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Local firefighters, police officers square off in charity softball game



PHOTO BY SHAWN NOWLIN

Police officer Chris Birch at bat with Troy Mann ready to catch the ball and Angel Ramos serving as the umpire.

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Last Friday, the “Bravest” took on the “Finest” at the Salem Memorial Ballpark as part of the Annual Guns N Hoses Charity Softball Game. More than bragging rights between local police officers and firefighters, the primary purpose of the yearly contest is to raise money for local charities. With support and effort from sponsors, the Salem Red Sox and their staff members, last week’s event was the biggest to date.

“This year we decided to partner with the Ronald McDonald House of Southwest Virginia. We were looking to support a local charity in the Roanoke Valley. Both teams are very supportive of charities that help babies and kids,” Tony Rickman

said. “This year we raised the largest amount of money, roughly \$5,750.”

As President of Guns N Hoses Softball Game, Rickman oversees the finances of the event along with being one of the main coordinators. “I attend meetings with the facility where we have the event. I also help with the advertising and working with and obtaining sponsors,” he said.

The charity game began at 7 p.m. and lasted for nearly three hours. The cost was \$5.00 per person with children five and under admitted for free. The National Anthem was a prerecorded copy the Salem Red Sox had.

Salem resident Ann James says the opportunity to support the Guns N Hoses charity game is something that she never passes up. “I am friends

with many of the police officers and firefighters who participate. It doesn’t get much better than competing against your colleagues in front of family and friends for a good cause,” she said.

This year, the Guns were coached by Robbie Newman and the Hoses were coached by Rickman. While the game was competitive with both teams providing numerous highlights, when it was all said and done, the Hoses prevailed 16 to 13. The hundreds who attended were able to take part in family-friendly fun with fire trucks and police cars, a 50/50 raffle and various activities between innings.

“Even though it is a lot of work and effort to put this event on, it is a great feeling when we re-

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Juneteenth celebrations draw diverse crowds to mark federal holiday

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Juneteenth commemorates the emancipation of enslaved people in the United States. First celebrated in Galveston, Texas, on June 19, 1865, approximately three years after President Abraham Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation, the occurrence has been observed nationwide for more than 150 years.

In the African American community, Juneteenth is often referred to as Emancipation Day or Freedom Day. The Smithsonian’s National Museum of African American History and Culture in Washington D.C. has stated that “Juneteenth marks our

country’s second Independence Day.”

Several misconceptions about Juneteenth exist such as it’s the country’s oldest celebration of emancipation. The oldest celebration of the end of slavery actually happened in Gallipolis, Ohio, on Sept. 22, 1863. Another Juneteenth misconception is Texas slaves didn’t learn they were freed until 1865. Historians believe that many slave owners hid news of the Emancipation Proclamation for selfish motives.

All throughout Southwest Virginia, Juneteenth celebrations occurred last weekend.

The Christiansburg Institute and Buzz4good hosted a free event honoring the lives

and history of African Americans. Floyd CARE (Community Action for Racial Equity) hosted a celebration at Warren G. Lineberry Community Park. The Alleghany Highlands NAACP held a celebration of freedom at Jeter Watson Park. The Lynchburg Juneteenth Coalition held a virtual, live-streamed program from the Academy Center of the Arts, and Appomattox for Equality hosted its second annual Juneteenth event in Courtland Field. Additional events happened in Roanoke, Covington, Roanoke County, Lynchburg and Clifton Forge.

Neighborhood activist and historian Jordan Bell was a co-organizer of the Juneteenth

Family Reunion at Eureka Park last Saturday. More than 40 vendors were present to offer cultural merchandise, food and emphasize the significance of

the day. In addition to the history lessons, attendees also got an opportunity to participate

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PHOTO BY SHAWN NOWLIN

Attendees checking their moves with other dancers during the Juneteenth celebration.

Andrew Lewis High Class of 1957 gather to reminisce at reunion



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Members of the Andrew Lewis High School Class of 1957 recently gathered at the Roanoke Country Club for an evening of fun and reminiscing.

The Andrew Lewis High School Class of 1957 did not let the COVID-19 restrictions keep them from celebrating their 64th reunion. The event was scheduled for 2022; however, with the pandemic keeping everyone isolated for a year, the class decided to hold the event a year earlier.

Former Salemite Morris Cregger, an outstanding basketball player for the high school and Roanoke College, recently served 41 alumni, their spouses and guests at the Roanoke Country Club on June 5. For years, Cregger was chairman of the Board of Trustees at the college, and the Cregger Center is named for him and his philanthropic work.

The Wolverines of that year boasted a little more than 200 in the graduating class. Of that number, 93 are now deceased. Some could not be located. Others were unable to attend for personal reasons.

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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 children, 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.

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.

JUNE 30 - JULY 11

The Salem Fair is the largest fair in the state and has been recognized as one of the top 100 fairs and expositions in the country. With tons of rides, plenty of good fair food and vendors, and entertainment galore, there is something for everyone. The Salem Fair does not charge the public a gate or admission fee for this event. Parking on the grounds is also free of charge. No pets are allowed. The fair hours of operation are 4 p.m. to 11 p.m. Monday through Friday, and noon to 11 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. For information on rides, specials on ride passes, and entertainment schedule, visit www.salemfair.com.

Roanoke College appoints Vice President of Community, Diversity and Inclusion

Roanoke College has appointed Teresa Ramey as the College's new vice president of community, diversity and inclusion.

In the newly created position, Ramey will lead and build on the College's efforts to create an educational environment that is socially aware and culturally inclusive, that celebrates diversity, that strives for equity and that is free from discrimination.

Ramey will join the College on Aug. 2 as a member of Cabinet, reporting to President Michael C. Maxey.

Ramey comes to Roanoke College with vast experience in higher education. She most recently served as vice president for regional and community programs at Francis Marion University in Florence, South Carolina, where she

led diversity and inclusion efforts through programming, presentations, training and leadership development. Ramey served as vice president for student affairs and dean of students at Francis Marion prior to her appointment as the university's vice president for regional and community programs. In the Florence community, Ramey has served on several boards, including the Greater Florence Chamber of Commerce and the Diversity Initiatives Network Advisory Board.

Ramey also has served as interim dean of students and associate dean of students at Spelman College in Atlanta, Georgia. Prior to that, she was assistant dean of students at Texas Tech University in Lubbock, Texas, as well as coordinator of judicial affairs. She also has held

positions at Aiken Technical College, Case Western Reserve University and the Georgia Institute of Technology.

At Roanoke, Ramey will lead college-wide efforts to create a community where all students, faculty and staff are respected and valued, and have a sense of belonging. Building on the momentum and accomplishments of recent years, Ramey will work to accelerate and refine the College's efforts for and commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion.

"We are excited for Teresa to bring her expertise in building strong communities to our community at Roanoke College," Maxey said. "Throughout the candidate selection process, Teresa notably connected with faculty, staff and students, and we

know she will collaborate and connect in powerful ways at Roanoke College."

"We are grateful to the Board of Trustees for recognizing the importance of the role and supporting the hire," Maxey said.

Ramey holds a Bachelor of Arts in speech communications from Western Kentucky University and a Master of Science in instructional development from Jacksonville State University. She is close to completing her dissertation toward the Doctor of Education in higher education administration from Northeastern University.

"I know how special the Roanoke College community is, and I can't wait to work with the students, faculty, staff and others along the way to further the College's success and involve everyone in mean-

ingful community inclusion work," Ramey said. "I am honored to serve the College under President

Maxey's leadership."

Submitted by Public Relations Department



Teresa Ramey

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POLICE REPORT

The Salem Police Department reported the following people were arrested and charged June 8-14. 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 8 - Nicole A. Beaton, 31, failure to appear; Thomas R. Mountcastle, 61, violation of probation, public intoxication; and Blake A. Bullington, 31, contempt of court.

June 9 - Triston C. McMahon, 24, domestic assault and battery; Laneeka J. Curtis, 29, shoplifting; Thomas R.

Mountcastle, 61, public intoxication; Victoria M. Wolf, 31, domestic assault and battery; and Timothy R. Boyd, 52, evading police, reckless driving, domestic assault and battery, violation of protective order.

June 10 - Jelani D. Carter, 42, possession of controlled substance; and Kalley G. Gabrielson, 28, contempt of court, false name or address to police.

June 11 - Mark W. Graham, 52, public intoxication

June 12 - William L. Janulis, 48, assault and battery

June 13 - Jennifer M. Stout, 30, public intoxication, contributing to delinquency of a minor

Welcome rain brings relief for dry farm fields

After a long dry spell in April and May, farmers are welcoming recent rains—but some are still contending with the effects of dry weather on their crops.

The recent rains and thunderstorms have provided relief to some farmers who were facing several weeks of little to no rain. According to the June 14 crop report from the National Agricultural Statistics Service, topsoil moisture is at an adequate level for 77 percent of Virginia, a positive change from previous reports.

"May was really dry, but June has been better," said Monte Mason, a farmer who grows feed corn, wheat and soybeans. "We've got some beneficial rain, and we've gotten the rest of our crop in the ground now."

Mason said his corn and soybeans both "look really good right now," but he's worried about the impact of earlier dry weather on his wheat crop. According to the NASS report, 48 percent of winter wheat is in fair, poor or very poor condition, and 52 percent

is in good or excellent condition.

"The wheat is not going to be great, I don't think," Mason said. "I think it's going to be a little on the light side. We haven't been out there to harvest, but we're getting close. What I checked early, it looks like the grain is going to be really small."

Also in Charlotte, farmer Bobby Bradley said the dry weather caused his soybeans to be planted three weeks late. He's since received some rain, but "it's been pretty spotty. Sometimes I get lucky and catch a shower, and sometimes I don't."

The NASS report noted that 57 percent of Virginia's soybean crop is in good or excellent condition, and 43 percent is in fair, poor or very poor condition.

