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Salem High School graduates celebrate their journey with family and friends

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Members of the Salem High School Class of 2021 have been through a lot over the last four years. From the coronavirus pandemic to having to adjust to virtual learning, among other things, the graduating seniors certainly have stories that they can tell for the rest of their lives.

While COVID-19 robbed students of several precious moments, recently lifted restrictions allowed for their families and friends to appropriately honor the graduates for concluding their high school journey.

Salem High held its commencement ceremony on June 11 at the Salem Civic Center arena. Last year the formality was held in the Salem Civic Center Annex because of social distancing guidelines. To say this year's graduation brought much familiarity would be an understatement.



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Lifelong friends Allyson Gallagher, Madison Tussey and Regan Repasky, left to right, all say the encouragement they've received from family and friends over the years means the world to them.

Camera phones were pulled out as soon as the seniors began walking to their designated seats. One by one, graduates heard their names over the loudspeakers then proceeded to shake Principal Scott Habeeb's hand before receiving their long-awaited diploma.

As Hallie Darnall waited for her name to get called, all she could think about was her cap not falling off her head.

"I wouldn't necessarily say that I was nervous, more like really excited. I braced myself to cry but the tears never came. After I got my diploma in my hands and moved my tassel, I yelled," said Darnall who will be attending Penn State University in the fall. "My favorite high school memories would be parties in my IB classes and having an easy first-period with my best friend and favorite teacher Mrs. Harless. I'm really going to miss

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Brookdale Living hosts cookout to celebrate residents reuniting with their families



Sandra Reeves dancing with her mother Virginia who is a Brookdale Living resident. PHOTO BY SHAWN NOWLIN

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When people think about Brookdale Living in Salem, usually what comes to mind is a quality facility that offers individualized care for families and their loved ones. Ricky Baker's mother is currently a resident there, and he says he couldn't be happier with the care that she has received.

"The staff knows her by name and go out of their way to make sure she's taken care of," he said. "Brookdale is the perfect place for that step away from living alone to still living fairly independently or at whatever level of help you need. We really like the facility, the location and are

totally impressed with the staff."

Last Thursday, the independent senior living facility hosted a cookout to welcome back family members who weren't able to see their loved ones for almost a year because of the coronavirus pandemic.

"The pandemic was tough for everyone. Our community serves one of the most vulnerable populations that were impacted," Allan Kirby, Brookdale Sales Manager of Admissions, said. "While there were some incredibly tough times, the pandemic brought our team together, and we grew closer to our residents. During a time when others were isolated, we still had a community of people who were connected. Our team works together to cre-

ate a fantastic living experience that ranges from delicious food options, engaging events, social gatherings and so much more."

Sandra Reeves' mother, Virginia, is currently a Brookdale resident. She says that being quarantined to a room for months on end was the most difficult part of the pandemic.

"Initially, we were able to have outdoor visits. Once COVID took hold, those ceased and that's when it got difficult for everyone - residents, families and staff. I know the challenge it was for them to keep my mother in her room and that's just one resident that wasn't capable of understanding," she said.

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Council appoints Sizemore-Hernandez in surprise move

Meg Hibbert
Contributing writer

In a surprise move, Salem City Council Monday night appointed Teresa Sizemore-Hernandez to fill out the unexpired six-month term of the late Michael Chiglinski on the Salem City School Board.

Sizemore-Hernandez was one of four who applied for the seat. She was unanimously approved after Councilman Randy Foley first made a motion - which died for lack of a second - to appoint former School Board Member Sally Southard.

Councilman John Saunders made the motion to appoint Hernandez, saying he believed there needed to be new blood on the board.

Others who applied were Josh Kier and Jim Ruhland. Council met in closed session earlier this month to interview the candidates.

Sizemore-Hernandez is out of town but issued a statement: "I appreciate the confidence Salem City Council has in me, and I look forward to bringing a new perspective to the School Board...I am looking forward to bringing a parent voice, as well as a vocational perspective to the discussions."

Her oldest son graduated from Salem High School and is a teacher, her middle son just graduated from SHS and is pursuing a career as a heavy diesel mechanic. Her youngest

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Teresa Sizemore-Hernandez was appointed Monday night to a six-month term on the City of Salem School Board.

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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 (saalemva.gov) for official city details on closings or cancellations. This site will be updated daily whenever there is new information.

FIRST AND THIRD TUESDAYS

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

SECOND MONDAY

Paint Bank Ladies Auxiliary meeting, 7:00 p.m. at the Paint Bank Fire Department. Contact 540-897-5346 for more information.

EACH TUESDAY

•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.
FRIDAY, JUNE 18
The 17th Annual Guns n' Hoses Charity Softball Game will start at 7 p.m. at the Salem Memorial Ballpark. The price of admission for adults will be \$5.00. Children five and under will be admitted for free.

Make sure to thank a farmer during Virginia Agriculture Week



Buffalo comes in various sizes.

SUBMITTED PHOTOS



Cattle are among the most valuable farm products.

Governor Ralph Northam recently proclaimed June 13 - 19 as Virginia Agriculture Week, recognizing Virginia's largest industry. Agriculture production in Virginia contributes \$70 billion annually to the state's economy and employs more than 334,000 people. According to the US Department of Agriculture 2017

Census of Agriculture, most Virginia farms range from 50 to 179 acres, with 97 percent of those farms owned and operated by families. Eight percent of Virginia farmers sell direct to consumers. Livestock, poultry and related products have the highest market value in Virginia, followed by crops including grains, vegetables, fruits, Christ-

mas trees and other horticulture products, and hay. The Census showed that there were 179 farms in Craig County. The market value of all products sold was reported as \$4,658,000. Livestock, poultry and related products accounted for 82 percent of the value, with crops valued at 18 percent of the total. "As the pandemic created

economic disruptions, capacity restrictions and other unique challenges, Virginia's agricultural industry continued to provide food, fiber and fuel to consumers around the state, nation and world," said Secretary of Agriculture and Forestry Bettina Ring. "Virginia Agriculture Week provides an opportunity for us to thank our farmers and

agribusinesses for their critical role in the commonwealth's economic rebound. We can all help our economy recover and thank Virginia's farmers by purchasing fresh, local Virginia-grown products."
-Submitted by Ann G. Harrell, Communications Specialist

New Western Virginia Regional Jail Superintendent appointed

The Western Virginia Regional Jail Authority recently announced the appointment of David Cox as Superintendent of the Western Virginia Regional Jail (WVRJ). Cox assumes his new position immediately. "David is well known and well respected in law enforcement circles

throughout southwest Virginia and, personally, I have had the pleasure of working with him on a number of levels," said Jay Taliaferro, chairman of the Western Virginia Jail Authority. "He has been a key figure at the jail since it opened and I cannot think of a better person to succeed Bobby Russell as

superintendent, and continue the jail's high level of professionalism." Cox currently serves as Lieutenant Colonel and Interim Superintendent of the WVRJ. "It is a great honor and privilege to be selected as WVRJ's Superintendent," said Cox. "This is an accomplished organization

because of its employees and governing board; I am humbled to be entrusted with this responsibility." During his tenure, Cox has served as Deputy Superintendent and overseen day-to-day operations of the WVRJ, as well as a workforce of approximately 200 people. Prior to joining the WVRJ, Cox served as a Police Officer for the City of Salem. He was also employed at the Roanoke City Sheriff's Office where he directed operations within the security and services divisions of the Roanoke City Jail.



David Cox

SUBMITTED PHOTO

Cox holds a Master of Criminal Justice degree from Boston University and a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from Roanoke College. He is a graduate of the National Jail Leadership Command Academy, and holds multiple certifications from the Department of Criminal Justice Services. In addition, Cox is a member of the American Jail Association and served as a program advisor for the Virginia Association of Regional Jails Leadership Initiative. Cox follows Superintendent Bobby Russell who retired in March

2021 after 14 years of service at the WVRJ. -Submitted by Amy Whittaker, Public Information Officer

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POLICE REPORT

The Salem Police Department reported the following people were arrested and charged June 1-7. 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:
June 1 - Julia M. Akers, 20, public intoxication; Thomas R. Mountcastle, 61, public intoxication; Tyler E. Nelson, 20, DUI; and Richard H. Janney Jr., 41, domestic assault and battery.
June 2 - James W. DeMaurice, 22, public intoxication
June 4 - David W. McMillan, 62, public intoxication; Michael R. Doyle, 47,

DUI; and Esperanza R. Thomason, 43, contempt of court.
June 5 - Ashley R. Radford, 40, possession of controlled substance; and Zachary P. Brookman, 40, shoplifting.
June 6 - Zachary P. Brookman, 40, shoplifting; Brett R. Morana, 32, failure to appear; Che'Nelle M. Bailey, 30, domestic assault and battery, assault and battery; Aaron L. Nedd, 38, domestic assault and battery; Johnathan R. Kennedy, 28, public intoxication; Gary L. Starr, 57, DUI; and Angelica R. Martino, 32, public intoxication.
June 7 - Nancy E. Williams, 54, grand larceny; Buddy L. Lytton, 58, grand larceny; and Thomas R. Mountcastle, 61, public intoxication, violation of probation.

Wymer returns to Roanoke County School Board to fill vacant Catawba District seat temporarily

Former member to serve as Catawba District representative until the November election



SUBMITTED PHOTO
David Wymer

The Roanoke County School Board recently announced that David Wymer will return to his former seat on the Roanoke County School Board until the election in November. Wymer, who served as the Catawba District member on the school board from 2007 to 2015, will not be running for election in November and will represent the Catawba District until a new member can be elected.

“We had four excellent candi-

dates apply for this interim position, and we had a very difficult time selecting one person,” said School Board Chairman Jason Moretz. “In the end, we felt the citizens of the Catawba District should be the ones to select their new representative and so we decided to appoint an interim representative who would not be running for election so as to give all those who do run in November an even playing field. We hope all those who applied will

consider running for the Catawba District seat in November,” Moretz added.

The school board also thanked Don Butzer for his service to the board as the current Catawba District representative and wished him well as he moves to Northern Virginia.

“Under Don’s leadership as chairman during his time on the board, we have made great strides to renovate and expand our schools. Don was tireless in his

efforts to campaign for increased funding to accelerate the timeline of construction projects and we are very thankful for his dedication and commitment he has shown not only to those he represented in the Catawba District, but to all the parents, students and staff of Roanoke County Public Schools,” said Moretz.

-Submitted by Chuck Lionberger, Director of Community Relations

Hollins University, Roanoke College welcome nominations for the 2021 Perry F. Kendig Awards

Since 1985, the honors have showcased the quality and diversity of arts and culture in the greater Roanoke region

Nominations are now being accepted for the 2021 Perry F. Kendig Arts and Culture Awards, which recognize individuals, businesses, and organizations in the greater Roanoke region that provide exemplary leadership in or support for the arts.

The deadline for nominations is Thursday, July 1, at 4 p.m. EDT. The nomination form and other information can be found at <https://kendigawards.com/>.

Celebrating 36 years this year of honoring excellence in arts and culture, the Kendig Awards have been co-sponsored by Hollins University and Roanoke

College since 2013. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, an awards presentation gathering was not held last year. A celebration for the 2020 nominees/winners and 2021 nominees/winners will be held jointly this fall at Roanoke College on a date to be announced at a later time.

Kendig Awards are presented in each of the following categories:

- Individual Artist (selected from all disciplines, including dance, literature, music, media arts, visual arts, and theatre)
- Arts and/or Cultural Orga-

nization
• Individual or Business Arts Supporter

Individuals, businesses, and organizations from the greater Roanoke region (which includes the counties of Botetourt, Franklin, and Roanoke, the cities of Roanoke and Salem, and the town of Vinton) are eligible, as are past Kendig Award recipients from 1985 – 2012. Programs and full-time employees of Hollins University and Roanoke College are eligible to be nominated as well.

