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Diverse field of GOP candidates running for state governor, attorney general and Lt. governor

- Senator Ted Cruz visits Salem to campaign for Glen Youngkin -

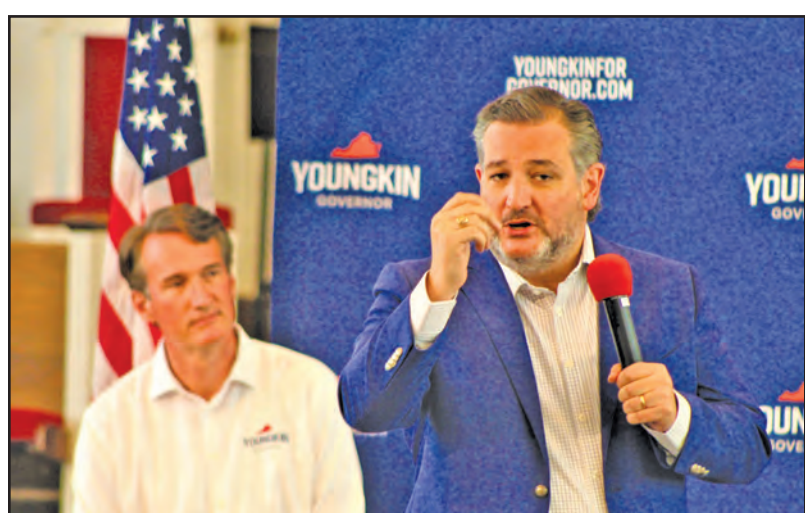


PHOTO BY SHAWN NOWLIN

Sen. Ted Cruz passionately drawing a distinction between Glenn Youngkin and his Democratic counterparts at CommUNITY Church on May 5.

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Last Saturday, seven governor candidates, six Lt. governor candidates and four attorney general candidates competed amongst

each other at the party's unassembled convention to represent the GOP in the November general election.

Ballots were cast in 39 locations across the state, most of which came in drive-through

fashion. With ranked-choice voting, low-scoring candidates are successfully eliminated until one person emerges with more than half of the vote. A team of roughly 80 people counted the ballots by hand at the Marriott Hotel and Convention Center in Richmond. Each candidate had a representative present to watch the process.

The attorney general candidates were Chuck Smith, a former head of the Virginia Beach GOP; Leslie Haley, a member of the Chesterfield County Board of Supervisors; Del. Jason Miyares, R-Virginia Beach; and Jack White, a former clerk for Supreme Court Justice Samuel Alito who is a partner at a Tysons Corner law firm.

The governor candidates were Glenn Youngkin, a former CEO of the Carlyle Group investment firm; Amanda Chase, State Sena-

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PHOTO BY MEG HIBBERT

Mayor Renee Turk presents a copy of a National Wildlife Monarch Pledge proclamation to Salem Museum Executive Director Fran Ferguson, left, and Ellen Holtman of the Salem Garden Club who established and coordinates the Monarch Sanctuary Garden at the Salem Museum.

Council considers fall elections

Meg Hibbert
Contributing writer

Salem City Council is considering moving local elections to November starting in 2022, holding them at the same time as general elections.

At Monday night's work session, Councilmembers discussed pros and cons of election changes.

Newly appointed Counsel Jim Guynn pointed out that the way Council elects the mayor and vice mayor are not in the city code. Guynn had been acting counsel, and was officially appointed to the position at the May 10 meeting.

Councilman Bill Jones, who is not running for reelection, was in favor of leaving election dates six more months.

"If the change were made now, we're squeezing people who want to run," he said.

Mayor Renee Turk mentioned the hard thing about city elections "is people not affiliated with a party don't have the money to campaign the same."

She continued, "People vote party as opposed to the quality of issues."

City Manager Jay Taliaferro stated the city needs to draw up a charter change in the next few months, in order to get it in the hands of the Salem's state legislators so they will have it during the 2022 General Assembly session.

Changes to the city's charter must be approved by the General Assembly.

During the regular meeting that followed the work session, Council started off by recognizing contributions to save Monarch butterflies and other pollinators. Mayor Turk presented a copy of the National Wildlife Monarch Pledge to Salem Museum Executive Director Fran Ferguson and Salem Garden Club member Ellen Holtman.

Holtman established and coordinates the Monarch Sanctuary Garden at the museum.

Other efforts in the city the mayor pointed out included the pollinator attractors in the Children's Garden at the Salem Public Library.

During the citizen comments portion of the meeting, four residents spoke.

John Breen suggested the city should give residents a break on sewer service charges if they are irrigating gardens. He pointed out irrigation water is soaked up by the plantings.

"Homeowners are charged an additional \$300 for water that doesn't enter the sewer systems," Breen said. "The city should allow citizens to have inexpensive irrigation systems and give them a break."

Michelle Meinhart, who owns a house at 901 W. Main St., urged Council to come up with zoning that allows Air B&B's. She was renting the house for parents of visiting Roanoke College students, visitors in town for job interviews and other activities until she said she received a letter from the Salem Zoning Department telling her to stop.

"It is hard for me to estimate what guests in town provide in economic benefits," she said.

Dozens of Air B&B's have been operating in Salem and Roanoke County for several years, but Salem has not yet addressed the usage.

Under new business, Council:

- Approved amended School funds of \$262,448. The Salem School Board had amended the budget at its April 13 meeting.

- Approved general obligation refunding bond pertaining to \$11.4 million in bonds the city issued in 2010 to finance various city projects. By using private lenders for refunding the bonds, the city can reduce annual debt funding. Finance Director Rosie Jordan said. Resolution 1392 issues refunding of \$1.5 million. "It's a nice savings," Jordan said.

Council went into a 55-minute executive session to discuss appointing a permanent City Attorney. After coming back into public session, Councilman Randy Foley made the motion to appoint Guynn. "I look forward to serving," Guynn told Council.

Council adjourned after one hour and 25 minutes.

Salem resident will be the University of Lynchburg 2021 Commencement Speaker

Salem resident Dr. Kenneth R. Garren will give the Commencement address for the University of Lynchburg Class of 2021 on May 22. After 19 years of serving as its President, Garren retired from the college and moved to Salem to be closer to his daughter and four of his eight grandchildren.

During his presidency, many new facilities were built on the campus, including academic buildings, residence halls and sports facilities. Numerous new academic programs were initiated, including degrees in Physician Assistant, Doctor of Physical Therapy and Doctor of Medical Science. In recognition of university status, the institution

name was changed from Lynchburg College to the University of Lynchburg.

Before serving as the President of the University of Lynchburg, Garren was employed by his alma mater, Roanoke College, for 34 years. During his tenure at Roanoke College, he advanced from Instructor of Mathematics to Professor of Mathematics. He then began administrative work there starting as Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and eventually retiring as Vice President and Academic Dean of the College. He held a black belt in Karate and students

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Dr. Kenneth Garren

Local mother's life experience leads to children's book: 'My Mommy's Name is Mommy'

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The mother, friend, wife and creative that Jane Asamoah is today has a lot to do with her upbringing in the West Africa Country of Ghana. Raised by both parents, Asamoah says that self-conduct was always emphasized more than academic performance in her house.

"My mother, whom I consider to be the most influential person in my life, instilled in me a set of values characterized by honesty, humility, hard work and a sense of altruism. She was a staunch Christian and so she made sure all her children knew God in a personal way," Asamoah said.

She added, "Reading the Bible as a family was something we did together before starting our

day. My brothers and I used to hate those moments because they disrupted our sleep. I can still hear us in our whining voices as we complained on our way to school."

Most of Asamoah's adult life has been spent in the United States. After receiving a bachelor's degree in sociology from the University of Ghana, she received a master's degree in social work from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa.

When asked if there are common misconceptions about her native country, Asamoah responded, "Growing up in Kumasi, which is in the southern part of Ghana, any adult could discipline a child who misbehaved without thinking twice about it. I'd love for people to understand that in Ghana, there are rural and urban areas just like here. Not everywhere is impoverished."

Asamoah has always been fascinated by the ability to paint pictures with words, something she credits her parents for. When Asamoah and her husband started having children of their own, she knew she wanted to pass along the same values that she was

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Jane Asamoah, her husband and their three sons at a recent book signing event.

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Rally held outside Sen. Mark Warner's office



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Blue Ridge and New River Valley Chapters of Democratic Socialists of America held a May Day rally outside of Mark Warner's office to pressure him to sign the Protect the Right to Organize Act. A social was held after at Washington Park in Northwest Roanoke. Interested individuals can contact blueridgedsa@gmail.com for more information.

Esteban Duran-Ballen appointed as new Richfield Living Chief Operating Officer

Richfield Living, a local leader in senior living and rehabilitation, has announced the selection of Esteban Duran-Ballen as the new Chief Operating Officer.

Duran-Ballen, a graduate of James Madison University with a Bachelor's Degree in Healthcare Administration and a Master's Degree in Business Administration from Virginia Tech, joined the team in January 2021.

"In order to achieve Rich-

field's strategic plan, we were looking to strengthen our operations and financial acumen in the executive team," said Cherie Grisso, Chief Executive Officer. "Esteban's experience in a variety of healthcare settings and his alignment with Richfield's mission, vision and values provides the perfect combination as our new Chief Operating Officer. I am excited to have his talent as a leader in our community for many years to come."

Esteban has 12 years' experience in operational leadership. His passion for post and sub-acute care and integrated healthcare systems has enabled him to develop programs to ensure excellent clinical outcomes and quality assurance.

"I am truly honored to join the Richfield Living team," said Duran-Ballen. "It's exciting to be a part of the innovative footprint of person-centered care and impact in furthering excellence in aging services in

the Roanoke Valley. Richfield's values of respect, integrity, service, excellence, and stewardship echo my fundamental principles of quality assurance and servant leadership. I look forward to contributing to the vision and mission of Richfield to help individuals experience life to the fullest through every phase of their journey."

- Submitted by Lisa Clause, Sr. Director of Marketing & Philanthropy



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Esteban Duran-Ballen

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Electric Co-ops award more than \$60,000 in scholarships

The Education Scholarship Foundation of the Virginia, Maryland and Delaware Association of Electric Cooperatives recently announced that it has awarded more than \$60,000 in college scholarships to deserving students for the 2021-22 school year.

The recipients are students whose parents live in areas served by electric cooperatives in the three states.

"We commend these students on their outstanding academic achievements," said Russell G. "Rusty" Brown, chair of the Education Scholarship Foundation Board and vice chairman of the board of directors at Northern Neck Electric Cooperative. "Our electric cooperatives are delighted to provide support to these worthy students, as they represent a future generation

of leaders in their communities."

The Foundation awarded Worth Hudson Scholarships of \$1,000 each to 57 students. They are named in honor of Hudson, the first chairman of the Education Scholarship Foundation Board and former chairman of the board of directors of Mecklenburg Electric Cooperative.

The Foundation also approved three co-op-specific scholarships. A Gertrude Winston Memorial Scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 was awarded to a student in the Rappahannock Electric Cooperative service territory. The program was established in memory of the mother of longtime REC board member Richard Oliver.

The C. D Hypes Memorial Scholarship in the amount of \$1,500

was awarded to a student in the Craig-Botetourt Electric Cooperative service territory. Hypes was an educator and a board member at CBEC, based in New Castle.

