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Salem High students find buried pictures and discover its origins through extensive research



PHOTO BY SHAWN NOWLIN

High school students Zoe Prosser and Mady Church holding the pictures of World War 1 Veteran Harry Burke that they helped discover.

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The word perseverance is defined as “persistence in doing something despite difficulty or delay in achieving success.” Mark Ingerson, a Salem High AP Government and Psychology teacher, says that term is applicable to many of the teenagers

he has taught over the last two decades.

Two of his students this year, Zoe Prosser and Mady Church, were instrumental in discovering some buried pictures of a World War I Veteran and researching whom the individual was as well as his family history.

This is how Church remembers

how things got started.

“One day we were working on cleaning Mr. Ingerson’s room where he has been for 11 years. We were finding a lot of random items on his bookshelf and I came across some pictures, and it caught my attention because it had an older look than the rest of the items on the shelf. Mr. Ingerson couldn’t remember how he got them so we started trying to figure out where they came from and then we got invested in the project.”

The Veteran in the picture was Harry Burke. Research from Mr. Ingerson and his students revealed, among other things, that Burke was the secretary for the local school board in the Tamaqua, PA, area. It was an elected position and he ran as a Democrat. In 1959, when the county cut his pay in half (from \$1,200 to \$600), he went on a very public strike. A couple weeks later, the school board fired him.

“I think the students who took part in this just got very excited about figuring out who was Harry Burke, Ingerson said. “Mady got

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Salem resident inducted into IFDA Truck Driver Hall of Fame

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History was recently made in Salem. On May 21, longtime resident Steve Akers was one of 70 individuals nationwide inducted into the Class of 2021 International Foodservice Distributors Association (IFDA) Truck Driver Hall of Fame. Since its inception, IFDA has worked tirelessly with its member companies to promote a culture of safety. This year marks the largest inducted class to date.

Akers, as to be expected, is immensely proud of his hall of fame accomplishment.

“When you’re on the road, safety isn’t just about you as the driver, it’s about every person you share the road with and I take that commitment very seriously,” he said. “It is a great honor and privilege to be recognized by IFDA for my commitment to safety. I could not have accomplished this without the support of my US Foods team. I truly work for a terrific group of people.”

Added Drew Rhodes, the Manager of Transportation for US Foods, “Steve has held many driving duties with US Foods and has always demonstrated a commitment to being a team player. He is willing to go above and beyond when asked and always puts safety first.”

There are over 130,000 foodservice distribution drivers currently on the road, but only those with the best safety records and longevity of service qualify for the IFDA Truck Driver Hall of Fame.

“These hard-working professional drivers are truly essential to our economy, national security, and way of life,” said Mark S. Allen, President and CEO of IFDA. “Our drivers are



PHOTO PROVIDED BY US FOODS

After 26 years of being an employee at US Foods, Steve Akers was inducted into the IFDA Truck Driver Hall of Fame.

at the heart of the foodservice distribution industry – enabling our member companies to safely and efficiently deliver food and supplies to professional kitchens across the country, even during times of crisis.”

In addition to shifts often surpassing 50 hours a week, additional facts about truck drivers include: only six percent are women, nearly nine million are employed in the truck industry, 70 percent of all U.S. freight is transported via Class 8 trucks and small-business trucking companies comprise 90 percent of the industry.

“The International Foodservice Distributors Association (IFDA) is the premier trade organization representing the \$303 billion foodservice distribution industry,” Senior Media Relations Specialist Gerald Witt said. “This industry ensures a safe and efficient supply of food and products to more than one million restaurants and foodservice outlets in the U.S. every day.”

When asked if he had any advice for those who want to become a truck driver, Akers responded, “Work hard, rest well and always put safety first.”

Catawba Farmers Market is back in full swing



PHOTO BY PATRICK OLD

One of the latest products is Hemp Lip Balm from Sunnyside Supply Co., a new vendor.

The Catawba Valley Farmers Market (CVFM) continues to offer locally grown, baked and produced foods, plants and crafts for consumers to enjoy. Everything originates within 100 miles of Catawba, resulting in fresh fruits and vegetables mostly picked within a day, or even hours, of their arrival at the CVFM. Baked goods usually come out of the ovens the day prior to the Market and sometimes the morning of the Market. The meats are all frozen and are kept in coolers, which are closely monitored to be sure the proper temperature is

maintained.

Vendors producing products for human consumption must comply with Virginia laws and regulations designed to ensure the safety, wholesomeness and proper labeling of foods, as administered by the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. Food safety is a high priority at the Catawba Valley Farmers Market.

As the growing season progresses, the available selection of fruits and vegetables will increase. Consumers can expect to find lettuces, onions,

radishes, tomatoes, broccoli, cauliflower, and garlic now, with green beans and squash appearing soon. Meats now offered at CVFM include grass-fed beef, bacon, sausage, and whole chickens.

Beginning on June 17, various chicken parts will also be offered. Breads and snack foods include fried pies, cakes, scones, muffins, cookies, sourdough rolls and cornbread. Although not baked, kettle corn popped on-site in a huge copper kettle is a popular snack food.

Crafts at the Market include paper flowers, photo note cards, illustrated note cards, framed photos and matted prints, small quilts, table runners, bowl cozies, bibs, purses, potholders and catnip-filled sock toys for cats.

The Catawba Valley Farmers Market is a great place to purchase Father’s Day gifts. There are steaks, burgers and chickens to grill, salad fixings and other vegetables, and numerous desserts. Round out the meal with sourdough rolls or cornbread. Maybe Dad would like a bowl coozie...a handy item to set a bowl of chili or soup

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Rotary Club of Salem Citizen of Year Award presented to area hospital nurses

On May 20, the Salem Rotary Club presented the Citizen of Year Award to nurses from Carilion Clinic, Lewis Gale Medical Center and Veterans Administration Medical Center in Salem at the Salem Civic Center. The nurses were recognized for their heroic dedication to the community during the COVID-19 pandemic period.

Representatives from each of the medical centers spoke and accepted the plaques presented by Rotary Event Committee Chair Rob Cassell. The inscription on their plaques reads: “Presented annually in recognition of distinguished service to our community for steadfast dedication to the high calling of good citizenship and faithful devotion to those ideas which have made America strong and free.”

Sixty-three years ago, the Rotary Club of Salem began its rec-

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Lewis Gale Medical Center personnel, from left to right, Lance Jones, Market President, LewisGale Regional Health System; Lea Margaret Lee, Chief Nursing Officer; Stacey O’Neal, RN; COVID-19 Unit; Alyssa Spradlin, RN; Emergency Department; Shane Butler, RN; COVID-19 Unit; Kimsa Tran, RN; COVID-19 Unit; Pat Whisman, RN; Nursing Director of COVID-19 unit.



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Carilion Clinic employees, from left to right, President & Chief Executive Officer Nancy Howell Agee; Cody Peery, RN; Colette Carver DNP; Steven Lovern, DNP; Becca Bishop, RN; Tracy McCown, RN, and Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer Steve Arner.

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Hundreds of acquired glasses will go toward a Haiti mission



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Jerry DeGraff, the Past District Governor of the Salem Host Lions Club, recently acquired 800 pairs of glasses for Pastor Ovide

from the Lions Eye Glass Center in Roanoke. The acquired glasses will be distributed through a mission in Maissade, Haiti, where he

is from. In 2000, Pastor Ovide and Pastor Don Woodard of Beacon Baptist Church in Salem founded the Candlestick Orphanage and

Light Mission Project in Haiti. The ministry distributes scripture, food and has a Christian School. The Light to Haiti and Candle-

stick orphanage are both a ministry of Beacon Baptist.

-Submitted by Jerry DeGraff

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.

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

•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 FarmersMarket 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.

FRIDAY, JUNE 11

The community is encouraged to come listen to live music and dance the

night away at the Salem Farmers Market at 5 p.m. Attendees should bring a chair and blanket while enjoying food from local vendors, children's activities, and adult beverages. Ticket prices are just \$5 for adults and kids 12-and-under are admitted free.

TUESDAY, JUNE 15

In conjunction with the Harrison Museum of African American Culture, Bank of Botetourt will be presenting an event titled "Juneteenth: Educate to Celebrate, a conversation on the past and our future." The event, scheduled for 7 p.m., can be watched live on facebook.com/HarrisonMuseum or harrisonmuseum.com. The features panelists will be Dr. Christopher Blakely, Assistant Vice President of Campus Life at Florida Gulf Coast University; Dr. Brandy Faulkner, Professor of Africana Studies at Virginia Tech; and Dr. Lucien Holness, Assistant History Professor at Virginia Tech.

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Salem Museum Speaker Series: Botetourt County, a History

Although the pandemic postponed celebrating Botetourt County's 250th anniversary last year, it did not diminish the county's storied history. In 1770, when Botetourt was formed from Augusta County, its territory continued west to the Mississippi River and northward into the Ohio River Valley Territory. The area covered not only the Roanoke Valley locally, but also the present state of Kentucky and much of what is now West Virginia, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and Wisconsin.

On June 10 at 7 p.m., Lynsey Allie will share the story of Botetourt

County's rich history. Allie is the executive director of the Botetourt County Historical Society & Museum, and the manager of the History Museum of Western Virginia and O. Winston Link Museum. The latter are now hosting an extensive exhibit of the remarkable decorative arts that relate the county's story. This talk will be presented over Zoom: the Zoom link will be posted on the Salem Museum's website on the day of the talk.

-Submitted by Fran Ferguson, Salem Museum Executive Director



Lynsey Allie

SUBMITTED PHOTO

Almost two dozen Virginia high school students named National Cyber Scholars

\$158,000 scholarships and training awarded in national competition

The Virginia Information Technologies Agency (VITA) and the Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) recently announced that 21 talented Virginia high school students have earned the titles of "National Cyber Scholar" after winning a rigorous 48-hour competition designed to evaluate aptitude in combating cyber threats, and showcase the best of what Commonwealth of Virginia schools have to offer.

VITA and VDOE partnered to promote the Commonwealth's participation in CyberStart America—an innovative, online cybersecurity talent search and competition sponsored by the National Cyber Scholarship Foundation (NCSF) and SANS Institute. Virginia high school-aged students are encouraged to explore their aptitude for cybersecurity and computer science by participating in the program. Winning students can earn prizes and scholarships, as well as recognition for their schools.

The NCSF calculated that more than 30,000 high school students across the country

sought to qualify for this year's competition, and just 5,000 advanced to the first round. Of those students, only 600 nationwide performed well enough to earn the title "National Cyber Scholars." These students each won a \$2,500 scholarship and an invitation to participate in the Cyber Foundations Academy, a multi-week training and certification course.

