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Roanoke College's 428 graduates in Class of 2020 set out on 'new journey'



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A group of Roanoke College graduates tossing their caps in the air in celebration of their education accomplishments.

After a delay of more than a year, the Roanoke College Class of 2020 walked across the commencement stage on May 22. With their senior year disrupted by the COVID-19 pandemic, their commencement ceremony was postponed. Roanoke College conferred degrees in a virtual ceremony on their original graduation date, May 2, 2020. Last Saturday in the Salem Stadium, the Class of 2020 returned to Salem

for their in-person commencement ceremony. President Michael C. Maxey referred to the Class of 2020 as "Roanoke College history-makers" and saluted them for their ability to stay connected to one another even as they finished their college careers from their homes. "Never forget that you are twice graduated from Roanoke College," Maxey said. "No one

has ever done that and I hope it leads to a special bond between and among you and between you and your college."

The Class of 2020 is comprised of 428 graduates from 30 states and five countries. The top majors (in order) are business administration, biology, communication studies, sociology, and health and exercise science. Two hundred and fifteen graduates earned the Bachelor of Arts, 80 obtained the Bachelor of Business Administration and 133 earned the Bachelor of Science.

Three students earned valedictorian honors in the Class of 2020 and though not all of them were able to make it to graduation Saturday, all three were honored during the ceremony.

Benjamin Allen Vester, an economics and political science major from Morgantown, West Virginia, delivered a speech at Saturday's ceremony. Upon graduating, Vester was a field representative for Sen. Joe Manchin, D-West Virginia. Since then, Vester earned a spot as a staff as-

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PHOTO BY MEG HIBBERT

Former Salem School Board Chair Sally Southard is asking Salem City Council to appoint her to fill the six months of Dr. Michael Chigliniski's term.

Council hears from School Board candidates

Pam Dudding
Contributing writer

Past Salem School Board Chair Sally Southard is asking to be appointed to fill the six months of Dr. Michael Chigliniski's term.

Chigliniski, who was vice chairman, died suddenly last month. Council held a moment of silence to remember him at Monday night's meeting. Southard is one of three candidates for the term that runs through December. The others are Teresa Sizemore-Hernandez and Jim Ruhland.

Southard served 14 years as chairman. "While the School Division continues to mourn, they do not need to train a new member," she told Council.

Sizemore-Hernandez pointed out she is the mother of a South Salem fourth grader, a Salem High senior and a SHS graduate.

"I want to be appointed to the School Board not to change things but to provide a different perspective," she told Councilmembers at the May 24 meeting. Sizemore-Hernandez and two friends who spoke on her behalf said they believe school board members should have children in Salem schools.

Ruhland emphasized his 19 years on the Botetourt County School Board. While president of the Virginia School Board Association and the National School Board Association, he visited schools in 37 states, he said.

"I learned Virginia had some of the best schools across the country," he said. "I think I can bring a

wealth of knowledge, and ask the right questions."

Council will set a date for individual interviews within the next week. Mayor Renee Turk said, and decide on appointment after that.

In other actions, Council:

- Approved a \$171.3-million budget for Fiscal Year 21-22. It includes a 3-percent raise for all employees as well as a 2 percent cost-of-living for non-public safety employees. The budget includes \$84 million in the proposed general fund, a \$2.6-million increase over the current budget. City Manager Jay Taliaferro pointed out the new budget is still over \$900,000 less than the FY 2019-2020 budget. One third of the city budget goes to schools.

- Held a public hearing on an unchanged tax rate of \$1.20 per \$100 assessed value. No one spoke on the tax rate, and no action was required, Taliaferro said.

- Adopted a resolution recognizing the Salem High School Forensic Team for winning its 15th consecutive state championship, and a total of 24 state championships.

- Adopted a resolution recognizing the Salem High School Football Team for winning the s2021 Class 4 State Championship.

Members of both team and coaches were honored the following night at the Salem Civic Center.

Council went into a closed session to discuss property at 7:45. The mayor said no action was expected that night. The regular portion of the meeting lasted 90 minutes.

Outdoor concert gives community opportunity to hear the best that country music has to offer

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Much to the delight of many Salem residents, summer is right around the corner. New guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) indicate that if certain precautions are taken, most outdoor activities are deemed safe.

The tradition of outdoor concerts in Salem began decades ago. Since the community is filled with country music lovers, it should come as no surprise that a sizeable crowd gathered at the Salem Memorial Ballpark on May



PHOTO BY SHAWN NOWLIN

Country music star Shelby Darrall performing her popular song "Swim."

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American Legion hosts championship dinner for Salem High football coaches, players

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Last Thursday was a memorable day for the Salem High School football players and coaches as a community gathering congregated at the American

Legion building on Apperson Drive to honor the team for their championship season this year.

"This all happened because the Lion's Club runs the Salem Stadium concession stands and they partnered with the Ameri-

can Legion to thank the football team with a state championship dinner," Brian Hooker, a World Geography teacher at Andrew Lewis Middle and assistant SHS football coach, said. "When the team is successful, it creates more revenue for the Lion's Club to give back to the community."

Salem High captured its first state football championship in 1996. Since then, the school has won nine Group AA Division 4 championships: 1998, 1999, 2000, 2004, 2005, 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2021. Championships require both dedicated coaches and hard-working players. Even with all of the success in recent years, the SHS football program shows no signs of slowing down.

George Mallory is currently the American Legion's 3rd Vice Commander. When the organization was asked if they were interested in doing the dinner as a community involvement project, Mallory says they did not hesi-

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Marlene Wine sharing a laugh with two of the Salem High football coaches.

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Salem resident, former school president takes part in Univ. of Lynchburg Class of 2020 commencement ceremonies

Last weekend, Dr. Kenneth R. Garren, gave the commencement address for the University of Lynchburg Class of 2020. 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. Below is a condensed version of his speech.

"It is so great to be on

this beautiful campus and it is quite an honor to deliver your commencement address. As you know, US Senator Mark Warner delivered your virtual address last spring, but now I am pleased to be with you in person. Graduating class you are unique in the history of the university. Your final year was so exciting and suddenly in the blink of an eye, everything

changed. COVID-19 appeared and everyone was required to leave the campus, including me. No in-person classes, no labs, no clinicals, no sports, no concerts, no plays, no international travel in spite of all the plans that you had made for these things to happen. Most of you probably were never able to say goodbye to your friends fellow class-

mates and professors. You are unique because you had to respond immediately to something that was happening, not that you had another year extra to finish your time, but you have survived, you were resilient, you solved the challenge and you came to it ten. Thirty years from now, they're going to look back at this and say how did they do so well?"



Dr. Kenneth R. Garren

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Glencoe Mansion to host rail themed photography exhibit



Full Steam 611 by Dale R. Carlson

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Southern 6133 by Dale R. Carlson

waning days of passenger rail service and retained a strong fondness for that mode of travel with its terminals, passenger cars and their rumble over the rails. Carlson, originally from the Midwest, has practiced his passion for photography for over 40 years in both his professional and artistic careers.

When Carlson and his wife Becky moved to the Blue Ridge Mountains, his photography shifted to focus on this region. His works have been featured in numerous publications, including Western North Carolina (WNC) and Blue Ridge Country magazines. Carlson and his wife Becky founded their photography business, Bluemoonistic Images in 2008 in order to offer his fine art photography online.

Everyone is welcome to visit the museum. There is no admission charge. "Mountain Rail Tails" will be on display through August 29.

-Submitted by Scott Gardner, Glencoe Mansion Director

Glencoe Mansion, Museum & Gallery recently announced the opening of its new gallery exhibit "Mountain Rail Tails" featuring photography by Dale R. Carlson of Bluemoonistic Images. The exhibit will be on display from June 4 through Au-

gust 29.

All across the Appalachian Mountains, culture has been influenced by railroads. These iron rails created new communities like Radford, allowed new industries to flourish, and provided convenient transportation for resi-

dents. When the railroads ceased all passenger service in this region in the 60s and 70s, many depots were abandoned and the rails were removed. Many of these localities then struggled to find a new identity.

Fast forward to today

and many of those same communities have implemented creative ways to reutilize their railroad heritage to benefit their local economies. Former depots and train cars have been restored and reutilized. Old rail beds have been replaced with "rails to trails"

permitting hiking and biking where it was not possible before. "Mountain Rail Tails" explores these revitalized aspects of our rail heritage through imagery, evoking its former and current power.

Photographer Dale R. Carlson grew up in the

Salem Museum Memorial Day weekend event - Fallen Defenders: past to present -

On May 29, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., experience a unique display of military uniforms and Fallen Soldier Battle Crosses. The display will represent almost every major conflict in American history from the Revolutionary War through Operation Inherent Resolve. The display will be set up on the grounds of the Salem Museum and is presented by the 24th Virginia Infantry Living Historians, who will be onsite from noon to 4 p.m. to answer questions. This event is free and open to the public.