"At this point in time, I'm not going to have any yield reduction yet," Bradley said. "They look good for the length of time they've been in the ground. It could still turn out to be a bumper crop year. It just depends on

the weather for the rest of the year."

Virginia is known for its variable climate. Robert Harper, Virginia Farm Bureau Federation grain division manager, said conditions in many parts of the state are improving, as heavy rains in areas like the Northern Neck and central region have added enough moisture in the soil now to carry crops for a couple weeks.

"We've seen much-needed rain since Memorial Day weekend," Harper said. "Farmers will tell you they'll never turn a rain down in May, June, July or August. They're going to want all they can get."

Harper added that dry spells are preferred earlier in the growing season instead of later.

"It still might damage the yield potential, but it's doing less damage to the yield potential than if it was later, with the plants much bigger and requiring so much more water."

Submitted by Robert Harper



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Seventy percent of adult Virginians have received at least one COVID-19 vaccine dose

Virginia reaches key vaccination milestone two weeks ahead of July 4 goal set by President Biden

Governor Ralph Northam recently announced that 70 percent of adults 18 years and older in the Commonwealth have received at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine, according to data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Virginia is the 16th state in the nation to meet this goal set by President Joe Biden in early May and reaches the key vaccination milestone two weeks ahead of the nationwide July 4 target. To date, over 8.8 million doses of vaccine have been administered in Virginia and more than 4.2 million individuals, or 60.3 percent of the population 18 and older, are fully vaccinated.

Governor Northam and state public health officials celebrated Virginia's vaccination milestone during an event at Hope Pharmacy, a small, minority-, woman-owned pharmacy in Richmond.

"Virginia has reached a significant milestone in the fight against COVID-19," said Governor Northam. "Thanks to the millions of Virginians who have rolled up their sleeves to

get vaccinated, the virus is in retreat, our economy is growing, and we are closer to putting this pandemic behind us. A statewide effort has brought us to this point, with strong partnerships in our communities, health systems, the private sector, and across all levels of government. Even as we celebrate this tremendous achievement, we will continue working together to vaccinate everyone who is eligible so our Commonwealth can keep moving forward."

Virginia continues to see a significant decline in new COVID-19 cases, hospitalizations, and deaths. New daily cases exceeded a seven-day moving average of 5,900 in early January and dropped under 250 by June 1. The number of patients hospitalized with COVID-19 peaked in early January with a seven-day moving average above 2,600 and had decreased to nearly 500 by June 1. Deaths from COVID-19 reached a seven-day moving average of 83 in mid-January and fell below 7 by June 1. Additional data on COVID-19 and vaccination ef-

forts in Virginia can be found on VDH's data dashboards. As Virginia's vaccination program proceeds, VDH will continue to monitor trends including vaccination uptake, COVID-19 variants, and outbreaks.

"We are deeply grateful to all those who have been vaccinated and to the vaccinators helping Virginia reach and surpass this milestone," said State Health Commissioner M. Norman Oliver, MD, MA. "There are still Virginians we need to reach and our efforts to make vaccination as accessible and as convenient as possible will continue. Those who have yet to get the vaccine are encouraged to do so to protect themselves and to keep others safe, particularly children under 12, people with weakened immune systems, or individuals who cannot be vaccinated for other reasons."

Federal approval of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine for adolescents aged 12 to 15 has made more than 400,000 additional Virginians eligible to get vaccinated, and about 30 percent of individuals in that age group have received

the vaccine so far. VDH will continue working with school districts to make the vaccine available to students as the vaccination efforts shift from large-scale vaccination sites to health care providers, pharmacies, and mobile vaccine clinics.

"Virginia's remarkable progress is a testament to the commitment, coordination, and leadership of our local health districts, community-based organizations, faith leaders, National Guard members, and so many others," said Virginia Vaccination Coordinator Dr. Danny TK Avula. "While there is still work to do in addressing vaccine hesitancy, I remain confident that we can keep this momentum going and defeat this virus."

"Reaching this goal shows that Virginians are serious about wanting this pandemic to end and wanting to keep themselves and their loved ones safe," said Secretary of Health and Human Resources Daniel Carey, MD. "This has been a team effort with Virginians, and we look forward to continuing to protect our commu-

nities." With increased vaccination rates, public health metrics trending in the right direction, and revised federal guidelines, Virginia ended all COVID-19 mitigation measures on May 28. The state of emergency that Governor Northam declared on March 12, 2020, in response to COVID-19 is set to expire on June 30.

Unvaccinated individuals and those who are not fully vaccinated should continue wearing a mask, practicing physical distancing, and avoiding crowds and poorly ventilated spaces in accordance with federal CDC guidance.

Virginians who have not been vaccinated yet are encouraged to go to vaccinate.virginia.gov or call 877-VAX-IN-VA (877-829-4682, TTY users call 7-1-1) to find a nearby vaccination clinic. For answers to frequently asked questions or to learn more about vaccination for COVID-19 in Virginia, visit vdh.virginia.gov/covid-19-vaccine.

Submitted by Alena Yarmosky, Office of the Governor

Sweet corn starting off slow, but farmers optimistic for the season

Sweet corn season is a sure sign of summer, but farmers say this spring's cooler temperatures and lack of rain have delayed the crop's growth.

"The nighttime temperatures in May were very cold," said John Cromwell, a Virginia Beach sweet corn grower and member of the Virginia Beach Farm Bureau's board of directors. "We had many nights in the mid- and low 50s.

For us down here on the coast, that's really cold."

Cromwell said he had to start irrigating in May up until Memorial Day weekend because of the dry weather. Despite this, he remains upbeat as he readies for the summer sweet corn season, which runs from now through early September.

"We got everything planted on time," he said. "It probably should

be a couple inches taller, but all in all it's in good shape. We should start harvesting somewhere around June 25."

Farmer Richard Goode echoed Cromwell's sentiments.

"It was a struggle until it rained the other day," he said. "I was trying to irrigate, but you can't put enough water on it when it's dry like it was.

"It's probably going to be a little bit later than

normal. We usually have corn for the Fourth of July—that's going to be cutting it pretty close this year. Then again, it could get hot and go the other way too and speed it up. It depends on the temperature—that's the biggest thing."

According to the 2017 Census of Agriculture, 4,369 acres of sweet corn were harvested on 416 farms in Virginia in that year. While

it's grown throughout the state, some of the highest-producing areas include Augusta, Caroline, Carroll, Halifax, Hanover and Rockingham counties, Virginia Beach and the Northern Neck region.

Goode, who sells white and bicolor super sweet corn at his farm market and wholesale, said he planted more than last year.

"People are usually

hungry for it when it first comes in," he said. "We're going to have 15 acres for them this year."

Cromwell said he's been busy selling broccoli and peas at Cromwell Produce's roadside market, and he's ready to add his Allusion and Glacial white sweet corn to the mix.

Submitted by Alice Kemp, VFBB communications

SCC reminds Virginians of senior financial exploitation on World Elder Abuse Awareness Day

Each year, seniors lose significant amounts of money due to financial exploitation. Many cases of financial abuse are never reported, which can happen when seniors or those helping them don't recognize the signs of financial abuse.

Financial abuse can take many forms. Identity theft; online and telemarketing scams; unauthorized use of checking accounts, debit and credit cards, and the abuse of legally granted powers for individual assistance are just a few examples. Perpetrators

may be strangers, family members, trusted friends or caregivers, court-appointed guardians, financial professionals or others.

On World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (June 15), the State Corporation Commission reminded financial professionals and all Virginians to look for signs of elder financial abuse.

"Senior financial exploitation can happen anywhere, any time and to anyone," said Ron Thomas, director of the State Corporation Commission's Division of Securities and Retail Franchising

(Securities Division). "Perpetrators often strike when seniors are most vulnerable such as during a health crisis or after the death of a loved one. For many seniors, social isolation and increased reliance on the internet for many daily activities only compound the problem."

Thomas encourages Virginians to recognize the warning signs of senior financial exploitation and steps that can be taken to report such abuse. Some red flags that may signal financial abuse are as follows:

- Surrendering passwords and control of finances to a new or overly protective friend or caregiver;
- Unusual activity in bank or investment accounts, including large, frequent or unexplained withdrawals or transfers between accounts;
- Sudden changes to beneficiary designations or to legal or financial documents such as power of attorney, wills, trusts, retirement accounts or insurance policies, or suddenly missing documents;

- Unexplained financial activities, such as checks made out to cash or written as "gifts;" unusual loans, or disappearance of assets, valuables or securities;
- Fear of friends or family members, or a sudden change in feelings toward them;
- A lack of knowledge by a senior about their financial resources or their reluctance to discuss financial matters, and
- Suspicious signatures on checks or other documents.

Submitted by Katha Treanor, Communications Specialist

June proclaimed as Immigrant Heritage Month in Virginia

Governor Ralph Northam has issued a proclamation declaring June as Immigrant Heritage Month in the Commonwealth to celebrate the history, cultures, and contributions of Virginia's immigrant communities.

Immigrant Heritage Month is observed in June across Virginia and nationwide. Governor Northam issued the following statement and shared a new video message to commemorate the observance.

"We are a nation of immigrants, and our communities are strong because of hard-working individuals striving to create a better life for themselves and their children. During Immigrant Heritage Month, we celebrate the countless ways that immigrants enrich our Commonwealth and our country, as well as our shared future.

"One in eight Virginia residents is an immigrant—they are business owners, health care workers, friends, neighbors, and a critical part of the fabric of our Commonwealth. Our Administration is dedicated

to creating a Virginia that is accepting, welcoming, and inclusive of all who chose to call our Commonwealth home. We have placed equity at the center of our agenda, and we have great strides in increasing access to opportunity for our immigrant populations through the historic passage of driver privilege cards, Medicaid expansion, and in-state tuition for all students regardless of citizenship status.

"I urge my fellow Virginians to join us in commemorating Immigrant Heritage Month and exploring the diversity that continues to shape the unique American story."

