half while Glenvar tacked on one more score on a 28 yard hookup between Wolk and a wide open Colvin Delano.

Wolk finished 14 for 30 for 196 yards and three scores. Dagan Williams had four catches for Glenvar, Swanson had three and Delano and Secrist had two each. Hanks led the rushers with 64 yards on 21 carries.

Glenvar's defense held Floyd to minus two yards rushing and also had three interceptions.

"We still have some things to work on, but you can't be disappointed with a shutout," said Clifford.



Action from Glenvar's shutout win over Floyd County last Saturday. Above, Jacob Crowder(#52) of Glenvar has a Buffalo by the shirt and won't let go. Below, Mason Anderson sends the ballcarrier flying and, right, Jeb Secrist goes high to catch a first quarter touchdown pass for the Highlanders.

PHOTOS BY BRIAN HOFFMAN



HIGHLANDERS ARE NAMED ALL-STATE

Three Glenvar High School basketball players were named to the Virginia High School League All-State team during the past week. Junior Stephen Barber, left, was named to the boys' second team in Class 2. Senior Olivia Harris, center, was a first team selection for the girls' team and Malaysia Donaldson, right, was a girls second teamer in Class 2.

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BASKETBALL Madness IS BACK

2021 DIVISION I MEN'S BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP BRACKET

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Roanoke College teammates cheer on Will Smith as he heads for home after sending one over the leftfield wall at Salem Memorial Ballpark.

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Maroons will host Hampden-Sydney in ODAC doubleheader Saturday

The Roanoke College baseball team split a doubleheader with the University of Lynchburg last Saturday at Salem Memorial Ballpark. The Maroons dropped the first game, 13-3, but bounced back to take the nightcap, 2-1.

Lynchburg had 17 hits in the opener to win going away, and the Hornets took a 1-0 lead in the second game when a bases loaded doubleplay allowed a run to score in the top of the fifth. However, that would be the last time a Hornet would cross the plate on the

afternoon.

The Maroons tied it up in the bottom of the sixth when Will Merriken sent a shot off the right field wall, scoring Josh Dawson despite Merriken getting gunned down trying to stretch it into a triple.

One inning later Roanoke would load the bases. Cale Agee sent a sacrifice fly to center field to score Plunkett for the go ahead run and that proved to be the difference.

Nick Davis pitched into the eighth inning with the

2-1 lead. Davis gave the ball to Kevin Ledford for the final five outs and Ledford notched his second save of the season, giving up no hits and striking out two to preserve the win for Davis.

Dawson was 1-2 with a run scored while Gavin Kandrick went 1-2 with a triple.

The split gave the Maroons a 4-4 record. Roanoke was scheduled to host Southern Virginia for a doubleheader on Wednesday and Hampden-Sydney is here Saturday for a noon twinbill.

Late rally falls short as Maroon soccer women fall to Bridgewater

The Roanoke College women's soccer team came up a goal short of pulling off another comeback when the Maroons lost to Bridgewater last Sunday, 2-1.

A week prior Roanoke came from 3-0 down to defeat Shenandoah, 4-3, then the Maroons shut out Emory & Henry last Thursday in Salem, 4-0. The Maroons were down 2-0 late in the game with Bridgewater but with just over three minutes to play, Eliza Ryan made it a one goal spread. However, the Maroons would not be able to score the equalizer and Bridgewater held on for the ODAC win.

The loss dropped RC to 2-2-1 on the season. Prior to the start of the match, Roanoke took a moment to honor their four seniors, Lucy Perry, Ellie Schad, Tessa Walsh, and Delaney Weston.

Roanoke was scheduled to play Hollins this Sunday but that match has been cancelled.

RC-Ferrum men's game called off due to COVID

The Roanoke College men's soccer game against Ferrum College scheduled for last Sunday was cancelled due to COVID concerns with the Maroons.

Roanoke's next game will be today

at Randolph College at 7 pm. The Maroons are back home Sunday for a 3:30 pm game with Randolph-Macon.

RC has one win, no losses and three ties.

Hornets down RC women in ODAC hoop final

The Roanoke College women came up one win short of an Old Dominion Athletic Conference basketball championship last week, falling to the University of Lynchburg in the championship game. The Maroons lost 67-61 in Lynchburg.