Traditionally, in conflicts past, the spot where a soldier or a marine fell in battle was marked by a helmet placed on a rifle with its bayonet thrust into the ground. This marker was a powerful symbol of respect, but also of cour-

age, sacrifice and loss.

Our current day military rarely has the need to mark the locations of the fallen. Instead, the Fallen Soldier Battle Cross is often displayed at memorial services that are held after a battle. The Fallen Soldier Battle Cross combines the helmet, rifle, and boots of each fallen comrade as part of a visual tribute.

Mask requirements for the event will be based on current Virginia Department of Health guidelines. This is an outdoor event: masks may be optional although social distancing is recommended. Masks are required inside the Salem Museum.

-Submitted by Frances Ferguson, Salem Museum Executive Director



Flags from fallen defenders

SUBMITTED PHOTO

Vehicular heatstroke dangers increase as temperatures rise DMV urges parents, caregivers, pet owners to "look before you lock"

In 2020, 24 children in the United States died as a result of being left in an unattended hot vehicle, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). As temperatures begin to climb, the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) urges parents and caregivers to never leave

children unattended in a vehicle - even for a minute - no matter the temperature.

When the outside temperature is 80 degrees, a car can heat up to 100 degrees in just 10 minutes. Parking in the shade and rolling down the car's windows have little effect on inside temperature, and as time goes by the temperature ris-

es. Children have died from heatstroke in cars when outside temperatures were as low as 60 degrees.

"As the weather is warming up in the Commonwealth and we are traveling more frequently, we need to establish habits that will help keep our children and pets safe when we get out of

our vehicles," said DMV Commissioner Richard D. Holcomb, the Governor's Highway Safety Representative. "All hot car deaths are preventable and we - as parents, caregivers, and bystanders - have a responsibility to keep those more vulnerable to heatstroke safe."

Both children and pets

are especially prone to being harmed by heatstroke. Children heat up three-to-five times faster than adults, according to kidsandcars.org. Pets cannot sweat like humans; they can only cool down through panting, according to the Humane Society of the United States. High temperatures can cause ir-

reparable organ damage in pets and even death.

A good rule of thumb is to always "look before you lock," NHTSA says. Drivers are encouraged to check the back seats of their vehicle before locking it and walking away. A helpful reminder may be to keep a stuffed animal or pet's toy in the back seat when it's empty, and move it to the front seat as a visual reminder when a child or pet is in the back seat.

Additionally, caregivers should be mindful of the dangers of heat when traveling with the elderly. As people age, it becomes more difficult to regulate temperature and the ability to sweat decreases, making the elderly more at risk of heatstroke than younger adults, according to the National Institutes of Health.

-Submitted by Communications Specialist Jessica Cowardin



We salute you

Memorial Day is a time to reflect on the sacrifices and service our Soldiers and Veterans have made for us and our country. On this Memorial Day let us shower them with our appreciation, support and prayers.

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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.

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 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.

FIRST AND THIRD TUESDAYS

Salem Host Lions Club, 6:30 p.m., dinner and

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PHOTOS BY SHAWN NOWLIN

Longtime friends Whitney Overstreet, Dena Soltis and Emily Myers, from left to right.



From left to right, Dustin Ayotte, Brittany Lawson, Kevin Perfater, Kari Perfater and Heather Stover.



Chase Rice, who has sold over a million albums to date, was the concert headliner.

21 to enjoy a night of country music, courtesy of multi-platinum entertainer Chase Rice and his opening act, Shelby Darrall. Event festivities start-

ed around 5 p.m. and lasted for nearly four hours. Bean toss games were set up in the parking lot, something that dozens of people participated in. Individu-

als were asked to adhere to social distancing guidelines, and hundreds brought their own chairs. Allen Cruz and his friends chose to enjoy the concert from the

parking lot. "My F-150 can comfortably seat four people. Myself, my wife and my two brothers knew how we were going to relish the concert long before we arrived in the parking lot. We had such a great time and took plenty of pictures to remember the occasion," Hunt said. Rice and Darrall were both met with standing ovations when they hit the stage. As soon as she walked through the gates, Amy Childress knew that she was in for a treat. Childress says she expected a good turnout for the concert. What she didn't expect, however, was the number of people who knew practically every word of the songs per-

formed. "I've been a huge fan of Chase for over a decade and the first time I was introduced to Shelby, I fell in love with her sound. Neither one disappointed. The tickets were worth every penny," she said. Since his debut album "Friday Nights & Sunday Mornings" was released in 2010, Rice has gone on to release three more albums: Dirt Road Communion, Ignite the Night and Lambs & Lions. All four projects have enjoyed chart success. Jake Owen, Larry Fleet and Josh Kerr are just some of the artists that Darrall has worked with within her short career. Anyone who knows Leslie Emory knows that

country music is by far her favorite music genre. The Roanoke County native never misses an opportunity to show her love for country music. When Rice performed his current hit single, "Drinkin' Beer. Talkin' God. Amen," Emory found herself acting as if she was a child receiving a gift on Christmas. When she looked around, she noticed many others doing the same. More information about Rice and Darrall can be found at chaserice.com and shelbydarrall.com. Last Saturday's country concert was made possible by the Salem Civic Center, the Salem Red Sox and 94.9 Star Country. and around the world."

-Submitted by Alena Yarmosky, Office of the Governor

May recognized as Business Appreciation Month

Governor Ralph Northam has proclaimed May as Business Appreciation Month in Virginia. "Businesses of all sizes have navigated unprecedented challenges over the past year, and our Administration has worked hard to provide them with the relief they need to emerge even stronger," said Governor Northam. "As we turn the corner and look ahead to a post-pandemic future, we will continue doing everything we can to welcome new businesses to our Commonwealth, help existing businesses grow, and ensure Virginia remains the best place in the country to do business."

In 2020, Virginia allocated \$120 million in federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act funding to the Rebuild VA economic recovery fund, which served small businesses and nonprofit organizations whose normal operations were disrupted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Administered by the Department of Small Business and Supplier Diversity, Rebuild VA supported more than 3,000 small businesses and nonprofits, and 66 percent of grantees were woman-, minority-, or veteran-owned businesses. "Small businesses are the backbone of so many Virginia commu-

nities," said Secretary of Commerce and Trade Brian Ball. "With our talented workforce, competitive business climate, and robust economic development pipeline, we are very optimistic about the tremendous opportunities that lie ahead for businesses in every corner of our Commonwealth." Since the start of the pandemic, more than 200 economic development projects have been announced across the Commonwealth that are anticipated to create over 17,000 new jobs and more than \$10 billion in capital investment, representing strong momentum for economic development in Virginia. This month, Governor

Northam, Secretary Ball, and economic development officials traveled to Germany, Greece, and Switzerland where they participated in more than a dozen foreign direct investment meetings and two business roundtables to discuss Virginia's advantages with leaders of international companies. "The unprecedented events of this past year brought major challenges to us all, and Virginia's largest private sector industries, agriculture and forestry, were no exception," said Secretary of Agriculture and Forestry Bettina Ring. "As part of Business Appreciation Month, we would like to commend our farming and forestry operations,

agribusinesses, and others that continue to provide food, fiber, and fuel to consumers around the Commonwealth, nation,

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OPINION

Give Light ~ Afternoon school ~

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

Recently, I saw a news picture of an old school building in a Virginia town that had been destroyed by fire. Fortunately, it had been abandoned so there was no loss of life.

At the age of six, I had begun the First Grade in one of identical architecture. These buildings were firetraps, I think now, for they had open entrance halls, lunchrooms in the basement from which escapes would have been impossible if a fire had begun; toilets were in the basement too.

I learned at least two things in that mostly unhappy year in First Grade.

- The difference between my left and my right.
- What it's like to be bullied.

My mother, who had taught elementary school in Buchanan County before the advent of paved roads and when her pupils in one-room schools ranged in age from four to 16, decided that after one year she

must manage to find the ten dollars monthly to send me to a tiny private school.

There was one downtown owned by an unmarried teacher, Louise Holladay. "Miss Louise," as we children were taught to call her, was one of several children of a retired physician. The family - distant cousins of ours - lived in a mid-19th Century brick house on Main Street. More later about my better learning experiences there.

But back to First Grade and the dangerous but imposing building on a slight rise on the northwest side of the historic courthouse town of Orange, Virginia. Its front had impressive white columns. Three large classrooms were on the first floor reached by a flight of steps from the entrance door. More steps went up to four more classrooms on the second floor. Third and fourth graders were up there as far removed as heaven from us small first and second graders.

There was also a smaller room for a music period one afternoon weekly. I learned there "Twenty Froggies Went

Frances Stebbins Correspondent

to School" and a bunch of other melodies. Music for me was a high spot.

It was the Great Depression times. Virginia had no public kindergartens. I had gone briefly to two different kindergartens in the homes of a doctor and a dentist; their wives with small children of their own were, I suppose, trying to add to the family income as their young professional husbands were getting established.