“Hollins University and Roanoke College have ac-

tively sought ways for students to immerse themselves in the Roanoke Region’s vibrant arts and cultural community,” said Hollins President Mary Dana Hinton. “Our students are often fortunate to find themselves working alongside a local visual artist in their studio or in the community, performing in a local theatrical production, or learning about arts administration during an internship at a non-profit organization.”

“Roanoke College is proud to join with Hollins University to support arts and culture in the Roanoke Valley,” added Roa-

noke College President Mike Maxey. “Our region has a vibrant arts community that enriches all of us. The Kendig Awards honor and highlight those who make that happen. The Kendig Awards are highlights for all to remember and observe.”

Named for the late Perry F. Kendig, who served as president of Roanoke College and was an avid supporter and patron of the arts, the awards were presented by the Arts Council of the Blue Ridge for 27 years.

-Submitted by Jeff Hodges, Director of Public Relations

Roanoke City & Alleghany Health Districts offering community clinics as part of the National Month of Action to get more people vaccinated by July 4

As part of the White House’s national effort to have 70 percent of U.S. adults with at least one dose of vaccine by July 4th, 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

to be protected from COVID-19. These clinics are in addition to the increasing number of retail pharmacies and doctors’ offices that are also offering vaccine, free of charge. Walk-in doses are available at most RCAHD and pharmacy locations, although online pre-registration 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,” said Cynthia Morrow, MD, RCAHD health director. “We want as many people as possible protected

against this deadly pandemic that has already claimed 495 lives in our health districts. To make it as convenient as possible for people to receive their free vaccine, we have worked with community partners to schedule multiple clinics each week for the next month in convenient, accessible spaces,

especially in areas where access to vaccine may be more challenging for our residents.”

A list of clinic locations is kept up-to-date at <https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/roanoke/covid-vaccine/>.

-Submitted by Christie Wills, Communications Officer

Virginia Chamber Foundation releases blueprint Virginia 2030 statewide survey

The Virginia Chamber Foundation recently released a survey to ensure statewide representation for Virginia’s next policy-driven strategic plan, Blueprint Virginia 2030. As part of the development process, the Virginia Chamber Foundation invites members of the business, economic development, workforce, education, and housing communities, as well as other community representatives from across the Commonwealth to provide input

for Blueprint Virginia 2030 through this statewide survey.

The results of this survey will be used to inform the policy recommendations of Blueprint Virginia 2030. The results, along with the final policy document, will be presented to the Governor-elect as part of the Virginia Economic Summit scheduled for Friday, December 3, 2021.

“As Virginians prepare to elect a new Governor in November, we believe that the time is right to update Blue-

print Virginia and set even more ambitious policy goals to achieve long-term economic growth,” said Virginia Chamber President & CEO Barry DuVal. “The goal of Blueprint Virginia 2030 is to create a long-term statewide economic development plan that reflects the consensus of Virginia’s business community. The Blueprint Virginia 2030 Statewide Survey is a critical component to ensure statewide representation of the policy goals outlined in

the final plan. We must be pro-active and remain vigilant as our Commonwealth works to rebound from the COVID-19 pandemic and return stronger than before.”

Citizens of the Commonwealth are also encouraged to participate in the ongoing Blueprint Virginia 2030 Regional Tour. Participants will have the opportunity to hear directly from Virginia Chamber President & CEO, Barry DuVal, and representatives of GO Virginia and the Virginia

Economic Developers Association for an economic update presentation from both the statewide and regional perspectives. Most importantly, attendees will have the opportunity to participate in an open dialogue to discuss policy recommendations for Blueprint Virginia 2030.

-Submitted by Nicole Bunce, Vice President of Communications and External Affairs

New bill imposes heavier fines for illegal trash dumping

Littering isn’t just an eyesore that’s harmful to the environment. It also can be detrimental to farming operations.

Virginia farmer Sands Gayle said he’s witnessed lots of illegal trash dumping along roadways and in the fields that he farms.

“On days that the public dumpsters aren’t open, people will find a nearby back road and just throw it out,” he lamented. “There’s a lot of household trash. The problem is people just don’t care.”

Littering causes a multitude of problems for farmers. Trash dumped on farms can get caught in machinery, resulting in costly repairs. It also can get mixed in with crops during harvest, contaminating the yield and causing the farmer to lose

money. Illegal dumping also poses risks to livestock if they get tangled in trash or mistakenly ingest it while grazing.

Gayle said he tries to clean up what he can, “but if I end up stopping for every single piece of plastic I see, I doubt I’d get anything done in a day.”

A new law taking effect July 1 is intended to curb Virginia’s litter problem by doubling the minimum fine for illegal dumping from \$250 to \$500, with a maximum fine of \$2,500. Violators also could face up to one year in jail or 10 hours of community service.

Del. James Edmunds introduced the legislation and supported its passing.

“We commend Delegate Edmunds for his leadership on addressing litter,” said Ben

Rowe, Virginia Farm Bureau Federation national

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OPINION

Give Light - Bigger Shoes -

Frances Stebbins
Correspondent

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

Education in Miss Louise Holladay's private school for a dozen children from first through fifth grades came to an end for me the summer I turned 11 and was ready to enter sixth grade.

The long-time teacher in our small town had space in the little green building with one sunny room for a limited number of pupils. She gave us all "a good foundation," as church friends told my mother who gladly found the small sum to send me there.

For my fourth and fifth grade years, I had had classes in the new

home of "Miss Louise's" younger sister, Mrs. Aubrey Holiday Hamilton. She too was a teacher but in the small public high school in town. I was to have her for Physical Education and General Science three years later. She and her husband's modest two-story home also occupied a spot on the family's spacious property on Main Street.

And so, by sixth grade, the parents of four of us children had to find a new spot where we could be taught, though still with the educational advantage the Holladay family could offer us for a tiny sum in those pre-World War II days.

The school's owner, my teacher in the early years, had an elderly aunt who had spent her younger days somewhere away from the town of hers and my rearing. Returning at 75 to her ancestral home in the Ripidan River village seven miles north of Orange, Virginia, "Miss Mary" was still a dedi-

cated enough teacher to take on two girls and two boys. It was clear it was time for us to move on to the larger world.

We were a strange assortment. The two boys were a year younger than I. One, the son of the CEO of a town factory recently opened because of the looming World War II, had moved to town from "Up North." Herbert was still recovering from a serious illness.

The other boy, Colquitt, was the gentle only child of a faculty member of the nearby Woodbury Forest School for Boys. He was being groomed to enter the eighth grade a year early at the expensive private school for youth.

The other girl, Ellen, was two years my senior, a tall, white-skinned teen with red hair. Ellen was a deaf-mute, one of two daughters of our dentist. She had received her elementary school education at the special school in Washington,

D.C. in a day where lip-reading was taught rather than the sign-language favored later.

Knowing this severely handicapped young woman, whose speech was guttural and barely understandable, was as much an education for me as the smattering of Latin and the History of England taught us by the diminutive "Miss Mary."

From that year in the upstairs office room, I remember much. Because there were so few of us, and my mother, a former teacher herself, worked with me nightly, we finished a textbook in less time than was needed in a classroom of many children. I struggled with long division and the "Briefer Grammar" the Holladay teachers preferred over the "language arts" book used in public school.

Miss Mary gave us nightly homework, including over weekends. I got only Friday night off and was used to spending at least an hour pro-

ducing written work in arithmetic or English composition. (My trunk still holds a composition I produced that year about a grasshopper in the season's October snow.)

We climbed the steps to our office room at 9 a.m., had only a short lunch break to eat our sandwiches and were released by 1:30 p.m. when I walked the half-mile home.

The Holladay family were staunch Presbyterians - the manse was next door to the little green school I attended earlier - so our teacher gave time each morning to tell us about St. Paul and the missionary journeys of the early Christian writer. She commended us if we memorized sustaining Bible verses at which I proved proficient. At the end of the year - and of my private education - I was given a children's biography, "Paul the Dauntless."

It was a year of disturbing world changes. Hitler's conquest of much of Europe filled the newsreels at our town's movie theater.

Adults had a sense that war was coming closer. At home I read of it in "The Richmond Times-Dispatch" which was delivered to our RFD mailbox each morning.

I struggled to communicate with Ellen, the deaf girl, who, like me, was destined to enter the town public school in September.

I was growing fast that summer in the cotton dresses girls my age wore. When my mother took me to the town department store for my new school shoes, they had to be two sizes larger.

My first-grade experience in the public school had not been good for me academically or socially, but my mother had run out of options. Now it was time to go back. I entered seventh grade in a separate one-floor building on the same Schoolhouse Hill with some of the same children who had teased me miserably six years earlier.

I still had a lot to learn from the town kids who had stayed together.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

In the 29 plus years that we have lived in Salem, my wife and I have always felt we got a great

"bang for our tax buck" from Salem's utilities and services.

Last Friday evening at 8:30 p.m., a huge oak tree uprooted and fell across the power lines

and blocked Fairway Forest Drive. The issue was reported to Salem Electric at 8:36 p.m., and within an hour, police were on sight, and that

was followed up by a crew with chainsaws and then the electric trucks to reconnect the wires. By 3:00 a.m. the power was restored. Quite an

accomplishment in six and a half hours. Hats off to the Salem Electric and Salem Police!

-A. R. Kidd

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affairs coordinator. "For too long litter has posed a risk to the environment, farm equipment, livestock and crop quality. This new law will help ensure the minimum fine matches the impacts and risks of litter on farmers and deter littering in the commonwealth."

The Virginia Department of Transportation has launched an anti-littering awareness campaign called "Virginia is for Lovers, Not Litter." VDOT said it spends around \$3.5 million annually

cleaning up litter.

Gayle said he's pleased about the heavier fines and hopes more awareness will bring change.

"I think it's a good idea," he said. "If everybody's on the same page, it'll stop."

You can learn more about how littering affects farms by watching Virginia Farm Bureau's Real Virginia television show in June. Real Virginia airs nationwide at 3:30 p.m. on the first Saturday of each month on RFD-TV on Dish Net-

work and DirecTV, and on selected cable outlets around the state. It airs weekly on WBRA digital channel 15, WHRO Norfolk, WVVA Bluefield, and WTKR Norfolk, and on the first and third weekends of each month on WVIR Charlottesville and WRLH Richmond.

Watch Real Virginia anytime online at youtube.com/user/VirginiaFarmBureau.

-Submitted by Ben Rowe

Council

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son is a fifth-grade student in Salem City Schools.

She added that "I know the importance of choices in schools and different career paths for our students. I look forward to serving our children, all of our school faculty and our beautiful school community."