"This competition has brought to the surface the exceptional cybersecurity talent we have in the Commonwealth," said Secretary of Administration Grindly Johnson. "Virginia had 296 students advance to the semifinals; 21 were named finalists and winners. All of these students competing are our next leaders in this increasingly demanding field. Congratulations to all who participated."

Virginia's National Cyber Scholars are among the best 600 high school students nationwide who competed in the grueling 48-hour competition, which challenged participants to solve computer security problems and/or capture and defend computer

systems. In total, including scholars, finalists and other honorees, Virginia students earned more than \$158,000 combined in scholarships and training.

"We must prioritize cybersecurity - this is a critical issue that has the potential to impact every facet of government and private industries," said Chief Information Officer of the Commonwealth Nelson Moe. "VITA is proud of this partnership with the Department of Education and the CyberStart America team to support these high school stars who competed and earned scholarships from this year's competition."

There are several qualification pathways for the National Cyber Scholarship Competition (NCSC) including CyberStart America, a free online program that helps students discover their interest in cybersecurity and develop their talent and skills. The NCSC offers 600 college scholarships to top-ranking competitors. Additionally, National Cyber Scholars, along with the competition's 1,000 finalists, are invited to participate in the

Cyber Foundations Academy. To learn more visit: National Cyber Scholarship Foundation.

"I congratulate Virginia's new National Cyber Scholars for their achievement in this rigorous scholarship competition and for their interest in the increasingly vital field of cybersecurity as a career path," Superintendent of Public Instruction James Lane said. "The Commonwealth kicked-started interest in this growing field in 2016 by funding 32 cybersecurity summer camps. Since then, the number of cybersecurity courses for students in our career and technical education programs has expanded, as have opportunities for both students and teachers to earn in-demand, industry-recognized credentials in cybersecurity."

In a survey taken of 1000 CyberStart America participants, 92 percent of the players would now consider a role in cybersecurity and 97 percent of players would recommend CyberStart to their friends.

"Programs like CyberStart America provide students with deeper learning opportunities

and inspire them to pursue cybersecurity and other high-need STEM careers later in life," said Secretary of Education Atif Qarni. "I am grateful to the Virginia Department of Education and VITA for their work empowering students to problem solve and use their skills to give back to their communities by protecting the cybersecurity of vital programs and digital infrastructure."

"Our first priority is keeping our Commonwealth systems secure and available. With the constant evolution of cyber threats and capabilities of malicious actors, the cybersecurity field needs continuous vigilance and creative, new ideas to combat these threats. Programs like CyberStart highlight how valuable these needs will continue to be universally," said Michael Watson, Chief Information Security Officer of the Commonwealth. "We are proud to support the thousands of talented students who will lead our next generation of cybersecurity."

-Submitted by Charles Pyle, Department of Education

Virginians urged to prepare now for 2021 hurricane season

Early predictions indicate active, above-normal Atlantic hurricane season

Governor Ralph Northam is calling on all Virginians to prepare now for the 2021 Atlantic hurricane season, which starts June 1 and lasts through November 30. The beginning of hurricane season is the ideal time for Virginians learn their risk for inland or coastal flooding, find out which evacuation zone they are in, and develop an emergency plan for their families or businesses.

"Hurricanes and tropical storms can have devastating impacts on every part of our Commonwealth, not just coastal communities," said Governor Northam. "As the 2021 hurricane season begins, now is the time for all Virginians to prepare for a potential storm by checking your in-

surance coverage, making an emergency plan, and having a disaster kit ready."

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Climate Prediction Center predicts an above-normal 2021 Atlantic hurricane season, with a 70 percent likelihood of 13 to 20 named storms of which 6 to 10 could become hurricanes, including 3 to 5 major hurricanes. The 2020 Atlantic hurricane season had a record-breaking 30 named tropical storms, including 13 hurricanes and 6 major hurricanes. Virginia has been prone to many impacts from tropical systems including damaging winds, flooding, and tornadoes. Even storms that start in the lower Atlantic states have the poten-

tial to cause significant damage.

"Hurricane preparedness is even more important today, as we have seen an increase in the number and intensity of storms in recent years," said Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security Brian J. Moran. "Together with all of our emergency management and public safety partners across the Commonwealth, we have spent months preparing for hurricane season, and we encourage Virginians to make plans to protect their families and property."

Virginians are encouraged to review the Virginia Hurricane Evacuation Guide During the COVID-19 Pandemic, which includes information on preparedness, response,

and recovery activities in the event of tropical weather, particularly for coastal evacuation areas of the Commonwealth. This year's guide includes pandemic considerations, recognizing that COVID-19 is still circulating and there are still many unvaccinated individuals, including younger Virginians.

"Disasters and emergencies don't affect everyone equally and we know that low-income and disadvantaged communities are disproportionately impacted," said Curtis Brown, State Coordinator at the Virginia Department of Emergency Management. "We have made significant progress building equity into Virginia's emergency management programs and will continue

working to support at-risk populations well in advance of any event."

Before peak storm season gets underway, all Virginians and those visiting the Commonwealth are encouraged to prepare by knowing your risk, purchasing flood insurance or reviewing your policy, and create an emergency plan that includes arrangements for your pets. Learn what to do to protect yourself, your loved ones, your property, and your community by taking these steps:

• Know your zone. Evacuation may become necessary depending on the track and severity of the storm. Review Virginia's evacuation zones

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POLICE REPORT

The Salem Police Department reported the following people were arrested and charged May 11-31. Arrest indicates an accusation, and defendants are presumed innocent unless found guilty in court. Police do not release the names of persons under the age of 18.

Those arrested and their charges were listed as:

May 11 - Brittany A. Saliba, 25, domestic assault and battery; and Jason W. Layman, 45, DUI.

May 12 - Checaura M. Faulkner, 29, failure to appear; Zachary W. Bowles, 31, failure to appear; and Odira L. Iheoma, 27, evading police.

May 13 - Matthew D. Meredith, 49, domestic assault and battery; and Belkis X. Delcid-Ramos, 25, forgery, identity theft.

May 14 - Thomas R. Mountcastle, 61, public intoxication; Christopher A. Lindamood, 59, public intoxication; Wesley D. Coleman, 30, violation probation; Ashley N. Harris, 29, criminal trespass; and Kelli B. Rabik, 39, violation of probation.

May 15 - Sonya M. Yopp, 44, violation of probation; and Phillip R. Strange, 42, criminal

trespass.

May 17 - Travis L. Spence, 29, aggravated assault and battery

May 18 - Kevin C. Power, 51, criminal trespass; Michael D. Wise, 35, discharge firearm; Mark E. Michael, strangulation of another, failure to appear; and Matthew D. Merebith, 49, failure to appear.

May 19 - Randall B. Gravely, 60, public intoxication; David W. McMillan, 62, indecent exposure; and Chelsea A. Wade, 32, criminal trespass.

May 21 - David A.

Clayton, 31, shoplifting, public intoxication; J'Mandre T. Jones, 27, failure to appear; Clinton R. Cassell, 30, violation of probation; Jay R. Ginder, 46, DUI; Ivan Leko, 33, shoplifting; and Coty A. Flinchum, 33, shoplifting.

May 22 - Ashley N. Harris, 29, failure to appear; John C. Halstead, 29, DUI; Charles L. Halstead; Jerry L. Pannell Jr., 34, DUI; Mann D. Murray, 21, threatening-brandishing; and Adam L. Manspile, 25, unauthorized of a vehicle, obstructing justice.

May 23 - Da'Ja M.

Johnson, 21, contempt of court

May 24 - James A. Anderson, 50, carrying a concealed weapon; Richard G. Simms II, 54, sexual assault; Audrey M. Graham, 40, possession of controlled substance; April A. Arrington, 31, public intoxication; and Shane L. Greenwood, 41, public intoxication.

May 25 - Corey T. Houseman, 27, assault and battery; and Tammy L. Jackson, 46, domestic and battery.

May 27 - Christopher

A. Lindawood, 59, criminal trespass

May 28 - Margaret J. Dewese, 64, failure to appear; Alonza L. Ward, 31, failure to appear; Thomas R. Mountcastle, 61, public intoxication; and James D. Robinson, 47, possession of controlled substance.

May 29 - Michael W. Letchford, 47, criminal trespass; Ronald B. Geary, 56, public intoxication; and Payton C. Powell, 25, DUI.

May 30 - Erhan C. Fox, 20, domestic assault and battery

May 31 - Thomas R. Mountcastle, 61, public intoxication

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OPINION

Give Light ~ Little Green Schoolhouse ~

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

When I entered Miss Louise Holladay's one-room school for a dozen pupils the fall I turned seven, I felt accepted.

Many decades later, when I was leading a theological reflection group, we were discussing the 20th Century German scholar, Paul Tillich. He wrote of the engagement of one with God as bringing about a sense of full acceptance as a person of worth.

That's the experience I had following my unhappy beginning in first grade in the town's public school. It gave me the foundation I needed to be what I am today.

Today, the term "private school" implies a certain degree of wealth, but that was hardly accurate for the one I attended from the second

through the sixth grade in the old town of Orange, Virginia, with a population of about 2,000.

My widowed mother, who was supporting herself and me on a small poultry farm of three acres, paid ten dollars each month for the first four years I was enrolled.

By sixth grade, the cost went up to \$17 monthly. That was because only four of us had out aged the primary grades. We two girls and two boys were then taught by Miss Louise Holladay's maiden aunt, Miss Mary Holladay. She commuted daily in a 1920s vintage car from the river village of Rapidan. We were taught in a second-floor room in a bank on the town's main corner.

More about these years later as I grew from a second grader with a snaggle tooth and hair bow to a fast-growing pre-teen who needed glasses and had an unclear complexion.

Frances Stebbins Correspondent

Back to the bright and cheerful square room in the green building on the spacious rear lawn of the Holladay home. It had windows on each wall, a chimney to serve the wood stove which kept us cozy in winter. A blackboard took most of the rear wall near the card table that served "Miss Louise" as her desk.

There was room for desks for 12 children in grades one through three. We sat at an assortment of desks, for our teacher had acquired them from various sources. A few were standard style, as used in public school, while others were homemade. My desk, painted red, was

one of the latter; it had a hinged top and a pencil slot on top. I was proud of it for it was unlike the others. It was near the only door and a window and in the front row with the two or three pupils in first grade. Some of these had just missed the September 1 deadline for eligibility for the public school I had hated the previous year.