During the 2020 General Assembly session, Governor Northam signed legislation creating the Office of New Americans and establishing the Office of New Americans Advisory Board to advise the Gov-

ernor, cabinet members, Virginia." Our great nation was built upon the determination, talents, and ingenuity of the immigrants who came before us," said Eric Lin, Chair of the Office of New Americans Advisory Board. "This holds true today, as our immigrant communities come and seek the

"We are working to ensure that state government policies and practices foster support for new Americans who face institutional barriers to meaningful integration," said Mona Siddiqui, Deputy Chief Diversity Officer and Senior Policy Advisor for the Office of New Americans. "The Governor's Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion serves as a liaison between the Governor, Office of New Americans, and the Office of New Americans Advisory Board to improve equitable opportunities and foster a sense of belonging to all those who have made their home in

American dream. I applaud Governor Northam for his understanding and uplifting of the valuable potential and contributions that our immigrant communities bring to the Commonwealth."

Governor Northam also recently wrote a letter urging President Biden to

include a pathway to citizenship for undocumented essential workers in the next federal relief package. This change could grant legal status to about 140,000 people living in Virginia.

Submitted by Alena Yarmosky, Office of the Governor

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OPINION

Give Light ~ Catching up ~

[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 was enrolled in the seventh-grade class taught by Miss Nannie Page Burruss that fall of 1941, I was a year ahead of my classmates academically, but a year behind socially.

In the six years I had been progressing through the elementary grades as part of the small, private Holladay School, the girls my age who lived near each other in the courthouse town of Orange, Virginia, had been playing hopscotch and jump rope.

A dozen of them had formed what they called "The Little-Bit-of-Everything-Club."

I was one of three new pupils in Miss Burruss' class of about 30; another girl was a newcomer to town, one of several whose fathers had been transferred to the South because of managerial status in a factory being quickly converted from peacetime to wartime production.

Ellen, the deaf girl who had been with me in sixth grade at the Holladay School earlier, also transitioned at 14 to public school. She could not make the adjustment, al-

though I tried to help her, for her guttural speech and inability to communicate except by written notes caused her and everyone else constant frustration. She was withdrawn after a few months. I never heard of her again although information about people got around fast in our small town.

There were many other pupils unlikely to become my friends. One girl was morbidly obese and required a special seat by a window while two others were clearly into their teens and wore lipstick.

Needless to say, all of us were white nor were there any Asians or Hispanics. One rough boy was a transplant from Pennsylvania's coal fields. His given name was Paul Benedict. Roman Catholic families like his would five years later open the first such parish in three Piedmont Virginia counties.

And there was Virginia, a year younger than most of us and a pretty girl who still had shoulder-length curls. Her father was the Town Manager who had come from the Middle West for a job because he was married to a girl from Orange. The family lived with Virginia's grandmother, and she was already part of the club most of those members

Frances Stebbins
Correspondent

lived in the same neighborhood.

Though only 11, Virginia was a straight-A student in all subjects and remained so, for five years later she would - no surprise - offer the valedictory speech at our graduation.

I forced myself to learn to play hopscotch and jump rope, not easy for a girl as tall at 12 as she would be and with the poor coordination, I've mentioned earlier. I still wore my hair in two braids.

One of the first things discovered in the routine vision tests, unknown in the little private school, was my marked near-sightedness. A traveling optometrist came up from Richmond monthly and fitted me with glasses he prescribed for intermittent use lest I get overly dependent on them. This meant keeping up with them and the possibility of leaving them in the wrong place.

But it wasn't all bad. Miss Burruss was an experienced and understanding teacher

who soon discovered that I had studied Virginia, English, World and American history and knew more grammar than the prescribed book taught.

My math skills were and remained deficient, and my handwriting was poor.

Now comes the good part. By November, I was invited to become a member of the club the dozen town girls had formed in the fourth grade. They met in their homes for an hour on Wednesday afternoons; the hostess provided ginger ale and cookies. The other new girl in our class became a member too.

I attribute my invitation chiefly to a girl named Jane, one of those I remember from my bad first-grade year. She, like nearly all the children in our seventh-grade room, went to the Baptist Church in the middle of town and was clearly one of the "in" group as was another girl named Jackie who had been one of my major tormenters six years earlier. A tough cookie in a family of five girls, Jackie had mellowed slightly as she grew older.

I enjoyed my months in the club and even entertained the group at my house to which all had to walk a mile on the edge of town.

The 1941 year, momentous

for me, was one for history. With only a poorly heard radio in our house, word of the Sunday attack by the Japanese on Pearl Harbor did not reach my single-parent mother and me until Monday morning.

At school, several of the students knew of relatives who had been drafted and now would face real war. Our teacher, Miss Burruss, brought in a radio which broadcast President Franklin Roosevelt's speech.

When the end of the school year came in late May, our little club came to a ceremonial end. It seemed, as the long-time members said, that with high school coming up in the fall, other things should take its place. The book of Minutes, which had been carefully kept for three years, was boxed and placed in a niche behind the Methodist Church. We sang a patriotic song.

There was no eighth grade in Orange or any other small Virginia school systems in 1942. Most of us would go directly to four years of high school in the same one-story building centered in an auditorium. We would have four or five classes with different teachers.

Again, a new era was beginning.

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RELIGION BRIEF

Dorsey Closet Open

Frances Stebbins
Correspondent

The Joan Dorsey Clothing Closet at South Colorado and Seventh Street in Salem is now open each Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 9 a.m. to noon. Clothing is free and does not require a referral from a social service agency although some articles such as jeans and winter coats are

rationed. Summer clothing for all ages is now being received at times the closet is open. The closet also has available some household articles such as bedding and kitchen utensils. It is one of several programs of Salem Area Ecumenical Ministries (SAEM) supported by a dozen of the city's churches.

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Virginia celebrates successful rocket launch from Mid-Atlantic Regional Spaceport

The Virginia Commercial Space Flight Authority (Virginia Space), the United States Space Force (USSF), and Northrop Grumman recently celebrated the successful launch of a Minotaur I rocket carrying a national security payload for the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO). The mission, named NROL-111, launched from Virginia Space's Mid-Atlantic Regional Spaceport (MARS) Pad 0B located at NASA's

Wallops Flight Facility on the Eastern Shore of Virginia.

Virginia Space's new Payload Processing Facility (PPF) was used for space vehicle processing and payload integration. The facility, which opened in July 2019, can accommodate national security and classified missions like the one launched, opening the door to a variety of customers and payloads. The PPF offers segregated cargo bays to provide both government and commercial businesses the ability to process multiple payloads in a single facility from arrival at Wallops Island to encapsulation.

"The Mid-Atlantic Regional Spaceport continues to attract diverse customers and support a wide range of missions, ensuring that Virginia remains a key gateway to space for decades to come," said Governor Northam. "This successful launch is another strong indication that Virginia Space is poised to capitalize on the recent exponential growth of the aerospace industry and contribute tremendous scientific and economic benefits to our Commonwealth and country."

"The National Reconnaissance Office's second successful dedicated launch from Wallops is a reflection of the industry's recognition of this national strategic asset," said Secretary of Transportation Shannon Valentine. "The Commonwealth is proud to work together with our government and commercial partners to help shape the future of space exploration."

Launch services for this mission were provided by the USSF Space and Missile Systems Center's Launch Enterprise Program. This launch marks the third small launch USSF mission and the NRO's second dedicated launch from Wallops over the last year. This launch is dedicated to the memory of

Captain Kevin "Jack" Stueterman, whose loss is felt by the Space and Missile Systems Center's Innovation and Prototyping Directorate and the Small Launch and Targets Division. An officer, program manager, friend, and son, Jack devoted eight years of unbounded leadership and service to the United States Air Force and is remembered for his many contributions to the Space Force's Launch Enterprise and the Air Force's conventional munitions enterprise.

An integral component of the intelligence community, the NRO is an agency of the United States Department of Defense (DoD) responsible for developing, acquiring, launching, and operating intelligence satellites to satisfy the country's national security needs. Since 1961, the NRO has pushed the envelope of space-based intelligence collection by the United States. NROL-111 will strengthen NRO's ability to provide a wide-range of timely intelligence information to national decision-makers, warfighters, and intelligence analysts to protect the nation's vital interests and support humanitarian efforts worldwide.

NROL-111 is the third USSF mission from Wallops Flight Facility and the NRO's second dedicated launch from Wallops Island. The 69-foot-tall Minotaur I launch vehicle consists of two solid-fueled motors from decommissioned Minuteman ICBMs as the lower stages and two solid-fueled commercial solid rocket motors as upper stages. The Minotaur I rocket features both the NROL-111 mission logo and the NRO's 60th anniversary logo.

"Being able to strengthen Virginia Space's partnerships with the NRO and Space Force is such an exciting opportunity," said Dale Nash, CEO and Executive Director of Virginia Space. "It's such a

privilege to have our facilities called upon, and this successful launch demonstrates once again what our spaceport has to offer."

The history of Minotaur rocket launches from Wallops spans 15 years. This launch from Pad 0B is the second launch from this recently upgraded pad since 2013, following a successful launch of a Minotaur IV rocket last July. The previous two launches from Pad 0B were a Minotaur I in November 2013 in support of the DoD Operationally Responsive Space Office's ORS-3 mission and a launch of the Lunar Atmosphere Dust and Environment Explorer (LADEE) in September 2013, a robotic mission that orbited the moon collecting data for NASA.

Virginia Space is a political subdivision of the Commonwealth of Virginia, which owns and operates the Mid-Atlantic Regional Spaceport (MARS), the MARS Unmanned Systems Test Range, the MARS Payload Processing Facility, and an Integration and Control Facility in Wallops Research Park, all located at the NASA Wallops Flight Facility on the Eastern Shore of Virginia. The mission of Virginia Space and MARS is to provide low-cost, safe, and reliable launch services for "schedule-friendly" access to space and secure facilities for testing of unmanned vehicles for integration into the National Airspace System. Virginia continues to play a key role in national security and assured access to space, as one of only four states in the United States hosting a spaceport licensed by the Federal Aviation Administration to launch spacecraft into orbit or on interplanetary trajectories. For more information, visit vaspace.org.