In other actions, Salem City Council:

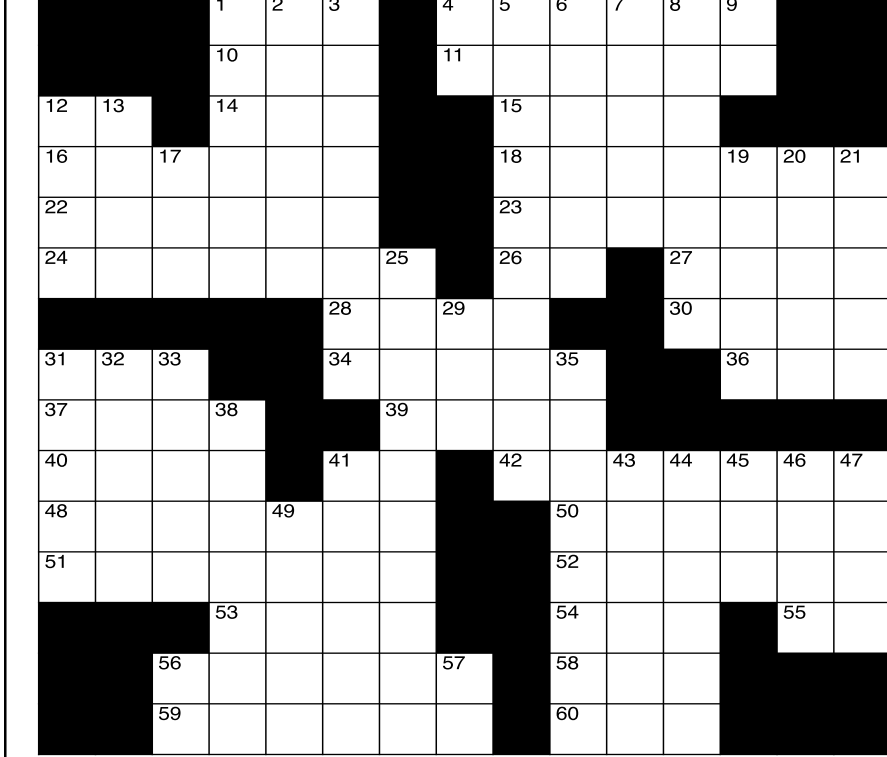
Enacted a resolution praising Wayne G. Strickland on his retirement after 42 years as executive director of the Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission. Outside the meeting, Strickland said after he retires June 30 he plans take up cooking and playing a string instrument. The RVARC provides regional planning and transportation planning services to Salem,

Roanoke County, Roanoke City, Bedford, Vinton, Craig County and other area jurisdictions.

Approved a \$332,929 soil and erosion control bond for development of Simms Farm Section 1 subdivision off Upland Drive.

Council meeting was held in the auditorium of Andrew Lewis Middle School. The meeting lasted 35 minutes.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



- CLUES ACROSS**
- 1. "Sleepless in Seattle" actress Ryan
 - 4. One of Santa's reindeer
 - 10. Before the present
 - 11. Type of butter
 - 12. Location of White House
 - 14. Motion
 - 15. Tree part
 - 16. Regions around the North Pole
 - 18. Fits on a boat's gunwale
 - 22. Discuss after it's happened
 - 23. Milk substitute for coffee
 - 24. Describes one who believes in supreme being
 - 26. Equally
 - 27. Famed director Forman (abbr.)
 - 28. Popular apartment style
 - 30. British School
 - 31. Advanced degree
 - 34. Order of architecture
 - 36. Investment account (abbr.)
 - 37. Snakelike fishes
 - 39. Children's tale bear
 - 40. Norse personification of old age
 - 41. Atomic #58
 - 42. Moving your head
 - 48. 1878 Kentucky Derby winner
 - 50. Frankfurter
 - 51. Small, seedless raisin
 - 52. Device in papermaking machine
 - 53. Go
 - 54. Open payment initiative
 - 55. "Westworld" actor Harris
 - 56. Saturated with salt
 - 58. Marry
 - 59. Report on
 - 60. Midway between north and northeast
- CLUES DOWN**
- 1. Rays
 - 2. Self-centered person
 - 3. One you look after
 - 4. Prosecutor
 - 5. Portion
 - 6. Speaks ill of
 - 7. Formal system for computer programs
 - 8. To make angry
 - 9. Rural delivery
 - 12. Group of languages
 - 13. Large First Nations group
 - 17. Circulating life force in
 - 19. Excludes
 - 20. Body cavity of a metazoan
 - 21. Swedish monetary unit
 - 25. Works with
 - 29. Partner to "to"
 - 31. Rewards (archaic)
 - 32. One of Caroline Islands
 - 33. Type of alcohol
 - 35. Eat a lot
 - 38. Nuns
 - 41. Dog
 - 43. Become more serious
 - 44. Choose
 - 45. Newspapers use it
 - 46. World's longest river
 - 47. Commanded to go faster
 - 49. Cabs
 - 56. Mr. T's "A-Team" character
 - 57. Document signed (abbr.)

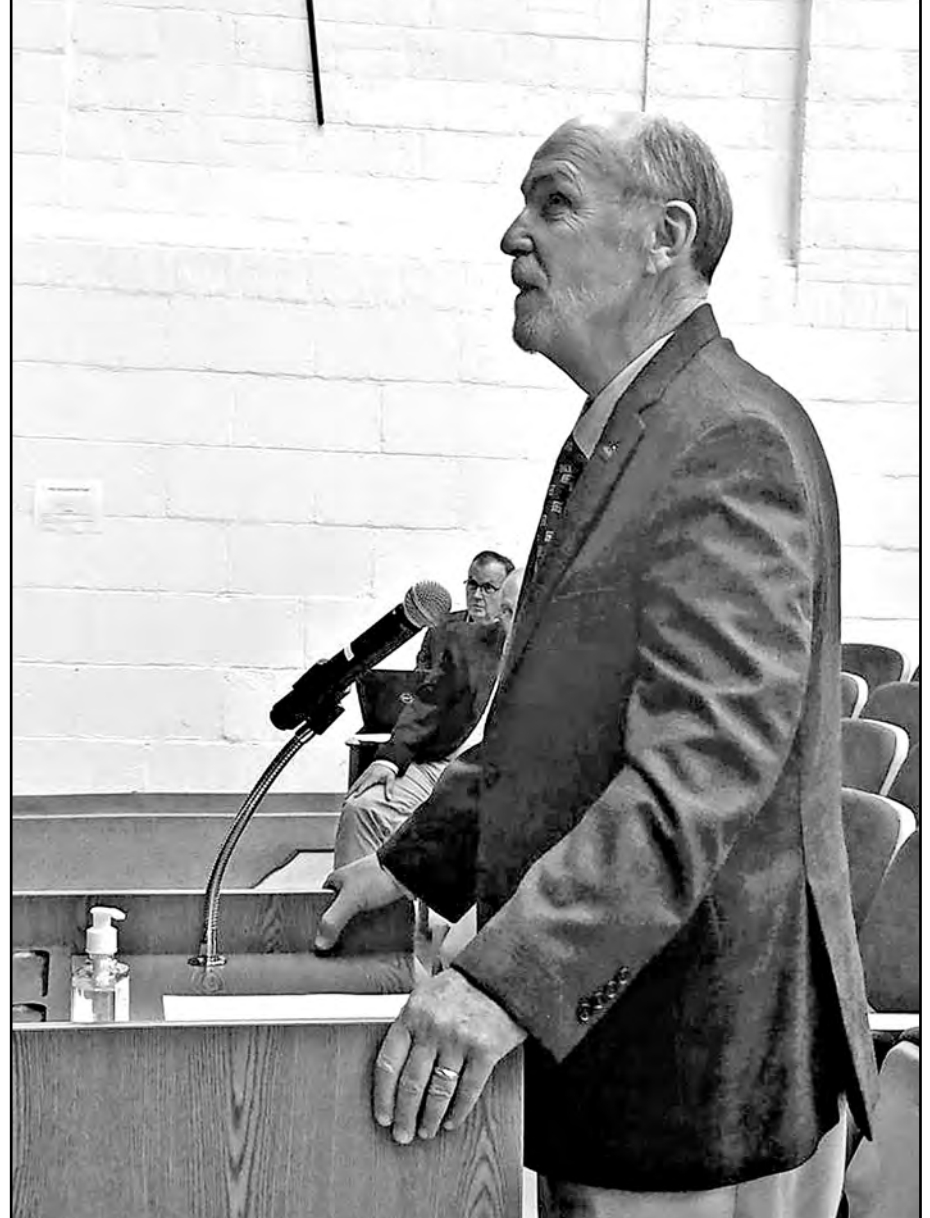


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Wayne G. Strickland received a standing ovation and resolution from Salem City Council to mark his retirement after 42 years as executive director of the Roanoke Valley Alleghany Regional Commission.

Graduation from page 1



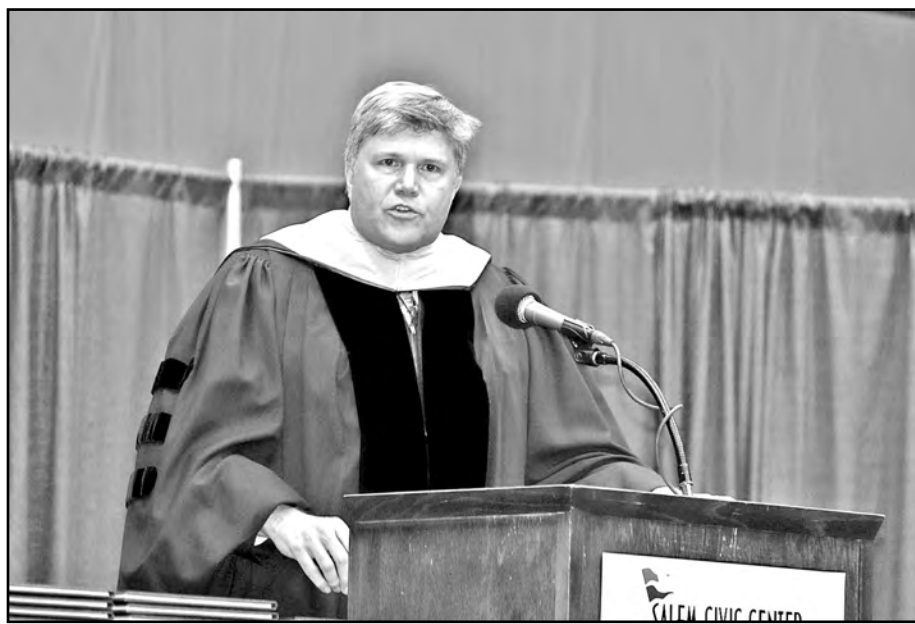
Elated family members and friends applauding their graduates.

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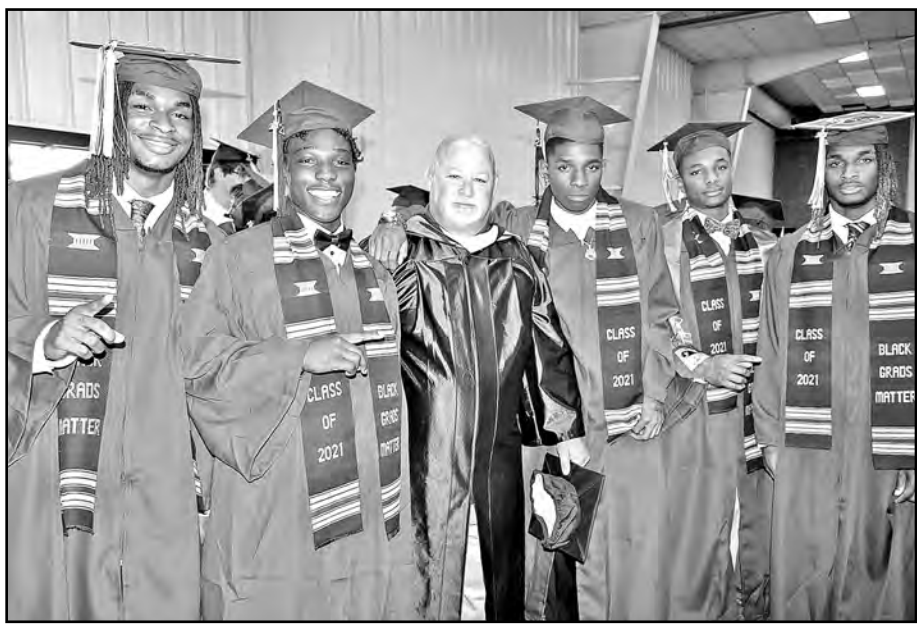


Salem School Board members showing the "Heart" symbol to honor their former colleague Mike Chiglinsky who passed in April.