A Cook Scholarship of \$1,000 was awarded to a student in the Delaware Electric Cooperative service territory, donated by DEC members Larry and Leslie Cook.

The Foundation also awarded a special scholarship in memory of the late Bill Sherrod, longtime editor of Cooperative Living magazine, to a student from Choptank Electric Cooperative in Maryland, who is planning to major in English and pursue a career as a writer and author.

Since 2001, the Foundation has provided approximately 780 scholarships totaling more than \$800,000 to aspiring college students as well as to the next generation of electric lineworkers.

"Electric cooperatives have a long commitment of supporting education as a way of fostering leadership and enhancing the quality of life in the communities that we serve," said Brian Mosier, president and CEO of the Cooperative Association. "We're extremely proud to be able to help these deserving young people from electric cooperative service areas continue their education, whether at a college or university, or in learning a trade."

-Submitted by Steven Johnson, Vice President of Communications

Live the Life!



With a focus to encourage vibrant living and individual wellness, 2021 brings exciting new senior apartment options and convenient Town Center amenities catered to those looking for an active, independent lifestyle to Richfield's Salem Campus.



Join our vibrant Independent Living community!

New options at Richfield include The Villas and Lake Retreat apartments, both now leasing! You can put your own sense of style on any of our comfortable, convenient floor plans and enjoy maintenance-free living.

Our beautiful surroundings, combined with a broad range of services and accommodations, provide a setting where individuals become members of a secure, supportive, and active community.



Add in a convenient, amenities-rich Town Center and a robust Richfield social calendar, and you'll have every opportunity for a joy-filled lifestyle. Additionally, should your health or the health of a loved one change, you'll have access to a full continuum of health care services without leaving the Richfield campus.

Community Highlights

- Town Center
- 24-hour Wellness Studio
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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

FIRST AND THIRD TUESDAYS

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

SECOND MONDAY

Paint Bank Ladies Auxiliary meeting, 7:00

p.m. at the Paint Bank Fire Department. Contact 540-897-5346 for more information.

EACH TUESDAY

- Practice for the Salem Choral Society, 7 to 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 salemchoralsociety@gmail.com.
- Salem Presbyterian Church at the corner of Main Street and Market Street downtown Salem opens the sanctuary from noon until 2 p.m. All are welcome to come in to pray, meditate or just sit and enjoy the quiet peace.
- 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.

SATURDAY, MAY 15

Goodwill Industries of the Valleys will be hosting a Community Career &

Resource Fair outside at the Goodwill Roanoke Jobs Campus located at 2502 Melrose Avenue, NW, Roanoke. The fair is in conjunction with the Kiwanis Club of Roanoke and Shiloh Baptist Church's Fun Day at the Kiwanis Centennial Playground beside the Melrose Library located at the Goodwill Roanoke Jobs Campus. Both events are free and open to the community. The Community Career & Resource Fair will be a great opportunity for individuals and families to discover what resources and job opportunities are available in the community. The Fun Day will provide fun-filled activities, food, and music for all ages. The events will follow COVID-19 safety protocols including social distancing, and face masks will be required for all attendees. Individuals with questions about Goodwill services may contact (540) 581.0620 Option 1. Businesses interested in being a part of future job fairs can contact Zenith Barrett at (540) 581.0620 ext. 1266 or zbarrett@goodwillvalleys.com.

POLICE REPORT

The Salem Police Department reported the following people were arrested and charged April 20-May 3. 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:

April 20 - John D. Hoosier, 44, violation of protective order; Shauna D. Hogarth, 33, criminal trespass; and Shauna

L. Laprad; 33, felony larceny, assault and battery.

April 21 - Eddie D. Doolley, 30, assault on police officer, obstructing justice; Ashley N. Bryant, 27, evading police, obstructing justice.

April 25 - David K. Comp-

ton Jr., 33, public intoxication; and Anthony S. Young, 33, failure to appear.

April 27 - James R. Bolling, 23, indecent exposure; Kirk A. White, 27, public intoxication.

April 29 - James E. Davis

V., 28, obstructing justice, violation of probation; Charles W. Philpot, 30, DUI; and John H. Plunkett, 38, failure to appear

May 1 - Brandon M. Dinkel, 34, false name to police; Thomas W. Wilkerson, 26, public intoxication.

Agreement with Norfolk Southern Railway to expand passenger rail to Southwest Virginia officially announced

- Service will return to the New River Valley for the first time since 1979 -



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Said Governor Northam, "Bringing passenger rail service back to the New River Valley will fuel tourism, drive economic growth, and create new opportunities for the region's 180,000 residents and 40,000 college students"

Governor Ralph Northam recently announced that the Commonwealth has reached an agreement with Norfolk Southern Railway to extend passenger rail service to the New River Valley for the first time since 1979. Known as the Western

Rail Initiative, this agreement will increase intercity passenger rail service from Roanoke to the Northeast Corridor and is an expansion of the Transforming Rail in Virginia program to build a 21st-century rail network.

"Bringing passenger rail

service back to the New River Valley will fuel tourism, drive economic growth, and create new opportunities for the region's 180,000 residents and 40,000 college students," said Governor Northam. "A key part of our Transforming Rail in Virginia program,

the Western Rail Initiative will support critical infrastructure improvements necessary to modernize our transportation system and connect communities across the Commonwealth. This agreement is the result of collaboration among many partners, and we look forward to continuing this important work to enhance mobility in an equitable and environmentally sustainable way."

The \$257.2 million Western Rail Initiative includes:

- \$38.2 million for acquisition of right-of-way and track for approximately 28.5 miles of the Virginian Line from the Salem Cross-overs west of Roanoke to Merrimac (Christiansburg)
- \$219 million in infrastructure investments along the corridor that includes:

- Roanoke Yard improvements,
- a 7-mile siding from Nokesville to Calverton, creating a continuous two-track corridor for 22 miles from Manassas to Remington,

-improvements from Salem to Christiansburg, including signaling and track upgrades, a maintenance facility, and passenger platform, and

-infrastructure improvements along the Route 29/ Interstate 81 corridor.

The agreement includes both an increase of existing service and expansion of service to the New River Valley. In 2022, an additional round-trip train to Roanoke will depart Washington, D.C., in the morning and serve Alexandria, Burke, Manassas, Culpeper, Charlottesville, Lynchburg, and Roanoke. The expansion complements the existing Amtrak Northeast Corridor service, which travels northbound from Roanoke in the morning and returns in the afternoon. The two

Northeast Corridor round trips will be extended from Roanoke to Christiansburg upon completion of the infrastructure improvements in 2025.

The Commonwealth and Norfolk Southern will continue to work to finalize definitive legal agreements, with execution planned by the end of 2021.

"This is a good day and we look forward to working with all stakeholders to put this announcement into action," said James A. Squires, Chairman, President, and CEO of Norfolk Southern. "Virginia and Norfolk Southern worked cooperatively to reach the Commonwealth's goal of expanding passenger rail service in the New River

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OPINION

Give Light ~ Tazewell Summers ~

[This is a memory from the many decades the author has been privileged to write for daily and weekly newspapers circulating in Western Virginia.]

As a child in the 1930s growing up on the edge of Orange, Virginia, I looked forward each June to a two or three week visit to my maternal aunt and uncle in the Southwest Virginia courthouse town of Tazewell.

It was an all-day trip coming and going because my widowed mother had never learned to drive a car and said she couldn't afford one anyway. Cars at this time of American history were somewhat like the Digital Age is today. Many older people, especially women, depended on younger relatives to get them around.

So, we walked everywhere we could and relied on trains and buses for any place out of town. The annual visit to my aunt and her husband required both. To me, the trip was more exciting than the destination.

I never took this long trip

alone. Generally, my aunt Ella Boyd would take the train to Orange, following her husband's working schedule, and spend a week with my mother and me. Then on Saturday, I accompanied her on the train from Orange to Bluefield, West Virginia, where we were picked up around 9 p.m. by my uncle who was on the way home to Tazewell from his job with the Virginia Hardwood Lumber Company in Bland County.

Uncle "ERB" - for his initials E.R. Boyd - was a lawyer by profession, but like many in the 1920s, he had speculated unwisely and the resulting 1929 Stock Market crash had left him bankrupt. He and his wife and the son they had adopted were now renting from his law partner the big house that sat on a spacious terraced yard.

No longer practicing law, Uncle Erb was fortunate to have a management job at the lumber company in the dreary mill town of Bastian; he lived in a boarding house there during the week. His driving back

Frances Stebbins Correspondent

and forth governed his family's traveling arrangements.

Eight decades later, I saw what a tough time that families had in the 1930s. By the time I visited my aunt and teenage cousin, a good part of the big house was in turn rented to a State Police trooper and a mid-life couple. I slept on a cot in one of the two parlors.

After I had visited for as much as three weeks, my mother took the train to her sister's and she and I rode home together. By the time I was ten, my mother and I went together from Orange to Tazewell. That was the best trip of all.

We left Orange on the Southern train taking it, first to Charlottesville and then on to Lynchburg, eating our bag lunch on the way. Arriving in

the Hill City around 2 p.m. Mom had to pay a taxi to get us across some distance to the Norfolk & Western station where there was a fairly short wait until our westbound train arrived in late afternoon. I always got the seat by the window.

We'd pass the Salem station near where I live now, and the train soon climbed the mountain up to Christiansburg and Radford where the view included the scenic New River as twilight approached.

I have never forgotten passing through the small towns in Giles County and, I think, a tunnel as we arrived in Bluefield around nine and my uncle picked us up to drive us to Tazewell which was not on the main line of the railroad.

[It's interesting that passenger rail travel appears to be returning to some degree of popularity with plans to extend the AMTRAK line westward.]

When my mother and I returned, we took a Greyhound bus from Bluefield to Roanoke and caught there at the old passenger station the train

home to Orange. It was then dark for our walk home.

The big house where my relatives lived was across the lawn from the Methodist parsonage; the Boyds were active Methodists then, and I learned about the rotation of pastors. One year Aunt Ella sent me to Vacation Bible School I didn't much care for.

On the high hill above the Boyd house, sheep grazed. Streetcars still connected the courthouse town of Tazewell with the railroad line in North Tazewell. That line took one to the coalfields in adjoining West Virginia; the creek that ran beside the street was black and ugly.

It all changed in 1941 when my mother converted her small poultry business from "broilers" to laying hens and was no longer free to visit in summer. After Pearl Harbor, my aunt and uncle retired to Orlando, Florida, - prior to the Disney empire - and met some Fundamentalists Christians which estranged them from my mother and me.

Sadly, I was learning a lot.

Travel Guidelines

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

After the last year of taking so many precautions, many people may be thinking about travel as we head into summer, particularly people who have been vaccinated. The good news is that it is safe for people

who are fully vaccinated to travel as long as they use some common-sense precautions!

People who are fully vaccinated can travel within the United States without being tested before or after travel unless their destination requires it. Because travel increases your chance of getting and spreading COVID-19, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends delaying travel until you are fully vaccinated. As a reminder, "fully vaccinated" means two weeks after your final dose of a COVID-19 vaccine.

During travel, everyone

should continue to wear a mask over their nose and mouth in any public place, regardless of vaccination status. Masks are required for everyone on planes, buses, trains, and other forms of public transportation and in hubs such as airports. The best practice is to continue to avoid crowds, maintain six feet of distance from others, and regularly wash your hands.