Submitted by Alena Yarmosky, Office of the Governor

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 - Small morsels of food
 - Actress Dunham
 - Puts a limit on
 - Used for baking or drying
 - Commercial
 - Zookeeper Bindi
 - Walk in one's sleep
 - The Great Lakes State
 - Winter sport
 - A thin layer on something
 - Peacock network
 - Give birth to a lamb or kid
 - "Too Scared to Cry" author of them
 - Nose
 - Friend
 - Country music legend
 - Haggard
 - Curved
 - More deformed
 - Bleated
 - Set on its end
 - An aspect of Ra
 - Releasing hormone (abbr.)
 - Harsh, grating noise
 - Francisco
 - Common Japanese surname
 - Punish with an arbitrary penalty
 - Football position (abbr.)
 - Not in the know
 - African antelope
 - Popular tech (abbr.)
 - Baseball teams get three
 - Make up one's mind
 - Spumante (Italian wine)
 - Martens
 - Susan and Tom are two
- CLUES DOWN**
- Excessively showy
 - Put an end to
 - Blood disorder
 - Ingredient in wine
 - Shellfish
 - Made smaller
 - We
 - The Treasure State
 - Ekland, actress
 - Male parent
 - One hundredth of a watt
 - Dish of minced meat
 - Smothered laugh
 - Article
 - Atomic #12
 - Small parrot
 - Fictional "Star Wars" planet
 - French wine grape
 - Football stat (abbr.)
 - Sound unit
 - Where you sleep
 - University of Dayton
 - Miller beer offering
 - Feel embarrassed
 - Able to be estimated
 - Commune in NW France
 - Adult female chicken
 - Intergovernmental organization
 - Archaic term for until
 - That which is not sacred
 - Sound made in speech
 - Handgun (slang)
 - Fill up again
 - Evoke or awaken
 - Beam Me Up, ___!
 - Spider wasp genus
 - Headress
 - Exclamation of surprise
 - Of I
 - Figures
 - Men's fashion accessories
 - Indicates position
 - Megabyte
 - The Prairie State

Juneteenth from page 1

in various activities and get vaccinated. Several high school cheerleaders paid homage to their ancestors with a powerful dance routine that brought Salem native Ashley Gordon to tears. Virginia Department of Health nurse Cynthia Vineyard-Brown said more than two dozen people were given COVID-19 shots. "We just wanted to make a difference in the community.

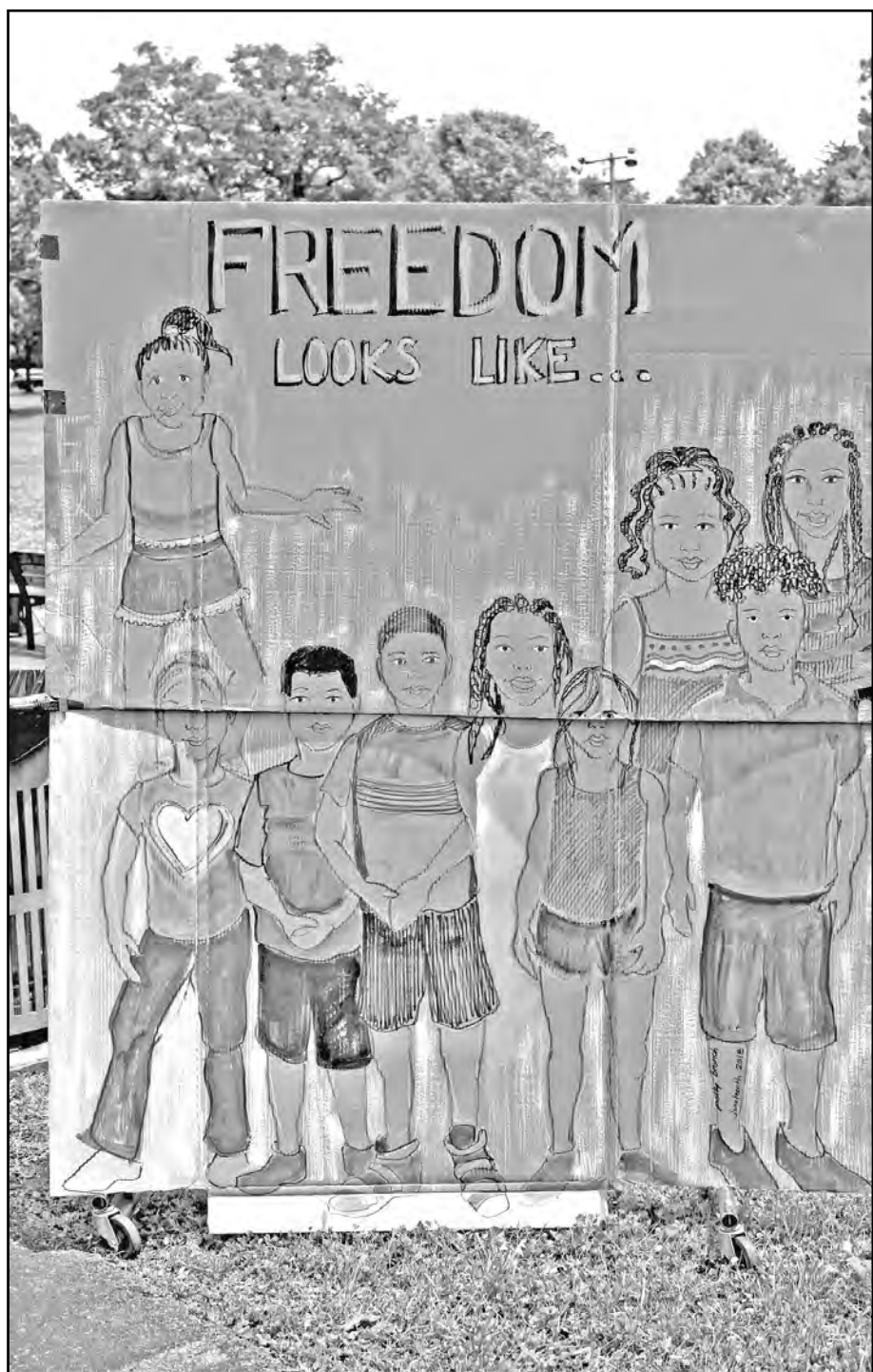
Many questions were asked, and I was happy to provide answers. Certain people are still hesitant about the vaccine. I explained that they have nothing to worry about," Vineyard-Brown said. On June 15, the Senate passed a bill to make Juneteenth the 12th federal holiday under a unanimous consent agreement. The next day, the House of Rep-

resentatives voted 415-14 in favor of the bill. When President Joe Biden signed the bill into law on June 17, it marked the first new national holiday since Martin Luther King Day was created in 1983. Speaking on the importance of Juneteenth at the Martin Luther King Jr. statue in downtown Roanoke, Mayor Sherman Lea Sr. said, "People are celebrating,

they're hearing speeches, but I want us to think about that, feel the joy and happiness, but go beyond the speeches and do what you can do." Perneller Chubb-Wilson is currently the President of the SCLC Roanoke Chapter. She added, "I'm so happy I don't know what to do. When the Governor announced Juneteenth was a state holiday and then when the President said

it was a national holiday, I fell back and came back again and I said 'Jesus, it's long past due.'" When Ann Johnson, 69, was growing up in Salem, she says she was taught very little about Juneteenth in school. It wasn't until she started doing her own research that she began to understand its historical significance. The thought of Juneteenth becoming a federal holiday was un-

fathomable a few years ago, said Johnson. She continued, "Last week's Juneteenth community events were meant to challenge, inspire and educate. Seeing so many people of different colors present made my heart smile," he said. "The only way that we can reach our potential as a community is if we listen to each other and fully embrace our past."



PHOTOS BY SHAWN NOWLIN

Messages like this were on full display throughout the events.



Brothers Gerald and Gus Payne attended the celebration to make memories and promote their apparel line, "Flylife Clothing."



Food has historically played a vital role in Juneteenth celebrations.



The lines were long for several food trucks.



One of the best parts about Juneteenth celebrations is the music.

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The Psalmist's words speak to us when we are going through life's challenges. And Pastor Young speaks to us of praising God in the night seasons of life: "Some through great sorrow, but God gives a song, in the night season and all the day long."

Like Pastor Young, we can pray and we sing in the night. Prayer plus praise equals power. Focus on God's presence and power and don't let sin cut the lines of communication.

Prayer Suggestion: Lord, we are thankful that through the challenges, we can still sing praises to You.

Quicklook: Psalm 66:13-20

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Game from page 1

ceive many compliments about the event, such as the size of the crowd, the competitiveness of the game and the fun

the players have,” Rickman said. “It is rewarding when you have the Chief of your respected Department and Chiefs

from other localities compliment you on the success of the event. The biggest joy of all is when you see the excitement

and happiness in the faces of the charity and the kids and families that the money raised goes to help. It is hard to put

that feeling into words.” Without support from the community, Rickman says there is no way this event would have

made it to its 17th year. Already, Rickman, and countless others, are looking forward to next year’s event.