Despite the loss the Maroons' season was a big success with an overall record of 10-3, playing without fans and with games cancelled on short notice due to the coronavirus pandemic. Lynchburg finished the season 11-1 but also saw the season come to an end as there is no NCAA tournament in Division III this season.

The Maroons had their chances. Trailing by two at the break, Roanoke tied the game going into the fourth quarter and held a one-point lead late, but the Hornets would close the game on a 10-3 run to claim the title.

Rose Sande paced RC with 15 points while JaBryah Haverkamp added 14, both off the bench. Whitney Hopson had nine points and five rebounds and Renee Alquiza scored eight.

When the ODAC All-Tournament team was announced, Sande and Haverkamp represented the Maroons on the six-player squad.



Carla Flaherty led the Roanoke College women to a 10-3 record despite trying circumstances due to the pandemic.

PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Wooten sets Roanoke field hockey scoring record

The Roanoke College field hockey team lost a 2-1 game at Bridgewater College in overtime Tuesday for their first defeat of the season.

RC took a 1-0 lead into the fourth quarter, but a late Bridgewater goal would tie the score.

The home team scored the game winner on a

penalty corner with 4:34 remaining in the first overtime.

The loss followed a 6-1 win over Sweet Briar in Salem last Friday. In three games thus far the Maroons have allowed just three goals.

Against Sweet Briar Emilee Wooten scored three goals and had

two assists to break the Maroon all-time record for total points.

The record was set at 128 points by Shelbi Holloman 2016 and Wooten, a senior, finished the game with 131.

The Maroons will host Eastern Mennonite in Salem Friday at 4 pm.



Abigail Burke of Roanoke College (white uniform) battles two Bridgewater women for the ball at Kerr Stadium Sunday.

PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Roanoke laxmen score late to beat B'water, will host Washington & Lee Saturday

The Roanoke College men's lacrosse team will host Washington & Lee this Saturday afternoon in a big Old Dominion Athletic Conference game. Face off is at 1 pm at Kerr Stadium in Salem.

The Maroons are 2-1 after an exciting 12-11 win over the Eagles in Bridgewater last Saturday. Roanoke scored with 11 seconds remaining to win the game.

The lead would go back and forth and the game was tied with one minute to play. The Eagles appeared to score the go ahead goal but the score was disallowed.

The Maroons netted the game winning goal with just 11 seconds to play to secure the ODAC win. Luca Docking passed to Owen Curry and got it back to beat the goalie up top for the game winning score.

Luke Kammerman led the offense with three goals while Quinn Evans, Ethan Caldwell and Salem High grad Wyatt Whitlow added two scores apiece. George Gilbert handed out two of Roanoke's eight assists and, in goal, Matt Federau recorded 14 saves.



Anthony Beccaria of Roanoke College (#46) moves the ball up the field in a recent game in Salem.

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Maroon tennis teams sweep Randolph

The Roanoke College tennis teams swept Randolph College in ODAC action last Saturday. The men won 6-0 and the women took a 7-0 decision.

The men took two of the three doubles points and four singles matches for the win. The women won a pair of doubles matches and all five singles matches for the sweep of the WildCats.

The men are now 2-1 and the women are 2-2. Both teams were scheduled to travel to Bridgewater on Tuesday.

Highlanders look to remain unbeaten after one trip through 3RD schedule

The Glenvar volleyball team will finish one trip through the Three Rivers District this week, and so far it's been a good ride.

The Highlanders were 5-0 before heading to Alleghany Wednesday night to meet their final district opponent. Glenvar won at Radford last Wednesday and in home matches against Floyd last Thursday and Giles on Monday to remain undefeated in their 12 game regular season schedule, with home-and-home matches against each of the six Three Rivers opponents.

"We're improving every time we play, and that's the idea," said Glenvar coach Mark Rohrback. "The Three Rivers is a very strong district for volleyball and so far I've been pleased with our results. The girls are working hard and having fun."



Glenvar's Cara Butler gets a dig in Monday's win over Giles at GHS.

PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Last Wednesday at Radford the Highlanders beat a solid group of Bobcats in a very tight match. Glenvar won the first two sets, both by a 26-24 score, then lost the third set 31-29. Glenvar regrouped in the fourth to put it away, 25-17.