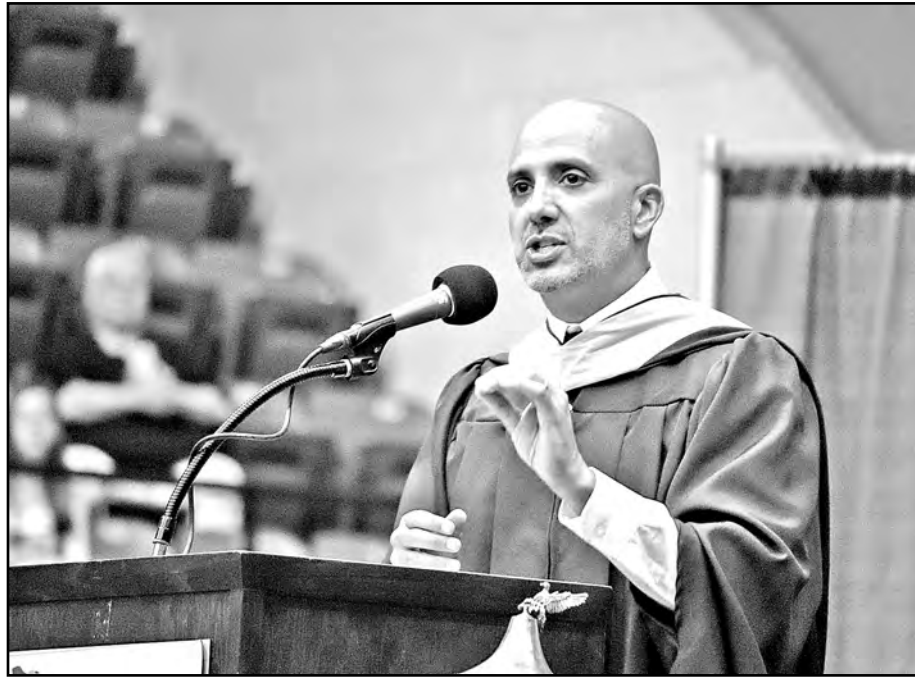
SUBMITTED PHOTOS



Superintendent Alan Seibert addressing all in attendance.



Coach Don Holter and some of his football players.



Principal Scott Habeeb praising the graduates for their accomplishments.



Principal Habeeb giving the graduates final instructions before entering the Salem Civic Center arena.



Best friends Hallie Darnall, Adriana Ortiz, Christine Thurn, Nadia Schuld and Nicholas Manspile.



Graduate Karley Honig is all smiles with gifts from family.

seeing my friends every day."

When asked what she will miss most about high school, Allyson Gallagher responded, "Several things. I was part of the yearbook staff and got to serve as photography editor my junior year. Being on the field during football games was like nothing else. I was able to see all the action. I could look up in the stands and see everyone, but on the field, I was a part of the moment. Above everything, I am really going to miss the social aspect."

Filip DeHaven will be attending Virginia Tech in the fall. He says he will most miss his favorite teachers, Mr. Halterman and Mrs. Odell, as well as playing football, being part

of various school clubs and making memories with friends.

In a speech to the graduates during the ceremony, Principal Habeeb said, "Your life is most meaningful when it is spent serving others. Please do not leave here and spend a lifetime chasing personal accomplishments at the expense of serving others. I promise you, as a guy who is getting older and balder by the day, that your personal satisfaction will be directly related to the degree at which you give your time, effort and

resources to serve others."

Some of the 297 graduates will head directly into the workforce. Others are heading off to the military. Some have yet to make up their mind. Graduates representing the Salem High Class of 2021 will attend such colleges as Virginia Tech, Hollins University, University of Virginia, Radford University, Liberty University, Roanoke College and Virginia Western, just to name a few. More than half of the graduates have earned college scholarships.

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Read Psalms 11:1 through 18:50

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David apparently had doubts, troubling thoughts, and enemies. Things did not always go well for him. In the first part of this psalm, David, in authentic transparency, expressed some real concerns. He apparently had enemies who were getting a little too close for comfort. The amazing part is how, in spite of the chaos around him, David made a decision to trust God.

But I trust in your unfailing love; my heart rejoices in your salvation (Psalm 13:5).

Everything does not always go well for us either. We face challenges that seem overwhelming, and we do not always see a clear path through the jungle of everyday life. But God is our Source of help, and we can trust Him to get us through!

Prayer Suggestion: Father, I do not feel up to the task that is before me at times, but I have decided that I will trust You.

Quicklook: Psalm 13:1-6

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Brookdale from page 1



PHOTOS BY SHAWN NOWLIN

Because band leader Matt Spence (middle) previously worked at Brookdale, he has a heartfelt connection to the residents.



Husband and wife duo, Ricky and Jenny Baker



Attendees enjoying the band performance.

Added Reeves, “Dementia is a horrible disease, but the one and only positive that came from having it is that my mother couldn’t remember from day to day and has no concept of time. To this day, she doesn’t have any memory of what all she went through. Brookdale always had activities and

entertainment planned for the residents prior to COVID.”

As fans of bluegrass music, Baker and his wife, Jenny, loved the music set that Matt Spence and his band performed during the cookout. “We thoroughly enjoyed the musicians. As bluegrass fans and attendees of quite a

few bluegrass concerts, we always enjoy a good bluegrass group. The fact they were willing to come and entertain the folks at Brookdale is not lost on us,” he said.

More information about Brookdale Living, including additional services offered, can be found at brookdale.com.

Virginia awarded \$30.6 million from CDC to address health inequities during COVID-19 pandemic

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has awarded \$30.6 million to Virginia to address health inequities created and exacerbated in high-risk and underserved communities by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The two-year grant provides \$27.3 million to the state and an additional \$3.3 million for the Virginia Beach Department of Public Health.

The funds are part of a \$2.5 billion investment across the U.S. to provide funding to address COVID-19 and advance health equity for racial and ethnic minority groups and rural populations within state, local territorial and freely associated state health jurisdictions.

Approximately \$12.1 million will be used in rural Virginia communities. The majority of the grant — \$14.2 million — will be

administered through migrant programs in communities.

The Virginia Department of Health (VDH) sought the funds under a four-prong strategy that includes infrastructure, data collection, prevention and control, and working with local partners such as historically black colleges and universities and faith communities.

The CDC’s overarching

goals for the grant are to address COVID-19-related health disparities; improve and increase testing and contact tracing among underserved populations and those at higher risk, including racial and ethnic minority groups and people living in rural communities; and to improve state, local, U.S. territorial and freely associated state health department capacity and services to prevent and control

COVID-19 infection (or transmission) among those populations.

The funding was made available via four categories: state awards, local health departments serving a county or city with a population of greater than or equal to 2 million, local health departments serving a city with a population of 400,000 or more but less than 2 million, and U.S. territories and freely associated states. Vir-

ginia Beach is the only city in Virginia that falls into the third category.

The Office of Health Equity is coordinating the grant. VDH has also established a COVID-19 Funding Steering Committee to ensure equitable distribution of funds across the Commonwealth of Virginia.

- Submitted by Cindy Clayton, VDH Communications Manager

Virginia posts record revenue increase as collections rise 66.2 percent in May

Governor Northam announces appointment of Secretary and Deputy Secretary of Finance

It was recently announced by Governor Northam that total General Fund revenues rose 66.2 percent in May, the largest monthly revenue increase in more than 50 years. Over 85 percent of the growth in May can be attributed to a return to normal tax filing dates for estimated payments and a shorter extension this year for individual final payments. Governor Northam also announced the appointment of Joe Flores as Secretary of Finance and Carter Hutchinson as Deputy Secretary of Finance.

May is typically a significant month for revenue collections. In addition to regular collections of withholding and sales taxes, estimated and final payments for individuals are normally due May 1, however, last year the filing date was extended to June 1. This year, the due date for final payments was moved to May 17 to align with the federal due date. To accurately assess growth,

data for the entire quarter of April through June will be needed.

“Virginia’s economy is roaring back to life thanks to hard work following the science and one of the strongest pandemic responses in the country,” said Governor Northam. “New COVID-19 cases are at record lows, our vaccination rates are among the nation’s highest, and Virginians are heading back to work—and these record revenue gains are the result. Our responsible governance is paying off, and we will keep this up as we approach a new budget year and face major decisions about how to best use federal funding from the American Rescue Plan. We have a strong team with the right experience—Joe Flores is a highly-qualified, dedicated public servant with a deep understanding of the state budget and a strong background in fiscal policy, and I am confident our economic momentum will continue.”

Flores has served as Deputy Secretary of Finance in the Northam Administration since January 2018, where he has helped lead initiatives like Medicaid expansion and spearheaded how the Commonwealth uses and distributes federal stimulus funds during the pandemic. Hutchinson has served as Deputy Policy Director in the Northam Administration since January 2018.

“We have a great deal of important work ahead of us in the coming months to manage the Commonwealth’s finances as we emerge from the pandemic and rebuild our economy,” Flores said. “I am grateful to Governor Northam for this opportunity and look forward to continuing to serve alongside our strong team in the Finance secretariat, including Deputy Secretary June Jennings and the leadership and staff at our agencies.”

On a fiscal year-to-date basis, total revenue

collections advanced 17.8 percent, above the annual forecast of 2.7 percent growth. Collections in June must total \$0.3 billion to attain the revenue forecast in Chapter 552, compared with June collections in the two years prior to the pandemic of about \$2.4 billion. Collections of payroll withholding taxes grew 13.8 percent in May. Collections of sales and use taxes, reflecting April sales, grew 37.5 percent in May.

“It has been a tremendous honor to serve the Commonwealth and the Northam Administration, and I have

complete confidence that Virginia’s finances will be in good hands with Joe Flores at the helm,” said Secretary of Finance Aubrey Layne. “May is a significant month for collections for non-withholding, with final payments for tax year 2020 and the first estimated payment for tax year 2021 both due at the beginning of the month. Last year, the filing date was extended to June 1 for both payments, and this year to May 17 for only the final payment, so the effect on the timing of collections is unclear.”

On a year-to-date ba-

sis, collections of payroll withholding taxes—62 percent of General Fund revenues—increased 4.4 percent, ahead of the annual forecast of 2.7 percent growth. Sales and use tax collections advanced 11.1 percent on a fiscal year-to-date basis, ahead of the annual forecast of 4.7 percent growth. On a fiscal year-to-date basis, total revenue collections grew 17.8 percent in May ahead of the annual forecast of 2.7 percent growth.

- Submitted by Alena Yarnosky, Office of the Governor

RELIGION BRIEF

Food pantry open

The Salem Food Pantry, 915 Union Street, Salem, is now open for donations Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The past 15 months it had operated on an external basis.

Food for infants is especially needed, but must be donated before the expiration date.