Here are some additional suggestions for how to plan for a safer trip:

- If you are not vaccinated, consider trying to get vaccinated before you go. If that is not an option, get tested with a diagnostic (PCR or antigen) test one-three days before your trip. After travel, self-quarantine for seven days

and get tested again with a viral test three-five days after you return.

- The safest option is to travel with other fully vaccinated individuals. If some in your group are not vaccinated, everyone outside your household should wear a mask when in enclosed places, such as in a vehicle.

- Save yourself unpleasant surprises and delays by checking for restrictions at your destination and anywhere you might stop along the way.

- Choose to visit destinations without crowds and avoid poorly ventilated, indoor spaces.

- A safer choice would be a short road trip with few stops. If you choose to fly, try to minimize the number of connecting

flights or layovers in airports if feasible.

- A safer place to stay is in a vacation rental or in the home of a fully vaccinated friend or family member. Crowded hotels and cruises where people share common areas such as lobbies or breakfast seating may not be as safe.

- If you are visiting the beach or a pool, stay six feet away from others, whether in or out of the water.

We are hopeful that the weekly number of cases of COVID-19 will continue to decrease, both locally and across the country. And we are hopeful that every day, more people will make the smart decision to get vaccinated. If we all do our part, we can look forward to a summer of fun with our family and friends.

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Valley, while also preserving the vital role these lines play in delivering goods and materials that drive the regional economy."

"I have seen firsthand the economic benefits of passenger rail in this region of Virginia," said Secretary of Transportation Shannon Valentine, who led the legislative effort to launch the first state-supported passenger train anchored in

Lynchburg. "In 2017, we extended the train to Roanoke, and to the New River Valley, creating vital connections in our statewide rail plan."

"The Commonwealth values our long-term partnership with Norfolk Southern and look forward to continuing to partner with them to advance both passenger and freight rail," said Jennifer Mitchell, Director of the Department of Rail and Public Transportation. "As we move forward, we will work closely with local partners to support passenger rail in the New River Valley."

The Governor also ceremonially signed Senate Bill 1212, sponsored by Senator John Edwards, and House Bill 1893, sponsored by Delegate Chris Hurst, which created the New River Valley Passenger Rail Station Authority to assist the Commonwealth with the creation of and support for passenger rail in the region. The Authority is being established in Planning District 4 and will be governed by a board consisting of members of each participating locality and institution of higher education.

The Commonwealth plans to partner with the members of the New River Valley Passenger Rail Station Authority to fund the construction of a station building, parking, and roadway access for the station.

"The people of the New River Valley have demanded passenger rail for years because they know what an economic boon it will be for their community," said Senator John Edwards. "It will make it easier for students to attend Virginia Tech, for families to visit, and for Hokie alumni to return for game days and events throughout the year. This

service also forms a vital connection to Virginia Tech's Innovation Campus in Arlington, and will be a second train each day through Roanoke, which has been one of the most successful lines in the country since it launched in 2017. I'm thankful for the Governor's leadership in pushing this across the finish line, and I congratulate everyone in the community who worked to make this a reality."

"I am so proud that House Bill 1893 will help make the dream of bringing rail travel to the New River Valley a reality," said Delegate Chris L. Hurst. "I'm dedicated to seeing this project through its completion and making sure that the New River Valley becomes a leader in innovating transportation infrastructure in the region and into the future. Laying the tracks for new jobs and economic opportunities while also reducing congestion on one of the busiest stretches of I-81 is one of my biggest priorities. With the help of dedicated partners in both local governments and nonprofit organizations, we finally see our hard work paying off."

Ridership forecasts for the region indicate a healthy demand for service. The Roanoke train provides 220,000 passenger trips per year. The new service is expected to add approximately 80,000 new passengers in the first year. This service will provide multimodal alternatives to travelers along the Interstate 81 and Route 29 corridor, serving tens of thousands of residents and visitors to the region.

The 2021 state budget provided \$83.5 million to support the extension of intercity passenger rail service from Roanoke to the Blacksburg-Christiansburg

area and increase the frequency of intercity passenger rail service along the I-81/Route 29 corridor from Washington, D.C. To meet the requirements of the provided funding, Norfolk Southern will conduct an operational analysis of potential infrastructure improvements required for a future station at Bedford, which would be subject to future funding availability, and the Commonwealth will assess the cost of extending intercity passenger rail to Bristol.

The Commonwealth's previously announced \$3.7 billion Transforming Rail in Virginia initiative will expand and improve passenger, commuter, and freight rail in Virginia and create a vital connection in America's national rail network between the Northeast and Southeast corridors. The initiative is expected to grow Virginia's economy by \$2 billion annually and improve the mobility of passenger and freight rail. According to the American Public Transportation Association, every \$1 billion invested in rail creates 24,000 highly skilled jobs, and every \$1 invested generates \$4 in wider economic benefits.

The announcement was livestreamed on Governor Northam's Facebook page. A recording of the event will also be made available on the Virginia Department of Transportation's YouTube channel.

For more information about the Transforming Rail in Virginia initiative, please visit drpt.virginia.gov/rail/transforming-rail-in-virginia.

-Submitted by Alena Yarmosky, Office of the Governor

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Farmers ready for a sweet strawberry season

Strawberry season is here, and farmers are eagerly welcoming guests and their strawberry-picking buckets.

"Consumers can expect a good fruit load on the plant, with flavorful, red berries," said Dr. Jayesh Samtani, a small fruit specialist with Virginia Cooperative Extension. "We had a warmer November, which advanced plant growth and development. On some varieties, we could see a few ripe berries just before Christmas in coastal Virginia, but the winter season has kept the plants dormant, and this spring we are seeing good

blooms and fruits."

Anne Seamans Kidd of Seamans' Orchard Inc. said their strawberries got hit with some cold weather, but they still have plenty available for pickers.

"So far it looks like we'll have a good crop of strawberries," she shared. "We did see some loss from the second frost that we had a couple weeks ago. For it to be a good growing season, we need the weather to stay warm and dry—hot and wet weather ruins strawberries quickly."

She added that the farm's May 1 opening was successful due to the

nice weather.

"I think people are excited to be able to come out and pick their own," she said.

Michael Cullipher said his crop is abundant, and crowds are showing up for his farm's U-pick strawberries.

"We went back to doing U-pick this year, and we've been surprised at how many people returned to us," explained Cullipher, a member of the Virginia Farm Bureau Federation Specialty Crops Advisory Committee. "It's more than in 2019."

While the U-pick season is

starting off strong, both Cullipher and Kidd are watching to see if momentum remains throughout the spring as COVID-19 restrictions loosen and people can safely enjoy more recreational pursuits. U-pick was one of the main activities people could participate in last year, but with schools returning to in-person learning and more recreational options, Kidd speculated that may affect customer numbers.

"We all are ready to get back to enjoying more outside activities like we did prior to the pandemic," she said. "It's possible that we'll see a decrease in numbers that come

out for U-pick now versus last season."

Cullipher said he's awaiting the summer months when people go on vacations and start traveling again.

"This is still one of the best things you can do activity-wise," he said. "You get some exercise, you're out in fresh air. I just try to remind people it was there before, and it's still here now. As other things come available, try not to forget about visiting farms."

—Submitted by Michael Cullipher

Resident

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remember him sparing on the back quad every Friday afternoon. All three of his children hold degrees from RC and a granddaughter will enter in the fall.

Dr. Garren was employed by the National Aeronautical and Space Administration (NASA) for five years before being employed at Roanoke College. He worked on both the Gemini and Apollo Space Missions and co-authored "Manual Control of High-Altitude Apollo Launch Abort," signed by Buzz Aldrin, 2nd Apollo 11 astronaut to land on the moon.

In high school, Garren began

his military service as a private in the 29th Infantry Division, Virginia Army National Guard. Years later as a Lieutenant Colonel in the Army Reserve, he commanded a Battalion of Drill Sergeants in West Virginia. He retired as Colonel, US Army and received the Meritorious Service Medal for six years of service in the Master of Military Arts and Sciences degree program at Ft. Leavenworth in Kansas.

Dr. Garren has served on numerous boards locally, regionally and nationally. He was elected to the Board of Directors of the National Association of Independent

Colleges & Universities, which lobbies in Washington, D.C., in support of independent higher education. He also served for six years as a Commissioner for the Sothern Association of Colleges & Schools (SACS), a multistate regional accreditation agency for colleges and universities.

Garren has received numerous awards and recognitions over the years. His most prestigious one was the Charles W.L. Foreman Award given by the Council of Independent Colleges each year and awarded nationally to a single businessperson or university president.

Among many other awards he has also received the Roanoke College Medal, the Humanitarian of the Year from the Virginia Center for Inclusive Communities, the Mayor of Lynchburg's Excellence Award, the Liberty Bell Award given by the Lynchburg Bar Association, the Helen Monday Witt Multicultural Award, the William Lowry Outstanding Virginia Mathematics Teacher Award and the Roanoke College Multicultural Affairs Achievement Award which was named for Dr. Garren.

In November 2015, Dr. Garren was featured on the front page

of the Wall Street Journal in an article titled "Colleges Flex Lobbying Muscle" for his work in successfully leading opposition to the national imposition of the US Department of Education's Scorecard.

Garren will celebrate his 60th wedding anniversary in September to Sheila Johnston Garren who is a retired City of Salem teacher. The Garrens have eight grandchildren as well as three children who have earned doctoral degrees and are employed in the field of education.

—Submitted by Dr. Kenneth Garren

Mommy

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Jane Asamoah signing a copy of her book for a paid customer.

taught growing up.

'My Mommy's Name is Mommy' is Asamoah's first foray into publishing children's books. The premise of the book, as she explained, shows the conversation that follows when four-year-old Kojo goes missing at the grocery store and couldn't help workers find his mom because he didn't know her real name. Using this experience, Kojo and his family discussed God's names and what relationship we have with Him.

Penned with parents of young children in mind, Asamoah credits numerous people for playing a role in the before, during and after process of the book based on a real-life experience she had in Boston. It was her spiritual mom who encouraged Asamoah to find an editor, an illustrator and look into publishing after receiving a draft of the book.

The main takeaway that Asamoah wants the Salem community to get from the book is that God is everywhere. "He is not hard to find at all. If you decide to look for Him, I promise you He will make you find Him. He will use situations in your life unique to your circumstance to teach you a thing or two. And yes, even in unpleasant situations like losing your child at the grocery store can become a teachable moment," she said.

'My Mommy's Name is Mommy' is available at barnesandnobles.com and Amazon for \$12.49. For more information, visit janeasamoah.com.



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CITY OF SALEM TAXPAYERS IMPORTANT TAX NOTICE

2021 PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX DUE MAY 31, 2021

SECOND HALF 2020-2021 REAL ESTATE TAX DUE JUNE 5, 2021

Tax bills have been mailed insofar as possible, but failure to receive bill, does not relieve the taxpayer of any additional charges of penalty or interest that will accrue under the law for failure to pay the tax assessment.

Anyone not having received a tax bill please contact the office of the Treasurer, 114 North Broad Street Salem VA 24153 or phone 540-375-3024.

Office hours are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday or transactions can be handled through the mail.

