

Announcing a new feature exhibit at the Salem Museum

The year 2020 marked the 75th Anniversary of the end of World War II, an outcome that powerfully changed American life. To explore what happened locally after the soldiers came home, the Salem Museum has announced a new feature exhibit, BOOM! Salem After WWII, that celebrates the boom times that Salem and the United States experienced from 1945 through 1952.

In Salem, the period started and ended with a BOOM - parades, programs, and community-wide celebrations. When victory was announced in 1945, all of Salem erupted with joy. Impromptu parades took place along Main Street, culminating in celebratory programs held at Municipal Field. A similar set of events, planned in advance this time, took place in 1952 when Salem celebrated its 150th anniversary. The whole town turned out for parades, historical performances featuring a cast of 500, and other activities that lasted for a week.

In between, Salem ex-

perienced a baby boom and a surge in students, growing demand for suburban housing, and a wide range of consumer goods available once more. New businesses opened and expanded up and down Main Street and all through the town. Some are still in operation, such as Medeco, Graham-White Manufacturing Company, and Maid Bess Garment Company (now Integrated Textile Solutions). Others now gone, but well remembered, included Tarpley's, Valleydale, and the Lee-Hi Drive-in. Existing schools saw expansions, and two new schools—West Salem and South Salem Elementary Schools—were soon built.

"This time period is when modern Salem begins to take shape," said Alex Burke, the Salem Museum's assistant director and exhibit designer. "It's interesting to look back and see how this time period leads into the Salem we know today."

The exhibit opens with a display of weap-



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ons and equipment that soldiers brought home from the war. Some notable figures from Salem's history are featured: Brigadier General Guy Denit, who wit-

nessed the Japanese surrender; 12-year-old Russell Gwaltney, national marbles champion; authors Elizabeth Gresham and Alfreda Marion Peel; Frank Chapman,

Sr., town manager; and actor John Payne, the star of Miracle on 34th Street.

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- Submitted by Fran Ferguson, Salem Museum & Historical Society Executive Director

Ponton places with Around the World photo



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Almost 350 photos from all over the world recently entered in the Around the World Challenge Photo Contest. Local resident Alaina Ponton chose to enter her landscape photo of Joe's Trees on Route 42. Her love for photography was noted by the judges and she won an Honorable Mention Award.

Pam Dudding
Contributing writer

Passions often brings out the best in people, especially when it is birthed in their hearts.

Alaina Ponton, 24, discovered her love for photography when she received her first Nikon camera at age 11.

"My passion started when I got my first camera.

I was always an outdoor girl and when I started taking photography with that little Nikon, it showed me how much closer I could get with nature, wildlife and people," she shared.

Her favorite subjects are still wildlife, nature and landscape.

"I absolutely love photography," Ponton exclaimed. "The excitement for me is getting close to

my subject and understanding their behavior. I spend hours observing and photographing. Some of the simplest things go unnoticed."

She is currently observing and photographing a family of Bald Eagles and watching their nestling grow into an adult and sharing it with others on social media.

Ponton recalled that her biggest influence was Sharon Myers, saying, "She is an amazing woman and photographer. She showed me a lot about editing, getting the right angle and much more."

With her passion for nature and landscape, Ponton discovered a photo contest on social media called the Around the World Challenge.

"I had to enter it, so I choose my photo of Joe's Trees on Route 42 to submit. There were around 344 entries from all over the world such as Ireland, Switzerland, Africa and many other places," Ponton noted.

She won the "Honorable Mention" award and was recognized on their social media site. Many have tagged into her site to ob-

serve her level of expertise in photography.

"I was not awarded a prize, but I received recognition, which was just as great," Ponton said.

Ponton also shoots professionally. She has done photoshoots for birthdays, senior graduation pictures, maternity, and other special occasions. Her reasonable charges vary depending on the requests of her clients.

"I'm a mother of two beautiful babies. I went to Craig County Public Schools and I have been raised in this wonderful community my whole life," she added.

She is also a "derby girl" who has participated in the Craig County Derbies as well as taken part in the annual "Hooked on Fishing" events.

"My family is absolutely amazing. They have always supported me," Ponton said. "My mom, Melanie Ponton, has always been right by my side and so has my grandparents, Cathy Williams and Jimmy Williams. They are the reason I am who I am. They taught me to be strong, smart, independent and passionate for the things I love."

DMV to expand appointment opportunities as COVID-19 restrictions are eased

In line with Governor Ralph Northam's recent announcement to ease current COVID-19 restrictions, the Virginia

Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) will open more windows in its customer service centers beginning June 1, creat-

ing 184,000 additional appointment opportunities across the Commonwealth.

Customers can begin to schedule these new appointments next week. Additional windows will open in stages on June 1, June 15 and in July as DMV continues to hire and train new employees to expand appointment availability, adding to the more than 530,000 appointments Virginians already have scheduled over the next three months.

"Virginians have told us they appreciate the convenience and high-quality service the appointment system affords," Commissioner Richard D. Holcomb said. "The Governor's announcement enables us to open more windows so customers can secure appointments sooner, but we are still taking great care to offer service that is safe for everyone."

Customer service centers and mobile operations teams continue to

operate by appointment only for specific services which generally necessitate an in-person visit. Appointment opportunities are currently available for a 90-day period.

DMV is conducting more transactions across all service channels now than pre-pandemic. The vast majority of the 15 million transactions conducted since DMV started reopening customer service centers in May 2020 have been completed by service delivery

methods other than at an office, such as online or by mail. Prior to the pandemic, DMV conducted an average of 309,000 transactions per week statewide across all service channels. Last week, the agency completed more than 365,000; of those, only about 73,000 were done in a customer service center.

-Submitted Jessica Cowardin, DMV Relations and Media Liaison

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POLICE REPORT

The Salem Police Department reported the following people were arrested and charged May 3-10. 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:

May 4 – Ernest J. Kiser, 54, possession of controlled substance; Paul R. Whalen, 54, public intoxication; and Deanean L. Taylor, 47, assault and battery.

May 5 – Daniel T. Devore, 33, violation of probation; Anthony D. Dickson, 33, failure to appear; and Nancy E. Williams, 54, shoplifting, resisting arrest.

May 6 – Larry R. Cooper, 38, evading police, grand larceny, vehicle theft; Ryan D. Sims, 37, arson, public intoxication; and Keri K. Berube, 35, contributing to delinquency of minor.

May 7 – Kevin A. McCarthy II, 37, public intoxication; Andrew G. Cooper, 24, public intoxication; Brandon D. Barrett, 32, violation of probation;

Mark E. Michael, 33, domestic assault and battery; Timothy A. McGoy, 36, violation of probation; and Shaun D. Blevins Jr., 18, eluding police.

May 8 – Alana V. Underwood, 32, DUI

May 9 – Bobbiejo Plunkett, 32, vehicle burglary; and Monica K. Thornton, 49, public intoxication.

May 10 – Hada B. Meija Tabora, 60, contributing to delinquency of minor; Shaun P. Vermillion, 29, public intoxication; Jacob C. Hazelwood, 29, assault and battery; and Terrell W. Miller, 35, domestic and assault.

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 reed.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 navicroa226@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.

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FRIDAY, MAY 21

The Salem Civic Center, the Salem Red Sox and 94.9 Star Country are excited to bring live music back to the Taliaferro Complex. Multi-Platinum entertainer Chase Rice will headline Salem Memorial Ballpark to perform his current single "Drinkin' Beer, Talkin' God. Amen." Kicking-off the show is up and coming Nashville star, Shelby Darrall. Shelby has a wide range of musical influences, spanning from Alabama, The Eagles, and Eric Church to Cher, Etta James, and The Dixie Chicks. Her upcoming EP is produced by Grammy-winning icon, Ron Fair. Several new measures will be in place to ensure that everyone remains safe, healthy and has a good time while following all current COVID-19 guidelines. Following these will allow the concert to continue moving forward: masks are required, there will be staggered entrance times and please stay six feet from others who are not in your party. For more information, visit (540) 375-3004

MONDAY, MAY 24

The League of Women Voters of the Roanoke Valley is pleased to present "The Coronavirus Pandemic: Some Impacts on the Mental Well-being of Children and Teens." Speakers will be Jamie Starkey, MSW, Director of Community Services, Family Service of Roanoke Valley, and Katie Van Patten, MS, Utilization Management Coordinator, Roanoke City Children's Services Act. During the past year, the coronavirus pandemic has altered virtually every aspect of all of our lives, and children and teens have been especially hard hit. The impacts of the pandemic on their mental well-being, social development, behaviors, and educational progress will be felt for years to come. Two community experts will help the community to understand the additional stressors facing both youth who have never struggled with mental health issues before as well as those who were already at-risk because of family dysfunction, poverty, or mental illness. Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84274441270> Meeting ID: 842 7444 1270 One tap mobile or phone dial in: +1 929 436 2866 or +1 301 715 8592

\$62.7 million in Virginia LEARNS Education Recovery grants announced

Recently, it was announced that \$62.7 million in Virginia LEARNS Education Recovery grants will help school divisions expand and implement targeted initiatives to address learning loss among Virginia students as they continue to recover from the impacts of the coronavirus pandemic.