- Frances Stebbins, contributor

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Return to Earn Grant Program to help Virginians transition back to work has been launched

Bonuses of up to \$1,000 available to new hires earning at least \$15 per hour

Governor Ralph Northam recently announced a new \$3 million investment to pilot the Return to Earn Grant Program, which will match payments from eligible small businesses to provide new hires with up to \$1,000 to support their transition back into the workforce. While many companies are offering hiring bonuses, the Return to Earn Grant Program will serve businesses with less than 100 employees that may not have the resources to provide this financial support. The initial launch of this program will be funded through Virginia's federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) set aside and additional recovery funds may be allocated

based on demand. "Many Virginians who lost their jobs as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic still face a variety of barriers to returning to work like access to affordable child care, transportation, and a living wage," said Governor Northam. "These bonuses will serve as an incentive for unemployed workers to get back into the workforce while also helping employers fill vacant jobs. The Virginia Return to Earn Grant Program is about empowering the true catalysts of our economic comeback—Virginia's workers and small businesses." This initiative will match up to \$500 that a qualifying small business pays directly to a new employee hired after

May 31, 2021, either as a lump sum or in installments to offset the ongoing costs of child care, transportation, or other barriers to re-employment. Funds will only be reimbursed to businesses for new hires in positions that pay at least \$15 per hour and that qualify as W-2 employment, either full- or part-time. To help address workforce shortages in child care, qualifying child care businesses may qualify for up to \$500 per new hire without the match requirement. "For Virginia to fully recover from the impacts of the pandemic on our economy, we need targeted solutions," said Chief Workforce Development Advisor Dr. Megan Healy. "One in three

Virginia workers has applied for unemployment benefits over the course of the pandemic. The new Return to Earn Grant Program will accomplish a dual purpose of helping unemployed Virginians transition back into living wage jobs, particularly in the child care industry, and supporting small businesses with their hiring needs." The launch of the Return to Earn Grant Program coincides with the reinstatement of the weekly work search requirement in Virginia, which started the week of May 31, 2021. Virginians receiving unemployment benefits must make contact with employers each week and accept reasonable offers of employment.

On June 1, the Commonwealth also reopened its Virginia Career Works Centers for in-person services to ensure that Virginians making the transition back to the workforce have access to the resources they need to find high-quality jobs. Jobseekers can continue to access resources virtually through the Virginia Career Works Referral Portal. For additional information on requirements and to apply for Return to Earn grant funding, small businesses should contact their local workforce development board.

-Submitted by
Alena Yarmosky,
Office of the Governor

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Legals - Botetourt County

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

Commonwealth of Virginia VA. CODE § 8.01-316
Case No. J013851-08-00
BOTETOURT JDR DISTRICT COURT
Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court Commonwealth of Virginia, in re JOYCE, AUDREY ELIZABETH COMMONWEALTH OF VA - DSS /v. UNKNOWN FATHER
The object of this suit is to: TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS TO AUDREY E. JOYCE
It is ORDERED that the defendant UNKNOWN FATHER appear at the above-named Court and protect his or her interests on or before 07/20/2021 01:00 PM
05/03/2021
Pamela Jarvis CLERK

Legals - City of Salem

Notice is hereby given to

all interested persons that the Council of the City of Salem, at its regular meeting on Monday, June 28, 2021, at 6:30 p.m., in the Auditorium of Andrew Lewis Middle School, 616 South College Avenue, Salem, Virginia, will hold a public hearing, pursuant to Sections 15.2-2204 and 15.2-2285 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, to consider the following requests relative to the CODE OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA:

1. Consider the request of Bethel Baptist Church, Inc., property owner, for rezoning the property located at 6 Front Avenue (Tax Map # 234-6-2) from RSF Residential Single-Family District to HBD Highway Business District with proffered condition.
2. Consider the request of Peter R. Fields and Vivian D. Fields, property owners, for rezoning the property located at 303-305 South Colorado Street (Tax Map # 121-10-4) from RMF Residential Multi-Family to TBD Transitional Business District.
3. Consider the request of MCLIP Properties, LLC, property owner, for rezoning the property located at 901 South Colorado Street and 110 7th Street (Tax Map # 184-4-8) from LM Light Manufacturing District to CBD Community Business District.
4. Consider the request of Timothy J. Toohig and Lonzie L. Linkous, Jr., property owners, for the issuance of a Special Exception Permit to allow a two-family dwelling on the property located at 335 Roanoke Boulevard (Tax Map # 146 - 1 - 3).
5. Consider the request of Total Motion Performance, lessee, and 751 Union Station, LLC, property owner, for the issuance of a Special Exception Permit to allow athletic instruction services on the property located at 773 Union Street (Tax Map # 183 1 1).

Copies of the proposed plans, ordinances or amendments may be examined in the Office of the City Planner, Community Development, 21 South Bruffey Street, Salem, Virginia.

At said hearing, parties in interest and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard relative to the said requests.

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA BY
H. Robert Light
Clerk of Council

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I, Walton Samuel Gibbs III, am doing business in Virginia under the fictitious name WALTON SAMUEL GIBBS III.

Legals - Craig County

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF CRAIG

THE COUNTY OF CRAIG, VIRGINIA, a political subdivision of the Commonwealth of Virginia, **Case No. CL21-112** Plaintiff, v.

Legals - Craig County

HEIRS OF THOMAS CALLAHAN, DECEASED, HEIRS OF ZELMA CALLAHAN, DECEASED, JUDY C. GRUBER, SARA C. CROUCH, and PARTIES UNKNOWN, Defendant(s).
ORDER OF PUBLICATION
The object of this suit is to enforce a lien for delinquent real estate taxes against the property known as Parcel No. 27-A-20. An Affidavit having been filed stating that due diligence has been used, without effect, to ascertain the location of the named Defendant(s), that the Defendant(s) may be non-residents of Virginia and maintain no domicile within the borders of the Commonwealth, or are deceased, or that there may be parties who have an interest in the property but are unknown, namely, the heirs, devisees, and successors in title of the named Defendant(s), made Defendants by the general description of Parties Unknown, it is hereby ORDERED that the named Defendant(s) and all Parties Unknown appear on or before July 16, 2021, and do what may be necessary to protect their interests in this cause.

Entered: 6/7/2021
Sharon P. Oliver, Clerk
Circuit Court Clerk/Judge
County of Craig, Virginia

I Ask For This:
N. Reid Broughton (VSB No. 38899)
Mary Foil Russell (VSB No. 46440)
Sands Anderson PC
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VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF CRAIG

THE COUNTY OF CRAIG, VIRGINIA, a political subdivision of the Commonwealth of Virginia, **Case No. CL21-111** Plaintiff, v.
HEIRS OF ORAN GREENWAY, a/k/a OREN GREENWAY, DECEASED, RAYETTE HENDRICK, and PARTIES UNKNOWN, Defendant(s).
ORDER OF PUBLICATION
The object of this suit is to enforce a lien for delinquent real estate taxes against the property known as Parcel No. 60-A-1 (377 Maggie Maw Lane). An Affidavit having been filed stating that due diligence has been used, without effect, to ascertain the location of the named Defendant(s), that the Defendant(s) may be non-residents of Virginia and maintain no domicile within the borders of the Commonwealth, or are deceased, or that there may be parties who have an interest in the property but are unknown, namely, the heirs, devisees, and successors in title of the named Defendant(s), made Defendants by the general description of Parties Unknown, it is hereby ORDERED that the named Defendant(s) and all Parties Unknown appear on or before July 16, 2021, and do what may be necessary to protect their interests in this cause.

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Legals - Montgomery County

ORDER OF PUBLICATION COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

VA. CODE §§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316, -317, 20-104
Case No. CL21000845-00
Montgomery County Circuit Court
55 East Main Street Suite 1
Christiansburg, VA 24073
MASTROGIOVANNI, JENNIFER v.
EVANS, MICHAEL TAHIR
The object of this suit is to: NAME CHANGE ON A MINOR

Entered: 6/7/2021
Sharon P. Oliver, Clerk
Circuit Court Clerk/Judge
County of Craig, Virginia

Legals - Montgomery County

It is ORDERED that MICHAEL TAHIR EVANS appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before JULY 20, 2021.

MAY 27, 2021
ERICA W. CONNER
CLERK

ORDER OF PUBLICATION COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

VA. CODE §§ 1-211.1; 8.01-316, -317, 20-104
Case No. CL21000748-00
Montgomery County Circuit Court
55 East Main Street Suite 1
Christiansburg, VA 24073
ARROYO, ESMERALDA RUIZ v.
HERNANDEZ, ERNESTO ARROYO
The object of this suit is to: DIVORCE
It is ORDERED that ERNESTO ARROYO HERNANDEZ appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before JULY 26, 2021.

MAY 27, 2021
ERICA W. CONNER
CLERK

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Christiansburg Town Council will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, June 22, 2021 at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers of the Christiansburg Town Hall, 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, Virginia 24073. The purpose of the public hearing is to receive public comments concerning:

- A. An amendment of proffers for conditional zoned property for The Reserve at Round Meadows by Shah Development LLC (applicant/property owner). The change of proffers would allow an increase of five (5) additional lots for a total of no more than 56 single-family detached dwellings. The development is adjacent to Round Meadow Drive on Tax Map Nos. 494 - ((A)) - 62 and 63, Tax Map 495 - ((A)) - 64, and Tax Map 494 - ((A)) - 55E1 - 55E3.
- B. Conditional Use Permit request by Shah Development LLC (applicant/property owner) for a revision to The Reserve at Round Meadows subdivision previously approved 51 single family detached dwelling Planned Housing Development to add five (5) additional single-family dwellings on property located adjacent to Round Meadow Drive on Tax Map Nos. 494 - ((A)) - 62 and 63, Tax Map 495 - ((A)) - 64, and Tax Map 494 - ((A)) - 55E1 - 55E3.

Town Hall will be open and available to receive public comment in-person at the time of this Public Hearing. Additionally, the meeting will be streamed live on the Town of Christiansburg's YouTube channel at www.christiansburg.org/youtube and will remain on the Town's YouTube page once the meeting concludes. For information on contactless methods for submitting public comment, please visit www.christiansburg.org/publichearings.

A copy of the applications, the Town's Zoning Map, Zoning Ordinance, and Future Land Use Map may be viewed in the Planning Department Office, 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, VA 24073 during normal office hours of 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Contact Andrew Warren, Assistant Town Manager, at (540) 382-6128 ext. 1130 or by email at awarren@christiansburg.org with any questions or if you require reasonable accommodations.