Danielle C. Crawford, Treasurer
City of Salem

CITY OF SALEM

On Monday, May 24, 2021, at 6:30 p.m., Salem City Council will hold a public hearing in the Salem Civic Center Community Room, located at 1001 Roanoke Blvd., Salem, Virginia for the purpose of receiving public input on the 2021-2022 Budget.

All persons shall be offered an opportunity to speak and state their views concerning all aspects of the budget within such reasonable time limits as shall be established by City Council. Persons desiring to speak may be asked to register at the meeting. Written comments of interested citizens will be received by the City Clerk prior to the hearing.

A summary copy of the budget may be viewed on the City of Salem website: <https://www.salemva.gov/Departments/Finance>.

The recommended budget is summarized as follows:

CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA Recommended Budget for Fiscal Year 2021-2022

REVENUES	RECOMMENDED BUDGET 2021-2022
General Fund	
Beginning Balance - July 1	\$ -
General Property Taxes	40,410,600
Other Local Taxes	22,027,515
Permits and Licenses	337,800
Fines and Forfeitures	61,000
Revenue from Use of Money & Property	867,809
Charges for Services	3,350,842
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	3,341,000
Recovered Costs	-
Miscellaneous	266,500
Revenue from the Commonwealth	13,333,239
Revenue from the Federal Government	7,877
Total General Fund	\$ 84,004,182
Debt Service	4,898,589
Electric	40,262,333
Water	9,089,799
Sewer	7,855,019
Civic Center	3,771,768
Salem Catering and Concessions	701,332
School Component Unit	
State Revenue, excluding Sales Tax	20,054,697
Sales Tax	4,230,680
Federal Revenue	2,775,671
Local Revenue	20,897,899
Other Revenue	508,170
Total School Component Unit	\$ 48,467,117
Total Revenues All Funds	\$ 199,050,139
Less Fund Transfers	(27,259,944)
Total Net of Transfers	\$ 171,790,195
EXPENDITURES	
General Fund	
General Government Administration	\$ 6,916,230
Judicial Administration	2,406,292
Public Safety	17,231,801
Public Works	10,475,070
Health and Welfare	5,177,833
Education	23,429,391
Parks, Recreation and Cultural	6,132,523
Community Development	2,634,788
Non-Departmental	9,600,254
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BAPTIST (INDEPENDENT)

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH-7th and Florida Streets, Salem VA. Pastor: Roger D. Counts, 540-389-3818. Sunday School 10:00 a.m., Morning Worship 11:00 a.m., Sunday Evening Service 6:30 p.m., Wednesday Night Prayer Service, 6:30 p.m.

LAKESIDE BAPTIST CHURCH - 447 Dalewood Avenue, Salem, 986-0062, Pastor Carl Goodman. Coffee Bar 9:00 a.m., Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m., Children & Student Ministry 5:30-7:30 p.m.; Thursday 7:00 pm Young Single Adults, Wednesday Morning Prayer Service 10:00, Lifegroups meeting throughout the week. www.lbcva.com.

SOUTHSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH, 2721 120'Clock Knob Rd., Salem, Pastor: Tim York; Sundayschool, 9:45AM, Sunday morning worship, 11:00AM, Sunday evening, 6:00PM, Wednesday evening, 7:00PM.

TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH - 4339 Daugherty Road, Salem, Greg Irby, Pastor, Church: 380-3567; Home: 389-7240, Sunday School 10:00 AM, Worship Services 11:00AM & 6:00PM, Mid-week Prayer Meeting Wednesday 7:00PM, www.templebaptch.com.

BAPTIST (SOUTHERN)

BETHEL BAPTIST-1601 S. Colorado St., Salem, Pastor Hilton Jeffreys, 389-2376, Sunday: - 9:30 Sunday School; 10:30am Morning Worship; 6:00 Evening Worship; Wednesday 6:15 Preschool & Children Awana and Youth and Adult Bible Study. www.bethelbaptistva.com

MOUNTAIN PASS BAPTIST CHURCH - 311 Catawba Valley Dr., (Ro. Co.) Salem, VA 24153. Rev. Jack Richards, Jr., Pastor, Study 384-6720, Home 427-1508. Sundays: Sunday School 9:45 a.m.; Morning Worship 11:00 a.m., Evening 6:00 p.m. Wed: 7:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting and Bible Study.

RIDGEWOOD BAPTIST-703 Hemlock Road N.W. Roanoke, 342-6492. Roy E. Kanode, Pastor. Sunday School 9:45 a.m., Morning Worship 11 a.m., Awana 5:15 p.m., Adult Bible Study and Youth Fellowship 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.; Fellowship Meal 5:45 p.m.; Praise Kidz 6:00 p.m.; Family Night Activities 6:30 p.m. website: www.ridgewood-baptist.com.

SALEM BAPTIST CHURCH- 103 North Broad Street, Salem, Pastor, Dr. Heath Rickmond, 387-0416. Sunday School 9:15-10:15 a.m.; Sunday Worship 10:30-11:45 a.m. & 5:00 p.m. Wednesday Services 6:15 p.m. www.salembc.net

FELLOWSHIP COMMUNITY CHURCH

- Kevin Wilson, Pastor, 387-3200. Salem Campus: 1226 Red Lane Extension, Salem, Worship Times: 9:15AM & 11:00AM. North Campus: 7210 Williamson Road, Roanoke, Worship Times: 9:15AM & 11:00AM. Southwest Campus: 3585 Buck Mountain Road, Roanoke, Worship Times: 9:15AM & 11:00AM. www.fcclife.org.

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Presence Bread

Read 2 Chronicles 1:1 through 4:22

Solomon also made all the furnishings that were in God's temple: the golden altar; the tables on which was the bread of the Presence (2 Chronicles 4:19).

The bread of the Presence, also called showbread, was considered sacred. The literal Hebrew name (lechem hapanim) means "bread of the face." Some references make it plural, rendering it "bread of faces." Made with the finest flour, it was baked into twelve loaves. They were set out on a special table, called the table of the Presence, in two rows of six each. The table was made of acacia wood and overlaid with pure gold. Every Sabbath, the priests removed the loaves and replaced them

with freshly baked ones. They would eat the old loaves in the holy sanctuary area.

The bread of the Presence, which sat on the table of the Presence, has divine significance for all believers. Besides the obvious connection to the twelve tribes of Israel, the showbread represents a deeper truth about the manifest presence of God: His face is always before His people—and we are always before Him. We can have no greater assurance in Him.

Prayer Suggestion: Thank You, Lord God, for always watching over me.

Quicklook: 2 Chronicles 4:19-22

TIAN CHURCHES

SALEM CHURCH OF CHRIST - 401 West Main Street. 540-389-2400. Minister Eric Evans; Family Life Minister Taylor Plott; 9:00-9:45am Sunday Bible Study; 10:00am & 5:30pm Worship Service; Wednesday Bible Study: 6:00 -7:00pm. For more info contact the Church Office.

WESTSIDE CHURCH OF CHRIST - 1705 Starview Drive, Salem. Minister Neil Richey, 389-9139, Sunday Bible Study: 9:30 AM, Morning Worship: 10:30 AM, Evening Worship: 6:00 PM, Wednesday Bible Study, 7:00 PM.

CHURCH OF GOD/ANDERSON

COVENANT COMMUNITY CHURCH-955 Bird Lane, Salem, Va 24153, 389-5639. Pastor: Scott Hudson. Sunday School 10:00AM, Worship 11:00AM; Bible Study 6:00PM.

CHURCH OF GOD/CLEVELAND

SALEM CHURCH OF GOD - 600 Craig Avenue, Todd Stiffler, Pastor, 387-2068, Sunday School 9:30am: Worship and Kids Church 10:30 am, Wednesday Bible Study and Classes at 7:00 pm. www.salemcog.church

DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH, 712 Front Ave. Salem, Pastor Dan Netting (540) 389-6831. www.firstchristiansalemva.com. Adult and Children Sunday School - 9:45 am, Worship - 10:45 am. Nursery Provided for both. Everyone welcome

FORT LEWIS CHRISTIAN CHURCH - 2931 West Main Street, Salem, Interim Pastor, Rev. Dr. John Dunstan, 380-4636. Website: www.flccsalem.org. Sunday worship inside sanctuary and on zoom, 10:30 AM, mask wearing and social distance.

ECKANKAR

ECKANKAR, THE PATH OF SPIRITUAL FREEDOM, is located at 1420 3rd St. SW, Roanoke, VA 24016. However, due to COVID-19, the Light & Sound Services and other ECK programs are currently available online through Zoom. Visit www.eck-va.org for program listings, www.meetup.com/Roanoke-Spiritual-Experiences-Group, or call 540-353-5365 and leave a message. We will return your call. Also visit www.eckankar.org for more information about how the teachings of Eckankar lead you to spiritual freedom.

EPISCOPAL

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH - 42 East Main Street, Salem, 389-9307. The Rev. Dr. David Compton. Sundays at 10:00 am Holy Communion in church and livestream on Facebook. Wednesday Morning Prayer livestreamed at 11:30 am. facebook.com/st.pauls.salemva/

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN

COLLEGE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH - 210 S. College Avenue, Salem VA 24153. Please visit our website www.collegelutheran.org for information on services.

FOURSQUARE

the BRIDGE SALEM CHURCH - 4335 West Main Street, Salem. 540-404-1414 | bridge.salem@icloud.com • www.salemva.church Saturday service, 6pm (Nursery & Kids Church available). Mail: PO Box 1954,

Salem. Twitter/ Instagram: @thebridgesalem Joey Lyons, Senior Pastor | joey@salemva.church | 540-831-9864

INDEPENDENT

RESTORATION CHURCH - a Community on Mission Following Jesus into the World - 10:10am Sundays at the Salem YMCA - 1126 Kime Lane, Salem - 540-384-1601 - www.restorationsalem.org. Watch Live at: YouTube: Restoration Church-Salem, VA. Facebook: RestorationChurchSalem

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH-226 South Broad Street, Salem. Rev. Melton Johnson, 389-9648. Sunday School 9:30 AM, Sunday Morning Worship Service 11:00 AM, Wednesday Bible Study and Prayer Meeting 7:00 PM.

SHILOH BAPTIST- 201 South Market Street, Salem, Rev. Adrian E. Dowell, H) (389-0409). (Sundays) 9:45 a.m. Sunday School, 11:00 a.m. Worship Service, (Wednesday) Prayer Meeting & Bible Study for Youths & Adults, 7:30 p.m. (Saturday) 8:00 a.m. - Intercessory Prayer Service, Women's Bible Study Fellowship 9:30am Fridays, Men's Bible Study 7am Saturdays.

PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS

CHRISTIAN LIFE INT'L - 1 CLI Way, Salem, Ryan Linkous, Pastor, 343-3801, Sunday Worship Service 10:15 AM, (Children's Church and Nursery) Wed, MidWeek Service (Adult, Awaken Youth, M'pact Girls & Royal Rangers) 7 PM. Nursery Provided. Email: office@clichurch.org. Find us on facebook.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)

SALEM PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH- 41 East Main Street, Salem, VA . 389-3881. Associate Pastor Rev. Janet Chisom, Interim Pastor: Rev. Tupper Garden. Until further notice: Sunday School 9:30 a.m., each Sunday remains online only. Please contact the church for online details for Sunday School. In-Person worship has resumed at 11:00 AM on Sundays or worship with us online live at www.salempres.org, or Facebook, or YouTube. In-person worship requires following CDC guidelines for mask wearing and social distancing. Ushers are available to assist with seating.