"Over the past year, we have worked tirelessly to minimize educational disruptions and meet the social, emotional, and academic needs of our children, and we must accelerate these efforts to have an equitable recovery," said Governor Northam. "This funding will enable school divisions to offer extended learning opportunities for those who have fallen behind and create targeted programs to address the impacts of lost instructional time during the pandemic. Our Administration remains committed to providing the necessary resources to our schools to ensure every Virginia student is equipped for

success as we move forward."

The funding includes \$30 million in Virginia LEARNS grants to address unfinished learning due to school closures, including the following reopening and recovery priorities identified by the Virginia Department of Education's Virginia LEARNS workgroup, Secretary of Education Atif Qarni, and Superintendent of Public Instruction Dr. James Lane:

•Increased in-person instruction and small-group learning;

•Targeted remediation, extended instruction, and enrichment;

•Strategic virtual learning, technology, and staff training;

•Social-emotional, behavioral, and mental health supports for students and staff;

•Alternate learning opportunities; and

•Student-progress monitoring and assessment.

"Now more than ever, schools are using innovative

strategies to meet their students' unique needs," said Secretary of Education Atif Qarni. "As we have traveled the Commonwealth in recent months, we have seen student-created wellness spaces, participated in hands-on learning activities in outdoor classrooms, and learned about thoughtful plans for summer instruction. With these funds, school divisions will be able to scale up successful initiatives and provide additional support to our most vulnerable students."

The remaining \$32.7 million in Virginia LEARNS grants will be awarded to school divisions to cover costs associated with planning and implementing year-round or extended-year calendars. In its report last month, the Virginia LEARNS workgroup recommended that school divisions consider extended learning opportunities and alternate schedules as strategies to mitigate the effects of learning loss.

School divisions may apply for one or both Virginia LEARNS grant opportunities through the Virginia Department of Education. The deadline for divisions to apply is May 28, 2021.

"I am optimistic that when students return in August and September, they will have the opportunity to experience school as they did before the pandemic," said State Superintendent Lane. "But the impact of school closures and limited in-person instruction will not disappear immediately, especially for our most vulnerable learners. These grants will support the Commonwealth's school divisions as they implement equitable strategies to meet the individual needs of all students during the 2021-2022 school year and beyond."

Funding from the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) II Fund will account for \$55 million of the grant money. The remainder of this allocation

will come from \$7.7 million in state funds designated specifically to support grants for extended-year and year-round school programs.

Virginia received approximately \$939 million in ESSER II funds under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations (CRRSA) Act of 2021. Ninety percent of the funding was distributed to school divisions in January based on the formula for allocating Title I, Part A funds. The ESSER II funding from this allocation is part of the 10 percent set aside for targeted state-level initiatives to address the impact of the pandemic on students and schools. During the 2021 General Assembly session, \$30 million of the state set aside was designated for efforts to support unfinished learning and bridge gaps.

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Office of the Governor*

Mask mandate lifted to align with CDC guidance

Commonwealth has administered nearly seven million vaccines, 63 percent of Virginia adults have received at least one dose

Governor Ralph Northam recently lifted Virginia's universal indoor mask mandate to align with new guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Governor Northam also announced that Virginia will ease all distancing and capacity restrictions on Friday, May 28, two weeks earlier than planned. The updates to Virginia's mask policy are reflected in amendments to Executive Order Seventy-Two and will become effective at midnight tonight along with previously announced changes to mitigation measures.

Governor Northam made the announcement in a new video message.

Virginia is able to take these steps as a result of increasing vaccination rates, dramatically declining COVID-19 cases, hospitalizations, and statewide test positivity rate, and revised federal guidelines.

"Virginians have been working hard, and we are seeing the results in our strong vaccine numbers and dramatically lowered case counts," said Governor Northam. "That's why we can safely move up the timeline for lifting mitigation measures in Virginia. I strongly urge any Virginian who is not yet vaccinated to do so—the vaccines are the best way to protect yourself and your community from COVID-19. The message is clear: vaccinations are how we put this pandemic in the rear-view mirror and get back to being with the people we love and doing the things we have missed."

The CDC guidelines state that fully-vaccinated individuals do not have to wear masks in most indoor settings, except on public transit, in health care facilities, and in congregate settings. Businesses retain the ability to require masks in their establish-

ments. Employees who work in certain business sectors—including restaurants, retail, fitness, personal care, and entertainment—must continue to wear masks unless fully vaccinated, per CDC guidance. Those who are unvaccinated or not fully-vaccinated are strongly encouraged to wear masks in all settings.

The state of emergency in Virginia will remain in place at least through June 30 to provide flexibility for local government and support ongoing COVID-19 vaccination efforts. Governor Northam will take executive action to ensure individuals have the option to wear masks up to and after that date. Masks will continue to be required in K-12

public schools, given low rates of vaccination among children.

To encourage all Virginians to take advantage of available COVID-19 vaccines, Governor Northam invited Virginians to participate in the "It's Our Shot, Virginia: Statewide Day of Action" on Tuesday, May 18.

Virginians took part in the Day of Action by:

•Signing up to be a COVID Community Ambassador. Ambassadors will help share COVID-19 updates and materials from top experts and sources with their networks and in their local community.

•Sharing your vaccination story on social media. Add a Facebook profile photo frame, upload a backdrop to your next virtual meeting,

or record a short video highlighting why you chose to get vaccinated using the hashtag #VaccinateVirginia.

Virginia has administered nearly seven million doses of COVID-19 vaccines. More than four

million people have received at least one dose of the vaccine, representing over 63 percent of Virginia's adult population. Governor Northam has said he remains con-

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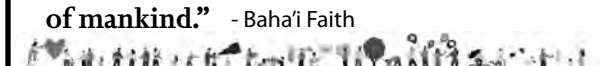
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OPINION

Give Light ~ Cans, masks and posters ~

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

In the years when I walked a mile daily in the Hollins community and later in Salem with its sidewalks, I carried a plastic bag in which to place aluminum cans. Certain streets like Idaho and Indiana often yielded a half dozen or so as beer-drinking collegians cast them to the roadside.

At home, I'd wash and crush the cans. When I got a bag full, I'd take them down the hill to the Hedge Metals collection facility where a young woman worked daily in what must qualify as the dirtiest place of employment anywhere around.

She might pay me as much as one dollar for my collection; usually the payoff was in coins. Whatever the amount, I'd put it in the small blue box my denomination has long designated as the United Thank Offering (UTO) which

is used for various mission efforts.

The idea is that when one experiences a blessing, perhaps in answer to a prayer or anything that elicits a thankful response to God, one or more coins are dropped in the Blue Box. In my mother's time, the offering carried the phrase "from the Women of the Church." That was before women became something besides second-class members in the 1970s. They could serve on governing boards and even be ordained to the ministry which many have been.

Recently, I asked the young woman how she could work in the heat and dirt that all the discarded metals generated. She smiled and told me she liked making a difference in keeping usable metals out of landfills.

I thought her reason somewhat inspiring. It led me to reflect on another not-so-small effect of the COVID-19 pandemic: The disposable blue masks so many wear to prevent contagion are being care-

Frances Stebbins Correspondent

lessly discarded in places like the Roanoke River.

It's the time of year for thinking of the environment with various clean-up and Earth Day observances. At one time in a more rural day, prayers were sometimes offered on farms for the coming season.

At a church I once attended in Roanoke, the congregation would have a morning service on the farm of one of its members living in Botetourt. As we stopped at the barn, animal pens, garden, and field-specific prayers were said that the coming growing months would be fruitful ones.

Certainly, blue masks do not belong in the Roanoke River or our numerous large creeks that rise in the nearby

mountains.

It seems that soon the masks we have become accustomed to over the past 13 months will become a souvenir of this year of the respiratory pandemic that occurred approximately a century after the one our elders may have told us of.

Soon after the pandemic began in the spring of 2020, I learned through a church newsletter of a seamstress in Salem who was sewing pretty cloth masks, selling them for \$5 each and giving a portion of the profit to her church or a non-profit group. I bought several by going to her home where she fitted them expertly.

Later, I found others and liked especially those knitted and snugly fitting. Each time I wore one out of the house, I'd wash it in hot soapy water on return home and, when dry, I'd iron it for sterilization.

Who would have thought any of us —other than medical/dental workers —would become such experts on facial coverings?

It's a good time to stock up

on hand sanitizers as stores reduce the supplies they acquired over the months. Using them and applying preventive measures such as thorough hand washing and face-covering has caused several people I know to remark on their absence of colds the past season.

The wall of a basement room in my small house is brightened by a large poster bearing the Old Testament words God is reported to have said: "I Am the Great I AM." The poster, which was given to me around 1990, represents a short-lived trend and is the last of several I owned. They adorned homes and rooms used for religious education with such inscriptions as "When the Outlook is Bad, Try Looking Up."