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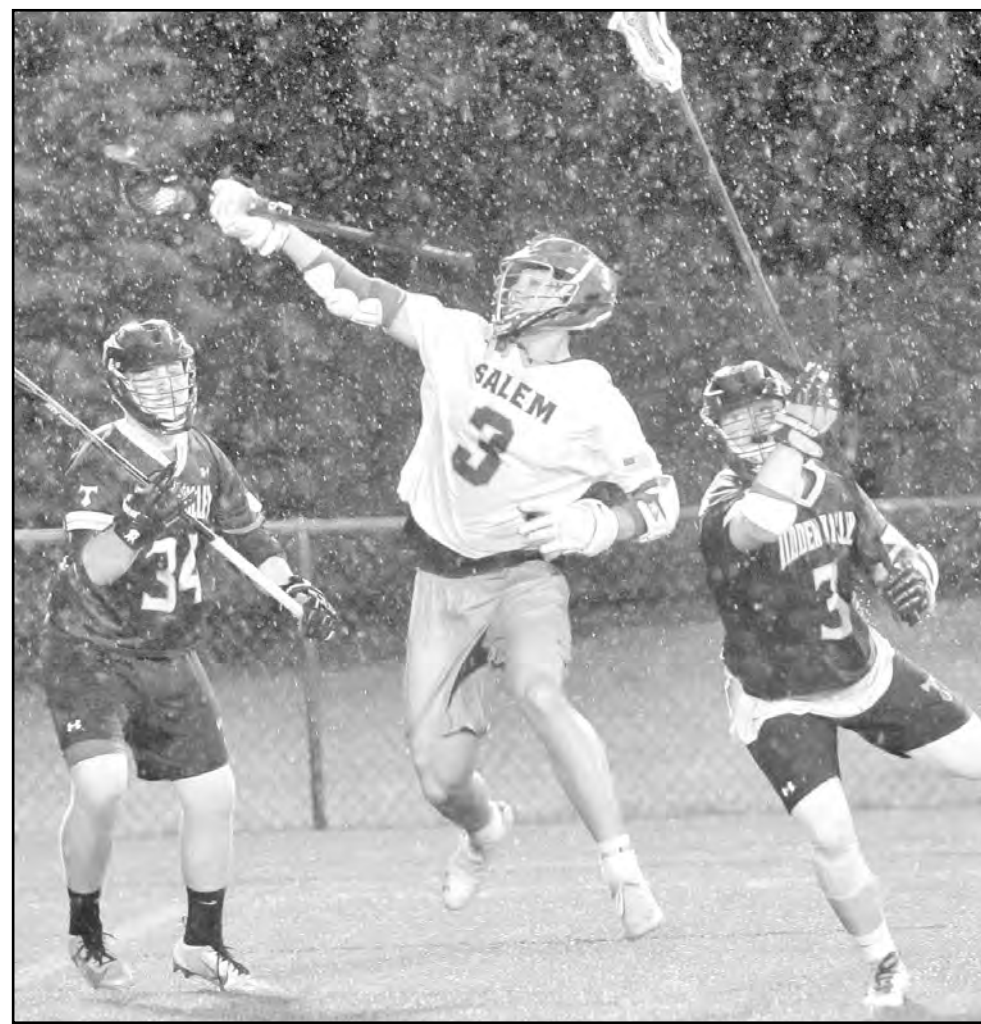
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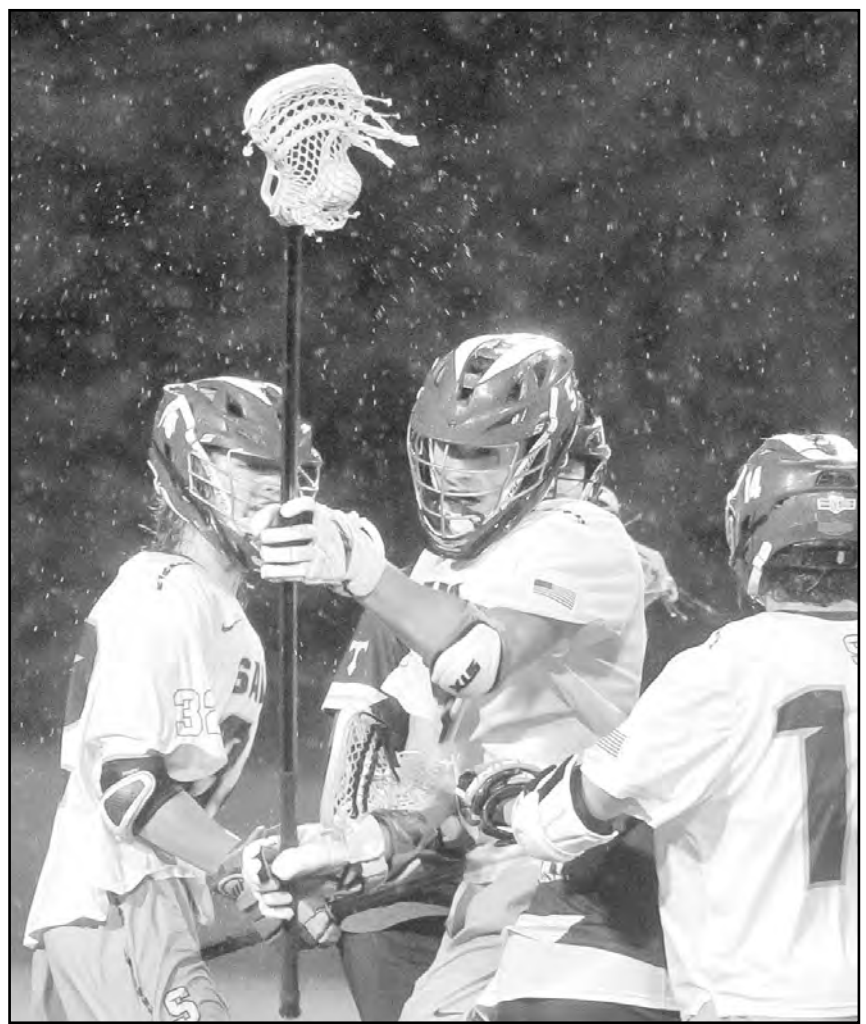
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Left, Salem's Jake Massey(#3) snatches the ball between two Hidden Valley opponents in last Friday's rain soaked win at Spartan Field. Right, Will Hicks comes out of the pack with the ball.

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Spartan lacrosse teams stay alive with Monday region wins

The University of Lynchburg was the site of a boys-girls lacrosse doubleheader between Salem and Jefferson Forest teams Wednesday night. The boys were scheduled to play at 5 pm with the girls at 7 pm and it's win or go home at this point of the season.

The Region D tournament is for schools in Class 1 through 4, and after Monday's region quarterfinals four teams remained in each tournament, with two being Salem and Jefferson Forest among both the boys and girls. In the girls' tournament undefeated Rockbridge County was scheduled to play Blacksburg on Wednesday and in the boys' tournament top-seeded E.C. Glass and Hidden Valley played opposite the Salem-JF game.

The Region D lacrosse championship games are scheduled for Friday at the sites of the top seeded teams. The Salem boys were the third seed so they'd need Glass to lose for a chance at a home game. The

girls are the sixth seed, and both Rockbridge and fourth seeded Blacksburg are higher so the Spartan girls have no shot at a home game Friday.

The boys opened the region at home against Cave Spring on Monday and took a 19-2 win. The defense played well with Zach Blair in goal and Will Hicks at close defense. Face off and offensive leader JR Wallace had a strong game.

"Our offense played well in transition and settled and continued to dissect the Cave Spring defense," said Salem coach Greg Warren.

The Spartans improved to 7-3 with the win. They wrapped up the regular season with a 22-9 win over Hidden Valley in the pouring rain last Friday on "Senior Night."

The girls also played on "Senior Night" and beat Hidden Valley in the rain to improve their lot in the tournament. The win moved them from the eighth spot to the sixth spot and allowed them to avoid the

talented Rockbridge team until at least the regional championship. Instead Salem moved up two seeds to number six, where they were matched with William Byrd on Monday and took a 14-5 win at Patterson Stadium in Vinton.

Addi Blanchard led Salem's scoring against Byrd with five goals while Bailey Stratton, Mia Esworthy and Morgan Tew had two each. Hope Wimmer and Zoe Blair had a goal and an assist each and Juli Redding had a goal. Brynn Bowen had 13 saves in the cage.

The win officially gave the Spartans a 4-6 record, but they're better than that. Salem had to forfeit two wins early in the season due to a mixup regarding an ineligible player, and that cost the Spartans a higher seed for the regional.

Friday's winners advance to next week's Class D state tournament, with semifinals on Tuesday and championship games on June 26.



Left, Salem's Morgan Tew(#2) checks the ball away from William Byrd's Caroline Gibbs in Monday's region win in Vinton. Right, Mia Esworthy of Salem(white shirt) battles the rain and a Hidden Valley defender to get off a shot in Salem's win at Spartan Field last Friday.

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Hound Dogs swim past the Gators in RVAA Monday meet

The Stonegate Swim team traveled to south Roanoke County on Monday to tread in dangerous waters when they took on perennial Roanoke Valley Aquatic Association champ Hunting Hills. The Hound Dogs swam to a 1,266 to 839 win over the Gators.

Highlights for Stonegate included Mike Bateman, who swam a first gold time in the 11-12 boys 100 free-style. Felix Ruch swam a first silver in the 25 butterfly and 50 free in the 7-8 boys' division and Shae Honaker swam a first silver in the girls' six and under 25 backstroke. Emme Grace Custer swam first silver times in both the 13-14 girls' 500 butterfly and 100 free.

The Gators will be back home next Monday, June 21, for a meet in Salem against Olympic Park. The Hidden Valley Country Club will be at the Elks Club Monday to swim Limestone Park, the Vinton Area Swim team and the host Elks Club team.



54 years and counting

Salem's Morgan Griffith is off the blocks for the Stonegate Swim Club as he competes with the team for his 54th season. It would have been 55 if not for the coronavirus pandemic cancelling the 2020 season. PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Spartan baseball season ends with 5-4 loss to Jefferson Forest

The Salem High baseball team saw the season come to an end with a loss to Jefferson Forest in the quarterfinal round of the Region 4D baseball playoffs. The Cavaliers took a 5-4 win at Thacker Field in Forest.

Salem led for much of the game. The Spartans got

things rolling in the first inning when Eryn Hughes doubled, Hunter King walked and Chip Stephenson drove them both in with a two-out single.

Forest got one run off Salem starter Ethan Walker in the second inning, and that's how the game stood until the bottom of the fourth when Forest plated two

runs off Trent Judd, who relieved in the third after Walker experienced some arm soreness.

The Forest lead was short-lived, however. King led off the top of the fifth with his third of four walks in the game and Eli Bowery doubled to the gap in right center to bring home King and tie the game at 3-3. Hunter Bayne then singled in pinch runner Camden Hart to give the Spartans a 4-3 lead.

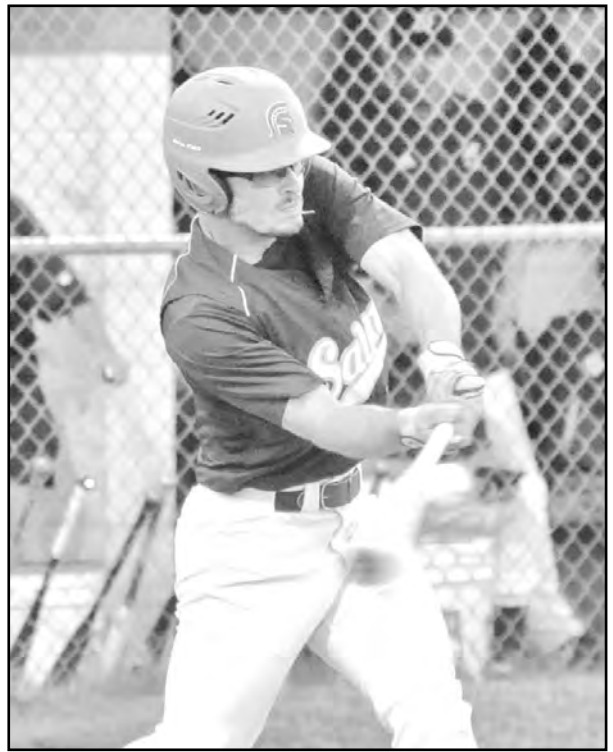
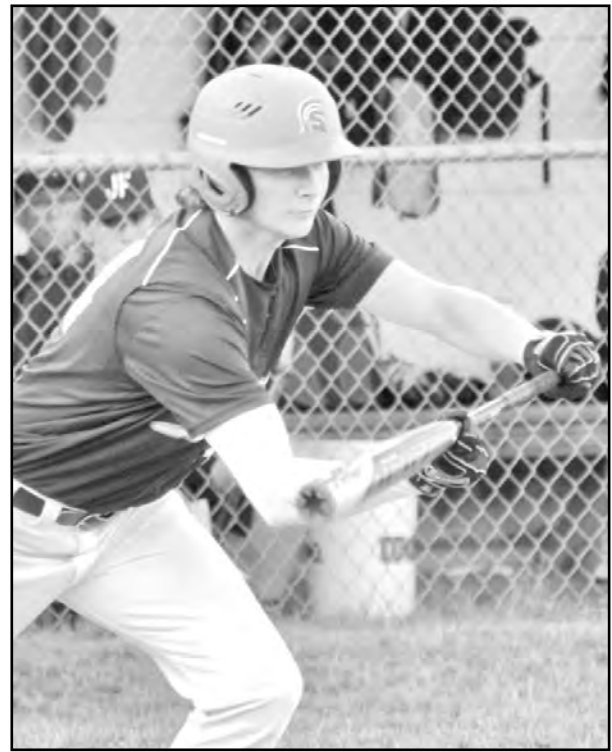
Bowery came on to pitch a scoreless fifth, but Forest touched him for two runs in the bottom of the sixth as the Cavs regained the lead at 5-4. King walked to lead off the seventh but he was stranded and Jefferson Forest advanced to Tuesday's second round at top-seeded Amherst County, where they upset the Lancers 6-4. Jefferson Forest will play Halifax County, a 4-0 winner over Pulaski County, for the regional championship Friday.