ROMAN CATHOLIC

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP -314 Turner Road, Salem. 387-0491, Rev. Ken Shuping, Saturday Mass - 5:00 p.m., Sunday Mass 10:30am, Daily Mass: Mon 12noon, Wed 6:30pm, Thur 12noon & Fri 12noon; Mass on Sunday at 1:00 pm in Spanish; Confessions Wednesday 5:30-6, Saturday 4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. and by appointment.

UNITED METHODIST

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - 125 W. Main St, Salem, VA. 540-389-5459. Pastor Alan Combs, Traditional Worship - 8:45am, Sunday School - 9:45am, Genesis Contemporary Worship 10am; Traditional Worship - 11:00am. www.fumcsalemva.org. **LOCUST GROVE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**- 3415 Locust Grove Lane, Salem, 380-4303, Pastor Logan Hollenbeck. Drive-In service each Sunday Traditional Worship 9:30 a.m.

To list your church, contact Randy Thompson at 540-230-1129 or email advertise@ourvalley.org

Candidates from page 1



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Puneet Ahluwalia was one of the first three candidates eliminated for Lt. Governor.



Former House Speaker Kirk Cox lost his bid for Governor.



After three rounds of balloting, Delegate Jason Miyares won the GOP nomination for Attorney General.



Pete Snyder, who announced his candidacy for Governor in January, lost the GOP nomination on May 8.



Leslie Haley, a partner at Park Haley LLP law firm, lost the GOP nomination for Attorney General.



Hard-right gubernatorial candidate Amanda Chase finished third in the Governor's race.

tor; Kirk Cox, former Virginia House Speaker; Peter Doran, small business owner; Sergio de la Pena, retired United States Colonel; Peter Snyder, former CEO of New Media Strategies; and Octavia L. Johnson, former Roanoke City Sheriff.

The Lt. governor candidates were Lance Allen, an Air Force veteran and national security company executive; Timothy Hugo, former state delegate; Maeve T. Rigler, business executive and attorney; Puneet Ahluwalia, a lobbyist and businessman; and Winsome E. Sears, former Virginia General Assembly member.

In addition to presiding over the Virginia Senate as President of the Chamber, official duties of Virginia's Lieutenant Governor also include succeeding the governor if before their term is over, they leave office.

By defeating Tim Hugo in the fifth and final round of vote counting from the GOP Convention, Sears became the first Black Republican to claim the party's nomination for lieutenant governor. Miyares won his tight race after three rounds of balloting over Smith. Youngkin, a first-time public office runner, bested a field of candidates to emerge as Virginia Republicans' nominee for governor.

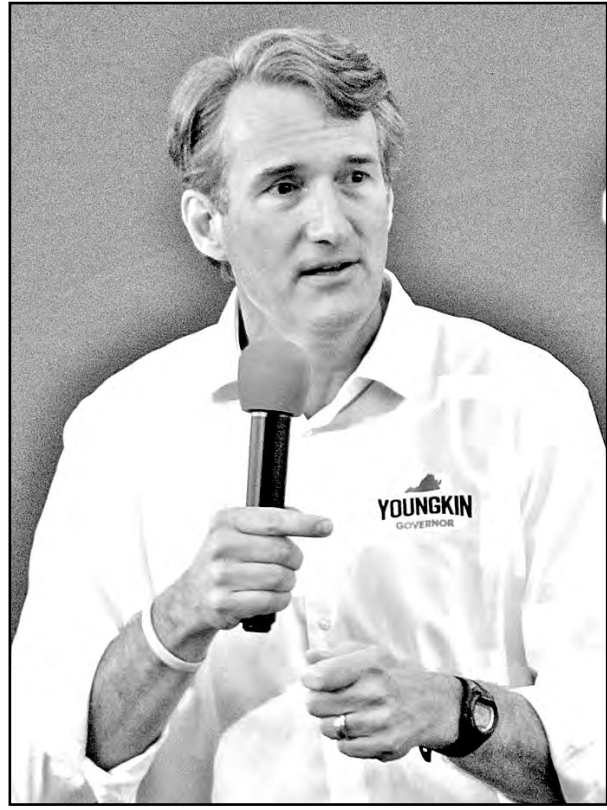
Senator Ted Cruz, one of the most popular politicians in Congress, visited Salem last week to campaign for his long-time friend. Said Cruz on May 5 at CommUNITY Church, "The whole

country is watching Virginia, and you guys have an opportunity to send Glen to Richmond. Every single Democrat voted to send stimulus checks to millions of illegal immigrants. I had another amendment to not send stimulus checks to criminals in jail. When we voted on that, every

Democrat voted against it. It's time for Republicans to regain control of the government."

Currently, Democrats control both houses of the General Assembly and the governorship. Additionally, the GOP has a current 12-year losing streak in statewide races.

Over 53,000 Republicans were certified as delegates for the party's unassembled convention. On June 8, six Democrats will compete for the party's nomination for lieutenant governor in a primary. The only state with an open-seat gubernatorial contest this year is Virginia.



Glenn Youngkin speaking at CommUNITY Church.



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Wilkes receives honor as Gatorade Player of the Year

The Gatorade Company has named Carly Wilkes of Glenvar High School as its 2020-21 Gatorade Virginia Girls Cross Country Player of the Year.

The award, which recognizes not only outstanding athletic excellence, but also high standards of academic achievement and exemplary character demonstrated on and off the field, distinguishes Wilkes as Virginia's best high school girls cross country runners. Wilkes joins an elite alumni association of state award-winners in 12 sports.

The 5-foot-4 junior won the Class 2 state meet title this past season with a time of 18:13.5, breaking the tape 1:03.1 ahead of her next-closest competitor. Wilkes was undefeated during the spring season, including a 25-second win at the Pole Green Spring Championships. Running as an individual in the fall, Wilkes won the Gravely Hill Fall Fest and finished 36th at the national XC Town USA Meet of Champions.

The president-elect of the Glenvar High BETA service club, Wilkes took first in the impromptu speaking category at a regional competition for the Future Business Leaders of America. She has volunteered locally at the Rescue Mission of Roanoke and as a peer mentor. In addition, Wilkes has maintained a weighted 4.17 GPA in the classroom and ranks No. 1 in her class.

Through Gatorade's cause marketing platform "Play it Forward," Wilkes has the opportunity to award a \$1,000 grant to a local or national youth sports organization of their choosing. Wilkes is also eligible to submit a 30-second video explaining why the organization they chose is deserving of one of twelve



Carly Wilkes comes down the home stretch at the Class 2 Cross Country meet at Green Hill Park.

PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

\$10,000 spotlight grants, which will be announced throughout the year. To date, Gatorade Player of the Year winners' grants have totaled more than \$2.7 million across 1,117 organizations.

Glenvar sweeps track meet

Both the Glenvar boys and girls took first place in a four-school track meet at Floyd County last week. Three Rivers District rivals Radford, Carroll County and host Floyd joined the Highlanders.

In the boys' meet double winners included Blake Custer in the shot and discus while Jackson Swanson won the triple jump and 100, Bryant Loftis took the 200 and 400 and Tyler Johnson swept the 110 and 300 hurdles. Gabe

Ford won the long jump, Daniel Zearfoss was first in the 3,200 and the 4x100 relay team of Swanson, Johnson, Ford and Colvin Delano came across the line first.

For the girls, Sydney Loder won the high jump, 100 and 300 hurdles. Carly Wilkes eased to a win in the 3,200, Ryan Harris took the 400 and the 4x400 relay team of Wilkes, Loder, Delany Eller and Daily Umbarger was first.

The Highlanders at Radford this week.

Spartans run in Blacksburg meet

The Salem High track team ran in Blacksburg last meet in a five team meet and had some notable performances.

For the boys, Carlos Alleyne finished first in the 110 hurdles while Amarri Edwards won the 400 and took second in the 200 meter dash. Brayden Taylor was second in the 300 hurdles and the 4x800 relay team of Alex Helems, Walker Peterson, Lance Toapanta and Carson Tucker took second.

For the girls, Erin Memmer won the discus and was runnerup in the shot put. My'la Greene was second in the triple jump, third in the 100 hurdles, fifth in the long jump, and sixth in the 100 meter dash. McKenzie Moran was 3rd in the pole vault.

The Spartans were scheduled to run in Christiansburg Wednesday.

GHS baseball team will host Carroll Friday

The Glenvar High baseball team will play host to Carroll County, the only team to have beaten them thus far, in a Three Rivers District game on Friday night. Game time is 5 pm.

The Highlanders improved to 3-1 after wins over Giles and Alleghany in the past week. Last Friday at Glenvar the Highlanders shut out Giles, 2-0, behind a complete game shutout by Ryan Butler.

The senior fireballer struck out 12 Spartans.

Glenvar had just five hits in the win. Clay Caldwell, Butler, Josh Howard, Jacob Mays and Jimmy Blount each had a hit.

"It was ugly but a win's a win," said coach Jeremy Cromer.

On Monday at Alleghany the bats perked up for an 11-2 win. Caldwell had three hits and two runs batted in while Howard,

Carson Osburn and Brendon Magruder had two hits each. Howard and Caldwell had home runs.

Caldwell started on the mound and pitched five and two-thirds innings, fanning six. Cameron Wiley pitched the last inning and a third to close out the game.

The Highlanders were at James River Wednesday, but results were too late for publication.

Eagles upset RC in ODAC baseball

The third seeded Roanoke College baseball team was upset by sixth seeded Bridgewater in the quarter-final round of the Old Dominion Athletic Conference tournament last weekend. The Eagles swept a Saturday doubleheader to take the best-of-three series, 2-0, at Salem Memorial Ballpark.

Roanoke dropped the opening game by a 4-3 count. The Eagles scored the winning run on a passed ball to break a 3-3 tie in the eighth inning.

Aiden Kühle pitched the last six innings and took the loss for RC. PK Cocolis and Will Merriken had three hits each for the Maroons.

Bridgewater ended RC's season with a 6-4 win in the second game. It was another close one, as RC held a 2-0 lead in the fifth only to see it evaporate when Bridgewater's Kevin Navedo smacked a grand slam home run in the sixth inning.

Will Turner drew the start for RC and pitched six innings, giving up four runs while striking out four. Tyler De Meo was three-for-three with two runs scored while Will Smith, Cocolis, and Merriken each recorded two hits.

With the loss Roanoke finished the season at 23-10. The Eagles evened their record at 13-13 with the sweep and will play second seeded Lynchburg in a semifinal series this weekend in Lynchburg. The other series will match fourth seeded Shenandoah against eighth seeded Eastern Mennonite, who upset top-seeded Randolph-Macon in three games in their quarterfinal series.



James Kirshberger competes in the discus for Lewis.

PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

AL track team runs at Salem

The Andrew Lewis track teams competed against Read Mountain, Clifton Forge and Pulaski Middle Schools at Salem High School last week.

The girls were paced by two time winner Genelle Balthazar, who won the 100 and 200 meter dashes. Alecia Kasey and Sutton Semones took first and second in the discus to lead the Wolverine throwers.