Neither of the kindergartens was worth the money, my widowed mother decided. I just didn't like other children; playing alone with small dolls and lead soldiers at home occupied me happily for hours. Five years later, the stories I made up eased into my lifelong love of writing.

My one neighborhood

friend, a little girl from a dysfunctional family, was born three months after I. Under Virginia laws of that day, August 31 was the cutoff date for entrance to First Grade. July to October made the difference.

Hard times had another effect. I walked from home at 11:30 a.m. to reach Schoolhouse Hill by noon when my academic day began. It lasted until 3 p.m.

We were lined up two by two and marched up that flight of steps to our sunny classroom. That's where I learned that our teacher Miss Margaret Banks' desk was in the Left corner of the big room. The entrance door and the coat closet were on the Right side.

[Many years later, I would learn that I have a relatively minor learning disability in distinguishing my left from my right. It's a blessing that cars are equipped with turn signals or I would be a menace on the road. My mother had taught me the four directions, and I still readily use North, South, East and West to find my way around.]

When my mother registered me for attendance, and I was vaccinated against smallpox in the spring, it was explained that children living too far from school to walk got the nine to noon section. The town kids - and me on the very edge - were assigned to afternoon.

Looking back from decades of always preferring the company of adults to that of those my own age or younger, my lack of ease in peer groups made me a natural for bullying. I had shins kicked, books thrown in snow and reduction to futile tears that miserable year as I walked home with the town kids used to fighting back. Nor did it help that the left/right problem made me a dummy at games.

I never learned and felt comfortable socially only when I reached college age. Children, as many like me have learned, can be incredibly cruel.

Twenty years ago, I saw the old building again. It was no longer a school but used for an office. If still there, it is well over 100 years old.

At a crossroads

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 vi-

rus 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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 8. This (Spanish)
 12. A type of sorcery
 14. A team's best pitcher
 15. Port in southern Japan
 16. Makes very happy
 18. Trigonometric unit of measurement
 19. From a distance
 20. Winged nut
 21. Consumed
 22. "Heat" director
 23. In all places
 26. Made improvements to
 30. St. ___ Girl: brand of beer
 31. A type of "seat"
 32. Wood
 33. A brief treatise on a subject of interest
 34. Approval
 39. Basics
 42. Where judges sit
 44. W. African religion
 46. Commentators
 47. Having many different functions
 49. Member of a Semitic people
 50. Flightless, fast-running bird
 51. After the seventh
 56. Small N. Zealand tree
 57. Health care pro (abbr.)
 58. Playground mainstay
 59. Expressing relief
 60. Records brain activity (abbr.)
 61. Fishing net
 62. Beer
 63. Tooth caregiver
 64. Japanese beverage
- CLUES DOWN**
1. Garden tools
 2. Early Syrian Kingdom
 3. 500 sheets of paper
 4. Information
 5. Beloved comic strip character
 6. Distinct form of a plant
 7. Replenishment
 8. Semitransparent glassy substance
 9. Expedition to observe animals
 10. One who held landed granted by Anglo-Saxon king
 11. Obtain in return for labor
 13. Inheritable genetically
 17. One who rescues
 24. Doctor of Education
 25. Liberal arts
 26. Shock treatment
 27. Disfigure
 28. When you hope to get there
 29. Peacock network
 35. Part of (abbr.)
 36. The 21st letter of the Greek alphabet
 37. Not just "play"
 38. Former CIA
 40. Reduced to a sloping edge
 41. Restricted the development of
 42. Sciences degree
 43. Sea eagles
 44. Saturated
 45. Joints
 47. Sailing boat
 48. Respiratory organs
 49. Guitarists use them
 52. Disco act: Bee ___
 53. First Chinese dynasty
 54. Intentionally lose
 55. Muslim people of China

Dear Editor,

Virginians should think twice about Terry McAuliffe's big money campaign for governor. In 2013, candidate McAuliffe ran on "climate action" but Governor McAuliffe surprised Virginians by enthusi-

astically backing two mega-fracked-gas pipelines to cross Virginia's Appalachians against the advice of scientists, experts and concerned citizens. Cheryl LaFleur, Commissioner at FERC (normally a pipeline "rubber-stamper"), voted against the Atlantic Coast (ACP) and Mountain Valley (MVP) pipelines stating they "were not in the public interest."

Governor McAuliffe saw Virginia's natural heritage assets as exploitable targets to sell and warnings to ignore. His three secret agreements gave MVP waiv-

ers for damage to Virginia's forests, water and historical resources for only \$30 million - less than the \$36 million Roanoke taxpayers will pay to clean up MVP's 1,039 extra tons of sediment yearly in the Roanoke River.

"Big and Bold" is McAuliffe's current campaign slogan. Indeed, an operational MVP will spew a whopping one percent of U.S. energy greenhouse emissions yearly, helping sink Virginia's Tidewater and fuel California wildfires. McAuliffe's pipelines gamble is a colossal failure. The future of the

Democratic Party is not big money. Voters prefer government without a giant helping of corruption. McAuliffe's MVP grand theft has bequeathed Virginia a sacrifice zone that will take billions to address and eons for mountains to reforest and stabilize. Don't let McAuliffe's big money erase his pipelines record and reload the dice with a clean slate. Remember: Terry plays but Virginia pays. McAuliffe owes Virginians a big, bold apology.

-Cynthia Munley, Preserve Salem

Virginia to offer agricultural nutrient management training in July

Members of the Salem community have an opportunity to participate in a two-part nutrient management training school will be offered in July. The training is open to anyone interested in learning about the development of agricultural nutrient management plans or how to become a certified plan writer. The Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation is conducting the training.

The first session, July 6-7, is a lecture series by Virginia Tech professors on soil science, soil fertility and crop production. The second session, July 13-15, will cover nutrient management plan writing using a case-study farm.

Both sessions run from 9 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. each day. Registration is \$130 for each session. After June 23, the fee will increase to \$150 per session.

Nutrient management continues to be an important component in a farmer's decision-making process when considering application of materials to supply nutrients to crops. Nutrient management plans outline efficient methods for applying manure, fertilizers, biosolids and other soil amendments so that crop yields are maximized and ground and

surface waters are protected from contamination by excess nutrients. Application rates are determined by a process using actual yield records or soil productivity when yield records are not available.

"Generally, it would appear this type of training may be of interest mainly to consultants, sales people or agency people working with nutrient management and crop production," said David Kindig, DCR's nutrient management certification and training coordinator. "However, farmers and farm operators do attend the schools for educational benefit, and some choose to become certified planners. The training gives them a better understanding of how plans are developed."

More information about nutrient management training and certification is available at www.dcr.virginia.gov/soil-and-water/nmtrain.

To register, contact Susan Jones at 804-824-1573 or susan.jones@dcr.virginia.gov.

For details related to the training, contact David Kindig at 804-371-8095 or david.kindig@dcr.virginia.gov.

-Submitted by Julie Buchanan, Senior Public Relations and Marketing Specialist

Graduates from page 1



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Roanoke College graduates Caleb Jordan (front) and Brandon Harrell (back).



Roanoke College faculty marshals who helped to organize the ceremony.



Alexandra Gautier (left) and Ashley Eagleson (right) taking a selfie during the graduation ceremonies.



Proud family members and loved ones rooting on their college graduates.

sistant with the U.S. Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources and now works in Washington, D.C.

Vester spoke about his favorite campus traditions, saying that even as the Class of 2020 didn't get to experience their final months on campus, the memories of those traditions shine brightly in his memory.

"We may not have had the opportunity to participate in the rituals of senior year and graduation the way previous classes have or hopefully future classes will," Vester said. "But through these traditions, through our favorite memories of our almost four years in sunny Salem, the class of 2020 belongs in its own unique way to what is bigger than ourselves — Roanoke College, our alma mater, which has indeed served us well."

Kyle Elizabeth Grohbrug-

ge is a health and exercise science major and public health minor from Grantham, New Hampshire. Grohbrugge recently finished her first year at the University of Colorado, where she is pursuing a Doctor of Physical Therapy degree. She's working at an orthopedic clinic this summer, where she works with patients who suffer from neck, back, shoulder and other pain. She is on track to graduate in December 2022.

Grohbrugge wasn't able to attend Saturday's ceremony but she did write a speech, which Rev. Christopher M. Bowen read on her behalf. In it, Grohbrugge compared a college career to hiking a mountain — an experience to which many Maroons can relate.

"There is still so much to explore and I wish you all the best of luck in continuing

to find your own adventures after Roanoke College," Grohbrugge wrote.

Kaitlyn Renee Hefe is a biology major and Spanish minor from Ashland, Virginia. She just graduated from James Madison University with a Master of Arts in teaching and recently accepted a position teaching biology at Nelson County High School in Virginia. She's teaching summer school in Augusta County this summer and starting her full-time job in August.

Three honorary degrees were conferred virtually as part of the Class of 2020 Commencement ceremony.