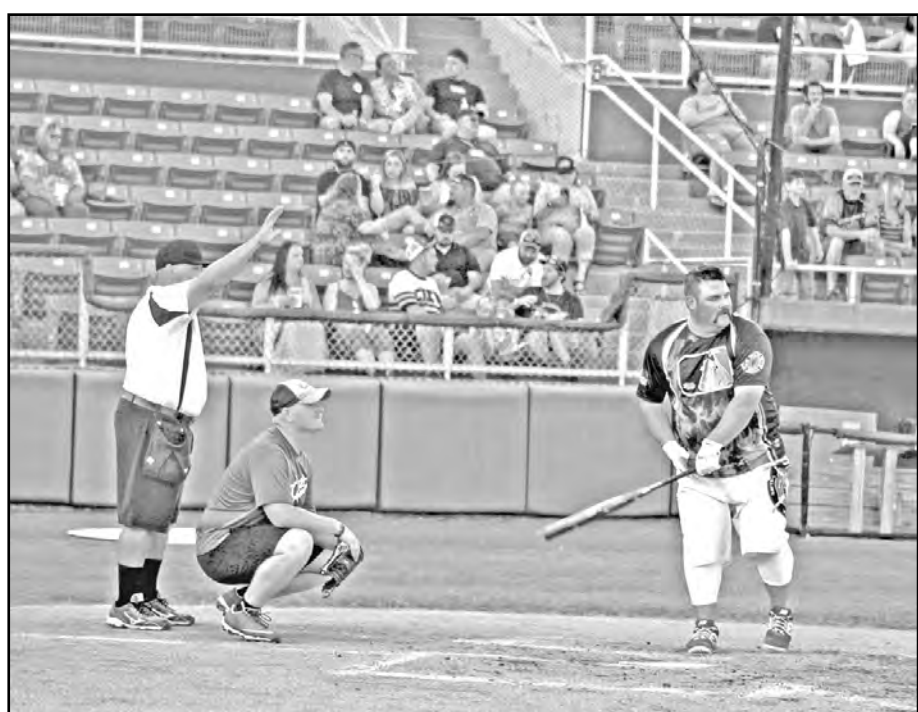
The American Flag was flown outside of the Salem Memorial Haley Toyota Field.



Firefighters C.J. Arrington and Andrew Goodpasture rooting on their teammates.



Police officers Chad Houston, left, and Jacob Clifton, right, scoring points for their team.



Jeff Conner stepping up to the plate, looking to connect on a homerun.



Various police officers catching the action from the dugout.



Matt Daniels looking to make a play.

Reunion from page 1

Pat DeHart Long coordinated the event, which included a seated dinner. Because it was the week of Memorial Day and D-Day, DeHart recognized ar-

chitect Byron Dickson, a classmate who designed and built the National D-Day Memorial in Bedford. Dickson was on hand to

sign a book he published about the venue and distributed it to all who attended. Lucy Russell Ellett, a class officer, announced that dona-

tions were made to the Salem Education Foundation in the names of Odom and Long for their efforts to coordinate the reunion.

Jim Gresham gave the invocation, and Byron Yost served as emcee.

Submitted by Garnette Odom

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Governor Northam announces task force on culturally inclusive school meals and calendars

Governor Ralph Northam recently announced the formation of a task force charged with identifying best practices for implementing culturally and religiously inclusive school calendars and serving school meals that accommodate more dietary restrictions.

"When our school environments reflect the history, values, cultures, and traditions of the communities they serve our students are better positioned to learn and thrive," said Governor Northam. "The Task Force on Culturally Inclusive School Meals and Calendars will identify best practices in promoting knowledge about religious observances within our schools and explore how school nutrition programs can ensure students have access to meals that suit their dietary constraints and honor their cultural practices."

The Task Force is divided into two subcommittees, one focused on developing recommendations on how to offer more diverse school meal op-

tions to students who come from different religious or ethnic backgrounds, and another focused on exploring best practices in the implementation of culturally inclusive school calendars.

"Virginia's schools benefit from increasing cultural, religious, and ethnic diversity—this diversity is a great asset, but also presents a challenge as schools strive to serve students of a variety of backgrounds equitably and compassionately," said Secretary of Education Atif Qarni. "This Task Force will provide recommendations to school divisions and higher education institutions that are seeking to expand meal offerings and recognize important religious and cultural holidays such as Eid al-Fitr, Ash Wednesday, Lunar New Year, Yom Kippur, Diwali, and other days that may not be acknowledged on school calendars but bear significant cultural importance to many students in our classrooms."

Secretary of Education Atif

Qarni chaired the first meeting of the Task Force on Culturally Responsive School Meals and Calendars in late May. The Task Force includes students, parents, educators, local school division leadership, school nutrition experts, faith leaders, and representatives from the Office of the Secretary of Agriculture and Forestry, No Kid Hungry, the Virginia Association of School Superintendents, the Virginia School Board Association, the Virginia Parent Teacher Association, and the Virginia Education Association.

Members of the Task Force include:

- Farah Ahmad, Community Service, Interfaith, and Government Relations Assistant, McLean Islamic Center
- Sandra C. Curwood, State Director, Office of School Nutrition Programs, Virginia Department of Education
- Megan Day, Student and Virginia Future Farmers of America State President
- Hurunessa Fariad of Sterling, Head of Outreach, All

Dulles Area Muslim Society (ADAMS Center)

- Lindsey Fox, Interim District Director, Parkway District, Virginia Parent Teacher Association
- Nina Ha, Director, Asian Cultural Engagement Center, Virginia Tech
- Heidi Hertz, Deputy Secretary of Agriculture and Forestry
- Qiu Jin, Director, Institute of Asian Studies and Associate Professor of History, Old Dominion University
- Monica Manns, Chief Equity, Diversity, and Opportunity Officer, Henrico County Public Schools
- Karishma Merchant, Senior Education and Workforce Policy Advisor, Office of United States Senator Tim Kaine
- Sarah Moran, Registered Dietitian, The Dr. Yum Project
- Vijay Ramnarain, Director of Support Services, Virginia Department of Education
- Adam Russo, Director, Office of School Food and Nutrition Services, Prince William County Public Schools

- Lyons Sanchezconcha, Educator, Richmond Public Schools
- Rabbi Abbi Sharofsky, Director of Intergroup Relations and Rabbi in Residence, Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Washington
- Beth Teigen, Chief of Staff to the Superintendent, Henrico County Public Schools
- Jonathan C. Zur, President and CEO, Virginia Center for Inclusive Communities

The Task Force on Culturally Inclusive School Meals and Calendars will meet biweekly throughout June and July to identify best practices and form recommendations. The Task Force will present their recommendations to the Governor's Children's Cabinet, and a convening of superintendents, school nutrition directors, higher education representatives, school board members, and other relevant stakeholders in August 2021.

Submitted by Alena Yarmosky, Office of the Governor

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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. CL21-112** Plaintiff, v. 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

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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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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

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

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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

Legals - Montgomery County

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.

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GHS. Glenvar fell behind early but rallied behind two Shepherd goals and one by Geddes.

On Saturday night they hosted Appomattox and took a 2-1 win, with all the goals coming in the second half. Maddox Fisher took a pass from Geddes on the right side of the field and finished with a back post shot just 30 seconds into the second half. With 19 minutes left, Geddes scored from the left side of the field off a shot placed perfectly at the back post, giving Glenvar a 2-0 edge.

Appomattox answered right back with a goal of their own, but Glenvar was able to keep them off the scoreboard the rest of the game and claim the first ever region boys' soccer title in school history.

"I have no words for what these guys have been able to accomplish," said Jones after the win. "I am just so proud of the way they have battled this week, earning three one goal victories in the region tournament and doing something that has never been done here before."

That win was the 13th without a loss for the Highlanders, setting up Monday's game with Graham. The victorious G-Men were set to play



The Glenvar boys' soccer team gathers with fans for a team picture after winning the Region 2C championship at Highlander Stadium Saturday night.

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Nandua on Wednesday for the state championship, and the Highlanders are already looking to next year with just one senior, Matthew Louvet, on this year's roster.

"This is a special group of guys that is establish-

ing a culture here at Glenvar High School for our soccer program," said Jones. "They are setting the bar pretty high. I am so honored to have coached this group of guys and extremely excited for the future of Glenvar soccer."

Highland girls fall to Radford on "Golden Goal" in OT

The Glenvar girls saw their season come to an end one win short of a trip to the state tournament. The girls had an exciting week with two overtime games in the Region 2C tournament.

After winning their region opener on the road at Alleghany, 4-3, the fifth seeded Highlanders were back

on the bus Thursday to travel to top-seeded Appomattox. Jordin Crouch and Mallory LaPrad scored in regulation time but the game was knotted at 2-2 and overtime was needed to settle the outcome.

After two regulation overtimes and a "golden goal" period a winner was

still not declared. During the regular season this would be a tie, but since it was necessary to have a winner to advance the game was decided by penalty kicks. Glenvar scored three times to one for the Raiders and the Highlanders advanced. Crouch, Giuliana Stanley and Faron Wilson

scored goals for the Highlanders and Ashley Gardner came up big in the goal.

That put Glenvar in Saturday's Region 2C championship game at Radford, who survived a 3-2 game with James River in the other semifinal. The championship game would go overtime again before the Bobcats took a 1-0 win in the "Golden Goal" period.

This game went 95 minutes without a goal being scored. The deciding tally was actually an "own goal," as Radford had a corner kick and the ball was kicked into the cage by a Highlander during a scramble in front of the cage.

"We had some chances," said Glenvar coach Jason Woods. "We had a ball that hit the cross bar and a few other chances to score."

With the win Radford advanced to the state tournament, where they defeated Virginia High in the semifinal Monday night. Radford was scheduled to play Clarke County in the championship game Wednesday.

Glenvar finished with a 6-5-2 overall record and will graduate three seniors. The Highlanders will return their entire starting attack.

"We made it to the regional championship game, and that has to be considered a good season," said Woods. "If we can find some help on the defense next year we could be really good."



Left, Glenvar's Faron Wilson controls the ball in last week's region game with Radford. Right, Jordin Crouch(#8) flies by a Bobcat defender.



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Jefferson Forest soccer teams send Salem home scoreless

The Salem High soccer teams both fell victim to Jefferson Forest in a doubleheader in Forest last week. The girls dropped a 5-0 decision to the Cavaliers while the boys lost, 2-0.