For being made by paper, the posters had a limited life and it's been years since I have seen any. Like eternal seasons, they came and went, but my souvenir reminds me of the many names Scripture calls God.

Herd immunity

Dr. Cynthia Morrow

Roanoke City and Alleghany Health Districts Health Director
Guest Contributor

When COVID-19 was first identified in the United States last year, it quickly spread through communities throughout the country because it was a new virus against which we did

not have any natural immunity. Simply put, immunity, or our ability to resist a bacteria or virus, occurs when our bodies create antibodies and/or specialized blood cells to fight against these infectious invaders. Ending the pandemic will require a significant percentage of people to become immune to the disease.

Herd immunity occurs when a large portion of the population (the herd) is immune to an infectious disease. If enough people are protected, there is some indirect protection for those who do not have immunity, for example, people who cannot get

vaccinated because of their age (very young children) or because of an underlying medical condition.

Measles, mumps, polio, and chickenpox are examples of infectious diseases that were once very common but are now rare in the U.S., in part because of herd immunity. There are two ways to achieve herd immunity: when a large portion of the population gets infected with the disease, or when a large portion receives a protective vaccine. Of the two, vaccination is far preferable because it avoids unnecessary illnesses and death associated with the actual disease.

Although we have learned a lot about COVID-19 in the last year,

we don't know the exact percentage of people who need to be vaccinated to reach herd immunity in any given community. Experts don't believe that there will be a "herd immunity day" that will allow life to immediately go back to normal. And we certainly aren't at high enough levels yet but every day, more people are choosing to get vaccinated, bringing us closer to our goal.

Although we have not reached herd immunity, as our vaccination rates increase and our COVID-19 case counts decrease, we are making progress. Late last week, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Governor Northam announced that fully vaccinated in-

dividuals can enjoy taking steps that lead us back to a more normal way of life. For example, fully vaccinated individuals do not need to wear a mask when they are out and about. This is a powerful incentive to get vaccinated.

Unfortunately, while we are making progress, the reality is that this pandemic is a global challenge, and we'll have to see immunization rates rise around the world before we can truly put COVID-19 behind us. It is important to acknowledge that we are likely to continue to experience ups and downs in these unprecedented times but we can all do our part. Getting vaccinated is the single best way out of this pandemic.

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Keeping Veterans safe, healthy is our continuing mission

It's been more than 15 months since our nation began its fight against COVID-19. The burdens and responsibilities of the pandemic have strained organizations, families, and each of us in personal ways, but we are closing the gap with increased vaccinations and by continuing the measures that have helped us for the last year.

At the Salem VA Health Care System, we've provided more than 21,000 doses of COVID-19 vaccine, and nationwide, the VA has distributed vaccine to more than 2.3 million Veterans. For people like Army Veteran Antonius Dillard, he got the vaccine because he wanted to hug his daughter again. He also had the virus in

late 2020 and said, "I'd hate for my worst enemy to go through with it." Others like Navy Veteran Colleen Russell, "I decided to get my COVID vaccination mostly because I don't want to get COVID."

Recent legislation has enabled us to open vaccination clinics to any Veteran — regardless of enrollment status or type of discharge — along with their spouse or caregiver. We encourage every Veteran, Veteran's spouse, and caregiver to receive their COVID-19 vaccine. If you are a Veteran who received your vaccine with a community provider, please bring your vaccination card to your next appointment. If you or a Veteran in your life haven't come in for care in a while, please

check in with your provider team and consider scheduling an appointment. If you know a Veteran who isn't enrolled in VA health care and is interested in their eligibility, please direct them to the following website: <http://www.va.gov/health-care/eligibility/>

More than a year ago we began implementing safety measures to protect Veterans and our staff from getting sick. For each appointment we weighed the options and risks and when clinical urgency rose above the risk of COVID-19, we provided in-person care. When it did not, we offered alternatives. This was the right decision and, in many cases, Veterans told us they preferred postponing routine care because they did not want to risk being exposed to the virus.

We successfully moved many appointments to video and telephone when that was appropriate and helped meet the needs of our patients. This has offered unexpected benefits of convenience for Veterans and additional engagement options for family and caregivers. Unlike with in-person care, virtual options give a Veteran's support network the ability to join visits and engage with VA providers more easily. We anticipate continuing to offer virtual visits even as we return



Dr. Rebecca Stackhouse

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 24. Thou
 25. Make a mistake
 28. Receive
 29. Dresses
 31. Burn the surface of
 33. Where coaches observe
 36. Ceremonial offices
 38. Paddle
 39. The body's main artery
- CLUES DOWN**

 1. Loose-fitting undergarment
 2. Western Romanian city
 3. Unit of length
 4. Type of electricity
 5. Article
 6. Mothers
 7. Monetary unit
 8. Single Lens Reflex
 9. Tan-colored horses
 10. Region
 11. Cautious in spending money
 12. Belittle
 14. Sarcastic
 17. Fathers
 20. Clothes
 21. Opera's Callas
 23. Lentil dish
 25. Energy-saving module
 26. Make sense of a language
 27. Hurries through
- CLUES ACROSS**

 29. Songs to one's lover
 30. Name given to plant groups
 32. Improves
 34. Patriotic women
 35. Inflamed swelling on the eyelid
 37. Instrument in Indian music
 40. Request
 42. Make into leather without using tannin
 43. Defies
 47. Neither
 49. Flower cluster
 50. Phonological unit
 52. Leaves in water
 53. Cavalry-sword
 55. Famed American cartoonist
 56. Messenger ribonucleic acid
 57. Scarlett's home
 58. Make
 59. Stony waste matter
 61. What to do at auction
 65. Incorrect letters

Fort Lewis Chapter, NSDAR earns 2020 Community Service Award

The Fort Lewis Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR) recently awarded their 2020 Community Service Award to Carey Harvey Cutter and Meg Hibbert, two prominent figures in the Salem community. Due to the pandemic, the presentation for the 2020 awards were delayed until 2021.

Harvey Cutter is a prominent figure in Salem and in many other places across the country due to his work as a member of the Salem Parks, Recreation and Tourism De-

partment. The long list of his contributions and recognitions took a while to read.

To name just a few, he is a tireless worker at St Paul's Episcopal Church, he is a life member of the Salem Rescue Squad, he is a member of the Virginia Mountains Region of Virginia Tourism, he is a member of the Board at the Salem Food Pantry.

As Regent Cynthia "Ricki" McKinney was reading this very long list of his contributions and awards, Carey commented, "this is embarrassing." Actually, it is our chapter

who was embarrassed that we had not recognized this giving man sooner. The chapter was acquainted with Harvey Cutter, since for many years, he has rung the old fire station bell and provided snacks and drinks for the chapter's annual event every July 4 at the Salem Civic Center where members "ring the bell" for every individual who signed the Declaration of Independence. The chapter is hoping to hold the event this year. If it happens, the public is invited.

Hibbert gives of her time at St Paul's Episcopal Church in

many activities. She is a member of the Salem Gardening Club and the Salem Choral Society. Her work with the Salem Rotary Club includes reading books to elementary children. She is an avid supporter of veterans and is very proud of the community in which she lives. As far as our chapter is concerned, one call to Meg is all that needed to happen.

"Our chapter is very appreciative of her help in promoting our work and our events down through the years and getting our name out into the Salem community," McKinney said.

"Without her willingness to do so, the Fort Lewis DAR may not be 90 members strong."

The Fort Lewis Chapter, NSDAR was honored to present the certificate for Community Service, signed by Virginia State Regent LeAnn Turbyfill, the National Chair of the Community Service Committee Holly Schmidt, and the Regent of the Fort Lewis Chapter to both of these well-deserving individuals.

-Submitted by Cynthia "Ricki" McKinney, Fort Lewis Chapter Regent

Virginia Employment Commission directed to speed up processing of unemployment claims

Governor Ralph Northam recently directed the Virginia Employment Commission to invest \$20 million to dramatically expand the agency's ability to process complicated unemployment insurance claims. Executive Directive Sixteen requires the agency add 300 new adjudication staffers, make immediate technology upgrades, and complete a full modernization of the Commonwealth's unemployment insurance system by October 1, 2021.

While Virginia ranks sixth in the nation for the timely payment of benefits to eligible applicants, the Governor's action will speed up the resolution of cases flagged as potentially fraudulent or ineligible. These cases represent approximately four percent of all claims.

"Virginia is a national leader in getting unemployment benefits to eligible individuals, but it's clear that complex cases must be resolved more quickly," said Governor Northam. "That's why I'm directing the Virginia Employment Commission invest \$20 million to significantly speed up its adjudication process and immediately implement long overdue technology upgrades. This action will address many of the issues that have caused delays and ensure that we continue to deliver re-

lief to Virginians who need it."

Virginia's unemployment system was set up to benefit businesses, not workers, and it has remained one of the lowest-funded systems in the country for generations. In fact, Virginia ranks 51st out of 53 states and territories for the amount of federal funding it receives relative to what Virginia businesses pay in taxes. The problem was hidden by years of low unemployment and a consistently strong economy, and the pandemic has highlighted this reality.