Doreen H. Fishwick received the honorary degree of Doctor of Commerce. Fishwick is the retired General Manager of The Hotel Roanoke. Fishwick and her late husband, John Fishwick, were supporters of many worthy

causes in the Roanoke Valley. At Roanoke College, they endowed the Blair Wiley Fishwick Endowed Scholarship in memory of John's late wife and established the John P. Fishwick Professorship in English and the Doreen H. Fishwick Endowed Scholarship. Doreen Fishwick served as a consulting trustee for Opera Roanoke and was a member of the Roanoke Symphony Orchestra Board of Directors.

Tom T. Hall received the honorary degree of Doctor of Fine Arts. Hall is a songwriter, author and musician in Nashville, Tennessee. Throughout his career, his songs were recorded by dozens of country music artists, including Johnny Cash, George Jones, Loretta Lynn, Waylon Jennings, and Alan Jackson. Hall's own recording career included country music hits "I Love," "Coun-

try Is," and "I Like Beer." His song "(Old Dogs, Children and) Watermelon Wine," was included on Rolling Stone Magazine's list of the 100 greatest country songs.

Dr. Donald E. Morel, Jr. Received the honorary degree of Doctor of Science. Morel is the retired Chairman and CEO of West Pharmaceutical Services. Dr. Morel joined West Pharmaceutical Services in 1992 and retired as Chairman and CEO. He was selected by NASA's Astronaut Office in 1989 for training as a mission specialist. He served on numerous NASA scientific advisory committees focused on microgravity materials processing and stability of composites for large, deployable space structures in low-Earth orbit.

-Submitted by Public Relations Department

Richfield Living opens new Town Center to public

Richfield Living opened its new Town Center and welcomed the public to the jewel of the Salem Campus with a ribbon cutting, grand opening and tours on May 18.

The 25,000 square foot Town Center is a mountain lodge design with mammoth fireplace, community rooms, meeting rooms, activity areas, and chapel. It includes large cafeteria that is also open to the public as well as residents; an atrium and patio overlook the campus' front lake.

There is also a new Wellness Studio and BellaVue Salon on the lower level.

Cherie Grisso, Chief Operating Officer, explained the center that connects to 48 Lake Retreat Apartments and is adjacent to The Villas'

28 apartments is "The vision of what we were 50 years ago and what we are becoming."

Richfield recently completed 140 new independent living residences, and a new skilled nursing center designed as home-like settings of four separate households for 19 residences each. That totals 76 new rooms.

Later this year the existing Recovery and Rehab Center — the oldest building on campus — will be demolished to make way for more housing.

A new Roanoke campus under construction on Mecca Drive in the City of Roanoke will have 116 skilled nursing beds.

Speakers at the celebration included Jill Loope, Roanoke County Director of Econom-

ic Development, who called the growth and transformation of the Richfield campus "exciting news for Roanoke County. High quality independent living in a superior setting enhances the county's quality of life and adds to the diversity of services available in our community."

She continued, "We are grateful for Richfield's leadership and vision to expand and modernize their campus with the new Town Center development."

Grisso, Chief Operations Officer Esteban Duran-Ballen, Director of Community and Development Scotti Hartman and Senior Director of Marketing and Philanthropy Lisa Claus greeted visitors that day.

Richfield Living Board Chair Kirtesch Patel and other board members,

Roanoke County Supervisors Chair Jason Peters, and Roanoke County Catawba District Supervisor Martha Hooker took up scissors to cut the blue ribbon at the entrance to the Town Center.

Former board member Stuart Bruce and his wife Mary Lou dedicated the atrium to late residents Harvey and Muriel Bredlow.

A capital campaign underway to finance the new construction and

renovations has a goal of \$1.25 million. So far, \$1.15 has been raised, Grisso said.

"Adding 140 apartments to this campus is significant in our growth," she explained.

Construction costs are approximately \$58 million, including building the skilled nursing center, adjusting the Rehab Center, constructing the new independent living residences and the Town Center.

Richfield Living is

a non-for-profit community which began as Mercy House in 1934. Richfield Living is a 501(c)3 charitable organization, and gifts are tax deductible within IRS guidelines. For more information about donating, contact Senior Director of Marketing and Philanthropy Lisa Claus at lclaus@richfieldliving.com or Director of Community Development Scotti Hartman at shartan@richfieldliving.com.



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Richfield Living CEO Cherie Grisso, fourth from left, Board Chair Kirtesch Patel and other board members, along with Roanoke County Supervisors Chair Jason Peters, and Roanoke County Catawba District Supervisor Martha Hooker, cut the ribbon officially opening Richfield's Town Center to the public.

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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.lb-cva.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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WORSHIP DIRECTORY

Know the Facts

Read Ezra 6:1 through 8:36

Nicole wanted to wear a Christian T-shirt to school, but she was nervous. "What if someone complains? What if I get in trouble with the principal?"

Thankfully, her mom had already researched the issue.

"According to the Equal Access Amendment, if any kid in school has a T-shirt that has any kind of non-school graphics or message on it, you can wear a T-shirt with a Christian message," Nicole's mom said. She explained that Nicole had many rights as a Christian student, so she didn't need to be intimidated.

In the first year of King Cyrus, the king issued a decree

concerning the temple of God in Jerusalem: Let the temple be rebuilt as a place to present sacrifices, and let its foundations be laid (Ezra 6:3).

As the Israelites rebuilt the temple, they faced many hassles. However, they knew their legal rights. They knew King Cyrus had approved the rebuilding of the temple, and they had to educate the authorities who challenged them.

Challenge for Today: When unbelievers challenge your faith, don't just give in. Know the facts and your rights. Don't be afraid to politely claim them.

Quicklook: Ezra 6:1-12



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

CHURCHES OF CHRIST/CHRISTIAN 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.

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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

NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION, U.S.A., INC.

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) 8:00a.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.

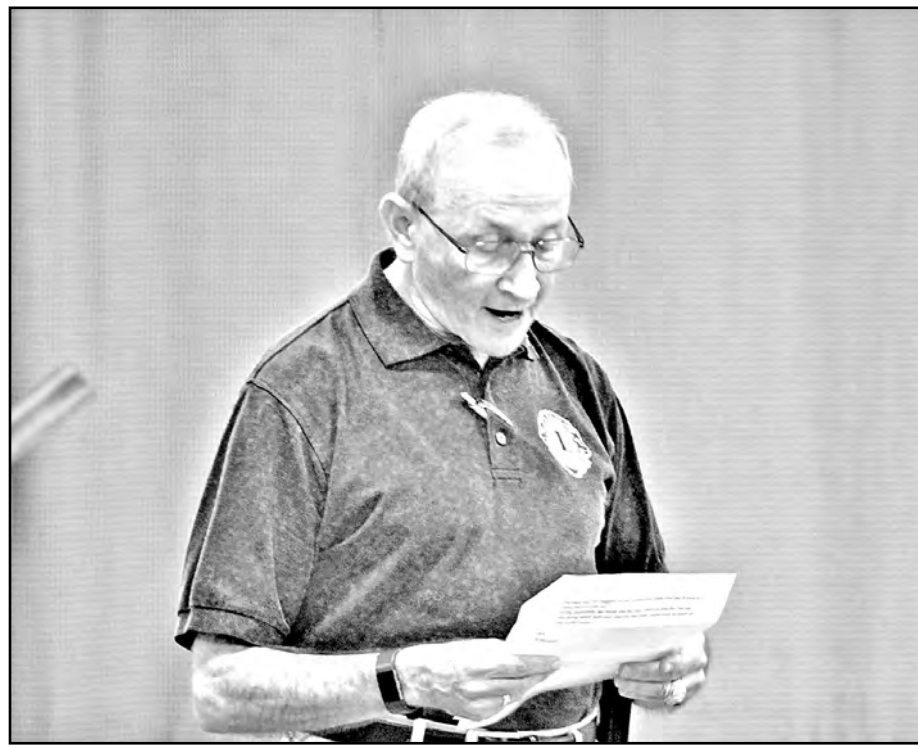
ROMAN CATHOLIC

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.

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Various Legion members spoke of how proud they are of the student-athletes.



Members of the SHS football team

OBITUARIES

Anderson, Ricky "Rick" Dyer

Ricky "Rick" Dyer Anderson, 65, of Salem, went to be with his heavenly father on, Friday, May 20.

Ricky Dyer Anderson entered this world on the 16th of May 1956 in Wytheville, Virginia, and was the eldest son of two loving parents Bobby and Bobbie Kay Anderson. Rick was a one-of-a-kind type of man that always put others ahead of himself. He deeply loved his family and friends and would always be there to help them through the challenges of life.