Sophomore Hannah Hylton filled up the boxscore at Radford with 21 kills and 21 digs. She served 25 times with five aces and no errors, and on 49 kill attempts she didn't hit a single one out of bounds or into the net.

"Can you imagine how hard that is to do, to play a whole match with no errors?" asked Rohrback.

Sydney Loder had 10 kills against Radford while Caroline Craig had 59 assists.

Just a night later the Highlanders were back home to host Floyd and they won this one in three, 25-17, 25-23 and 25-21. Rhyann Harris had six blocks to go with three kills and Kendall Birdleough had six digs and three aces.

That set up a big match with Giles on Monday at GHS. Both teams came in undefeated.

"They were 4-0 and their scores were similar to ours against the teams they beat," said Rohrback. "I expected a tough match."

And it was, but the Highlanders came out on top in three, 25-22, 26-24 and 25-20. Cara Butler was all over the floor with 16 digs and she also had six aces.

"Her serving was the difference in the match," said Rohrback.

Claire Griffith had 14 kills, 15 digs and four blocks against Giles while Craig dished out 34 assists.

"It was our best match of the season," said Rohrback.

Middle School volleyball teams pick up wins

Both the Andrew Lewis and Glenvar Middle School volleyball teams came out on top Monday in their respective matches.

Lewis beat Read Mountain at home in three sets, 25-11, 24-26 and 15-4. That gave the Wolverines a 5-1 record

with the only loss at Blacksburg last Thursday.

Glenvar won at Hidden Valley Monday night, 25-12 and 25-14.

Lewis was home to Clifton Forge on Wednesday and Glenvar will host Northside tonight.

RC volleyball has home opener tonite

The Cregger Center in Salem will be the site of ODAC volleyball tonight as Roanoke College plays host to Emory & Henry at 7 pm.

The Maroons opened their spring season last Friday in Harrisonburg, splitting matches with Lynchburg and host Eastern Mennonite. In the opener against Lynchburg the Maroons rallied from an 0-2 hole to force a fifth set against the Hornets. However, Lynchburg used an 8-2 run to take the finale and the Maroons fell 25-20, 25-21, 21-25, 21-25 and 15-9.

Lynsey Bailey recorded 19 kills with Parker Moody and Ryanna Clark adding eight each. Olivia Newman assisted on 34 of the Maroons 49 kills while Kennedy Clemmer registered 23 digs and Newman added 17.

In the second match the Maroons swept Eastern Mennonite in three sets, 25-15, 25-17 and 25-21. Bailey recorded 14 more kills with Angel Ross adding eight. Newman handed out 19 of RC's 35 assists while Clemmer would lead in digs with 17.



Salem's Macy Johnson blasts her way out of the sand. Macy had Salem's low score in Monday's River Ridge District match.

PHOTO BY SCOTT GARDNER

Salem golfers tie for third on cold day in Pulaski County

The Salem High golfers tied for third place in a River Ridge District match at Thorn Springs in Pulaski County Monday. Blacksburg won the round on a cold and windy day.

"It was a cold and miserable day," said Salem coach Thad Snyder. "Whoever said a bad day of golf was better than a good day in the office must have lived in Florida."

Blacksburg finished with a 310 to 315 for Cave Spring. Salem tied Hidden Valley for third at 320.

Macy Johnson and Alex Rhea both shot 77 to lead the Spartans. Trey Joyce carded an 81 and Hunter King came in at 85 to round out the Salem scoring.

The Spartans are back in action next Monday at Hunting Hills.



Salem's Madie Loyd spikes one past two Christiansburg defenders in last week's win over the Demons.

PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Spartans pick up a win over C'burg

The Salem High volleyball team will be in Pulaski County tonight to take on the Cougars in a River Ridge District matchup. The jayvee game will begin at 5:30 pm with the varsity to follow.

After losing their first three matches Salem broke into the win column with a four set victory over Christiansburg at Salem High last Thursday. The Spartans won 25-20, 32-30, 15-25 and 25-21.

Kennedy Scales led the Spartan attack with nine kills, 17 digs, two blocks and three aces. Annika Bryan had seven kills and two blocks and Reese Redford had 21 digs and five aces.

The Spartans were back in action on Tuesday of this week and fell to Patrick Henry in three sets, 25-9, 25-9 and 25-15. Redford had eight digs and two aces and Scales had four kills and six digs for the Spartans.