Despite being underfunded, the Commonwealth's unemployment insurance (UI) system has successfully distributed \$12.9 billion in benefits to more than 1.3 million eligible Virginians since the pandemic started. Approximately 85 percent of Virginia applicants receive unemployment benefits within the first 21 days, making Virginia sixth in the nation—and first in the Mid-Atlantic region—for delivering unemployment benefits to eligible individuals.

If an individual's initial claim is flagged for potential ineligibility or fraud, federal law requires the Virginia Employment Commission (VEC) to adjudicate the claim before proceeding with payment. Most individuals that are placed in the adjudication process are ultimately found ineligible for benefits.

Executive Directive Sixteen directs the VEC to take four immediate actions to adjudicate claims faster:

- Set a clear goal for resolving UI claims. Governor Northam has directed VEC to increase the number of adjudications being processed per week from 5,700 to 10,000 by June 30 and to 20,000 by July 31, 2021. This will be accomplished, in part, by finalizing a \$5 million contract for over 300 additional adjudication officers. VEC is also coordinating with the Virginia Department of Human Resource Management (DHRM) to identify employees across Virginia's state agencies who can temporarily support VEC.

- Continue investment in Customer Contact Center. Since the onset of the pandemic, VEC has quadrupled its customer service capacity in order to provide information and support to Virginians with questions about their claims. Governor Northam has directed VEC to expedite an additional contract for services and staff to augment the current expansion.

- Modernize the benefits system. Historic claim volume during the pandemic had previously delayed VEC's progress in modernizing its 41-year-old benefits system. The agency has resumed the project, executing a contract for \$5 million

in state funding for technology upgrades. October 1, 2021 has been set as the target date for completing the final phase of the system. VEC will be implementing additional technology upgrades for customer service in the coming weeks to increase capacity.

- Collaborate with the Virginia congressional delegation to resolve federal funding disparity. States receive unemployment support from the federal government. The amount is based on how much Virginia businesses pay in federal unemployment insurance taxes. For Virginia, that ratio is among the lowest of all states and an increase typically requires businesses to pay more in taxes. This formula has underfunded Virginia's UI system for years with respect to upgrading technology and maintaining staffing levels.

"As Virginia's chief workforce official, I am always thinking about the Virginians behind the unemployment numbers," said Chief Workforce Development Advisor Megan Healy. "As we move into the next phase of our recovery, the Governor's actions will create additional capacity for processing the historic number of claims with indeterminate eligibility."

Virginia has made a wide range of additional assistance

available to those whose employment has been impacted by COVID-19. Low-income Virginians should refer to the Virginia Department of Social Services CommonHelp for guidance on applying for food, cash, childcare, and other assistance. Support is also available through the Virginia Career Works Referral Portal for those interested in workforce training, going back to school, or getting a job. This includes \$36 million in funding through Governor Northam's 'Get Skilled, Get a Job, Give Back' (G3) Program, which makes tuition-free community college available to low- and middle-income students who pursue jobs in high-demand fields.

"Starting the pandemic with low federal support and record low UI claims, the VEC has faced a greater than 1000 percent increase in workloads," said Commissioner Ellen Marie Hess. "I am proud of the work our team has done and continues to do in the face of truly unprecedented demand. Weekly claims still exceed pre-pandemic levels, but each and every day, the dedicated public servants of the VEC continue marching forward and serving their fellow Virginians."

-Submitted by Alena Yarmosky, Office of the Governor

Virginia launches nation's first statewide health equity dashboards

Governor Ralph Northam recently unveiled the nation's first public statewide health equity dashboards, providing a snapshot of the Commonwealth's COVID-19 response and recovery efforts and making key data more accessible to Virginia residents.

"The pandemic has placed a spotlight on longstanding health inequities and the harm caused by structural racism," said Northam. "Virginia continues to embed equity into every part of our COVID-19 response and recovery and while we have made great strides, there is still important work to be done. These dashboards will bring additional visibility to our most pressing challenges, allowing the Commonwealth to better serve vulnerable populations and ensure the equitable distribution of resources."

The two dashboards—Equity in Action and Equity at a Glance—were created by the Virginia Health Equity Leadership

Taskforce (ELT) in partnership with several state agencies. The dashboards are being launched as a part of Virginia's commitment to operationalizing equity, and in response to two key pieces of legislation: House Joint Resolution 537, which declares racism as a public health crisis in the Commonwealth, and Virginia Code Section 2.2-435.12, which requires Virginia's Chief Diversity Officer to conduct statewide equity assessments.

"Our equity dashboards serve as a national exemplar for increasing transparency and making data more accessible," said Dr. Janice Underwood, Virginia's Chief Diversity Officer. "The launch of these two dashboards reinforces Virginia's leadership position, highlights the equity work being done across the Commonwealth, and serves as a call to action in closing gaps and improving the health and well-being of all Virginians."

The Equity-in-Action

dashboard is a snapshot of the progress Virginia has made across its COVID-19 response and recovery and other initiatives that advance the equitable distribution of resources and services. The Equity-at-a-Glance dashboard is a transparent assessment of social determinants of health and other factors contributing to health equity. Future versions of these dashboards will include an expanded set of topic areas, such as workforce diversity and criminal justice.

"These dashboards enable the Virginia Department of Health and other leaders to get the information we need to confront inequity across social determinants of health," said State Health Commissioner Dr. Norman Oliver, MD, MA. "Public health officials, community leaders, and policy makers can use these resources now as we work to recover from the COVID-19 public health crisis and beyond."

"This interagency proj-

ect shows us how data

can be used to measure Virginia's standing in many areas including COVID resources, health care, unemployment, education, food access, and broadband across 133 localities," said Chief Data Officer Carlos Rivero. "This is a best practice in data sharing and sets a positive precedent for increased collaboration

across state agencies." An overview of the dashboards and underlying data can be found at governor.virginia.gov/diversity/equity-dashboards/overview. To learn more about the Health Equity Working Group, please visit governor.virginia.gov/diversity.

For more information about the Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, please visit governor.virginia.gov/diversity. Members of the media or organizations interested in scheduling a background briefing on the equity dashboards should email deidirector@governor.virginia.gov.

-Submitted by Alena Yarmosky, Office of the Governor

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to more in-person care.

As we move forward, we are welcoming Veterans back and encouraging them to talk to their health care teams about coming in for routine and preventative care. These appointments, from cancer screenings to eye exams are essential to staying healthy and ultimately saving lives.

As our community spread of COVID-19 decreases, many have already resumed their care, while others have begun scheduling appointments for the weeks ahead, either within the VA or when eligible, in the community.

We are proud that so many Veterans continue to choose VA, allowing us to coordinate timely, quality and patient-focused care inside or outside

our walls.

I want our Veterans to know that Salem VAHCS is dedicated to caring for them, not just in this time of national emergency, but continuing now and into the future. While we are part of the national health care system, first and foremost, we are members of this vibrant community. Salem VAHCS's more than 1,800 employees are here day and night for those who have served our nation and call southwest Virginia home.

I hope Veterans and all members of the community will take the time to work with their medical providers and get their COVID-19 vaccinations. Our doors are open, and we look forward to seeing you soon.

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Watch Out For Pride

Read 2 Chronicles 24:1 through 26:23

After Uzziah became powerful, his pride led to his downfall. He was unfaithful to the Lord his God, and entered the temple of the Lord to burn incense on the altar of incense (2 Chronicles 26:16).

Uzziah became king in Judah at sixteen years of age. During his reign, he fortified towers, dug wells, increased agriculture, invented weapons, and raised an impressive army. However, after forty blessed and prosperous years as king, he made a monumental mistake in judgment. He let pride settle in.

He entered into the sanctuary to offer incense on the golden altar, a ministry rite belonging to the consecrated temple priests, not him. When the high priest, along with a band of eighty priests, withstood him, Uzziah became furious. While screaming back at the priests, leprosy broke out on Uzziah's forehead. Sadly, he remained a leper, living in an isolated home until the day he died.

Pride can slip into a believer's life almost unnoticed. The consequences are never good. If pride ever raises its ugly head, deal with it immediately. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you.

Thought for Today: Humility is our best defense against pride.

Quicklook: 2 Chronicles 26:16-23

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Car show

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Lizzie Keef and her son, Bradley, pose with an attendee and his snake.

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Attendees, from left to right, Tamika Reaves, Jayden Reaves, Myra Craft and DeWhit Townes Jr.

vice VIP 2020 spring event until fall, we knew we had to turn that event into a virtual one. Because of this, we decided to start planning an outdoor spring event knowing we would continue to hold the dinner event in the fall. As a result of the success of previous car shows, we discussed adding this as an ongoing annual event for Family Service.”

Roughly 150 vehicles registered as part of the car show which attracted more than 1,000 attendees. People were encouraged to

tour the parking lot and take pictures of the vehicles. Among the notable cars on display were a 1977 Nissan Skyline 1800 Sporty Glextra and a 1969 Volkswagen Beetle.

Roanoke County resident John Wingfield took Saturday as an opportunity to teach his teenage son about antique cars.