A true lover of animals, his two rescue dogs Bailey and Murphy were his pride and joy. If it were not too hot outside for them to tag along, you could guarantee they would be along for the ride no matter the destination. Rick never stopped caring or thinking of others. Even in his final moments here on this earth he wanted to be sure that if he had something inside him someone else needed it was to be donated so they could have the possibility of a better and healthier life. His family and friends will forever miss his smiling



face and sense of humor. A loving family and friends honor and celebrate this selfless, kind, and loving man. We all have so much gratitude and respect for the time we shared with him.

Left to cherish his memory are his loving wife of 26 years, Cindi Anderson; parents, Bobby, and Bobbie Kay Anderson; sister, Lori Fiore; children, Brad Powers, Ricky Jr., Mitch, Matt, and Lindsay Anderson; granddaughters, Micaela Alabran, as well as Jewels and Temple Anderson; dear friend, Tom Groton; and last but not least his two most cherished furry companions, Bailey and Murphy.

A celebration of Rick's life will be held at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 29, in the chapel of John M. Oakey & Son Funeral Home in Salem, followed by a time of fellowship from 5 to 6:00 p.m. Chaplain Ben Mewald will be officiating.

Online condolences, as well as viewing the live stream broadcast of the service, can be done by visiting the funeral home's website, www.johnmoakey.com.

Gauck, Matthew Thomas

At 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 23, Matthew Thomas Gauck (son, brother, and friend) of Pilot, passed away at the age of 22. He was taken from us entirely too soon.

Matthew was born September 25, 1998 to Dwayne Mark Gauck and Tarri (Thomas) Gauck. In addition to his parents, he is survived by his older sister, Megan Elizabeth Gauck.

Also mourning his loss are his grandmother, Elaine (Stahley) Gauck; uncle and aunt, Don and Deana (Gauck) Birkenheuer; cousins, Joe Birkenheuer and Nicole Birkenheuer; aunt, Tonda (Thomas) Dunlap, uncle and aunt, Mark and Tamra (Thomas) Needles; and cousin, Dana Needles. There are also many great-aunts, great-uncles, and second cousins.

Matthew was preceded in death by his uncle, Gary Dunlap; grandfathers, Jerry C. Gauck, and Norman L. Thomas; and grandmother, Nadzia (Urbanik) Thomas.

Matthew never knew a stranger. He was a very kind-hearted soul who enjoyed life to the fullest in everything he did. He graduated from Salem High School in 2016, was a very social person and had many friends who adored him. Matthew, who was very talented mechanically,



worked at Collision Plus since he was 17 years old.

He was always there with a helping hand for those who knew and loved him. Some of his favorite activities were farming, hunting and having cookouts with his Pilot pals. They were brothers to him. He loved going to the beach and the lake with his friends from Salem. He loved his gaming and weekly outings with his buddies from Blacksburg and Radford.

His favorite pastimes included restoring old vehicles, archery, playing the guitar, and listening to classic rock. Matthew died while doing something he loved very much...riding his Harley Davidson motorcycle on the Blue Ridge Parkway with friends.

Visitation will be held on Friday, May 28, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Horne Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that you share your memories of Matthew (photos if possible) and how he brightened your life by posting tributes on the funeral home's website at www.hornefuneralservice.com.

We love you Matthew, always and forever!

Robertson Jr., James Anderson

James Anderson Robertson Jr., 82, of Salem, and formerly of Danville, died on Tuesday, May 18.

He was born on August 13, 1938, and was educated in the public schools in Danville and was a graduate of George Washington High School. He attended VPI and graduated from Roanoke Technical Institute, (Virginia Western). He served in the Air Force for two years in the states. Jim retired from General Electric in Salem after 34 years of service as a Senior Draftsman.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Sarah Prichard Robertson; father, James Anderson Robertson, Sr.; and stepmother, Anne Vaughan Robertson.

Jim is survived by his wife of 58 years, Nancy Cole Robertson; daughter, Barbara Ann Robertson of Glen Allen, Va.; and son, James Anderson Robertson III and wife, Michelle Bourne, Louisa, Va. He is survived also by his two grandchildren, Kaylee Anne Robertson and



Hunter Grant Robertson of Louisa; and his sister, Anne Lindsay Robertson, of Naples, Fla.

Jim was an active member of First United Methodist Church in Salem for 58 years and served on numerous committees. Jim was also an active member of the Salem Host Lions Club for 30 years. He became a Melvin Joes Fellow for dedicated humanitarian service to the highest degree.

A period of visitation was held from 6 to 8 p.m. on Friday, May 21, 2021, in the John M. Oakey & Son Chapel in Salem. A funeral service was held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, May 22, 2021, at First United Methodist Church in Salem. Interment followed at Sherwood Memorial Park.

Memorials can be made to First United Methodist Church at 125 West Main Street in Salem, Va. 24153, or The Salem Host Lion's Club at PO Box 582 in Salem, Va. 24153. Online condolences may be expressed at www.johnmoakey.com.



SHS coaches listening attentively to Marline Wine speak.

tate to say yes. "I help out the Post wherever the Commander Dick Small and 1st Vice Commander Ken Stallard need assistance to support events going on at our Post," he said. "Regarding Salem High School football, I think about tradition. Being an outsider from Cleveland, Ohio, I totally understand the

importance and impact a football team can have on its community." When people think about Salem High football, Hooker hopes that what comes to mind is "hard-working, tough young men, a tradition of success and pride in the school and community." He added, "Our current youth is the fu-

ture of our community. Good schools translate into good communities where people want to live and raise their family. This was an awesome event to demonstrate to our players what it means to give to our community and the Lion's Club and the American Legion are great examples of giving."

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Virginia Employment Commission directed to invest \$20 million to drastically expand capacity to process unemployment insurance claims



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“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 relief to Virginians who need it.”

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Highlanders pound Giles, 20-0

The Glenvar softball team was not happy with a loss to Floyd County last week, and the Highlanders took it out on Giles Monday with a 20-0 win over the Spartans on "Senior Night" at GHS.

The Highlanders lost at home to Floyd last Wednesday, 3-1, when two Glenvar errors allowed three unearned runs to score. Glenvar scored its only run in the second inning when McKenna Shearer singled, followed by a fielding error that allowed Avery Luper to reach base. Madison Martinez then scored Shearer on a single.

Shearer, a last minute replacement on the mound, went the distance with nine strikeouts and three walks and only allowed three hits.

"I'm extremely proud of McKenna, she worked hard on the mound and was very effective," said Glenvar coach Lonnie Raines. "We had a last minute pitching change that required moving fielders around and not having time to work with the new infielders on game situations. It was definitely not the players fault. We asked



Glenvar shortstop Courtney Raines camp under a pop up in shallow left.

PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

players to assume new positions for the game and they willingly did so."

On Monday Shearer went the distance on the mound again, striking out 12, walking two and only allowing one hit. Prior to the game eight seniors who have been playing together for quite some time were honored. The game lasted just four and a half innings due to slaughter rule as the Highlanders pounded out 17 hits.

Lydia Taylor had a season in a day for most girls. She had four hits, including two home runs. One was a grand slam as she drove in eight runs and scored four times.

Taylor Schoonover was four-for-four for the Highlanders with two doubles and three RBIs. Courtney Raines went two-for-two and scored four times and Avery Luper also had two hits as Glenvar improved to 7-2 on the season.

The Highlanders were scheduled to play at Alleghany on Wednesday following their 10 am graduation ceremony. Next Tuesday Glenvar is at Radford.

Glenvar soccer boys are now 8-0, girls battle Cavs to scoreless tie

The Glenvar boys remained undefeated with two soccer wins in the past week while girls lost one and tied one in Three Rivers District action.

Last Thursday in Buchanan the girls opened with a 3-0 loss to James River, who is unbeaten in Three Rivers play. The Knights scored twice in the first five minutes of play and that's all they would need despite nine saves by GHS keeper Ashley Gardner.

In the second game the Glenvar boys beat James River, 3-0. Maddox Fisher scored a goal in the first half, while Jacson Shepherd scored off a corner kick and Alex Bryd headed home a throw-in to add goals in the second half.

"This was a really solid win for our team on the road," said Glenvar coach Josh Jones. "The guys found ways to get goals and earn the shutout victory."

Bryd and Marco Gustafson combined for the shutout in the net.

On Monday night the girls played Carroll County to a scoreless at

Highlander Stadium. That made the girls 4-3-1 on the season.

The boys stayed undefeated at 8-0 with a 7-1 win over the Cavaliers. Riley Geddes started the scoring 30 seconds into the game as Glenvar took a 4-1 lead at the half. Riley ended the night with a three goal "hat trick" and other scorers included Gustafson, Charlie Horrell, Matthew Louvet, and Shepherd. Geddes also collected two assists with Fisher, Colin Clapper and Jameson Vaughn each adding one.