With the losses the Salem teams saw their seasons come to an end in the semifinal round of the Region 4D tournament. It was a tough night for the Spartans, who couldn't muster a goal over two games.

"We played until the very last second," said SHS girls' coach Kayla Wood. "Each player for Salem played their hearts out to the end and did not accept defeat. We continued to attack and take shots."

The host Cavaliers went up 2-0 in the first half. After a few adjustments, Salem settled in and started winning more balls in the air but the Spartans were forced to defend 10 corner kicks in the game. Jefferson Forest outshot the Salem girls, 17-7.

Salem finished with a record of 8-3-1 in Wood's first year as head coach.

"I love this team and the way they show up for each other," said Wood. "We weren't able to put the ball in the back of the net but the girls never quit."

The boys gave up an early goal and battled to the end before falling 2-0. Evin Lainez and Luis Geyne teamed up for Salem's best opportunity to equalize but Evin's shot went just outside the post. Will Clemens and Alex Benne had great individual performances and Max Benne had a couple great saves to keep Salem in the game.

"We played the last 17 minutes playing a man down after Drew Harless was sent off on a red card," said coach David Atkins. "After that we never could generate the chances needed to mount a comeback against a talented Jefferson Forest squad."

With the loss Salem fell to 5-6-1. It was also the first year for Atkins as Salem High coach, discounting the 2020 season when he was officially the coach but Salem had no varsity games due to the pandemic. "The guys played well and improved and devel-



Allison Kessel, left, was in goal for the Salem girls' soccer team this season. Right, Will Clemens was a captain and stout defender for the boys' team.



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oped as the season progressed," said Atkins. "We battled all season and we had chances to win every game we played with the exception of the final PH game. We graduate a strong senior class that provided the leadership needed to stay in every game even when the guys didn't get the results they deserved."

Geyne led the team in scoring with seven goals. Alex Benne had six and Lainez five to round out a balanced attack. Geyne, Benne and Sam Walker led the team in the midfield while Drew Harless and Will Clemens were anchors on the back line. All five of

these seniors led the team in minutes played as well.

Salem will return starters Matt Moore, Carter Work Adam Clayton, Lainez, & Max Benne.

"All had great seasons and, along with some younger players, will provide a solid base to build on next year," said Atkins. "Overall, it wasn't the season or ending we hoped for but we played excellent soccer throughout the year. The seniors we lost have left a solid foundation for their teammates to build on and I look forward to next season. It was a pleasure and a privilege to coach this group of young men."



Parks & Rec. summer camps

Salem Parks & Recreation Youth Summer Camps for kids began last week with volleyball at the Salem High gym. Here Salem varsity coach Beth Denton instructs second to fifth grade girls on the fine art of serving. This week the future Spartan girls' basketball players had camp at the West Salem Elementary School gym, and next week the cheerleaders will have a big time at West Salem. For information on future camps call the Salem Department of Parks and Recreation or check the city website.

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Memmer is 2nd in Class 4 state discus

Erin Memmer finished second in the discus to record the best finish among Salem High athletes at the Virginia High School League Class 4 track meet last Saturday. The meet was held at Liberty University in Lynchburg.

Memmer, a senior, flung the disc 125' 5" for second place, just six inches shorter than the winning heave. Erin also took ninth in the shot put.

Tiffany McLaughlin took a fifth in the high jump for Salem, clearing the bar at 5'0". McLaughlin also ran on the 11th place 4x100 relay team with McKenzie Moran, Neelah Logan and My'la Green, running their best time of the season.

The girls scored 11 points to finish 20th in the

state. Loudoun Valley was the team champion.

Loudoun Valley also won the boys' championship as Salem finished in a tie for 28th. Zavione Wood had a long jump of 21' 1.25" to take sixth and the 4x400 relay team of Jonathan Vernon, Landen Goins, Brayden Taylor and Amarri Edwards took sixth with a time of 3:31.96. Shawn Collins earned a point with an eighth place finish in the 100 meter dash, crossing the line in 11.13. The winning time was 10.37 in a very close race.

Also competing and finishing in the top 10 were Carlos Alleyne with a ninth place in the 110 high hurdles and Taylor with a 10th in the 300 meter intermediate hurdles.



Above, Salem's Zach Blair makes a point blank save in Salem's Region D lacrosse game with Jefferson Forest at the University of Lynchburg last week. Below, JR Wallace of the Spartans picks up a ground ball after winning a faceoff against the Cavaliers.

Bottom left, Myah Dent rushes the ball down the field in the girls' win over Jefferson Forest. Bottom right, Salem's Bailey Stratton controls the ball despite being cross-checked by a Cavalier defender.

Spartan boys' lacrosse team falls to JF, 13-12; girls beat Forest but lose to Rockbridge Co.

The Salem High lacrosse teams concluded their seasons last week with losses in the Region 4D tournaments. The boys dropped a close one to Jefferson Forest while the girls made it to the region final before losing to undefeated Rockbridge.

Both teams played Jefferson Forest in a double-header at the University of Lynchburg in region semifinal games last week. The boys dropped a heartbreaking 13-12 game to the Cavaliers to see their season end at 7-4.

Joe Mason and Kyman Kinney had four goals each for the Spartans while Jake Massey had three. Tanner Dallas had two goals and four assists and Mason Esworthy had two goals and one assist. Zach Blair had 14 saves for the Spartans.

"We made great strides this year, especially with the shortened season," said coach Greg Warren. "We are going to miss our three seniors, they were an integral part of our 2021 team. I am looking forward to next season."

The girls took an 11-6 win over Jefferson Forest in the semifinal round to advance to the Region 4D championship game on Friday. However, they ran into a buzz saw at Rockbridge County on Friday, losing 19-1 to the host Wildcats.

"I think we both faced a very strong opponent, but also hit some hurdles we faced all season," said coach Maggi Pace. "The girls really gave it their all out effort against JF on Wednesday, so I'm not sure we had a lot left in the tank. Zoe (Blair) was out with a concussion and Myah Dent seemed to have suffered one in the Rockbridge game. Addi Blanchard then carded out. Quite a few younger players stepped up, but there were too many big gaps to fill."

Rockbridge advanced to the state tournament, where they were set to meet Western Albemarle in what was shaping up as a very competitive state semifinal on Tuesday. Salem finished the season at 5-7, although two of the losses were forfeits due to an ineligible player who was on the roster for games Salem easily won.

"When you think about how the sophomores had never had a high school season, there were lots of little victories to be had," said Pace. "I think our leadership will be strong in the future and having an older team with game time will help. Here's to having a more normal and full season next year."



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DREW BARRETT

Barrett is new Salem AD

Salem High School has a new athletic director. Drew Barrett has been selected to replace retiring Chris King as just the fourth athletic director in what will be the 45th year of Salem High School.

Barrett is a VMI graduate who switched careers, going from an engineer to a Guidance Counselor at Salem High. A graduate of Tazewell High School, he has officiated football and baseball for the past 14 years.

Barrett will start his new position on July 1. He was out meeting the Spartan coaches on Wednesday after being officially named to the position on Tuesday.

"If you coach at Salem High you'll enjoy working with him in his new role," King remarked in an e-mail to Spartan coaches. "They don't get much better than Drew."



HAELLIE GORDON

Salem's Gordon is named VaSID Academic All-State

Salem's Haellie Gordon is one of six George Mason student-athletes who have been named to the Virginia Sports Information Directors (VaSID) Academic All-State team for their efforts in competition and in the classroom. Gordon played softball for the Patriots.

Gordon, a senior Marketing major, led the Mason pitching staff in wins (8), appearances (25) and starts (19). She finished her career second in program history in saves (5) and fourth in appearances (95).

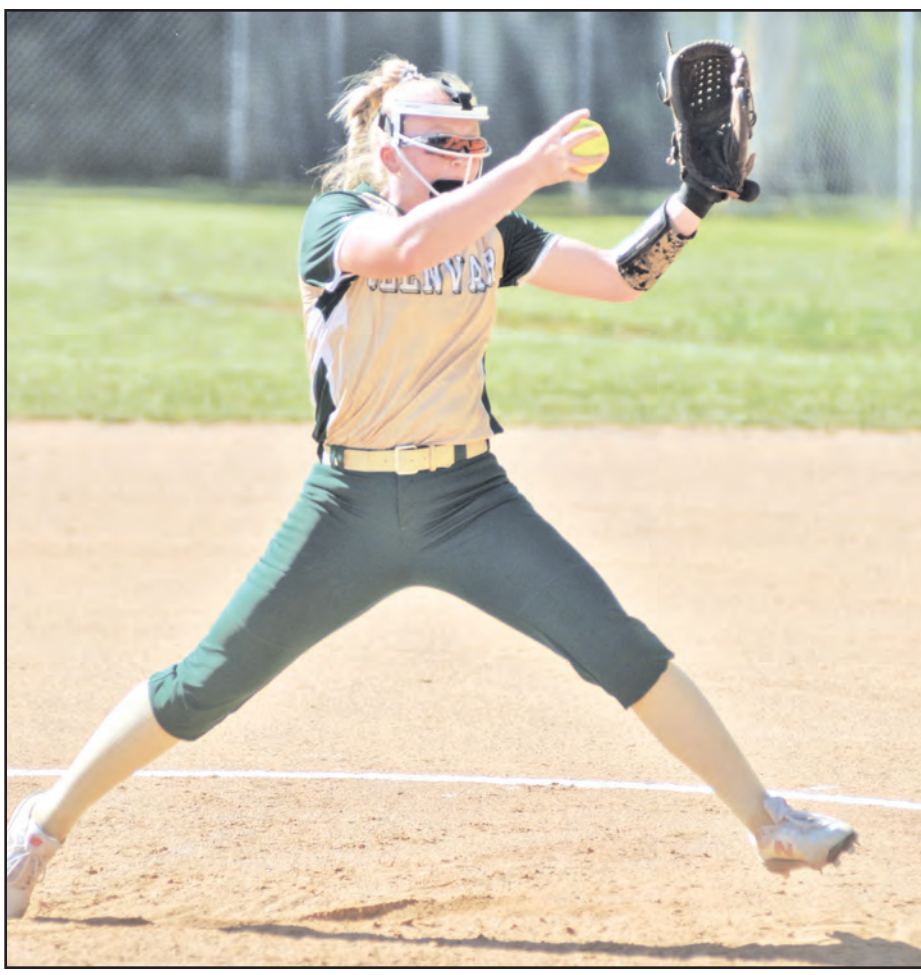
Gordon earned a slash line of .288/.338/.394 with 19 hits (five extra-base hits), one home run and seven RBI, including four multi-hit games and one multi-RBI game in 2021.