The Spartans finished with five hits Saturday, one each from Hughes, Bowery, Stephenson, Bayne and Caleb Fumage. Walker, Judd and Bowery pitched two innings each and Eli took the loss.

Salem finished the season at 7-5 overall. The Spartans ended the regular season with a 13-3 win over Patrick Henry last Wednesday on Billy Sample Field in Salem, scoring six times in the fourth inning. Kodi DeBoer had a home run for the Spartans and seven different Salemites had hits. DeBoer pitched all six innings to pick up the win.

Salem graduated just three players last Friday, DeBoer, Stephenson and Conner Fletcher. Most of this year's team had little varsity experience after missing the 2020 season due to the pandemic.

"We had a very young, inexperienced team," said coach Wes McMillan. "They were learning all year long, and that will make a big difference next year."



Left, Salem's Conner Fletcher squares to bunt in Saturday's game at Jefferson Forest. Right, Chip Stephenson barrels one up for the Spartans.

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Red Sox hope to make up ground with series at first place Delmarva

The Salem Red Sox will try to make up some ground on the Delmarva Shorebirds when the Sox play a six game series in Maryland this week.

Salem comes into the week five games behind the Shorebirds, who lead the Low A East North Division with a 23-11 record. Salem is in a virtual tie with Lynchburg for second place, as both teams are five games out but the Hillcats are one percentage point ahead of Salem with an 18-16 record to Salem's 19-17.

The Sox missed out on a chance to climb the standings last week when they split a six game series with the Fredericksburg Nationals. The Nats are in last place in the North Division and were just eight and 22 before splitting with Salem, their most successful series of the season to date. In fact, the Sox had to win the last two to earn the split, taking a 6-4 win in the second game of Saturday's doubleheader and a 5-0 win on Sunday's getaway game behind an outstanding pitching performance from Aldo Ramirez, Brandon Walter and Cody Scroggins, who combined for the shutout.

Ramirez allowed three hits and struck out seven in his five inning to earn the win. Walter allowed just one hit in three innings and Scroggins pitched a scoreless ninth.

At the plate, leadoff hitter Nick Yorke was three for four for the Sox with three runs scored. Jaxx Groshans drove in two runs.

The Sox will return home to host Lynchburg for six games beginning next Tuesday, June 22.



Aldo Ramirez went five strong innings in Salem's shutout win over Fredericksburg at Haley Toyota Field Sunday.

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Ryan Butler shut out Dan River for six and two-thirds innings on Tuesday.

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thing like 18 in the two previous games."

Glenvar will take a 9-5 record to Chatham today, hoping to upset the top-seeded team in the region. Floyd and Fort Chiswell play in the other region semifinal and the two winners will meet for the Region 2C championship, and a berth in next week's state tournament, on Saturday.

With Butler burned until Saturday, who will Cromer pitch against Chatham?

"That's what we're deciding," he said after Tuesday's win. "Someone who throws strikes."

Amherst eliminates SHS softball



Salem's Bayleigh Booth fields a ball.

PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Amherst County defeated the Salem High softball team on Monday, ending the Spartans' season in the quarterfinal round of the Region 4D tournament. The Lancers took a 10-0 win in six innings at Amherst.

The Spartans couldn't solve Amherst pitcher Dylan McNerney, who struck out 14 Spartans and allowed just one hit, by Salem senior Taylor Bolen. Grace Christianson pitched for the Spartans.

With the loss Salem finished the season at 2-9. Their two wins were against Patrick Henry and Pulaski County, and Salem was scheduled to play both again last week but both games were rained out and not rescheduled since it was the final week of the regular season.

Salem will lose just two seniors, Bolen and Kaley Seldomridge.

"We're looking for things to return to some normalcy next year after losing basically a year and half," said Spartan coach Johnny Counts. "We'll continue to grow as a team and a program. The underclassmen got a lot of work in this spring and we should see the payoffs over the next couple of years."



Dixie All-Stars begin June 24

Dixie League All-Star Minor and O-Zone tournaments are scheduled to begin a week from today with Glenvar's Green Hill Park hosting district action. Local teams wrapped up regular season play in the past week. Above, Wilson Dick of the Minor League Salem Braves takes a rip in a game at the Moyer Complex. Below, Gabe Claxton-Martin of the O-Zone Salem Cubs catches a fly.

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Glenvar boys and girls both in Region 2C soccer semifinals

Boys survive 3-2 sudden death overtime thriller against James River

Both the Glenvar boys and girls won Region 2C quarterfinal soccer games on Tuesday and will play in region semifinal games tonight. The boys will host Radford at 7 pm at Highlander Stadium while the girls will travel to Appomattox County.

The top-seeded boys team came back from the dead twice Tuesday to down eighth seeded James River, 3-2 in overtime at GHS. Glenvar trailed 1-0 at the half and didn't tie the game until five minutes remained in regulation when Zach Curfiss scored off a Jason Shepherd assist.

The game appeared headed for overtime at that point, but River regained the lead on a goal with just 1:12 remaining and things looked bleak for the undefeated Highlanders. However, Glenvar tied the game at 2-2 when Shepherd scored off a Riley Geddes assist with just 20 seconds remaining, and now the game went to overtime for certain.

Two five minute overtime periods settled nothing,

and two sudden death periods were due next. Only one was needed, as Geddes scored with three seconds remaining in the first overtime and the Highlanders survived against a very game James River team.

"They had more energy than we did in the first half," said Glenvar coach Josh Jones. "I told our guys after the game they could have quit when James River scored with five minutes left, and they could have quit when they scored with a minute and 12 left. But they didn't, and they pulled out the win. I'm really proud of them."

The win gives Glenvar an 11-0 record heading into tonight's game with Radford. The Highlanders have beaten Radford twice this year, 4-3 and 6-2, but then again they had beaten James River twice, 3-0 both times.

"It's tough to beat a good team three times," said Jones. "We know Radford's going to come ready to play."

The winner of tonight's game will play for the Region 2C championship on Saturday, and if Glenvar wins it will be at 7 pm at Highlander Stadium. The region winner gets a berth in the state tournament next week, with the semifinal Tuesday and the state championship on Saturday, June 26.

"I look at it like we're in the Sweet 16," said

Jones. "If we win tonight we're in the Elite 8, and if we win Saturday we're in the Final Four."

The girls are also in the Sweet 16 after downing Alleghany in Low Moor Tuesday, 4-3. Glenvar is the fifth seed and Alleghany was seeded fourth.

Giuliana Stanley scored a three goal hat trick to lead the Highlanders and Mallory LaPrad had one goal on a direct kick. Stanley scored the go-ahead goal on a one-on-one situation.

Ashley Gardner came up big in the goal for the Highlanders. She had 10 saves, including two on a penalty kick with about 10 minutes remaining in the game.

Up next for the Highlanders will be a trip to top seeded Appomattox tonight, with the winner playing in the Region 2C championship game on Saturday. Tuesday's win gives Glenvar an overall record of 5-4-2.



Adrian Sprunger heads one for the Highlanders in Tuesday's win over James River. PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN



Ashley Gardner saved a penalty kick for the Highlanders to preserve Tuesday's win.

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Spartan teams win Region 4D quarterfinal soccer games

The Salem High soccer teams were scheduled to play a doubleheader at Jefferson Forest on Wednesday in the semifinal round of the Region 4D play-offs. Both teams won quarterfinal games on Monday and, as luck would have it, were matched up with Jefferson Forest teams for the semifinals.

The boys are the number five seed in the tournament and that sent them to fifth seeded Amherst on Monday, where Salem took a convincing 7-1 win. Luis Geyne had two goals and two assists and Salem also got goals from Adam Clayton, Sam Walker, Alex Benne and Evin Lainez. The win evened Salem's record at 5-5-1.

The girls are the third seed and they also drew Amherst, who was seeded sixth, for a game at Spartan Field. The girls also won handily, shutting out the visiting Lancers 8-0.

Goals were scored by Dylan Copeland, with two, Reece Mangus, Dayanara Escalante-Garcia, Abby Pitts, Annie Bond, Brooke Bowers, and Eliza Flenor.

"Seeing seven different players score is amazing," said Salem coach Kayla Wood. "This happens by center mid-fields seeing those runs and releasing the ball to those younger players. It's unselfish soccer and it's what takes teams from being just average to great, competitive soccer teams. Let me tell you, this team is great."

Assists were by Mangus, with two, Erin Robertson, Bowers, and Copeland.

"These goals were off crashing the net on set pieces, crosses from outside, being unmarked in the middle, taking chances outside the 18. It was amazing to watch this team play together."

Salem ended the regular season last Thursday with an 8-0 win over Pulaski at Spartan Field. In this game eight different Spartans scored, Haley Woodward, Pitts, Kenley Coleman, Copeland, Myah Sowder, Annie Bond, Mangus and Audrey Hayes. Allison Kessel and Anna Haley split time in goal for the shutout.

"What I love so much about this team is, you cannot just say one person on our team carries us, each player contributes in some way," said Wood. "That was never more evident than scoring eight goals by eight different players."

The two wins improved Salem's record to 8-2-1. Region championship games for both the girls and boys will be Friday at the top remaining seed, and the winner advances to next week's state tournament with semifinals on Tuesday and the state championship games on Saturday, June 26.



Above, Salem's Dylan Copeland(#3) gets ready to slap hands with Abby Pitts(right) after assisting on Abby's goal in last week's win over Pulaski County. Looking on is Haley Woodward(#6). Below, Salem's Carman Davis breaks free down the sideline.

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Sam Walker pushes the ball down the field for the Salem boys' soccer team.

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Highlanders sweep Region 2C track team titles



Glenvar's Sydney Loder won three region titles and ran on a first place relay team.

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The Glenvar High track team had a big day at Appomattox High School last Thursday as the Highlander boys and girls swept the Region 2C track meet in convincing fashion. The Highlanders will now try to keep the ball rolling with a strong delegation headed to James Madison University for the state meet this Saturday.

"We had a great day, minus the lightning delay and the pouring rain at the very end," said Glenvar coach Neil Swanson. "Both the boys and girls won the region and that's the first time in school history that both teams have won at the same time. They've worked really hard for this and deserve it."

The boys scored 115 ½ points to top second place Dan River by 14 points. Region champions included Blake Custer in the discus and Tyler Johnson in both the 110 and 300 Hurdles. Custer also took a second in the discus.

Seconds went to Jackson Swanson in the 200 and Daniel Zearfoss in the 800. Swanson also took a fourth in the 100 and Zearfoss was fourth in the 1,600.

Third places went to Bryant Loftis in the 400, Avon Noel in the pole vault and two relay teams. The 4x800 team of Brayden Claud, Davis Norman, Zearfoss and Nehemiah Olsen took third, as did the 4x400 team of Loftis, Noel, Olsen and Nate Linkous.