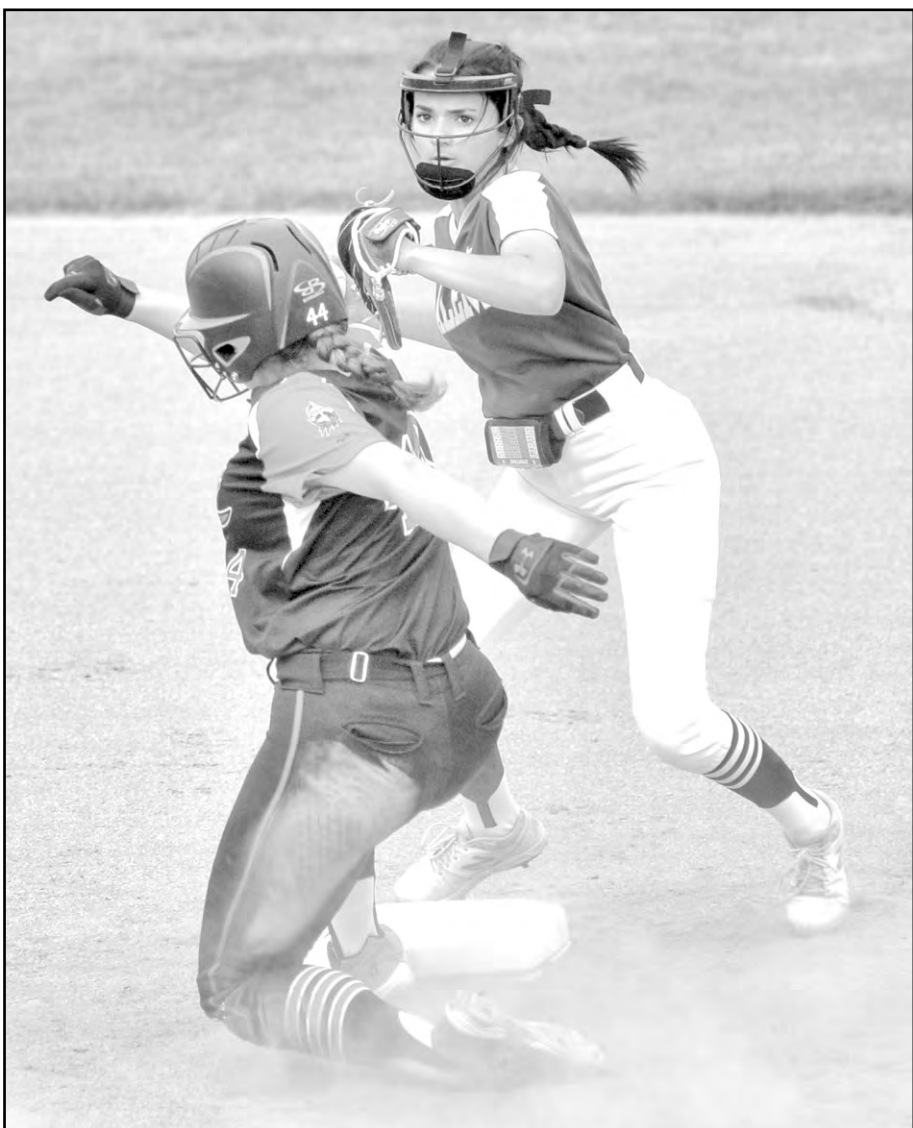
"We are one win away from winning the district and claiming the number one seed in the Region Tournament, which begins on June 15th," said Jones. "The guys are continuing to work hard. Their commitment not only to our program but to each other will only help them succeed on the field. We are hoping to finish off the regular season the right way, then move on to the playoffs."

Both Glenvar teams are back in action Friday night to host Radford, with the girls opening at 5:30 pm.



Above, Glenvar's Maddox Fisher (#8) leads the charge in last week's win at James River. Right, Campbell Hardin of Glenvar(left in photo) battles for the ball in the girls' game against the Knights.

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Salem secondbaseman Gabby Vazquez hangs tough at second as a Cave Spring runner slides hard into the bag.

PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Knights shut out Salem in softball

The Salem High softball team saw their two game winning streak come to an end with a loss to a strong Cave Spring team on Tuesday night. The visiting Knights shut out the Spartans, 14-0, at the James I. Moyer Complex.

Cave Spring scored three runs in the first inning off freshman lefty Grace

Christianson, and that was really all they would need as Kayley Cundiff pitched a shutout for the Knights. Gabby Vazquez had two hits for the Spartans, as they fell to 2-5 on the season.

Salem will be at Blacksburg today, then host Hidden Valley Tuesday.



Above, Salem's Alex Benne fires a shot on goal in Monday's game with Cave Spring. Below, Audrey Hayes controls the ball for the Spartan girls' team.

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SHS soccer teams play Bruins

The Salem High soccer teams will take on Blacksburg today in what promises to be some exciting action. The girls will host the Bruins at 6 pm and the boys are in Blacksburg for a jayvee-varsity doubleheader, beginning with the jayvees at 5:30 pm.

Both teams battled Cave Spring in close games Monday night. The girls were at Cave Spring where they played to a scoreless tie after 90 intense minutes of play.

"Cave Spring came out very strong and had many opportunities to score in the first half, we were able to just barely hold them off," said Salem coach Kayla Wood. "In the second half we battled back to try and put the ball in the back of the net. At half time, I told the girls to fix three things that I thought could change the second half for us; communicate, pass to each other and work hard. They did those three things and had several more opportunities."

Keeper Allison Kessel had five saves for the Spartans. The tie put the girls at 3-1-1 for the season.

The boys played at Spartan Field Monday and lost 1-0 when the Knights scored with just 15 minutes remaining. Salem outshot their guests, 19-8, but couldn't find the net.

"Cave was well organized in the back and we never managed to break through for a score," said SHS coach David Atkins. "It was a disappointing result."

Luis Geyne, Sam Walker, Alex Benne and Drew Harless all had excellent games in the loss, and keeper Max Benne had four saves as Salem fell to 2-3 on the season.

Knights bunt their way to win over Salem



Salem's Brendan Steele and Cave Spring pitcher Bryce Cooper look for the decision as Steele tried to score on a wild pitch Monday night. Brendan was ruled out as his teammates cheer for a different result. PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

The Salem High baseball team will try to get back on the winning track today when they travel to Blacksburg to take on the Bruins. Salem has lost two in a row after opening the season 4-1.

The Spartans dropped an extra inning affair to Pulaski County last Tuesday, May 18, then had six days off before hosting Cave Spring on Monday of this week at Billy Sample Field. The Knights had a walk-off win in their first meeting at Cave Spring, and this game was equally exciting as Salem starter Ethan Walker and Cave Spring's Bryce Cooper were engaged in a good ole fashioned pitchers' duel through five scoreless innings.

Salem had two runners thrown out at the plate as the Spartans failed to scratch against Cooper. Walker got in some trouble in the top of the fifth before Trent Judd came on with two on and two out and got a strikeout to keep the game scoreless after five.

Cave Spring finally struck for three runs in the top of the sixth, and Salem's failure to cleanly field several bunts was the difference. Only two of the three runs off Judd were earned as he took the tough luck loss.

Salem brought the tying run to the plate in the seventh but couldn't get the big hit. Hunter King flew out to the warning track in left but a nice catch against the cinder block wall kept the Spartans from scoring.

Salem had just three hits, one each by Conner Fletcher, Ben Bowers and Eli Bowery. Cave Spring also had just three hits combined off Walker and Judd. Walker had seven strikeouts.

After today's game at Blacksburg the Spartans are at Hidden Valley Tuesday. Salem beat both in prior meetings in Salem, both in extra innings.

Highlanders down Floyd, Giles

The Glenvar baseball team improved to 6-2 with wins over two Three Rivers District opponents, both on the road, in the past week.

Last week the Highlanders won at Floyd County, 4-2, as Clay Caldwell pitched five and a third innings to pick up the win. He struck out six before Cam Wiley came on for a save.

Josh Howard hit his second home run of the season in the game while Caldwell had two hits and Brendan Magruder had a hit.

On Monday of this week the Highlanders pounded out a 13-3 win over Giles in five innings.

Ryan Butler led Glenvar with three hits while driving in four runs. Wiley had two hits and Caldwell pitched four and 2/3 innings for the win, allowing just one hit. Glenvar scored 10 runs in the top of the fifth, winning by slaughter rule after retiring the Spartans in the bottom of the inning.

"Hopefully that's a good sign for the rest of the season," said coach Jeremy Cromer.

The Highlanders were scheduled to host Alleghany on Wednesday of this week and Radford is here next Tuesday, June 1, for a big district game on "Senior Day."



Glenvar's Josh Howard hit his second home run of the season against Floyd. PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN



Salem Red Sox centerfielder Gilberto Jimenez make a spectacular running catch. PHOTO BY JOHN WACHER

Sox beat up on hapless Fredricksburg, home with Myrtle Beach this week

The Salem Red Sox will be home this week to host a six game series with the Myrtle Beach Pelicans at Salem Memorial Ballpark. The series began on Tuesday with a 5-3 loss to the Pelicans and runs through Sunday.