To qualify, student-athletes must be at least a sophomore with a minimum grade point average of 3.25. VaSID selected 220 student-athletes for All-Academic honors across 37 schools in Virginia.

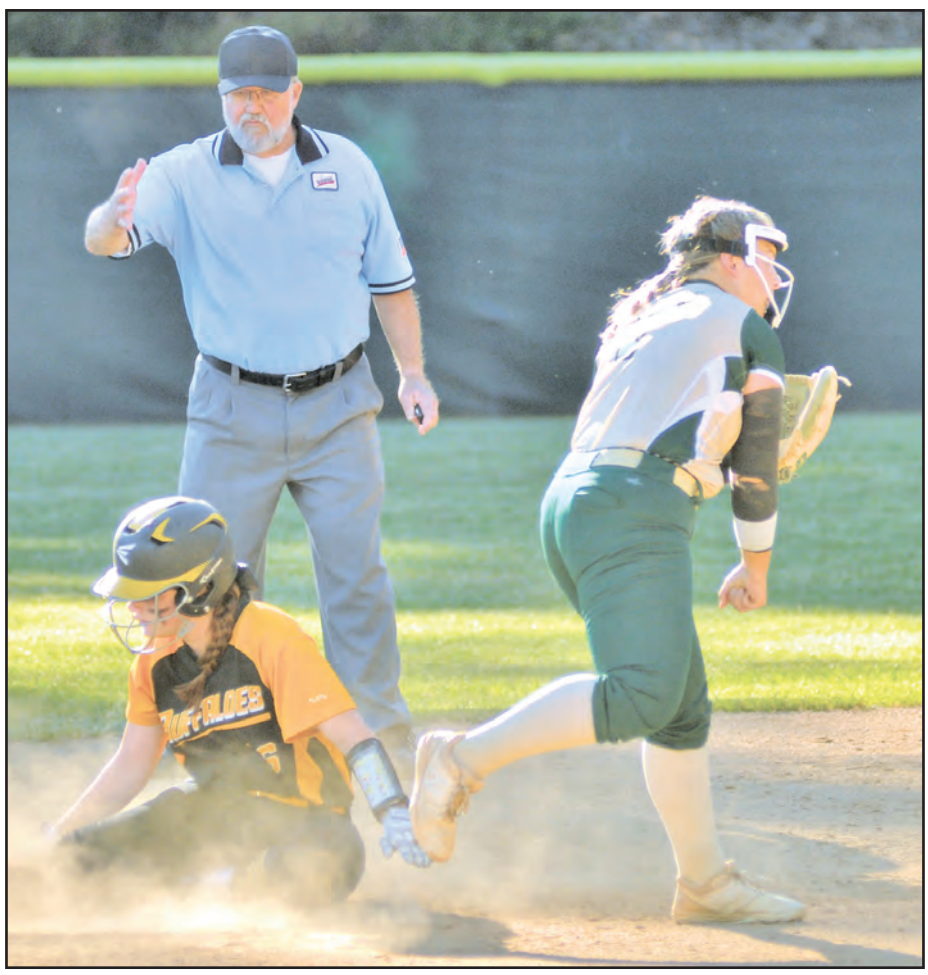


Gators will swim at Roanoke CC Monday

Above, Holden Custer of the Stonegate Swim Club catches his breath after competing for the Gators at the Salem pool. Stonegate competed against Olympic Park this week in the Breast-stroke, Free-style and Butterfly events. Hidden Valley was at the Elks Club along with the Vinton Area Swim team. Next Monday, June 28, the Gators will be at the Roanoke Country Club for a meet while Hidden Valley is home to our Lady of Nazareth and Spring Run. PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN



Left, Glenvar's McKenna Shearer pitches the Highlanders to victory in last week's Region 2C win over Floyd at the Glenvar High field. Above right, Courtney Raines fires to first after getting the force out at second against the Buffaloes.



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Appomattox edges Glenvar in region softball championship game

The Glenvar softball season ended one win away from a trip to the state tournament. Appomattox defeated Glenvar, 3-1, in Appomattox Saturday to win Region 2C and advance to this week's Class 2 state tournament.

"It's heartbreaking," said Glenvar coach Lonnie Raines. "Not only did our girls miss the entire season last year, but had this been any other season they still would be going to states because typically the regional champ and runner-up go on to compete in the state tournament. So, for this team it was a double hit."

Glenvar missed a chance to score when the Highlanders stranded two in the top of the first, then Appomattox scored an unearned run in the bottom of the first to take an early lead. Izzy Shearer opened the second inning with a single but the next three batters struck out, stranding her.

McKenna Shearer opened on the

mound for Glenvar, but when she walked the first batter in the bottom of the fourth Raines called on Sophie McCulley to relieve. McCulley struck out the first batter she faced, but the next three singled, with the third single bringing in two runs.

In the sixth inning, with two outs, Lydia Taylor was walked and Kayleigh Saunders was sent in as a pinch runner. McCulley doubled, scoring Saunders, but the next batter grounded out in the infield. That was the only run Glenvar could muster as the Highlanders were held to four hits for the game, one each by Taylor, McCulley, Izzy Shearer and Courtney Raines.

McKenna Shearer allowed four hits, had one strikeout and walked one. McCulley allowed five hits, had two strikeouts, and walked one.

"When you look at Appomattox's scores you see that they run-ruled most of their opponents this year," said

coach Raines. "We came the closest of any team this year to beating them. We had some chances, but didn't capitalize on them."

The loss followed a 4-3 win over Floyd County in the region semi-final at Glenvar last Thursday. McKenna Shearer and McCulley split time on the mound for the win, with Shearer getting the victory and McCulley getting a save. Shearer pitched the first five innings allowing only one hit with four strikeouts and two walks. McCulley pitched the last two innings, allowing only one hit and fanning four.

Offensively Glenvar was led by Madison Martinez, who had two hits and an RBI. Seven other players on the roster each had one hit. Sarah Kate Tozier had an RBI.

The senior-laden Highlanders finished the season with an 11-3 record. Seniors included Taylor, Raines, Martinez, McKenna Shearer, Avery

Luper, Justice Wilfong, Taylor Schoonover and Madeline Pruett.

"They have worked so hard for the last five or six years to get here and this team really deserved to compete in the state tournament," said coach Raines. "Regardless, I couldn't be prouder of them. I know the girls were really upset after the loss and that shows how much they cared."

The Highlanders will return five juniors, including McCulley on the mound. Coach Lonnie Raines faces a major back surgery that he has put off for months so that he would see this team through the season. It's scheduled for July but he is on a cancellation call list and wants to get the surgery over with so he can start preparing for next season.

"We must move on," he said. "We graduated eight talented seniors so we start working again in August to fill those shoes."

Chatham bats end Glenvar's baseball season in Region 2C semifinal game

The Glenvar baseball team saw the season come to an end with a loss in the Region 2C semifinal in Chatham last week. The Highlanders lost to the top-seeded Cavaliers, 13-2.

"They hit extremely well," said Glenvar coach Jeremy Cromer. "Cam(Wiley) pitched well. He three two scoreless innings then ran into some trouble and we didn't help him out as a defense."

Glenvar jumped to a 3-0 lead after two and a half innings before the Cavaliers got their offense rolling. Josh Howard relieved Wiley, but again the defense was spotty.

"Before you know it, it was 5-3 after the third after a couple costly errors," said Cromer. "We dug ourselves a hole we couldn't get out of, but I was very proud of my guys. They didn't give up."

With the loss Glenvar finished the season with a 9-6 record.

"As a season, I am very proud of my guys," said Cromer. "I told the guys when I first took this job that it would take a couple years to change the culture of the program to get Glenvar Baseball back to where it was. These six seniors bought in and started this program back in the right direction. I couldn't ask for a better group of guys. I am going to miss them, but wish them the best of luck in the future and I look forward to next year."



Senior Cam Wiley pitched for Glenvar in the Highlanders' Region 2C game against a hot hitting Chatham team.

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Dixie baseball tournaments at Green Hill this week, Moyer Complex will host RAYSA softball games

Youth baseball and softball will take center stage this week as Dixie League baseball and Roanoke Area Youth Softball Association tournaments will be held.

The Dixie League baseball tournaments will be played at Green Hill Park beginning tonight, Thursday. A Triple-A game between Salem and Glenvar will open the action at 6 pm with a 7 pm O-Zone game between Mt. Pleasant and Glenvar at 7 pm.

Triple-A baseball is for nine and 10 year olds. Salem, Glenvar and North Roanoke are entered in the tournament, and it will be double elimination through Sunday or Monday.

O-Zone is for 11 and 12 year old boys. Glenvar, Mt. Pleasant and North Roanoke are in this tournament, and it's also double elimination running through Sunday or Monday. Salem does not have a team.

The RAYSA tournaments, for girls' softball, will be held at the James I. Moyer Complex in Salem. The 10A tournament opens Monday, June 28, and runs through July 1. Salem, North Roanoke and two South County teams are entered. Salem opens Monday at 6 pm against South County.

The 12U tournament will begin on Monday at 8 pm. Franklin County, Craig County and South County will be participating.