On the back row sat the four boys and girls in third grade. In studies, they had advanced to grammar and the multiplication tables.

Having learned so little in the public first grade, I had enough to do to master how to read, write a poor hand in cursive letters and add and subtract. With my mother, a former teacher of poor mountain children in Buchanan County, Virginia, working with me nightly, I began to make good progress.

[In those days, we children were introduced to cursive writing immediately; the block

printing style my daughter still uses came later. Typing was a great boon for me, for I could never produce a neat and balanced composition sheet. Nor was there "language arts." I began to learn of nouns, verbs in their several nasty forms, and other parts of sentences from a small brown book, "Longman's Briefer Grammar," when I reached "Miss Louise's" back row the next year.

My mother was most pleased and found the money monthly. I was learning as she had learned 40 years earlier.

When we arrived on foot at 9 a.m., we spent the first half-hour with a prayer, singing one or more songs and copying from the blackboard a short poem appropriate for the season.

A few of the lyrics still pop into my mind.

In the little green schoolhouse with no bullies, I began to learn, and it wasn't so bad at all.

National Month of Vaccine Action

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

June is the "National Month of Action" to encourage more people to get vaccinated. As part of the White House's na-

tional effort to have 70 percent of U.S. adults with at least one dose of vaccine by July 4, the Roanoke City & Alleghany Health Districts (RCAHD) will offer numerous clinics across our jurisdictions in upcoming weeks to make it easier than ever for the public get vaccinated to be protected from CO-

VID-19. These clinics are in addition to the increasing number of retail pharmacies and doc-tors' offices that are also offering vaccine, free of charge. Walk-in appointments are available at most RCAHD and pharmacy locations, although online pre-regis-tration can speed up the check-in process.

To date, more than 235,000 first and second doses of vaccine have been administered in the Roanoke City and Alleghany Health Districts. The more people who are vaccinated against this deadly pandemic, the better off we all are. COVID-19 has already claimed 495 loved ones in RCAHD - let's work together to make sure it doesn't take any more lives. To make it as easy as possible for people to receive their free vac-

cine, we have worked with community partners to schedule multiple clinics every week for the next month. Clinics are in convenient, accessible spaces, especially in areas where access to vaccine may be more challenging for some of our residents.

We are encouraged that we are making progress in the fight against COVID-19. As recently as early May, we saw around 200 cases of infection locally each week. Now those numbers have dropped to around 50 cases each week, down from over 1,400 cases per week at the peak of transmission. Local hospitalizations from COVID-19 infections have dramatically dropped in the last few weeks too.

It is good news that many people who felt that they needed to wait-

and-see how the vaccine rollout fared have now been encouraged enough by the positive results to decide to get vaccinated. As people get vaccinated, confidence in the vaccines is increasing across the country, the state and our districts.

Companies are doing their part to increase rates by offering additional encouragement for people to get vaccinated, such as Krispy Kreme's donut offer and NASCAR's sweepstakes for 2022 Daytona 500 tickets. Lyft and Uber are offering free rides to vaccination sites. Learn more about vaccine incentives at: <https://www.vaccines.gov/incentives.html>. As a local example, more than 80 people took advantage of the offer to get a free admission to a Salem Red Sox game when they got vaccinated on site. Similarly, at Mt. Zion AME

Church, everyone getting a vaccine was offered free hot dogs with delicious homemade chili.

Helping to protect yourselves, your families and getting our communities back on track has been reason enough for many to get their shot. If you still have questions before you decide to get vaccinated, please talk to your trusted healthcare provider.

As we move forward, starting this week, the Roanoke City and Alleghany Health District update will run once every three weeks. We will continue to keep you posted on local trends in public health and the latest in COVID-19 updates. Should the situation in the community change in a way that merits communication more often, we will work to keep you informed.

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Roanoke College Poll
Conducted by The Institute for Policy and Opinion Research

McAuliffe and Herring hold comfortable leads for Governor and AG; Lt. Gov race up for grabs

(The poll was conducted before Tuesday's election results were announced)

Former Gov. Terry McAuliffe and Attorney General Mark Herring hold strong leads in the races for the Democratic nomination for governor and attorney general in Virginia, each registering 49 percent support from likely voters in the recent primary election, according to The Roanoke College Poll. A total of 637 likely Democratic voters were interviewed between May 24 and June 1, and the Poll's margin of error is +3.9 percent.

The race for lieutenant governor is open with Del. Hala Ayala

leading Del. Sam Rasoul 16 percent to 11 percent, with five other candidates trailing and 45 percent still undecided. As expected, Ayala tends to fare better in Tidewater and North-ern Virginia while Rasoul does well in South-west Virginia and the Shenandoah Valley.

Among gubernatorial candidates, former Del. Jennifer Carroll Foy trails McAuliffe with 11 percent; Sen. Jennifer McClellan has the support of nine percent of likely voters, while Lt. Gov. Justin Fairfax (five percent) and Del. Lee Carter (one percent) lag behind. Del. Jay Jones is far behind Herring with 20 percent of voters say-

ing they will vote for him for attorney general.

Views of candidates
McAuliffe has a favorable/unfavorable rating of 73 percent / nine percent among Democratic voters. Justin Fairfax is seen favorably by 39 percent, but 22 percent hold a negative view of him. Most likely voters don't know enough about Carroll Foy (60 percent), McClellan (63 percent) or Carter (85 percent) to have an opinion about them. While two-thirds (67 percent) of Democratic voters don't know enough about Republican gubernatorial candidate Glenn Youngkin to

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- Most courageous
 - Insurance giant
 - Small trace left behind
 - In a way, signals
 - The same letter or sound at the beginning
 - The Great Lakes State
 - Engage in a contest
 - Drinks served to celebrate a birth (Spanish)
 - Manpower
 - Undivided
 - Strong, magnetic metal
 - People of Tanzania
 - Sorts
 - Cop car accessory
 - Trade
 - Sullen and ill-tempered
 - Distinctive practices
 - Motor vehicles
 - Electrodes
 - Polish river
 - Human feet
 - Make very hot
 - Toppin and Kenobi are two
 - Blackbird
 - One point west of due south
 - Large beer
 - Third stomachs
 - Rare Korean family name
 - Hectoliter
 - Aquatic invertebrate
 - Where we live
 - Poked holes in
 - Partner to ways
 - Ann
- CLUES DOWN**
- Expressions of approval
 - Replace the interior of
 - Not awake
 - Roman numeral 7
 - Sun up in New York
 - Institute legal proceedings against
 - Bugs homeowners don't want
 - Maltese-Italian composer
 - Very long period of time
 - Touchdown
 - Agents of downfall
 - Complacently or inanely foolish
 - Argentina capital Buenos
 - County in New Mexico
 - An electrically charged atom
 - New Zealand conifer
 - Type of brandy
 - Comments to the audience
 - Tears down
 - Gifts for the poor
 - More painful
 - Good friend
 - Lying in the same plane
 - Line in a polygon
 - Clouds of gas and dust
 - Norse god
 - Health care pro
 - Close tightly
 - One's holdings
 - Became less intense
 - Wilco frontman
 - Woman (French)
 - Expresses delight
 - TV channel (abbr.)
 - Beverage
 - Unit of work or energy
 - Cleaning accessory
 - Dorm worker



Mark Herring



Terry McAuliffe

SUBMITTED PHOTOS

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PHOTO BY ANN HARRELL

"Possibles" bags are similar to ones carried by men in colonial days.

in, to protect hands from the hot bowl. The coozies are even handy to hold cold items, such as a bowl of ice cream.

Other gift ideas include greeting cards, framed photos and matted prints from local artists and photographers, and handcrafted copper mugs and other vessels.

One unusual hand-sewn item found at the Market is a "possibles" bag, a unique gift for the hunter or hiker. These bags were used by men in colonial days to hold everything they could possibly need for the day, such as shooting tools, bullets, fire-starting materials, food and eating utensils. The possibles bag displayed by Alice Ricucci is

made of camouflage material with numerous pockets. There are no noisy fasteners that would scare away nearby game.

New products now at the Market include sunflower seed cooking oil and all-natural hemp cosmetic products.

To show appreciation for the support of their loyal customers, Catawba Valley Farmers Market will hold a Customer Appreciation Day on July 1 by offering traditional picnic fare of (free) hot dogs, chips and bottled water to visitors from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m., or while supplies last. Available for purchase will be another Americana favorite – kettle corn. This will also be an early start of

America's Independence Day celebration - America's 245th birthday, and will include special music. Jim Robinson, from Salem, will provide music on his hammered dulcimer between 4:00 and 6:00 p.m.

Consumers are encouraged to visit the open-air Catawba Valley Farmers Market to meet the vendors, to learn how their food products are grown or produced and to purchase locally grown foods and artisan crafts.

The CVFM is open on Thursdays from 3:00 to 6:30 p.m. at the Catawba Community Center picnic shelter, 4965 Catawba Creek Road (Rt. 779), just off of Rt. 311 in Catawba. Some vendors are part-time



PHOTO BY PATRICK OLD

Jim Robinson will provide music on his hammered dulcimer at the Customer Appreciation Day on July 1.

only – visit the CVFM website (catawabafarmers-market.com) and Facebook page (Catawba Farmers Market) for a schedule plus a weekly listing of vendors. The website and Facebook

page feature a weekly newsletter, frequent updates on available items, and special events, as well as numerous photos.

Anyone interested in becoming a vendor at CVFM

should contact Pam Hall at pscatawba@gmail.com or (540)580-1533.

-Submitted by Ann G. Harrell, CVFM Communication Specialist

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have an opinion, he is viewed favorably by only five percent and negatively by 27 percent.

The economy was most often mentioned by likely voters as the most important issue (18 percent), while 14 percent reported COVID as most important, followed by education (eight percent), health care (eight percent), economic inequality (seven percent), race relations (six per percent), climate change (six percent), and gun control (five percent), with several other issues registering concern. Voters are almost evenly split between preferring a candidate who best represents their interests (48 percent) or one who can win in November (44 percent).

Views of elected officials and the Democratic party

A large majority of Democratic voters (92 percent) approve of the way Joe Biden is handling his job as pres-

ident, while only five percent disapprove. Job approval for Gov. Ralph Northam sits at 90 percent among respondents, while five percent disapprove of his performance.

Respondents were more likely to see the Virginia Democratic Party as too conservative (18 percent) rather than too progressive (five percent), but 74 percent feel it is about right ideologically. Likewise, the national Democratic Party is seen as too conservative by 22 percent, too progressive by 13 percent, but 58 percent feel it is about right in terms of ideology.