“In addition to sports, one thing that we regularly bond over is an appreciation of antique cars. He asked me several questions and I was happy to

expound on my answers. While his first car was a blue 2014 Toyota Camry, mine was a red 1970 Dodge Challenger. I saw other parents bonding with their children too,” Wingfield said.

What a difference a year makes! Last year, the pandemic canceled nearly all public gatherings. With the easing of COVID restrictions, things are starting to return back to normal.

Vendors for Saturday’s car show included Sports Haven, Anderson Music

Movies

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in the 1980 Winter Olympics. The movie is widely considered one of the most accurate depictions of real-life stories.

Salem native Josh Williams has patiently counted down the days to enjoy a Movies at Longwood Park evening. “We have all been through

a lot over the last year. All of us. I’m thrilled that things are starting to return to normal. I can’t wait to watch these movies with my family and friends.”

Poarch Thompson Law is sponsoring the Movies at Longwood Park series this summer.

Masks

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fidient the Commonwealth will meet President Biden’s goal of having 70 percent of adults vaccinated with at least one dose by July 4.

COVID-19 cases, hospitalizations, and the percent of positive tests continue to fall throughout the Commonwealth. Virginia is currently reporting a positivity rate of 3.5 percent, which is lower than at any time since the start of the pandemic. The Commonwealth’s seven-day average of new cases is 555, the lowest number in over 10 months. Virginia is currently recording its lowest number of COVID-19 hospitalizations at 684. For additional data on COVID-19 on Virginia and

vaccination efforts, please see the Virginia Department of Health’s data dashboards.

Virginians over the age of 12 can schedule a vaccination appointment by visiting vaccinate.virginia.gov or calling 877-VAX-IN-VA (877-829-4682, TTY users call 7-1-1). Beginning Monday, May 17, the call center hours will change to 8 a.m. until 6 p.m., Monday through Saturday.

Visit virginia.gov/coronavirus/forwardvirginia for more information and answers to frequently asked questions.

-Submitted by Alena Yarmosky, Office of the Governor



A 1977 Nissan Skyline 1800 Sporty Glextra



People from all over the Roanoke Valley gathered at Saturday’s car and truck show.



One of the many cars that garnered a significant amount of attention.

Therapy Services, City Girl Kreations, Roger Redd with Liberty Mutual and A Tailgate Vendor. The sponsors were: Roanoke Valley Orthodontics, Business Solutions, Inc., Mount Regis Center, Old Virginia Outpost, Richfield Living, Blue Eagle Credit Union, Hollywood Hair &

Nails, The Roanoke Valley Jeep Club, Roanoke Valley Harley-Davidson and WDBJ/WZBJ.

“I was impressed by the care each car owner gave to their vehicle. The pride each owner has in their vehicle was easy to see,” Hentschel said. “In addition to the funds raised

at the event, we also were able to educate people on the resources provided by Family Service of Roanoke Valley, including mental health and community services to both individuals and families. We encourage everyone to visit our website www.fsrv.org for more information.”

RELIGION BRIEF

Priest leaves Salem

The Rev. Jose Arce, who has been on the staff of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church as an assistant to the Rev. Kenneth Shuping, pastor, is returning to El Salvador. The priest, who

leaves next week, has been at the Salem parish for the past five years.

— compiled by correspondent Frances Stebbins

OBITUARY

Harris, Betty Jean

Betty Jean Harris, 93, of Salem, passed away on Friday, January 19.

She was born in Salem, a daughter of the late Willis C. and Sarah Wood Garst and had been a resident all of her life. She was employed as an administrative assistant with Roanoke County Public Schools for many years and was nominated as Secretary of the Year. Betty was a longtime member of Salem Baptist Church and enjoyed embroidery and sewing. She truly was “Salem born, and Salem bred.”

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph A. Harris, Sr.; two brothers, Wil-

is C. “Billy” Garst, Jr. and Richard C. Garst, and by a sister, Shirley G. Maupin.

She is survived by her son, Joseph A. “Buck” Harris, Jr. and wife Alicia; a grandson, Jacob Harris; great-grandchild MacKenzie Harris; her sister, Evelyn Jones, and several nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, May 22, at the Richfield Chapel at Richfield Town Center in Salem. The Rev. Roy E. Kanode will officiate. An online guestbook is available for family and friends by visiting www.johnmoakey.com.

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Roanoke Valley youth celebrated at NAACP event

The Roanoke NAACP Youth Council held a "Celebration of Youth" program on April 25 in the Loudon Ave. Church parking lot, which encompassed three recognitions. The recognitions included: 2021 Local ACT-SO Winners Ceremony, Installation of new

officers and the bestowing the NAACP Kente stoles upon 2021 high school seniors. Due to the pandemic, the ACT-SO program (sponsored by the Branch) have met with the Olympians virtually since December 2021.

This year's local virtual competition was held Sat-

urday, April 24 with the following results; Gold Medal winners: Janiah Merchant — Short Story; Uyen Tran — STEM Biology/Microbiology; London Paige — STEM-Medicine and Health.

Silver Medalist: Christion Bryant — Poetry Written; Bronze Medal-

ists: Janiah Merchant — Poetry Written; and Lynn Park — Original Essay. Gold medalists will be able to compete in the virtual National ACT-SO Competition in July 2021.

Installation of new officers, The Youth Council held its annual election on Sunday, April 11, with

the following new officers elected. The Nominating Committee under the guidance of Co-Advisor, Lorena Wilson, presented a challenging slate of officers and the virtual election went smoothly. The officers installed Sunday, April 24 during the Celebration of Youth are: President Christion Bryant, WFHS; 1st Vice President Treya Harper; 2nd Vice President Jayveon Tucker, PHHS; 3rd Vice President Olivia Davoll, NSHS; Secretary Nyia Palmer, Hidden Valley HS; and Treasurer Simone Bryant, Breckinridge MS; Advisor, Gloria Randolph-King; Co-Advisors, Lorena Wilson and Dawn Bryant. Branch President Brenda Hale, delivered the Oath of Office.

Graduating Seniors Recognition is usually held at the Roanoke Branch's Annual "Citizen of the Year Banquet," which will now be held in December 2021. Due to the lateness in the year, Youth Council advisors bestowed the

seniors, present, with the NAACP Kente Stoles in a brief ceremony as each stated plans following graduation.

Past officers receiving a special thanks with certificates for their work during the past year include: Immediate Past President, London Paige; 1st Vice President Brianna Wilson; 2nd Vice President Uyen Tran; 3rd Vice President Yolanda Joseph; Secretary Daphenie Joseph; Asst. Secretary John Miller-Penn; Treasurer Grace Penn; Assistant Treasurer Nia Palmer. Many thanks to all of the faithful chapter chairpersons and members for their dedicated service and commitment.

The Youth Council meets the second and fourth Sundays of every month at 6:00 p.m. virtually and in the Lawson Building when able to return to in person meetings with new members always welcomed.

-Submitted article



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ACT-SO winners, from left to right, Janiah Merchant, Uyen Tran, London Paige and Christion Bryant. Lynn Park is not pictured.

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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA VA. CODE §§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316, -317, 20-104
Case No. CL20000449-00
Botetourt Circuit Court
One West Main St, Suite 120, Fincastle, VA 24090
Michael Loving Coleman v. Sondra Walters Coleman
The object of this suit is to: OBTAIN A DIVORCE
It is ORDERED that Sondra Walters Coleman appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before June 8, 2021.

April 19, 2021
Tommy L. Moore
Clerk

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Commonwealth of Virginia VA. CODE § 8.01-316
Case No. J0113851-08-00
BOTETOURT JDR DISTRICT COURT
Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court
Commonwealth of Virginia, in re JOYCE, AUDREY ELIZABETH
COMMONWEALTH OF VA - DSS
/v.
UNKNOWN FATHER
The object of this suit is to: TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS TO AUDREY E. JOYCE
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TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 210 INGLES STREET, RADFORD, VA 24141.

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SHS girls 3rd, boys 5th on C'burg track

The Salem High track team participated in a six team meet at Christiansburg High School last Wednesday, May 12. The Salem girls finished third and the boys were fifth.

Leading scorer for the girls was My'la Greene with a first in the long jump, a second in the triple jump and a third in the 200. Erin Memmer was first in both the shot put and discus and McKenzie Moran was third in the pole vault. Zaujia Athuman was fourth in the 300 hurdles, Neelah Logan was 5th in the 200 and the 4x100 relay team of Mckenzie, Neelah, Zaujia and My'la placed third.

For the boys, Carlos Alleyne won the 110 high hurdles and ran on the third place 4x400 relay team with Landen Goins, Bratden Taylor and Amarri Edwards. Amarri won the 400, Taylor was third in the 300 hurdles and Goins took fifth in the 200.

The Spartans are back on the track next week at Hidden Valley.

Highlanders sweep meet at Radford

Both the Glenvar boys and girls finished in first place in a track meet hosted by Radford last week. Giles and James River also competed along with the Highlanders and host Bobcats.