The top four advance to the state meet.

The girls scored 131 points to outscore second place Appomattox, the host team, by 36 points. The girls had six individual region event champs, including a three-event champion in Sydney Loder. She won the high jump at 4' 10", the 100 hurdles in 17.86 and the 300 hurdles in 49.81.

Carly Wilkes won two region championships. She won the 800 with a time of 2:20.17 and that's a new region meet record. Carly ran a time of 4:59.82 to win the 1,600.

Rhyan Harris won the 400 in 1:03.63, and that was also a new region meet record. Harris was also third in the pole vault.

Others who qualified for the state meet included Delaney Eller with seconds in both the 400 and 800, Brooklyn Woolwine with thirds in both the 100 and 300 hurdles and Adriana Hall with a fourth in the 400.

In the relay events Glenvar took first in the 4x400 with the team of Wilkes, Loder, Harris and Eller. Two other relay teams took fourth. The 4x100 team had Kinnerly Nichols, Bella Miller, Woolwine and Hall and the 4x800 team had Molly McCroskey, Isabella Pope, Emma Pope and Joanna Kilean.

"I'm looking forward to seeing how all these kids will do this Saturday," said Swanson. "It should be a good one."

Spartans have 3 Region 4D champs

The Salem boys and girls both finished fifth in the Region 4D track meet at Jefferson Forest last week. The Pulaski County boys and Blacksburg girls were team winners.

The Spartan boys' team had two regional championships and seven boys qualified for the Class 4 state meet, scheduled for Liberty University on Saturday. Shawn Collins won the championship in the 100 meter dash with a time of 11.11 and Zavione Wood took first place in the long jump with a leap of 22' 6.25".

The top four in each event advances to the state and Salem's Brayden Taylor took third in the 300 hurdles while Carlos Alleyne was fourth in the 110 meter high hurdles. Salem's 4x400 relay team qualified for a third place finish. That included Jonathan Vernon, Landen Goins, Taylor and Amarri Edwards.

Also scoring in the region for the Salem boys were Edwards with a sixth in the 400, DaRon Wilson with a seventh in the 200 and Landen Goins with an eighth place in the 100. The 4x800 relay team of Thomas Henzey, Walker Peterson, Weston Conner and Lance Toapanta took fifth.

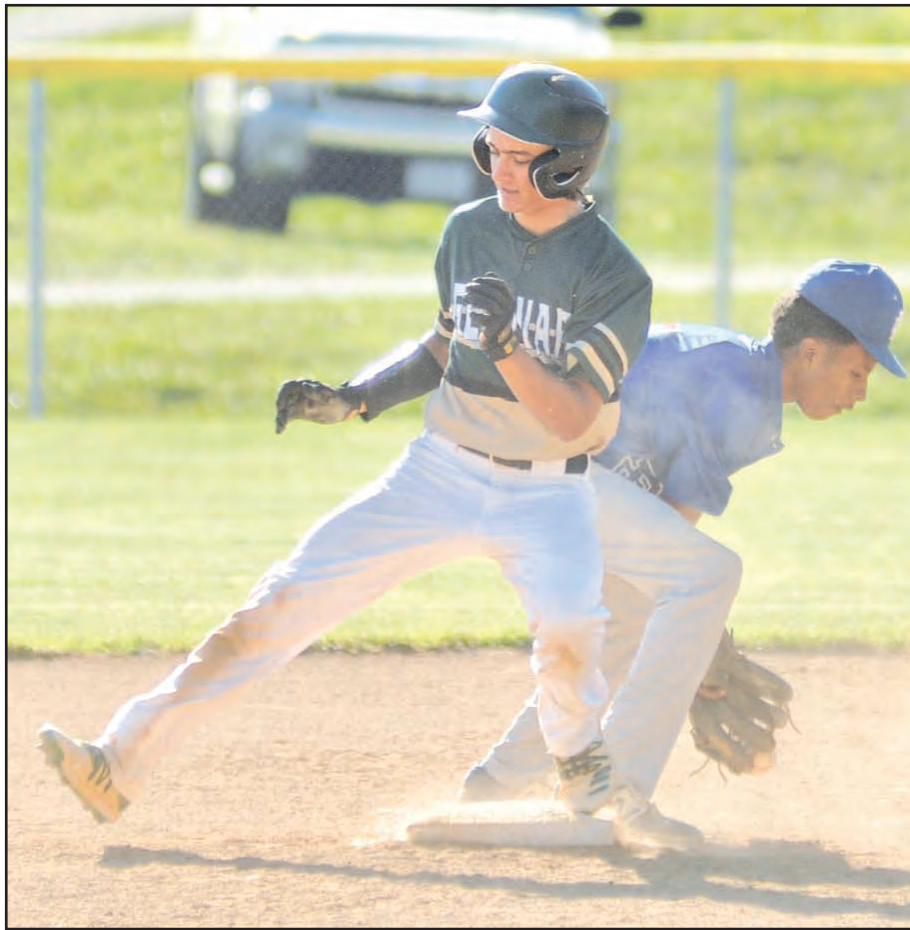
For the girls, Kalei Memmer won the discus with a toss of 112' 8" and also took second in the shot put. Tiffany McLaughlin was second in the high jump and the team of McLaughlin, My'la Green, McKenzie Moran and Neelah Logan ran to a runnerup finish in the 4x100 relay. Six girls qualified for the state meet.

Also scoring points for Salem were Logan with a 6th in 100 and 200, Green with a 7th in the 100 hurdles, a 7th in the triple jump and a 5th in the long jump, Moran with a 5th in the pole vault and Zaujia Athuman took 8th in the 300 hurdles.



Kalei Memmer won the region discus and was second in the shot put.

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Glenvar's Clay Campbell pulls safely into second in Tuesday's win over Dan River.

PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN

Highlanders open region baseball with two shutouts, will play Chatham today

The Glenvar Highlanders have picked the best time to play their best baseball of the season. The Highlanders opened the Region 2C playoffs with two shutout wins this week, advancing to the region semifinal today at Chatham.

The Highlanders came into the tournament as the fourth seed, hosting number 13 Greta on Monday. Dawson Anderson got the starting nod and pitched a great game in just his second appearance on the mound this season as Glenvar took a 1-0 win. Anderson went six innings and scattered eight hits while fanning three before Josh Howard pitched the seventh for a save.

Glenvar's only run came in the first inning, and without the benefit of a hit. A walk, a bunt, a fielder's choice and a passed ball was all the Highlanders needed to pull out the 1-0 win.

"It wasn't pretty but it was a win," said Glenvar coach Jeremy Cromer. "Survive and advance."

The Highlanders were right back in action on Tuesday and ace Ryan Butler took the hill. He pitched six and two thirds scoreless innings before leaving with 97 pitches. If he had thrown 100 he wouldn't be eligible for a possible region championship game on Saturday.

"I wasn't taking any chances," said Cromer.

This time the offense was clicking as the Highlanders beat Dan River, 8-0. Carson Osburn and Butler had three hits each, Nathan Richardson had two hits and two RBIs, Clay Campbell had two hits and Howard drove in two runs.

"I thought it was the best overall game we played all year," said Cromer. "In those two region games we allowed just one walk, and I think we walked some-

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Glenvar girls host Floyd today after slipping by Patrick Co. in region softball quarterfinal, 2-1

The Glenvar softball team will host Floyd County at 5 pm today in the Region 2C semifinal game after slipping by Patrick County Tuesday. The second-seeded Highlanders needed all they could muster to hold off the seventh seeded Cougars, 2-1.

Neither team scored an earned run in this game. Patrick County got on the board in the first inning when GHS starting pitcher McKenna Shearer hit the leadoff batter, who eventually scored on a wild pitch with the bases loaded from walks. Shearer got out of the jam with just one run and that proved to be big.

Glenvar also scored one run in the first inning when Madison Martinez singled, then was able to score on an errant toss to second on a force out attempt. Glenvar then left the bases loaded without getting another runner across the plate.

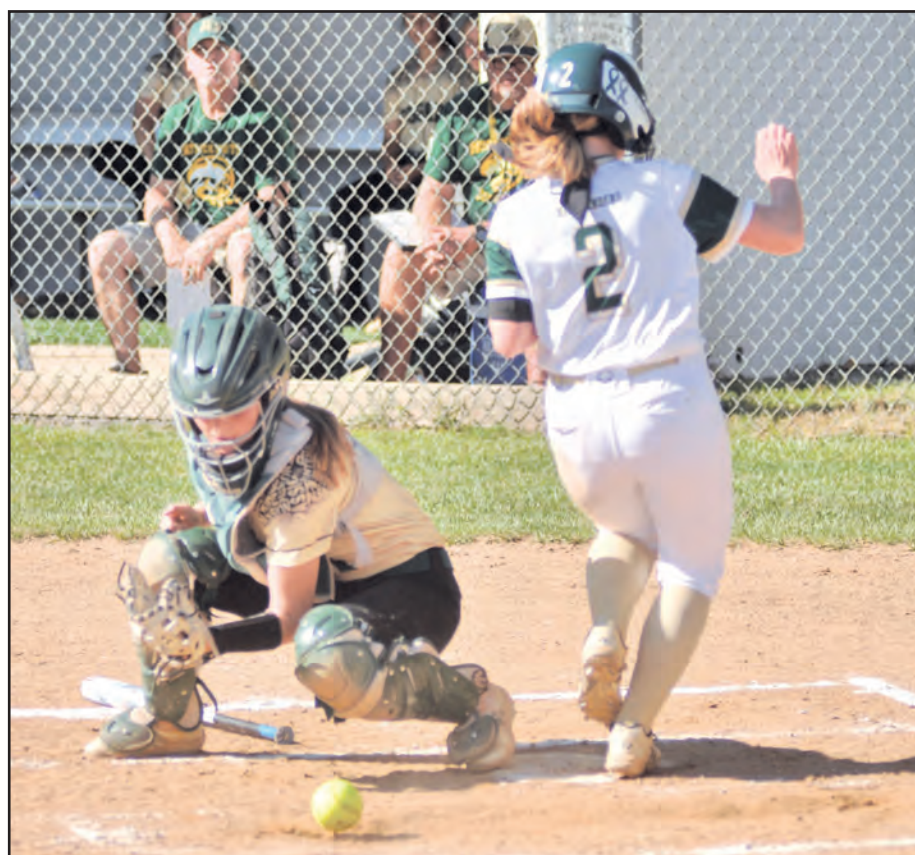
McKenna hit the first batter in the second inning and coach Lonnie Raines brought Sophie McCulley out of the bullpen to pitch, and McCulley quick-

ly restored order. McCulley pitched the next four innings before Shearer returned to finish the game, shutting Patrick County down with four strikeouts and two pop-flies to the outfield. Shearer finished the game allowing no hits, six strikeouts, and three walks. McCulley allowed two hits, four strikeouts and walked five.

The score remained tied at 1-1 until the fourth inning when Sarah Kate Tozier bunted and Justice Wilfong sacrificed to move Tozier to second. Madison Donoho then singled, and Tozier scored on a throwing error by the right fielder.

Glenvar finished the game with five hits, one each by Martinez, Lydia Taylor, Courtney Raines, Tozier, and Donoho.

Now 11-2, the Highlanders are two wins away from a berth in the state championship tournament. Glenvar's only two losses have been to James River and today's opponent, Floyd County. They need to win today and Saturday to reach next Tuesday's state semifinal game.



Glenvar's Madison Martinez beats the throw to the plate to score the tying run in Glenvar's win over Patrick County Tuesday.

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