Among the small group that disapproved of Northam's performance, 39 percent think he is too liberal, while 28 percent think he is too conservative. Conversely, 40 percent of those who disapprove of Biden's job performance think he is too conser-

vative while 37 percent think he is too liberal.

Analysis

"To the surprise of few, McAuliffe and Herring appear headed for victory," said Dr. Harry Wilson, Senior Political Analyst of the Roanoke College Poll. "The race for lieutenant governor is there for the taking, with a large percentage of the electorate undecided on their decision. It is also clear that the Democratic primary electorate in Virginia is well-educated, upper-income and very liberal, but McAuliffe, arguably not the most far-left candidate, appears set to win the election."

Methodology

Interviewing for The Roanoke College Poll was conducted by The Institute for Policy and Opinion Research at Roanoke College in Salem between May 24 and June 1, 2021. A total of 637 voters likely to vote in the Democratic primary election in Vir-

ginia were interviewed. Telephone interviews were conducted in English with polling support provided by Reconnaissance Market Research. The sample was drawn from a list of registered voters compiled by L2 Political, a non-partisan provider. Participants were sampled from that list, which has phone numbers associated with approximately 72 percent of the registered voters in Virginia. The list included both landlines and cell phones. Cell phones constituted 53 percent of the completed interviews.

Questions answered by the entire sample of 637 residents are subject to a sampling error of plus or minus approximately 3.9 percent at the 95 percent level of confidence. This

means that in 95 out of 100 samples like the one used here, the results obtained should be no more than 3.9 percent percentage points above or below the figure that would be obtained by interviewing all Virginia likely voters who have a home telephone or a cell phone. Where the results of subgroups are reported, the sampling error is higher.

Quotas were used to ensure that different age groups and regions of the Commonwealth were proportionately represented. The data were statistically weighted for gender and race. Weighting was done to match the modeled general and race demographics of the 2017 Virginia Democratic primary. The stated margin of error, 3.9 percent, was

adjusted to account for the design effect, 1.032, due to weighting.

The Institute follows the American Association for Public Opinion Research's Code of Professional Ethics and Practices and is a charter member of that association's Transparency Initiative.

More information about the Roanoke College Poll and the Institute for Policy and Opinion Research may be obtained by contacting Dr. David Taylor, IPOR director, at taylor@roanoke.edu or (540) 375-4933 or the Roanoke College Office of Marketing and Communication Office at (540) 375-2282.

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Regardless of the situations we encounter and the

consequences we experience, we should still believe in the sovereignty of God. When we are in the middle of a difficult time and we don't see an easy way out of our struggle, do we ask where God is instead of trusting Him in faith? When we have questions, we have to cry out to God and, with sheer faith, believe that whatever the outcome He will walk with us and see us through our valley.

Prayer Suggestion: Father, help me remember that You are there, no matter the circumstances.

Quicklook: Job 19:23-27

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Adventure Saturday Event Series at Explore Park on June 12

Roanoke County's Explore Park will host a full day of family activities on Saturday, June 12. This is the second Adventure Saturday in a four-part event series in 2021, which will also take place on August 7 and October 16. This event will include many family activities including Treetop Quest, mountain biking, tubing, kayaking and Live Music on the law of Twin Creeks Brewpub. See the June 12 event schedule below.

Treetop Quest Opening Day - 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Soar through the trees at Treetop Quest! Advance registration is preferred, walk-ups based on availability. Save \$10 after 4 p.m. on weekends with the last call discount.

Tubing, Kayaking, SUP and Bike Rentals - 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Rent a mountain bike and ride the 14-miles of dual use trails, or float down the Roanoke River in a tube, kayak or stand up paddleboard. Visit www.bluemtnadventures.com for more information.

Blue Ridge Bike Center Opens - 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. (free)

Explore Park's new Blue Ridge Bike Center will open to the public! This progressive trail features a skills loop and natural features, targeted for beginner and intermediate bikers looking to perfect their skills.

Artisan Market - 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. (free)

Watch local artisans demonstrate and sell their handmade crafts in the Explore Park Visitor Center and outside on the plaza.

Outdoor Gear Vendors & Demos - 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. (free)

Bike and e-bike demos will be available from East Coasters Bike Shop. Walkabout Outfitter will have camping, nature and outdoor gear on display.

Nature Activities - 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. (free)

Our Explore Park Naturalist will be on site with both craft and nature activities focused on pollinator insects available for children and adults to enjoy.

Disc Golf Demonstrations

- 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. (free)

Learn how to throw a disc with 20-minute putting clinics from Roanoke Disc Golf Club

Live Music - 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. (free)

Live music by Marc Baskind will take place in the Visitor Center Plaza from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. 360 Band will perform on the Twin Creeks Brewpub Lawn from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Live music provided, compliments of Friends of the Blue Ridge.

Kids Square Mobile Museum - 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. (free)

Experience interactive STEM demonstrations from the staff at Kids Square.

Explore Park Access

- Due to the Roanoke River Bridge closure, the Blue Ridge Parkway is closed from Vinton at Milepost 112 to Explore Park at Milepost 115. Visitors can access Explore Park via the Blue Ridge Parkway North at Milepost 121, Mill Mountain Parkway at Milepost 120 or by the alternate entrance at 3900 Rutrough Road.

For more information about this event series please call (540) 427-1800 or visit us on the web at www.Roanoke-CountyParks.com.

-Submitted by Alex North, Roanoke County Parks, Recreation and Tourism Marketing & Administrative Coordinator

Hurricanes

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at KnowYourZoneVA.org. It is important to note that the zone colors have been updated. Users can enter their physical address in the search bar of the website to view and confirm their designated evacuation zone.

- Complete a family communication plan. Prepare for how you will assemble and communicate with your family and loved ones. Identify meeting locations and anticipate where you will go.

- Check your insurance coverage. Remember, there may be a waiting period for a flood insurance policy to become effective, and be aware that not all hurricane-related losses, such as flooding, are covered under traditional policies. Now is the time to review your coverage and contact your insurance agent for any changes. If you are not insured against floods, talk to your insurance agent or visit floodsmart.gov. If you are a renter, now is the time to ensure you have adequate coverage to protect your belongings.

- Make an emergency kit. Assemble an emergency kit that includes non-perishable food, water, medication,

sanitary supplies, radios, extra batteries, and important documents.

- Stay informed. Identify where to go for trusted sources of information during emergencies. Check with your local emergency management office to sign up for alerts that go directly to your phone or email. Be sure to monitor local news for watches and warnings in your area and follow directions of local officials. Power outages are always a concern during weather events—make sure you have a battery-operated radio available so you can still receive life-saving alerts.

There are many resources available to assist with hurricane planning efforts. Learn more about preparing your business, your family, and your property against hurricane threats at vaemergency.gov/hurricanes and ready.gov/hurricanes. Additional information about preparing for hurricanes during the COVID-19 pandemic can be found on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website.

-Submitted by Alena Yarmosky, Office of the Governor

Rotary

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SUBMITTED PHOTO

Veterans Administration Medical Center-Salem staff, left to right, Stacey Boris, LPN Inpatient Mental Health Unit; Patricia Bohannon, RN Clinical Coordinator; Pam McAnally, MSN, RN, Associate Director of Patient Care Services; Carolyn Casey, RN, Home Based Primary Care; Celeste Griffith, RN, Wytheville CBOC; Carolyn Keyes, RN, MSICU/PCU/COVID19 unit.

ognition of outstanding citizens. Since this time, there have been 57 recipients to receive this honor. The individuals have been outstanding citizens representing many different professions: elected and appointed public officials, educators, homemakers, attorneys, doctors, business executives, editors, writers and others. A plaque bearing their names hangs in the corridor at the Salem Civic Center for all to see.

In 2006, the Citizen of the Year Award was permanently named in honor of a past honoree and member of the Salem Rotary Club - Roy W. Hendrickson. He exemplified the qualities of all the honorees. Roy Hendrickson had perfect attendance at club meetings which was a remarkable achievement.

-Submitted by Rob Cassell, Rotary Event Committee Chair

Celebrate birds, bees and more during National Pollinator Week

Those who enjoy sipping a cup of coffee or biting into a juicy strawberry, can thank a pollinator.

June 21-27 is National Pollinator Week, an annual event designated by the U.S. Senate to highlight how essential pollinators are to the production of food and fiber. According to the nonprofit Pollinator Partnership, more than 75 percent of all flowering plants on Earth need help with pollination—plants that are responsible for U.S. food and half of the world's oils, fibers and raw materials.

"Pollinators are vital to reproduction for many plants including most fruits, vegetables and legumes produced on Virginia farms," said Tony Banks, senior assistant director of agriculture, development and innovation for Virginia Farm Bureau Federation. "Without pollinators, it would be very difficult, if not impossible, for plants like watermelon, peaches or peanuts to fruit or establish in the flower."

While honeybees are paramount in pollination - responsible for \$1.2 to \$5.4 billion in U.S. agricultural productivity - other essential pollinators include ants, birds, bats, beetles, butterflies, wasps and small mammals.

However, many pollinator populations are changing. In the past 20 years, the monarch butterfly population has declined by 90 percent, and 25 percent of bumblebee species are considered in serious decline.

"Fewer pollinators in a field are

likely to result in some plant flowers not being pollinated, which could reduce the size of the crop and, therefore, less income for farmers," Banks explained. "Farmers have to manage farms and activities to minimize impacts on pollinator species, including maintaining pollinator habitat and foraging areas, and applying pesticides properly and according to the label to reduce any potential negative effects."

Virginians can help encourage pollinators by planting a window box or small garden or buying local honey to support area beekeepers.

If planting a garden, here are some tips from the Pollinator Partnership and Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services:

- Use native plants, and plant in clusters that serve as a target for pollinators and increase their efficiency
- Choose plants that bloom in the spring through the fall so pollinators have a continuous food supply
- Select a diverse variety of plants, with multiple colors, shapes, heights and fragrances
- Provide a water source with sloping sides, such as a bird bath, and change the water frequently to avoid mosquitoes. Birds prefer deep water, while butterflies and bees like shallow water
- Reduce pesticide use
- Check out pollinator.org/guides for area-specific planting guides

RELIGION BRIEF

New pastors coming to Salem Catholics

In the rotation of pastors practiced by Roman Catholics, the Rev. Kenneth J. Shuping, who has served Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church in Salem for the past five years, will conclude his work there on July 4. Shuping has been assigned as pastor of St. Bridget's Catholic Church in Richmond.