The Sox returned to Salem after taking five of six games from the lowly Fredricksburg Nationals last week. The Sox outscored the Nationals, a Washington farm team, 52-17, over the six games. Salem scored 14 runs in three different games of the series.

Thus far Fredricksburg has been overmatched in the new "Low-A East" league. The Nationals lost their first 15 games of the season before edging Salem, 2-1, last Friday night. Salem then took the weekend games as Fredricksburg fell to 1-17 on the season.

With the five wins last week the Red Sox improved to 11-7 on the season, but that was only good for third place in the Low-A East North Division. Through Monday Delmarva and Lynchburg were both 13-5, tied for first and two games ahead of the Sox. Fredricksburg is already 12 games out of first place in the North just three weeks into the season.

This week's opponent, Myrtle Beach, is in the Low-A East South Division. The Pelicans are a farm team of the Chicago Cubs and they're off to a 9-10 start after Tuesday's win over Salem. Through Monday the Pelicans were three games behind South leader Columbia, a Royals farm team.

Gilberto Jimenez continues to pound the ball for the Sox, leading the team with a .352 batting average. The speedy Sox centerfielder is also the team leader with 25 hits and 15 runs scored. Firstbaseman Joe Davis is hitting .326 and catcher Jaxx Groshans is at .314. Stephen Scott leads the Sox with three home runs and Nicholas Northcut has a team high 12 runs batted in.

This week's games start at 7:05 pm, Monday through Friday, with a 6:05 pm game Saturday and a 4:05 pm start Sunday. The Sox are off on Memorial Day, then start a six game series in Lynchburg on Tuesday, June 1.

Lewis baseball, softball & soccer teams are winners

The Andrew Lewis Middle School teams wrapped up their spring seasons last Thursday as the baseball and softball teams played Blacksburg and the two soccer teams played Central Academy.

The baseball team took a 7-0 win in Salem behind Carter Black's second complete game in a week, allowing only one hit in his six inning stint on the mound. The win sealed a 7-3 record for the Wolverines in a COVID-shortened season.

The Lewis softball team ended the season with a win over Blacksburg to finish with a 7-3 record, their best in years. Lewis outscored their opponents 60-20 for the season and pitcher Cora Grace had 68 strikeouts in six games. Lewis batted over .400 as a team and had 68 hits in the 10 games.

The girls' soccer team ended the season with a 1-0 victory at Central Academy. The goal was scored in the first half by Ashlyn Adkins and assisted by Rylee McNeil. Emme Custer did not have to make a save in goal thanks to a stout Lewis back line. The girls' final record was 9-1.

The boys ended with a 10-1 win over Central Academy in Salem. Goals were scored by Moise Kato, Antonio Salinas-Miguel, Owen Page, Ian Berroteran, Abdul Altawel, and Anthony Rugama-Canales. Lewis finished 7-1-2 on the season.

"We return 10 seventh graders next year and look forward to the future," said coach Perry Manning. "Thanks to Coach Sell and Coach Palleria for their hard work and a special thanks to captains Smythers, Kato, and Page for their help making it such a successful season."



Bella Acree-Lynch runs a relay for Andrew Lewis Middle School. PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Bass, Bathazar are top point scorers as Wolverines end track season on high note

The Andrew Lewis track teams completed their season last Wednesday afternoon against Hidden Valley and Pulaski Middle Schools at the Salem High track.

The girls were led by Genelle Balthazar, who won the 200 meter dash. Balthazar, Jerni Allen, Emilie Rose and Camden Phillips won the 400 meter relay while Quinn Roudebush, Erin Armistead, Elena Terry and Isabelle Petry took the 3200 meter relay.

The boys track team was led by Kameron Brown, who won both hurdle races and the triple jump. Dontay Davis was a double winner, taking both the shot and the discus. Patrick Dawyot was the winner in the long jump and the 3200 meter relay team of Brodie Dawyot, Conner Cox, Jack Ellis, and Charlie Bain took first. The 1600 meter relay team of Bain, Ellis, Cox, and Brodie Dawyot also were winners.

Blake Bass and Genelle Balthazar were the top point scorers for the Wolverines.



Nick Leftwich poses with the Knights' logo on Monday. SUBMITTED PHOTO

Brian Hoffman column

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year. Salem won state championships his freshman and sophomore years and the Spartans were 50-3 during his four years in the program under coach Stephen Magenbauer.

Nick went on to play at UVA-Wise, where he was a captain. He returned to volunteer with the Salem staff before taking jobs as an assistant at Graham, Tazewell, and, for the past two years, at William Fleming where he coached receivers and defensive backs.

The son of Jeff and Barbara Leftwich of Salem, Jeff retired as an assistant coach on the Salem staff after the Spartans won the Group 4 state championship on May 1 with a win over Lake Taylor. He'll be back on the gridiron as Nick's first hire on the Cave Spring staff.

Jeff's grandfather, Wayne Leftwich, was also a coach. He was head coach at Pound High School, in Wise County, from 1981 until 1991.

Nick will succeed Tim Fulton, who recently resigned after coaching the Knights since 2005.

MORAN WILL RUN IN NCAA REGIONAL

Hannah Moran, a University of Virginia senior from Salem, placed 10th in the ACC 10,000 meter run and qualified for the Southeast regional meet in Jacksonville, Florida this week. Hannah will run the 10,000 meter race tonight.

The Virginia men's and women's track & field teams will have a total of 36 competitors entered in 32 events at the NCAA East Preliminary Championships. The Cavalier men will have 17 competitors in a total of 13 events and 18 other women will join Hannah in Florida this week.

The qualifiers out of the two regional sites will compete in the NCAA Division I Men's and Women's Outdoor Track and Field Championships held June 9-12 in Eugene, Oregon.



HANNAH MORAN UVA PHOTO

GAENGS KNOW THEIR WAY AROUND SALEM

Clare Short had no trouble finding her way around Salem when she brought her Queens University women's lacrosse team to town for the NCAA Division II championships last weekend. She's been here before.

Clare is the former Clare Gaeng, daughter of Brian Gaeng, who was a defenseman on the 1978 NCAA Division II champion Roanoke College lacrosse team. Brian was a senior that year and he's been giving back to the school ever since.

Two of Clare's older brothers, Drew and Drake played for Page Moir on the Roanoke College basketball team. Drew was a starting point guard, graduating in 2009, and Drake was also a guard, graduating a year later.

In addition, Clare's older sister Paige played basketball for Susan Dunagan's RC women's team and was also a starting midfielder for Phil Benne on the women's soccer team at Roanoke. Paige graduated in 2011.

Clare had to be different, as she attended Lock Haven University, where she played lacrosse and was named all-conference three times. She was an assistant at Randolph-Macon and then Queens before taking a job as head coach at Lenoir-Rhyne for two years. She's been coach at Queens since 2017 and this year the Royals were the top-ranked team coming into last week's tournament. They made it to the championship game before losing a close one to Lindenwood on Sunday, 14-12.



Clare Short PHOTO BY MIKE STEVENS

RC's Pirro chosen to be inducted into National Lacrosse Hall of Fame

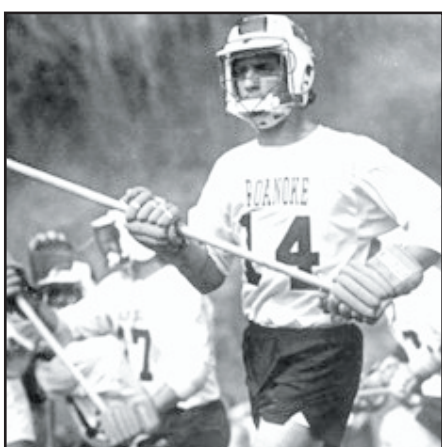
Roanoke College lacrosse great John Pirro has been named to the National Lacrosse Hall of Fame. On Wednesday afternoon, USA Lacrosse announced the Hall of Fame Class of 2021 and Roanoke College's John Pirro was named as one of the eight selections.

Arguably the most talented player in the history of Roanoke College men's lacrosse, Pirro was the first athlete in program history to be named a First Team All-American three times. In both his junior and senior seasons, he was selected as the nation's Most Outstanding NCAA Division II/III Defenseman. Pirro played in the 1977 North/South All-Star Game along with the 1976 Superstars Game and was twice named an All-South Atlantic Region All-Star.

"John played in an era where the lines, between the College Division and Division I, were much more blurred. He was certainly among the nation's best, at any level," said Paul Griffin, Roanoke Lacrosse Coach from 1972-81.

In the initial year after his brilliant playing career, John played for the Long Island Lacrosse Club, earning first-team All-USLCA honors. He then returned to Roanoke's campus to serve as the Assistant Men's Lacrosse Coach and held that role until assuming the reigns as head coach in 1982. In just his second season, Pirro led the Maroons to the national championship game. In his five years as head coach, Pirro collected 48 wins and won five Old Dominion Athletic Conference (ODAC) championships.