The boys track team was led by Blake Bass, who won both hurdle races and the triple jump. Luke Farmer won both the 100 and 200 meter dashes and other individual winners were Dontay Davis in the shot put and Ty Hicklin in the 1600 meter run.

The 400 meter relay team of Farmer, Bryson Fraction, Patrick Dawyot and Skyler Phillips took first place and the 1600 meter relay team of Charlie Bain, Andrew Nevergold, Conner Cox and Brodie Dawyot also were winners.

The teams are in action again next Wednesday at Hidden Valley Middle School.



Will Smith bats for the Maroons.

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SHS BASEBALL

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ing a steal of home after the Titan catcher threw to first after a dropped third strike. DeBoer drove in the winning run in the eighth.

The Spartans are back on the road Friday to play Patrick Henry, followed by a home game against Pulaski next Tuesday.

Sports physicals offered for Salem High, Lewis athletes

Athletic physicals for students rising to grades 7 thru 12 and are interested in playing sports next year at either Andrew Lewis or Salem High will be conducted in the 6th grade wing at Andrew Lewis on Wednesday May 26th from 6 PM to 8 PM.

Andrew Lewis students will be seen from 6 PM-7 PM and high school students from 7 PM-8 PM. Please park on College Avenue in front of Andrew Lewis or in the Central Office parking lot and enter the school through the main entrance. The cost is \$20, cash only.

All ALMS and Salem High School athletes must have a yearly physical dated after May 1st on the Virginia High School League (VHSL) physical form. Please have the physical form completely filled out and signed upon arrival to expedite the process. Shorts and T-Shirt are appropriate dress for this event. VHSL physical forms can be picked up in the front offices at either ALMS or Salem High School or they can be printed off each school's Athletics page website.



Madi Winstead serves one up for the Salem High tennis team.

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SHS tennis teams play HV

The Salem High tennis teams will take on Hidden Valley on Friday, with the girls at home and the boys at Hidden Valley.

In the past week the boys won twice. They defeated Pulaski County in Dublin last Wednesday, 9-0, then edged Cave Spring on Monday, 5-4.

The girls split their two matches. They beat Pulaski in Salem, 8-1, with singles wins from Zoe Prosser, Rebekah Rothkoph, Madi Winstead, Morgan Tobey and Emma Johnson. All three doubles teams won their matches. Prosser, playing number one, got her first singles win of the year avenging an earlier loss to Pulaski from a couple of weeks ago.

On Monday Salem lost to the Knights on the Cave Spring courts, 8-1. Morgan Tobey had Salem's win with a tie-breaker victory at number four.

"The singles and doubles matches were all close, with most being decided by three or four games," said Salem coach Scott Hall.

Both Spartan teams were scheduled to play Blacksburg on Wednesday but results were too late for publication.

Busy week for GHS tennis teams

The Glenvar tennis teams have been busy in the past week, playing three matches in six days.

Last Wednesday, May 5, the boys were shut out by Carroll County at home but the girls won 6-2 in a match that was ended by darkness with Glenvar already having clinched. Isabella Gustafson was able to win her match after losing the previous matchup with Carroll.

"She has shown so much growth in learning the game and getting settled into a match," said coach Blaine Mills.

On Friday Radford swept the Highlanders, as the girls lost 6-3 in Radford and the boys fell 6-3

at home. Avery Flynn won singles and doubles for the girls and Natasha Miranda Angeles won by tie-breaker.

A tough schedule continued Monday with matches against Floyd County. The boys pulled out a 7-2 win as Blake Bower and Ian Kelley both won tiebreakers and Adam Chocklett, Blaine Bishop, Derrick Hall and Thomas Peters all had wins in the victory.

The girls, missing two starters, lost at Floyd, 7-2.

"We had people playing in different spots, but I was proud with how they performed in the face of change and adversity," said Mills.

Highlanders down Alleghany, 1-0, to remain undefeated after five games

The Glenvar softball team prevailed in a battle of unbeatens Monday night at Glenvar High. The Highlanders defeated Alleghany, 1-0, to take sole possession of first place in the Three Rivers District.

The game was tied until the bottom of the fifth inning when Justice Wilfong singled, driving in Madison Martinez. The one run proved to be enough to win the game behind the shutout pitching of Sophie McCulley, who went the distance on the mound. McCulley struck out eight, allowing just three hits.

Glenvar had five hits with Wilfong having two and the winning RBI. McKenna Shearer, Martinez and Madison Donoho all had one hit each for Glenvar.

Glenvar has now been unscored upon in the past four games. Last week the Highlanders, who are 5-0, beat two district foes by shutout scores. On Wednesday they beat Radford, 15-0, on the GHS diamond. McCulley was strong on the

mound with 13 strikeouts, two walks, and only allowing two hits. The bats were also alive for Glenvar as the team had 14 hits in four innings before the game was called by slaughterer rule.

Lydia Taylor had four hits and four RBIs, including a three run homer. Courtney Raines had two hits and four RBIs while Sarah Kate Tozier had two triples and two RBIs. McKenna Shearer had two hits and an RBI and Izzy Shearer had two hits.

On Friday at Giles Glenvar scored 13 runs in the first two innings, then cruised to a 14-0 victory over the Spartans. Taylor led the way with two home runs and a double, driving in six runs. McKenna Shearer also had three hits and Tozier had two hits and drove in four runs.

McKenna Shearer and McCulley shared time on the mound, shutting down Giles without a hit. Shearer pitched two innings, striking out four and walking four. Sophie McCulley pitched three innings, striking out seven.

The Salem High softball team is still looking for a win after falling to Christiansburg at the Moyer Complex Tuesday. The Spartans scored a season high 15 runs but gave up 24 in a three hour plus marathon game.

Bayleigh Booth led the offense with three hits, including a double and four runs scored. Gabby Vasquez, Taylor Bolen and Cameron McBride had two hits each and Kaley Seldomridge drove

in four. The Spartans scored 13 runs with two outs over three innings.

"The girls fought hard," said coach Johnny Counts.

Last week the Spartans dropped games to Blacksburg and Hidden Valley. The Bruins beat the Spartans at the Moyer Complex 10-0 as Maize Roop had Salem's only hit.

On Friday at Hidden Valley the Titans took a 10-6 win as Salem com-

mitted six errors. Vasquez had two hits and four stolen bases for the Spartans and also scored twice. Grace Christenson had two RBIs and Bolen pitched into the fifth inning, only giving up two earned runs while striking out four and allowing five hits.

The Spartans will take an 0-4 record into Friday's home game with Patrick Henry.

Top seeded Marlins eliminate RC, win ODAC softball for 5th straight year

The Roanoke College softball team was eliminated from the Old Dominion Athletic Conference tournament last week by top-seeded Virginia Wesleyan. The Marlins, who would go on to win the tournament, swept a doubleheader from Roanoke in the best-of-three semifinals in Virginia Beach.

The Marlins, top-ranked in the NFCA national rankings, won the opener by a slim count of 3-2, scoring a walk-off win in the bottom of the seventh. Jada Karnes gave up just two earned runs on four hits pitching for RC. Roanoke had just two hits, one each by Meri Bostic and Rebecca Hensley, in the pitcher's duel between Karnes and VWU's Hannah Hull.

In the second game the Marlins ended RC's season with an 8-0 shutout win, banging out 14 hits. The Maroons had just two hits, one each by Bostic and Brooke Trapuzzano.

Virginia Wesleyan earned the bid to the NCAA tournament with a 35-5-1 season record, winning the ODAC for the fifth year in a row. Roanoke finished the season at 21-11.

GHS boys still undefeated

The Glenvar boys remained undefeated with two soccer wins in the past week while the girls split two with Three Rivers District foes.

Last Thursday in Giles the Highlanders swept a doubleheader from the Spartans. The girls won 5-4 as Giuliana Stanley scored three goals and Rhyann Harris had two. Khana Nguyen had two assists while Faren Wilson and Harris had one each. Ashley Gardner had three saves in the goal.

The boys hammered Giles by a 9-0 count, leading 5-0 by the half. The Highlanders scored four more times in the first 17 minutes of the second half and the game was stopped after 60 minutes.

Riley Geddes had four goals to lead the Highlanders. Maddox Fisher had two and Marco Gustafson, Colin Clapper and Zach Curfiss had one each. Clapper also had two assists while Jacson Shepherd, Alex Byrd and Curfiss had one each. Glenvar outshot the Spartans 24-2.

Monday night at Radford wasn't as easy but the Glenvar boys managed to pull out a 4-3 win over the host Bobcats. Glenvar was down with nine minutes left, 3-1, and scored three goals in the final nine minutes to pull out the win.

Clapper scored in the first half. Then Maddox Fisher ignited the comeback by getting to the end line on the left side of the field and putting the ball backpost. Erwin Montanez scored the tying goal off a Clapper assist with eight minutes on the clock.

Gustafson made a huge save off a PK with two minutes left in the game to keep it tied, then Geddes scored with under a minute left to earn the win. Marco made eight saves on the night in the net.

"The guys just kept playing the game and were able to overcome a



Glenvar's Riley Geddes had four goals against Giles.

PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

two goal deficit," said coach Josh Jones. "We were able to show some mental toughness and pull out a win on the road. I'm proud of how the guys responded to the situation."

The girls' game was also a 4-3 final, but the Highlanders were on the short end of that score. Wilson, Stanley and Harris scored goals for the Highlanders.

The Highlanders are scheduled to host Giles today with the girls at 5:30 pm and the boys to follow. The boys are 4-0 and the girls are now 2-2.

SHS soccer teams will play PH

The Salem High soccer teams will take on Patrick Henry this Friday night in River Ridge District action. The girls will be at home for a 6 pm start and the boys will be at PH for a jayvee-varsity doubleheader.

Last Friday the boys picked up their first win when they shut out Hidden Valley, 6-0, at Salem High. Evin Lainez had two goals for Salem while Luis Geyne, Buddy Reed, Alex Benne and Will Clemens had one each. The Spartans are now 1-1 with an overtime loss at Cave Spring.

"I'm pleased with the way the guys are playing so far this season," said coach David Atkins. "They're working

hard in practice to improve as individuals and as a team. Our team chemistry is getting better each week and so is our play on the field. Really positive start to the year."

The girls dropped a 3-1 decision at Hidden Valley. Salem scored early in the first half off of a set piece corner kick. Audrey Hayes played a beautiful ball that found Dylan Copeland's head for the score.

The Spartans had 14 shots on goal but ultimately could not score again in the second half despite some opportunities. Freshman Anna Haley had five saves in the goal for the Spartans.

The girls are also 1-1.



Sophie McCulley hasn't given up a run in her last four outings.

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Spartans score 15 runs but can't get a win

The Salem High softball team is still looking for a win after falling to Christiansburg at the Moyer Complex Tuesday. The Spartans scored a season high 15 runs but gave up 24 in a three hour plus marathon game.

Bayleigh Booth led the offense with three hits, including a double and four runs scored. Gabby Vasquez, Taylor Bolen and Cameron McBride had two hits each and Kaley Seldomridge drove



Sammie Murphy runs down a ball in the outfield for RC.

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A. Lewis, Glenvar battle in middle school baseball, softball, soccer

The two local middle schools went head-to-head in the past week in baseball, softball and both boys' and girls' soccer.