His successor in Salem will be the Rev. Danny A. Cogut who is coming from St. Ann Catholic Church in Colonial Heights.

The Salem parish also is getting a new parochial vicar, the Rev. Jaime Delgado who is coming from St. Augustine Catholic Church in Richmond.

Parochial vicars fill the role of assistant pastor. Priests assigned to the Salem parish also serve St. Gerard's, a multi-cultural congregation in Northwest Roanoke.

- Compiled by correspondent Frances Stebbins

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WWI Veteran Harry Burke didn't have any siblings or children, but he does have a living relative, something that Mr. Ingerson and his students were able to find.



Left to right, Zoe Prosser, Mark Ingerson and Mady Church.

increasingly excited as we found out each additional piece of the puzzle: Where he was from? Who was his wife? Who were his relatives? They are so excited they want to start an Ancestry Club here at Salem High. Maybe it will happen.”

As part of his research, Ingerson found Leah Freudenberger

through ancestry. He then dumped her name in Facebook, found her immediately and the two began conversing back and forth.

“She was very excited because she is a committed ancestry researcher. She was quickly able to confirm relationships and knew of Harry’s mother and uncles,

who she was a direct descendant of,” he said. “I was thrilled that we were able to unpack the ‘Mystery of Harry Burke’ as we called it and be able to unit his pictures with a blood relative who would appreciate them.”

More than 100 years have passed since World War I led to more than eight million military

personnel casualties.

Some advice Prosser would give others who come across buried valuables or antiques “would be to try not to throw them away. Instead try to find any information about the antique that you can because they are important to someone.”

Added Ingerson, “Ancestry.com is an amazing resource. The key is finding out as much specific information as possible: Full name (middle name or initial), date of birth and death, place(s) they lived. If you have this information, you should be able to find either Census records (1940 or earlier), birth, death, or military records.”

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Left, Stonegate and Our Lady of Nazareth kids are ready to dive in for a relay race in the RVAA season opening swim meet Monday night in Salem. Right, Isaac Snow of the Gators competes in the free-style competition.

PHOTOS BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Good night to be in the pool for RVAA opener

The Roanoke Aquatic Association swim season opened Monday night and Stonegate Swim Club was buzzing with action on an unusually hot early June night. The Gators entertained Our Lady of Nazareth for their first RVAA meet since the summer of 2019 due to the pandemic.

Some of the highlights for Stonegate included Zach Easter with a first gold in the 50 back and 50 free among 15-16 boys and Macy Westland with a first gold in the 50 free for 15-16 girls. Mike Bateman, swimming in the 11-12 boys group, had first gold in the 50 back and 50 free. Holden Custer swam a first silver in the 13-14 boys 50 back and Mallory Mangus had a first bronze in 25 free among the 7-8 girls.

Next Monday, June 14, the Gators are at Hunting Hills for what is always an exciting meet. Hidden Valley Country Club will be at Olympic Park.

Undefeated Glenvar boys clinch the Three Rivers District soccer crown

The Glenvar boys' soccer team clinched their first Three Rivers District title in 16 years last Friday with a 5-0 win over Alleghany. Now, the undefeated Highlanders are off to conquer Region 2C.

Glenvar is 10-0 after wins over Alleghany and Giles in the past week. Last Friday's victory was a big one, as the Highlanders won the Three Rivers District title for just the second time ever in the first

year Josh Jones is head coach. It's the first time the Glenvar boys have ever had an undefeated soccer regular season.

"It's exciting to do something that hasn't been done in a very long time here at Glenvar High School," said Jones, who won many district championships coaching the Salem girls before moving to Glenvar to coach boys. "The guys have worked hard and earned the right to call themselves district champs."

Jacson Shepherd scored off a Riley Geddes assist seven minutes into the game to give Glenvar a 1-0 halftime lead. Colin Clapper added two goals in the second half and Shepherd and Matthew Louvett added goals as well for a 5-0 final. Alex Byrd and Marco Gustafson combined in the net for the shutout.

On Tuesday the Highlanders finished off the regular season with a 6-2 win over Radford at home. Geddes had three goals, Shepherd had two and Bryce King has one.

Glenvar will open the region at home Tuesday and play all region games at home as long as they win, with final scheduled for June 19.



The Glenvar boys' soccer team poses for a group shot after clinching the district title last Friday. SUBMITTED PHOTO

Two shutouts for SHS girls

The Salem High girls have a full head of steam as they conclude the regular season tonight and prepare for the Region 4D playoffs. The Spartans shut out two River Ridge District foes in the past week to run their record to 6-2-1.

Last Friday in Christiansburg the girls took a 3-0 win over the Blue Demons. Zada Craig scored two goals and Abby Pitts had the other off a corner kick by Audrey Hayes.

On Tuesday, after waiting out a long rain delay, the girls defeated Patrick Henry in Roanoke, 2-0. Brooke Bowers assisted Haley Woodward on one goal and Annie Bond had the other with Dylan Copeland getting the assist.

"It was a physical game tonight," said coach Kayla Wood after the PH win. "The girls mentally rose after an over two hour rain delay. The goals were scored from hard work, fighting to win the ball and finishing by crashing. We have been working hard to shoot and crash. Proud to have seen goals result from their effort."

Salem had 13 shots on goal while Allison Kessel registered the shutout in the Spartan cage.

Tonight's regular season finale will start at 6 pm at Spartan Field, then Salem will wait to find out who they play in the Region 4D tournament next week.

Salem boys hope to open soccer playoffs at home on Monday

The Salem High boys finished up their soccer regular season with a win and a loss this week and will now wait to see where they play when the Region 4D tournament begins on Monday.

The Spartans opened the week with a 3-0 win over Pulaski in Dublin Monday night. Drew Harless had

an unassisted goal for Salem and Luis Geyne had the other two, one on an assist from Sam Walker and the other on a free kick. Max Benne made five saves in the cage for the Salem shutout.

On Tuesday things didn't go as well as Salem dropped a 7-0 decision to a strong Patrick Henry team at Spartan Field. It was senior night and Salem recognized nine seniors, Jayson Purl, Harless, Walker, Alex Benne, Andrew Deese, Spencer Cross, Jordi Beroteran, Will Clemens and Geyne.

Last Thursday at home the Spartans battled Christiansburg through regulation time and overtime but no one could come up with a goal in a 0-0 tie.

"We outshot them and out possessed them," said Salem coach David Atkins. "We held them to only three shots the entire game, but we couldn't get one past them. Their keeper played an awesome game."

Salem will likely be in the fourth or fifth spot when the playoffs begin Monday, depending on a couple other teams do the rest of the week. If the Spartans finish fourth they'll open at home, but if they're fifth they'll have to travel.



Salem's Drew Harless(left) clears the ball with a Christiansburg opponent bearing down on him in last week's game. PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

GHS girls finish regular season with 4-4-2 record

The Glenvar girls soccer team wrapped up the regular season with a 2-1 loss to Radford on the Glenvar pitch Tuesday night, finishing the regular season with a 4-4-2 record.

Rhyan Harris scored Glenvar's goal off an assist from Giuliana Stanley. Ashley Gardner had eight saves in the

goal for the Highlanders.

Last Friday at GHS the girls battled Alleghany to a 1-1 draw. This time it was Stanley scoring with Harris assisting, and again Gardner had eight saves.

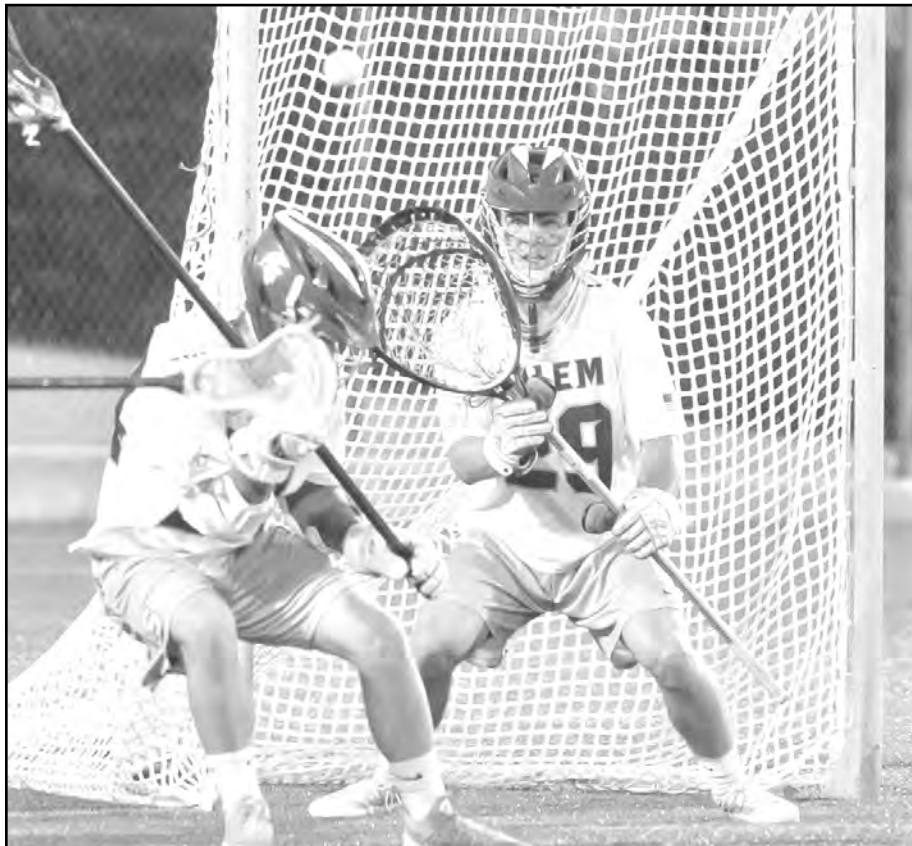
The girls will now advance to the Region 2C tournament next week.

Salem High lacrosse teams will host Hidden Valley Friday

The Salem High lacrosse teams will wrap up the regular season on Friday night when they host Hidden

Valley in a girls-boys doubleheader. The girls will open at 5:30 pm with the boys to follow.

The Spartans ended a layoff of almost two weeks on Tuesday with a doubleheader at E.C. Glass.



Left, Salem goalie Zach Blair is ready to make a save in the cage for the Spartans in a recent game. Right, Addi Blanchard goes to the goal for the Spartans' team. Addi had four goals against E.C. Glass on Tuesday.

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The girls lost 10-9 after coming from down 6-3 at the half to tie the game. The Hilltoppers scored in the last two minutes for a disappointing loss for Salem.