Highlanders host 3RD golf today at Hanging Rock

The Botetourt Golf and Swim Club was the site of a Three Rivers District golf match last Thursday and Floyd County handily won the round. Glenvar was fifth.

Floyd finished with a score of 318 to beat second place Radford, who had 342. Giles was next at 351 with James River close behind at 353. Glenvar shot 408, Carroll had 439 and Alleghany did not have a full team.

Trevor Price of Radford was the medalist with a blazing 73, followed by Tanyan Sutphin of Floyd at 79. River's Ryan Steger was third with an 80, tying Logan Douthat of Giles. Glenvar's low score was a 96 by Carson Osburn. Jacson Shepherd shot 102, Mason Hylton carded 103 and Justice Wilfong rounded out the scoring at 107.

"Carson's round was his season low," said Glenvar coach Blaine Mills. "I'm proud of the progress he's made over the years. Jacson Shepherd continues to improve and show that he's ready to start



Glenvar's Jacson Shepherd chips to the green in last week's match in Botetourt.

PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

shooting low in just his second year of playing. Overall, we have a lot of room to still grow and should continue to make progress."

The Highlanders will be back on the links today when they host a Three Rivers match at the Hanging Rock Golf Club in Roanoke County.

Spartans host CC meet at Golf Course next week

The Salem High cross country team hopes to be up to par next Wednesday when the Spartans host a home meet at the Salem Municipal Golf Course. All the River Ridge District schools are invited.

The Spartans hosted a meet at the golf course on Academy Street last season and it proved to be quite popular. The runners navigate around the nine hole course and finish up near the clubhouse. The race is scheduled to begin at 3 pm.

Salem was scheduled to open this week with a race at Patrick Henry High School on Wednesday, but results were too late for publication.

Glenvar has yet to run a meet. Last year the Highlanders participated in the meet at the Golf Course but under new COVID rules the Virginia High School League has mandated that only four schools can participate in a meet unless they are all district schools. Since Salem has invited all the River Ridge schools to next week's meet that leaves Glenvar out.

The Highlanders are now scheduled to open next Wednesday at Giles in a four-team Three Rivers District meet with James River, Carroll County and host Giles.

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Left, Glenvar's Dagan Williams forces a fumble on a Floyd County kickoff return in the second quarter of last Saturday's win. Middle, Jackson Swanson scoops up the loose pig and, right, returns it inside the Floyd 10 yard line to set up a Glenvar touchdown.

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Highlanders have big game in Radford after shutting out Floyd

Lots of VHSL points will be on the line this Saturday when the Glenvar football team goes to Radford for a huge Three Rivers District game with the Bobcats. Game time is a rare 4 pm start at Radford High.

Through last week the Bobcats were ranked third in the VHSL Region 2C rankings while Glenvar was sixth. Since only the top four make the playoffs this year Saturday's game is critical to Glenvar's chances. The Highlanders are 1-2 but they would have a shot at moving into the top four with a win Saturday. Appomattox is first, followed by Dan River, Radford, Gretna, Fort Chiswell and the Highlanders.

"This is a huge game," said Glenvar coach Kevin Clifford. "It's a huge game for points and also for the Three Rivers

District standings. We want to win the district."

Glenvar opened the district season last Saturday with a 34-0 win over Floyd County on a beautiful day for football at Highlander Stadium. After losing non-district games at Stuart's Draft in the snow and to Class 5 William Fleming on a Tuesday night the Highlanders had just three days to prepare for Floyd.

"I'm really proud of our kids," said Clifford. "They played really hard and that was a nice bounce back win. It was a very physical game."

Unlike the Fleming game, when the Highlanders went down two scores before running a play, Glenvar jumped on top early in this one. The first score came on a 12 yard pass from Aiden Wolk to Jeb Secrist on fourth and

goal, as 6'6" Secrist went up and high-pointed the ball between two Buffalo defenders.

Kyle Hanks scored on a two yard run to give Glenvar a 14-0 lead after one quarter, then the Highlanders opened

the scoring in the second period on another Wolk to Secrist hookup for six yards.

"He's so hard to guard, because he's not only big but he's very athletic," said

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Spartans at Bogle Friday to play Cave Spring

The Salem High football team is back on the gridiron this Friday after taking a week off. Salem will play Cave Spring in their first of back-to-back games at Bogle Field, followed by a game against Hidden Valley on March 26.