First places for the Glenvar girls included Sydney Loder in the 100 and 300 hurdles, Carly Wilkes in the 800 and 1,600 and Rhyan Harris in the 400.

Glenvar also won two relays. The 4x400 team of Loder, Wilkes, Delany Eller and Adrianna Hall broke the school record with a time of 4:25. Also winning was the 4x100 team of Brooklyn Woolwine, Bella Miller, Hall and Harris.

For the boys, Tyler Johnson had a huge day with firsts in the long and triple jumps and both the 110 and 300 hurdles. He also ran on the winning 4x400 relay team with Bryant Loftis, Nate Linkous and Nehemiah Olson.

Loftis was a double winner in the 200 and 400 and Daniel Zearfoss won both the 800 and 1,600. Jackson Swanson won the 100 and ran on the winning 4x100 relay team with Gabe Ford, Elijah Carter and Keith Couch.

The Highlanders are back in action May 26 at Blacksburg minus the seniors, who graduate that day.

Lewis track finishes up this week

The Andrew Lewis Middle School track teams competed at Hidden Valley last Wednesday and had a good day.

The girls were led by Jermi Allen, who won the 200 meter dash. Sutton Semones placed in both of the throwing events while the 3200 meter relay team of Heather Thomas, Erin Armistead, Elena Terry, and Isabelle Petry took first. The 400 meter relay team of Allen, Genelle Balthazar, Camden Phillips, and Emilie Rose were also victorious.

The boys' team was led once again by Blake Bass, who won the 300 meter hurdles and the triple jump. Mitchell Taylor took first in the 100 meter hurdles.

The 3200 meter relay team of Ty Hicklin, Lincoln Boren, Luke Stovall and Ben Foster had a come from behind victory. The 400 meter relay team of Luke Farmer, Coen Logan, Bryson Fraction and Patrick Dawyot took first place while the 1600 meter relay team of Brodie Dawyot, Charlie Bain, Conner Cox and Jack Ellis finished the meet with a win.

The teams were scheduled to finish their season Wednesday of this week at Salem High School.

Roanoke College relay team breaks school record

The Roanoke College 4x100 relay team of Troy Crawley, Xavier O'Brien, Blake Morin and Sam Crawford set a school record at the Aggie Twilight Classic track meet at North Carolina A&T University last week.

The meet was a "Last Chance" meet to qualify for the NCAA post-season, and several Maroons also ran in the Mount Olive University meet last week hoping to qualify. Grace Fowler

finished fourth in the Women's Shot Put with a personal best distance of 11.67 meters and Hannah Koepfinger finished 8th out of 15 athletes in the Women's Heptathlon.

Crawford and Koepfinger are hoping to get automatic bids into the NCAA Outdoor Track & Field Championships at North Carolina A&T State University on May 27-29th.



Glenvar's Blake Bowers serves one up for the Highlanders in last week's win over Giles on the GHS courts.

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Region tennis for Glenvar this week, Salem next week

Region tennis is ready to get underway as both Glenvar and Salem teams are preparing for post-season play.

The Region 2C matches will be hosted by Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, and action was scheduled to begin Wednesday. Glenvar's boys and girls will be going in with some momentum as they swept Alleghany last Friday, with both teams winning 9-0. The boys' win clinched the third seed in the region and the girls were able to even their record at 5-5 with their win. The girls will be the number four seed and play fifth seeded Nelson County in the first round.

Team semifinals are today and finals are Friday for both the girls and boys, all at Tech. Individual doubles semis begin next Monday with finals Tuesday. Individual singles semis are Tuesday and finals on Wednesday of next week.

Only the champions of team, singles and doubles go to the state tournament, which starts June 7. Region C hosts Region D in Team semis with team finals at VT on June 10. June 11-12 is semis and finals for individual doubles and singles, also at Tech.

In Region 4D, the team tournament will be May 24 through 28 at the higher seeds. All region teams are included.

The Region 4D singles and doubles will be at E.C. Glass High School on June 1 and 2, and only the number one players will be included. Salem's number one singles players are Will Clemens for the boys and Zoe Prosser for the girls.

Salem ended up the regular season last week as both the boys and girls lost to Blacksburg and Hidden Valley.



Above, Jaxx Groshans of the Salem Red Sox has his bat splinter in his hands in last week's series against Lynchburg. Below, kids are glad to have the Sox back as they watch Sunday's action at Salem Memorial.

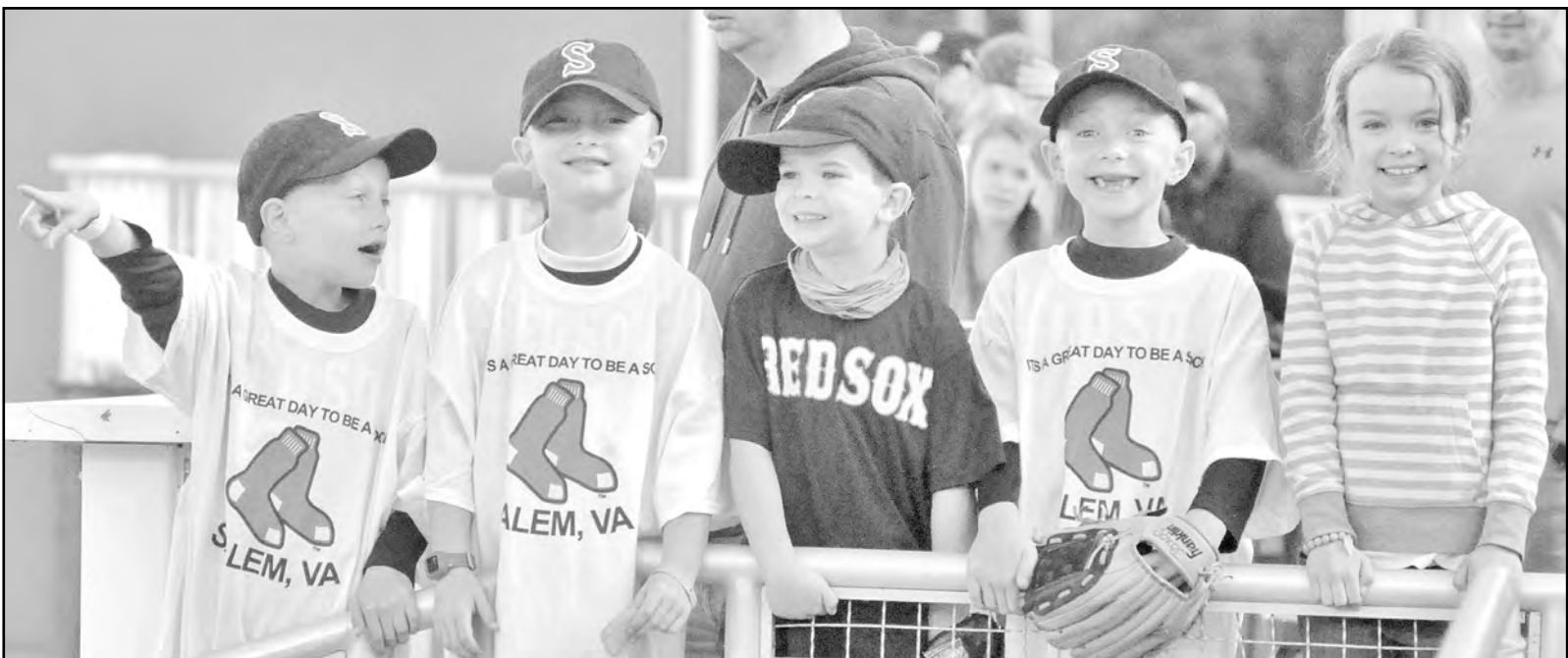
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SOX

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Through the homestand Gilberto Jimenez is leading the Sox with a .378 batting average while Stephen Scott has three home runs. Scott and Nicholas Northcut both have eight runs batted in.

The Sox return home next Tuesday, May 25, to open a six game series with Myrtle Beach.





Salem's Luis Geyne splits the Cougar defense and scores a second half goal in Tuesday's win over Pulaski.

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Salem boys host Cave Spring Mon.

Brady Sparger scored a first half goal and Luis Geyne added an insurance goal late in the game as the Salem High soccer team even their record at 2-2 Tuesday with a 2-0 win over visiting Pulaski County at Spartan Field.

Max Benne was in goal for the shutout, recording three saves. It was a close and physical game throughout but the Spartans came out on top.

"The guys started slow but got things organized and going, playing much better in the second half," said coach David Atkins. "Pulaski played us tough like they always do."

Atkins also had praise for Graham Fisher.

"He might have played the best for us," he said. "He came up big."

Last Friday the Spartans dropped a 5-3 decision to a talented Patrick Henry team in Roanoke. It was an unusually high scoring game between these two rivals as PH jumped to a 4-2 lead by the half. Both teams scored once in the second half.

"I felt the team responded well to facing a deficit and played well, fighting hard to stay in touch with PH," said Atkins. "The guys played their best soccer of the year in the second half of the game."