In baseball, Glenvar jumped to a 5-0 lead at Green Hill Park last Thursday but Lewis rallied to take a 6-5 lead in the third inning on three singles and four walks. Glenvar tied the game at 6-6, but Lewis rallied to win 10-6. Jack Stroud drove in the go-ahead run and Evan Byers had a big RBI.

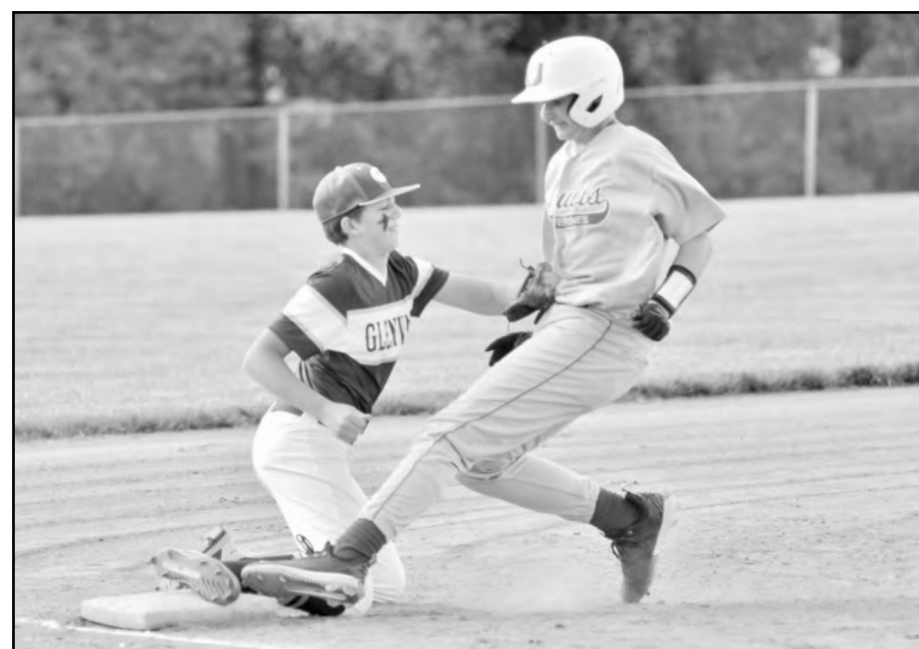
Byers closed out the game to get the win. Zach Bocock had a two-RBI single in two trips, and Carter Black went three-for-four on the day. Rhett Henderson and Grayson Shearer drove in two runs apiece for Glenvar.

In softball, Lewis beat Glenvar 12-1 at the Moyer Complex. Ciara Steele and Kayla Bowen pitched for the Wolverines.

Lewis beat Glenvar in soccer Monday, 8-0. Blair Bowers scored four goals and Avery Mangus had a goal and two assists. Emme Custer made one save in goal.

In boys' soccer, Lewis squeaked out a 1-0 win over the middle Highlanders Monday. Ian Berroteran scored the winning goal with less than two minutes left as Lewis improved to 3-2.

The AL baseball and softball teams also played Monday. The boys lost to William Byrd on Billy Sample Field, 10-3, while the girls pulled out a 3-2 win in Vinton.



Above, Glenvar Middle School thirdbaseman Jace Forster puts the tag on Andrew Lewis' Thomas Millard at third in last week's game at Green Hill Park. Right, Lewis catcher Caitlin Wells tags out a Glenvar girl at the plate in action at the Moyer Complex.

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Little League coaches would warn us not to try. I can still hear coach "Wormie" Alderfer telling us, "when you get to be as good as Willie Mays you can catch the ball like that, until then catch it in front of your face and use two hands."

Here's what I remember most about that game. At one point there were runners on second and third and Mays was due up. Phillies manager Gene Mauch decided to intentionally walk Mays and pitch to Cepeda with the bases loaded. The move backfired when Cepeda hit a grand slam home run off one of the big billboards that sat atop the leftfield pavilion roof at ole' Connie Mack. I'll never forget it.

Hard to believe Willie Mays turned 90 last week. He was one of the all-time greats, and the best ever in the eyes of many.

My trip to Connie Mack in the early '60s wasn't the last time I saw Mays in person. He came to Salem for "Willie Mays Night" in 1985. Our owners at the time, Arthur Hecht and Stanley Waldshan, were from New York and Arthur in particular was a big Mays fan going back to when the Giants were in New York. Somehow they got Mays to come here for a day and throw out the first ball at a Salem Redbirds Carolina League game.

Willie visited a local hospital in the afternoon. The late Jon Kaufman, a good friend of mine who worked for the Redbirds, was in charge of Willie's trip and he carried a bunch of photos for Willie to sign and give away. He told me how impatient Willie got if he didn't get him the pictures as quickly as he liked. Jon was getting irritated with the way Willie was treating him, but about that time Willie took off his watch and gave it to a patient who was a veteran, and Jon had nothing bad to say after that.

The Redbirds had made up a uniform number "24" Salem jersey to present to Willie before the game that night. He was to throw out the first ball after signing autographs in front of the clubhouse for about a half hour before the game. However, it was a rainy night and the game was delayed, and that got Willie aggravated.

"He kept saying, 'I gotta hop a plane out of here, I can't wait,'" recalled Kaufman as the rain delay continued.

Finally the game got underway and Willie threw out the first pitch to the cheers of many at old Salem Municipal Field, which is now Billy Sample Field at

Kiwanis Park. As soon as he threw out that pitch he was "outta there," hoppin' a plane back to wherever he came from.

It's a game I'll always remember, and not just because of Willie. Mitch Williams, who went on to have a nice career in the big leagues, was a Texas Rangers' prospect at the time and he was our starting pitcher that night. Williams was known to be wild at times, and he was at his wildest on this night. He walked a couple batters, hit one, then walked a couple more as the big crowd on hand to see Willie groaned. Williams never made it out of the first inning before he was relieved, to the relief of the Redbirds' fans.

I'm sure Willie had hopped on that plane before Williams turned on the shower. It was a night I'll always remember and I have Willie's autograph on a baseball to remind me.



Shorty Wright shares a laugh with former Northside ace pitcher Brandy Bailey.

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SHORTY HAD A BIG IMPACT

I was sad to learn of the recent death of former Salem High teacher and coach Jim "Shorty" Wright, who passed away tragically on April 26.

Wright coached softball at Salem for 16 years and was a shop teacher at SHS for over 20 years. After retiring from teaching and coaching he drove the bus for Spartan teams.

A United States Marine and decorated Viet Nam veteran, Shorty was awarded a Purple Heart for his service in Viet Nam. He was well-respected by athletes and coaches alike during his time on the diamond and last week the Salem High girls had a moment of silence for him prior to their game against Blacksburg.

MOIR IS GREAT HIRE FOR RAIDERS

I was glad to see Page Moir is returning to the coaching ranks. The winningest coach in Roanoke College basketball history was hired to coach the North Cross School team last week, and I know he'll do a great job.

Moir, 60, won 428 games in 27 seasons at RC, following in the footsteps of his father, the late Charlie Moir, who won a national championship at Roanoke in 1972. Page led the Maroons to six NCAA tournament appearances during his time at Roanoke.

"It's fun to be back in the gym," said Moir. "I'm excited to be back on the floor again."

Page will continue his job as a manager with Frankie Rowlands of Salem, a high end restaurant in the space formerly occupied by the Salem Theatre at Main Street and College Avenue. The restaurant is now open and a 16 bedroom hotel is being constructed on the second floor.

Moir replaces Shannon Taylor, who coached the Raiders for the past five years. Ironically Shannon replaces Ed Green at North Cross. Ed was the winningest coach at Roanoke College before Page passed him.



Salem's Eve Deegan holds grandson D.W. Hart as Willie Mays signs a ball for the tyke on "Willie Mays Day" at Salem Municipal Field in 1985.

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Glenvar is "dream job" for new coach Bordewisch

The new boys' basketball coach at Glenvar High School is a familiar guy with the Highlander program. Cliff Bordewisch, a 1999 graduate of GHS, has been promoted from middle school coach to the head position.

"I am incredibly excited and can't wait to get to work," said Bordewisch, who took an unlikely route to his present position. After graduating from Glenvar Cliff worked at Mac & Bob's restaurant in Salem for 15 years before finishing school at Radford University in 2014.

"I started at Glenvar that very next year and have been here seven years," he said. "I got hired seven years to the day that I graduated from Radford."

A power forward in his playing days, Cliff was on the Highlander varsity for two years, including the 1999 season when Glenvar

won the state championship. He played under Art Lawrence, who was assisted by long time Highlander player and coach Rick Crotts.

Cliff has been on the Glenvar staff all seven years he's been at the school. He's been a jayvee assistant, a varsity assistant and the head middle school coach for the past two years.

"I look to the guys who have allowed me to learn from them throughout my time here," said Bordewisch. "Without guys like Rick Crotts, who was the first one to give me a chance, Dave Redding, who really showed me what running a varsity program is like, and the breakdowns and adjustments of the x's and o's from guys like Brian Crockett and Jason Murray, then I'd never be in this position."

Cliff teaches social studies at

Glenvar High School, primarily US Government. He's been married 10 years to wife Kathryn and has five year old twins, Clifford (the 5th) and Madelyn, who are starting kindergarten next year.

Former Glenvar basketball standout Corey Willis has been helping Cliff the last two years at the middle school and he will continue to lend his knowledge to the program in some capacity. Cliff is currently looking for people to help round out the basketball staff.

"This is my dream job," he said. "Glenvar is my home and is such a unique place that I honestly can't even believe it still. I'm incredibly humbled by the decision to hire me and I'm incredibly excited to get in front of the kids and to get to work. Glenvar basketball did a lot for me and this is my opportunity to pay it back."



Cliff Bordewisch(left) played for Glenvar and has coached the Highlanders on the varsity, jayvee and middle school levels. Here he assists former coach David Redding during a timeout.

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Left, Salem's Hope Wimmer scores one of her five goals against Cave Spring Monday. Right, Jake Massey drives on a Knight in the boys' win.

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Lax teams sweep CS

The Salem High lacrosse teams took Bogle Field by storm Monday as both the Salem girls and boys beat homestanding Cave Spring by decisive scores.

The girls opened the doubleheader with a 17-0 shutout win. Brynn Bowen kept the net clean with help from a solid Salem back line. Bailey Stratton and Natalie Major led the team in ground balls on defense and Stratton also had two knockdowns. Bowen made six saves.

The scoring was led by Hope Wimmer and Chloe Butt with five goals apiece. Addi Blanchard had three goals, Zoe Blair had two and Morgan Tew and Bailey Stratton had one each.

"There were four assists and when they were looking for the plus ones, it was really pretty lacrosse," said coach Maggi Pace.

The boys followed with a 16-3 win over the Knights. Zach Blair only had to make three saves in the goal as the Spartans improved to 3-1 on the season.

Kyman Kinney had four goals to lead Salem while Jake Massey had three goals and an assist. JR Wallace and Tanner Dallas had two goals each and Dallas also had two assists.

The victory followed a 15-2 spanking of the Blue Demons in Christiansburg last week. Massey had four goals, Landon Miles and Wallace had three each and Charles Baynum and Kinney both had two.

The Spartans are back home tonight to host Franklin County, with the girls at 5:30 pm and the boys to follow at Spartan Field.