Leading the scoring for the Spartans were Addi Blanchard and Bailey Stratton with four goals each. Zoe Blair had one goal and won four draws, while Stratton also won four draws.

The boys followed with a 17-10 loss to the Hilltoppers as they fell to 5-3 on the season.

The Region 4D playoffs begin next Monday, but matchups were yet to be decided at press time with regular season games still to be played.

Glenvar softball team is top seed for region tournament



Glenvar softball coach Lonnie Raines talks things over with Avery Luper before she steps into the batters' box at a recent game.

PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Spartans run in Region 4D track meet is at Jefferson Foreset

The Salem High track team warmed up for the regional with a meet at Christiansburg last week. The Region 4D meet was scheduled for Wednesday of this week at Jefferson Forest High.

At Christiansburg, Erin Memmer won the girls' discus event and finished second in shot put while Tiffany McGlaughlin won the high jump. McKenzie Moran was fourth in the pole vault and sixth in the 200 and other fourth places went to Zaujia Athuman in the 300 hurdles and My'la Green in the 100 hurdles.

In the relays, Salem's 4x100 team

of McGlaughlin, Moran, Green and Neelah Logan took second, as did the 4x800 team of sisters Kyra and Paige Netting, Amanda Rothkopf and Katelyn Crumpacker.

For the boys, Amarri Edwards was sixth in both the 100 and 200 meter dashes. The 4x800 relay team of Thomas Henzey, Walker Peterson, Wes Conner and Lance Topanta took third.

The top four in each event from this week's region meet advance to the state meet at Liberty University on Saturday, June 19.



Region 2C track meet is today at Appomattox

The Glenvar track team will be competing in the Region 2C meet today, hosted by Appomattox High School. The Highlanders participated in a meet at William Byrd High in Vinton last week. Above, Kinnerly Nichols puts the shot and, below, Nate Linkous competes in the pole vault.

PHOTOS BY JEFF MARVIN



The Glenvar softball team appears to be the top seed in Region 2C with the tournament opening next week. Final seedings will be announced later in the week but the Highlanders finished the regular season at 10-2 and that should give them home games throughout the region tournament.

"According to (GHS athletic director) Tyler Brown, with our win (on Monday at Floyd) and Dan River's loss Glenvar is the number one seed in the region," said GHS coach Lonnie Raines. "We won't know the playoff schedule until all teams in the region finish their games this week."

Glenvar traveled to Floyd Monday for a big game and came home with a 6-3 victory. The Highlanders got things rolling in the very first inning with a lead off hit by Madison Martinez. Lydia Taylor was then intentionally walked and Courtney Raines followed with a home run for a 3-0 lead.

Floyd also got on the board in the first inning with two runs. Then, in the bottom of the second, the Buffalos would score again on a fielding error, tying the score at 3-3.

In the third inning Glenvar's Izzy Shearer reached base on a fielding error and Taylor was walked again. Raines then singled, scoring Shearer and Taylor to make the score 5-3. Raines advanced to second on a passed ball, went to third on a wild pitch, then scored on another wild pitch for a 6-3 lead.

The score remained 6-3 until the top of the seventh inning when Taylor reached base on a fielder's choice, then Raines singled. Sophie McCulley followed with a single, scoring Taylor and Raines to make the score 8-3. However, bad weather came in the bottom of the inning and when the game was officially called the score reverted back to the end of the sixth with Glenvar winning 6-3.

Raines finished four-for-four with a three run homer, three singles, five RBIs, and three runs scored. Martinez, Izzy Shearer and McCulley each added a hit.

McKenna Shearer went the distance on the mound with eight strikeouts, allowing just two hits as the Highlanders wrapped up their regular season schedule in style.



Grace Christianson pitches for the Spartans in a recent game at the Moyer Complex.

PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Salem girls will wrap up the regular season tonight at Moyer Complex

The Salem high softball team will begin Region 4D play on Monday, most likely somewhere on the road. The Spartans were 2-8 with two games to be played this week.

The Salemites were at Patrick Henry on Tuesday when thunderstorms postponed that game, rescheduling it for Wednesday. Salem

is home to Pulaski County to wrap up the regular season tonight. The Spartans beat both of those teams the first time around, but even if they do so again a 4-6 record most likely would send them on the road for the first round of the seven team tournament.

Last Friday in Christiansburg the Spartans dropped a 17-7

decision to the home-standing Blue Demons. Bayleigh Booth had two hits and scored twice for Salem while Gabby Vazquez had two hits and scored once.

Tonight is "Senior Night" for the Spartans, who have two seniors, Kaley Seldomridge and Taylor Bolen. They'll graduate tomorrow.

Spartan season ends in region tennis tournament

The Salem High tennis team came to end with Salem singles and doubles participating in last week's Region 4D tournaments.

In the girls tournament Zoe Prosser represented the Spartans in singles and lost to a rival from E.C. Glass. Zoe and

Rebekah Rothkopf played doubles and also lost to Glass.

In the boys' tournament Joe Mason of Salem was eliminated by Blacksburg's number one. Mason teamed with Will Clemens in doubles and lost in the opening round to Jefferson Forest.

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State, three times each, Houston twice and one each for Toronto, Cleveland and Dallas.

As mentioned, the last time the Sixers won was 1983, with Doctor J and Moses Malone. Then you have to go back to 1971 for the Bucks with Kareem Abdul-Jabbar and Oscar Robertson. The Hawks haven't won since 1958 when they were the St. Louis Hawks and Bob Pettit was their star player. Do you remember him? I actually do, he played until 1965 and I was 12 then and watching NBA games.

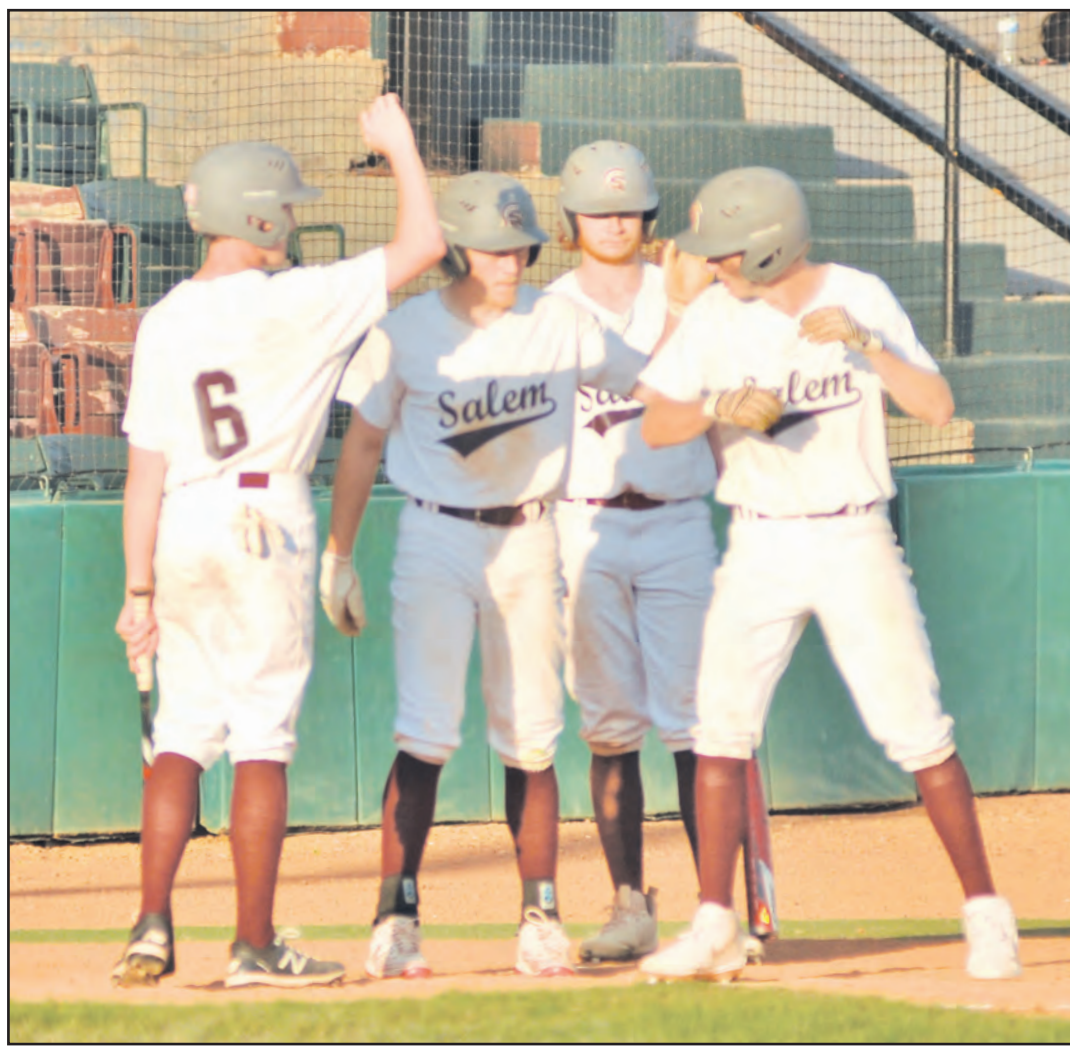
The other five teams still remaining in the NBA playoffs are the Nets in the Eastern Division and the four Western Division teams, the Jazz, Nuggets, Clippers and Suns. The Clippers, Suns and Jazz were NBA expansion teams with the Clippers joining the league in 1970 as the Buffalo Braves. They had Bob McAdoo at one time and were decent, but after moving to San Diego in 1978, then LA in 1984, they've been mostly irrelevant until the last few years.

The Suns joined the NBA as an expansion team in 1968 along with the Bucks. They were both terrible and flipped a coin for the first pick in the draft after one season. The Bucks won the flip and took Kareem (Lew Alcindor at the time) while Phoenix then picked second and took Neal Walk, who wasn't quite as good. The Suns made it to the finals twice, losing to Boston in 1976 and in 1993 when Charles Barkley was on the team, falling to Michael Jordan's Bulls.