Evin Lainez, Alex Benne and Sparger had goals for Salem and Max Benne had seven saves in the goal.

The Spartans will host Cave Spring Monday in a rematch of the season opener, which the Knights won 2-1 in overtime at Cave Spring.

GHS soccer teams sweep two, boys remain unbeaten at 6-0

The Glenvar soccer teams had a big week as both the girls and boys swept Three Rivers District opponents Giles and Alleghany. Both Glenvar teams are at James River tonight.

The boys opened last Thursday's doubleheader at Highlander Stadium with a 7-0 win. Glenvar scored four goals in the first half and three after intermission to win going away. Riley Geddes had three goals, Jacson Shepherd had two and Maddox Fisher and Marco Gustafson had one each. Fisher also had two assists while Colin Clapper, Matthew Ross and Shepherd each had one. Glenvar outshot the Spartans, 33-0.

"I thought our guys gave a solid performance against Giles," said Glenvar coach Josh Jones.

The girls followed up with a matching score, winning their game 7-0 as well. Rhyann Harris had three goals, Giuliana Stanley had two and Khana Nguyen and Jordin Crouch had one each. Nguyen and Bryn Duff had assists and Ashley Gardner recorded the shutout in goal.

On Monday at Alleghany the Highlanders swept again. The boys opened and took a 3-0 win for their second straight shutout. Geddes scored two more goals and Fisher had one, with Shepherd picking up an assist. Alex Byrd and Marco Gustafson split time in the net for the shutout and defenders Zach Curfiss, Matthew Ross, Adrian Sprunger, Nick Louvet and Bryce King contributed to the Highlanders' fourth shutout of the season.

"I'm not sure we came out to play our best game the first half but were able to kick it in gear a bit the second half and earn the victory," said Jones as the boys improved to 6-0 overall.

The girls played second at Alleghany and won 6-2. Crouch had two goals and Stanley, Harris, Faren Wilson and Kailah Finley scored once each in a balanced attack. Stanley, Harris and Mallory LaPrad had assists.

With the win the girls improved to 4-2 on the season and they'll open the doubleheader at James River tonight at 5:30 pm with the boys to follow.



Marie Snyder of Salem(left) kicks the ball clear of a Patrick Henry opponent.

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Glenvar Soccer

Above, Glenvar's Marco Gustafson(#11) and Jacson Shepherd (#13) converge on a Giles opponent in last week's win at Highlander Stadium. Right, Emily Murrill takes a header to the face for the Glenvar girls.



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SHS girls are 3-1 after downing Cougars

The Salem High girls' soccer team improved to 3-1 with a shut out win over Pulaski County Tuesday night. The Spartans won 8- 0 Dublin.

Dylan Copeland, Carmen Davis and Annie Bond had two goals each to lead the Spartans and Abby Pitts and Eloise Fountain had one each. Bond also had two assists, as did Zada Craig and Audrey Hayes. Brooke Bowers also had an assist.

"Goals were scored with beautiful crashing, backpost finishes and two goals were scored off corner kicks," said Salem coach Kayla Wood. "The whole team works hard to do all the things. It was a great group effort and I'm proud of the way these teammates keep working toward possessing the ball. Big goals come from the buildup."

Last Friday at Spartan Field the girls broke open a close game with three second half goals to down a strong Patrick Henry team, 4-0.

"We weren't playing well together and not connecting passes in the first half," said Wood. "After half they came out and connected more and every player worked hard. It was exactly what was asked of them at half time."

Copeland had two assists and two goals and two other girls scored their first varsity goals, Maisie Page and Dayanara Escalante-Garcia. Bowers hit a beautiful corner that eventually resulted in a goal and Haley Woodward worked to win the ball out of the air on corners.

Salem keeper Anna Haley had her first shut out of the season with five saves. The defense was led by Hayes, Marie Snyder, Kenley Coleman and Woodward. Salem had 10 shots on goal and 7 corner kicks.

Now the Spartans are off until Monday when they travel to Cave Spring.

AL spring sports wrap up today

Andrew Lewis Middle School teams will wrap up their spring seasons today against Blacksburg and Central Academy. The baseball team will host Blacksburg, the softball team is at Blacksburg, the boys' soccer team is home to CA and the girls' soccer team goes to Central Academy.

The baseball team hosted Pulaski in a doubleheader at Billy Sample Field on Monday and swept the Cougars, 2-0 and 8-2. Brayden White and Mark DeBord combined to pitch a two-hitter in the opener. Ben Keffer and Jack Stroud had RBI singles.

In the nightcap Keegan Craighead went the distance, allowing just three hits and fanning five. Chase Rutledge had two hits and scored three times for the Wolverines while Mason Hale and Evan Byers had two hits each.

The softball team was at Pulaski and they lost two, 2-1 and 9-4.

"We have traveled a lot and came up just

short, but the amount of growth as a team has been huge," said coach Lawrence Van Liew.

The girls' soccer team hosted Pulaski in Salem Monday and won 9-0. Ashlyn Adkins had four goals and Avery Mangus, Rylee McNeill, Elizabeth Smith and Anna Shumate scored once each while Pulaski also put an "own goal."

The boys were at

Pulaski, where they took a 4-2 win. Goals were scored by Anthony Rugama-Canales and Isaac Perez-Benitez and the defense was anchored by captains Moise Kato and Connor Smythers, with strong play in the goal by Jett Lakin.

The win lifted the boys to 6-0-2 and they hope to wrap up an undefeated season today.



Avery Mangus of Andrew Lewis(#10) dribbles by a Pulaski defender in Monday's win. PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Salem softball team shuts out PH, Pulaski County for first two wins

After starting the season with four losses the Salem softball team has battled back to win their last two games, both by shutout. Salem outscored Patrick Henry and Pulaski County by a combined 22-0 in the two wins.

Last Friday at PHBayleigh Booth pitched a shutout as the Spartans picked up their first win at the James I. Moyer Complex, 12-0. Booth went all five innings in the slaughter-rule win, striking out seven. She allowed just three hits.

Offensively, Maize Roop was three-for-three with three run batted in and two runs scored. Allie Mitchem was two for three with an RBI and a run and Taylor Bolen scored twice.

On Tuesday at home Salem kept the ball rolling with a 10-0 win over Pulaski County. Freshman Grace Christianson pitched a four hit shutout with six strikeouts and also had two hits, including a double, and four runs batted in. Mitchem had two hits and drove in three runs for Salem while Bolen and Booth both scored three times.

“It was the most complete game we’ve played,” said coach John Counts. “We’re a very young team and these girls haven’t played a lot of varsity softball.”

Now (2-4), the Spartans are off until Monday when they host Cave Spring at the Moyer Complex. Game time is 5 pm.

Highlanders down Carroll

The Glenvar girls scored three runs in the second inning and four runs in the seventh to beat Carroll County, 7-1, in a Three Rivers District softball battle in Hillsville last Friday.

Sophie McCulley got things started in the second with a single. Avery Luper also singled and Madison Martinez singled in pinch-runner Delaney Eller. Justice Wilfong then reached on a fielder's choice as Luper was tagged out going to third. Izzy Shearer reached base on an error, which allowed Martinez to score, and Courtney Raines then reached base on another error with Wilfong scoring the third run of the inning.

As it turned out that was enough, but the Highlanders put four insurance runs on the board in the seventh. Lydia Taylor started the fireworks with a solo home run. Shearer and McCulley both singled and Luper drove them in with a double, scoring herself on another Cavalier error.

McCulley led the team

with three hits. Luper, Taylor and Wilfong each had two hits. McCulley went the distance on the mound, striking out 14 while allowing just three hits and walking two.

The win was some salve for a wound inflicted by James River two days earlier on the Glenvar diamond. The Knights beat Glenvar, 4-1, as the Highlanders went down to defeat for the first time this season.

Jenna Pugh set the tone for the visitors with a first pitch double off the wall in the first inning, narrowly missing a home run. Freshman Elly Lackey then beat out a bunt before Ainsley Simmons singled in Pugh. With two outs, Austyn Moran singled to score Lackey and the Knights would never trail behind pitcher Austyn Moran.

“The fast start was crucial,” said River coach Steve Austin. “Getting the lead right off the bat gave us a belief that we could beat those guys and we played confidently and effectively in all phases- pitching, hitting, and defense.”

Glenvar’s only run came in the fourth inning when Courtney Raines was walked and Lydia Taylor hit a double. Sarah Kate Tozier bunted, loading the bases. Avery Luper then singled, scoring Raines. The bases were still loaded with only one out, but the next two batters struck out, stranding all three on base. In the fifth inning bases were loaded again with one out, and the next two batters popped up in the infield ending the inning.

Glenvar was led by Raines, who had two hits and scored the only run. Luper had one hit and an RBI. Taylor Schoonover and Sarah Kate Tozier also had hits for Glenvar.

Sophie McCulley took the loss on the mound, her first of the season. She struck out five, allowed 10 hits and walked one.

The Highlanders were 6-1 and scheduled to host Floyd County on Wednesday, but results were too late for publication. Then they’re off until Monday, when they host Giles.