The 16A tournament also begins Monday with five teams; North Roanoke, Williamson Road, Franklin County and South County Red and Blue.



Jeremy Wu-Yelland of the Salem Red Sox pitched the first four innings of a combined eight inning no-hit effort against Delmarva on Sunday. The Sox lost the no-hitter in the ninth inning but won the game, 3-2.

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Red Sox host Hillcats this week

The Salem Red Sox will be touching all bases this week as they hold their biggest homestand of the season to date with the Lynchburg Hillcats in town.

The six game homestand opened Tuesday and will run through Sunday, with weekday games at 7:05 pm, Saturday at 6:05 pm and Sunday at 4:05 pm. All games this week are against Lynchburg, a farm team of the Cleveland Indians.

Lots of promotions mark this week's homestand. Thursday night is "Pride at the Park," celebrating the LGBTQ Community. It's also a popular "Thirsty Thursday" with deals on beverages.

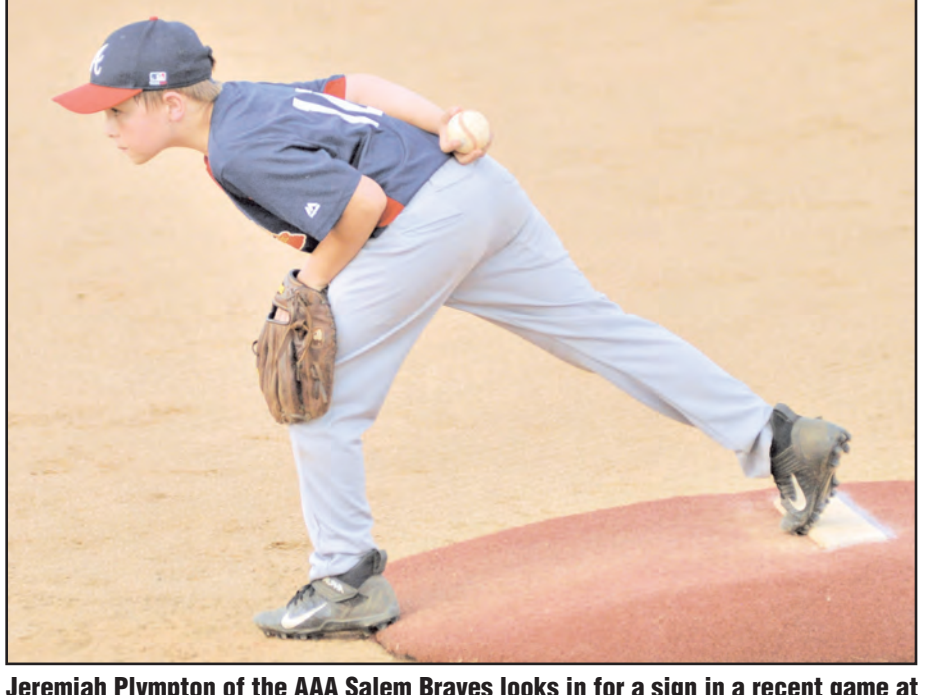
Friday is "African American Heritage Night" with a post-game fireworks show, and Saturday is "Copa de la Diversion," celebrating Latin American and Hispanic Heritage. The first 200 fans will receive a Pedro Martinez commemorative Hall of Fame plaque.

And if that's not enough, there's six nights of Low A East North Division baseball. Salem Memorial Stadium is

now at full capacity and masks are not required for fans who have been fully vaccinated.

Salem came into the series with a 23-19 record, tied with Lynchburg for third place in the North Division standings. Both teams are three games behind Delmarva after Salem won four of six games over the Shorebirds in Maryland last week. The Sox won the first two games, 6-2 and 8-5, before falling 5-1 on Thursday. They bounced back to win 5-4 on Friday then split two weekend games, with Delmarva winning 4-2 on Saturday but the Sox winning Sunday's get-away game, 3-2.

On Sunday the Sox led 3-0 into the bottom of the ninth as Jeremy Wu-Yelland, Aaron Perry and Robert Kwiatkowski combined for eight no-hit innings with 10 strikeouts. Cody Scroggins lost the no-hitter and the shutout in the ninth, giving up two runs, but still managed to pick up his fourth save. Nick Yorke had a double and his first home run of the season to pace the Salem offense.



Jeremiah Plympton of the AAA Salem Braves looks in for a sign in a recent game at the Moyer Complex.

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Glenvar girls win state track championship

The Glenvar girls can win a state championship inside, outside or in the water!! On Saturday Glenvar won a third state girls' championship as the Highlanders ran away with the Class 2 outdoor track championship at James Madison University in Harrisonburg.

Many of the same girls had already participated on the indoor track and swimming state championship teams in March. The swim team repeated as state champs from the 2020 season and the indoor team was sixth last year, but the outdoor team lost their season when the COVID pandemic hit just after the winter seasons. Glenvar's last outdoor track season, in 2019, saw the girls in 15th and the boys in 22nd as Maggie Walker swept both team championships.

This year, neither Maggie Walker nor a virus could keep the girls from winning the gold. Glenvar took control of the meet from the beginning as Sydney Loder took first place in the 100 meter hurdles with a time of 16.99. Loder also won the 300 hurdles in 48.76 and was third in the high jump.

Carly Wilkes continued to add hardware to her trophy case with a few more state championships. She won the 800 in 2:18.83 and the 1,600 in 4:59.67. She also ran on the winning 4x400 relay team and now has collected 11 state champion medals in the span of four months. Carly was a member of state championship teams in swimming and both indoor and outdoor track. She's won individual medals in cross country, indoor track(2) and outdoor track(2) and participated on state champion relay teams in swimming and both track teams.

The girls 4x400 team consisted of Wilkes, Delaney Eller, Loder and Rhyann Harris. They finished off the meet with a flourish, winning the last event of the day with a time of 4:13.

Eller added to the scoring with a second place finish in the 400 and an eighth place in the 800. Harris was fifth in the pole vault and third in the 400 and the girls 4x800 team of Molly McCroskey, Joann Kileen, Isabella Pope and Emma Pope took eighth.

Glenvar finished with 76 points as a team, 26 1/2 ahead of second place Strasburg. Maggie Walker is now in Class 3, but that wouldn't have mattered as these Highlanders dominated the competition.

"It's been a long time coming for the girls' outdoor team," said Glenvar coach Neil Swanson. "This is the first time in Glenvar history that the girls have won an outdoor state championship. I couldn't be more proud of how far they have come and everything they have put into it. It's well deserved."

While the girls' ran away with the title, the boys' had a big day as well with a fourth place finish. Glenvar had 47 points to trail only Stuarts Draft(65), Bruton(57) and Staunton(49).

Tyler Johnson had a big day with a state championship in the 300 hurdles, running a time of 42.0 to win by a second and a half. Tyler was second in the 110 hurdles, just .27 seconds behind the winner with a time of 16.1. He also ran on the fifth place 4x400 relay team with Bryant Loftis, Nehemiah Olsen and Nate Linkous.

Daniel Zearfoss was second in the 1,600 and eighth in the 800. Loftis was fourth in the 800, Avon Noel was sixth in the pole vault and Jackson Swanson was sixth in the 200 and seventh in the 100. The boys' 4x800 relay team of Zearfoss, Brayden Claud, Olsen and Davis Norman was seventh.

"This is the best showing the boys have had in the state meet since I started coaching here in 2007," said Swanson. "It was a great day for both the girls and boys. We have a bulk of these young athletes returning next year and I can't wait to see what's in store for them."



Above are members of the Glenvar State champion girls' track team that stayed until the end of the meet. Left to right are Molly McCroskey, Brooklyn Woolwine, Rhyann Harris, Delaney Eller, Carly Wilkes, Sydney Loder, Adrianna Hall, Kennerly Nichols and Isabella Miller. Below, Glenvar's Carly Wilkes opens a big lead halfway through her winning 1,600 meter race. Bottom left, Sydney Loder is on her way to a state championship in the 300 hurdles, and bottom right Tyler Johnson wins the boys' 300 hurdle state championship. PHOTOS BY SHANNON HALL



Highlanders' undefeated season ends one win shy of state final

The Glenvar boys came within one win of a trip to the state Class 2 soccer championship game when they lost a 3-2 "Golden Goal" game to Graham in Bluefield Monday. The loss was the first of the season for the Highlanders. "It was a really tough loss for us,"

said first year Glenvar boys' coach Josh Jones, who had previously won a state championship with the Salem girls. "I'm super proud of how our guys battled and gave their very best."

The state semifinal, on Graham's home field, was a scoreless tie at

the half. Glenvar broke the tie when Maddox Fisher scored off a Colin Clapper corner kick for a 1-0 lead, then Riley Geddes scored off a cross from Jacson Shepherd and the Highlanders appeared to be in command at 2-0.

Shortly thereafter a Graham player

suffered a broken leg, and there was a delay of almost a half hour as the teams waited for an ambulance to arrive. That may or may not have broken Glenvar's momentum, but Graham scored two late goals to tie it up and send the game into overtime. The tying goal came with 18 minutes remaining in regulation.

After two scoreless five minute overtimes the game went into a sudden death, or "Golden Goal" period. The G-Men scored about a minute into the period, ending Glenvar's season.

"I think playing four games in seven days finally caught up to us at the end of the game," said Jones. "But our guys did the best they could given the situation they were put in, and that's all we can ask of them."

Glenvar had to battle to make the state tournament. On June 15 they scored with seconds remaining in regulation to put their game into overtime with James River, pulling out a win. Last Thursday, June 17, they pulled out a 3-2 win over Radford in the Region 2C semifinal at



Left, Glenvar's Maddox Fisher(#8) goes high to head the ball toward the goal in last week's Region 2C win against Radford. Right, a Bobcat goes over top of Riley Geddes for the ball, drawing a whistle from the official.

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