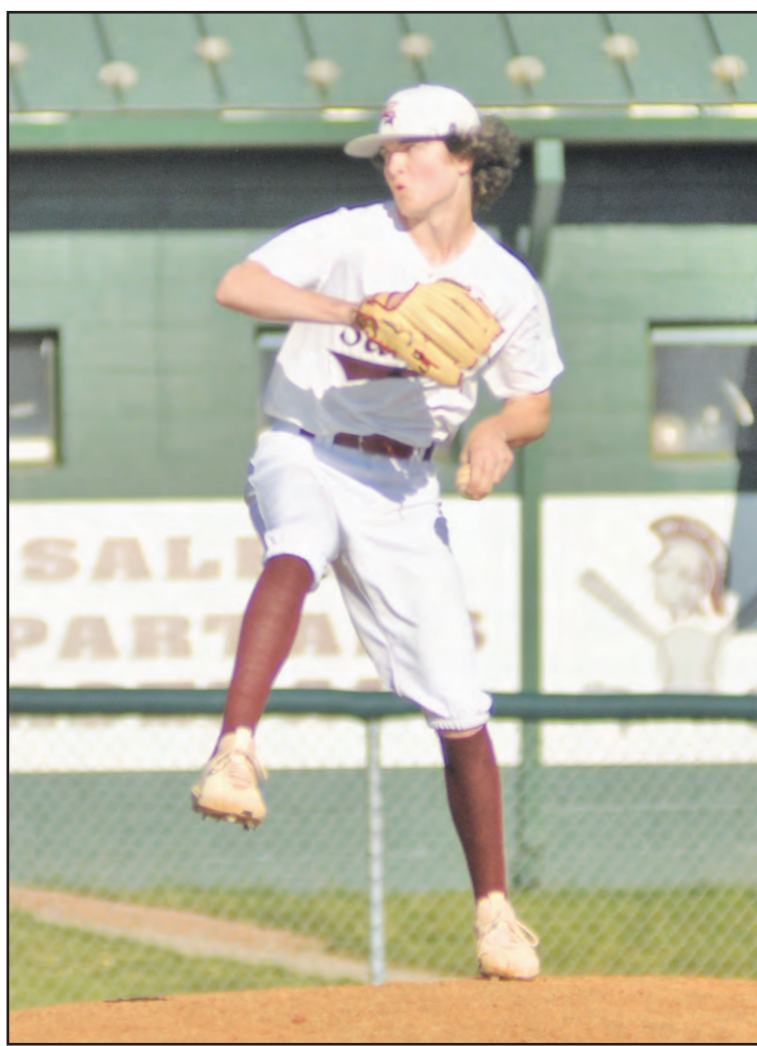
The Jazz joined the NBA as the New Orleans Jazz in 1974, when the name made sense. They moved to Utah in 1979 and in the meantime they made the finals twice with Karl Malone and John Stockton in 1997 and '98, losing both times to those heartbreaking Michael Jordan Bulls. Utah did have an ABA championship team in 1971 as the Utah Stars with Zelmo Beatty as their best player. The Stars drafted Moses Malone out of high school, then folded prior to the ABA's final season.

Then you have the Nets and the Nuggets, neither of whom have ever won an NBA title. Ironically enough, they both came from the ABA and played in the last ABA championship in 1976 with the New York Nets, featuring Julius Erving as the league's premier player, defeating the Nuggets. In the last 45 years the New York, then New Jersey and now Brooklyn Nets have never smelled a title and the Nuggets have never been in the finals.

So, if you're tired of the same old teams making it to the NBA finals every year, this may just may be your year.



Left, Salem's Hunter King (right in photo) is congratulated at home plate after blasting a three-run home run in last Friday's game with Christiansburg. Greeting him at the plate are, left to right, Brendan Steele and Evyn Hughes, who were on base, and Conner Fletcher, who was on deck. Above, Ethan Walker pitches for the Spartans.



PHOTOS BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

A couple wins will get Spartans a home game Saturday

The Salem High baseball team will begin Region 4D tournament play on Saturday, but where they play, what time they play and who they play was still up in the air at press time.

Salem was scheduled to play Patrick Henry at home on Tuesday, but a thunderstorm during the top of the first inning muddied the infield, flooded the dugouts and postponed the game. It was rescheduled for Wednesday with hopes for better weather.

Salem was trailing 1-0 at the time, but this is a game the Spartans figured to win. Salem was 6-4 heading into that game with two to play, as the Spartans also had a trip to Pulaski scheduled for today. If the Spartans can win both they figure to be

in the mix for a third or fourth seed in the seven team tournament. The top seed gets a bye Saturday and the second, third and fourth teams open the tournament with home games. If Salem slips up in either game it would hurt their chances of finishing in the top four, sending them on the road Saturday.

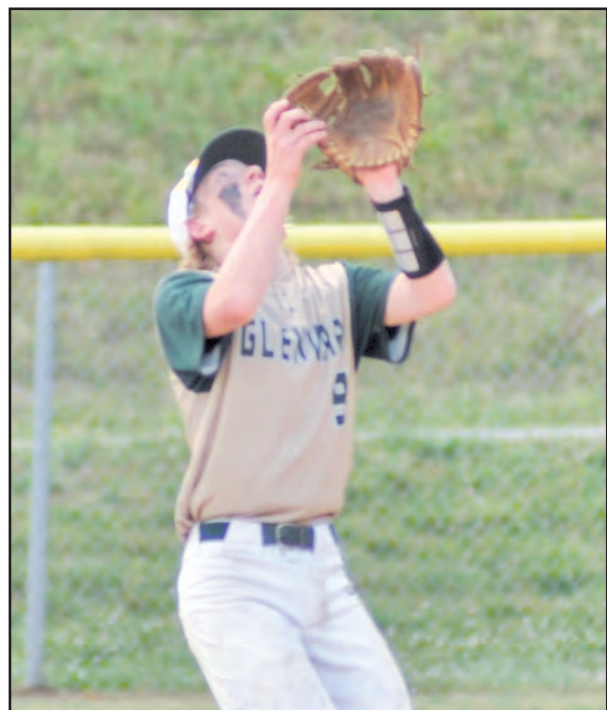
Last Friday in Salem the Spartans let one slip away as they dropped a 5-3 decision to Christiansburg at Kiwanis Field. Salem had a leadoff hit by Chase Greer, but then the Spartans didn't get another hit until the sixth inning. Meanwhile, the Demons took advantage of sloppy fielding by the home team to score two runs in the fourth and three more in the top of the seventh. The three in the seventh proved to be

huge when Salem's Hunter King smacked a three-run homer with two out in the bottom of the seventh.

Salem finished with four hits, one each by Greer, King, Conner Fletcher and Chip Stephenson. Fletcher singled in the sixth but was thrown out at the plate on Stephenson's sharp single to right to end the inning.

"We made too many young mistakes," said Salem coach Wes McMillan. "We gave them five runs."

Eli Bowery was the tough-luck loser on the mound, starting and pitching the first three innings and allowing one earned run. Ethan Walker pitched two scoreless innings and Kodi DeBoer pitched the final two frames.



Left, Glenvar's Brendan Magruder camps under a pop up at second in Monday's win. Above, Carson Osburn kicks up the dust at third as he slides in safely.

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Sixth inning rally saves the day for Glenvar in win over Floyd

The Glenvar baseball team blew a big lead, then rallied for a big win on Monday night at GHS. The Highlanders took a 10-8 victory over Floyd County in a Three Rivers District game at home.

Glenvar needed a win to try and get the best seed possible for next week's Region 2C tournament. Ace Ryan Butler was on the mound for the first time in a few weeks after going through some arm trouble but he looked fine, shutting out the Buffaloes over four innings. The Highlanders then plated four in the bottom of the fourth for a 4-0 lead and things were looking up in Highlander Heaven.

Then came the fifth inning. With his

pitch count at 59 Butler was relieved by Clay Campbell to start the inning. Clay hit a streak of wildness and before the inning was over Jimmy Blount and Josh Howard also took the hill while the Buffaloes scored eight times for an 8-4 lead.

"We planned on limiting Ryan to 60 pitches," said GHS coach Jeremy Cromer. "When he went out our pitchers had trouble throwing strikes, and when you throw fastballs down the middle just to get a strike, that's when you get hit."

Howard finished out the inning and pitched three scoreless frames to boot, virtually saving Glenvar from a disappointing ending. Meanwhile the

offense cut the lead to 8-5 in the fifth, setting up a big rally in the bottom of the sixth.

Sophomore Alex Wiley, just called up from the jayvee last week, singled in his first varsity at bat to start the sixth inning rally. Brendan Magruder walked and Campbell singled to load the bases with no outs. Cameron Wiley followed with a sacrifice fly to make it 8-6 and Butler walked to reload the sacks. Howard was up next and he walked to force in a run, and now it was 8-7 with one out and the bases loaded.

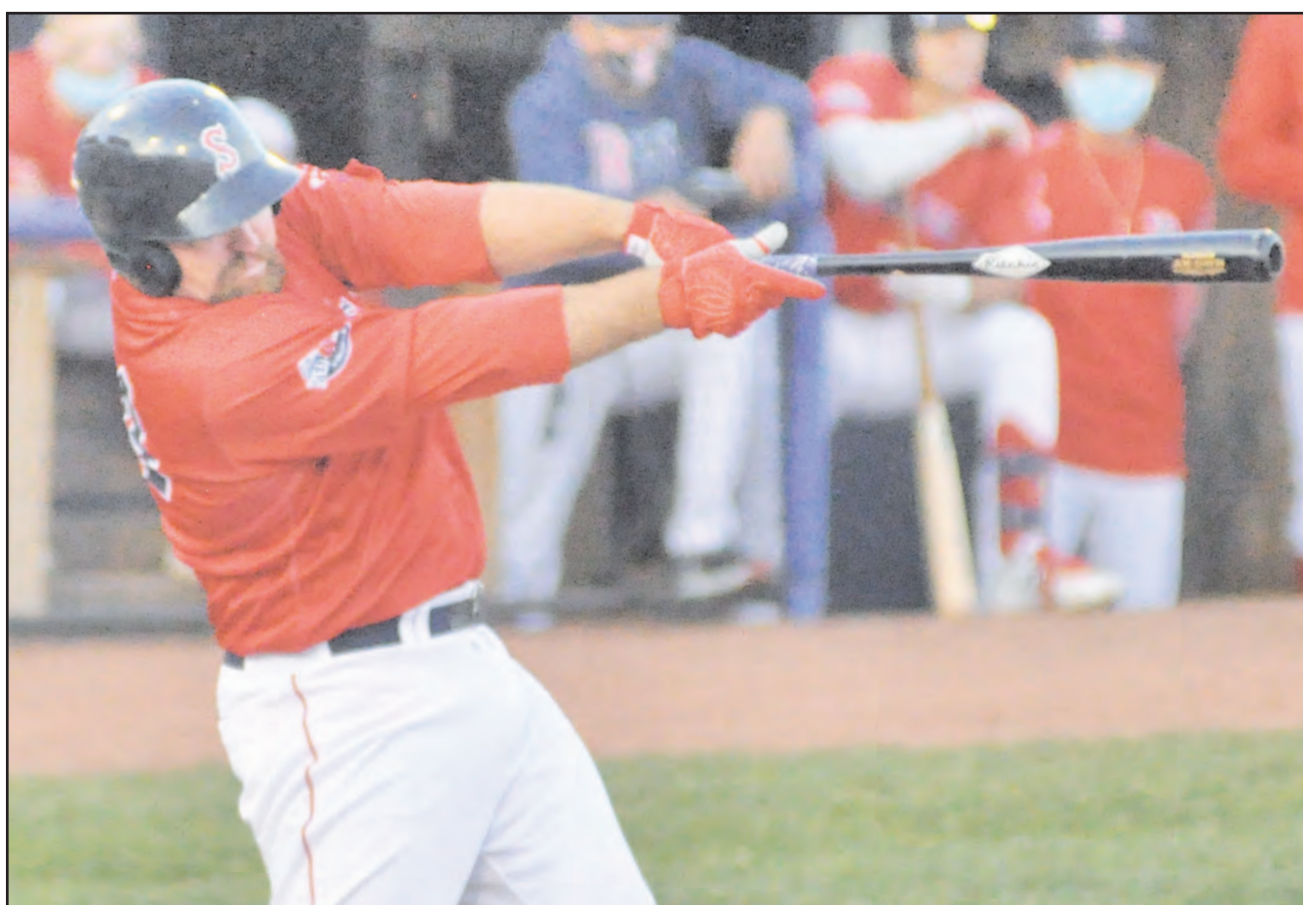
Floyd got a strikeout for the second out, but Nathan Richardson blooped a two-strike hit to left, scoring two runners to give Glenvar the lead. Howard