Bayleigh Booth shut out Patrick Henry as the Salem girls softball team won for the first time last Friday.

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City of Salem will host NCAA lacrosse, softball

The City of Salem will be hosting NCAA championships the next two weekends in lacrosse and softball.

This weekend Salem will play host to the NCAA Division II and III women’s lacrosse championships at Kerr Stadium on the campus of Roanoke College. The Division II final four will have semifinals on Friday at 4 and 7 pm with the championship game on Sunday at 2 pm. Teams included are Queens of NC, East Stroudsburg of Pennsylvania, Lindenwood of Missouri and Roberts Wesleyan.

The Division III championships will be Saturday and Sunday. St. John Fisher, Denison, Tufts and Salisbury are in the final four. Semis are at 2 and 5 pm Saturday and the championship is at 5 pm Sunday.

Tickets are available at the gate only until the capacity limit of 500 and masks must be worn.

The following week, the NCAA Division III softball championships will be held at the Moyer Complex in Salem, beginning at 11 am on Thursday, May 27, and continuing until the championship game on Memorial Day, May 31, at 3 pm.

Salem girls fall to Rockbridge

The Salem High girls’ lacrosse team dropped a 13-3 decision to Rockbridge County on Monday night at Spartan Field. The Rockbridge team is one of the top teams in the state.

“Though it was a loss, we feel confident we could’ve played Jefferson Forest closer earlier in the year because they lost to Rockbridge 18-2,” said Salem coach Maggi Pace. “Our defense led the charge with Brynn Bowen having 14 saves and our defense holding Rockbridge strong. It was 8-3 at half and we only allowed them 3 more goals in the second.”

Hope Wimmer had two goals and Addi Blanchard had one goal on a free position. Natalie Major had two knockdowns and two ground balls, and Bailey Stratton had one knockdown, one takeaway, and two groundballs. Reese Redford also had several key ground balls.

Last week Salem beat Franklin County, 15-2, as Chloe Butt had five goals and an assist. Wimmer had four goals and Zoe Blair had three while Stratton and Blanchard had one each. Bowen only had to make two saves.

Salem is now off until next Wednesday when the girls host Patrick Henry.



Glenvar centerfielder Sarah Kate Tozier makes a diving try for a deep drive in last week’s game with James River but can’t quite come up with the catch.

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SHS laxmen down Wildcats



Salem’s JR Wallace scored nine goals and won all 24 of his faceoffs to lead the Salem boys lacrosse team to a 22-5 win in Lexington Monday.

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Wallace also had an assist as Salem routed the Wildcats. Jake Massey had four, Mason Esworthy had three and Joe Mason and Tanner Dallas had two each in the win. Scoring singles goals were Charles Baynum and Kyman Kinney. Kinney also had four assists, Mason had two and Wallace, Massey, Dallas, and Esworthy had one each.

On defense coach Greg Warren credited Carson Williams, Will Hicks and Bryson Jones. Salem got good wing play from Trey Joyce, Addison Wolfe and Micah Brown while Zach Blair was strong in the goal with six saves.

“Zach provides great leadership on defense,” said Warren. “This was an entire team effort.”

With the win Salem improved to 5-1 on the season. The Spartans dominated Franklin County last Thursday, 23-1.



Salem’s Zoe Blair(#7) wins a draw in Monday night’s game with Rockbridge County at Spartan Field.

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"Sellout Crowds" watch Red Sox split home opening series



Above, Salem Red Sox catcher Jaxx Groshans holds back Christian Cairo of the Lynchburg Hillcats as the benches clear following a strikeout of Cairo to end the top of the seventh inning. Below, Sox outfielder Jecorrah Arnold(left photo) can't quite reach a drive to deep left, then kicks up warning track dust as he crashes into the wall at Salem Memorial Ballpark Sunday.

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It's official, Salem Red Sox baseball is back at Haley Toyota Field. It returned last week with six exciting games that featured a triple play, a steal of home and a benches clearing incident as Salem split six games with the Lynchburg Hillcats.

"It was a great opening week," said Salem General Manager Allen Lawrence. "It was great to see people back in the seats again. We had three sellouts and everything went just fine."

"Sellouts" included 30 percent of capacity, or around 1,800 fans, but Lawrence is hoping that gets better as Virginia begins to open things up with a higher percentage of people getting COVID vaccines. The Sox weren't allowed to have bat boys or between inning events on the field or atop the dugouts, but just before the opener they got the okay to have the national anthem singer and first pitch participants on the field.

"We're hoping we can open up it up by the end of the month," said Lawrence. "Mask restrictions for fans have been lifted and Major League Baseball has said it's in our hands. We're going by state guidelines."

On the field, the Sox are now 7-6 after a 14-3 win at Fredericksburg Tuesday. The Nationals are a Washington farm team and the Red Sox will be in Fredericksburg through Sunday.

Last week they split the opening homestand with Lynchburg, a Cleveland franchise. After losing the first two games of the six-game series, 10-1 and 8-1, they bounced back to win the next three, 10-2, 4-0 and 5-3. The Hillcats won Sunday's getaway game, 2-1.

The Red Sox had their best opportunities in the bottom of the third Sunday when the bases were loaded with no one out. After Lenny Torres balked home Jecorrah Arnold to give Salem the lead, Nick Yorke, Nick Northcut, and Stephen Scott went down in order.

The Hillcats offense came alive in the sixth inning when Micah Pries's hot bat struck with a leadoff double. Jhonkensy Noel provided the game tying RBI on the very next at-bat to even the score at 1-1. Yainer Diaz broke the tie on the next pitch on an RBI-single. This would be the final tally as Hillcat pitching only gave up one run on four hits while striking out out five Red Sox.

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Cougars end Salem's win streak at four with extra inning thriller

Pulaski County scored three runs with two outs in the top of the eighth to snap the Salem High baseball team's four game win streak on Tuesday. The Cougars pulled out a 6-3 win on Billy Sample Field in Salem.

It was a tough loss for the Spartans, who played their third extra inning game of the season. Salem had walk-off wins in the first two, but this time they couldn't get the big hit when they needed it in the late innings.

"It won't hurt us," said Salem coach Wes McMillan. "These boys are still learning the game and they learned some things tonight. We're a very young team."

Eli Bowery started on the mound for Salem and pitched into the fifth inning. He allowed three runs while striking out four and walking none.

Lefty Ethan Walker relieved Bowery after an inning opening double in the fifth and pitched the final four innings, allowing just three hits. He was the tough luck loser on a two out, two strike seeing eye Baltimore chop that drove in what proved to be the winning run.

Offensively, Chase Greer, Conner Fletcher and Bowery had two hits each.

Bowery drove in a run with a hit in his first two at bats and Eryn Hughes drove in Salem's other run with a fielder's choice in the fourth, but that proved to be Salem's last run of the game.

The loss dropped the Spartans to 4-2 on the season. Last Friday in Roanoke they had little trouble with Patrick Henry, pounding the Patriot 14-0 in five innings. Salem had 11 hits, including two each by Bowery, Hunter Bayne and Greer, and PH pitchers issued seven walks and hit a batter. Bowery, Fletcher, Walker and Bayne drove in two runs each and Hunter King and Hughes scored three runs each for Salem.

Cody DeBoer started on the mound at PH and picked up the win, allowing two hits in three and a third innings. Trent Judd finished the fourth and Walker pitched the fifth before the game was called by slaughter rule.

Salem is now off until Monday when they get a rematch with Cave Spring. The Knights beat Salem with a walk-off win in the season opener, 6-5 at Cave Spring, and that was Salem's only defeat before the extra inning loss to Pulaski Tuesday.



Eli Bowery delivers for Salem High in Tuesday's game at Billy Sample Field.

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Glenvar's Nathan Richardson slides under the tag to score a big run in Friday's win over Carroll County. Nathan dashed home on a wild pitch.

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Highlanders top CC

The Glenvar High baseball team followed up a disappointing loss with a big win last week, downing Carroll County on the GHS field Friday afternoon.

The Highlanders were coming off an 8-4 loss to James River that saw the Knights score all eight runs late in the game. Ryan Butler pitched four scoreless innings before giving way to Cameron Wiley, and he had a tough afternoon and took the loss. Cameron had trouble finding the strike zone, walking 10 and allowing eight earned runs.

Offensively, Jacob Mays, Brendon Magruder, and Clay Caldwell each had two hits. Caldwell drove in two runs.

"One bad inning killed us," said Glenvar coach Jeremy Cromer.

The Highlanders bounced back on Friday with a 9-4 win over Carroll at home. The Cavaliers had beaten Glenvar in Hillsville but the Highlanders broke the game open with a six run sixth inning.

"Great bounce back game after the loss on Wednesday," said Cromer.

Butler started for the second time in three days and went four innings with 10 strikeouts. Josh Howard came on in relief and picked up the win. Caldwell and Nathan Richardson had two hits each for the Highlanders.

The win lifted Glenvar to 4-2 and they were scheduled to play at Floyd County on Wednesday. Next Monday Glenvar is at Giles.