Pirro was the first player in Roanoke lacrosse history to have his jersey retired and was inducted into the College's Athletic Hall of Fame in 1987. In addition, Pirro is a member of two different



Left, John Pirro as a player at Roanoke College. Right, coach John Pirro in his office with the 1983 NCAA runner-up trophy.



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chapters of the USA Lacrosse Hall of Fame. In 1995 he was elected to the Long Island Metro Chapter and two years later, 1997, was inducted into the Charlottesville Chapter.

Pirro was diagnosed with Huntington's Disease in 2001, and died due to complications from the disease in 2013. A bust of John is located just off the corner of the current

field at Kerr Stadium on the RC campus.

The National Lacrosse Hall of Fame will hold the induction ceremony in the fall of 2021 when John will be enshrined along with the other members of his class: Sheehan Stanwick Burch, Patty Daley, Jenny Levy, Ryan McClay, Tony Resch, Kris Snider and Beth Stone.



HIGHLANDERS HEADED TO THE COLLEGIATE GRIDIRONS

Three Glenvar football players announced their intentions to continue their education and play football at Virginia colleges on Monday. Blake Custer (seated center) will play at Emory & Henry while Keith Couch (left) and Cody Francisco (right) will be headed to Ferrum. The three Highlanders made their announcement among family and friends at the Glenvar fieldhouse. SUBMITTED PHOTO

Local tennis teams fall in regionals; singles, doubles remain

Virginia High School League team, singles and doubles tennis state championships will be held in the coming weeks, beginning with team semifinals on Monday, June 7.

Only the winning team and individuals advance to the state tournament this year. In the team semifinals Regions D and B will host semifinal team play with championships on June 10. Virginia Tech will host Class 1, 2 and 3 and Huntington Park in Newport News will host the Class 4, 5 and 6

championships.

Salem and Glenvar teams were eliminated in regional play last week. Salem's boys and girls both lost to Blacksburg, 5-0.

The Glenvar boys won their Region C quarterfinal match, 5-2 over Narrows. Cooper Campbell, Derrick Hall, Adam Chockett, Blaine Bishop all came through with some solid wins in singles and doubles.

In the semifinals Glenvar faced a well coached Fort Chiswell team. Both

Blake Bowers and Chockett rallied to win three set thrillers to give Glenvar a 4-2 lead after singles, and Glenvar put the match away in doubles with all three doubles teams dominating.

That set up a regional finals match with Radford, and the Bobcats won 5-0.

"I am very proud of our team and how far they have come with only one returning starter," said coach Bob Haynie. "I never imagined in March they would get to a Region Final, but

they got better and progressed with each and every match."

Glenvar's season ended at 9-4 with three of the losses to Radford.

The Glenvar girls opened with a 5-0 win over Nelson County, then lost to Floyd in the semifinals, 5-1. The lone win came from senior Hailey Bryant.

Glenvar and Salem players were competing region in singles and doubles this week, but results were too late for publication. See next week's edition for results.



Left, Salem number one Zoe Prosser hits a backhand. Right, Glenvar senior Hailey Bryant hits a return for the Highlanders.

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Brian Hoffman



the early days of the sport, complete with period style uniforms. They were made of wool and on a hot summer day, you gotta love the game.

"It has always been fun, and rewarding, to see our players mature in skills and also literally growing right before our eyes," he said after his last game. "We've had some really good teams over the years, and it pleases me that so many of the young men we've coached have gone on to enjoy high school and college careers. The relationships we've developed as fellow coaches is the other key ingredient to this program's fun and success. When you get to work with great people and then spend time with them off the field, too, it is really fulfilling."

I noticed Greg digging in the dirt behind home plate prior to last week's game. Knowing him for all these years that shouldn't have surprised me, but it did. What the heck was he doing? "Whenever I've been seen behind the plate, like on Thursday, it was to write my Dad's initials for good luck," he said. "More often than not it worked when I found time and focus to do it. Dad had no middle name, just Ralph Gallion, and he was a Wolverine baseball and football player for Coach "Ducky" Denton, from 1935-1938. I inherited his lack of speed and his skills as a catcher, and thankfully, his love of the game. He never got to see me coach baseball at Lewis, having passed in 2004, but I could feel his presence at every practice and game. A lot of people don't get to see their dreams come true, but I did. I feel very blessed."

And we've been very blessed to have Greg Gallion pass our way here in Salem. Good luck in all you do



Above left, retiring Andrew Lewis Middle School baseball coach Greg Gallion inscribes his father's initials in the dirt behind home plate prior to the Wolverines' last game of the season at Billy Sample Field. Above, Gallion(right) and long time assistant Anton Jones were presented framed Lewis jerseys prior to their last game.

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and may the spirit of Billy Sunday be with you each and every day of the week.

LEFTWICH IS NEW CAVE SPRING COACH

Nick Leftwich, a 2008 Salem High graduate and former quarterback for the Spartans, is the new head football coach at Cave Spring High School. Roanoke County announced Nick's hiring on Monday of this week.

Leftwich came up through the Salem system, playing for East Salem in the recreation league, then Andrew Lewis Middle School and Salem High. He was the starting quarterback for the 2006 and 2007 teams as Salem went 11-1 and 12-1 those two seasons, winning a regional championship his senior

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Gallion, Jones go out winners

One thing I'm going to miss next spring will be my weekly e-mails with departing Andrew Lewis Middle School baseball coach Greg Gallion. He's retiring from coaching the Wolverines after 14 years and 100 wins.

Every week during the season Gallion would send me his baseball report, and at the bottom, instead of his name, he would type some obscure baseball player from yesteryear. I would respond in kind with some of my own, like maybe Forrest "Spook" Jacobs or Clarence "Choo Choo" Coleman. Greg is a big Cubs fan so I'd throw in an Adolpho Phillips, Cal Koonce, Dick Bertell or Vic Roznovsky. Never Ernie Banks. . .too famous.

Being a big baseball fan and historian as well, I usually recognized the name of the player. However, on occasion he'd throw me a curve and I had to look it up. It was great fun and I'm going to miss that.

"I too shall miss our shared love of the game and its forgotten and colorful characters," Greg wrote in his final e-mail of the season this week. "I'll stay in touch and hope to see you when we can. I pass to you my torch for the remembrance of the lost and un-named players who created and nurtured the game I love."

There's no doubt Greg loves the game. He's given his all to the program that began in 2007, and he's been the only official head coach the middle school has had for baseball. Anton Jones has been his faithful assistant for all 14 years and Anton is also leaving the team, although school representatives still have hopes of talking him into staying and becoming the head coach next year.

Prior to last week's final game, with Blacksburg at Billy Sample Field, Greg and Anton were presented with framed Andrew Lewis jerseys. Then the Wolverines went out and beat Blacksburg, 7-3, for the program's 100th win.

Greg plans to continue teaching at Lewis. He's currently in his 37th year and would like to go at least three more to make it 40. He's a Glenvar High and Roanoke College graduate, and he was a trainer for the 1978 NCAA champion Roanoke College lacrosse team.

Gallion is a historian and a character, as his students will attest. One year he organized a baseball game at Green Hill Park that was a throwback to

NCAA Division III softball opens at Moyer Complex today Lindenwood, Salisbury win women's lacrosse national titles in Salem Sunday

The NCAA Division III women's softball championship tournament will begin today at the James I. Moyer Complex in Salem as the "City of Champions" hosts a second big event in as many weeks. Last weekend Salem and Roanoke College hosted the Division II and Division III women's lacrosse championships at Kerr Stadium on the RC campus.

In Division III Salisbury University edged Tufts, 14-13, on Sunday afternoon to win the national championship. The Sea Gulls, from Maryland, finished a perfect 20-0 on the season.

In the Division II championship Lindenwood, of Missouri, defeated top seeded Queens of North Carolina in another close one, 14-12. Both championship games were Sunday at RC.

The NCAA Division III softball championships start today at 11 am when top-seeded DePauw meets eighth seed Wisconsin-Oshkosh. At 1:30 pm fourth seeded Texas Lutheran plays fifth seeded Tufts, and at 4 pm second seeded Virginia Wesleyan of the Old Dominion Athletic Conference takes on seventh seed St. Thomas. The first day of games wraps up with

a 6:30 pm game between third seeded Birmingham-So. against sixth seeded Rochester.

Action in the double elimination tournament continues through Memorial Day Monday with the championship game, or games, depending on the outcome. All NCAA Division III action is at the James I. Moyer Complex in Salem.



Left, Salisbury goalie Mary Clair Hisle stares down the barrel of a Tufts attacker who is ready to fire a shot late in Sunday's NCAA Division III lacrosse championship game at Kerr Stadium in Salem. Above, Sea Gulls celebrate after holding off a late Tufts rally to win, 14-13. Right, Juliet Talbert of Salisbury hollars to Salisbury fans who made the trip from Maryland as she holds the championship trophy aloft.

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