Cave Spring is 1-2

but the Knights put up a good fight against Patrick Henry last Friday before losing 32-18. The Knights gave up two long scores to open the game but played a 3-1 PH team even after that.

In the days of COVID coaches aren't allowed to attend games to scout,

so Salem coach Don Holter has been pouring over video of last week's game and previous games Salem has played against the Knights.

"They have good size up front and they have some speed," said Holter. "They have some hard-

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Brian Hoffman



Garst returning as Salem High hoops coach

Barnard and Benny Kawa also opted out last year and will return, and assistant Michael Plummer is coming back. Kevin has enlisted Hank Luton to coach the junior varsity team, but Boyd will not be returning.

"I think Micah did a great job under difficult circumstances," said Garst.

MORE AWARDS FOR BYINGTON

Speaking of former Salem High basketball standouts, James Madison men's basketball head coach Mark Byington has been named as a finalist for the 2020-21 Hugh Durham Award, presented annually to the top Division I mid-major coach in college basketball.

Byington, who is the Colonial Athletic Association Coach of the Year, also was named the NABC District 10 Coach of the Year this week less than a year after his hiring. Byington took a team that was picked to finish ninth in the CAA Preseason Poll and led it to the CAA Regular Season Championship, taking the Dukes from last place to first place in his first season.

Byington engineered a JMU offense that paced the CAA in scoring during the regular season at 78.5 points per game while racking up a +8.1 scoring margin, nearly four points ahead of the closest team. The Dukes also held opponents to a 41.4% field goal percentage on defense, the best mark in the league.

A 1994 graduate of Salem High, Mark was a teammate of Kevin Garst on the '94 state championship team under coach Charlie Morgan. He went on to play at UNC-Wilmington before beginning his coaching career, eventually landing at James Madison.



MARK BYINGTON

LOSING A CHAMP

Salem is known as the City of Champions, and that label certainly applied to Russell Gwaltney. The Salem native and retired Salem police officer died Monday at the age of 81.

Russell became famous at a young age when he won a national marbles tournament at the age of 12. Charlie Turner, who was the Director of Parks and Recreation for Salem, took him to Asbury Park, New Jersey in 1951 to compete in the national tournament in June of that year and Russell won it all, defeating James Lilly of West Virginia in the championship. After a stint in the



RUSSELL GWALTNEY

Navy Russell joined the police force in Newport News, then moved back to Salem in 1962 where he served for 34 years as a uniformed officer, detective and member of the SWAT team.

I also remember Russell as a faithful contestant in our football contest for about as long as I can remember. It will be strange to grade the entries next fall and not have one from Russell.

He was a good man and I was blessed to have known him. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family.

BOWERY IS ALL-ODAC

Salem High graduate Jake Bowery is one of 31 Roanoke College swimmers who earned All-ODAC honors this season. Bowery was one of eight Maroon men to make the All-ODAC first team and six RC women were also deemed first team selections.

Bowery is a sophomore who transferred from the University of Pittsburgh. He swims freestyle.

Roanoke cleaned up on individual awards after the men won the ODAC team championship and the women finished second. Scott Thacker was named ODAC men's Coach of the Year, Connor Kinkema was the men's Swimmer of the Meet, Kimberly Large was named women's Swimmer of the Meet and Jacob Winn is the ODAC men's Rookie of the Meet.



JAKE BOWERY

EARNING HIS MONEY

Maxx Philpott, a 2019 graduate of Glenvar High School, has been put on scholarship on the Virginia Tech football team.

Maxx was a walk-on defensive lineman for the Hokies following an outstanding high school career at Glenvar, where he lettered for four years and was the Class 2 Defensive Player of the Year for both the 2017 and '18 seasons. He was an all-state selection on both sides of the ball.

Maxx reshirted during the 2019 season at Tech but saw time on the defensive line as a red-shirt freshman this past season, and played so well he was recently put on scholarship, saving parents Jimmy and Patra Philpott some money.

Look for Maxx next fall wearing number 99 for the Hokies.



Maxx Philpott was on hand Saturday to watch Glenvar beat Floyd.

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Kevin Garst(kneeling) will be back coaching the Spartan basketball team next season. Behind him is Benny Kawa(left) and Paul Barnard(right) who will also return.

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