then closed out the win in the top of the seventh.

"Josh pitched fantastic," said Cromer. "We really needed that."

With the win the Highlanders improved to 7-4 with one game remaining, Wednesday at Radford. Right now Glenvar is in the middle of the pack in the region.

"I thought only four teams were going to make the region, but now I understand everyone gets to go," said Cromer. "We look to be in the fourth or fifth spot, and if we can beat Radford that should put us in the top four for sure. We're 7-4 but really we should be 10-1 with the talent we have on this team."



Joe Davis of the Salem Red Sox is hitting .357 with 22 RBIs after 30 games.

PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Sox are home all week to play Nationals team

The Salem Red Sox are back home this week for a six game series with the Fredricksburg Nationals, a farm team of the Washington Nationals.

The series began Tuesday and will run through Sunday, with weekday games at 7:05 pm, a Saturday game at 6:05 pm and Sunday evening at 4:05 pm. On Saturday the first 750 fans will receive a Red Sox hat, presented by Rowe Fine Furniture.

Last week the Sox took four of six games in Lynchburg against the Hillcats to improve to 16-14 on the season. The Sox won Sunday's getaway game over the Hillcats, 9-2, behind a three hit night for Joe Davis, who hit two home runs and drove in four runs. Davis is now hitting a team high .357 with four home runs and 22 runs batted in. Gilberto Jimenez, Jaxx Groshans and Nicholas Northcut had two hits each Sunday.

Through Monday Salem was four and a half games behind first place Delmarva in the Low A East North standings and just a half game behind second place Lynchburg.

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Jester is new Spartan girls hoop coach Salem resident has been coaching the boys at Brookville for 11 years

The Salem High girls have a new basketball coach. Salem resident Scott Jester has been named the new girls varsity head coach.

"I am excited for the opportunity to be a part of the excellent athletic tradition at Salem High School," says Jester. "I am looking forward to meeting our players and getting into the gym, so we can get to work for next season."

Jester brings a tremendous amount of head coaching, playing, and teaching experiences to the Spartans. He comes to Salem after completing 11 seasons as the Boys Varsity Head Basketball Coach at Brookville High School. While in Campbell County, he also coached the JV and middle school teams for

a year each. The Salem appointment is his first head coaching job with a girls program.

"I also will be teaching special education at the high school, so both of these will be new chapters for me as a coach and teacher," he says. "I look forward to reaching students with a variety of learning styles and helping them to achieve their goals, both on the court and in the classroom."

Jester graduated from Altavista High School in 2002 and played basketball for a perennial Virginia High School League powerhouse under head coach Mike Cartolaro. He then attended Virginia Tech and earned his bachelor's degree in history. During his time in Blacksburg,

he gleaned valuable coaching knowledge from Seth Greenberg, while serving as a student manager for the Hokies program for three seasons.

Scott also worked as a graduate manager for the Radford University men's basketball program for one season under Brad Greenberg. Jester is currently working on his master's degree in curriculum and instruction from RU.

Jester and his wife reside in Salem with their young family. His appointment was formally approved by the Salem School Board on Tuesday of this week. He replaces Berlyn Seitz, who coached the girls for one year during last winter's pandemic shortened season.



SCOTT JESTER

PHOTO BY MIKE STEVENS



Brian Hoffman

King abdicates throne at SHS

Chris King, who has been the athletic director at Salem High School since the 2013-14 basketball season, is retiring as of June 30.

"I have my 30 years in and it's time to step away," said King. "I want to have the option of going to games because I want to, and not because I have to."

King is just the third athletic director in the history of Salem High. Dale Foster was the first AD back in 1977, and ironically Dale is also King's father-in-law. Chris married Dale's daughter Jenny after his cousin, former Salem Commonwealth's Attorney and retired judge Fred King, set them up on a blind date.

Chris started his teaching career at his high school alma mater, Prince George High, after graduating from Virginia Tech. After two years at Prince George he came to the valley for one year as a teacher at Northside High School, where he served as assistant varsity baseball coach. That was the senior year for Kelley Dampier, who is the current Northside High coach.

King was hired by Salem to teach Physical Education at Andrew Lewis Middle School beginning with the fall of 1993. During his time at Lewis he coached boys' basketball, football, and also served as the jayvee baseball coach at Salem High for six years. From 1998 to 2000 he was a varsity baseball assistant to coach Jim Stepp for the Spartans.

From 2001 until 2009 Chris was an assistant to Salem High AD Sandy Hadaway, who had taken over after Foster retired, and he also taught PE at West Salem Elementary for a couple years. King was named AD and assistant principal at Lewis for the 2010 through 2012 school years, then replaced Hadaway as Salem High athletic director in the fall of 2013.

"She wanted to stay on through the football season, and then I took over," said King.

Chris has been athletic director ever since, doing a terrific job for the school and city of Salem in general. He'll be missed, but he'll still be around.

"I'm going to miss the relationships with the coaches and the kids," he said. "I loved being around the kids, not just the sports kids but all the kids. That's what I'll miss the most."

A search for his replacement began last week.

NEW BLOOD IN THE NBA

We don't know who's going to win the NBA basketball championship just yet, but we do know one thing. It's going to be someone different than the usual Lakers, Spurs, etc.

There is not a team remaining in the playoffs who has won a championship in the past 37 years. The Philadelphia 76ers beat the Lakers in 1983 and since then the Lakers have won the championship nine times. The Chicago Bulls have won six times since '83 while the Spurs have won five titles in that time.

No one else who has won a championship since 1983 remains in the current eight team field, which is most improbable in my mind. After the three aforementioned teams the following have won titles in the past 37 years; Miami, Boston, Detroit and Golden
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State football champs honored with cookout/banquet at Civic Center

The 2020 Salem High football team that won the state championship in 2021 was honored last week in a celebration at the Salem Civic Center. Normally this event would be held in the SHS cafeteria but this year, due to COVID protocols, the annex at the civic center was a perfect spot.

In addition to recognition as state champions many indi-

"Lead Mule" award for top offensive lineman from Salem's Lee Eubanks. Torian also received the award as the top special teams player on the Spartans.

Senior Shawn Collins was named the winner of the Roger Surber Sports Foundation Senior Award, while DeHaven took home the Salem Football Character Award.

Adam Ward Scout Team



ZAVIONE WOOD

vidual awards were presented at the banquet, including senior Zavione Wood as the Spartan Bell winner for hardest hitter on the team. This award, decided by the SHS coaches, is sponsored by the Salem Times-Register and has been presented every year since the initial season of Salem High in 1977.

Senior Alex Haley was the recipient of the Scholar Athlete Award, presented to the player with the highest academic average. Sponsored by Spartan Silk Screen, Haley beat out fellow senior Filip DeHaven by .2 on the grade point average system. Coach Don Holter pointed out that 41 players on the team were members of the Salem Football Academic Achievement Club this year, boasting a GPA of 3.0 or higher.

Brady Torian received the

awards went to senior Trenton Wright on offense and junior Addison Wolfe on defense. Ky'Juan Waller received the Bob Barnett Hustle Award.

Haley also received the John E. Jones Award for dedication, and Will Clemons was chosen for the Danny Wheeling Award for hard work and attitude.

Currently money is being raised to defer cost for championship rings for the Spartans. If you'd like to donate make a check out to Salem Football and put a notation for rings on the check, then send it to Salem High School. Or, you can donate by going to the 24153 Club website.

With the spring season Holter noted that summer camp for next year's team is less than seven weeks away, beginning on July 30.

Salem Times-Register Spartan Bell Winners

1977	Dale Weeks
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1980	Carlton Ertel
1981	Larry Love
1982	Robert Houchin
1983	Tim Sutphin
1984	William Kimbrough
1985	Johnny Meadows
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1987	David Sweeney
1988	Eddie Dooley
1989	Richard Goodpasture
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1991	Shaine Miles
1992	Chad Custer
1993	Michael Murphy
1994	Rusty Howell
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1996	Jeff Akers
1997	Ivan Brewer
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1999	Chris Gumaer
2000	Spencer Christley
2001	Reico Jordan
2002	Austin Casey
2003	Austin Casey
2004	Jonas Rawlins
2005	Jonas Rawlins
2006	Nick Spradlin
2007	John Ribble
2008	Kyle Schwizer
2009	Seth Fisher
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2011	Devin Smith
2012	Chad Fisher
2013	Zack Hill
2014	Tyler Radison
2015	Alex Ramsey
2016	Riley Fox
2017	Joseph Quinn
2018	Anthony Haupt
2019	Bobby Pinello
2020	Zavione Wood



Kicks

The Salem Dragons (white uniforms) and Dragons battle it out in recreation soccer action at the G.W. Carver field last week.

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