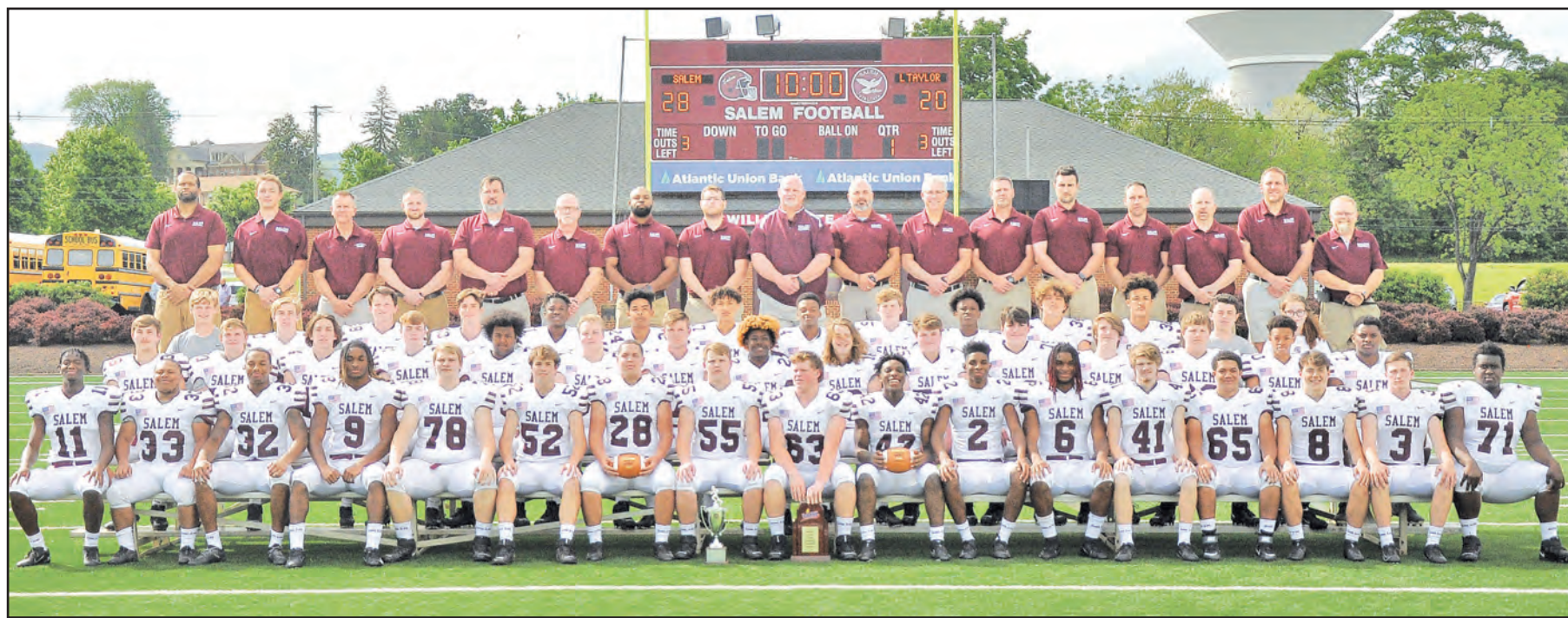
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CLASS 4 CHAMPS The Salem High football team gathered for the official VHSL Class 4 championship picture last week at Salem Stadium. It marked the 10th state championship for the Spartans in the past 25 years. PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Sox drop opener in front of "socially distanced" crowd

Every seat wasn't filled, but it was billed as a "sell-out" crowd. The Red Sox didn't win, but no one seemed to care. It was great just to have Salem Red Sox baseball back.

The Sox dropped a 10-1 decision to the Lynchburg Hillcats Tuesday night at Haley Toyota Field in the first Sox game in Salem since the first week of September in 2019. The Carolina League missed the entire 2020 season due to the coronavirus pandemic, and this year there's no Carolina League. Instead, the Sox are playing in the "Low A East" league. The Sox are in the Northern Division of the Low A East with Lynchburg, Fredericksburg and Delmarva.

While only a percentage of seats can be sold due to the continuing pandemic, all the ones that could be sold were gobbled up on Tuesday. The homestand

will continue through Sunday with weekday games at 7:05 pm, a Saturday game at 6:05 pm and this Sunday the Sox start at 4:05 pm.

Tuesday's loss dropped the Sox to 3-4 after one week of the season. Salem and Delmarva, a Baltimore Orioles farm team, split a six game series in Maryland to open the season.

While seating is limited at minor league games this summer, all Salem Red Sox games will be aired on streaming services and MiLB.com. The Salem Red Sox have teamed up with the Virginia Tech School of Communication to broadcast all 2021 Red Sox home games.

Kevin DiDomenico, a junior Sports Media & Analytics Major at Virginia Tech, will serve as broadcaster for Salem baseball this season. He is currently

the broadcast coordinator of 3304 Sports and the home radio voice for men's and women's basketball at Radford University. Kevin served as the 2019 road voice for the Pulaski Yankees, the advanced rookie league affiliate of the New York Yankees. He also serves as a play-by-play broadcaster for the ACC Network Extra for Virginia Tech baseball, lacrosse, soccer, and softball.

"I am thrilled to be joining such a storied organization," said DiDomenico. "I look forward to telling the story of the 2021 season to all of Red Sox nation and after missing a full season, I'm excited to get back behind the mic - I know Sox fans look forward to getting back to Salem Memorial ballpark."

3304 Sports is the multi-media online platform for student sports journalism and the digital home of JMC



Julian Escobedo of the Lynchburg Hillcats slides home before Salem Red Sox catcher Jaxx Groshans can make the tag as he scores on a first inning sacrifice fly in Tuesday's home opener. It marked the first run in a Salem Red Sox game since the late summer of 2019. PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

3304, the Sports Play-by-Play class at Virginia Tech. Members of the 3304 Sports team cover major college sporting events, giving them the opportunity to learn and grow in a professional environment.

Sports Media & Analytics students at Virginia Tech study sports journalism and work in the school's digital broadcast studio, newsroom, and media lab. Students learn in real-world environments through extensive field work on campus and at stadiums and arenas throughout the ACC and the country.

"We are thrilled that our talented students in Sports Media and Analytics will have this opportunity with the Salem Red Sox this upcoming season and in the years to come," said Robert E. Denton Jr., director of the School of Communication.

Spartans beat Christiansburg for third straight win

The Salem High baseball team won their third straight game as the Spartans defeated the Blue Demons in Christiansburg Tuesday. The Spartans took a 4-1 win in the first game this season that wasn't a walk-off victory for the winning team.

Eli Bowery picked up the win for the Spartans, pitching into the seventh before Ethan Walker came on to pick up the save. Hunter King had a home run for Salem.

Last week the Spartans won twice in extra innings, both at Billy Sample Field in Salem. On Wednesday Salem blew a 10-5 lead in the seventh inning but came back to beat Blacksburg, 11-10, in the bottom of the ninth. Walker's grounder to the hole between the first and second baseman was misplayed as King raced home with the winning run.

Walker picked up the win in this one, pitching two and a third innings of scoreless relief. He allowed just one hit and fanned seven after the Bruins tied the game with two outs in the seventh.

Conner Fletcher had three hits and drove in three runs for the Spartans. King had two hits and scored three times and Bowery had a hit, walked three times and scored twice for the Spartans. Cody DeBoer had a home run.

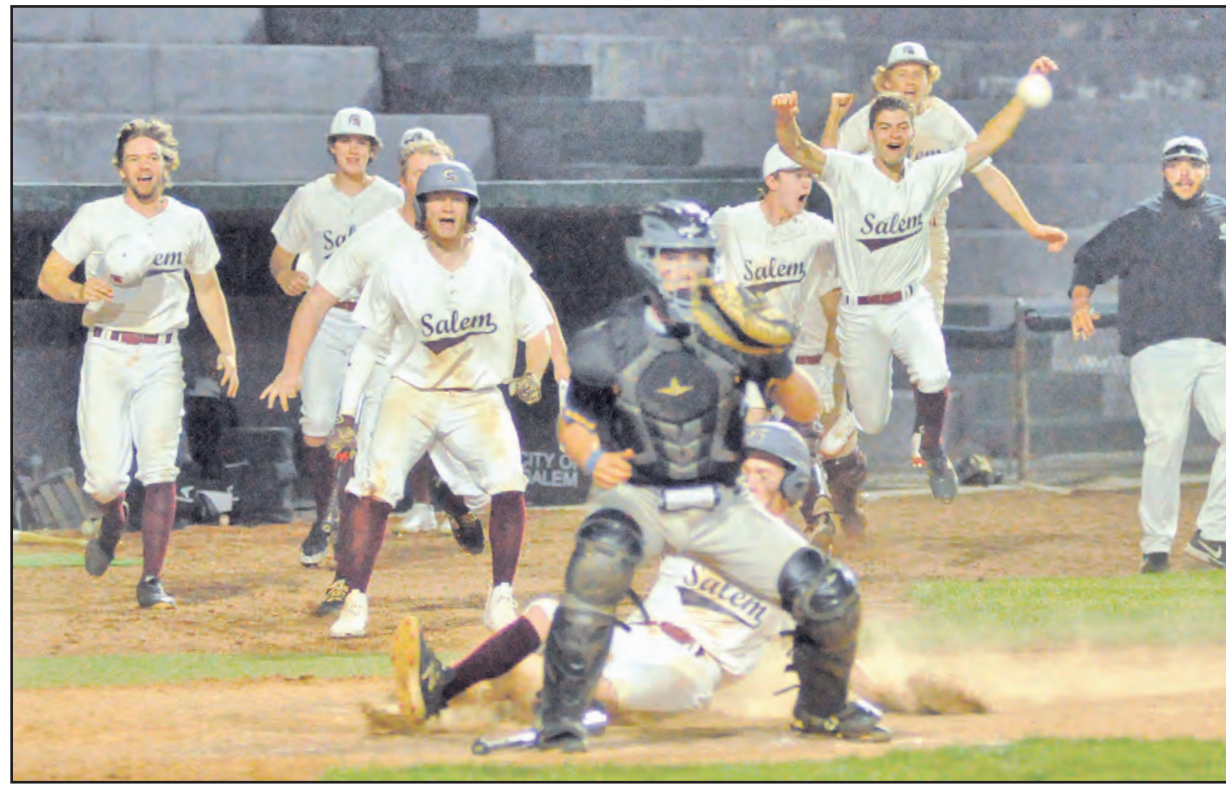
On Friday in Salem it was more drama for the Spartans, as they beat Hidden Valley 8-7 in eight innings. Salem was short on pitching after Wednesday marathon and coach Wes McMillan used five pitchers, with Walker working the last two for his second win of the week. This time he struck out five, walked none and allowed two hits. King and Trent Judd both worked two scoreless innings as Hidden Valley didn't

score after the third inning.

Salem had just seven hits but worked Hidden Valley pitchers for a dozen walks. Bowery walked

four times and had a hit, scoring three times. Evyn Hughes walked twice, was hit by a pitch, scored twice and stole four bases for the Spartans, includ-

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Salem's Hunter King slides home with the winning run as teammates rush from the dugout to celebrate in Salem's nine inning win over Blacksburg last week. PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN